

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-SIXTH
ANNUAL
ASSEMBLY OF THE
GRAND COUNCIL
ROYAL & SELECT
MASTERS
OF ALABAMA



FEBRUARY 2024

**ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-SIXTH
ANNUAL ASSEMBLY
OF THE
GRAND COUNCIL ROYAL & SELECT MASTERS OF ALABAMA
HELD FEBRUARY 23RD & 24TH, 2024**

**Huntsville Marriott
Huntsville, Alabama**

PRESIDING 2023-2024

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**WAYNE SCOTT WADSWORTH
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2023-2024**

PROCEEDINGS OF THE ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-SIXTH ANNUAL ASSEMBLY OF THE GRAND COUNCIL ROYAL & SELECT MASTERS OF ALABAMA

JOINT SESSION, FRIDAY FEBRUARY 23rd, 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 2nd 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 KYCH
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 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 reception of our Distinguished Guests having been completed the Most Excellent Grand High Priest and the Most Illustrious Grand Master took the opportunity to present several awards while we were in open session.

The M.E. Grand High Priest called on Most Excellent Companion Emery J Ferguson to present the Kirby Award. Most Excellent Companion Ferguson gave a brief history of the Kirby Award and its namesake. The Award for 2024 was presented to Most Excellent and Most Worshipful Companion Teddy R Grogan, Jr.

The Most Illustrious Grand Master presented several service awards to the following Companions for their efforts during the past year: Robert Levin, Brian McDonald, Glenn Welborn, and John Meyers. The Grand Master then presented the Ish Sodi award to Glenn Welborn and Ray Adams of Birmingham Metro Chapter No. 76.

The presentation of awards 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.

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 24th. The R.E. Grand Commander adjourned the Grand Commandery until 1:00pm on Feb 24th 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 23rd, 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 24th, 2024, held in the Atlantis Room of the Huntsville Marriott. A salad buffet and fellowship were enjoyed by all.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24th, 2024

The One Hundred and Eighty-sixth Annual Assembly of the Grand Council Royal & Select Masters of Alabama was held at Huntsville Marriott at the Space & Rocket Center, Alabama February 24th, 2024, A.D, A.Dep.:3024. Most Illustrious Grand Master W. Scott Wadsworth after ascertaining that a constitutional number of subordinate Councils were represented, declared the One Hundred and Eighty-sixth Annual Assembly open.

The following Grand Council Officers were present and in their stations:

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| Most Illustrious Grand Master | W. Scott Wadsworth |
| Right Illustrious Deputy Grand Master | Lee R. Gibson |
| Illustrious Grand PCW | Ted A. Loggins |
| Illustrious Grand Treasurer | Thomas H. Nesbit, MIPGM |
| Illustrious Grand Recorder | James C. McGee, MIPGM |
| Illustrious Grand Chaplain | Rev. Robert Elsner |
| Illustrious Grand Caption of the Guard | Richard “Rusty” Beck |
| Illustrious Grand Conductor of the Council | Hiram Williams |
| Illustrious Grand Marshal | Nicholas Barnes |
| Illustrious Grand Steward | Joel Bryant |
| Illustrious Grand Sentinel | Brian Autrey |

*ATTEST: James C. McGee., MIPGM
Grand Recorder*

INTRODUCTION OF GRAND COUNCIL DIGNITARIES

The Following were introduced and welcomed to this Grand Assembly.

Most Illustrious Past Grand Masters:

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| Most Illustrious Emory J. Ferguson | 1979-1980 |
| Most Illustrious Phillip J. Sherman | 2009-2010 |
| Most Illustrious Teddy R. Grogan, Jr. | 2011-2012 |
| Most Illustrious James C. McGee | 2015-2016 |
| Most Illustrious Thomas H. Nesbit | 2017-2018 |
| Most Illustrious Ronald G. Andress | 2018-2019 |
| Most Illustrious B Wayne Sparks | 2019-2020 |
| Most Illustrious Sidney R. Cooley, Sr | 2020-2021 |
| Most Illustrious William Carter | 2021-2022 |
| Most Illustrious Tommy Bassett | 2022-2023 |

General Grand Council, Cryptic Masons International Representatives:

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| Ambassador to Alabama | Troy Brown |
| R.P. Past Southeastern Reg. Dep. Gen. Grand Master | Thomas H Nesbit |
| R.P. Southeastern Reg. Dep. Gen. Grand Master | James Bard |
| Right Puissant General Grand Principal Conductor of the Work | |
| And Personal Representative of Most Puissant Companion | |
| William Snyder, Most Puissant General | |
| Grand Master of Cryptic Masons | Keith Powell |

A most cordial welcome was extended to the Most Illustrious Past Grand Masters of the Grand Council of Alabama and the Companions of the General Grand Council and they were given the Grand Honors of Cryptic Masonry.

*ATTEST: James C. McGee., MIPGM
Grand Recorder*

ADDRESS OF THE MOST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND MASTER**W. Scott Wadsworth****2023-2024**

To the Most Illustrious Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of Alabama:

It is my honor and privilege to welcome each and every one of you to the One Hundred and Eighty Sixth Annual Convocation of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Alabama. I hope that this session will be an enjoyable, educational, and productive experience for you. I would like each of you to take a moment and look at the individual to your left and right, I would venture to say that, in most cases, if not for Masonry you would not know that person. Some of my very closest friends are Masons, if not for the fraternity I would never have known them. I cherish each and every one of you and the times we have spent together. If there is someone here you don't know, introduce yourself and make new friends.

To our guests from other grand jurisdictions; Welcome! I hope that you find our hospitality to be gracious and heartfelt. We extend to you every courtesy and hospitality that can be afforded to you. We pray that your stay will be very enjoyable. If there is anything we can do to help make your stay better; let myself or any officer know.

State of the Craft

I was able to visit all our Councils this year. I personally want to thank all the officers and leaders of each of the Councils in our great state for all their hard work in their Councils but also for their work in York Rite Masonry in general. It is because of your hard work and leadership that York Rite Masonry is alive and well in Alabama. Our numbers have stabilized in the last several years in Cryptic Masonry. We must continue to be very active in our Blue Lodges and encourage our new members to seek further light in masonry by continuing their journey in the York Rite.

I had the honor of granting dispensation, on 30 November 2023, to form a new Council in Gurley, Alabama. The new Council, named Flint River has 18 charter members and held their first meeting on 26 December, 2023. Myself and Grand Chaplain Robert Elsner were in attendance and were well received by the Companions. Best of luck to Flint River as they help grow York Rite Masonry in the state.

I am proud of our CMMRF (Cryptic Masons Medical Research Foundation) committee, this year has been outstanding. With the help of all the companions, statewide, we have contributed more than we ever have. Companion Alan Rhody, chairman of the CMMRF Committee, has done an outstanding job heading our campaign. Also, a special thanks to Companions Joel Bryant and Brian Autrey and all who were instrumental in the success of our first annual CMMRF drawdown that contributed \$10,000 dollars to CMMRF. Myself, Companions Alan Rhody, Robert Levin and Ray Adams had the honor of attending a seminar at the Indiana University School of Medicine, hosted by Dr Mike Murphy, Chief of CMMRF, and his team of researchers. It was a very eye opening experience to see what our money is helping with. I encourage all of the line officers to make the trip when available, and I encourage all of the companions to get on line and research CMMRF to learn more about our philanthropy.

Necrology

By God's grace our Grand Line Officers has remained intact. During this year several of our Companions have been called to the Celestial Lodge above. We did lose one of our Past Illustrious Grand Masters this year, Past Most Puissant General Grand Master, Companion Maurice C "Bud" Himes. Companion Bud was a great friend and mentor, he will be missed. Our Illustrious Grand Chaplain's report will address these losses.

Review of the Books

I have authorized our Grand Recorder, Right Illustrious Companion James McGee to turn over the books to the Audit Committee for their review.

Dispensations

On 20 May 2023, I gave dispensation to Birmingham Metro Council #43 to receive, ballot, and confer degrees within the same day at their stated meeting on May 20, 2023.

On 12 July 2023, I gave dispensation to Eureka Council #5, Huntsville, Al to move their Charter to Gurley Lodge #521, Gurley Alabama, on 25 July 2023 for the purpose of conferring the Royal Master Degree.

On 17 August 2023, I gave dispensation for Gadsden Council #56 to move their Charter to Glencoe-Gadsden Masonic Lodge #236 in Glencoe, Alabama. Reason for move was the sale of their building in Gadsden

On 09 October 2023 I approved RI Grand Recorder Ralph Burks Taylor, of Tennessee, to be the Tennessee Grand Representative to Alabama.

On 30 November 2023, after all the proper paperwork being submitted to the Grand Secretary, I gave dispensation to form a new Council in Gurley, Alabama named Flint River Council working under dispensation.

On 21 December 2023, I gave dispensation for Brundridge Council #69, Anniston, AL to move their January 2024 meeting date due to lodge conflicts.

Visitations

Out of state visitations, that I was privileged to attend, were the Grand York Rite Sessions in South Carolina, North Carolina and Georgia. Melinda and I were very well received and treated royally by our out of state companions. The visit to the General Grand Council Triennial was very educational and informative, and I would encourage all of the line officers to attend the next Triennial. The trip to Indiana School of Medicine for the CMMRF seminar was invaluable.

Some of the Instate visitations included:

- 03/04/23 Brundridge Council #69 meeting and CMMRF Fundraising Committee meeting, Anniston, AL
- 03/10/23-03/12/23 South Carolina Grand York Rite Sessions
- 03/18/23 Chapter/Council degrees in Decatur, AL
- 03/19/23-03/21/23 North Carolina Grand York Rite Sessions
- 03/25/23 Red Cross of Constantine degrees, Birmingham, AL
- 04/01/23 Anniston Commandery #23 Easter Observance, Anniston, AL
- 04/04/23 Florence Commandery #39 Easter Observance, Florence, AL
- 04/15/23 Birmingham Metro York Rite meeting
- 04/22/23 Commandery Orders in Decatur, AL
- 04/30/23 Grand York Rite Officers Retreat in Tuscaloosa, AL
- 05/04/23-05/06/23 Georgia Grand York Rite Sessions
- 05/20/23 Chapter/Council degrees at Birmingham Metro York Rite
- 06/15/23-06/18/23 South Eastern York Rite Conference in Mobile, AL
- 06/06/23 Florence Council #74 meeting
- 06/29/23 Montgomery Council #3, Installation of Officers
- 06/30/23 Grand Session of International Order of the Rainbow for Girls in Alabama, Montgomery, AL
- 07/2/23 International Order of the Rainbow for Girls in Alabama, Installation of Officers, Montgomery, AL
- 07/6/23 Gadsden Council #56, Installation of Officers
- 07/8/23 Brundridge Council #69, Installation of Officers, Anniston, AL
- 07/8/23 Alabama DeMolay Conclave Grand Session, Montgomery, AL
- 07/15/23 Birmingham Metro Council #43, Installation of Officers

07/22/23 Knight Templar Ball in Montgomery, AL
 07/25/23 Eureka Council #5, Royal Master Degree, put on in Gurley, AL
 08/11/23-08/17/23 General Grand Council Triennial, Branson, Missouri
 08/19/23 Cyrene Commandery #10, Commandery Orders, Birmingham, AL
 08/26/23 Grand York Rite Top Officers meeting, Birmingham, AL
 08/26/23 Red Cross of Constantine Banquet, Birmingham, AL
 09/07/23 Decatur Council #81 meeting
 09/16/23 Birmingham Metro York Rite meeting
 10/05/23-10/08/23 Indiana University School of Medicine for CMMRF Seminar,
 CMMRF Executive Board Meeting, Indiana Ish Sodi Dinner in Indianapolis, Indiana
 10/21/23 Birmingham Metro York Rite meeting
 10/28/23 CMMRF Drawdown, Montgomery, AL
 11/12-23-11/15/23 Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Alabama.
 11/18/23 Birmingham Metro Council #43
 12/02/23 Grand York Rite Top Officers meeting, Birmingham, AL
 12/07/23 Etowah Commandery #15 Christmas Observance, Gadsden, AL
 12/13/23 Tuscaloosa Commandery #13 Christmas Observance
 12/16/23 Birmingham Metro York Rite Christmas Observance.
 12/26/23 Flint River Council, under dispensation, first meeting, Gurley, AL
 01/20/24 Birmingham Metro York Rite meeting
 01/21/24 Grand York Rite Finance meeting, Birmingham, AL
 01/27/24 York Rite Leadership Classes, Birmingham, AL
 02/10/24 Eureka Council #5, Super Excellent Master Degree, Huntsville, AL
 02/12/23 Mobile Council #12 meeting, Mobile, AL
 02/15/23 Dothan Council #68 meeting, Dothan, AL
 02/20/23 Phenix City Council #82 meeting, Phenix City, AL

I also attended meetings of several appendant bodies, including KYCH, Knight Masons, York Rite College, Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests, Red Cross of Constantine, Rosicruciana and Allied Masonic Degrees.

Conclusion

I would like to thank my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ for the many blessings he has bestowed upon me and my family this year. To the companions of Royal and Select Masters of Alabama, I want to say thank you for allowing me the honor and privilege of serving this Grand Council as the Most Illustrious Grand Master for 2023-2024. I am very humbled by the confidence you have reposed in me.

To our Grand Recorder, Right Illustrious James McGee, and his lady Donna; Thank you for all you do for our fraternity. I can't thank you enough for all your help and guidance during my time on the Grand Line. Your friendship means the

world to me. To each companion who I asked to serve on a committee, thank you so much for your hard work, service, time and dedication.

To my fellow Grand Officers this year; Most Excellent Grand High Priest Tommy Bassett and the Right Eminent Grand Commander Sterling Hughes. It has been an honor to serve with both of you this year, thank you both for your guidance and mentorship. A special thanks to MEGHP Bassett for being a travelling companion and sounding board during our journey. It has been an honor getting to know your ladies, Julie Bassett and Shirley Hughes, thanks so much for your kindness you have shown myself and Melinda.

To my Grand Council Line, elected and appointed. Where do I begin? Thanks to each and everyone of you for your tireless service to the York Rite. The support you have given me this year cannot be measured. PCW Ted Loggins, your relentless work in north Alabama, growing the York Rite Bodies and the DeMolay, has been phenomenal. Just keep doing what you're doing! To my four aides, what an awesome job this year, thank you each for your efforts in visiting blue lodges and promoting the York Rite and our philanthropies. To our Deputy Grand Master, Lee Gibson, it has been an honor to serve with you, I wish you the best in your upcoming year.

To my travelling companions, Grand Chaplain Robert Elsner and companion Ray Adams, thank you so much for the many nights on the road and the great fellowship. I know we solved many world problems.

To my lovely wife Melinda. You are the love of my life, thank you so much for your support and love. I thank the Good Lord everyday for bringing you into my life. Thank you for allowing me to be away from you and the family during this journey. "3"

Finally, to each and every companion in attendance, I love you, and God Bless each of you.

