

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



**FEBRUARY 2025**

**THE ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTY-FIFTH  
ANNUAL CONCLAVE**

**THE GRAND COMMANDERY  
KNIGHTS TEMPLAR  
OF  
ALABAMA**

**HELD FEBRUARY 28<sup>th</sup> – MARCH 1, 2025**

**PRATTVILLE MARRIOTT  
PRATTVILLE, ALABAMA**

**PRESIDING 2024-2025**

**SIDNEY R. COOLEY, SR., KCT  
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**ELECTED 2025-2026**

**WILLIAM JERALD 'DOUG' BURFITT, JR., KCT  
RIGHT EMINENT GRAND COMMANDER  
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**RIGHT EMINENT GRAND COMMANDER  
SIR KNIGHT SIDNEY R. COOLEY, SR., KCT  
2024-2025**

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

## **JOINT SESSION, FRIDAY FEBRUARY 28<sup>TH</sup>, 2025**

The Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Alabama Grand was convened for the purpose of introductions. 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.

## **INTRODUCTION OF DISTINGUISHED GUESTS Grand Encampment Knights Templar USA**

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

S. K. Victor Phillips, Right Eminent Past Grand Commander of South Carolina

S. K. Michael Keen, KCT, Right Eminent Grand Commander of South Carolina

S. K. Ronald Naumowicz, Right Eminent Grand Commander of Florida

S. K. Tyler Pledger Right Eminent Grand Commander of Georgia

S. K. John Palmer, KGC, Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander of Tennessee and Most Worshipful Past Grand Master of Tennessee

S. K. John Simmons, Right Eminent Grand Commander of Tennessee

S. K. Robert Elsner, KGC, Right Eminent Past Grand Commander of South Carolina, and Associate Grand Prelate of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar USA

S. K. Leland Burlison, KCT, Right Eminent Deputy Grand Master General of Convent General KYCH and Right Eminent Past Grand Commander of Wisconsin, Grand Representative of the Grand Commandery of Wisconsin in Alabama and the Right Eminent North Central Department Commander of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar USA

S. K. Jay Kennedy, KCT, Right Eminent Past Grand Commander of Michigan and the Right Eminent East Central Department Commander of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar USA

S. K. Paul Friend, KCT, Right Eminent Past Grand Commander of Florida and the Right Eminent Southeastern Department Commander of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar USA.

S. K. James C McGee, GCT, Right Eminent Past Grand Commander of Alabama, Most Eminent Grand Master General of Convent General KYCH and the Right

## Eminent Grand Captain General of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar USA

S. K. Jack M. Harper, GCT, Excellent Grand Junior General of the Grand Council Knight Masons USA, Right Eminent Past Grand Commander of Texas and the Right Eminent Grand Generalissimo of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar USA, Personal Representative of SK David J Kussman, Most Eminent Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar USA

### **Royal Arch Masons International**

Ex. Companion Leland Burlison, Right Eminent Deputy Grand Master General of Convent General KYCH and Most Excellent Past Grand High Priest of Wisconsin, Grand Representative of the Grand Commandery of Wisconsin in Alabama

Ex. Companion Jack Bell, Excellent Grand Captain of the Host, Royal Arch Masons of Georgia

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

Ex. Companion Joe Oelgoetz, Excellent Grand King, Royal Arch Masons of Georgia

Ex. Companion Scott Wadsworth, Ambassador to Alabama Royal Arch Masons International

R. Ex. and Most Worshipful Companion Mark Bradley, Most Excellent Past Grand High Priest, Royal Arch Masons of Georgia, Grand Secretary/Recorder of the Grand York Rite of Georgia, Southeast Regional Deputy General Grand High Priest and the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Georgia

R. Ex. 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

### **Cryptic Masons International**

III. Companion, Clifford Shrewsbury, Illustrious Grand Captain of the Guard, Royal and Select Masters of North Carolina

M. III. Companion Judd Wolfe, Most Illustrious Past Grand Master, Royal and Select Masters of Georgia and the Excellent Grand Sentinel of the Grand Council Knight Masons USA

III. Companion, Timothy Starling, Most Illustrious Grand Master, Royal and Select Masters of Georgia

M. Ill. Companion, Justin Huggins, Most Illustrious Grand Master, Royal and Select Masters of Tennessee

R. P. 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

R. P. 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

R. P. Companion Thomas Taylor, Most Illustrious Past Grand Master, Royal and Select Masters of Delaware & the Right Puissant General Deputy Grand Master and Personal Representative of Most Puissant Companion William Synder, Most Puissant General Grand Master, Cryptic Masons International

### **Distinguished Masonic Leaders of Alabama**

#### **Commemorative Order of St. Thomas of Acon**

Worthy Master Emory J Ferguson, Worthy Master, Holy Sepulchre Chapel

#### **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 Sidney R Cooley, Sr., Eminent Preceptor, Jerusalem Tabernacle

#### **York Rite Sovereign College of North America**

Very Eminently Distinguished Thomas Nesbit, Deputy Grand Governor in AL

Right Eminently Distinguished Michael Feld, Grand Governor in Alabama

Right Eminently Distinguished Emory J Ferguson, Regent, York Rite Sovereign College of North America

#### **Red Cross of Constantine**

Sidney R. Cooley, Sr., Intendent General in Alabama

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

Eminent Knight and Most Worshipful Jamie Smith, Eminent Prior Alabama Priory

Most Eminent Emory J. Ferguson, Past Grand Master General, Convent General KYCH

Most Eminent James C. McGee, Grand Master General, Convent General Knights York Cross of Honor

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

Most Worshipful Jamie A. Smith, Past Grand Master

Most Worshipful Teddy R Grogan, Past Grand Master & Past Grand Secretary

Right Worshipful Zach Holmes, Right Worshipful Grand Secretary

Most Worshipful Michael Taylor, Right Worshipful Grand Treasurer & Past Grand Master

Right Worshipful Bruce Garrison, Right Worshipful Senior Grand Warden

Most Worshipful Richard Schultz, Most Worshipful Grand Master

The introductions having been completed, the Right Eminent Grand Commander adjourned the Grand Commandery of Alabama, 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 for the purpose of conducting the Divine Service.

### **DIVINE SERVICE**

The Annual Divine Service of the Grand York Rite of Alabama was held on Friday afternoon at 1:00pm, February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2025, with the Ladies and guests of the Grand Commandery. The Welcome to our Divine service was given by Grand Commander Sid Cooley and the service was conducted by Sir Knight Joel Bryant. RE Grand Commander Cooley announced that the offering received would go to the different charities of the Grand York Rite of Alabama.

The M.E. Grand High Priest called on Companion Joel Bryant, Grand Chaplain, to present a memorial in honor of Companion Ted Harrison, Most Excellent Past Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons International.

The M.E. Grand High Priest called on Companion Joel Bryant, Grand Chaplain, to present a memorial in honor of Companion Anthony Demming, Most Excellent Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of Alabama and Most Illustrious Past Grand Master of the Grand Council Royal and Select Masters of Alabama.

The M.I. Grand Master called on Companion Alan Rhody, Grand Steward, to present a memorial in honor of Companion Richard “Rusty” Beck, PGM and Illustrious General Principal Conductor of the Work, Grand Council Royal and Select Masters of Alabama.

The M.I. Grand Master called on Companion Tom Nesbit, Past Most Illustrious Grand Master to present a memorial in honor of Companion Roger Simmons, PGM and Most Excellent Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Alabama, Most Illustrious Past Grand Master of the Grand Council of Alabama and Right Eminent Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Alabama.

The R.E. Grand Commander called on SK Jason Crowe, Eminent Grand Warder to present a memorial in honor of SK Ray Dunn, Most Excellent Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Alabama, and Right Eminent Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Alabama.

The R.E. Grand Commander called on SK Doug Burfitt, Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander, to present a memorial in honor of SK Joseph Zito, Most Excellent Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Arizona, Most Illustrious Past Grand Master of the Grand Council of Arizona, and Right Eminent Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Arizona, and Grand Representative from Alabama to Arizona from 2015-2024.

The R.E. Grand Commander called on SK Jim McGee, Right Eminent Grand Captain General of the Grand Encampment Knights Templar USA to present a memorial in honor of SK James Costello, Most Eminent Past Grand Master of the Grand Encampment Knights Templar from 1997-2000.

### **JOINT OPENING**

The M.E. Grand High Priest called the Grand Chapter to labor. The Acting 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 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 2025 of The Grand Chapter RAM, The Grand Council R&SM and the Grand Commander KT of AL. The Finance Committee believes a Per Capita increase is needed and a resolution will be submitted before the body during the Saturday business meeting.

There being no further business to come before the bodies, the Acting M. I. Grand Master called the Grand Council from labor to refreshment until 3:00pm, Saturday afternoon Mar 1<sup>st</sup>. The R.E. Grand Commander adjourned the Grand Commandery until 8:00am on Mar 1<sup>st</sup> and the M.E. Grand High Priest called the Grand Chapter from labor to refreshment to reconvene at the conclusion of the Grand Commandery Conclave.

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

The Grand York Rite Annual Banquet was held on Friday evening February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2025, in the Conference Center of the Montgomery Marriott Prattville Hotel and Conference 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 potatoes, a green salad with a delicious chocolate cake which was enjoyed by all. The assembly heard greetings from Miss Mollie Brewer, Grand Worthy Advisor of the Rainbow Girls in Alabama and Mr. Jacob Roberts, State Master Councilor of the Alabama DeMolay Association. The MEGHP Michael Feld 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. Donna McGee (wife of Companion Jim McGee). The Acting M.I. Grand Master Ted Loggins with help from Companion Tom Taylor, Right Puissant Deputy Grand Master, Cryptic Masons International presented the Lady of the Council Award of the General Grand Council to Mrs. Judy Fleischamel (wife of Companion Jim Fleischamel). On behalf of the Alabama College of Honors, SK Jack Harper, Right Eminent Generalissimo of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar USA presented to Mrs. Pam Loggins (wife of SK Ted Loggins) the Companion of the Temple. In a special presentation MW Richard Schultz, Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Alabama presented MW Teddy

R Grogan, Jr. with the Alabama Grand Lodge Gold Award for his 50 years of Masonic Service.

