

# THE YORK RITE of FREEMASONRY of MISSISSIPPI

## PRESIDING

JOE WESLIE VAUTERS  
MOST EXCELLENT GRAND HIGH PRIEST

DAVID B. FRICKE  
MOST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND MASTER

GEORGE E. FRAZIER  
RIGHT EMINENT GRAND COMMANDER

## ELECTED

THOMAS L. CUMBERLAND  
MOST EXCELLENT GRAND HIGH PRIEST

R. LANE DOSSETT  
MOST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND MASTER

CHARLES L. COX  
RIGHT EMINENT GRAND COMMANDER

2021



GRAND CHAPTER, ROYAL ARCH MASONS  
GRAND COUNCIL, ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS  
GRAND COMMANDERY, KNIGHTS TEMPLAR



PROCEEDINGS  
of the  
**GRAND CHAPTER**  
of  
ROYAL ARCH MASONS  
in the State of  
**MISSISSIPPI**



AT ITS  
ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY-THIRD  
ANNUAL CONVOCATION

HELD IN  
MERIDIAN  
MAY 22, 2021



## **THOMAS LANE CUMBERLAND**

*Most Excellent Grand High Priest  
Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons  
in the State of Mississippi*

2021-2022

# **THOMAS LANE CUMBERLAND**

## **Most Excellent Grand High Priest 2021**

Thomas Lane Cumberland was born December 15th, 1941 to Lonnie and Mary Cumberland in Meridian, Mississippi. He received his education at Carthage High School, Millsaps College, Emory University, and the US Army Command & General Staff College. Companion Cumberland retired from the US Army as a Lieutenant Colonel, and is a retired Pastor of the United Methodist Church.

Companion Cumberland married the former Lynda Carolyn King on December 18th, 1993. They have 5 children; Derek, Amy, Perry, John, and Mack.

Companion Cumberland was Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason in Pearl River Lodge No. 105 in Carthage, MS, on April 27th, 1998, is currently the Treasurer of Sherrard Byrd No. 353, and holds membership at Capitol No. 600 and the Mississippi Lodge of Research No. 640. He has served as Worshipful Master of both Capitol No. 600 and Sherrard Byrd No. 353.

He was Exalted in Jackson Chapter No. 6, Greeted in Jackson Council No. 5, and Knighted in Mississippi Commandery No. 1. He currently has membership at Wilmon Stewart Chapter No. 146, Luther Walker Council No. 57, and Hattiesburg Commandery No. 17, of Poplarville. He has served as presiding officer of all three bodies.

He received the Consistory Degrees in the Valley of Jackson in 1998, with membership currently at the Valley of Hattiesburg. He has been honored with both the KCCH, and as an Inspector General Honorary. In 1998 he also received the ceremonies of the A. A. O. N. M. S. at Wahabi Shrine in Jackson with membership currently held at Joppa where he serves as Chaplain and President of the Picayune Shrine Club.

Other Masonic Affiliations & Honors are: Past Patron in the Order of the Eastern Star, Poplarville No. 100, Knight Masons, Rosecrucians, Allied Masonic Degrees, DeMolay LOH, Royal Order of Scotland, Past Puissant Sovereign in the Red Cross of Constantine, Past Governor of the York Rite Sovereign College, Grand Governor of the York Rite Sovereign College, Rainbow, and National Sojourners.

Companion Cumberland is also a member in the Order of High Priesthood (2004), Thrice Illustrious Masters (2003), Knights Preceptor (2003), and KYCH. Prior to his Election and Installation as Most Excellent Grand High Priest Companion Cumberland served as Grand King in 2020 and has served as Grand Chaplain. He was Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters in the State of Mississippi in 2015, where he had also served as Grand Chaplain. He was Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Mississippi in 2010.

Companion Cumberland has also served as Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of Mississippi, F. & A. M. 4 times, as well as Deputy Grand Master in 2015, and Grand Master in 2018, the Bicentennial Year for the Grand Lodge of Mississippi.

**GRAND CHAPTER OFFICERS 2021-2022**

Grand High Priest ..... Thomas L. Cumberland  
Grand King.....Jiles Kenneth Grice  
Grand Scribe ..... Dorvell Lynn Bugg  
Grand Treasurer ..... Micky P. McMahan  
Grand Secretary .....Jared F. Stanley  
Grand Secretary Emeritus ..... Micky P. McMahan  
Grand Secretary Emeritus ..... Fred F. Bean, PGHP  
Grand Captain of the Host ..... Norman Ried Quarles, Jr.  
Grand Lecturer ..... Homer E. Sullivan, Jr., PGHP  
Grand Principal Sojourner ..... Arthur Leon Patrick  
Grand Royal Arch Captain.....David Bryan Fricke  
Grand Master of the Third Veil .....Roy Wayne Alexander  
Grand Master of the Second Veil..... Ronald Matthew Gardner  
Grand Master of the First Veil .....Charles Larry Robinson  
Grand Chaplain ..... Bobby Ray Jones  
Grand Sentinel ..... Shelton Horace Dickerson, Jr.

# **PROGRAM**

For the Annual Sessions of the  
Grand Chapter, RAM,  
Grand Council, R. & S. M., and  
Grand Commandery, K. T. of Mississippi

## **SATURDAY, MAY 22, 2021**

10:00A    Opening of Grand Chapter Convocation  
             - Followed By -  
             Opening of Grand Council Assembly  
             - Followed By -  
             Opening of Grand Commandery Conclave

### **NOTE**

Due to restrictions in place from the worldwide response to COVID-19, It being evident that a traditional in-person meeting would not be possible in the near future, the Grand York Rite Bodies proceeded to meet virtually, using a videoconferencing platform which permitted Officers, Committeemen, Representatives and Members from across the State to participate, as well as numerous out-of-state distinguished guests.

# PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS IN THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

AT ITS ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY-SECOND  
ANNUAL CONVOCATION

HELD AT MERIDIAN, MISSISSIPPI  
MAY 22, 2021

### OPENING

The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in the State of Mississippi was opened in ample form at 10:00A, Saturday, May 22, 2021, at the Grand Secretary/Recorder's Office, in Meridian, Mississippi by Grand High Priest, Joe W. Vawters. Companion Bill W. Sloan, Grand Chaplain, offered the opening prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance was given.

### MINUTES ADOPTED

A motion by Companion Jared F. Stanley, Grand Secretary, that the minutes of the 2020 Grand Convocation be adopted as printed was seconded and adopted.

### ROLL CALL

Roll calls were accomplished using attendance information, with the following present:

Grand High Priest.....	Joe W. Vawters
Grand King.....	Thomas L. Cumberland
Grand Scribe.....	Jiles K. Grice
Grand Treasurer.....	Micky P. McMahan
Grand Secretary.....	Jared F. Stanley
Grand Secretary Emeritus .....	Micky P. McMahan
Grand Secretary Emeritus .....	Fred F. Bean
Grand Captain of the Host.....	Dorvell L. Bugg
Grand Lecturer .....	Homer E. Sullivan, Jr.
Grand Principal Sojourner.....	N. Ried Quarles, Jr.
Grand Master Third Veil .....	Phillip W. Hobson
Grand Master Second Veil .....	Ronald M. Gardner
Grand Master First Veil.....	C. Larry Robinson
Grand Chaplain .....	Bill W. Sloan
Grand Sentinel.....	Shelton H. Dickerson, Jr.

### COMMITTEES

CAPITULAR LAW: R. Lane Dossett, Chairman

CREDENTIALS: Rex C. Hasty, Chairman; Shelton H. Dickerson, Jr.

EDUCATION: Xerxes Z. Herrington, II, Chairman;

FINANCE: R. Lane Dossett, Chairman; Jimmie L. Windham, PGHP; Bill W. Sloan



**FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENT:**

**GRAND LIBRARIAN:** Jared F. Stanley

**INTERNET:** Michael R. Baker, Chairman; Jared F. Stanley; R. Lane Dossett

**LONG RANGE PLANNING:** Philip W. Hobson; Grand Chapter: R. Lane

Dossett; Grand Council: Joe W. Vawters; Grand Commandery: Jason A. Jefcoat

**NECROLOGY:**

**PUBLICITY:** Jared F. Stanley

**PERPETUAL MEMBERSHIP PLAN:** Jiles K. Grice

**ROYAL ARCH RESEARCH ASSISTANCE:** N. Ried Quarles, Jr.

**PAST GRAND HIGH PRIESTS**

Fred F. Bean

Jerry Lee Lewis

Billy Frank Smith

Jimmie L. Windham

Charles F. Huckaby

Jerry W. Reeves

Jomer E. Sullivan

C. Edward Huckaby

Leslie E. Reeves

James M. Ward

**HONORARY PAST GRAND HIGH PRIESTS**

**VACANCIES FILLED**

Due to the virtual nature of the Convocation no vacancies were filled.