Respectfully submitted,

Wayne Scott Wadsworth
Most Illustrious Grand Master
2023-2024

Adopted

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE GRAND MASTERS ADDRESS

To the Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Alabama:

We your committee on the Most Illustrious Grand Master's Address, submit the Following report:

We recommend those portions of the address referring to Dispensations, Decisions, Appointments and Recommendations be referred to the Jurisprudence Committee.

We recommend that the portion referring to the review of the books of the Grand Council be referred to the Finance Committee.

We recommend that the portion referring to Necrology be referred to the Illustrious Grand Chaplain.

We recommend approval of that portion referring to the State of the Order.

We recommend approval of all remaining portions of the Illustrious Grand Master's Address not herein referred to be approved.

We commend the Most Illustrious Grand Master on his visitations and travels In and out of state and the outstanding way he conducted the affairs of this Grand Council of Alabama.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sidney Cooley Sr, MIPGM
William Carter, MIPGM
Tommy Bassett, MIPGM
Received

GRAND TREASURERS REPORT

To the Most Illustrious Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Alabama:

Submitted below is my statement of receipts and disbursements for the year ended December 31, 2023.

Receipts:

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| Per Capita | \$ 10,890.00 | |
| Greeting Fees | 165.00 | |
| Interest | 2,073.19 | |
| Sales of Supplies | 391.00 | |
| Other Income | <u>140.00</u> | |
| TOTAL RECEIPTS | | \$ 13,659.19 |

Disbursements:

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| <u>Operating Expense</u> | <u>\$ 16,100.34</u> | |
| TOTAL DISBURSEMENT | | <u>\$ 16,100.34</u> |
| Excess of receipts over disbursements | | \$ (2,441.15) |
| Accounts Receivable December 31, 2023 | | \$ 0.00 |
| Cash on Hand – January 1, 2023 | | \$ 88,739.12 |
| Cash on Hand – December 31, 2023 | | \$ 93,384.68 |

Cash on Hand – December 31, 2023 consists of the following:

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| Checking Account | 17,684.68 |
| Investments with Regions | 75,700.00 |
| Total Cash on Hand – December 31, 2023 | <u>\$ 93,384.68</u> |

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, MIPGM, OSV
Grand Treasurer

Received

GRAND RECORDERS REPORT

To the Most Illustrious Grand Master, Grand Council Royal & Select Masters of Alabama:

Companions: Here with is my Annual Report for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2023;

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| Membership as of January 1, 2023 | 996 |
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Additions:

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| Greeted | 31 | |
| Affiliated | 07 | |
| Reinstated | 20 | |
| Adjusted | 0 | |
| TOTAL ADDITIONS | | 58 |

Losses:

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| Died | 31 | |
| Demitted | 9 | |
| Suspended | 28 | |
| Adjusted | 0 | |
| TOTAL LOSSES | | 68 |

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| TOTAL Net Membership as of December 31, 2023 | 986 |
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| Loss in Membership for 2023 | 10 |
| Chartered Councils | 11 |
| Councils Reporting | 11 |
| Councils Under Dispensation | 1 |

COMMENTS

All Councils 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 Council for allowing me to continue to serve the Grand Council in this capacity.

Fraternally submitted,

James C. McGee, MIPGM, OSV
Recorder

Received

| | Active Members At Start | Greeted (+) | Demit (-) | Affiliate (+) | Suspend (-) | Reinstate (+) | Died (-) | Active Members At-End | Net Change |
|-----------------------|-------------------------------|----------------|--------------|------------------|----------------|------------------|-------------|-----------------------------|---------------|
| Cryptic Masonry | 996 | +31 | -9 | +7 | -28 | +20 | -31 | 986 | -10 |
| Alabama | 996 | +31 | -9 | +7 | -28 | +20 | -31 | 981 | -10 |
| 3 - Montgomery | 66 | +1 | -1 | | -4 | | -2 | 60 | -6 |
| 4 - Tuscaloosa | 45 | +2 | -1 | | | +1 | -1 | 46 | 1 |
| 5 - Eureka | 81 | +4 | -1 | | | +1 | -1 | 83 | 2 |
| 12 - Mobile | 169 | +1 | -1 | +2 | -5 | | -8 | 158 | -11 |
| 43 - Birmingham Metro | 240 | | | +1 | | | -5 | 236 | -4 |
| 56 - Gadsden | 65 | +5 | | | | +1 | | 71 | 6 |
| 68 - Dothan | 80 | | -2 | | -2 | | | 76 | -4 |
| 69 - Brundidge | 82 | +2 | -2 | | -6 | +9 | -4 | 81 | -1 |
| 74 - Florence | 53 | +5 | -1 | +1 | -5 | | | 56 | 3 |
| 81 - Decatur | 81 | +8 | | +1 | | | -4 | 86 | 5 |
| 82 - Phenix City | 34 | +3 | | | -2 | +1 | -3 | 33 | -1 |

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE

To the Most Illustrious Grand Master and Companions of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Alabama:

We, your committee on Jurisprudence are pleased to report that no questions concerning Jurisprudence have been referred to this committee this year.

We recommend that portion of the Most Illustrious Grand Master's Address concerning Dispensations, appointments, and recommendations be approved.

We commend the Most Illustrious Grand Master Scott Wadsworth for his dedication to Masonry.

We thank Most Illustrious Grand Master Wadsworth for the privilege of serving the Grand Council on this Committee.

Respectfully submitted,
Ronald G. Andress, MIPGM, PGM, Chairman
Jamie A. Smith, MIPGM, PGM
Teddy R. Grogan, Jr., MIPGM, PGM

Received

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT & BUDGET

To the Most Illustrious Grand Master, Grand Officers and Companions of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Alabama

We your Committee on Finance have examined the financial records of the Grand Council and we submit the following report. We find the review of the Grand Council 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 Illustrious Grand Treasurer and Illustrious Grand Recorder for their hard work in preparing the books for review and we thank the Most Illustrious Grand Master for giving us this opportunity to serve the Grand Council.

Respectfully Submitted
Brian L. Smith
Ted Loggins, III Grand Principal Conductor of the Work
Crandon Creel

Income Statement
For the Twelve Months
Ending December 31, 2023

Revenues

| | |
|-------------------------|------------------|
| Per Capita Tax Received | 10,890.00 |
| Greeting Fees Received | 165.00 |
| Interest Received | 2,073.19 |
| Sales of Supplies | 391.00 |
| Other Income | 140.00 |
| Total Revenues | 13,659.19 |

Expenses

| | |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|
| Office Rent | 1,200.00 |
| Telephone | 46.17 |
| Postage and P. O. Box Rent | 89.34 |
| Office Supplies | 359.84 |
| Contingency Fund | 291.15 |
| Insurance and Fidelity Bond | 358.33 |
| MMS | 1,642.94 |
| Gen Gr Council Per Capita Tax | 2,407.50 |
| Grand Recorders Salary | 5,100.12 |
| Grand Treasurer Expense | 100.00 |
| Grand Masters Expense | 1,000.00 |
| Apron & Case GIM | 380.00 |
| 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 | 0.00 |
| Cost of goods sold | 0.00 |
| Total Expenses | 16,100.34 |
| Net Income | (2,441.15) |

2024-2025 BUDGET**Revenues**

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|-------------------------|--------------------|
| Per Capita Tax Received | \$10,472.00 |
| Fees Received | \$250.00 |
| Interest Received | \$3,300.00 |
| Sales of Supplies | \$1000.00 |
| Total Revenues | \$15,022.00 |

Expenses

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|-------------------------------|--------------------|
| Office Rent | \$1,200.00 |
| 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 |
| MMS | \$400.00 |
| Grand PerCapita Tax | \$2,492.50 |
| Grand Recorders Salary | \$5,100.00 |
| Grand Treasurer Expense | \$100.00 |
| Grand's Expense | \$1,000.00 |
| Past Grand's Aprons and Jewel | \$500.00 |
| 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 | \$0.00 |
| Donations to Maggie Valley | \$50.00 |
| Triennial Reserve | \$- |
| Purchases | \$50.00 |
| Total Expenses | \$14,890.00 |
| Net Income | \$132.00 |

Adopted

AUDIT COMMITTEE REPORT

To the Most Illustrious Grand Master, Grand Officers and Companions of the Grand Council of Royal & Select Masters of Alabama

We your audit committee have reviewed the books and records of the Grand Council, Royal & Selects Masters of Alabama for the period January 1, 2023, to December 31, 2023. We found no material discrepancies in the records we reviewed that would lead us to believe that a modification to the financial statements would be warranted.

Respectfully Submitted,
Bobby Jordan, PIM
Ryan Roberson

Received

REPORT OF BY-LAWS COMMITTEE

To the Most Illustrious Grand Master, Officers, and Members of the Grand Council Royal & Select Masters 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 have been two by-law changes from the subordinate councils submitted to this committee for review.

We recommend the approval of the following Councils By-laws as submitted:

Gadsden Council No. 56
Flint River Council No.

We thank the Most Illustrious Grand Master for the privilege of serving on this committee. We move that it be approved as presented.

Respectfully submitted,
Teddy R. Grogan Jr., MIPGM
William Carter, MIPGM

Received

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT OF THE BY-LAWS COMMITTEE

The Committee received a By Laws request from Birmingham Metro Council #43 after the report was submitted for the advance proceedings and we recommend approval.

Teddy R. Grogan Jr., MIPGM

William Carter, MIPGM

Received

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION REVIEW

To the Most Illustrious Grand Master and Companions of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Alabama:

We, your committee on Grand Council Constitution and Bylaw Review have reviewed the submitted changes for this Assembly and we find no conflict with other Grand Council Constitutional articles and edits.

We thank Most Illustrious Grand Master Wadsworth for the privilege of serving the Grand Council on this Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Phillip Sherman, MIPGM, OSV

Sidney R Cooley, MIPGM

Received

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RITUALIST WORK

To the Most Illustrious Grand Master, Grand Officers, and Companions of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Alabama:

There has been no request for assistance in conferring the ritualistic work of the Council by any Council or individual in the state. We would like to thank companion Scott Wadsworth for bringing to our attention a few scrivener's errors within our ritual, which were corrected in the most recent edition of the Grand Council of Alabama's ritual. This ritual can be easily identified from the original, as it has been marked as "2nd Edition 2024" on the front page.

As a reminder, the Committee on Ritualistic Work is at the disposal of any Council that may have a need for assistance.

Most Illustrious Grand Master, we thank you for letting us serve on this committee and we hope that we have done so in a manner that is pleasing and acceptable to you and this Grand Council.

Respectfully submitted,
Joel I. Bryant, OSV, Illustrious Grand Steward
Brian K. Autrey

Received

REPORT OF MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

To the Most Illustrious Grand Master and Companions of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Alabama.

It is the responsibility of this committee to report the membership status of the subordinate councils.

A review of membership activity across the eleven subordinate councils shows a gain of 58 members (33 greeted, 7 affiliated, and 18 reinstated). Losses outnumbered the gains by 8 members with a total of 66 losses (9 demits, 27 suspended, 30 died).

Out of 11 Subordinate Councils, 5 had a positive gain and 6 lost members.

These numbers are better than last year as we lost 10 members (34 deaths, 47 suspensions, and 13 demits). Unfortunately, we cannot do anything about the deaths. Suspensions have decreased by almost 50%, which is a good thing. An initiative was taken to reach out to brothers who were facing a suspension to talk about options. Sometimes that is all it took to bring someone back. Perhaps they were not receiving dues notices due to an address change that was not noted, or they may have been facing financial difficulties that impeded their ability to pay quickly. It is better to work with them to resolve whatever issue they are having so we do not lose them. Suspensions were down significantly this year from last year because of the extra effort taken to talk to brothers.

Our goal for our subordinate Councils next year should be to make a concerted effort to retain all our current members, continue to reach out to members in danger of suspension, and work to bring back members who have demitted to grow our Council.

Fraternally & Respectfully Submitted,
Ted Loggins, III Grand Principal Conductor of the Work
Kim Harrison
Brian McDonald

Received

REPORT ON NECROLOGY

To the Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Alabama:

The Lord is Gracious, and His mercy endures forever. We are given life, and given it abundantly, but a time comes when we must lay down the working tools of life and go to our heavenly home. Among the 31 Companions who were called to their eternal rest during 2023 was Right Eminent Past Grand Commander Owen Gore and our very own Maurice “Bud” Himes, who served this Grand Council in 1993 as Most Illustrious Grand Master and served the General Grand Council as the Most Puissant General Grand Master in 2005. The General Grand Council also lost Most Puissant Companion Lawrence O. Weaver who served as General Grand Master in 2014. We remember them and their families in our prayers and thank the Lord for the years of service and dedication to the Craft. The Committee on Necrology begs all Companions, wheresoever dispersed, to consider how we may best live our lives in love and care to the honor and glory of God and remember these men we were fortunate enough to know and share fraternal ties with.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert J.F. Elsner
Right Illustrious Grand Chaplain

Received



IN MEMORIAM



Lawrence O. Weaver

**MOST PUISSANT GENERAL GRAND MASTER
GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL
CRYPTIC MASONS INTERNATIONAL
2014-2017**

BORN: September 3, 1941 DIED: August 8, 2023



IN MEMORIAM



Maurice "Bud" Himes
KYGCH

MOST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND MASTER
ROYAL & SELECT MASTERS OF ALABAMA
1993 - 1994

MOST PUISSANT GENERAL GRAND MASTER
GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL
CRYPTIC MASONS INTERNATIONAL
2005-2008

BORN: December 30, 1935 DIED: February 7, 2024

In MEMORIAM

Montgomery #3

Tony K. McCarty
Hubert Eugene Stewart

Tuscaloosa #4

Carley Lee Snider

Eureka #5

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

Mobile #12

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

Birmingham #43

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

Brundidge #69

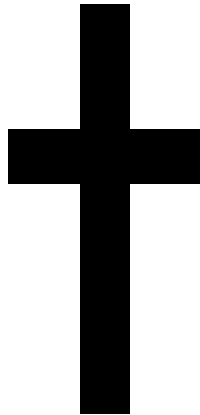
Harris Ray Champion
Jimmy Robert McCain
Sidney Ray Nelson
Charles Wayne Singleton

Decatur #81

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

Phenix City #82

David Olan Blasingame
Learon Winston Compton
Harry George Vogler III



Inscribed to the
Memory Of
the Deceased Companions
In
Other Grand Jurisdictions

REPORT OF THE YOUTH COMMITTEE

To the Most Illustrious Grand Master, Officers and Companions of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Alabama.

The Alabama Committee on Youth is proud to report that both our Youth Groups remain healthy, especially during this trying year. The International Order of Rainbow for Girls of Alabama and the Alabama State DeMolay have both shown growth this past year. Rainbow held their Grand Assembly in July 2023 in Birmingham and Alabama DeMolay held their annual Conclave in July 2023 also in Birmingham, both events were very successful. Our Youth groups are continuing to grow!