MW 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 March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025, held in the Conference Room of the Prattville Marriott. A salad buffet and fellowship was enjoyed by all. M.I. Grand Master Lee Gibson presented The Adult Youth Leadership Award from Cryptic Masons International to Mrs. Sarah Haycraft (wife of Companion Aaron Haycraft) for her efforts in working with the youth in Alabama

After lunch the Mobile Assembly #237 Social Order of the Beauceant convened a Special Meeting for the purpose of inducting 2 new members, Mrs. David Cook and Mrs. David Jones. The special meeting was attended by Mrs. Jon Spann, Past Supreme Worthy President and Mrs. James McGee, Supreme Preceptress of the Supreme Assembly of the Social Order of the Beauceant.

## SATURDAY, MARCH 1ST, 2025

The One Hundred and Sixty-fifth Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Alabama was held at the Prattville Marriott and was declared convened by Sir Knight Sid Cooley Right Eminent Grand Commander on Saturday March 1st, 2025.

### Officers Present:

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

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

## INTRODUCTION OF GRAND COMMANDERY DIGNITARIES

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

### Right Eminent Past Grand Commanders:

R.E. Past Grand Commander	Emory J. Ferguson	1988-1989
R.E. Past Grand Commander	Phillip Sherman	2003-2004
R.E. Past Grand Commander	Teddy R. Grogan, Jr.	2006-2007
R.E. Past Grand Commander	Jamie A. Smith	2016-2017
R.E. Past Grand Commander	James C. McGee	2018-2019
R.E. Past Grand Commander	Thomas H. Nesbit	2019-2020
R.E. Past Grand Commander	William J. Burfitt	2020-2021
R.E. Past Grand Commander	Winston Each	2021-2022

**Grand Encampment Representatives:**

RE Associate Grand Prelate	Robert Elsner
RE North Central Department Commander	Leland Burlison
RE East Central Department Commander	Jay Kennedy
RE Southeastern Department Commander	Paul Friend
RE Grand Captain General	James C. McGee
RE Grand Generalissimo	Jack Harper

**Grand Lodge of Alabama Representatives:**

RW Grand Orator	Robert Elsner
RW Grand Secretary	Zachary Holmes
RW Grand Senior Warden	Bruce Garrison
Most Worshipful Grand Master	Richard Schultz

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

**QUORUM PRESENT**

The RE Grand Commander called upon SK Jim McGee, Grand Recorder to confirm a legal quorum existed to convent the 165<sup>th</sup> Grand Commandery Conclave for whatever business may come before it. The Grand Recorder confirmed a legal quorum was present.

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

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

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

It is my distinct honor, privilege, and pleasure to welcome you to the One hundred sixtieth fifth

Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Alabama. To all the visiting Sir Knights and guests, we extend to you a very warm welcome with our Sweet Home Alabama southern hospitality and fraternal greetings to our Annual Conclave attendees, please let us know if you need anything to make your stay a pleasant one. Special thanks to our Grand Recorder REPGC Jim McGee for all the hard work he and all those who assisted in putting out this year to make this Conclave such a special event for all.

**STATE OF THE CRAFT**

While traveling about the state, visiting all the conclaves, it became acutely aware to me that we need to work on attendance at our regular meetings. Not all conclaves have this attendance problem. However, our degree work is in an upswing, more is being done from memory which leads one to recognize our Knights are learning the work rather than reading it. Our local recorders need to update their phone numbers, physical addresses and email addresses. I do like the way we have our Conclaves spaced out, so each conclave has room to recruit. And I would like each commandery to possibly start a ladies auxiliary, I think that would bring in more participation from all and build a stronger foundation for family and community. I think that would help us turn our declining numbers around. To have or build a stronger unit/conclave you first have to build a base/ foundation you do that by listening to your members and acting on the information gained from them. These suggestions I pray will help us. To all the conclaves that showed growth, thank you so much, keep it up, share your way of growing, to the ones that are struggling keep it up we can do it. God Bless all.

**NECROLOGY**

Our Grand line remained intact by his imminent mercy. But several of our Sir Knights have gone to the Celestial Lodge where the Supreme Architect of the Universe presides. Our prayers go out to their families. The Grand Prelate report will have more information.

### **DISPENSATIONS**

March 12, 2024, approved for Birmingham to read and action on new petitions for their upcoming classes March 16, 2024.

May 30, 2024 Approved for Gadsden to move their July 4 meeting to July 11, 2024, approved for Anniston York Rite Bodies to move their 1 March 2025 meeting to 8 March 2025.

September 11, 2024 Approved for Huntsville Commandery to read and confer Commandery Orders on the same day during the upcoming North Alabama York Rite Festival September 13 and 14. At Rising Sun Lodge.

November 29, 2024, Approved dispensation for Florence to move their Christmas observance from 12/3/2024 to 12/14/2024.

December 2, 2024, a dispensation for Coosa to move their December 2, 2024, meeting to January 2, 2025

### **REVIEW OF THE BOOKS.**

I have authorized our Grand Recorder, REPGC Jim McGee to turn all books and records over to the Audit Committee for review of the Grand Commandery books and records for the past fiscal year of 2024.

### **VISITATIONS**

During this year I was able to visit the following States , May 3-5, 2024 Georgia Grand York Annual , May 19-20 2024 Florida Grand York Annual, 9-15 June 2024 the Republic of Panama , August 18-21 2024 Grand Encampment Salt Lake City, Oct 25, 2024 Attended the Knight Commanders Asylum #2 Chattanooga, TN. State Conclaves, April, 6 2024 Anniston Easter Observance, May 18, 2024 Cyrene #10 's degree classes, June 26, 2024 Lee Commandery #45 installed all officers, June 28, 2024 Attended State Rainbow Girls Annual (represented all 3 bodies), July 11, 2024 installed officers of Gadsden, July 13, 2024 installed all 3 bodies of Anniston's officers, July 16, 2024 installed all 3 bodies of Tuscaloosa officers, Sept 3, 2024 attended meeting of Florence Commandery #39, Sept 5, 2024 attended meeting of DeMolay/Decatur Commandery #14, Sept 10, 2024 Attended meeting of Huntsville Commandery #7, Sept 19, 2024 attended meeting of Dothan Commandery #68, Sept 23, 2024 attended meeting of Mobile Commandery #2 , Oct 11, 2024 attended Annual Grand OES in Prattville, Oct, 13, Attended and participated in Arch of Steel for Grand OES installation in Prattville, Oct 26, 2024 Attended the Table lodge of Mobile Commandery #2, Nov, 11, 2024 attended the MWGM's Dinner , Montgomery, Al. Nov. 13, 2024 attended The Grand Court of Amaranth of Al. Eufaula , Al. Dec. 5, 2024 attended the Christmas observance of Montgomery Commandery #4. Dec. 7, 2024, attended the Dec. 10, 2024 attended the Christmas Observance of Tuscaloosa Commandery #13, dec. 16, 2024 attended the Christmas Observance of Commandery Fort Benning #73 and St Aldemar #3 in Columbus Ga. Dec. 17, 2024

attended Lee Commandery #45 Christmas Observance, Dec, 21, 2024 Attended the Christmas Observance Cyrene Commandery #10. I also visited the following KYCH March 9, 2024, June 6-8, 2024 I attended the Red Cross of Constantine Grand Conclave in Syracuse New York, I visited the KYCH July 20, 2024 I attended the yearly Grand Commandery Banquet in Prattville, I attended Convent General Conclave in Ontario Cal. September 13-15, 2024, I attended the HRASTP meeting in Birmingham Dec, 24, 2024, Some of the Commandery's I had the honor of visiting more than one time. As I close this report I leave a final thought: strive every day to do better today than you did yesterday. Trust is our G A O T U he has, he is and has always known what we need, maybe not what we want but what we need.

### **CONCLUSION**

I am not from Alabama originally but this year I was granted one of the best experiences I have had in America TO SEE ALABAMA. It is a beautiful state. I traveled small roads and large roads and I would leave early enough to stop and smell the roses as it were. I thank each of you for accepting me in each of your conclaves. You made me feel welcome and very much at home. To the Grand SK's thank you for all your help and assistance for when I couldn't be in two places at once, and I would like to thank PGC Jim McGee and his Lady Donna, PGC Ron Andress and his Lady April for all your guidance and help. And last but not least My Best friend my wife Blanca she has is and always be my beacon this storm we call life.

Thank you once again for letting me have the honor and privilege of serving as your Grand Commander this year. Vaya Con Dios

Respectfully Submitted,  
Sidney R Cooley, Sr., KCT  
Right Eminent Grand Commander

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

## **MINUTES OF THE LAST CONCLAVE**

Sir Knight James C. McGee moved that the minutes as published in the 2024 Proceedings that were distributed and posted on our website be approved as written. Motion seconded and carried.

Adopted.

## **HONORARY MEMBERS**

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

Adopted.



## **REPORT OF THE GRAND COMMANDER'S ADDRESS COMMITTEE**

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

We have reviewed the Grand Commanders Address and beg leave to submit the following report:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Received

**GRAND TREASURER’S REPORT**

*To the Right Eminent Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Alabama:*  
Submitted below is my statement of receipts and disbursements for the year ended December 31, 2024.

Receipts:		
Per Capita	\$ 20,405.32	
Knighting Fees	650.00	
Interest	5,350.47	
Sales of Supplies	<u>1,388.32</u>	
TOTAL RECEIPTS		\$ 27,794.11

Disbursements:		
<u>Operating Expense</u>	<u>\$ 24,499.85</u>	
TOTAL DISBURSEMENT		<u>\$ 24,499.85</u>

Excess of receipts over disbursements	\$ 3,294.26
Cash on Hand – January 1, 2024	\$ 118,352.58
Cash on Hand – December 31, 2024	\$ 128,949.94

Cash on Hand – December 31, 2024 consists of the following:

Checking Account	32,363.06
Investments with Regions	96,586.88
Total Cash on Hand – December 31, 2024	<u>\$128,949.94</u>

**APPRECIATION**

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

Respectfully submitted,

Bobby Jordan, PC  
Grand Treasurer

Received

## GRAND RECORDER'S REPORT

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

Sir Knights: Here with is my Annual Report for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2024;

Membership as of January 1, 2024	969
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Additions:

Knighted	62
Affiliated	10
Reinstated	17
Adjusted	0

TOTAL ADDITIONS	89
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Losses:

Died	52
Demitted	11
Suspended	101

TOTAL LOSSES	164
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TOTAL Net Membership as of December 31, 2024	894
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Gain/Loss in Membership for 2024	75
Chartered Commanderies	11
Commanderies Reporting	11
Commanderies Under Dispensation	0

### COMMENTS

All Commanderies submitted an annual report with the appropriate Per Capita Tax being paid. This past year we continued making progress on the digitization of the past proceedings. We currently have posted on the website all proceedings from 1984-2023. We have also worked hard on getting our Grand Representatives up to date and confirming those sister jurisdictions that are still willing to participate in the program. We still have a way to go in cleaning out the office of older files that need to be removed per the document retention policy, but we are making progress.