**GRAND REPRESENTATIVES**

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

*ALABAMA.....	GORDON B. NANNEY, PGHP	MONTANA.....	LESLIE E. REEVES, PGHP
ALASKA.....	CLYDE L. HERRON, JR	NEBRASKA.....	
ARIZONA.....	GEORGE E. FRAZIER	*NEVADA.....	TERRY W. NOWELL
ARKANSAS.....	JOHN E. PERKINS	*NEW HAMPSHIRE.....	JAMES C. EDGE, JR
*CALIFORNIA.....	CLARENCE G. LEVELLE	NEW JERSEY.....	JIMMIE L. WINDHAM, PGHP
*COLORADO.....	ROY W. ALEXANDER	NEW MEXICO.....	TERRY G. MORGAN
CONNECTICUT.....	CARROLL D. THOMPSON, SR	NEW YORK.....	
*DELAWARE.....	ANTHONY S. TROTTER	NORTH CAROLINA.....	C. EDWARD HUCKABY, PGHP
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.....	KIELY D. WALKER, PGHP	*NORTH DAKOTA.....	GEORGE T. SAXON
FLORIDA.....	HAROLD A. MARLAR	*OHIO.....	JERRY W. BYRD
GEORGIA.....	JAMES S. SWEET	*OKLAHOMA.....	EDWARD G. HOLLAND, PGHP
*HAWAII.....	JACK HOURGUETTES, JR	*OREGON.....	JOSEPH R. LEE, JR
IDAHO.....	CARROLL D. THOMPSON, JR	*PENNSYLVANIA.....	RANDY W. GLOVER
ILLINOIS.....	HOMER E. SULLIVAN, JR., PGHP	*RHODE ISLAND.....	WILLIAM J. SMITH
INDIANA.....	R. LANE DOSSETT	*SOUTH CAROLINA.....	JAMES W. SIGMOND, JR
IOWA.....	N. RIED QUARLES, JR	*SOUTH DAKOTA.....	STEPHEN E. YON
*IRELAND.....	LONNIE L. RAYBORN	TENNESSEE.....	BILL W. SLOAN
KANSAS.....	JERRY W. REEVES	*TEXAS.....	CHRISTOPHER M. REID
KENTUCKY.....	JAMES M. WARD, PGHP	UTAH.....	MICKY P. MCMAHAN
LOUISIANA.....	DAVID B. FRICKE	*VERMONT.....	NATHAN A. APPEGATE
MAINE.....	JIMMY D. FAIRCHILDS, JR	*VIRGINIA.....	ALFRED S. BETTENCOURT
MARYLAND.....	JEFFREY A. GARDNER	*WASHINGTON.....	ROBERT L. EARNEST
MASSACHUSETTS.....	M. KEITH BALLARD	*WEST VIRGINIA.....	LEROY J. MITCHELL
MICHIGAN.....	J. HAROLD NORTON	WISCONSIN.....	JASON A. JEFCOAT
MINNESOTA.....	THOMAS L. CUMBERLAND	WYOMING.....	JILES K. GRICE
MISSOURI.....	LARRY BYRD		

## OTHER JURISDICTIONS

<u>CANADA</u>		NEW ZEALAND	JOE W. VAWTERS
ALBERTA	MICHAEL R. BAKER	PHILIPPINE ISLANDS	JARED F. STANLEY
BRITISH COLUMBIA	CHARLES F. HUCKABY, PGHP	*SCOTLAND	JAMES A. BERGERON
MANITOBA	CHARLES L. COX	SOUTH AUSTRALIA	DORVELL L. BUGG
*NEW BRUNSWICK	W. TERRY MCLEOD	*SWITZERLAND	ROBERT E. HUTTO
*NOVA SCOTIA	FREDERICK H. STEPHENS	VICTORIA	
*SASKATCHEWAN	FRANK E. BREWER	WESTERN AUSTRALIA	FRED G. HILLS, III

<u>OTHER</u>	
*ARGENTINA	BILLY FRANK SMITH
*ISRAEL	BRUCE D. BAKER
MEXICO	WILLIAM R. WILEMON, JR
NEW SOUTH WALES & AUST. CAP. TERRITORY	JERRY LEE LEWIS

\* Not Present at Roll Call

NOTE: It is suggested that due to the virtual nature of this Convocation that those who were not present are not counted towards being replaced as a representative.

## ADDRESS OF THE GRAND HIGH PRIEST

TO THE OFFICERS, MEMBERS AND DISTINGUISHED GUEST OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF MISSISSIPPI:

Companions, I am honored to have the privilege of welcoming you to this 173rd Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Mississippi. Having a virtual meeting I assure you was not my first choice but the safety of everyone was. Hopefully in the future we can get back to our great in person meetings that we all enjoy so much. I thank you for allowing me the honor and privilege of serving you as your Grand High Priest this year. I extend my appreciation to the Grand Chapter Officers and Companions who have maintained their loyalty to the York Rite although it has been a trying year with the Covid-19 virus governing most of our regular activities. Thank You.

To my lady Jeri thank you for your love, support, care and understanding for the more than 60 years of marriage and throughout all of my Masonic endeavors. I know I could not have accomplished these without you.

## NECROLOGY

The Chapter Necrology is in the combined Necrology Report for the Chapter/Council/Commandery will be given at the time of the Commandery Session. It is always a time of sadness and remembering when we receive that report. We do need to note that one of our most dedicated York Rite Masons Companion Kenneth Eccles Dyer, Past Grand High Priest and his wife Gloria passed away this year. His service and dedication to the craft was extensive in all branches of Masonry. Our Necrology Committee has prepared an appropriate memorial in their report.

## STATE OF THE CRAFT

Although I must report sadly that Covid-19 has determined our activities this year, I firmly believe that the state of the Craft is Excellent in our Grand Chapter Jurisdiction. We have a strong group of Grand Chapter Officers and companions whom I feel will not let this situation beat us.

## DISPENSATIONS GRANTED

Because of the Corona Virus, dispensation has been granted each month to suspend stated meetings and pay necessary accounts for all Chapters.

## **GRAND LECTURER**

Our Grand Chapter has been blessed with an Outstanding Grand Lecturer, Companion Right Excellent Grand Lecturer Homer E. Sullivan, Jr. His dedication to our craft is beyond reproach. His knowledge and all the years he has spent conferring degrees and teaching is incredible. Under your direction and encouragement all of us have endeavored to raise our level of ritual ability. Thank you Companion Homer Sullivan, PGM, PMEGHP, PIGM, PGC for your dedication and the example you set.

## **GRAND CHAPTER DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD**

This award is given to only one Companion each year; it's a high honor to be the recipient of the Distinguished Service Award. The selection has been made and the presentation will be made at an appropriate time.

## **ZERUBBABEL APRON**

The distinguished, T. Olin Gore, Jr. traveling apron is given each year to a deserving Companion to wear throughout the year. The presentation will also be at an appropriate time.

## **GRAND SECRETARY AND STAFF**

Thank you for your commitment and dedication. It most certainly has not been an easy year to accomplish everything that needed to be done in the Grand Offices to make things go smoothly. I am sure that it has been a difficult time. With the retirement of Carolyn and Dana's departure the challenge of maintaining a smooth running office that provides the capable service that we are accustomed to has been an ongoing task that has been handled in a very proficient and skilled manner. Right Excellent Grand Secretary Jared Stanley, I thank you for all your support/advise and commend you for a job WELL DONE.

## **ROYAL ARCH RESEARCH ASSISTANCE**

Companion N. Ried Quarles, Jr., thank you for your service in all that you do for our Grand York Rite.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS AND SUGGESTIONS**

There are so many. But, in this frustrating year, I hope and pray that all Masons will maintain an attitude of optimistic thinking and support our great York Rite and all our Masonic Bodies in every manner possible. Go and be part of it and make Mississippi proud.

## **APPRECIATIONS AND CONCLUSIONS**

I want to express my appreciation and gratitude to the companions of Laurel/Meridian York Rite Bodies for the mini-festival, (Chapter and Council) they sponsored on the 13th of February. Companions Mike Baker, Keith Ballard, PIGM, Jeff Gardner, Secretary, and Jason Jefcoat, PGM, it was a little difficult conforming to the Governors and Grand Masters rules, but they worked very hard ritualistically and safety wise to make it happen, proving that we can do it if we want to put forth the effort. Thanks to Companion Fred Bean, PGM,

PIGM, PMEGHP, PGC. We can't do it without him. What a great model of a dedicated mason.

Fraternally Submitted:



Joe Weslie Vawters  
Most Excellent Grand High Priest

### **MOTION**

With Jiles K. Grice, Grand Scribe, presiding, a motion presented by Jared F. Stanley, Grand Secretary, that the Grand High Priest's Address be referred as follows: Necrology to the Necrology Committee, Law to the Capitular Law Committee, Finance to the Finance Committee and the remainder of the address to a Special Committee of three composed of R. Lane Dossett, Chairman, Bill W. Sloan, and Thomas L. Cumberland, was seconded and passed.

### **COMBINED LONG RANGE PLANNING**

The following report, submitted by Companion Jason A. Jefcoat, was adopted.

Excellent Grand High Priest, Illustrious Grand Master, Grand Commander:

This committee was conceived of by Brother, Companion, and Sir Knight Kenneth Eccles Dyer four years ago and he served as our Chairman until his death on January 28, 2021. The death of Brother Ken and his wife Mrs. Gloria, was and still is a tremendous blow to the future of our fraternities. Four years ago, when Brother Ken introduced the idea of this committee to us, he told us that York Rite Masonry would be dead in five years if we did not make some hard and drastic changes.