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 DeMolay and Rainbow offers scholarships to our youth.

They represent the finest of our Alabama Youth. We are extremely proud of the work they are involved in. They exhibit the values and precepts of their Orders in their actions and in their deeds. These organizations need to know just how proud we are of their accomplishments. These young people not only need our continued support, but also our presence. Look for ways to be there and show that you care. As in the past, you have read the good things that our Youth are doing in our State, this year, let me challenge you to make a difference in the lives of our Youth in these two organizations. Step up and decide to step out. Invite them in your Lodge events; attend their meetings; volunteer to become and advisor for these youth groups; help them grow by sending your sons and daughters, grandsons and granddaughters, nieces, nephews, neighbor, and friends, our actions will speak louder than words to show that we support them. We must sow the seeds of our youth by our continued support. Alabama Rainbow and Alabama DeMolay will continue to grow and stay very vital parts of our Masonic Family. We all must realize that we are developing the leaders of tomorrow and the future Masons and Eastern Star members for the next generation. Thank you so much for your ongoing support for the youth of our Masonic Family-Alabama Rainbow and Alabama DeMolay.

Respectfully, submitted,
William J. Burfitt, Jr.
Nathan Godwin
Aaron Haycraft

Received

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENCE

To the Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Alabama:

We, your Committee on Fraternal Correspondence, report that no written correspondence has been sent or received during the year 2023-2024. We encourage our fellow companions to take advantage of the many opportunities that have been created for contact and fellowship online in the last few years.

We offer our gratitude to Most Illustrious Grand Master Bassett for the privilege of serving on this committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicholas R. Barnes
Wayne Sparks, MIPGM

Received

REPORT OF THE INTERNET COMMITTEE

To the Most Illustrious Grand Master, Officers and Companions of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Alabama.

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 as multiple other hosts. Sub-domain currently in use by alyorkrite.org:

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

Fraternally submitted,
Joel I. Bryant, OSV, Illustrious Grand Steward
Ross C. Jackson
Brain P. McDonald

Received

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CRYPTIC MASONS MEDICAL RESEARCH FOUNDATION

*To the Most Illustrious Grand Master, Grand Officers, and Companions of the
Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Alabama.*

“For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me. ... Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.”

Mathew 25:35 – 36, 40

What a year this has been for the CMMRF program in Alabama!!! This has been a year unlike any in the history of Alabama’s Grand Council participation in this program. We have set records all the way around for raising funds and holding functions in support of the CMMRF program and the Indiana University School of Medicine. During the past year the Alabama CMMRF Committee has made great strides at forwarding the CMMRF message and has gained further national and international notoriety for its efforts.

This past year has been a very exciting year for your CMMRF committee, as we (along with our Most Illustrious Grand Master Scott Wadsworth) had the opportunity to go to the Indiana University School of Medicine and see first hand the on going research being conducted there. As you know from previous correspondence, the CMMRF program conducts research into Aortic Aneurysms, Peripheral Arterial Disease, Heart Failure, Diabetes, Cancer, Stroke,

Arthritis, Pancreatitis and other chronic conditions in which millions of people suffer from. While there, we were briefed on a condition known as “Necrotizing Enterocolitis”. This condition afflicts the intestinal systems of newborn babies and infants. This condition has a 50% mortality rate and poses a great threat to babies that have it. For the babies that do survive, they can expect long term intestinal and lung problems. Due to the research that we are supporting, a cure has been found and is being utilized to save these vulnerable lives. This alone, makes all of our effort and support worth while, but more cures are on the horizon and further treatments are being developed for all of the afflictions that we have previously reported on.

Other research has progressed in other areas as well. An example of this is aortic aneurysms. With the use of a hydrogel, the weakened arteries of those afflicted with this condition can have the weakened portion of the area reinforced, thus strengthening it and allowing for the risk of the aneurysm being greatly decreased. Another area of medical investigation is the use of 3D printers to create organs that have been diseased or damaged. Although this technology is a long way off, the essential first steps are being completed now. Working in tandem with this concept, something that is more near term is the use of adult stem cells (normally bone marrow cells) to repair damaged cells of organs. By doing this, the organ is either repaired or aspects of it are regenerated.

The year 2023 was a banner year for the Grand Council of Alabama’s CMMRF program. We raised \$ 30,419.87 in donations and fundraisers. This amount makes Alabama the second highest contributor in the country and the highest per capita contributor in the nation, as well as internationally. Because of our work and donations the Alabama Grand Council has been named as the winner of the CMMRF Fred Potter Award. This award is given to the state that has the highest per capita donations in the nation, as well as internationally. This award was first sanctioned by the CMMRF Executive Board of Directors in October 2023, making Alabama the first ever recipients of the award. This award means that a plaque will be displayed at the General Grand Council with Alabama being recognized as the first winners of this award. It is a high honor for Alabama to be recognized for their charitable giving to a very deserving charity.

This is an achievement that we are all proud of, and never expected. A portion of this money is being utilized to make a direct gift of a computer system to the Indiana University School of Medicine that will be utilized to run models that are instrumental in seeing if a particular treatment will work or fail.

This computer will have the ability to reduce the amount of time that these models run from days to hours.

Some of the new approaches that we took to fund raising deviated from the past. For example, this year we held our first ever annual CMMRF dinner in Montgomery, AL, the weekend prior to Halloween. This dinner was organized and put on by Joel Bryant, with the assistance of Brian Autrey, and with the help of several other council Companions, as well as their wives. We extend thanks to all who worked the event and all who participated in it.

In addition to this, we extended our outreach to all of the Blue Lodges of Alabama. A letter was sent to each blue lodge educating them on the CMMRF program and asking for their support. The next few months brought in thousands in donations from the Blue Lodges around the state, and for that, we are grateful. Our outreach has been truly successful and we are expanding it in the future.

During our trip to Indianapolis, we participated in the annual CMMRF Executive Board of Directors meeting. I personally briefed on an executive business plan drafted several months prior. As a result of that plan, several key elements of the plan are in the process of being realized. Robert Levin and I were appointed to a committee newly formed to develop a General Grand Masters Life Membership Program in support of CMMRF. We anticipate offering this program worldwide in the near future, allowing all companions to directly support the efforts of CMMRF. Further, other committees were formed to support other aspects of the business plan, such as a social media committee that has vastly improved to quality of the CMMRF website.

In this New Year, we will attempt to keep the momentum of 2023 going and achieve even higher goals and aspirations. Our educational efforts will be expanded this year and we will strive to bring you all of the exciting advancements being made by the Indiana University School of Medicine.

On the national and international fronts, the month of March has been proclaimed as CMMRF month in which we will educate, inform and include all in our efforts to expand this program. We will be requesting that each York Rite Council support the program with a \$ 100.00 donation.

In conclusion, I would like to share a quote from Dr. Seuss.

*“Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better.
It’s not.”*

Dr. Seuss

As York Rite Masons, we are defined by our charity and outreach to our communities. This is our purpose, and it is our mission. We make the world a better place based upon the programs we elect to support, as well as our charitable spirit. It is great that we have our fellowship and support for the craft. Our ritual provides identity to us, but our outreach is what truly defines us. Solutions are at hand with the support of all Cryptic Masons.

Charity is what allows us, through collective means, to make a positive difference in the lives that surround us. The CMMRF program, as well as the research conducted at the Indiana University School of Medicine is what will allow us to take a few dollars from all of us and turn it into solutions that affect all of our families, friends and neighbors. Each and every donation, no matter how large or small is leading us to a day when we can cure the ill of the afflictions that harm us the most. Blessings to all!!!

Respectfully submitted:

Alan F. Rhody

Robert Garner

Robert Levin

Shannon White

John Meyers

Received

2024 ROLL CALL OF GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

| <u>JURISDICTION</u> | <u>Name of Representative</u> |
|----------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| ALASKA..... | *Jamie A. Smith |
| ARIZONA | Vacant |
| ARKANSAS..... | Ronald G Andress |
| CALIFORNIA..... | ***Brian Pierce |
| CANADA (EASTERN) | James C. McGee |
| CANADA (WESTERN) | ****Brent R. Haller |
| COLORADO..... | Bruce Garrison |
| CONNECTICUT..... | *Zach Holmes |
| DELAWARE..... | ****Ted Youwer |
| DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA..... | Tommy Bassett |
| ENGLAND and WALES | Brian Autrey |
| FLORIDA | ****Raymond C. Dunn |
| FRANCE | Emory J. Ferguson |
| GERMANY | *David Howard |
| GREECE..... | Scott Wadsworth |
| HAWAII..... | Hiram O. Williams, Jr. |
| IDAHO | Rani Christie |
| ILLINOIS..... | Teddy R. Grogan, Jr. |
| INDIANA | Thomas H. Nesbitt |
| IOWA..... | B. Wayne Sparks |
| KANSAS | *Jamie A. Smith |
| KENTUCKY | ****Thomas F. Craig |
| LOUISIANA | ****Wayne D. Jordan |
| MAINE | James C. McGee |
| MARYLAND | Vacant |
| MASSACHUSETTS..... | Vacant |
| MICHIGAN..... | Jerry Burfitt |
| MINNESOTA..... | Bruce Garrison |
| MISSISSIPPI | Ronald G. Andress |
| MISSOURI..... | Michael F. Feld |
| MONTANA..... | ****Keith Zech |
| NEBRASKA..... | Jerry Burfitt |
| NEVADA | ***Roman Hochhalter |
| NEW HAMPSHIRE..... | *Zach Holmes |
| NEW JERSEY | Joel Bryant |
| NEW MEXICO | ****Robert A. Mayer |
| NEW YORK..... | ****Robert D. Moseson |
| NORTH CAROLINA..... | Emory J. Ferguson |
| OHIO | Vacant |
| OKLAHOMA..... | Mark Stillwell |

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| ONTARIO, CANADA | ****Wayne D. Jordan |
| OREGON | Vacant |
| PANAMA | Sid Cooley, Sr. |
| PENNSYLVANIA | *C. Sterling Hughes |
| PHILIPPINES..... | Kurt Eldridge |
| PORTUGAL | James C. McGee |
| RHODE ISLAND | Vacant |
| SCOTLAND..... | Phillip J. Sherman |
| SOUTH CAROLINA | James C. McGee |
| SOUTH DAKOTA | ****Timmy Ivey |
| TENNESSEE | ****George L. Marshall, Jr. |
| TEXAS | Roger Kim Harrison |
| UTAH | Vacant |
| VERMONT | ****Roger A. Simmons |
| WASHINGTON | Nick Barnes |
| WISCONSIN | Vacant |
| WYOMING | ****Alan Herrington |

* Denotes number of consecutive years absent from Grand Assembly

ATTEST: James C. McGee., MIPGM
Grand Recorder

REGISTER OF GRAND REPRESENTATIVES FOR GRAND COUNCIL OF ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS OF ALABAMA

| Grand Council | Representative From Address | Representative To Address |
|-------------------------|--|--|
| Alaska | Jamie A. Smith 156 Wood Place Ct. Ozark, AL 36360 | Bobby H. Hood Kodiak |
| Arizona | Vacant | Joseph F. Zito P O Box 128 Meridianville, AL 35789 |
| Arkansas | Ronald G Andress 2509 Lakewood Cir Tuscaloosa, 35405 | Johnnie D. Savage P. O. Box 2541 West Helena, 72390 |
| California | Brian Pierce 8484 Montana Raider St. Fort Benning, Ga. 31905 | Bruce O. Carmitchel 9639 Woodley Avenue North Hills, 91343 |
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| Canada (Western) | Brent R. Haller 5767 Zeigler Boulevard Mobile, 36608 | David H. Wilson 423 Avenue U South Saskatoon, SK S7M 3C4 |
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| Delaware | Ted Youwer 306 Weaton Dr Florence, AL.35633 | Eugene R. Small 4 Finney Road New Castle, De.19720 |
| District of Columbia | Thomas Bassett 137 Meadow Farm Ln Sylacauga, AL. 35151 | Teko A. Foly 8500 Caswell Place New Carrollton, MD 20784 |
| England and Wales | Brian Autrey 2894 Pleasant Hill Rd. Wetumpka, AL. 36092 | David S. Pratt The Laurel's 26 Park Lane Allerton Bywater, Castleford W Yorkshire WF10 2AT UK |
| Florida | Raymond C. Dunn 376 College Park Ct NW Huntsville, AL 35805 | Warren Almand 2842 Magnolia Blossom Lane Marianna, FL 32446 |
| France | Emory J. Ferguson 1615 Lakeview Drive NW Cullman, 35055 | William J. Ratcliffe 20 Rue Vallée – Pénaut 78770 Goupillieres |
| Georgia | | Program Discontinued |
| Germany (West) | David Howard 7425 Pebble Ct. S. Mobile, 36695 | Dennis D. Duncan Berlin, West Germany |
| Greece | Scott Wadsworth 5130 Trussville Clay Rd. Trussville, AL. 35173 | William E. Kaloudis 21 Hildastrasse D-65189 Wiesbaden, Ger. |
| Hawaii | Hiram O. Williams, Jr. 700 Treetop Lane Ashville, AL. 35953 | Mauricio Valera 37 Pili aloha Street Hilo, 96720 |

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| Idaho | Rani Christie PO Box 95 Titus, Al 36080 | Jack O. Sage 6937 N Wind Pines St. Coeur d'Alene, 83815 |
| Illinois | Teddy R. Grogan, Jr. 83 Crimson Tide Dr. Piedmont, Al 36272 | Thomas L. Yingling 5822 N. Old Orchard Peoria, 61614 |
| Indiana | Thomas H Nesbitt 2047 Taylor Road Dothan, 36301 | Douglas O. Fegenbush 9901 Pendleton Pike # 73 Indianapolis, 46236 |
| Iowa | B. Wayne Sparks 1300 5th Place NW Center Point, 35215 | Ronald W. Guthrie P. O. Box 1841 Mason City, 50402 |
| Kansas | Jamie A. Smith 102 Wood Place Court Ozark, 36360 | Claude L. Carpenter 4216 E. 95th Street Hutchinson, 67502 |
| Kentucky | Thomas F. Craig 1000 Lexington St. SE Huntsville, 35801-2533 | Richard W. Seekman 1310 W. Lincoln Trail Radcliff, KY 40160 |
| Louisiana | Wayne D. Jordan 929 Tascosa Drive S. E. Huntsville, 35802 | Kenneth Mayer 2023 Division Street Metairie, LA 70001 |
| Maine | James C. McGee 307 South Drive Fairhope, AL 36532 | John D. Baggett 164 E. Side Drive Verona Island, ME 04416 |
| Maryland | Vacant | Charles E. Vannoy 3408 Dunnington Rd. Beltsville, 2070 |
| Massachusetts | Vacant | Ronald E. Wolfe Box 2 Cummington, MA 01026 |
| Michigan | Jerry Burfitt 521 Mount Zion Rd Madison, AL 35757 | Terry G. Baker 1936 Michigan Ave Marysville, MI 48040-2026. |
| Minnesota | Bruce Garrison 8490 Iras Drive Grand Bay 35641 | Gerald J. Schlaeppli 1902 James Ave. St. Paul, 55105 |
| Mississippi | Ronald Andress 2509 Lakewood Cir Tuscaloosa, 35405 | Hollis E. Sumpson 1057 CR 73 New Albany, 38652 |
| Missouri | Michael F. Feld 403 Summer Cove Circle Madison, 35757 | George M. Merkle 71 Shirecreek Court St. Charles, 63303 |
| Montana | Keith Zech 1613 Magnolia Street Gardendale, 35071 | Willard L. Paulson Spokane, Washington |
| Nebraska | Jerry Burfitt 521 Mount Zion Rd Madison, 35757 | Allen R. Millar 4159 North 60th Ave. Omaha, 68104-2712 |
| Nevada | Roman Hochhalter 3 Hibiscus Dr. Montgomery, Al 36109 | Alan I. Taylor 305 East 4th Street Winnemucca, 89445 |
| New Hampshire | Zack Holmes P O Box 34 Loachapoka, 36865 | Vacant |
| New Jersey | Joel Bryant 94 Springhollow Dr. Ashville, Al. 35953 | Thurman C. Pace, Jr. 518 St. Marks Avenue Westfield, 07090 |