### APPRECIATION

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

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

Received

	Active Members At Start	Knights (+)	Demit (-)	Affiliate (+)	Suspend (-)	Reinstate (+)	DelAdj (-)	Died (-)	Active Members At-End	Net Change
Knights Templar	969	+62	-11	+10	-101	+17		-52	894	-75
2 - Mobile	155	+3	-3		-13			-4	138	-17
4 - Montgomery	59	+6	-1	+1	-1			-1	63	4
7 - Huntsville	76	+3	-1	+2	-6	+2		-1	75	-1
10 - Cyrene	239	+25	-2	+3	-64	+10		-34	177	-62
13 - Tuscaloosa	44	+1							45	1
14 - DeMolay	86	+8		+1	-4	+2		-2	91	5
15 - Elowah	67	+3				+1			71	4
23 - Anniston	80		-1		-5			-4	70	-10
25 - Dothan	75	+4	-1	+1	-2	+1		-3	75	0
39 - Florence	56	+7	-2	+1	-4	+1		-1	58	2
45 - Lee	32	+2		+1	-2			-2	31	-1

## **REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE**

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

We, your committee on Jurisprudence, make the following report:

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

We recommend that portion of the audit be approved.

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

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Ronald G. Andress, PGC, KCT

Jamie A. Smith, PGC, KCT

Teddy R. Grogan, Jr., PGC, KCT

Received

## **REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE & BUDGET**

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

We, your Committee on Finance have examined the financial records of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Alabama and we submit the following report. We find the review of the Grand Commandery financial records as submitted by the Audit Committee to be in order and we recommend that it be accepted. We also offer a proposed budget for the year 2025 for your consideration. We wish to thank the Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder for their hard work in preparing the books for review and we thank the Right Eminent Grand Commander for giving us this opportunity to serve the Grand Commandery.

Respectfully Submitted

Brian L. Smith

Mark Stillwell, Em Grand Junior Warden

William A. Carter, Em Grand Senior Warden

**Grand Commandery  
Income Statement  
For the Twelve Months  
Ending December 31, 2024**

**Revenues**

Per Capita Tax Received	20,405.32
Knighted Fees Received	650.00
Interest Received	5,350.47
Sales of Supplies	1,388.32
Other Income	0.00
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>27,794.11</b>

**Expenses**

Bank Charges	0.00
Office Rent	1,699.92
Telephone	53.30
Postage and P. O. Box Rent	86.25
Office Supplies	232.77
Contingency Fund	550.92
Insurance and Fidelity Bond	373.00
Grand Encampment PerCapita Tax	8,722.00
Grand Recorders Salary	5,100.24
Grand Treasurer Expense	0.00
Grand Commander's Expense	0.00
Past Gr Commander's Jewel	(245.00)
Ladies Brunch Expense	409.99
Dist. Guest Lodging Expense	2,234.26
Banquet Ticket (Net)	2,231.72
Hospitality Room	0.00
Misc. Convocation Expense	675.80
DeMolay Donation	100.00
Order of Rainbow Donation	100.00
Donations to Maggie Valley	50.00
Triennial Reserve (Max 400.00)	0.00
Purchases	22.50
Cost of Goods Sold	2,102.20

**Total Expenses** 24,499.85

**Net Income** 3,294.26

## 2025-2026 BUDGET

### Revenues

Per Capita Tax Received	\$16,992.00
Fees Received	\$850.00
Interest Received	\$4,450.00
Sales of Supplies	<u>\$500.00</u>
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$22,792.00</b>

### Expenses

Office Rent	\$2,899.92
Telephone	\$25.00
Postage and P. O. Box Rent	\$125.00
Office Supplies	\$250.00
Contingency Fund	\$400.00
Insurance and Fidelity Bond	\$370.00
Grand PerCapita Tax	\$8,046.00
Grand Recorders Salary	\$5,100.00
Grand Treasurer Expense	\$100.00
Grand's Expense	\$1,000.00
Past Grand's Aprons & Jewel	\$400.00
Ladies Lunch Expense	\$400.00
Dist. Guest Lodging Expense	\$1,500.00
Banquet Ticket (Net)	\$1,000.00
Hospitality Room	\$-
Printing Grand Proceedings	\$-
Misc Convocation Expense	
DeMolay Donation	\$100.00
Order of Rainbow Donation	\$100.00
S. E. Regional Conference	\$.00
Donations to Maggie Valley	\$50.00
Purchases	\$250.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<u><u>\$22,115.92</u></u>
<b>Net Income</b>	<u><u>\$676.08</u></u>

Adopted



## **SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE**

The Committee is presenting a change to amend ARTICLE II Section 9 OF REVENUE of the Constitution for a \$2.00 increase in per capita. The committee met and determined that the increase was needed for the continued operation of the Grand Commandery after the report was submitted for the advance proceedings and we recommend approval.

Respectfully Submitted

Brian L. Smith

Mark Stillwell, Em Grand Junior Warden

William A. Carter, Em Grand Senior Warden

## **AUDIT COMMITTEE REPORT**

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

We, your Audit Committee have reviewed the books and records of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Alabama for the period January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024.

There was no material difference between the budget provided for 2024 and the transactions recorded. Transaction descriptions were normal compared to prior years and budgeted items noting the change in membership. The December 31, 2024 bank statement was reconciled to the general ledger and deposits in transit and outstanding checks were noted on the reconciliation.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael Feld, KTCH

Lee Gibson, KTCH

Received

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

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

During the 2024-2025 York Rite year and since the last Grand York Rite Session, there has been one by-law change from a subordinate commandery submitted to this committee for review.

Dothan Commandery No. 25

After Consideration, the Committee approves the change.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Teddy R. Grogan Jr., PGC, KCT  
W. Scott Wadsworth, Em. G. Std. Br.  
Bobby Jordan, Em Grand Treasurer  
Received

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

The Committee received a By Laws request from Mobile #2 after the report was submitted for the advance proceedings and we recommend approval.

Teddy R. Grogan Jr., PGC, KCT  
W. Scott Wadsworth, Em Grand Sword Bearer  
Bobby Jordan

Received

**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON  
KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION**

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

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

Review of Books .....	\$	0.00
Expense for Secretary and Office help.....		150.00
Total Budget for 2024 .....	\$	150.00

We your Educational Foundation Committee submit the following report  
Assets:

Checking .....	\$ 6,861.29
Investment with Regions .....	146,146.74
Total Assets .....	\$153,008.03

Interest Received: \$,8039.09 – 500.00 (2024 Fees for GEKTEF) Net Interest \$ 7,539.09

We received five applications for our \$1,000.00 scholarship this year on time and are pleased to announce that all five were received in good order.

The recipients are Victoria Hyde, Kyle McGee, Jacob Roberts, Sarah Biggs and Katelynn Brown.

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

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

We move that this report be approved as presented.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ronald G. Andress, PGC, KCT, Chairman (1)  
Aaron Haycraft (3 yr.)  
Phillip J. Sherman, (4) PGC, KCT  
Scott Wadsworth (5)  
Sidney R. Cooley, Sr., REGC, KCT (2 yr.)  
James C. McGee., PGC, KCT, KTCH, GCT, Secretary

Adopted

**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RITUALISTIC WORK**

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

We, your Committee on Ritualistic matters, report that no requests have been made to this committee for interpretation of, or assistance with, the rituals for the several orders of the Commandery during the year 2024-2025.

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Mark Stillwell, Em. Grand Junior Warden  
Nicholas R. Barnes, PC  
Michael Feld, PC, KTCH

Received

## **REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MEMBERSHIP**

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

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

This year brought some changes to our membership rolls that were not a total surprise. With the changing of secretaries in some of our commanderies, and records being updated, we had some “one time” big number changes in membership.

We started this year with 969 active members in our Grand Commandery. We had eleven demits and one hundred-one to go suspended for non-payment of dues. Please understand, due to the cleaning up of the membership roll in our largest commandery in the state, it caused our numbers to change drastically. We now have a more accurate membership roll, which will help us to keep in better contact with our membership and slowdown the loss of our Sir Knights.

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

This put us with an ending total of 894 members at the end of the year with a net change of minus 75 members, or a 7.74 % loss. However, we did see

seventeen Sir Knights get reinstated this past year, as well as, ten who affiliated with us. Also, we saw positive membership gains in five of the eleven commandries in our state. and we knighted sixty-two new Sir Knights in 2024. Which we find positive!

In conclusion, I believe that with the help of the Sir Knights of this Grand Commandery, we can build up our membership.  
We would like to thank our Right Eminent Grand Commander, Sir Knight Sidney R. Cooley Sr. for allowing us to serve him this past year and thank him for his continued support.

Respectfully submitted,  
Thomas Bassett, Em. GCG, KCT, KTCH  
Joel I. Bryant, KTCH  
Thomas Langley  
Ted Loggins, Em Grand Swd Br  
Brian P. McDonald  
Nicholas Barnes J.

Rani Christi  
Lee R. Gibson, KTCH  
David Wyatt, Em Grand Gen, KCT, KTCH  
Rickey Holder  
Mark Stillwell, Em. GJW

Received

## REPORT ON NECROLOGY

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

Eight Past Grand Commanders have been went home to their Masonic rewards with Jesus. Let us remember these great names:

- (1) Roger Simmons
- (2) Anthony Deming
- (3) Ray Dunn
- (4) Rusty Beck

All except Brother Rusty Beck were 3 Chair Masters of the craft of the Alabama York Rite Bodies.