Some of the ideas proposed by this committee include:

- The dividing of our State into six Districts with a Regional Representative appointed in each
- Development of Checklists for visiting Reps to use.
- Recommending other York Rite Bodies assist in purchasing jewels, shoulder boards, etc.
- The Holy Land Pilgrimage Medal
- Requiring each Body to have a balanced budget and raising fees and per capita dues.
- Promote the York Rite Leadership Program
- Developing a summary of the Degrees and Orders to be read to each class of candidates
- Encourage accountability of the local York Rite Bodies

Unfortunately, most of our proposals have been completely ignored by our patriarchs and elected leadership. Any ideas of change seem to paralyze us with a fear of losing more members. The State was divided into Districts.

Unfortunately, most have not had a representative appointed, and those that have a representative are not receiving official visits. The Holy Land Pilgrimage Medal has not been promoted, and most of our Brethren do not even know the purpose of the program. The majority of our elected officials have not and will not attend the Leadership Program. New Companions and Sir Knights are being made with very little understanding of what a York Rite Mason is supposed to be. There is zero accountability of the local bodies to the Grand Bodies.

Brethren, there is a gap between our brethren over 45 and those under 45. We have many members who are older and few in the middle. We are now seeing the younger generation seek out Masonry and it is imperative that we learn and develop ways to engage them to ensure the Fraternity's future and success. Most men will spend their money on something of quality that provides stimulation, fun and camaraderie if they are receiving something of value. It is time to review and reconsider what we provide the new member. For the past 25 years, we have been losing members. We do not have 25 more! Let us get started in making this a premier organization again!!!

Kenneth E. Dyer, PGC, PIGM, PGHP (Deceased)  
R. Lane Dossett  
Phillip Hobson  
Jason A. Jefcoat  
Joe W. Vawters, PGC, GHP

## FINANCE

The following report, submitted by Companion R. Lane Dossett, Chairman, was adopted.

To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest; Grand Chapter Officers, Companions and Distinguished Guests:

Your Finance Committee and the Fraternity as a whole suffered a great loss this year in the death of our Chairman, Kenneth E. Dyer. To say that losing him has affected continuity would be a gross understatement. We will strive to live up to his ideals of fiscal responsibility, giving our best for the Rite.

The York Rite Bodies previously eliminated the "Audit" line item from the budget. The Committee subsequently learned, however, that this line item included not only an audit but also bookkeeping services provided by the same vendor. While the vendor indicated he would provide these services as a holdover courtesy, no reports have been received as of the time of this writing, rendering a categorized statement of income and expenditures and budgeting difficult this year. Actual data, as could be discerned from the bank statements and other sources, has been provided in the proposed budget. With there being only approximately 5 sources of income and about a dozen itemized groups of expenses, the Committee believes that external bookkeeping services are not necessary relative to the small amount of our income and expenses. Moving forward, the Committee requests deposits and expenditures be recorded in a categorized spreadsheet format for annual budgeting and reporting purposes.

The Committee's review of the most recent bank records revealed we ended slightly in the black for a positive year! Revenue was \$26,308.17 and expenses

were \$25,729.46, for a net gain of \$578.71. While positive, we largely missed last year's budget projection of a net gain of \$7,496. We project next year to also be a positive year, with the per capita increase going into effect, raising income.

The Committee recommends the Grand York Rite Bodies charge a collective \$50 per person registration fee for attendance at Grand Annual Sessions to be divided among the bodies, said fee amount applying regardless of which part or parts the registrant attends.

The Committee thanks the Anointed Order of High Priesthood for its support of the Grand Chapter through the purchase of the Grand High Priest's apron case. To further reduce expenses, the Committee solicits sponsorship from a York Rite affiliated entity of the Grand High Priest's apron and jewel.

The Committee recommends continuation of the normal budgeted expenditures, including but not limited to a jewel and apron of the highest quality for the outgoing Grand High Priest and embossed name badges for all Grand Officers.

Fraternally submitted,

R. Lane Dossett, Chairman Billy Wayne Sloan Jimmie L. Windham, PGHP

### **GRAND CHAPTER BUDGET FOR 2021 - 2022**

Income	Actual 2020-2021	Projected 2021-2022
Per Capita & Degree Fees		25,808
Interest	0	0
Banquet(tickets)	0	500
Sale of Ritual Books		500
Ann. Assembly Reg. Fee	0	0
<b>Total Income</b>	<u>26,308</u>	<u>26,808</u>
Expenses		
Grand Officer Expenses		
Grand High Priest's Apron	456	456
Grand High Priest's Contingent	0	0
Grand High Priest's Jewel	230	230
Per Capita to GGC	3,870	3,870
Grand Convocation		
Banquet	0	500
Flowers	0	50
Guest Rooms	0	200
Programs and Badges	166	166
Grand Body General		
Management Fee	6,666	6,666
Insurance	106	106
Grand Secretary Salary	4,432	4,600
Payroll Taxes	763	763
Printing/Mailing Proceedings	398	500
Printing/Postage/Stationary		200
Web Page	13	13
Directory	280	300
Ritual Books	522	550

Uncategorized	1,928	
Retirement	5,900	5,900
Total Expenses	<u>25,729</u>	<u>25,070</u>
Net	579	1,738

**MOTION**

A motion by Jared F. Stanley, Grand Secretary, that the reports of the Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer, Combined Report of the Audit Committee, Capitular Law Committee, Education Committee, Publicity Committee, Special Committee on the Address of the Grand High Priest, Royal Arch Research Assistance Committee, Combined Report of the Internet Committee, Combined Report of the Grand Librarian, Combined Report of the Grand Lecturer/Inspector-Instructor, Combined Report of the Perpetual Membership Committee and the Combined Report of the Necrology Committee be adopted as provided, was seconded and passed.

**GRAND SECRETARY**

TO THE GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF MISSISSIPPI:

I herewith submit to you my annual report as your Grand Secretary. The Grand Chapter currently has 28 Subordinate Chapters. We exalted 5 new Chapter Masons last year which is 32 less than the previous year. We Suspended 167 Companions for non-payment of dues which is 76 more than last year. Death claimed 90 of our Companions which is 29 more than last year. We Reinstated 13 which is 6 less than last year.

It is worth noting that with the increase in Per Capita and Degree Fee charges to the Grand Chapter, many Chapters have stopped “holding” members over, or remitting their dues and paying their Per Capita on their behalf. In doing so, many were Suspended for Non-Payment of Dues, or discovered to have been deceased.

Our statistics for the year are as follows:

<b>Members on roll January 1, 2020</b> .....	<b>1,521</b>
<b>Members on roll December 31, 2020</b> .....	<b>1,281</b>
<b>Net Change</b> .....	<b>- 240</b>

**Additions:**

Exalted .....	5
Affiliated.....	4
Reinstated .....	13
Dual/Plural.....	0
Error.....	0
Total.....	22

**Deductions:**

Suspended NPD .....	167
Suspended UMC .....	0
Demitted/Terminated .....	4
Died.....	90
Error .....	+1
Total .....	262

<b>Total Members on Roll December 31, 2020</b> .....	<b>1,281</b>
<b>Less Exempt Members</b> .....	<b>- 193</b>
<b>Total Per Capita Dues paying Members 2020</b> .....	<b>1,088</b>
	<b>(@ \$24.00)</b>

**Total Exaltations:**

Hillyer No. 113 .....	2
McConico No. 96.....	1
Amory No. 22 .....	1
Corinth No. 76 .....	1

**Total Reinstatements:**

Jackson No. 6.....	5
Columbus No. 4 .....	2
Hattiesburg No. 114 .....	2
Vicksburg No. 3 .....	2
Calhoun City No. 7 .....	1
Ward No. 73.....	1

**Total Suspensions:**

Gulf Coast No. 116 .....	39
Meridian No. 25 .....	25
Jackson No. 23 .....	22
McConico No. 96.....	21
Corinth No. 76 .....	10
Hillyer No. 113 .....	6
Vicksburg No. 3 .....	6
Wilmon Stuart No. 146 .....	6
Amory No. 122 .....	5
Hattiesburg No. 114 .....	5
New Albany No. 49 .....	5

Natchez No. 1 .....	4
West Point No. 95.....	3
Houston No. 23.....	2
Laurel No. 126.....	2
McComb City No. 90 .....	2
Ward No. 73 .....	2
Calhoun City No. 152.....	1
DeSoto No. 148 .....	1

**Net Gain:**

McConico No. 96 .....	18
Gulf Coast No. 16.....	7
Corinth No. 76.....	6
Natchez No. 1 .....	6
Amory No. 22.....	5
Louisville No. 36.....	4
Hattiesburg No. 114.....	3
McComb City No. ....	3
Columbus No. 4.....	2
Drew No. 37 .....	2
Desoto No. 148.....	2
Laurel No. 126.....	2
Meridian No. 25 .....	2
Wilmon Stuart No. 146.....	2
Vicksburg No. 3 .....	1


2020 posed many challenges to Freemasonry globally, and the Grand Secretary’s Office was no exception. After much contemplation, Mrs. Carolyn D. Hodge, who had been with our office for 21 years, serving many of her last years as Office Manager, retired on the 31st of December 2020. Carolyn’s knowledge, having the benefit of 21 years around this office, is a true loss to this office and the Fraternity at large. However, her retirement is well earned, and we count ourselves as beneficiaries of her work and wish her and her family the best of retirements.