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| New Mexico | Robert A. Mayer 18480 Highway 41 Brewton, 36426 | Dickie W. Winchester P O Box 32 Corona, 88318 |
| New York | Robert D. Moseson 4400 Bridgewater Circle Phenix City, 36867 | Houston S. Powell 31 Gianelli Ave. Merrick, 11566 |
| North Carolina | Emory J. Ferguson 1615 Lakeview Drive N.W. Cullman, 35055 | Galard C. Moore 2524 King Arthur Drive Monroe, NC 28110 |
| North Dakota | | Program Discontinued |
| Ohio | Vacant | Fred Arnold Boggs 149 Lincoln Avenue NW Carrollton, 44615 |
| Oklahoma | Mark Stillwell 9360 US Hwy 280 E Salem, AL 36874 | Dwayne Dixon 5001 Judy Drive Del City 73115-4551 |
| Ontario, Canada | Wayne D. Jordan 929 Tascosa Drive S. E. Huntsville, 35802 | Vernon Young 122 Langton Street Peterborough, K9H 6K2 |
| Oregon | Vacant | Mel Gowing 1661 Pacific Hwy N. Cottage Grove, 97424 |
| Panama | Sidney Cooley, Sr. 255 Lee Road 247 Salem, 36874 | Ruben Jose Levy Downy Rep. Of Panama |
| Pennsylvania | C. Sterling Hughes RR 1 box 387 Ozark, 36360 | Freeman Z. Frey, III 841 Twin Oaks Drive Hummelstown, 17036 |
| Philippines | Kurt P. Eldridge 196 Lee Road 523 Phenix City, AL 36870 | Romulo B. Pisig 18 Balsahan Street Naic, Cavite, Philippines |
| Portugal | James C. McGee 307 South Drive Fairhope, AL 36532 | Vacant |
| Rhode Island | Vacant | Paul J Kokolsky 113 Gervais St Coventry 02816 |
| Scotland | Phillip J. Sherman 4016 Saddlehorn bend SW Decatur, 35603 | James M. Duff 109 Broomhall Drive Edinburgh, EH 127QQ |
| South Carolina | James C McGee 307 South Dr. Fairhope, AL 36532 | Robert H. Jackson, Jr. 295 Edenvale Road Rock Hill, SC 29730 |
| South Dakota | Timmy Ivey 171 Shulsen Drive Ozark, 36360 | Richard C. Cave 1104 7th Street, N.W. Watertown, 57201 |
| Tennessee | George L. Marshall, Jr. 161 Anna Kathryn Drive Gurley, 35748 | Burks Taylor 1016 Nuway Drive Pleasant View, TN 37146 |
| Texas | Roger Kim Harrison 8435 Hogan Dr. SE Huntsville, 25802 | Ted D. Hennis 4303 Summit Circle Amarillo, 79109 |
| Utah | Vacant | Kevin G Hill 5673 Hillwood Way apt11 Taylorsville, 84129 |
| Vermont | Roger A. Simmons P. O. Box 268 | David P. Martin |

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| | Newton, 36352 | 524 Birch Hill Road Brandon, 05733 |
| Washington | Nick Barnes 112 North Mall Trussville, Al. 35173 | Timothy F. Hurley 4707 12th N. E. Seattle, 98105 |
| Wisconsin | Vacant | David D. Mahoney 324 E. Klubertanz Drive Sun Prairie, 53590 |
| Wyoming | Alan Herrington 19010 Rio Vista Dr Fairhope, 36532 | David “Tom” Smith P O Box 7881 Thermopolis, 82443 |

PROPOSALS & AMENDMENTS

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

Constitution Code Change Proposals Presented at the February 2023 Grand Council Assembly in Accordance with Article IX of the Grand Council Constitution.

These Proposals were accepted and are sent to the Councils and will be voted on at the 2024 Annual Grand Council Assembly in February for Final Passage

2023 Legislative Call Call Item # 6

Proposed by: Comp James C McGee, MIPGM, Grand Recorder, Past Master, Mobile Council #12

Purpose: to update the fees in the Bylaws

Amend: Proposal to amend the Bylaws

Currently Reads

ARTICLE II FEES AND OPERATING BUDGET

Section 1. The following fees shall be payable to the Grand Council:

For dispensation for new Subordinate Council.....\$140.00

For annual dues from each member.....\$ 5.00

For each Candidate Received and Greeted.....\$ 2.00

For every Grand Council Certificate in the nature of a Demit\$ 1.00

For every Charter\$ 25.00

The greeting fee of \$2.00 for each new member shall be put into an interest bearing reserve.

To be amended to read;

ARTICLE II: FEES AND OPERATING BUDGET

Section 1. The following fees shall be payable to the Grand Council:

For dispensation for new Subordinate Council.....\$ 140.00

For annual dues from each member..... \$ 11.00

For each Candidate Received and Greeted..... \$ 5.00

For every Grand Council Certificate in the nature of a Demit ..\$ 1.00

For every Charter \$ 25.00

The greeting fee of \$2.00 for each new member shall be put into an interest bearing reserve.

The annual dues amount shown in this section 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 31st of each year for each companion of the subordinate Council.

Adopted

Constitutional and Bylaw Change Proposals to be Presented at the February 2024 Grand Council Assembly in Accordance with Article IX of the Grand Council Constitution and Article VI of the Grand Council Bylaws.

**2024 Legislative Call
Call Item # 1**

Proposed by: Comp Thomas R Bassett, MIPGM, Past Illustrious Master,
Birmingham Council #43

Purpose: Clarify to when officers can be installed

Amend: Proposal to amend the Bylaws

Currently Reads

ARTICLE IV OF SUBORDINATE COUNCILS

Section 1. A Subordinate Council shall consist of:

Illustrious Master

Deputy Illustrious Master

Principal Conductor of the Work

Treasurer

Recorder

Captain of the Guard

who shall be elected by ballot by a constitutional number of Companions without nomination at the regular assembly next preceding the 24th day of June annually. The officers who shall be appointed by the Illustrious Master at the time of installation, namely, Marshal, Chaplain, and Sentinel; provided that any Subordinate Chapter may by its By-Laws, make any of the above appointive officer's elective. A duly elected and installed High Priest shall hold office until the next following Annual Assembly and thereafter until his successor is elected and installed.

To be amended to read;

ARTICLE IV OF SUBORDINATE COUNCILS

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who shall be elected by ballot by a constitutional number of Companions without nomination at the regular assembly next preceding the 24th day of June annually **and may be installed on the same day**. The officers who shall be appointed by the Illustrious Master at the time of installation, namely, Marshal, Chaplain, and Sentinel; provided that any Subordinate Chapter may by its By-Laws, make any of the above appointive officer's elective. A duly elected and installed Illustrious Master shall hold office until the next following Annual Assembly and thereafter until his successor is elected and installed.

Adopted

2024 Legislative Call**Call Item # 2**

Proposed by: Comp Thomas R Bassett, MIPGM, Past Illustrious Mater,
Birmingham Council #43

Purpose: Whereas, our Grand Council budget can no longer afford these expenses without raising the per-capita of membership. And, whereas the Grand Council covers the expense of the Illustrious Grand Master to a cap of one-thousand dollars re-imbursed. I propose the following change to our Grand Council By-Laws.

Amend: Proposal to amend the Bylaws

Currently Reads

ARTICLE V**GRAND OFFICERS OR THEIR PROXIES TO GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL**

Section 1. The presiding Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, and the Grand Principal Conductor of the Work, shall be the official representatives of the Grand Council to the stated and called Assemblies of the General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons International, under the rules and regulations prescribed by the General Grand Council. If for any reason any or all of the first three Grand Officers cannot attend such Assemblies, they shall be allowed to appoint as proxy the next elected Grand Officer in the Grand Line, down through the Grand Steward, or a Past Grand Master who has not attended the General Grand Council, at the expense of this Grand Council.

To be amended to read;

ARTICLE V**GRAND OFFICERS OR THEIR PROXIES TO GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL**

Section 1. The presiding Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, and the Grand Principal Conductor of the Work, shall be the official representatives of the Grand Council to the stated and called Assemblies of the General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons International, under the rules and regulations prescribed by the General Grand Council. If for any reason any or all of the first three Grand Officers cannot attend such Assemblies, they shall be allowed to appoint as proxy the next elected Grand Officer in the Grand Line, down through the Grand

Steward, or a Past Illustrious Grand Master who has not attended the General Grand Council. ~~at the expense of this Grand Council.~~

Adopted

HONORARY MEMBERS

M.I. Companion James C. McGee moved that the first time out of state visitors be made Honorary Members of this Grand Council and be received and acknowledged as such. Motion seconded and carried.

Adopted.

MINUTES OF LAST ASSEMBLY

M.I. Companion 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.

GRAND COUNCIL OF R. & S. M. ASSEMBLY – 2025

The MI Grand Master recognized Deputy Grand Master Lee Gibson who made a motion that the next Grand Convocation of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Alabama will be held in the city of Prattville, Alabama on February 28 – March 1, 2025.

Adopted

The MI Grand Master recognized Companion Jim Bard, Southeast Regional Deputy General Grand Master who brought greetings and discussed the upcoming programs of the General Grand Council.

The MI Grand Master recognized Companion Keith Powell, General Grand Principal Conductor of the Work and Personal Representative of Companion William Snyder, the Most Puissant General Grand Master of Cryptic Masons International who brought greetings and discussed the programs and upcoming events of the General Grand Council.

PRESENTATION OF THE GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL AWARDS

The Most Illustrious Grand Master W. Scott Wadsworth selected Companion Lawrence Levin of Montgomery Council #3 to receive the General Grand Council Cryptic Mason of the Year Award. The presentation was made at the Grand Council Assembly on Friday February 23rd, 2024 by Most Illustrious Grand Master W. Scott Wadsworth assisted by RP General Grand Principal Conductor of the Work Keith Powell and RP Jim Bard, Right Puissant Regional Deputy General Grand Master, Southeast Region. Companion Levin gave his thanks and appreciation for being chosen to receive this distinguished award. The Most Illustrious Grand Master W. Scott Wadsworth presented the Ish Sodi Award to Companions Glenn Welborn and H. Ray Adams of Birmingham Metro Council #43. Companions Welborn and Adams gave their thanks for this award.

*ATTEST: James C. McGee., MIPGM
Grand Recorder*

THE GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL CRYPTIC MASON OF THE YEAR AWARD

| | |
|---------------------------------|------|
| *Charles A. Guthrie | 1975 |
| *William Hollis Arnold. | 1976 |
| *Roy L. Wood | 1977 |
| *Joseph E. Simpson, Sr..... | 1978 |
| *Guin O'Neal McKinney | 1979 |
| *James M. Christopher, Sr. | 1980 |
| *Jesse W. Locke | 1981 |
| *Weldon H. Roberts..... | 1982 |
| *James C. Nuss..... | 1983 |
| *Joseph P. Jones | 1984 |
| *Wayne Richmond Hammond | 1985 |
| *Earl Pervine Woodall..... | 1986 |
| *Calvin Coolidge Snow | 1987 |
| *Doyle Wallace Ealy..... | 1988 |
| *Johnny Andrew Baker. | 1989 |
| *George Baldwin Boyd, Jr. | 1990 |
| *James Woodrow Smith | 1991 |
| *Fred Lebrun Graham | 1992 |
| Michael Leonid Jones..... | 1993 |

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| *Patrick Bertram Bleakley..... | 1994 |
| *Charles Lewis Ingram | 1995 |
| *Howard Enoch Hayes | 1996 |
| Wayne Dee Jordan | 1997 |
| *Fred LeBrun Graham | 1998 |
| *Charles L. Turk..... | 1999 |
| *Gerald D. Kelley, Sr. | 2000 |
| Phillip J. Sherman | 2001 |
| *Jack C. Wade | 2002 |
| Thomas Hugh Wilson | 2003 |
| #Arthur Lee Campbell | 2004 |
| Teddy R. Grogan, Jr | 2005 |
| *H. Spencer Stewart | 2006 |
| *John Herbert Hicks, Sr..... | 2007 |
| *Ronald L. Thomas..... | 2008 |
| *Marion Patton George | 2009 |
| *George F. Mills | 2010 |
| *William C. Snyder | 2011 |
| *Charles W. Singleton | 2012 |
| *Kenneth B. Baker | 2013 |
| Raymond C. Dunn | 2014 |
| Michael F. Feld | 2015 |
| Jerry Charles Ogletree..... | 2016 |
| James David Wyatt, Jr. | 2017 |
| Joel Isaac Bryant | 2018 |
| Richard R. Losch | 2019 |
| James C. McGee..... | 2020 |
| Nicholas Barnes | 2021 |
| Brian Keith Autrey..... | 2022 |
| Alan Rhody | 2023 |
| Lawrence R. Levin | 2024 |

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

THE GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL COLUMBIAN AWARD

| | |
|------------------------|-----------|
| James C. McGee | 2014-2017 |
| Sidney R. Cooley | 2020-2023 |

**THE GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL
COMPANIONS OF THE SECRET VAULT**

| | |
|--------------------------|------|
| Phillip J. Sherman | 2013 |
| *Maurice C. Himes | 2013 |
| George L. Marshall | 2014 |
| Emory J. Ferguson | 2015 |
| Michael F. Feld | 2017 |
| *Jack C. Wade | 2018 |
| Thomas H. Nesbit | 2021 |
| James C. McGee | 2021 |
| Joel Bryant..... | 2023 |

**THE GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL
MORDHURST AWARD**

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| Hiram O. Williams, Jr. | 2019 |
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**THE GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL
ADULT LEADERSHIP AWARD**