May God accept each of these in his loving arms.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ricky Kilgore  
Em. Grand Prelate

Received



THE GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR

IN MEMORIAM

JAMES MORRIS WARD  
MOST EMINENT GRAND MASTER  
1997 - 2000

Born: August 10, 1930  
Dyersburg, Tennessee

Died: March 25, 2024  
Water Valley, Mississippi

Attest:

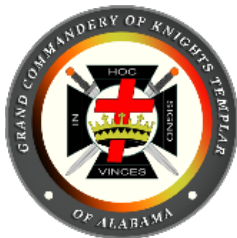
*Lawrence E. Tucker*

LAWRENCE EUGENE TUCKER  
GRAND RECORDER



*David J. Kussman*

DAVID JOSEPH KUSSMAN  
GRAND MASTER



**GRAND COMMANDERY  
KNIGHTS TEMPLAR  
OF ALABAMA**

**IN MEMORIAM**



**Roger Arlis Simmons**

**K.Y.G.C.H. (4)**

**RIGHT EMINENT GRAND COMMANDER  
2004 -2005**

**BORN: February 25, 1937**

**DIED: January 25, 2025**



**GRAND COMMANDERY  
KNIGHTS TEMPLAR  
OF ALABAMA**

**IN MEMORIAM**



**Raymond Charles Dunn**  
**K.Y.G.C.H. (2)**

**RIGHT EMINENT GRAND COMMANDER**  
**2017 - 2018**

**BORN: September 1, 1935**

**DIED: April 15, 2023**





**GRAND COMMANDERY  
KNIGHTS TEMPLAR  
OF ALABAMA  
IN MEMORIAM**



**Joseph Frank Zito  
K.Y.G.C.H. (3)**

**RIGHT EMINENT GRAND COMMANDER of ARIZONA  
2015-2016**

**And**

**GRAND REPRESENTATIVE of  
ALABAMA in ARIZONA  
2015-2024**

**BORN: November 1, 1948    DIED: October 18, 2024**

## In MEMORIAM

### **Birmingham**

Eugen Jackson Arwood  
Clyde Ray Burnett  
Billy Joe Burnham  
Thomas Chastain  
Anthony Monroe Deming  
Bruce Wayne Drake  
Lynford Thomas Emfinger  
Justin Corbin Frame, Jr.  
Dexter Durwood Garrett  
Donald Wayne Griffin  
David Ralph Harmon  
Daniel Harrell  
James Watson Hathcox  
Olive Head  
Harland Tucker Howell  
Carlton Allen Jones  
William Ware Lee  
James Floyd MacRae  
Millard Earl Moon  
Richard Arnold Nail  
James Harvey Norred  
James Herschel O'Neal, Jr.  
John Richard Patterson  
Williams Dewey Peeples, Jr.  
James Barney Perkins  
Paul Ray Roberts  
Fred K. Robinson  
John Melvin Rooks  
George Lewis Seidenfaden, Sr.  
Robert William Smith  
Charles Feltus Tankersley  
William Gene Thompson

### **Anniston**

Richard Carl Beck  
Clyde Edmond Duncan  
Lyle Jerry LeClair  
Carl Milton Warner

### **Gurley**

Carl Wesser, Sr.

### **Phenix City**

Terry Lewis Kenny

### **Huntsville**

Raymond Charles Dunn

### **Mobile**

Charles Gerald Pace  
Louis Patrick Wetzel  
Leon Joseph Owen, Jr.  
Jerry Stevens Fulford

### **Montgomery**

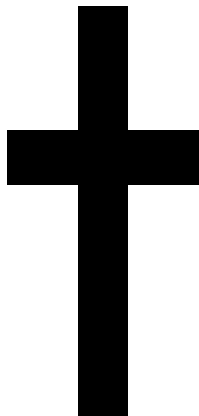
Richard Marlon Jordan

### **Dothan**

Maurice Clifford "Bud" Himes  
Anthony Roger Kott  
Roger Arlis Simmons

### **Decatur**

Charles Michael Mangham  
Gerald Eldon Wilson



**Inscribed to the**

**Memory Of**

**the Deceased Sir Knights**

**In**

**Other Grand Jurisdictions**

## REPORT OF THE YOUTH COMMITTEE

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

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

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

Halfway through our GYR year, DeMolay ended term of leadership of Past State Master Councilor Chase Clark and started the new term of current State Master Councilor Jacob Roberts. Rainbow ended the term of leadership of Past Grand Worthy Advisor Bri Autrey and started the new term of current Grand Worthy Advisor Mollie Brewer.

The Swan Creek chapter in Athens was granted a charter last year and we are expecting Baldwin County chapter to receive theirs soon. We are currently trying to bring a chapter to Elmore county and any help would be appreciated.

Rainbow held their Grand Assembly in June 2024 in Montgomery and DeMolay held their Conclave in July 2024 in Mobile. Rainbow hosted “GLAM” (Georgia, Louisiana, Alabama, Mississippi) this past year. The girls had fun with their sisters from our neighboring states. They went to the McWane Science Center in Birmingham and they all had lunch together

We are excited to report we had active DeMolays and Rainbows representing Alabama as they traveled to other jurisdictions this past year to multiple jurisdictions across the country. They also spoke at Grand Chapter, Grand Court Grand Lodge, Grotto and Grand York Rite

Knighthood is a group for the older boys (Age 16 to 21) of DeMolay and the Grand Commandry is the sponsoring body of Rising Phoenix Priory here in Alabama. In December we had several members and advisors of knighthood travel to Des Moines Iowa to initiate new members from multiple jurisdictions. Knighthood hosted a honor day at the Birmingham Metro YR building for our Grand Commander Sid Cooley in February

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

Look for ways to be there and show that you care. Our actions will speak louder than words. Alabama Rainbow and Alabama DeMolay will continue to grow with your help.

Respectfully, submitted,

Brian K. Autrey

William J. Burfitt, Jr, KCT

Received

## **REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENCE**

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

As of this writing, we have had no reports of correspondence from any of our Sir Knights with any of their counterparts.

We would like to ask our Sir Knights to consider keeping this committee in mind when talking or communicating with and other Sir Knights around the world and reporting back to this committee.

We thank the Grand Commander for allowing us to serve on this committee

We ask that this report be received and accepted.

Phillip Sherman, PGC, KCT

Ted A Loggins, KTCH

Zach Holmes, PEC

Received

## **REPORT OF THE INTERNET COMMITTEE**

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

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

Sub-domain currently in use by [alyorkrite.org](http://alyorkrite.org):

Knights Masons (4 Bodies), YRSC (4 bodies and OPC), A.M.D. (4 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.

We move the adoption of this report.

Fraternally submitted,

Joel I. Bryant, KTCH  
Ross C. Jackson  
Brain P. McDonald

Received

## **REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON KNIGHTS TEMPLAR MAGAZINE**

*No Report*

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

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

It has been a pleasure to serve our Lord and the Grand Commandery of Alabama this past year. We, on the committee, thank you all for giving us your support and for the opportunity to serve.

Fund raising efforts for the year 2024 included the Annual Knight Templar Charity Ball, The second release of the Alabama Grand Commandery Holy Land Pilgrimage Coin, as well as donations directly to both the Holy Land Pilgrimage and the Knight Templar Eye Foundation.

The total money raised this past year by the Sir Knights of Alabama, with the assistance of this committee, total \$3,656.08. This leaves us with \$ 10,846.34 in our charitable reserves.

Due to the unrest in Israel, monies raised for the purpose of the Holy Land Pilgrimage will continue to be held in our accounts for that purpose until conditions improve and safe travel is possible.

For the year 2025, we will, again, host the Knight Templar Charity Ball on July 26<sup>th</sup> and we hope to finalize other fund-raising projects in near days to come.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

David Wyatt, KCT, KTCH, Chairman

Scott Wadsworth

Chris Atchley

Nick Barnes

William Carter

Mark Stillwell, Vice Chairman

Brian Autrey

Lee Gibson, KTCH

Johnny Strickland

Ricky Holden

Received

## **REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND**

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

We are disappointed that due to the geopolitical risk in the Holy Land, the Grand Encampment decided it was best to postpone the 2024 pilgrimage. Our previous Pilgrim, Rev. Eddie Hodges of Dora who was nominated through Cyrene Commandery #10 remains ready to make his Pilgrimage once the area has been announced safe for travel.

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

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

It is our hope this program continues to grow for many years as we have very few programs that touch society in so many positive ways. Not only are we



spreading the word of Christ to the unsaved, but we are also putting Templary in a positive light for our local communities.

Fraternally and Respectfully,  
James C. McGee, KCT, KTCH, GCT

Received

## **REPORT OF THE KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EYE FOUNDATION 57<sup>TH</sup> VOLUNTARY CAMPAIGN**

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

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

We have had another great year in donations once again. This year starting March 1, 2024, until this Grand York Rite Session. We have continued to advertise the Grand Commander and Grand Masters Club programs and encouraged the Sir Knights to contribute to the life sponsorship programs. Also, thanks to the efforts of our Sir Knights throughout the state, we had a great turnout for our annual Knight Templar Ball, held in Prattville. Our fund-raising efforts were very successful.

Since our last Grand Commandery Conclave we have seen eight new Grand Commander Club memberships established, as well as an additional thirteen Grand Masters Club memberships purchased totaling \$15,800 for those two programs. We also had numerous other donations given by the Commanderies as well as individuals in addition to the funds raised during the Templar Ball. We are excited to see the Sir Knights of Alabama show up to support the KTEF of Alabama. We are proud that the Alabama Commanderies are at 100% in life sponsorships. Our goal is to see them reach 200% of life sponsorships within the next three years.

We commend our Right Eminent Grand Commander, SK Sidney R Cooley, SR., for his dedicated efforts to enhance Templar Masonry to the Sir Knights of Alabama; as well as his desire to see that the Knight Templar Eye Foundation goals were met. We wish to thank him for allowing us to serve him and our fraternity in this capacity.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Bassett, KTCH, (Grp.1)

Ted Loggins, KTCH (Grp.2)

Mark Stillwell (Grp.4)

Scott Wadsworth (Grp.3)

Will Harper (Grp.5)

Received

## **REMARKS FROM VISITING GRAND REPRESENTATIVES AND GRAND COMMANDERS**

The RE Grand Commander recognized SK George Brooks, Right Eminent Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Kentucky and Grand Representative of Alabama in Kentucky who brought greetings from the Sir Knights of Kentucky and updated the Sir Knights on the Grand Commandery of Kentucky.