While technically an item for the next report, I feel it is worth noting here that Mrs. Dana McMahan, Daughter-in-Law of our Grand Treasurer, also left the office on the 8th of January 2021. While not strictly a retirement, her leaving was of her own accord in order to be closer to family and to return to being an educator, which is what she did prior to accepting a position here. Everyone enjoyed working with Dana and her work was top-notch. We wish her and her husband, Paul, all the best in their future endeavors for their family.

Special thanks go to Companions Michael Baker, John McKelvy, and Charles Stephens for their support during these Virtual Annual Sessions. I would also like to express my Thanks to Companion Bobby Ainsworth for completing the printing of our 2020 Proceedings.

Finally, thank you for allowing me to serve as your Grand Secretary, and Many Thanks to all those who have provided helpful advice and working hands to make these 2021 Sessions possible.

Fraternally submitted,

  
 Jared F. Stanley, Grand Secretary



**GRAND TREASURER**  
**For the year ended March 31, 2020**

TO THE GRAND CHAPTER RAM OF MISSISSIPPI:

Companions, I herewith submit my report as Grand Treasurer as follows:

	<u>CASH ON HAND</u>	
General Fund	Checking Account	\$25,491
Y. R. Pin Fund	Checking Account	<u>725</u>
		\$26,216
	<u>SECURITIES</u>	
General Fund	Investment Account	\$25,633
	<u>DUES &amp; ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE</u>	
General Fund		\$9,326
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<b>\$61,175</b>

Fraternally submitted,

Micky P. McMahan  
Grand Treasurer

**COMBINED AUDIT COMMITTEE**

TO THE GRAND HIGH PRIEST, ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND MASTER, RIGHT EMINENT GRAND COMMANDER AND MEMBERS OF THE GRAND YORK RITE BODIES OF MISSISSIPPI:

We, the Committee have reviewed the report of Lee Harris, CPA on the Grand York Rite combined Audit and are in total agreement, approve his report.

We express our appreciation to the Grand High Priest Joe Vawters, Illustrious Grand Master David Fricke and Right Eminent Grand Commander George Frazier, for the privilege of serving on this important Committee.

Fraternally submitted,

Fred F. Bean, PGHP, PIGM, PGC; Jason A. Jefcoat; Terry F. Lewis

**CAPITULAR LAW**

TO THE MOST EXCELLENT GRAND HIGH PRIEST, OFFICERS, COMPANIONS AND MOST DISTINGUISHED VISITORS:

The Committee on Capitular Law is pleased to report that no requests for a decision or interpretation or question has been submitted to this committee.

We congratulate the members of this Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Mississippi for their dedication to the Constitution, Laws, Rules and Regulations.

We thank our Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Joe Vawters, for this opportunity to serve.

Respectfully submitted: Jimmie L. Windham, PGHP and Robert Lane Dossett

### **PUBLICITY**

**MOST EXCELLENT GRAND HIGH PRIEST, GRAND CHAPTER OFFICERS, AND COMPANIONS ALL:**

I feel confident that each of us knows that there is but one way we publicize this Craft of ours – by being the type of men that draws others to us. Both in word and in deed, the only way Royal Arch Masonry can truly be publicized is through our own actions.

Yes, we can (and have) publish our actions and writings in the Knights Templar Magazine. While this helps us see the activities across our State and lets the new Companions & Sir Knights see their picture published, this certainly is not publicity – it is preaching to the choir.

Largely, our efforts online see the same results. The only true exposure is to our own Membership. Yes, Freemasons who are not Royal Arch Masons and the public may be able to find it – but in what way does seeing a picture of a Festival truly publicize Royal Arch Masonry?

In making these statements I do not mean to diminish any efforts made to publicize our Craft, nor ignore other laudable and valuable efforts, such as Royal Arch Research Assistance – but instead only to emphasize this immutable truth: Every single Royal Arch Mason is the billboard, the advertisement, the article, the mouthpiece, and the picture that publicizes our Craft. Each of us must express to our Masonic Brothers in the Symbolic Lodge why Royal Arch Masonry matters. Why it is worth the additional time. Yes, even why it is worth the cost. That is the foundation, that which is fundamental and necessary, and without which, any additional attempts at publicity which may be built up will, ultimately, falter.

Fraternally submitted,  
Jared F. Stanley, Grand Secretary

### **SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON THE ADDRESS OF THE MOST EXCELLENT GRAND HIGH PRIEST**

**TO THE OFFICERS, MEMBERS AND DISTINGUISHED GUESTS OF THE  
GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF MISSISSIPPI:**

We, the members of this Committee appreciate the honor of being appointed to serve on the address of our Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Companion Joe W. Vawters. We join with him in welcoming the members of this Grand Chapter online and especially those Companions attending for the first time. We also join him in welcoming our visiting Companions from other jurisdictions.

We join with him in thanking his lady, Jeri, for her faithful support of our Most Excellent Grand High Priest this year and throughout his Masonic career. She is truly a friend of the Fraternity and loved by all.

We sadly join him in remembering and mourning the death of Bro. Kenneth Eccles Dyer, Past Grand High Priest, and his wife Gloria. His death was indeed a most unexpected loss, and we now know the large void he left behind.

We thank the Most Excellent Grand High Priest for his dispensations in allowing Chapters to suspend meetings and for giving the individual Chapters a choice in this matter. His wisdom throughout this very difficult time of Covid shined bright with his proper balancing of the health, safety, and desires of the Craft.

We whole heartily agree with his comments on our Grand Lecturer, Homer E. Sullivan, Jr., for his knowledge and dedication to the Craft. He has the ability and continues to encourage young men in taking the responsibility to learn new parts and participate in Festivals. Under his leadership, our ritual work is unsurpassed.

We congratulate the Grand High Priest for his efforts of ensuring the Grand Chapter Service Award and other awards, including the distinguished T. Olin Gore, Jr. Travelling Zerubbabel Apron, is given to a deserving Companion.

We join with our Grand High Priest in his reference to the Grand Secretary and his Staff in accomplishing everything needed to be done, despite the unusual circumstances. The Grand Secretary's office continues to perform its duties in an exemplary manner.

We also agree with the Grand High Priest in expressing his appreciation to Companion N. Ried Quarles, Jr., for his leadership with the Royal Arch Research Assistance.

We also concur with his appreciation to the Laurel/Meridian York Rite Bodies for the mini-festival in February as well as to Companions Mike Baker, Keith Ballard, Jeff Gardner, and Jason Jefcoat. The Committee agrees that, without their leadership, this event would not have been possible. We concur with our Grand High Priest for expressing his appreciation and gratitude in serving as Grand High Priest this year and congratulate him on the exemplary discharge of his duties.

Fraternally submitted,  
R. Lane Dossett, Chairman; Billy Wayne Sloan; Tom Cumberland

### **ROYAL ARCH RESEARCH ASSISTANCE**

Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Officers, Visitors and Companions All:

The Grand Chapter of Mississippi continues our commitment through the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons to provide support to three organizations all devoted to working on Central Auditory Processing Disorder or CAPD. The University of Connecticut, the Hearing Health Institute and Autism Speaks are our "research arm for better hearing health." As the focus of our charitable works, RAM's have contributed over \$9,000,000 for the worthy causes, yet they are still underfunded.

The need for cochlear ear implants among our children is an ever pressing concern that demands our attention. Between 2% and 7% of children are

diagnosed with a need for this device and boys are more likely to be afflicted. At present, there is no cure for CAPD and treatment is specific to each person.

As the spoken word is so essential to Our Craft, so is it necessary to humanity at large. For those suffering from CAPD, small sound differences in words may cause the message to be lost. Example Message - "Look at the cows over there" becomes "Look at the clowns on the chair." Imagine teaching under those circumstances.

As these programs are certainly worthy of our continued support, I urge each of you to petition your local chapters to contribute at least \$1.00 per member as requested in years past to help our children and grand children who will be in need of this important research.

Donations are tax deductible and can be sent to;  
Ried Quarles, RARA  
911 Oakhill Cir.  
Clinton, MS 39056

The following donation was received for this past year;  
David Fricke \$50.00

and was sent to RARA.

Hopefully, additional funds were sent directly to;  
RARA, Inc.  
c/o J. Williams Riggs  
PO Box 1040  
Bardstown, KY 40004-1040

I wish to thank the Most Excellent Grand High Priest Joe Vawters for my serving on this committee.

Ried Quarles  
RARA Chairman

## **COMBINED INTERNET**

Companions/Sir Knights All:

The previous year as been unique in many ways. The lack of an in-person Grand York Rite session and York Rite Festivals prevented us from being able to obtain new photographs of all of the officers this year, but fortunately we were able to use photographs from previous years for all of the elected officers.

The process to update and modernize the various York Rite forms available to download from the website is underway, but it is time consuming so it is still a work in progress. I am confident that the project will be completed within the ensuing year.

There were some significant updates made to the web pages for the Grand Honors and Awards for the Chapter, Council, and Commandery. Information about quite a few awards and honors there were not previously listed have been added to their respective web pages, and an up-to-date list of all of recipients for

these awards and honors has been added. This update was made possible by a tremendous effort from Companion and Sir Knight Gerald Klein. Thank you Companion and Sir Knight Klein for your work on this project.

We are pleased to report that a new MS Grand York Rite Facebook page has been created. More information about that will be available in the near future.

We were regrettably notified by the Grand Encampment that August 2021 will be the last printed edition of the Knights Templar Magazine, but the magazine will continue to be made available in digital form, including the MS Supplement. A link to the digital publication, as well as the state supplement, has been added to the Commander webpage.