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| *Joan S. Murphy..... | 1997 |
| *L. P. "Pat" Wetzel | 1999 |
| James C. McGee | 2001 |
| Karl F. Reed, II..... | 2004 |
| *Phillip Stenzel. | 2006 |
| *Tom Andrew Paul | 2007 |
| Angeleisha Wilson Hood | 2008 |
| *Kenneth Baker | 2010 |
| Lori Olive | 2011 |
| *Kathy McGee | 2012 |
| Jennifer Mulkey..... | 2013 |
| William J. Burfitt, Jr. | 2014 |
| Arthur Robert Johnson | 2016 |
| *Jerry W. Mulkey | 2017 |
| William J. Burfitt, Sr..... | 2018 |
| Wesley Hyde..... | 2019 |
| Steven L. Bumpass..... | 2020 |
| Donna L. McGee..... | 2021 |
| Diana Paul | 2022 |

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| Ted A. Loggins | 2023 |
| Renee' Burfitt | 2024 |

**Denotes deceased*

THE GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL LADY OF THE COUNCIL AWARD

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| *GLENDA HIMES | 2004 |
| BOBBIE FERGUSON | 2008 |
| HELANNE JORDAN | 2008 |
| REBECCA JORDAN | 2008 |
| GAYLE THOMAS | 2008 |
| BRENDA WADE | 2008 |
| CINDY WILLIAMS | 2008 |
| BETTY SMITH | 2009 |
| ANNE GEORGE | 2009 |
| BRENDA MASON | 2009 |
| STEPHANIE O'DELL | 2009 |
| LYNN GROGAN | 2010 |
| PEGGY GORE | 2010 |
| SHIRLEY HUGHES | 2010 |
| *MARTHA ANNE LEE | 2011 |
| SALLY SIMMONS | 2011 |
| *KATHY MCGEE | 2011 |
| *NANCY DAVIS | 2011 |
| *ELIZABETH S. MARSHALL | 2013 |
| LENA "SAM" BURFITT | 2014 |
| DEBBIE HERRINGTON | 2015 |
| LESLEY COX | 2016 |
| APRILLE ANDRESS | 2019 |
| DONNA MCGEE | 2019 |
| RHETTA CARTER | 2021 |
| JULIA BASSETT | 2022 |
| PAM LOGGINS | 2022 |
| ELAINE SPARKS | 2022 |
| MELINDA WADSWORTH | 2023 |

* Denotes Deceased

ISH SODI AWARD (Man of Choice)

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| *Carmel Dean Olive | 2007 |
| *Thomas McCrickard | 2008 |
| Emory J. Ferguson | 2008 |
| *Maurice C. Himes | 2008 |
| George L. Marshall, Jr. | 2008 |
| Phillip J. Sherman | 2008 |
| *Jack Elliott | 2009 |
| *Charles Moats | 2009 |
| William J. Burfitt..... | 2009 |
| C. Sterling Hughes | 2010 |
| Kelly McMichael | 2010 |
| *Ronald L. Thomas | 2010 |
| James C. McGee | 2011 |
| Ricky C. Kilgore | 2012 |
| Richard C. Beck..... | 2013 |
| *Charles W. Singleton | 2013 |
| Wayne D. Jordan | 2014 |
| Raymond C. Dunn | 2014 |
| Michael Feld..... | 2014 |
| +Charles A. Hartley..... | 2014 |
| Sidney R. Cooley, Sr..... | 2014 |
| *Kenneth B. Baker..... | 2014 |
| *J. Barney Lusk | 2015 |
| Jerry Ogletree..... | 2015 |
| Hiram O. Williams, Jr. | 2015 |
| +Wesley Mark Lane..... | 2016 |
| Timmy W. Ivey | 2017 |
| Ronald G. Andress | 2018 |
| Jamie A. Smith..... | 2018 |
| William A. Carter | 2019 |
| W. Scott Wadsworth | 2020 |
| Anthony Mark Stillwell | 2021 |
| Ted A. Loggins | 2022 |
| Lee Gibson..... | 2023 |
| Glenn Welborn | 2024 |
| Ray Adams..... | 2024 |

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

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIAL AND REGISTRATION

To the Most Illustrious Grand Master, Grand officers and Companions of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters 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 10 Past Grand Masters of the Grand Council of Alabama.

There are 12 Subordinate Councils which comprise the Grand Council of Alabama, and of these 12 Councils are registered with this Committee for this 186th Annual Convocation.

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

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| TOTAL OFFICERS OR PROXIES PRESENT | 33 |
| TOTAL PAST ILLUSTRIOUS MASTERS PRESENT | 42 |
| TOTAL QUALIFIED TO VOTE | 96 |

Councils Not Represented

None

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

Respectfully submitted,
J. David Wyatt, Chairman
Ryan Roberson
Thomas Langley

Adopted

Council of Royal and Select Masters of Alabama
High Priest, King, Scribe and/or their Proxies present from
subordinate Councils

| <i>Council Name/ No.</i> | <i>Officer Name</i> | <i>Office Represented</i> | <i>Proxy</i> |
|--------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|--------------|
| Montgomery 3 | Lawrence R. Levin | Ill. Master | |
| | David Jordan | Deputy Ill. Master | |
| | Bobby Jordan | PCW | Proxy |
| Tuscaloosa 4 | William Carter | Ill. Master | Proxy |
| | Christopher Pate | Deputy Ill. Master | |
| | Ronald Address | PCW | Proxy |
| Eureka 5 (Huntsville) | Jeremy New | Ill. Master | |
| | Chad Thrasher | Deputy Ill. Master | |
| | Jeremy New | PCW | Proxy |
| Mobile 12 | Mike Gill | Ill. Master | |
| | Andrew Lee | Deputy Ill. Master | |
| | Aaron Haycraft | PCW | |
| Birmingham Metro 43 | Michael Cheiffo | Ill. Master | Proxy |
| | Nick Barnes | Deputy Ill. Master | Proxy |
| | Leonard Easter | PCW | |
| Gadsden 56 | Leonard Easter | Ill. Master | Proxy |
| | Nathon Godwin | Deputy Ill. Master | |
| | Andy Smith | PCW | |
| Dothan 68 | J. David Wyatt, Jr. | Ill. Master | Proxy |
| | J. David Wyatt, Jr. | Deputy Ill. Master | Proxy |
| | J. David Wyatt, Jr. | PCW | Proxy |
| Brundidge 69 | Nick Adams | Ill. Master | |
| | Robert Garner | Deputy Ill. Master | |
| | Thomas Langley | PCW | |
| Florence 74 | Phil Terrell | Ill. Master | Proxy |
| | Not Represented | Deputy Ill. Master | |
| | Not Represented | PCW | |

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| Decatur 81 | Not Represented Gregory Parnell Ray Ingram | Ill. Master Deputy Ill. Master PCW | Proxy |
| Phenix City 82 | Mark Stillwell Sidney R. Cooley Garrett Teel | Ill. Master Deputy Ill. Master PCW | Proxy |
| Flint River UD | Crandon Creel David Weaver Crandon Creel | Ill. Master Deputy Ill. Master PCW | Proxy |

*ATTEST: James C. McGee., MIPGM
Grand Recorder*

**PAST THRICE ILLUSTRIOUS
MASTERS PRESENT
(present and voting)**

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| Montgomery #3: | Rani Christie, Bobby K. Jordan, Brian Autrey |
| Tuscaloosa #4: | William Carter |
| Eureka #5: | Emory J. Ferguson, William J. Burfitt, Roger Kim Harrison, Drew McKay, Michael Feld, Jason Crowe, Lee Gibson, John C. Meyers, William Burfitt, Jr. |
| Mobile #12: | Bruce Garrison |
| Birmingham-Metro #43: | B. Wayne Sparks, Thomas Bassett, Hiram Williams, W. Scott Wadsworth. Nick Barnes, A. Glenn Welborn, Tommy Fields, Shannon White, Joel Bryant |
| Gadsden #56: | Chris T. Atchley, Nathan Godwin, Leonard Easter |
| Dothan #68: | Tom Nesbit, J. David Wyatt |
| Brundidge #69: | Richard C. Beck, Ricky Kilgore, Teddy R. Grogan, Jr., Alan Rhody, Thomas Langley, R. Scott Laminack |
| Florence #74: | James C. McGee |
| Decatur #81: | Ted Loggins, Gregory Parnell, Phillip Sherman, Jeff Greene |
| Phenix City #82: | Mark Stilwell, Troy Brown, Kurt Eldridge |

*ATTEST: James C. McGee., MIPGM
Grand Recorder*

ELECTION OF GRAND COUNCIL OFFICERS 2024-2025

There being no further business to come before this Annual Assembly of the Grand Council, the Grand Council proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year. The MIGM recognized Companion Hiram Williams, Illustrious Grand Conductor of the Council, who announced that he decided to not advance in the Grand Council line. "A couple of years ago he felt the call to enter the ministry and has recently been appointed a minister of a small church. To properly serve as a Pastor requires his sole attention, so I regret dropping from the Council Line." All the advancing officers were advanced by acclamation, except the Illustrious Conductor of the Council and the Illustrious Grand Steward. Companion James C. McGee, MIPGM of Mobile Council #12 was retained as Grand Recorder. Companion Bobby Jordan of Montgomery Council #3 was elected by secret ballot to the station of Grand Treasurer. Companion Brian Autrey of Montgomery Council #3 was elected by secret ballot to the station of Illustrious Grand Conductor of the Council and Companion Alan Rhody of Brundidge Council #69 was elected by secret ballot to the station of Illustrious Grand Steward. Companions Autrey and Rhody accepted election and expressed their gratitude to the Companions. This Grand Council was concluded with prayer and called to refreshment for the open installation of Grand Officers for the incoming year.

Attest: James McGee, MIPGM
Grand Recorder

INSTALLATION OF GRAND COUNCIL OFFICERS 2024-2025

The Grand Council officers were installed by Right Puissant General Grand Principle Conductor of the Work, Cryptic Masons International Keith Powell as installing Officer. Installing Marshal was MIPGM Phillip Sherman, and Installing Chaplain was Companion Roger Kim Harrison. The new Grand Master, Companion Lee Gibson was invested with the jewel and apron of his office. Most Illustrious Lee Gibson presented Most Illustrious Past Grand Master certificate to MI Companion W. Scott Wadsworth. All business of this Annual Assembly being concluded, MI Companion Gibson declared the 186th Session of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Alabama duly closed after the chaplain had pronounced the benediction.

Attest: James McGee, MIPGM
Grand Recorder



LEE R. GIBSON
MOST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND MASTER
2024-2025

Lee R. Gibson
Most Illustrious Grand Master
2024-2025

Lee Gibson was born in Plano, Texas to Lee and Susan Gibson and moved shortly thereafter to Tyler, Texas where he graduated from All Saints Episcopal School in 1999. Upon graduation from high school, he was awarded a Naval ROTC scholarship to Auburn University where he studied Criminology and Naval Science.

He graduated and was commissioned as an Ensign in the US Navy in 2003 and served as a Naval Flight Officer with the Shadows of VQ-4 and a Joint Reconnaissance Operations Officer at the Defense Intelligence Agency. After serving in the Navy, he spent a short time as a transportation manager with the CSX railroad in Tennessee before taking his current role as a Criminal Investigator with the NASA Office of Inspector General.

Companion Gibson is married to J'Vonne Gibson and has two children, Cameron, and Ainsley, and resides in Huntsville, AL.

Companion Gibson was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason in 2007 at Moore Lodge # 539, Moore, Oklahoma. Moving around for work, he attended lodges in Alexandria, VA and Johnson City, TN before formally moving his membership to Helion Lodge #1 in 2014.

Companion Gibson received the degrees and orders of the York Rite through the Huntsville York Rite Bodies in 2015 and served as the High Priest, Illustrious Master, and Commander in 2020. He also had the privilege to serve as the appointed Grand Sentinel of the Grand Chapter of Alabama in 2017 and 2019. Companion Gibson became a member of Flint River Council (ud) in 2024.

Among the other appendant bodies, Companion Gibson is active with the York Rite College (Past Governor, Secretary, OPC), Red Cross of Constantine (Past Sovereign), Allied Masonic Degrees (Past Master), SRICF (Celebrant), Knight Masons, Scottish Rite, and the Grand College of Rites.

Outside Masonry, Companion Gibson loves spending time with his very busy family and teaching 8th grade Sunday School at First Baptist Church Huntsville.



Seated left to right: Lee R. Gibson -MOST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND MASTER, Ted A. Loggins -Right Illustrious Deputy Grand Master, Richard(Rusty) Beck -Illustrious Grand Principal Conductor of the Work, James C. McGee, MIPGM-Illustrious Grand Recorder Bobby K. Jordan-Illustrious Grand Treasurer, Joel Bryant - Illustrious Grand Captain of the Guard

Standing from left to right: Alan Rhody-Illustrious Grand Steward, John Meyers-Illustrious Grand Marshal, Jeff Greene-Illustrious Grand Sentinel, Brian Autrey-Illustrious Conductor of the Council
Not Pictured-George Marshall, Jr. MIPGM-Illustrious Grand Chaplain

GRAND COUNCIL OFFICERS ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS OF ALABAMA ELECTED AND APPOINTED 2024-2025

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

Lee R. Gibson (J’Vonne)
24 Forest Meadow Blvd SW
Huntsville AL, 35824-4033

Most Illustrious Grand Master

Ted A. Loggins (Pam)
30631 Bob Coffman Rd.
Elkmont, AL 35620-3131

Right Illustrious Deputy Grand Master

Richard C. “Rusty” Beck (Carolyn)
3941 Old Sulphur Springers Road
Wellington, AL 36279