The RE Grand Commander recognized SK Michael Keen, Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of South Carolina, SK Ronald Naumowicz, Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Florida, SK John Simmons, Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Tennessee, and SK Tyler Pledger, Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Georgia who brought greetings from the Sir Knights of their respective states.

## GRAND COMMANDERY ROLL CALL OF GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

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

SOUTH CAROLINA .....	Vacant
SOUTH DAKOTA .....	Vacant
TENNESSEE .....	Lee Gibson
TEXAS .....	Vacant
UTAH .....	Scott Wadsworth
VERMONT.....	Michael Feld
VIRGINIA .....	Tommy Bassett
WASHINGTON .....	Jamie A. Smith
WEST VIRGINIA .....	Kelly McMichael
WISCONSIN .....	Joel Bryant
WYOMING .....	Rani Christie

*\*Denotes number of consecutive years absent.*

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

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

Grand Commandery	Representative From Address	Representative To Address
Alaska	Nick Barnes 608 10 <sup>th</sup> Court South Birmingham, AL 35205	Vacant
Arizona	Vacant	Vacant
Arkansas	Teddy R. Grogan, Jr. 83 Crimson Tide Dr. Piedmont, AL 36272	James Fernald, Jr. 1605 W. Block Street El Dorado, 71730
California	Teddy R. Grogan, Jr. 83 Crimson Tide Dr. Piedmont, AL 36272	Casey W. Norris 239 Montrose Drive Folsom, CA 95630-2730
Colorado	Vacant	Gregory Allen PO Box 224 Hotchkiss, 81419
Connecticut	Vacant	Danny A. Camp 828 Black Rock Turnpike Fairfield 06825
Delaware	Richard R. Losch 102 W. Monroe St. Livingston, AL 35470	Randall Mullen 401 15 <sup>th</sup> St Unit 9 Ocean City, MD 21842
District of Columbia	Chris Atchley 2313 Hill Ave Gadsden, AL 35904	William T. Cox 6719 Greenview Lane Springfield, VA 22152
Florida	Vacant	Arthur J. LaRose 2646 Sherrilane Dr. Cantonment, FL. 32533
Georgia		<b>Program Discontinued</b>
Hawaii	Vacant	Vacant
Idaho	Ronald G. Andress 2509 Lakewood Circle Tuscaloosa, AL 35405	Vacant
Illinois	Parker D. Moore 2413 Crestview Dr. SE Decatur, AL 35601	Daryl W. Schlock 851 N. Fairway Drive Palatine, 60067
Indiana	William J. (Doug) Burfitt, Jr. 144 Dexter Circle Madison, AL 35757	Douglas O. Fegenbush 9901 Pendleton Pike Indianapolis, IN 46236
Iowa	Robert D. Moseson 4400 Bridgewater Cir. Phenix City, AL 36867	Ronald W. Guthrie PO Box 1841 Mason City, 50402
Kansas	J. David Wyatt, Jr. 24 County Road 278 Enterprise, AL 36330	Vacant
Kentucky	Mark Stillwell 9360 US Highway 280 E Salem, AL 36874	George Brooks 1125 Schofield Lane Frankfort, KY 40601
Louisiana	Wayne D. Jordan 99 Tascosa Dr. SE Huntsville, AL 35802	M. Cash Melville 238 Wesley Drive Ruston, LA 71270
Maine	J T Roberts 7525 Lee Road 249	John D. Baggett 164 E. Side Drive

	Smith Station, AL 36877	Verona Island, ME 04416
Maryland	Vacant	Richard H. Westermayer 2007 Magnolia Woods Ct. Edgewood, AL 21040
Massachusetts and Rhode Island	Kurt Eldridge 196 Lee Road 523 Phenix City, AL 36870	Ronald Wolf PO Box 2 Cunnington, MA 00126
Michigan	Jerry Burfitt 521 Mount Zion Rd Madison, AL 35757	Vacant
Minnesota	C. Sterling Hughes 3682 County Road 54 Ozark, AL 36360	Barnes A. Sharitt, Jr. 434 12 <sup>th</sup> Avenue S S. St. Paul, MN 35075
Mississippi	Emory J. Ferguson 1615 Lakeview Drive NW Cullman, AL 35055	Vacant
Missouri	Vacant	Frank R. VonGeyso 418 Marina Court Smithville, 64039-8382
Montana	Brent R. Haller 5767 Zeigler Blvd. Mobile, AL 36608	C. Thomas Bersuch  Lewistown
Nebraska	Holt Scogin 8321 Meadow Lane S Irvington, AL 36544	James Clark 986 County Road 2350 Crete, 68333
Nevada	Ted Loggins 306 Bob Coffman Rd. Elkmont, AL 35620	Joh C. Singleton 725 Union Lane Fallon, NV 89406-9108
New Hampshire	Ronald Pynes 4135 Westgate Parkway Dothan, AL 36303	Jackson Marston 306 Webster Mills Rd. Pittsfield, NH 03263
New Jersey	Vacant	Thurman C. Pace, Jr. 518 S. Marks Ave Westfield, 07090
New Mexico	Vacant	Darrel D. Hornsby  Santa Fe
New York	Vacant	Russell Baker 13958 Route 98 South Wales, 14135
North Carolina	Johnny Strickland 16673 Raspberry Lane Athens, AL 35613	George Katchue 4818 Sandtyn Dr. Waxhew, NC 28173
North Dakota		<b>Program Discontinued</b>
Ohio	Phillip J. Sherman 4016 Saddlehorn Bend SW Decatur, AL 35603	Richard J. Brady 3852 Dayton Drive Youngstown, OH 44515
Oklahoma	Alan Herrington 19010 Rio Vista Drive Fairhope, AL 36532	Joe F. Warriner 3305-A NW 63 <sup>rd</sup> Street Oklahoma City, OK 73116
Oregon	Keith Zech 1613 Magnolia Street Gardendale, AL 35071	Paul McLain 545 4 <sup>th</sup> Avenue Sweet Home, OR 97386
Pennsylvania	Jerry Ogletree 622 Rocky Creek Dr. Alexander City, AL 35010	Raymond Telrock
South Carolina	Vacant	D. Samuel Tennyson

		999 Took Place Florence, SC 29505
South Dakota	Vacant	Michael S. Gilleland 4909 Copper Hill Ct. Rapid City, SD 57702
Tennessee	Lee Gibson 24 Forrest Meadow Blvd SW Huntsville, AL 35824	Burks Taylor 1016 Nuway Drive Pleasant View, TN 37146
Texas	Vacant	Michael H. Shively 17114 Theiss Mail Road Spring, TX 77379
Utah	Scott Wadsworth 5130 Trussville-Clay Rd Trussville, AL 35173	Kevin Hill 6287 Dewdrop Dr. West Jordan, UT 84084
Vermont	Michael Feld 129 Mill Ridge Dr. Madison, AL 35758	Carl D. Shoemaker 159 State Street Windsor, VT 05089
Virginia	Tommy Bassett 137 Meadow Farm Ln Sylacauga, AL 35151	Bradford F. Burnett 1007 Westbriar Drive Richmond, VA 23233
Washington	Jamie A. Smith 156 Wood Place Court Ozark, AL 36860	Floyd L. Snyder 2225 Bluejay West Richland, WA 99357
West Virginia	Kelly McMichael 3031 County Road 157 Enterprise, AL 36330	Rev. Bennie Guirley 346 James River Road Lewisburg, WV 24901-8821
Wisconsin	Joel Bryant 55 Cherokee Rd. Ashville, AL 35953	Leland Burlison 823 Washington Ave Oshkosh, WI 54901
Wyoming	Rani Christie PO Box 95 Titus, AL 36080	James K. Hibird 613 Osburn Drive Douglas, WY 82633

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

## **PROPOSALS & AMENDMENTS**

REGC called on PGC Teddy Grogan, to present on behalf of the Chairman of Jurisprudence the proposed amendments to the Constitution & ByLaws.

The following resolution was not received in time as per Article IX of the Grand Commandery Constitution. For the resolution to be received at the 165<sup>th</sup> Annual Conclave a 2/3 majority vote would be needed for the resolution to be presented. For the purpose of discussion SK Jim McGee, Grand Recorder moved the resolution be accepted. A 2/3 majority vote was received.

### **2025 Legislative Call**

#### **Call Item # 1**

Proposed by: SK James C McGee, PGC, on behalf of the Finance Committee  
 Purpose: to update the Constitution to current fees (THIS A FEE INCREASE)  
 Amend: Proposal to amend the Constitution

Currently Reads

### **ARTICLE II**

#### **OF REVENUE**

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

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

And from the following contributions levied upon the constituent Commanderies:

(c)(i) For each Knight Templar borne upon the rolls at the date of the annual return, annual per capita dues of eighteen dollars (\$18.00) will be paid to the Grand Commandery. The amount of the annual per capita dues will be adjusted for inflation each year as put forth by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics in the Consumer Price Index (CPI-U) as of December of each year.



(ii) In accordance with Section 10 of the Constitution of the Grand Encampment, an annual per capita dues of nine dollars (\$9.00) per member each year is hereby levied upon each Grand and Subordinate Commandery of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America, an additional assessment of one dollar (\$1.00) shall be levied upon any Sir Knight who is not a Life Sponsor of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. Any increase in per capita tax by the Grand Encampment shall automatically increase the per capita specified in this section by a like amount.

(d) Every Commandery shall be entitled to deduct from its annual per capita tax the amount of such tax for one year for each Knight shown on the current year's Annual Return as suspended N.P.D. provided such suspension was for two years non-payment of dues.

(e) Every Commandery shall be required to remit to the Grand Commandery per capita tax for reinstated members for each year for which dues have been collected.

(f) There shall be attached to the Annual Return of each Commandery making deductions or additions, as above prescribed, a certificate signed by the Recorder of the Commandery, explaining in detail the deductions or additions made.

To be amended to read;

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And from the following contributions levied upon the constituent Commanderies:

(c)(i) For each Knight Templar borne upon the rolls at the date of the annual return, annual per capita dues of **twenty (\$20.00)** will be paid to the Grand Commandery. The amount of the annual per capita dues will be adjusted for inflation each year as put forth by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics in the Consumer Price Index (CPI-U) as of December of each year.