On behalf of the Internet committees for these Grand York Rite Bodies, thank you for the confidence and entrusting each of us with this responsibility. Thank you also to the presiding officers for the opportunity to serve the Grand Bodies in this capacity.

Fraternally Submitted,

Michael R. Baker, Chairman  
Jared F. Stanley  
R. Lane Dossett

Michael R. Baker, Chairman  
Art L. Patrick

Michael R. Baker, Chairman  
James A. Whitfield, Jr.  
Jerry W. Reeves

### **COMBINED GRAND LIBRARIAN**

Companions & Sir Knights All,

In my previous report I stated that the Grand Bodies could reasonably expect that past proceedings would have started to be digitized by this meeting. However, with changes in staff at the Office of the Grand Secretary/Recorder, this has been delayed. The books are still sorted and awaiting double-checking before books are digitized. With other possible changes coming at these Annual Sessions, I cannot state what will be completed next, or what a reasonable timeline for completion might be.

We still intend to start the project of digitizing our old membership cards, which will make historical research considerably easier.

Fraternally Submitted,  
Jared F. Stanley, Grand Librarian

### **COMBINED GRAND LECTURER/INSPECTOR-INSTRUCTOR**

**MOST EXCELLENT GRAND HIGHT PRIEST, MOST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND MASTER, RIGHT EMINENT GRAND COMMANDER, OFFICERS OF THE GRAND YORK RITE BODIES OF MISSISSIPPI, DISTINGUISHED GUESTS, COMPANIONS, AND SIR KNIGHTS ALL:**

Again I am happy to report that although most of our work is done at Festivals throughout the state, with the exception of the first three Chapter Degrees, the degree work continues to be exceptional by very good ritualists who assist wherever needed.

Due to the virus of the past year no festivals were held since March 2020 until

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the festival in Laurel this year. We were pleased to confer degrees and orders on twenty-one candidates. The work was very successful with several new members who had no opportunity to learn the ritual pitched in to help keep the work running smoothly. Without such assistants we could not do what is expected. Thank you to all who helped make the festival a success. Without you our work would be impossible.

We thank Grand High Priest Joe Vawters, Grand Master of the Grand Council David Fricke, and Grand Commander George Frazier for their leadership under trying circumstances this year.

We also thank Most Worshipful Grand Master Harold Norton for his direction this past year to keep our Masonic Bodies safe. The idea the heads of the Bodies who devised the plan for fewer statewide festivals is beginning to show promise and hopefully as we overcome current obstacles, we will be able to return to our normal schedules.

It is encouraging to note that our older members are encouraging our younger/newer members to select parts and learn our ritualistic work which we know they will enjoy and continue the good work we are supposed to do.

Sincere thanks are again extended to James Morris Ward and Eddie Holland who are deputy inspector/instructors. Even though Eddie has been unable to participate due to health problems, we thank him for what he has been able to do. Our thanks and gratitude are also given to the Grand Secretary/Recorder Jared Stanley and his office staff for support and cooperation in keeping our operation running smoothly. We also thank the other Masonic Bodies who has cooperated with and supported us this past year.

God bless all of us as we continue.

Fraternally submitted, Homer E. Sullivan, Jr., PGHP, PIGM, PGC  
Grand Lecturer/Inspector-Instructor

### **COMBINED PERPETUAL MEMBERSHIP PLAN**

To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Most Illustrious Grand Master, Right Eminent Grand Commander, officers of the Grand York Rite Bodies of Mississippi, Companions and Sir Knights:

Your Committees for the Perpetual Membership Plan are pleased to submit this combined report on the Perpetual Membership Plan Foundation for the York Rite Bodies of Mississippi.

We are saddened by the loss of Companion and Sir Knight Kenneth E. Dyer PGHP, PIGM, PGC who was Chairman of the committees and provided exceptional advice and leadership in getting us where we are today. He will be missed, but we hope to continue following his guidance and principles as we continue the important work of these committees.

As of December 31, 2020, The Perpetual Program completed the year with fourteen (14) participating Chapters, fourteen (14) participating Councils and twelve (12) participating Commanderies.

The investment strategy is working well even through the COVID 19 pandemic. The total amount of funds as of December 31, 2020 are \$10,813.51 CD in Regions Bank, \$29,247 in Checking in Regions Bank and \$66,165.59 investments at Edward Jones Financial for a total of \$106,226.10.

Additional information is required regarding this Program or if there are any questions, Please direct them to any of the Committee members or Grand Recorder/Secretary's Office. Application forms, certificates and Perpetual Membership cards are available from the Grand Recorder/Secretary.

We would like to thank the Most Excellent High Priest, Most Illustrious Grand Master and Right Eminent Grand Commander for appointing us to serve on these committees.

Fraternally submitted,  
Perpetual Membership Committees

**Grand Chapter RAM**  
Bill W. Sloan, Chrm  
Jiles K. Grice, Gr. Scribe  
Jordan K. Miller

**Grand Council R&SM**  
Bill W. Sloan, Chrm  
Jerry W. Reeves, PIGM  
Dorvell L. Bugg, PIGM

**Grand Commandery KT**  
Bill W. Sloan, Chrm  
George Frazier, GC  
Matthew Keith Ballard, GCG

## COMBINED NECROLOGY

The Combined Grand York Rite Necrology Committee submits the following report:

We are most grateful to the Grand Master of Heaven and Earth that the Grand Lines of each of the Grand York Rite Bodies has not been broken in the year that has passed. However, we are all too well aware of the ravages of time and inevitable fact of mortality that governs our existence while traveling through this veil of tears. In the Masonic year that has passed since our last assembly we have recorded the following losses to the York Rite Bodies: We lost ninety (90) members of the Grand Chapter of RAM; eighty three (83) members of the Grand Council of RSM, and eighty one (81) members of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of MS. (note that the numbers are different because not all were members of all Bodies)

While we are not able at this time to recount the honors and faithful service of each of these Masonic Brothers, the committee does note that one Past Grand Master and Past Presiding Officer of all three York, as well as past presiding officer of all appendant York Rite Bodies was translated to the Celestial Lodge Above by the Great Architect of Man's destiny.

Past Grand Master Kenneth Eccles Dyer passed away at his home in Columbus MS along with his Wife of more than 60 years, Gloria Joyce Dyer. Their death was a tragic loss for the Masonic Community in Mississippi. They were both active in all aspects of the Masonic Community.

Kenneth Eccles Dyer was born on April 6, 1942 in Whitewater MO, the son of Elwin and Addie Capella Dyer. He was graduated from South Eastern Louisiana State University with a degree in Mathematics. He served in the United States Marine Corps and retired in the rank of Colonel. He was employed by Weyerhaeuser for 26 years and on retirement continued in a teaching position with East Mississippi Community College. He was a Baseball fan and was

selected to Umpire in the 1980 Little League World Series. He also umpired in the SEC Baseball games.

PGM Ken Dyer served as Grand Master of Masons in Mississippi for the Masonic Year of 2013 -2014. In addition, he was Past Presiding Grand Officer of All Grand York Rite Bodies. He served as Most Excellent Grand High Priest of MS RAM in 2011. In addition, he was the District Deputy General Grand High Priest for the South East for the Triennium just ending. He served as Grand Illustrious Master of MS RSM in 2002. He was the General Grand District Deputy Grand Illustrious Master of Cryptic Masons International in the Bicentennial Year. In that position He was Host for the South Eastern York Rite Conference in Jackson, MS. He served as Grand Commander of Knights Templar in MS for the year of 2005. He was Aide de Camp to a Past Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar USA. MW Dyer was instrumental in establishing the Holy Land Pilgrimage Award for Mississippi Pastors to visit the Holy Land. In the Appendant Orders in MS, MW Dyer was the Past Governor/Secretary of the York Rite Sovereign College of North America No. 83. He also served as Grand Governor and was the holder of the Purple Cross. In the Red Cross of Constantine MW Dyer was Past Puissant Sovereign and Past Intendent General for Mississippi. He was also Past General Grand Standard Bearer for the United Grand Imperial Council. PGM Dyer was also a Scottish Rite Mason and a Knight Commander of the Court of Honor. He was a member of the Eastern Star and Royal Order of Scotland, and a Noble of the Mystic Shrine.

Alfred Edward Lightsey, Sr. was born in Heidelberg MS on December 18, 1933. He attended High School at Heidelberg. After graduation he enlisted in the U.S. Air Force and honorably served a four year term. Upon discharge Ed enrolled in Jones Junior College and then in Mississippi State University earning a degree in Electrical Engineering in 1962. That same year he accepted a position at Cape Kennedy with the National Aeronautical and Space Administration. Companion Sir Knight Lightsey participated in every manned space flight mission from the first earth orbit in 1962 to the launch of the Space Shuttle program. Ed retired from the Johnson Space Center in Houston TX as Deputy Branch Chief and Program Manager.

Companion Sir Knight Lightsey was raised a Master Mason in W.E. King Lodge No. 615 located in Heidelberg MS. He was active in and participated in all Lodge activities as long as his health permitted. Ed was dedicated to the Blue Lodge and server W.E. King as its Worshipful Master. While WM he actively participated in the "Thursday Morning Bunch" that met first at Hub City Lodge and Later at Hattiesburg Lodge at Eatonville. He strived for excellency and proficiency in the Blue Lodge Ritual.