Illustrious Grand Principal
Conductor of the Work

Bobby K. Jordan (Eve)
23 Spaniel Ln
Pike Road, AL 36064

Illustrious Grand Treasurer

James C. McGee, MIPGM (Donna)
P O Box 100333
Birmingham, AL 35210-0333

Illustrious Grand Recorder

George L. Marshall, Jr., MIPGM
161 Anna Kathryn Dr.
Gurley, AL 35748

Illustrious Grand Chaplain

Joel Bryant (Traci)
94 Springhollow Dr.
Ashville, AL. 35953

Illustrious Grand Captain of the Guard

Brian Autrey (Mercedes)
2894 Pleasant Hill Road
Wetumpka, AL 36092

Illustrious Grand
Conductor of the Council

John C. Meyers
7079 Jacks Creek Ln SE
Owens Cross Roads, AL 35763

Illustrious Grand Marshal

Alan R. Rhody I (Debra)
985 Gate 5 Rd..
Alexandria, AL. 36250

Illustrious Grand Steward

Jeffrey S. Greene
2421 Oxmoor Ln SW
Decatur, AL 35603

Illustrious Grand Sentinel

GRAND COUNCIL ROYAL & SELECT MASTER OF ALABAMA COMMITTEES 2024-2025

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| AUDIT | | |
| John Meyers, Chairman | 7079 Jacks Creek Lane | Owens Crossroads, AL. 35763 |
| Ryan Roberson | 64 Alli Ave. | Lexington, AL 35648 |
| BY-LAWS | | |
| Teddy R. Grogan, PIGM, Chm | PO Box 1070 | Millbrook, AL 36054 |
| William Carter, PIGM | 7102 Harperwood St. | Northport, AL 35473 |
| RITUALISTIC WORK | | |
| Jason Crowe | 802 Grant St. SE | Decatur, AL. 35601 |
| David Wyatt | PO Box 311332 | Enterprise, AL. 36330 |
| CREDENTIALS AND REGISTRATION | | |
| Ryan Roberson, Chm | 64 Alli Ave. | Lexington, AL 35648 |
| Chad Thrasher | 1 Natures Ridge Ct SE | Huntsville, AL 35803 |
| Karl Pittard | 7811 Triple Creek Trail | Huntsville, AL 35802 |
| FINANCE | | |
| Brian Smith, Chm | 402 E. Ida Ave. | Opp, AL. 36467 |
| Ted Loggins | 30631 Bob Coffman Rd | Elkmont, AL 35620 |
| Crandon Creel | 1121 Killingsworth Cove Rd. | Gurley, AL. 35748 |
| FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENCE | | |
| Nicholas Barnes, Chm | 104 Magnolia St. | Trussville, AL 35173 |
| Jeff Greene | 2421 Oxmoor Lane SW | Decatur, AL. 35603 |
| GRAND MASTERS ADDRESS | | |
| Scott Wadsworth, PIGM | 5130 Trussville Clay Rd. | Trussville, AL 35173 |
| William Carter, PIGM | 7102 Harperwood St. | Northport, AL 35473 |
| Tommy Bassett, PIGM | 137 Meadow Farm Lane | Childersburg, AL 35151 |
| JURISPRUDENCE | | |
| Ronald G. Andress, PIGM, Chm | 2509 Lakewood Circle | Tuscaloosa, AL. 35405 |
| Teddy R. Grogan, PIGM | PO Box 1070 | Millbrook, AL 36054 |

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| Jamie A. Smith, PIGM | 156 Wood Place Ct | Ozark, AL 36360 |
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| NECROLOGY | | |
| George Marshall, PGIM, OSV | 161 Anna Kathryn Dr. | Gurley, AL 35748 |
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| MEMBERSHIP | | |
| Ted Loggins, Chm | 30631 Bob Coffman Rd | Elkmont, AL 35620 |
| Crandon Creel | 1121 Killingsworth Cove Rd. | Gurley, AL. 35748 |
| Greg Parnell | 1901 West Hobbs | Athens, Al 35611 |
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| CRYPTIC MASONS MEDICAL RESEARCH FOUNDATION | | |
| Alan Rhody, Chm | 985 Gate 5 Rd | Alexandria, AL 36250 |
| Robert Garner | 94 Lakewood Drive | Weaver, AL 36277 |
| John Meyers | 7079 Jacks Creek Ln SE | Owens Crossroads, Al 35763 |
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| GRAND COUNCIL CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS REVIEW | | |
| Phillip J. Sherman, PIGM, Chm | 4016 Saddlehorn Bend SW | Decatur, AL. 35603 |
| Roger K. Harrison, PIGM | 8435 Hogan Dr. SE | Huntsville, AL 35802 |
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| INTERNET | | |
| Joel Bryant, Chairman | 94 Springhollow Dr. | Ashville, AL 35953 |
| Ross Jackson | PO Box 6461 | Dothan, AL. 36302 |
| Brian McDonald | 503 West Orchid Ave | Foley, AL 36535 |
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| YOUTH | | |
| William J.(Doug) Burfitt, Jr, Chm | 144 Dexter Circle | Madison, AL. 35757 |
| Brian Autrey | 2894 Pleasant Hill Rd. | Wetumpka, AL 36092 |
| Jason Crowe | 802 Grant St. SE | Decatur, AL. 35601 |

**Register of Subordinate Council Under the Jurisdiction of the
Grand Council of Alabama
June 2023-2024**

| Illustrious Master Deputy Master PCW | No. Name Location Assembly Date | Secretary Address Phone |
|---|---|---|
| Robert Levin David Jordan Bryan Shirley | #3 Montgomery Air Force One Lodge 1 st Tues @ 7pm | Brian Autrey 2894 Pleasant Hill rd. Wetumpka, AL 36092 |
| Christopher Willis Christopher Pate Rev. William Hewett | #4 Tuscaloosa Rising Virtue Lodge 2 nd Tues. @ 6pm | Ron Andress 2509 Lakewood Circle Tuscaloosa, AL 35405 |
| Jeromy New Chad Thrasher Davis Smallwood | #5 Eureka Helion Loge #1 2 nd Tues @ 7pm | Lee Gibson 24 Forest Meadow Blvd SW Huntsville, AL. 35824 |
| Michael Gill Andrew Lee Aaron Haycraft | #12 Mobile Mobile York Rite Temple 2 nd Mon @ 7pm | James C. McGee 307 South Drive Fairhope, AL 36532 |
| Hal Hendrix Jason Reddick Leonard Easter | #43 Birmingham Metro Birmingham Metro York Rite 3 rd Sat @ 9am | Nick Barnes 608 Tenth Court S Birmingham, AL 35205 |
| Barry Blalock Nathan Godwin Andrew Smith | #56 Gadsden Glencoe Lodge 1 st Thur @ 7pm | Lamar Parker 410 Nunnally Avenue Gadsden, AL 35903 |
| Andrew Jackson Loff Heiko Maier Shellby Morrow, Jr. | #68 Dothan Dothan Masonic Hall 3 rd Thur @ 7pm | John Shipes PO Box 246 Midland City, AL 36350 |
| Nick Adams Robert Garner Thomas Langley | #69 Brundidge St. Johns Lodge 1 st Sat @ 9am | Alan Rhody 985 Gate 5 Road Alexandria, AL 36250 |
| John Thornton, III Thomas Grigsby Randy Lyons | #74 Florence Florence Lodge #14 1 st Tues @ 7pm | Ricky Holden 353 Briarwood Dr. Killen, AL 35645 |
| Joseph Woodbury Michael Hallman Ray Ingram | #81 Decatur Rising Sun Lodge 1 st Thur @ 7pm | Ted A. Loggins 30631 Bob Coffman Rd Elkmont, AL 35620 |
| A. Mark Stillwell Scott Keith Garrett Teel | #82 Phenix City Wilson Williams Lodge #351 3 rd Tues @ 7pm | Sidney Cooley 255 Lee Road 247 Salem, AL 36874 |

GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL OFFICERS 2023 – 2026

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| William G. Snyder 2830 S. Brentwood Ct. Independence, MO 64055 | General Grand Master |
| G. Thomas Taylor | General Deputy Grand Master |
| W. Keith Powell | General Grand PCW |
| Charles A. McCollum | General Grand Treasurer |
| Mark Irwin | General Grand Recorder |

LIVING PAST PUISSANT GENERAL GRAND MASTER

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|--------------------|-----------|
| Dalvin L. Hollaway | 1993-1996 |
| David A. Grindle | 2017-2020 |
| Monty J. Glover | 2020-2023 |

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER SOUTHEASTERN REGION

Right Puissant Jim Bard
4186 Westerleigh Ct. Peachtree Corners, GA 30092

PAST CRYPTIC MASONS INTERNATIONAL OFFICERS FROM ALABAMA

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|------------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------|
| William D Wadsworth | RP General Grand Capt. of Guard | 1880-1883 |
| Hoyt McClendon | MP General Grand Master | 1972-1975 |
| Milton L Fagenbush | RP General Grand Marshal | 1972-1975 |
| Oliver H Harris | RP General Grand Chaplain | 1972-1975 |
| McMurray Griffin | RP Regional Deputy Grand Master | 1975-1978 |
| Maurice C. “Bud” Himes | MP General Grand Master | 2005-2008 |
| Macarthur Davis | RP General Grand Cond. Of the Council | 2005-2008 |

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Washington, DC
2026**

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2023-2026**

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PROCEEDING OF THE ORDER OF THE SILVER TROWEL OF ALABAMA

The **8th** Annual Council of the Order of the Silver Trowel of Alabama was held at the Birmingham Metro York Rite Temple, Birmingham, Alabama on **October 7, 2023**. **Most Illustrious Companion Ronald Andress Past Grand Master of the Grand Council RSM of Alabama** opened the Council at 11:20 am and named Thrice Illustrious Companions **Mike Feld** and **Ron Andress** to the elections committee. Candidates were duly elected and the business of the Council was deferred until after the conferral of the Degree of Thrice Illustrious Master.

Officers conferring the order were:

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| Phillip Sherman | Thrice Illustrious Master |
| Tom Nesbitt | Thrice Illustrious Senior Warden |
| Sid Cooley | Thrice Illustrious Junior Warden |
| Doug Burfitt, Jr. | Thrice Illustrious Steward |
| Ted Loggins | Thrice Illustrious Sentinel |
| Tommy Bassett | King David |

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

Minutes of the October 8, 2022 Convocation were approved as published in the 2023 Grand Council RSM 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 Tommy Bassett 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.

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| Beginning Balance | \$559.71 |
| Deposits | 0 |
| Withdrawals | |
| Rent | (\$25) |
| Balance | \$534.71 |

The following officers were elected and were subsequently installed by Past Thrice Illustrious Master Jim McGee:

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| Scott Wadsworth | Thrice Illustrious Master |
| Mark Stillwell | Thrice Illustrious Senior Warden |
| Ted Loggins | Thrice Illustrious Junior Warden |
| Nathan Godwin | Thrice Illustrious Steward |
| John Meyers | Thrice Illustrious Sentinel |
| Bobby Jordan | Thrice Illustrious Treasurer/Recorder |

All business having been completed, the Council of the Order of the Silver Trowel was closed by Past Illustrious Grand Master Ronald Andress. The next meeting will be held on October 12, 2024 at 1 pm.

Respectfully,

Bobby K. Jordan
Excellent Treasurer/Recorder

**TABULAR VIEW OF THE GRAND COUNCIL OF ALABAMA OFFICERS SINCE ITS ORGANIZATION
1838 TO THE PRESENT TIME WITH THE YEAR OF THEIR ELECTION OR APPOINTMENT**

| Year | Grand Master | Deputy Grand Master | Grand Principle Conductor of Work | Grand Treasurer | Grand Secretary |
|-----------|------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| 1838 | *Gerald W. Creagh | *Amand P. Pfister | *John C. Hicks | *Major Cook | *J.C. VanDyke |
| 1839 | *Gerald W. Creagh | *Amand P. Pfister | *John C. Hicks | *Major Cook | *Carter R. Harrison |
| 1840 A | | | | | |
| 1841 | *Nathaniel W. Fletcher | *Nimrod E. Benson | *James Penn | *Major Cook | *Carter R. Harrison |
| 1842 B | | | | | |
| 1843 | *James Penn | *Nimrod E. Benson | *William Hendrix | *Amand P. Pfister | *Carter R. Harrison |
| 1844 | *James Penn | *Gerald W. Creagh | *William C. Penick | *Amand P. Pfister | *Carter R. Harrison |
| 1845 | *Baylor B. Baker | *William C. Penick | *Lewis E. Parsons | *Amand P. Pfister | *Carter R. Harrison |
| 1846 | *William C. Penick | *James M. Brundidge | *Doric S. Ball | *Nimrod E. Benson | *Amand P. Pfister |
| 1847 | *William C. Penick | *James M. Brundidge | *Doric S. Ball | *Nimrod E. Benson | *Amand P. Pfister |
| 1848 | *Rufus Greene | *Thomas C. Hartwell | *J. McCaleb Wiley | *Nimrod E. Benson | *Amand P. Pfister |
| 1849 C | *Rufus Greene | *Thomas C. Hartwell | *James M. Brundidge | *Nimrod E. Benson | *Amand P. Pfister |
| 1850 | *Rufus Greene | *Thomas C. Hartwell | *William A. Ferrell | *Thomas Welsh | *Amand P. Pfister |
| 1851 | *Thomas C. Hartwell | *J. McCaleb Wiley | *William A. Ferrell | *Thomas Welsh | *Amand P. Pfister |
| 1852 | *William A. Ferrell | *J. McCaleb Wiley | *Rufus C. Torrey | *Thomas Welsh | *Amand P. Pfister |
| 1853 | *William P. Chilton | *J. McCaleb Wiley | *Sterling A.M. Wood | *Thomas Welsh | *Amand P. Pfister |
| 1854 | *J. McCaleb Wiley | *Henry S. Shelton | *J. M. Moore | *Thomas Welsh | *Amand P. Pfister |
| 1855 | *J. McCaleb Wiley | *Henry S. Shelton | *John R. Clarke | *Thomas Welsh | *Amand P. Pfister |
| 1856 | *Henry S. Shelton | *John R. Clarke | *Sterling A.M. Wood | *Thomas Welsh | *Amand P. Pfister |
| 1857 | *Henry S. Shelton | *John R. Clarke | *Stephen Ives | *Thomas Welsh | *Daniel Sayre |
| 1858 | *Henry S. Shelton | *John R. Clarke | *James B. Harrison | *Thomas Welsh | *Daniel Sayre |
| 1859 | *Rufus C. Torrey | *James B. Harrison | *James Wilkins | *Thomas Welsh | *Daniel Sayre |
| 1860 | *James B. Harrison | *Lewis B. Thorton | *W. P. Brashears | *Thomas Welsh | *Daniel Sayre |
| 1861-63 D | | | | | |
| 1864 | *James B. Harrison | *William Kerr | *William E. Beard | *Hugh Parks Watson | *Daniel Sayre |
| 1865 | *James B. Harrison | *Eugene V. LeVert | *George D. Norris | *Hugh Parks Watson | *Daniel Sayre |
| 1866 | *Eugene V. LeVert | *George D. Norris | *Joseph H. Johnson | *Edmund M. Hastings | *Daniel Sayre |
| 1867 | *Eugene V. LeVert | *George D. Norris | *Joseph H. Johnson | *Edmund M. Hastings | *Daniel Sayre |
| 1868 | *Joseph H. Johnson | *James M. Dedman | *Gilbert T. Deason | *Edmund M. Hastings | *Daniel Sayre |
| 1869 | *Robert D. Webb | *Sam Thompson | *Martin G. Slaughter | *Edmund M. Hastings | *Daniel Sayre |
| 1870 | *Robert D. Webb | *Sam Thompson | *Martin G. Slaughter | *William H. Dingley | *Daniel Sayre |
| 1871 | *Robert D. Webb | *Sam Thompson | *Martin G. Slaughter | *William H. Dingley | *Daniel Sayre |