(ii) In accordance with Section 10 of the Constitution of the Grand Encampment, an annual per capita dues of nine dollars (\$9.00) per member each year is hereby levied upon each Grand and Subordinate Commandery of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America, an additional assessment of one dollar (\$1.00) shall be levied upon any Sir Knight who is not a Life Sponsor of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. Any increase in per capita tax by the Grand Encampment shall automatically increase the per capita specified in this section by a like amount.

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*A motion was made to amend the resolution to make the increase in Per Capita \$5.00 instead of the stated \$2 increase. The amendment passed. The amended resolution passed but failed to get a unanimous vote and will be held over until next year.*

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

## **GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF ALABAMA CONCLAVE 2025**

The RE Grand Commander recognized the VE Deputy Grand Commander Doug Burfitt who made a motion that the next Grand Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Alabama will be held in the city of Prattville, Alabama on February 27 – March 1, 2026.

Adopted

**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIAL AND  
REGISTRATION**

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

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

There are present and registered with this Committee 11 Grand Officers and 8  
Past Grand Commanders of the Grand Commandery of Alabama.

There are 11 Subordinate Commanderies which comprise the Grand  
Commandery of Alabama, and of these 11 Commanderies are registered with this  
Committee for this 165<sup>th</sup> Annual Convocation.

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

TOTAL OFFICERS OR PROXIES PRESENT	24
TOTAL PAST COMMANDERS PRESENT	36
TOTAL QUALIFIED TO VOTE	60

Commanderies Not Represented  
None

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Kurt Eldridge, Chairman  
Garrett Teel  
Troy Brown

Adopted

**GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF ALABAMA**  
***Commanders, Generalissimos, Captain Generals, and/or their proxies present  
 from Constituent Commanderies.***

2. Mobile	Michael Gill Andrew Lee Jimmy Fleischamel	Commander Generalissimo Captain General	Proxy
4. Montgomery	Bryan Shirley Johnny Willis Fidel Cintron	Commander Generalissimo Captain General	
7. Huntsville	Chad W. Thrasher Crandon Creel Andrew Staton	Commander Generalissimo Captain General	Proxy
10. Cyrene	Willis Hendrix David Jones Mike Kozlik	Commander Generalissimo Captain General	Proxy
13. Tuscaloosa	William Carter Not Represented Not Represented	Commander Generalissimo Captain General	Proxy
14. DeMolay	Michael Brewer Not Represented Not Represented	Commander Generalissimo Captain General	
15. Etowah	Andy Smith Not Represented Not Represented	Commander Generalissimo Captain General	
23. Anniston	Robert Garner Thomas Langley Nick Adams	Commander Generalissimo Captain General	Proxy
25. Dothan	Not Represented Heiko Maier Francis Butler	Commander Generalissimo Captain General	Proxy

39. Florence	James McGee Not Represented Not Represented	Commander Generalissimo Captain General	Proxy
45. Lee	Garrett Teel Troy Brown Kurt Eldridge	Commander Generalissimo Captain General	

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

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

## **PAST EMINENT COMMANDERS PRESENT**

- 2. Mobile: Bruce Garrison
- 4. Montgomery: Rani Christie, Bobby Jordan, Brian Autrey, Zach Holmes, David Jordan
- 7. Huntsville: Emory J. Ferguson, Doug Burfitt, Lee Gibson, Michael Feld, Jason Crowe, Jerry Burfitt
- 10. Cyrene: Nick Barnes, Tommy Bassett, Joel Bryant, Christopher Cox, Winston Each, Thomas Fields, Wayne S. Wadsworth, Shannon White, Amos G. Welborn
- 13. Tuscaloosa:
- 14. Decatur: Jeff Greene, Ted Loggins, Gregg Parnell, Phillip Sherman, Johnny Strickland
- 15. Etowah: Chris Atchley
- 23. Anniston: Alan Rhody, Teddy R. Grogan, Jr.
- 25. Dothan: Kelly McMichael, Thomas Nesbit, John Shipes, J. David Wyatt, Jr., James Smith
- 39. Florence: James C. McGee.
- 45. Lee: Sidney R. Cooley, Sr., Mark Stillwell

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

## **REMARKS FROM VISITING GRAND ENCAMPMENT REPRESENTATIVES**

The RE Grand Commander recognized SK Lee Burlison, Right Eminent Northcentral Department Commander and Grand Representative of Alabama in Wisconsin who brought greetings from the Sir Knights of the Northcentral Department and Wisconsin.

The RE Grand Commander recognized SK Jay Kennedy, Right Eminent Eastcentral Department Commander and Grand Representative of Alabama in Michigan who brought greetings from the Sir Knights of the Northcentral Department and Michigan.

The RE Grand Commander recognized SK Paul Friend, Right Eminent Southeast Department Commander who brought greetings and updated the Sir Knights on the plans for the upcoming Southeast Department Conference on June 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> in Atlanta, GA.

The RE Grand Commander recognized SK Jim McGee, Right Eminent Grand Captain General of the Grand Encampment who brought greetings and thanked the Sir Knights for their support over the years and especially at the recent Grand Encampment Conclave in Salt Lake City, UT.

The RE Grand Commander recognized SK Jack Harper, Right Eminent Grand Generalissimo of the Grand Encampment and personal representative of SK David J Kussman, Most Eminent Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, Knights Templar USA who brought greetings on behalf of Grand Master Kussman and talked about the Grand Masters plans for this triennium.

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

## **REMARKS FROM THE GRAND MASTER**

The RE Grand Commander recognized MW & SK Richard Schultz, Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Alabama who talked about how great is it to see Brothers and Companions working for a better tomorrow and to always remember that he loves us and we can't do anything about it.

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

Right Eminent Grand Commander Sid R. Cooley, Sr. selected Sir Knight Troy Brown of Lee Commandery No. 45 to receive the Grand Encampments KNIGHTS TEMPLAR CROSS OF HONOR Award. The presentation was made at the Grand Commandery Conclave on Saturday, March 1st, 2025 by SK Jack Harper, Right Eminent Grand Generalissimo of the Grand Encampment Knights Templar of the United States of America and assisted by SK Paul Friend, Right Eminent Southeast Department Commander. Sir Knight Brown was very humble in his acceptance of this distinguished award and thanked the Grand Commander.

The College of Honors was pleased to announce that Sir Knight Brian Autrey of Montgomery Commandery No. 4 is the 2025 recipient of the Grand Encampment Knight Commander of the Temple Award. The presentation was made by Sir Knight James C. McGee – Deputy of the College of Honors in Alabama and SK Jack Harper Right Eminent Grand Generalissimo of the Grand Encampment Knights Templar of the United States of America

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

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

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



## GRAND ENCAMPMENT

### KNIGHTS TEMPLAR CROSS OF HONOR (Est. 1966)

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

*Raymond C. Dunn .....	2002
*Jimmy D. O'Dell .....	2003
*George F. Mills .....	2004
*Ronald L. Thomas .....	2005
+Dennis Peterson .....	2006
+Robert Patrick Donahey .....	2007
William Jerry Burfitt .....	2008
James C. McGee .....	2009
#Arthur Lee Campbell, III .....	2010
*Kenneth Benjamin Baker .....	2011
*Oliver B. Brand, MD .....	2012
C. Sterling Hughes .....	2013
Michael F. Feld .....	2014
*Richard "Rusty" C. Beck .....	2015
*James David "Chief" Glenn .....	2016
Kelly A. McMichael.....	2017
Roger Kim Harrison .....	2018
James David Wyatt, Jr. ....	2019
Thomas Roland Bassett.....	2020
Lee Ross Gibson .....	2021
Joel Isaac Bryant.....	2022
Ted A. Loggins .....	2023
Jason Crowe .....	2024
Troy Artis Brown .....	2025

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

**GRAND ENCAMPMENT  
GRAND CROSS TEMPLAR**

James Cleveland McGee .....	2024
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**KNIGHT GRAND CROSS OF THE TEMPLE**

George Leon Marshal, Jr .....	2019
Robert James Francis Elsner.....	2024

GRAND ENCAMPMENT

KNIGHT COMMANDER OF THE TEMPLE

*Joseph D. Brackin .....	
*Thomas W. Mann .....	
*Arthur C. Harding .....	
Emory J. Ferguson .....	
*Erskine K. Smith.....	1994
*Charles W. McDonald.....	1994
*Charles Robert Pate .....	1994
*Frederick W. Vaughn.....	1994
*W. Malcolm Killingsworth .....	1996
*Sam L. Garrett, Sr. ....	1996
Thomas F. Craig.....	1996
Michael L. Jones .....	1996
*Fred W. McCluskey, Jr. ....	1998
*MacArthur Davis .....	1998
*William M. Newsome, Jr. ....	1998
*L. Patrick Wetzel.....	1998
*Henry B. Tyra, Jr. ....	1998
*Henry G. Terry .....	1998
+William C. Havens .....	1998
*Owen E. Gore .....	2004
Teddy R. Grogan, Jr. ....	2004
*Bobby R. Terry .....	2004
Brent R. Haller .....	2004
*Maurice C. Himes .....	2004
Karl F. Reed, II .....	2004
James C. McGee .....	2004
Phillip J. Sherman .....	2005
*Bobby C. Park .....	2005
*George F. Mills .....	2005
*Robert T. Crawford.....	2005
Wayne D. Jordan .....	2005
*Roger A. Simmons .....	2005
*Ray E. Dotson .....	2006

*Joe D. Lee .....	2006
*Jimmy D. O'Dell .....	2007
Hiram O. Williams, Jr. ....	2007
George L. Marshall, Jr. ....	2007
+Patrick Robert Donahey .....	2007
*Billy A. Rikard .....	2008
*Raymond C. Dunn .....	2008
*Robert F. Elkin .....	2008
#Arthur Lee Campbell, III .....	2008
*James E. Qualls .....	2008
William J. Burfitt.....	2009
+Gregory L. Battles .....	2009
Ronald G. Andress.....	2009
*Ronald Thomas .....	2009
Larry W. Stinson .....	2009
*Jack C. Wade .....	2010
Thomas H. Nesbit.....	2010
*H. Spencer Stewart .....	2010
James A. Smith .....	2011
*Paul R. Drinkard, Jr. ....	2011
*William C. Snyder .....	2011
*William H. (JR) Bledsoe, Jr. ....	2011
*Marion Pat George, Jr. ....	2012
*Frank L. Roton .....	2012
Ned Cox.....	2012
*James S. Blanteno .....	2012
Roger K. Harrison .....	2013
+D. Lamar Roy .....	2013
Robert A. Mayer.....	2013
*Michael E. Addams .....	2014
*Kenneth B. Baker.....	2014
+Charles A. Hartley .....	2014
C. Sterling Hughes .....	2014
Robert D. Moseson .....	2015
Richard R. Losch .....	2016
*Lewis L. Childs, Jr. ....	2016
William J. "Doug" Burfitt, Jr. ....	2017