Companion Sir Knight Lightsey was a member of Laurel York Rite Bodies. He served as Presiding Officer in the Chapter, Council, and Commandery at Laurel. In 2006 He was elected to serve as Grand Captain General of the Grand Commandery of Mississippi. As Grand Commander he emphasized the Holy Land Pilgrimage and was instrumental in securing funding to send a Local Pastor from W.E. King Lodge to the Holy Land. In 2011 he was elected as Grand Captain of the Host in the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons. He served through the line becoming Grand King in 2014 and did not seek advancement because of health problems.



Companion Sir Knight Lightsey was an active participant in all the activities of Hamasa Shrine Temple in Meridian Mississippi, along with his Wife Geraldine. He was Past President of the Laurel Shrine Club and very active in raising funds for Hamasa and the Children’s Hospital Program. He was elected Potentate of Hamasa Shrine in 1990. He was a member of the Scottish Rite serving in both the Hattiesburg and Meridian Valleys. He was Coroneted a 33rd Degree Inspector General Honorary in the First Class to be held in Mississippi at Corinth.

One of Companion Sir Knight Lightsey’s sayings was that “he had done more than he ever hoped to do, and he wished that every young person should have that same opportunity”.

The Combined Necrology Committee moves the adoption of this report, and requests that if approved the York Rite Bodies here assembled observe a time of silence in memory of our Departed Brethren and that the Grand Prelate Of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Mississippi offer a Memorial Prayer in their behalf.

The Combined Necrology Committee,

Thomas L. Cumberland, PIGM Grand Council RSM MS, Chairman  
 Gordon B. Nanney, PGHP Grand Chapter RAM MS  
 Fred F. Bean, PGC, Grand Commandery KT

**AWARDS**

Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Joe W. Vawters, announced the following awards:

Ephraim Kirby Award..... Thomas L. Cumberland  
 T. Olin Gore, Jr., Traveling Zerubbabel Apron ..... Roy W. Alexander  
 Bronze Distinguished Service Award ..... Bill W. Sloan

**REPORT OF CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE**

Credentials were confirmed via membership records for those in attendance of this virtual Annual Convocation. It is suggested that due to the virtual nature of this session that those Chapters who were not present are not considered as failing to attend, as they may not have had the technical ability to do so.

**CHAPTERS NOT REPRESENTED**

J. J. Brooks No. 151	Carthage No. 46	De Soto No. 148
Drew No. 137	Houston No. 23	Lexington No. 9
Louisville No. 36	Okolona No. 27	Ward No. 73
West Point No. 95		Yazoo No. 8

**ELECTION OF GRAND CHAPTER OFFICERS**

Election of the Grand Chapter Officers was held with the following results:

Grand High Priest ..... Thomas L. Cumberland  
 Grand King ..... Jiles K. Grice

Grand Scribe.....Dorvell L. Bugg  
 Grand Treasurer.....Micky P. McMahan  
 Grand Secretary.....Jared F. Stanley  
 Grand Captain of the Host.....N. Ried Quarles, Jr.  
 Grand Lecturer .....Homer E. Sullivan, Jr.

**GRAND CHAPTER APPOINTMENTS**

The following appointments made by the newly-elected Grand High Priest, Thomas L. Cumberland, were read by Companion Jared F. Stanley, Grand Secretary:

Grand Principal Sojourner..... Arthur L. Patrick  
 Grand Royal Arch Captain.....David B. Fricke  
 Grand Master of the Third Veil.....Roy W. Alexander  
 Grand Master of the Second Veil.....Ronald M. Gardner  
 Grand Master of the First Veil.....C. Larry Robinson  
 Grand Chaplain .....Bobby Ray Jones  
 Grand Sentinel.....Shelton H. Dickerson, Jr.

**COMMITTEES**

CAPITULAR LAW: Robert Lane Dossett, Chairman (2022); Jack Hourguettes, Jr. (2023); Joe W. Vawters (2024)

CREDENTIALS: Rex C. Hasty, Chairman (2022); Shelton Horace Dickerson (2023)

EDUCATION: Xerxes Zeno Herrington, II, Chairman; Stephen Emanuel Yon; Roy Wayne Alexander

FINANCE: Robert Lane Dossett, Chairman (2022); Bill Wayne Sloan (2023); Jimmie L. Windham, PGHP (2024)

FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENT: James Amon Bergeron

GRAND LIBRARIAN: Jared F. Stanley

INTERNET: Michael Ray Baker, Chairman (2024); Jared F. Stanley (2022); Robert Lane Dossett (2023)

LONG RANGE PLANNING: At Large: Bill W. Sloan (2024); Phillip W. Hobson (2025); Grand Chapter: Robert Lane Dossett (2023); Grand Council: Joe W. Vawters (2026); Grand Commandery: Jason A. Jefcoat (2022)

NECROLOGY: Gordan B. Nanney, PGHP

PUBLICITY: Jared F. Stanley

PERPETUAL MEMBERSHIP PLAN: Bill W. Sloan, Chairman (2022); Jordan Kenneth Miller (2023); Bruce D. Baker (2024)

ROYAL ARCH RESEARCH ASSISTANCE: Norman Ried Quarles, Jr.

## TIME AND PLACE

Motion made by Jared F. Stanley, Grand Secretary, that the Grand Chapter meet on May 19-21, 2022, at Hamasa Shrine in Marion MS, was seconded and passed.

## INSTALLATION OF GRAND CHAPTER OFFICERS

The Grand Chapter Officers were installed on Saturday, May 22nd, 2021, by Companion James M. Ward, PGHP, Installing Officers; Companion Homer E. Sullivan, Jr., PGHP, Installing Marshal; and Companion Jimmie L. Windham, PGHP, Installing Chaplain.

## RECOGNITION

Thomas L. Cumberland, Grand High Priest, thanked and recognized several who were present, and gave the floor to Companion Harry Eisenberg, Deputy General Grand High Priest Southeast Region, for remarks.

## CLOSING

Companion Jared F. Stanley, Grand Secretary, announced that there was no further business. The Grand Chapter closed at 12:35P in ample form by the Grand Chapter Officers.



*Thomas L. Cumberland*

Thomas L. Cumberland  
Grand High Priest

*Jared F. Stanley*

Jared F. Stanley  
Grand Secretary

# SUMMARY RECAP REPORT

Report Year: 2020

Group	Prtr	Evo	Aff	Acc	PC	Rel	Res	Err	Sus	Dem	IPC	Died	Trn	Err	Cef	Chr	LOS	GLD	NET	horEa	Ec	
122 AMOBY	32	1			0				5						1	27	6	1	15	21	6	
151 ... BROCOS	11				0								3			8	3		13	1	1	
153 CALICOH CITY	20				0	1			1						20	1	1		12	1	1	
146 CARPAGE	7				0							1			6	1			1	1	1	
123 COLLHELD	47				0										40	7			17	21	14	
284 COLLHELD	38				0	2									37	1	2		1	35	1	
176 COPCHIN	165	1			0				13				4		80	14	1		13	77	15	
148 DE SDTU	16				0				1						53	3			13	58	1	
131 DREY	17				0										17					13	1	
118 GULF CONST	171				0				33			18			117	37			57	102	5	
114 HATJESBURG	89				0	1			5			1			84	9	2		1	75	6	
115 HELLYSR	42	1			0					1					35	9	2		1	34	1	
173 HOUSTON	27				0										23	5			15	27	1	
106 LACHSON	127	1			0	5			17	2		11			88	35	3		19	84	14	
112 LAUPE	78				0										73	6			5	55	17	
108 LEXCHETCH					0																	
178 OUNSATJFB	52				0										47	6			3	35	2	
198 MCCOCHC R098	127	1	1		0				11						112	16	2		11	82	14	
116 MARCHIAN	165				0				15						136	20	1		19	115	1	
198 MARCHIE CITY ABC	53				0					1					47	7	1		3	34	12	
101 MARCHES	46				0				4						41	7			7	39	13	
145 NEW ALBANY	48				0				5						41	7			7	35	10	
121 OKOLOVA	7				0										7					5	1	
148 OLMEDA STUART	37				0				3						34	9			9	21	1	
105 THRELC	29				0								1		28	1			1	15	9	
143 TRLERTOM					0																	
185 WICKSEBURG	46				0	2									39	9	1		1	35	6	
172 WURG	9				0	1									8	2	1		1	1	2	
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## LIVING PAST GRAND HIGH PRIESTS

Fred F. Bean	Edward G. Holland	Charles F. Huckaby
Edward Huckaby	Jerry Lee Lewis	Gordon B. Nanney
Jerry W. Reeves	Leslie E. Reeves	Billy Frank Smith
William Joe Smith	Frederick H. Stephens	Homer E. Sullivan
Kiely D. Walker	James M. Ward	Jimmie L. Windham

## LIVING HONORARY PAST GRAND HIGH PRIESTS

Robert L. Davis

## GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER BRONZE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD RECIPIENTS