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| 1872 | *Robert D. Webb | *James M. Dedman | *Martin G. Slaughter | *William H. Dingley | *Daniel Sayre |
| 1873 | *Robert D. Webb | *James M. Dedman | *Palmer J. Pillans | *William H. Dingley | *Daniel Sayre |
| 1874 | *Palmer J. Pillans | *James Milton | *Benjamin F. Pope | *William H. Dingley | *Daniel Sayre |
| 1875 | *Palmer J. Pillans | *James Milton | *Benjamin F. Pope | *William H. Dingley | *Daniel Sayre |
| 1876 | *James Milton | *Benjamin F. Pope | *William D. Wadsworth | *William H. Dingley | *Daniel Sayre |
| 1877 | *James Milton | *William D. Wadsworth | *Lucky W. Jenkins | *William H. Dingley | *Daniel Sayre |
| 1878 | *James Milton | *William D. Wadsworth | *Lucky W. Jenkins | *William H. Dingley | *Daniel Sayre |
| 1879 | *William D. Wadsworth | *Lucky W. Jenkins | *William W. McCollum | *William H. Dingley | *Daniel Sayre |
| 1880 | *William D. Wadsworth | *Lucky W. Jenkins | *William W. McCollum | *William H. Dingley | *Daniel Sayre |
| 1881 | *William D. Wadsworth | *Lucky W. Jenkins | *William W. McCollum | *William H. Dingley | *Daniel Sayre |
| 1882 | *William W. McCollum | *Lucky W. Jenkins | *Benjamin F. Pope | *William H. Dingley | *Daniel Sayre |
| 1883 | *William W. McCollum | *Lucky W. Jenkins | *Benjamin F. Pope | *William H. Dingley | *Daniel Sayre |
| 1884 | *William W. McCollum | *Lucky W. Jenkins | *Benjamin F. Pope | *William H. Dingley | *Daniel Sayre |
| 1885 | *William W. McCollum | *Lucky W. Jenkins | *Benjamin F. Pope | *William H. Dingley | *Daniel Sayre |
| 1886 E | | | | | |
| 1887 | *Benjamin F. Pope | *George F. Moore | *James T. Beck | *William H. Dingley | *Daniel Sayre |
| 1888 | *Benjamin F. Pope | *James T. Beck | *John A. McKinnon | *William H. Dingley | *Edmund M. Hastings |
| 1889 | *James T. Beck | *George F. Moore | *John A. McKinnon | *William H. Dingley | *Edmund M. Hastings |
| 1890 | *James T. Beck | *George F. Moore | *John A. McKinnon | *William H. Dingley | *Edmund M. Hastings |
| 1891 | *George F. Moore | *John A. McKinnon | *John G. Smith | *William H. Dingley | *Edmund M. Hastings |
| 1892 | *George F. Moore | *John A. McKinnon | *John G. Smith | *William H. Dingley | *H. Clay Armstrong |
| 1893 | *George F. Moore | *John A. McKinnon | *John G. Smith | *William H. Dingley | *H. Clay Armstrong |
| 1894 | *John A. McKinnon | *John G. Smith | *Edward S. Gatchell | *William H. Dingley | *H. Clay Armstrong |
| 1895 | *John G. Smith | *Edward S. Gatchell | *Oscar J. Cohen | *William H. Dingley | *H. Clay Armstrong |
| 1896 | *John G. Smith | *Edward S. Gatchell | *Solomon D. Bloch | *William H. Dingley | *H. Clay Armstrong |
| 1897 | *Solomon D. Bloch | *George A. Beauchamp | *Robert S. Teague | *William H. Dingley | *H. Clay Armstrong |
| 1898 | *Solomon D. Bloch | *George A. Beauchamp | *Robert S. Teague | *William H. Dingley | *H. Clay Armstrong |
| 1899 | *George A. Beauchamp | *Robert S. Teague | *James Esdale | *William H. Dingley | *H. Clay Armstrong |
| 1900 | *George A. Beauchamp | *Robert S. Teague | *James Esdale | *William H. Dingley | *H. Clay Armstrong |
| 1901 | *Robert S. Teague | *James Esdale | *Jacob D. Bloch | *William H. Dingley | *George A. Beauchamp |
| 1902 | *Robert S. Teague | *James Esdale | *Jacob D. Bloch | *William H. Dingley | *George A. Beauchamp |
| 1903 | *Jacob D. Bloch | *Ben M. Jacobs | *John B. Lyons | *William H. Dingley | *George A. Beauchamp |
| 1904 | *Jacob D. Bloch | *Ben M. Jacobs | *John B. Lyons | *William H. Dingley | *George A. Beauchamp |
| 1905 | *Ben M. Jacobs | *John B. Lyons | *William Walter Ransom | *William H. Dingley | *George A. Beauchamp |
| 1906 | *John B. Lyons | *William Walter Ransom | *Walter Smith | *William H. Dingley | *George A. Beauchamp |
| 1907 | *William Walter Ransom | *Walter Smith | *Lawrence H. Lee | *William H. Dingley | *George A. Beauchamp |
| 1908 | *Walter Smith | *Lawrence H. Lee | *Robert L. Douglas | *William H. Dingley | *George A. Beauchamp |
| 1909 | *Lawrence H. Lee | *Robert L. Douglas | *John F. Jenkins | *William H. Dingley | *George A. Beauchamp |
| 1910 | *Robert L. Douglas | *John F. Jenkins | *Joseph Dixon Matlock | *William H. Dingley | *George A. Beauchamp |

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| 1911 | *John F. Jenkins | *Joseph Dixon Matlock | *James C. Benson | *John Wilson Terry | *George A. Beauchamp |
| 1912 | *Joseph Dixon Matlock | *James C. Benson | *Woolsey Finnell | *John Wilson Terry | *George A. Beauchamp |
| 1913 | *James C. Benson | *Woolsey Finnell | *John Phillip Melvin | *John Wilson Terry | *George A. Beauchamp |
| 1914 | *Woolsey Finnell | *John Phillip Melvin | *Jacob Bley | *John Wilson Terry | *George A. Beauchamp |
| 1915 | *John Phillip Melvin | *Jacob Bley | *John B. Bethea | *John Wilson Terry | *George A. Beauchamp |
| 1916 | *Jacob Bley | *John B. Bethea | *Robert C. Williams | *John Wilson Terry | *George A. Beauchamp |
| 1917 | *John B. Bethea | *Robert C. Williams | *Louis J. Wright | *John Wilson Terry | *George A. Beauchamp |
| 1918 | *Robert C. Williams | *Louis J. Wright | *John H. McCormick | *John Wilson Terry | *George A. Beauchamp |
| 1919 | *Louis J. Wright | *John H. McCormick | *Hartsford Lee Isom | *John Wilson Terry | *George A. Beauchamp |
| 1920 | *John H. McCormick | *Hartsford Lee Isom | *William S. Kilby | *John Wilson Terry | *George A. Beauchamp |
| 1921 | *Hartsford Lee Isom | *William S. Kilby | *Harry C. Crelly | *John Wilson Terry | *George A. Beauchamp |
| 1922 | *William S. Kilby | *Harry C. Crelly | *Henry F. Reese | *John Wilson Terry | *George A. Beauchamp |
| 1923 | *Harry C. Crelly | *Henry F. Reese | *William S. Gamble | *John Wilson Terry | *George A. Beauchamp |
| 1924 | *Henry F. Reese | *William S. Gamble | *Norman Gunn | *John Wilson Terry | *George A. Beauchamp |
| 1925 | *William S. Gamble | *Norman Gunn | *Robert McLester Strong | *John Wilson Terry | *George A. Beauchamp |
| 1926 | *Norman Gunn | *Robert McLester Strong | *Robert E. Howard | *John Wilson Terry | *George A. Beauchamp |
| 1927 | *Robert McLester Strong | *Robert E. Howard | *William W. Waldo | *John Wilson Terry | *George A. Beauchamp |
| 1928 | *Robert E. Howard | *William W. Waldo | *Llewellyn R. Hillyer | *John Wilson Terry | *George A. Beauchamp |
| 1929 | *William W. Waldo | *Llewellyn R. Hillyer | *Henry C. McGee | *John Wilson Terry | *George A. Beauchamp |
| 1930 | *Llewellyn R. Hillyer | *Henry C. McGee | *Leroy M. Strickland | *John Wilson Terry | *George A. Beauchamp |
| 1931 | *Henry C. McGee | *Bryce H. Campbell | *Hoyt McClendon | *John Wilson Terry | *Guy T. Smith |
| 1932 | *Bryce H. Campbell | *Hoyt McClendon | *John P. Knott | *John Wilson Terry | *Guy T. Smith |
| 1933 | *Hoyt McClendon | *John P. Knott | *John Lee Cash | *John Wilson Terry | *Guy T. Smith |
| 1934 | *John P. Knott | *Robert M. Carswell | *Robert B. Keith | *John Wilson Terry | *Guy T. Smith |
| 1935 | *Robert M. Carswell | *Robert B. Keith | *Wylie A. Gibbons | *John Wilson Terry | *Guy T. Smith |
| 1936 | *Robert B. Keith | *Clarence E. Michaels | *T. Gaines St. John | *John Wilson Terry | *Guy T. Smith |
| 1937 | *Clarence E. Michaels | *T. Gaines St. John | *William D. Hawkins | *John Wilson Terry | *Guy T. Smith |
| 1938 | *T. Gaines St. John | *William D. Hawkins | *J. McMurray Griffith | *John Wilson Terry | *Guy T. Smith |
| 1939 | *William D. Hawkins | *J. McMurray Griffith | *A. Parker Mize | *John Wilson Terry | *Guy T. Smith |
| 1940 | *J. McMurray Griffith | *A. Parker Mize | *Robert S. Wildsmith | *John Wilson Terry | *Guy T. Smith |
| 1941 | *A. Parker Mize | *Robert S. Wildsmith | *David W.W. Fuller | *John Wilson Terry | *Guy T. Smith |
| 1942 | *Robert S. Wildsmith | *David W.W. Fuller | *Elmer Lee Moss | *John Wilson Terry | *Guy T. Smith |
| 1943 | *David W.W. Fuller | *Elmer Lee Moss | *Walter F. Estes | *John Wilson Terry | *Guy T. Smith |
| 1944 | *Elmer Lee Moss | *Walter F. Estes | *Albert J. Savage | *John Wilson Terry | *Guy T. Smith |
| 1945 | *Walter F. Estes | *Albert J. Savage | *Julian F. Spearman | *John Wilson Terry | *Guy T. Smith |
| 1946 F | *Albert J. Savage | *Julian F. Spearman | *Charles D. Murphy | *Frank A. Gillette | *Guy T. Smith |
| 1947 G H | *Charles D. Murphy | *John Wilson | *George H. Crook | *Frank A. Gillette | *Willis E. Glazner *C. H. Stubinger |
| 1948 | *John Wilson | *George H. Crook | *Ralph W. Douglas | *Frank A. Gillette | *C. H. Stubinger |

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| 1949 | *George H. Crook | *Ralph W. Douglas | *Claud Stallworth | *Frank A. Gillette | *C. H. Stubinger |
| 1950 | *Ralph W. Douglas | *Claud Stallworth | *Edward D. Michael | *Frank A. Gillette | *C. H. Stubinger |
| 1951 | *Claud Stallworth | *Edward D. Michael | *Oscar L. Ledbetter | *Frank A. Gillette | *C. H. Stubinger |
| 1952 | *Claud Stallworth | *Edward D. Michael | *Oscar L. Ledbetter | *Frank A. Gillette | *C. H. Stubinger |
| 1953 | *Edward D. Michael | *Oscar L. Ledbetter | *Oliver B. Hall | *Frank A. Gillette | *C. H. Stubinger |
| 1954 | *Oscar L. Ledbetter | *Oliver B. Hall | *James M. Jones | *Frank A. Gillette | *C. H. Stubinger |
| 1955 | *Oliver B. Hall | *James M. Jones | *Sidney G. Fullerton, Sr. | *Frank A. Gillette | *C. H. Stubinger |
| 1956 | *James M. Jones | *Terry L. Butts | *Charles L. Campbell | *Frank A. Gillette | *C. H. Stubinger |
| 1957 I | *C. H. Stubinger *Terry L. Butts | *Charles L. Campbell | *Emrys W. John | *Frank A. Gillette | *James M. Jones *C. H. Stubinger |
| 1958 | *Charles L. Campbell | *Emrys W. John | *S. Grady Fullerton, Jr. | *Frank A. Gillette | *C. H. Stubinger |
| 1959 | *Emrys W. John | *S. Grady Fullerton, Jr. | *Edgar McDavit Gober | *Frank A. Gillette | *C. H. Stubinger |
| 1960 J K L | *S. Grady Fullerton, Jr. | *Edgar McDavit Gober | *Thomas Watson Love | *Frank A. Gillette | *C. H. Stubinger *Thomas Leon Cochran *Gordon L. Evatt *Varna A. Rushton |
| 1961 | *Edgar McDavit Gober | *Thomas Watson Love | *Ray Brown Hartwell | *Frank A. Gillette | *Gordon L. Evatt |
| 1962 | *Thomas Watson Love | *Ray Brown Hartwell | *James T. McRae, Sr. | *Frank A. Gillette | *Gordon L. Evatt |
| 1963 M | *Ray Brown Hartwell | *James T. McRae, Sr. | *M. L. Fegenbush | *Hoyt McClendon | *Thomas W. Oliver |
| 1964 | *James T. McRae, Sr. | *M. L. Fegenbush | *Arthur H. Dailey | *Hoyt McClendon | *Thomas W. Oliver |
| 1965 | *M. L. Fegenbush | *Arthur H. Dailey | *Luther E. Stephens | *Hoyt McClendon | *Thomas W. Oliver |
| 1966 | *Arthur H. Dailey | *Luther E. Stephens | *Ray Rutledge | *Hoyt McClendon | *Thomas W. Oliver |
| 1967 | *Luther E. Stephens | *Ray Rutledge | *D. Shelby Vaughn | *Hoyt McClendon | *Thomas W. Oliver |
| 1968 | *Ray Rutledge | *D. Shelby Vaughn | *Charles D. Miller | *Hoyt McClendon | *Thomas W. Oliver |
| 1969 | *D. Shelby Vaughn | *Charles D. Miller | *McMurray L. Griffith | *Hoyt McClendon | *Thomas W. Oliver |
| 1970 | *Charles D. Miller | *McMurray L. Griffith | *Troy J. Roberts | *Hoyt McClendon | *Thomas W. Oliver |
| 1971 | *McMurray L. Griffith | *Troy J. Roberts | *Walter K. Collins | *Hoyt McClendon | *Thomas W. Oliver |
| 1972 | *Troy J. Roberts | *Walter K. Collins | *Loyd D. Durden | *Hoyt McClendon | *Thomas W. Oliver |
| 1973 N O | *Walter K. Collins | *Loyd D. Durden | *Fred J. Gentry | *Hoyt McClendon | *Thomas W. Mann |
| 1974 P Q | *Loyd D. Durden | *Fred J. Gentry | *Ernest L. Bishop, Sr. | *Hoyt McClendon | *Thomas W. Mann |
| 1975 | *Fred J. Gentry | *Clifford J. Turner | *Ernest L. Bishop, Sr. | *Hoyt McClendon | *Thomas W. Mann |
| 1976 | *Clifford J. Turner | *Ernest L. Bishop, Sr. | *Fred W. Vaughn | *Hoyt McClendon | *Thomas W. Mann |
| 1977 | *Ernest L. Bishop, Sr. | *Fred W. Vaughn | *V. Nash Carmichael | *Hoyt McClendon | *Thomas W. Mann |
| 1978 | *Fred W. Vaughn | Emory J. Ferguson | *W. M. Newsome, Jr. | *Hoyt McClendon | *Thomas W. Mann |
| 1979 R | Emory J. Ferguson | *W. M. Newsome, Jr. | *James M. Deming | *Hoyt McClendon | *Thomas W. Mann |
| 1980 S | *W. M. Newsome, Jr. | *James M. Deming | *Charles R. Pate | *Hoyt McClendon *James A. Kile | *Thomas W. Mann |
| 1981 T | *James M. Deming | *Charles R. Pate | *Earl S. West | *James A. Kile | *Thomas W. Mann |
| 1982 | *Charles R. Pate | *Earl S. West | *Clarence F. Rhea | *James A. Kile | *Thomas W. Mann |
| 1983 | *Earl S. West | *Clarence F. Rhea | *Joseph D. Brackin | *James A. Kile | *Thomas W. Mann |