Sidney R. Cooley, Sr. ....	2018
*Richard C. Beck.....	2019
Thomas G. Lott.....	2020
A. Glenn Welborn.....	2021
J. David Wyatt .....	2022
Winston Each .....	2023
Tommy Bassett.....	2024
Brian Keith Autrey.....	2025

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

## **GRAND ENCAMPMENT COMPANION OF THE TEMPLE**

*Sarah B. Garrett.....	
Bobbie N. Ferguson.....	
Shirley Hughes.....	
*Charlotte B. Harding.....	2003
*Betty Krueger .....	2003
Ramona McDonald.....	2003
*Shirley Brackin.....	2005
*Sally Simmons .....	2005
Priscilla Sherman.....	2008
*Nancy C. Davis.....	2008
*Martha A. Lee.....	2008
Brenda Wade .....	2008
Lynn Grogan.....	2008
Gayle Thomas.....	2008
*Peggy Gore .....	2009
Cynthia D. “Cindy” Williams.....	2009
*Margarette Qualls.....	2009
Helanne Jordan .....	2009
Louise Moats .....	2009
Lena Burfitt .....	2010
*Libby Marshall .....	2010
Stephanie O’Dell .....	2010
*Violet Spencer .....	2010
Betty M. Smith .....	2011
*Martha J. Stinson .....	2011

Jeanne M. Stewart ..... 2011

\*Charles M. Mills(“Charlie”) ..... 2011

\*Lavanna Brazil ..... 2012

Myra Jean Each ..... 2012

Debbie S. Lee..... 2012

Sylvia M. Blanteno ..... 2013

Dolores B. Ham ..... 2013

Anne George ..... 2015

Donna McGee ..... 2018

Aprille Andress ..... 2019

Kimberly Lane..... 2019

Rhetta Carter..... 2020

Renee Burfitt..... 2022

Julie Bassett..... 2024

Mercedes Autrey..... 2025

**\*Denotes Deceased**

## **ELECTION OF GRAND COMMANDERY OFFICERS 2025-2026**

There being no further business to come before this Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery, the Grand Commandery proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year. All the advancing officers, except the Eminent Grand Warder, were elected by acclamation and advanced one station. Sir Knight James C. McGee, PGC of Mobile Commandery #2 was retained as Grand Recorder and Sir Knight Bobby Jordan of Montgomery Commandery #4 was retained as Grand Treasurer. Sir Knight John Shipes of Dothan Commandery #25 was elected by secret ballot to the station of Grand Warder. This Grand Commandery was declared at recess for the installation of elected and appointed officers by Right Eminent William J. Burfitt.

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

## **INSTALLATION OF GRAND COMMANDERY APPOINTED AND ELECTED OFFICERS 2025-2026**

At the conclusion of the Grand Commandery Annual Business Session on Saturday, March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025 SK William J. Burfitt, Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Alabama declared the Grand Commandery of Alabama open for the purpose of Installation. The appointed and elected officers were duly installed by SK William J. Burfitt, SK James McGee, PGC was Installing Marshal, SK Phillip Sherman, PGC was Installing Recorder and SK Robert Elsner, PGC & Assoc. Grand Prelate GEKTUSA was Installing Prelate. SK Harper presented SK Cooley with his Past Grand Commander's Certificate, Past Grand Commander's Regalia and his permanent membership in the Grand Encampment of the United States of America.

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

## **ADJOURNMENT**

All business of this Annual Conclave being concluded Sir Knight William J. "Doug" Burfitt, Jr., Right Eminent Grand Commander declared the 165<sup>th</sup> Conclave of The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Alabama adjourned after the Grand Prelate had pronounced the benediction.

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



**RIGHT EMINENT GRAND COMMANDER  
SIR KNIGHT WILLIAM JERALD 'DOUG' BURFITT, JR., KCT  
2025-2026**



**William Jerald Burfitt Jr.**  
**Right Eminent Grand Commander**  
**2025-2026**

William Jerald Burfitt Jr. was born 27 August 1965 in Arab Alabama to William and Lena Burfitt. Sir Knight Burfitt grew up in Huntsville Alabama and graduated from J.O. Johnson High School in 1983. Upon graduation from high school, Sir Knight Burfitt enlisted in the US Air Force. Sir Knight Burfitt was stationed at several locations in the U.S. and was stationed overseas in the Republic of Panama and Germany. While in Germany Sir Knight Burfitt met and married K. Renee (White) Burfitt. Sir Knight Burfitt has two boys from a previous marriage (Allen J. Meeks and Christopher L. Burfitt) and a daughter Becca L. Nelson. Sir Knight William and Lady Renee have two daughters-in-Laws, one son-in-law, six grandchildren, four boys and two girls. During his time in the military, Sir Knight Burfitt received 3 Associate of Science degree and a Bachelor of Science in Occupational Education from Wayland Baptist University. Sir Knight Burfitt retired as a Technical Sergeant after 20 years of service. Sir Knight Burfitt is presently employed with the US Army as an IT portfolio manager. During his time in the Army, Sir Knight Burfitt attended Trident University where he received his master's degree in information technology.

Sir Knight William began his Masonic journey at Apollo Lodge #921 where he was initiated in Pontotoc MS with special dispensation from the Grand Lodge of Alabama. Sir Knight Burfitt was raised to Master Mason in May of 2004. Sir Knight Burfitt served as Worshipful Master in 2008-2009 and Secretary in 2010-2012 / 2017-2019. Sir Knight Burfitt is a member of the Huntsville York Rite Bodies and has served as the presiding officer of all three bodies and Secretary/Recorder. Sir Knight Burfitt received the Adult Leadership Award in 2014 from the General Grand Council Cryptic Masons International. Sir Knight Burfitt was awarded the Knight Commander of the Temple from the Grand Encampment Knights Templar in 2018. Sir Knight Burfitt was awarded the Bronze award from the General Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons International in 2018. Sir Knight Burfitt is presently serving as the Right Excellent Grand Scribe of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alabama. Sir Knight Burfitt has received the Order of Anointed High Priests, the Order of the Silver Trowel and is a member of the Knight Crusaders. Sir Knight Burfitt received the Super Excellent Master degree from Eureka Council. Sir Knight Burfitt is a member of Alabama Priory #31 KYCH.

Sir Knight Burfitt was ordained as a Knight Priest in Jerusalem Tabernacle of the Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priest in 2021 and is currently serving as Outer Guard. Sir Knight Burfitt is a member of Ten Sephiorth Council #255 Allied Masonic Degrees Council of Alabama (AMD), where he has served as Sovereign Master. Sir Knight Burfitt is a Past Puissant Sovereign of Holy Sepulchre Conclave Red Cross of Constantine and is currently serving as recorder/treasurer. Sir Knight Burfitt is a member of Monte Sano College #64 York Rite Sovereign Colleges of North America, where he has served as Preeminent Governor. Sir Knight Burfitt was awarded the Order of the Purple Cross in 2021 and became an Associate Regent. Sir Knight Burfitt is a member of Vulcan Council #22 of Knight Masons. Sir Knight Burfitt is a Past Celebrant of Alabama College of the Societas Rosicruciana in Civitatibus Forderatis (SRICF) and currently serving as Recorder. Sir Knight Burfitt received the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade in 2018 at the High Council Session in Louisville, KY. Sir Knight Burfitt has served on the Advisory Board of White Light #66 Assembly, International Order of Rainbow for Girls and has helped raised over \$18,000 to assist the Assembly in offsetting the fees incurred for the girls to attend the Alabama Grand assembly. In 2024, he was named as State Rainbow Dad for the Alabama Grand Assembly Rainbow for Girls.



**GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF ALABAMA  
APPOINTED AND ELECTED OFFICERS  
2025-2026**

Seated Left to Right: William (Doug) Burfitt-Right Eminent Grand Commander, J. David Wyatt, Jr. -Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander, Thomas R. Bassett -Eminent Generalissimo, William A. Carter -Eminent Grand Captain General, Bobby Jordan-Eminent Grand Treasurer, James C. McGee, PGC-Eminent Grand Recorder  
Standing Left to Right: A. Mark Stillwell -Eminent Grand Senior Warden, W. Scott Wadsworth – Eminent Grand Junior Warden, Ted A. Loggins -Eminent Grand Standard Bearer, Jason Crowe -Eminent Grand Sword Bearer, John Shipes - Eminent Grand Warden, Michael Brewer - Eminent Grand Sentinel, Lee R. Gibson - Eminent Grand Prelate

**THE GRAND COMMANDERY  
ELECTED AND APPOINTED LINE OFFICERS  
2025-2026**

William “Doug” J. Burfitt, Jr. (Renee’) 144 Dexter Circle Madison, AL 35757	Right Eminent Grand Commander
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James David Wyatt, Jr. (Joni) 24 County Road 278 Enterprise, AL 36330	Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander
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Thomas R. Bassett (Julie) 137 Meadow Farm Lane Sylacauga, AL 35151	Eminent Grand Generalissimo
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William A. Carter (Rhetta) 7102 Harperwood Street Northport, AL 35473	Eminent Grand Captain General
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Mark Stillwell (Carol) 9360 US Highway 280E Salem, AL 36874	Eminent Grand Senior Warden
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W. Scott Wadsworth (Melinda) 5130 Trussville Clay Rd. Trussville, AL 35173-3515	Eminent Grand Junior Warden
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Lee Ross Gibson (J’Vonne) 24 Forest Meadow Blvd SW Huntsville, AL 35824	Eminent Grand Prelate
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Bobby Kaid Jordan (Eve) 23 Spaniel Ln Pike Road, AL 36064	Eminent Grand Treasurer
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James C. McGee, KCT, KTCH, GCT (Donna) P. O. Box 100333 Birmingham, AL 35210-0333	Eminent Grand Recorder
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Ted A. Loggins (Pam)  
30631 Bob Coffman Rd  
Elkmont, AL 35620