1953.....	George L. Gafford	1969.....	Charles T. Wallace
1954.....	Laurance S. Russ	1970.....	Norman W. Schauer
1955.....	D.D. Williams	1971.....	George Hill Thomas
1956.....	W. H. Jones	1972.....	Edward B. Robinson
1957.....	Grady H. Barnhill	1973.....	Ira Lee Crawson
1958.....	T. E. Eastburn	1974.....	William G. Cotton
1959.....	John Henry Wooten	1975.....	Carlyle B. Able
1960.....	Shelley Tartt	1976.....	Van A. Evans
1961.....	Joseph Hanna	1977.....	Aaron E. Franks
1962.....	E. E. Warmath	1978.....	John C. Hodges, Jr.
1963.....	John Zenas Hanna	1979.....	Harold J. Gardner
1964.....	W. Neill Bogan	1980.....	Winson L. George
1965.....	E. W. Pope	1981.....	Miles H. Byrd
1966.....	E. I. Parker	1982.....	Walter B. English
1967.....	Marion R. Turner	1983.....	Jeffie C. Dukes
1968.....	W. F. Schoeneman, Sr.	1984.....	Daniel W. Averett

1985	Walter W. Mann	2004	Bobby Phillips
1986	Russell Roscoe Lunstrum, Jr.	2005	Gordon B. Nanney
1987	Billy J. Morrow	2006	William Arlis Wheeler
1988	Danny W. Neal	2007	Edward G. Holland
1989	Ralph T. Whitaker	2008	Joe W. Vawters
1990	R. Marshall Shields	2009	Gregory A. Dykes
1991	Geo. Jasper Williams	2010	Jerry W. Reeves
1992	James L. Lucas	2011	Frederick H. Stephens
1993	Roger W. Mills, II	2012	Christopher M. Reid
1994	Roger Dale Howe	2013	Terry G. Morgan
1995	Billy Frank Smith	2014	George E. Frazier
1996	Earl D. Barlow	2015	Thomas L. Cumberland
1997	Robert D. Nielsen	2016	Jacky R. Bramlitt
1998	Grady R. Partain	2017	Micky P. McMahan
1999	Charles F. Huckaby	2018	Jason A. Jefcoat
2000	George C. Brock	2019	David B. Fricke
2001	Roger W. King	2020	Jack Hourgquettes, Jr.
2002	Hollis D. Simpson	2021	Billy W. Sloan
2003	Wilbur Allen Hartle		

**GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER  
SILVER DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD RECIPIENTS**

1972	T. Olin Gore, Jr.	2002	Van A Evans
1993	Earl D. Barlow	2020	William Arlis Wheeler

**GRAND CHAPTER R.A.M. OF MISSISSIPPI  
MEMBERSHIP AWARD RECIPIENTS**

1967	Shields Chapter No. 18	1994	McConico Chapter No. 96
1968	Shields Chapter No. 18	1995	Booneville Chapter No. 115
1969	Shields Chapter No. 18	1996	Vicksburg Chapter No. 3
1970	Union Chapter No. 141	1997	Gulfport Chapter No. 121
1971	Shields Chapter No. 18	1998	DeSoto Chapter No. 148
1972	DeSoto Chapter No. 148	1999	DeSoto Chapter No. 148
1973	Booneville Chapter No. 115	2000	Gulfport Chapter No. 121
1974	DeSoto Chapter No. 148	2001	West Point Chapter No. 95
1975	Ward Chapter No. 73	2002	Calhoun City Chapter No. 152
1976	Newton Chapter No. 31	2003	New Albany Chapter No. 49
1977	Carthage Chapter No. 46	2004	Booneville Chapter No. 115
1978	Forest Hill Chapter No. 156	2005	Ward Chapter No. 73
1979	Forest Hill Chapter No. 156	2006	West Point Chapter No. 95
1980	DeSoto Chapter No. 148	2007	Lafayette Chapter No. 33
1981	Okolona Chapter No. 27	2008	Desoto Chapter No. 148
1982	DeSoto Chapter No. 148	2009	Desoto Chapter No. 148
1983	Hattiesburg Chapter No. 114	2010	Corinth Chapter No. 76
1984	New Albany Chapter No. 49	2011	Gulfport Chapter No. 121
1985	Gulfport Chapter No. 121	2012	Wilmon Stuart Chapter No. 146
1986	Kosciusko Chapter No. 20	2013	Tupelo Chapter No. 109
1987	Lafayette Chapter No. 33	2014	Vicksburg Chapter No. 3
1988	Tupelo Chapter No. 73	2015	Corinth Chapter No. 76
1989	Gulfport Chapter No. 121	2016	Jackson Chapter No. 5
1990	Shields Chapter No. 18	2017	DeSoto Chapter No. 148
1991	Dewitt Clinton Chapter No. 12	2018	Hillyer Chapter No. 113
1991	Forest Hill Chapter No. 156	2019	Gulf Coast Chapter No. 121
1992	Hillyer Chapter No. 113	2020	McConico No. 96
1993	McConico Chapter No. 96		

**T. OLIN GORE, JR. TRAVELING ZERUBBABEL APRON**

1984	Daniel Wilson Averett	1991	Ellis Frey Fehler
1985	Daniel Wilson Averett	1992	Henry Allen Lynch
1986	J. W. Johnson	1993	Jimmie Louis Windham
1987	Robert Marshall Shields	1994	James Auburn Davis
1988	Robert Lafayette Davis	1995	Roger Dale Howe
1989	John Curtis Bassett	1996	Albert Clinton Dollahite
1990	George Jasper Williams	1997	Lindsey Woodie Mundy

1998	Terry Wayne Nowell	2010	Wilbur A. Hartle
1999	Frederick Howard Stephens	2011	Kiely D. Walker
2000	Charles Edward Huckaby	2012	Harold A. Marlar
2001	John F. Bailey	2013	Dorvell L. Bugg
2002	Joe R. Brown	2014	John E. Perkins
2003	Terry Gilbert Morgan	2015	Robert Lane Dosssett
2004	James W. Whitaker	2016	Matthew Keith Ballard
2005	Jerry Reeves	2017	Jack Hourgettes, Jr.
2006	George Frazier	2018	Michael Ray Baker
2007	Terry G. Morgan	2019	Clyde L. Herron, Jr.
2008	William Arlis Wheeler	2020	N. Ried Quarles, Jr.
2009	Terry Wayne Nowell	2021	Roy W. Alexander

## GRAND HIGH PRIESTS

1846-1847	Benjamin S. Tappan	1913	William A. Johns	1973	James F. Brownlee
1848	Walter Brooks	1914	Robert Somerville	1974	Bowman Brodnax
1849	William H. Stevens	1915	Clarence S. Cullens	1975	Lloyd B. Tanner, Jr.
1850	T. C. Tupper	1916	John J. McIntosh	1976	John A. Stewart
1851	Charles Scott	1917	William H. Carter	1977	J. D. Lewis
1852	Charles S. Spann	1918	Jere H. Power	1978	Aaron L. Russell
1853	Abner V. Rowe	1919	Joseph J. Brooks	1979	Evan L. Fleming, Jr.
1854	William S. Patton	1920	Martin Ball	1980	Edward B. Robinson
1855	William R. Cannon	1921	Henry Clay Yawn	1981	James M. Laughter
1856	William R. Cothran	1922	Emmett N. Thomas	1982	A. J. Tullios
1857	J. M. Howry	1923	J. Rice Williams	1983	John C. Hodges, Jr.
1858	Amos R. Johnson	1924	C. J. Van Arsdall	1984	Van A. Evans
1859	M. S. Ward	1925	Frank F. Rankin	1985	James M. Ward
1860	Giles M. Hillyer	1926	Irvin M. Moody	1986	Tracy W. Lusk
1861-1864	Stephen H. Johnson	1927	William H. Whitaker	1987	William G. Cotton
1862-1863	No Convocations	1928	Louis A. Benoist	1988	Glen Dale Brady
1865	G. T. Stainback	1929	Robert W. Hinton, Jr.	1989	Fred F. Bean
1866	William S. Patton	1930	Isse J. Scharff	1990	John W. Johnson
1867	William D. Ferris	1931	A. H. Jones	1991	Billy J. Morrow
1868	James O. Lusher	1932	J. Kennard Young	1992	Harold S. Hansen
1869	George D. Fee	1933	R. K. Smith	1993	Jeffie C. Dukes
1870	Robert B. Mayers	1934	James L. Williams	1994	Dan M. Hillman
1871	Charles T. Bond	1935	George D. Riley	1995	Otis L. Evans
1872	H. C. Robinson	1935	L. L. Conerly	1996	Elwood M. Shoemaker
1873-1874	George R. Fern	1936	James H. Johnson	1997	Frank E. Hankinson, III
1875	John Y. Murry	1937	J. R. Feazell	1998	James A. Davis
1876-1877	Harvey W. Walter	1938	Morris Goldstein	1999	George J. Williams
1878	John S. Jones	1939	R. P. Neblett	2000	Homer E. Sullivan, Jr.
1879	Robert B. Brannin	1940	Jas W. Williams	2001	Jimmie L. Windham
1880-1881	Frederic Speed	1941	Tom Q. Ellis	2002	James L. Lucas
1882	William Richards	1942	Odie E. Hunt	2003	Earl D. Barlow
1883	B. T. Kimbrough	1943	Walton S. Hootsell	2004	Charles F. Huckaby
1884	William French	1944-1945	Ephraim Cohen	2005	Billy A. McNair
1885	Samuel C. Conley	1946	R. L. McKinney	2006	Billy Frank Smith
1886	Richard P. Bowen	1947	W. Carl Seab	2007	Roger W. King
1887	Charles T. Chamberlain	1948	W. Reese Harris	2008	Gordon B. Nanney
1888	N. W. Bouton	1949	John E. Foglesong	2009	Leslie E. Reeves
1889	A. D. Bailey	1950	Sam M. Richardson	2010	Edward H. Holland
1890	W. R. Trigg	1951	Joe B. Nesom, Sr.	2011	Kenneth E. Dyer
1891-1892	Phineas M. Savery	1952	Abb N. Sneed	2012	Hollis D. Simpson
1893	J. K. McLeod	1953	Geo. R. Ivy	2013	Edward Huckaby
1894	William Starling	1954	Sam B. Lampton	2014	Jordan Downs
1895	Gus J. Bahin	1955	T. O. Gore, Jr.	2015	Kiely D. Walker
1896	James T. Harrison	1956	A. B. Hassell	2016	Frederick H. Stephens
1897	Frances P. Jenkins	1957	Horace L. Villee	2017	Jerry W. Reeves
1898	John A. B. Jones	1958	D. Dorsey Hill	2018	Jerry Lee Lewis
1899	Thomas B. Franklin	1959	W. L. Holland	2019	William Joe Smith
1900	Nolan Stewart	1960	Earl F. Goodwin	2020	Joe Wesley Vawters
1901	John S. Cobb	1961	Lauraunce S. Russ		
1902	George C. Myers	1962	D. D. Williams		
1903	Oliver Lee McKay	1963	Robert M. Anderson		
1904	J. Foggo Dixon	1964	Paul S. Thomas, Jr.		
1905	Ernest Clement	1965	Riley E. Davis		
1906	William A. Bodenhamer	1966	James E. Sneed		
1907	John S. Brooks	1967	Johnnie C. Thompson		
1908	Charles H. Blum	1968	Edward B. Shearer		
1909	Edwin J. Martin	1969	Grover H. Anderson		
1910	Wiley H. Clifton	1970	Brewer H. Hutchinson		
1911	George B. Power	1971	Mays D. Wheelchel		
1912	Harry T. Howard	1972	Allen Cabanis		