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| 1984 | *Clarence F. Rhea | *Joseph D. Brackin | *Teddy R. Grogan, Sr. | *James A. Kile | *Thomas W. Mann |
| 1985 | *Joseph D. Brackin | *Teddy R. Grogan, Sr. | *William H. Ealy | *James A. Kile | *Thomas W. Mann |
| 1986 | *Teddy R. Grogan, Sr. | *William H. Ealy | Brent H. Haller | *James A. Kile | *Thomas W. Mann |
| 1987 | *William H. Ealy | Brent H. Haller | *Sam L. Garrett, Sr | *James A. Kile | *Thomas W. Mann |
| 1988 | Brent H. Haller | *Sam L. Garrett, Sr | *Fred W. McCluskey, Jr | *James A. Kile | *Thomas W. Mann |
| 1989 | *Sam L. Garrett, Sr | *Fred W. McCluskey, Jr | *Erskine K. Smith | *James A. Kile | *Thomas W. Mann |
| 1990 | *Fred W. McCluskey, Jr | *Erskine K. Smith | *Richard Sim Hamilton | *James A. Kile | *Thomas W. Mann |
| 1991 U | *Erskine K. Smith | *Richard Sim Hamilton | *Maurice C. Himes | *James A. Kile | *Thomas W. Mann |
| | | | | *Fred W. McCluskey, Jr | *Arthur C. Harding |
| 1992 V | *Richard Sim Hamilton *Thomas W. Mann (Honorary) | *Maurice C. Himes | *Jesse W. Locke | *Fred W. McCluskey, Jr | *Arthur C. Harding |
| 1993 | *Maurice C. Himes | *Jesse W. Locke | Anthony M. Deming | *Fred W. McCluskey, Jr | *Arthur C. Harding |
| 1994 | *Jesse W. Locke | Anthony M. Deming | *James L. Gossett | *Fred W. McCluskey, Jr | *Arthur C. Harding |
| 1995 | Anthony M. Deming | *James L. Gossett | *J. Woodrow Smith | *Fred W. McCluskey, Jr | *Arthur C. Harding |
| 1996 | *James L. Gossett | *J. Woodrow Smith | *Charles W. McDonald | *Fred W. McCluskey, Jr | *Arthur C. Harding |
| 1997 | *J. Woodrow Smith | *Charles W. McDonald | Roger A. Simmons | *Fred W. McCluskey, Jr | *Arthur C. Harding |
| 1998 W | *Charles W. McDonald | Roger A. Simmons | *Lance C. Anthony | *Fred W. McCluskey, Jr | *Arthur C. Harding |
| 1999 | Roger A. Simmons | *Lance C. Anthony | *James W. Battle | *Fred W. McCluskey, Jr | *Arthur C. Harding |
| 2000 | *Lance C. Anthony | *James W. Battle | #William C. Havens | *Fred W. McCluskey, Jr | *Arthur C. Harding |
| 2001 | *James W. Battle | #William C. Havens | *MacArthur Davis | *Fred W. McCluskey, Jr | *Arthur C. Harding |
| 2002 X | #William C. Havens | *MacArthur Davis | *Bobby R. Terry | *Fred W. McCluskey, Jr | *Arthur C. Harding |
| 2003 | *MacArthur Davis | *Bobby R. Terry | *Ronald E. Scarborough, Sr. | *Fred W. McCluskey, Jr | *Arthur C. Harding |
| 2004 | *Bobby R. Terry | *Ronald E. Scarborough, Sr. | *V. Lloyd Llewellyn | *Fred W. McCluskey, Jr | *Arthur C. Harding |
| 2005 Y | *Ronald E. Scarborough, Sr. | *V. Lloyd Llewellyn | Wayne D. Jordan | *Fred W. McCluskey, Jr *Robert C. Grigsby, Jr. | *Arthur C. Harding Hiram O. Williams, Jr. |
| 2006 Z | *V. Lloyd Llewellyn | Wayne D. Jordan | *Jack C. Wade | *Joe D. Lee | Hiram O. Williams, Jr. |
| 2007 | Wayne D. Jordan | *Jack C. Wade | Phillip J. Sherman | *Joe D. Lee | Hiram O. Williams, Jr. |
| 2008 | *Jack C. Wade | Phillip J. Sherman | *Robert T. Crawford | *Joe D. Lee | Hiram O. Williams, Jr. |
| 2009 | Phillip J. Sherman | James A. Smith | Teddy R. Grogan, Jr. | *Joe D. Lee | Hiram O. Williams, Jr. |
| 2010 | James A. Smith | Teddy R. Grogan, Jr. | *Jimmy D. O'Dell | *Joe D. Lee | Hiram O. Williams, Jr. |
| 2011 | Teddy R. Grogan, Jr. | *Jimmy D. O'Dell | George L. Marshall, Jr. | *Joe D. Lee | Hiram O. Williams, Jr. |
| 2012 | *Jimmy D. O'Dell | George L. Marshall, Jr. | *Ronald L. Thomas | *Joe D. Lee | Hiram O. Williams, Jr. |
| 2013 AA | George L. Marshall, Jr. | *Ronald L. Thomas | *Jack A. Elliott | *Joe D. Lee | Hiram O. Williams, Jr. |
| 2014 | *Ronald L. Thomas | James C. McGee | Thomas H. Nesbit | *Joe D. Lee | Hiram O. Williams, Jr. |
| 2015 | James C. McGee | C. Sterling Hughes | Thomas H. Nesbit | *Edward L. Mason | Hiram O. Williams, Jr. |
| 2016 | C. Sterling Hughes | Thomas H. Nesbit | Ronald G. Andress | *Edward L. Mason | Hiram O. Williams, Jr. |
| 2017 | Thomas H. Nesbit | Ronald G. Andress | H. Wayne Sparks | *Edward L. Mason | Hiram O. Williams, Jr. |
| 2018 BB | Ronald G. Andress | H. Wayne Sparks | Sidney R. Cooley, Sr. | *Edward L. Mason | Hiram O. Williams, Jr. |
| 2019 | H. Wayne Sparks | Sidney R. Cooley, Sr. | William A. Carter | *Edward L. Mason | Hiram O. Williams, Jr. |

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| 2020 CC | Sidney R. Cooley, Sr. | William A. Carter | Thomas R. Bassett | *Edward L. Mason Thomas H. Nesbit | Hiram O. Williams, Jr. James C. McGee |
| 2021 | William A. Carter | Thomas R. Bassett | W. Scott Wadsworth | Thomas H. Nesbit | James C. McGee |
| 2022 | Thomas R. Bassett | W. Scott Wadsworth | Lee R. Gibson | Thomas H. Nesbit | James C. McGee |
| 2023 | W. Scott Wadsworth | Lee R. Gibson | Ted A. Loggins | Thomas H. Nesbit | James C. McGee |
| 2024 | Lee R. Gibson | Ted A. Loggins | Richard C. Beck | Bobby K. Jordan | James C. McGee |

*Denotes Deceased, #Suspended from Masonry/ or Renounced Masonry, ++resigned from office

Foot Notes:

A....The Grand Council did not meet in the year 1840

B....The Grand Council met in 1842 but neither the printed proceedings nor original records show that any officers were elected.

C....In the year 1849 a new office was created, called "Grand Trice Illustrious" ranking next to Deputy Grand Master, but in 1872 the office was abolished. The following were elected "Grand Thrice Illustrious": In 1849 J. McCaleb Wiley; in 1850 J. McCaleb Wiley; in 1851 William P. Chilton; in 1852 William A. Taylor; in 1852 Henry S. Shelton; in 1854 Stephen Ives; in 1855 William A. Ferrell; in 1856 Joshua H. Danforth; in 1857 Lewis B. Thornton; in 1858 Rufus c. Torrey; in 1859 Lewis B. Thornton; in 1860 John A. Lodor; in 1864 E. H. Bernhard; in 1865 William Kerr; in 1866 Paige Brown; in 1868 Robert H. Erwin; in 1869 James M. Dedman; in 1870 James M. Dedman; in 1871 James M. Dedman.

D....The Grand Council did not meet in the years 1861, 1862 and 1863

E....For want of a Quorum, The Grand Council held no meeting in the year 1886

F....At the Annual Assembly in 1946, Companion John Terry, on account of ill health, was made Grand Treasurer Emeritus, and Companion Frank A. Gillette was elected Grand Treasurer.

G....On August 4, 1947, Companion Willis E. Glazner was appointed Acting Grand Recorder following the death of Companion Guy T. Smith. H....At the Annual Assembly in 1947, Companion C. H. Stubinger was elected Grand Recorder

I....At the Annual Assembly of the Grand council of R. & S. M. of Alabama held on February 11, 1957, companion Charles H. Stubinger was elected Most Illustrious Grand Master to serve in that capacity during the election of officers. Most Illustrious Companion James M. Jones was elected Grand Recorder to serve for the same period of time.

J....On June 27, 1960, following the sudden death of Companion Charles H. Stubinger, Companion Thomas Leon Cochran was appointed Acting Grand Recorder K....On September 16, 1960, following the resignation of Companion T. L. Cochran, Companion Gordon L. Evatt was appointed Grand Recorder.

L....On December 1, 1960 companion Varna A. Rushton was Appointed Grand Recorder to succeed Gordon L. Evatt who resigned M....Grand York Rite office was moved from Montgomery to Birmingham after election of Thomas W. Oliver as Grand Recorder in 1962

N....At the Annual Assembly on February 1973 Thomas W. Mann was elected Grand Recorder. Thomas W. Oliver was elected Grand Recorder Emeritus. O....Annual Assembly date changed to last Monday in February.

P....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

Q....On November 1, 1974, The Grand York Rite office was moved to a new location at 3621 5th Avenue South, Birmingham, AL 35222 R....On October 1, 1979 the Grand York Rite office was moved to a new location at 5504 ½ 1st Avenue North, Birmingham, AL 35212 S....on May 16, 1980, James A Kile was appointed Grand Treasurer to Succeed Hoyt McClendon who resigned.

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

Footnote Legend (continued):

U....On September 1, 1991, Companion Thomas W. Mann and Companion James A. Kile resigned and Most Illustrious Companion Fred W. McCluskey, Jr. was appointed as Grand Treasurer and Companion Arthur C. Harding was appointed as Grand Recorder.

V....At the Annual Assembly in February 1992, Companion Thomas W. Mann was elected as Grand Recorder Emeritus and Most Illustrious Past Grand Master (Honorary). Companion James A. Kile was elected Grand Treasurer Emeritus. Most Illustrious Companion Fred W. McCluskey, Jr. was elected Grand Treasurer and Companion Arthur C. Harding was elected Grand Recorder.

W....On January 13, 1999 the Grand York Rite office moved to a new location at 3430 Ratliff Road, Birmingham, AL 35210

X....On October 1st William C. Havens Renounced Masonry. MacArthur Davis, Deputy Grand Master assumed the duties as Acting Grand Master and Presided over the Annual Assembly on February 23, 2003

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

Z....At the Annual Assembly in February, 2006 Companion Arthur C. Harding was elected as Grand Recorder Emeritus and Most Illustrious Past Grand Master (honorary). Most Illustrious Companion Fred W. McCluskey, Jr. was elected as Grand Treasurer Emeritus. Companion Joe D. Lee was elected Grand Treasurer and Companion Hiram O. Williams, Jr. was elected Grand Recorder.

AA...On February 28th, 2013 Illustrious Grand Principal Conductor of the Work Companion Jack A. Elliott Died. Most Illustrious George L. Marshall, Jr. according to the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Alabama Constitution moved all elected officers up one position in line except the Deputy Grand Master, Treasurer and Recorder. He appointed Companion Raymond C. Dunn as Sentinel. This was done at a meeting of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Alabama March 9th, 2013 at Birmingham Metro York Rite Temple 3430 Ratliff Road, Birmingham, AL with an effective date of April 1st, 2013. See the minutes attached to these proceedings.

BB...June 2018 Illustrious Grand Principal Conductor of the Work Companion Joshua Barney Lusk Died. Most Illustrious Ronald G. Andress according to the Grand Council Royal and Select Masters of Alabama Constitution moved all elected officers up one position in the line except the Deputy Grand Master, Treasurer and Recorder. He left the position of Illustrious Grand Steward open until our next annual Communication in February 2019, when 2 positions were needed to be elected, Illustrious Grand Conductor of the Work and the Illustrious Grand Steward.

CC...Right Excellent Grand Treasurer Edward L. Mason gave up the Treasurer place due to health and on 05/23/2020 Thomas H Nesbit was appointed Grand Treasurer by MIGM Cooley. Right Excellent Grand Secretary Hiram O. Williams, Jr. gave up the Secretary's place after 15 years of service and on October 1st, 2020 MIGM Cooley appointed James C. McGee as the new Grand Secretary. These appointees will be voted on in the 2021 194th Annual Communication in February at Birmingham, AL.

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 discovery. Royal Arch Mason Chapters hold "Convocations."

Royal and Select Masters: 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. Knights 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 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, style 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: 2019 + 4,000 = A.L. 6019

ROYAL ARCH MASONS: Add 530 Years.

Thus: 2019 + 530 = A. Inv. 2549

ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS: Add 1,000 Years

Thus: 2019+1000= A. Dep. 3019

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR: Subtract 1,118 Years

Thus: 2019-1118= A.O.901

ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD: Add 1,913 Years

Thus: 2019+1913= A.B. 3932

SCOTTISH RITE MASONS: Add 3,760 Years

Thus: 2019+3760= A. M. 5779