Eminent Grand Standard Bearer

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

Eminent Grand Sword Bearer

John W. Shipes  
PO Box 246  
Midland City, AL 36350

Eminent Grand Warder

Michael Brewer (Melissa)  
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Eminent Grand Sentinel

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

## Grand Commandery of Alabama Committees 2025-2026

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Mark Stillwell, Chm	9360 US Highway 280 E	Salem, AL 36874
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William Carter	7102 Harperwood St.	Northport, AL 35473
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## Register of Subordinate Commanderies Under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Commandery of Alabama June 2024-2025

<b>Commander Generalissimo Captain General</b>	<b>No. Name Location Assembly Date</b>	<b>Secretary Address Phone</b>
Michael Gill Andrew Lee Thomas Danner	#2 Mobile Mobile York Rite Temple 4 <sup>th</sup> Mon @ 7pm	James C. McGee 307 South Drive Fairhope, AL 36532
Bryan Shirley Johnny Willis Fidel Cintron	#4 Montgomery Air Force One Lodge 1 <sup>st</sup> Tues @ 7pm	Brian Autrey 2894 Pleasant Hill Rd Wetumpka, AL 36092
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Willis Hendrix David Jones Jason Reddick	#10 Cyrene Birmingham Metro York Rite 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sat @ 9am	Nick Barnes 608 Tenth Court S Birmingham, AL 35205
Christopher Pate Smith Boyd David Cook	#13 Tuscaloosa Rising Virtue Lodge 2 <sup>nd</sup> Tues. @ 6pm	Ron Andress 2509 Lakewood Circle Tuscaloosa, AL 35405
Michael Brewer Nickie Tidmore Eric Cleveland	#14 DeMolay Rising Sun Lodge 1 <sup>st</sup> Thur @ 7pm	Ted A. Loggins 30631 Bob Coffman Rd Elkmont, AL 35620
Andrew Smith Joel Bryant Michael Chandler	#15 Etowah Glencoe Lodge 1 <sup>st</sup> Thur @ 7pm	Lamar Parker 410 Nunnally Avenue Gadsden, AL 35903
Robert Garner Thomas Langley Darrell Flinn	#23 Anniston St. Johns Lodge 1st Sat @ 9am	Alan Rhody 985 Gate 5 Road Alexandria, AL 36250
Anthony R. Loff Heiko Maier Shelby Morrow	#25 Dothan Dothan Masonic Hall 3 <sup>rd</sup> Thur @ 7pm	John Shipes PO Box 246 Midland City, AL 36350
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Garrett Teel Troy Brown Kurt Eldridge	#45 Lee Wilson Williams Lodge #351 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tues @ 7pm	Sidney Cooley 255 Lee Rd 247 Salem, AL 36874

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

**Living Past Grand Encampment Grand Masters**

Kenneth B. Fisher	2003-2006
William H. Koon, II	2007-2012
David Goodwin	2013-2015
Dwayne Vaught	2015-2018
Jeffrey N. Nelson	2018-2021

**Southeastern Department Commander**

Paul Friend	Right Eminent Department Commander
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**PAST GRAND ENCAMPMENT OFFICERS FROM ALABAMA**

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

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**70<sup>th</sup> GRAND ENCAMPMENT TRIENNIAL CONCLAVE  
OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR**

**August 15-18, 2027**

**Burbank, California**

**Grand Encampment Committee Members from Alabama  
2024-2027**

James C. McGee - College of Honors  
George L. Marshall, Jr. – Aide-de-Camp for Past Grand Master Koon

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

The **44<sup>nd</sup>** Annual Conclave of Knight Crusaders of the Cross of Alabama was held at the Birmingham Metro York Rite Temple, Birmingham, Alabama on **October 12, 2024**. Right Eminent Grand Commander Sid Cooley opened the Conclave at 4:00 pm in ample form and named Knight Crusaders of the Cross **Thomas Nesbit** and **Doug Burfitt, Sr** to the elections committee. Candidates were duly elected and the business of the Conclave was deferred until after the Knighting Ceremony.

Officers for the Knighting Ceremony were:

Thomas Nesbit	Knight Crusader of the East
Doug Burfitt, Jr	Knight Crusader of the West
David Wyatt	Knight Crusader of the South
Tommy Bassett	Knight Crusader of the North
Sid Cooley	Knight Crusader of the Holy Cross
Joel Bryant	Knight Crusader of the Asylum

The following candidates were duly anointed: Donald Beasley; Willis “Hal” Hendrix; Gregory K. Parnell; and Andrew Smith.

A motion was made and passed to accept the minutes of the October 14, 2023, as published in the 2023 Grand York Rite of Alabama proceedings.

All monies collected will be deposited in the Grand Commandery Knights Templar account earmarked for Grand York Rite Side Degrees. A motion was made to accept the audit committee’s report as published in the Grand York Rite of Alabama proceedings for the ensuing year. The account stands as follows:

Beginning Balance	\$ 514.71
Debits	\$ 142.42
Credits	\$ 120.00 (2024 Candidates)
Ending Balance	\$ <b>512.28</b>

A motion was made and passed to pay \$33.33 for the use of the Birmingham York Rite Temple. A motion was made and passed to donate \$100 for the York Rite philanthropies.

The following officers were elected and were subsequently installed by Right Eminent Grand Commander Sid Cooley

Scott Wadsworth	Knight Crusader of the East
Tommy Bassett	Knight Crusader of the West
Ted Loggins	Knight Crusader of the South
John Meyers	Knight Crusader of the North
Troy Brown	Knight Crusader of the Holy Cross
Joel Bryant	Knight Crusader of the Temple
William Carter	Knight Crusader of the Asylum
Bobby Jordan	Knight Crusader Recorder/Treasurer

All business having been completed, the Conclave of Knight Crusaders of the Cross of Alabama was closed by Right Eminent Grand Commander Sid Cooley. The next meeting will be held on October 11, 2025.

Respectfully,

Bobby K. Jordan  
Knight Crusaders of the Cross  
Recorder/Treasurer

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

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

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

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



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

2007	Dothan	*MacArthur Davis	*Billy A. Rikard	*Owen E. Gore	*Jimmy D. O'Dell	Hiram O. Williams, Jr.	14	2192
2008	Decatur	*Billy A. Rikard	*Owen E. Gore	*Jimmy D. O'Dell	*Jack C. Wade	Hiram O. Williams, Jr.	14	2132
2009	Birmingham	*Owen E. Gore	*Jimmy D. O'Dell	*Jack C. Wade	*Ronald L. Thomas	Hiram O. Williams, Jr.	15	1958
2010	Birmingham	*Jimmy D. O'Dell	*Jack C. Wade	*Ronald L. Thomas	*James Blanteno	Hiram O. Williams, Jr.	15	1857
2011	Birmingham	*Jack C. Wade	*Ronald L. Thomas	*James Blanteno	*Paul R. Drinkard	Hiram O. Williams, Jr.	15	1735
2012	Birmingham	*Ronald L. Thomas	*James Blanteno	*Paul R. Drinkard	*George F. Mills	Hiram O. Williams, Jr.	15	1636
2013	Birmingham(G)	*James Blanteno	*Paul R. Drinkard	*George F. Mills	Jamie A. Smith	Hiram O. Williams, Jr.	15	1490
2014	Huntsville	*Paul R. Drinkard	*George F. Mills	Jamie A. Smith	Raymond C. Dunn	Hiram O. Williams, Jr.	14	1507
2015	Birmingham	*George F. Mills	Jamie A. Smith	Raymond C. Dunn	James C. McGee	Hiram O. Williams, Jr.	14	1431
2016	Birmingham	Jamie A. Smith	Raymond C. Dunn	James C. McGee	Thomas H. Nesbit	Hiram O. Williams, Jr.	13	1369
2017	Birmingham	Raymond C. Dunn	James C. McGee	Thomas H. Nesbit	William J. Burfitt, Sr.	Hiram O. Williams, Jr.	12	1237
2018	Birmingham	James C. McGee	Thomas H. Nesbit	William J. Burfitt, Sr.	Winston L. Each	Hiram O. Williams, Jr.	12	1173
2019	Birmingham	Thomas H. Nesbit	William J. Burfitt, Sr.	Winston L. Each	Thomas G. Lott	Hiram O. Williams, Jr.	12	1122
2020	Birmingham	William J. Burfitt, Sr.	Winston L. Each	Thomas G. Lott(I)	Ronald G. Andress	Hiram O. Williams, Jr. James C. McGee(H)	12	1096
2021	Birmingham	Winston L. Each	Ronald G. Andress	C. Sterling Hughes	Sidney R. Cooley	James C. McGee	12	986
2022	Birmingham	Ronald G. Andress	C. Sterling Hughes	Sidney R. Cooley	W. (Doug) Burfitt	James C. McGee	11	996
2023	Birmingham	C. Sterling Hughes	Sidney R. Cooley	W. (Doug) Burfitt	J. David Wyatt, Jr.	James C. McGee	11	990
2024	Huntsville	Sidney R. Cooley	W. (Doug) Burfitt	J. David Wyatt, Jr.	Thomas R. Bassett	James C. McGee	11	969
2025	Prattville	W. (Doug) Burfitt	J. David Wyatt, Jr.	Thomas R. Bassett	William A. Carter	James C. McGee	11	894

\*Denotes Deceased, +Renounced Masonry, # Suspended

#### Foot Notes:

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

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

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

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

(C)As proof of continual effort of Alabama to promote York Rite unity, the first combined meeting of The Grand Chapter, Grand Council and Grand Commandery was held in February 1974. On November 1, 1974 the Grand York Rite office was moved to 3621 South Fifth Avenue Birmingham.

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

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

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

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

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

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

On January 13, 1999 the Grand York Rite office moved to 3430 Ratliff Road, Irondale, AL 35110

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

RULES FOR MASONIC DATES

ANCIENT CRAFT MASONS - Add 4,000 years.

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

ROYAL ARCH MASONS - Add 530 years.

Thus: 2020 + 530 = A. Inv. 2550

ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS - Add 1,000 years.

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

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR - Subtract 1,118 years.

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

ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD - Add 1,913 years.

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

SCOTTISH RITE MASONS - Add 3,760 years.

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