## GRAND TREASURERS

1848-1850..... Thos. J. Harper	1898-1908 .....Gus J. Bahin	1981-1988 .....Oscar H. Adams
1850-1858.....L. V. Dixon	1908-1913 .....James C. French	1988-1993 .....Thomas T. Warren
1858-1865..... Benjamin S. Tappan	1913-1947 ..... J. Foggo Dixon	1993-2007 .....George T. Saxon
1865-1866..... Stephen A. Brown	1947-1956 ..... T. O. Gore, Sr.	2007-2018 .....Glen D. Brady
1866-1893.....A. P. Barry	1956-1975 ..... L. C. Corban	2018- .....Micky P. McMahan
1893-1898..... Wm. G. Paxton	1975-1981 ..... Mays D. Whelchel	

## GRAND SECRETARIES

1848-1849..... W. M. Wing	1911-1920 ..... Frederic G. Speed	2007-2015 .....Micky P. McMahan
1849-1854..... David N. Barrows	1920-1922 ..... Oliver Lee McKay	2016-2019 ..... Floyd Tomas Jones
1854-1855.....R. McInnis	1922-1938 ..... Edward Lee Faucette	2020- .....Jared F. Stanley
1855-1864..... R. W. T. Daniels	1939-1960 .....Sid F. Curtis	
1864-1871..... Oscar T. Keesler	1961-1975 ..... Cecil A. Thorn	
1871-1902.....J. L. Power	1975-1992 ..... T. K. Griffis	
1902-1911..... Frederic Speed	1992-2007 ..... Fred F. Bean	

## GRAND LECTURERS

1848-1849.....	Ira Carpenter
1849-1854.....	Thos. J. Hawkins
1854-1859.....	W. R. Lackey
1859-1861.....	E. B. Harvey
1861-1862.....	A. C. Rucker, Morris Cook, W. D. Ferris, W. S. Patton
1864-1865.....	C.T. Bond, W. D. Ferris, Morris Cook, W. A. Champlin
1865-1866.....	C.T. Bond, W. D. Ferris, W. A. Champlin, Morris Cook, Peter Parker
1866-1867.....	Morris Cook, Geo. D. Fee, Peter Parker, F.C. Rucker, H.C. Robinson
1867-1868.....	Morris Cook, J. K. Young, J. K. Fulston, James Watts, G.W. Perkins
1868-1872.....	Wm. D. Ferris
1872-1875.....	Morris Cook
1875-1880.....	Morris Cook
1880-1882.....	John T. Buck
1882-1883.....	R. P. Bowen
1883-1886.....	R. B. Brannin
1886-1888.....	W. D. Ferris
1888-1894.....	R. B. Brannin
1894-1896.....	John L. Spinks
1896-1898.....	A.G. Smith
1898-1904.....	John L. Spinks
1904-1905.....	J. L. Power
1906-1910.....	Edmund Salder
1910-1918.....	Wm. H. Whitaker
1918-1936.....	Wm. H. Carter
1936-1937.....	G. W. Holloway
1937-1954.....	T. O. Gore, Jr.
1955.....	E. B. Shearer
1956-1997.....	T. O. Gore, Jr.
1997-2014.....	Van A. Evans
2014.....	Homer E. Sullivan, Jr.

## RETURNS OF CHAPTERS

### AMORY No. 122 - Amory, Monroe County THIRD THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH

WEAVER,CALVINDIER LEE, HP  
GANN,PERRY DWIGHT, KING  
STEPHENS,CHARLES ALLEN, SCRIBE  
WILBURN,STEVEN KEITH, CAPT HOST

MOFFETT,VIRGIL DOUGLAS, PR SOJOURN  
DYKES,ROBERT W, PHP, RA CAPTAIN  
FORBUS,JAMES ARLEN, PHP, M 3RD VEIL  
TAPP,TOMMY VON, PHP, M 2ND VEIL

CHARTERED: FEBRUARY 27, 1902 Total: 27

WEAVER,KENNETH W, M 1ST VEIL  
BURKS,TERRY LYNN, TREAS  
STEPHENS,CHARLES ALLEN, SEC  
CLIFTON,RICHARD C III, SENTINEL

### J. J. BROOKS No. 151 - Starkville, Oktibeha County THIRD THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH

HUGHES,AUDIE DEAN, PHP, HP  
PINNIX,ARCHIE, KING  
FROST,BRADLEY STEVEN, SCRIBE  
SCOTT,KARL JAY\*, CAPT HOST

SWAN,PAT HENRY, PHP\*, PR SOJOURN  
PARKER,JOHN EDD\*, RA CAPTAIN  
BOUNDS,HENRY LOFTON JR, M 3RD VEIL  
TEMPLETON,IRA OLEN\*, M 2ND VEIL

CHARTERED: MAY 9, 1951 Total: 8

, M 1ST VEIL  
HOOD,BURREL S III, TREAS  
HUGHES,AUDIE DEAN, PHP, SEC  
HOOD,FREDERICK B, SENTINEL

### CALHOUN CITY No. 152 - Calhoun City, Calhoun County THIRD TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH

BRYANT,CARL WESLEY, PHP, HP  
CAULDER,JAMES LAMAR\*, KING  
DAVIS,ROBERT IRA, SCRIBE  
SPRINGER,HULETT WEST, CAPT HOST

ADAMS,JOHN JASPER, PR SOJOURN  
SUMRALL,CHRISTOPHER LEE, RA CAPTAIN  
DYE,SHELBY JOE, M 3RD VEIL  
DIAMOND,JOHN CHARLES, M 2ND VEIL

CHARTERED: MAY 12, 1955 Total: 20

BUCHANAN,ZACKERY, M 1ST VEIL  
BLACK,BARRY LYNN, TREAS  
WEEKS,JAMES EARL, PHP, SEC  
PIGG,CISCO ZACARIAH, SENTINEL

**CARTHAGE No. 46 - Carthage, Leake County**  
SECOND TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH

CHARTERED: JANUARY 11, 1853 Total: 6

PHILLIPS, MORRIS CLAYTON JR, PHP, HP  
CALDWELL, JAMES HAMILTON, PHP, KING  
PINKARD, JOHN ELTON, SCRIBE  
CRAIG, JIMMY LITTLE, PHP, CAPT HOST

WALKER, JAMES ALTON, PHP, PR SOJOURN  
CALDWELL, HARRY JASON, RA CAPTAIN  
QUICK, VICTOR LEE, PHP, M 3RD VEIL  
FAULKNER, HESTER MORRIS, PHP, M 2ND VEIL

SHANNON, JAMES E, M 1ST VEIL  
BROOKS, ROBERT N, PHP, TREAS  
PHILLIPS, MORRIS C JR, PHP, SEC  
BRANTLEY, BILLY L, PHP, SENT

**COLUMBIA No. 123 - Columbia, Marion County**  
FIRST TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH

CHARTERED: FEBRUARY 19, 1903 Total: 4.

GREER, BOBBY RAY, HP  
MORÉE, PAUL LARUE, KING  
WATTS, CASSIE MORRIS, SCRIBE  
CRAIN, WILLIAM HOYT\*, CAPT HOST

WATTS, CHARLES RATCLIFF, PR SOJOURN  
LANGSTON, SIMEION LANE, RA CAPTAIN  
RUTLAND, TRAVIS IUBAL, M 3RD VEIL  
ROBBINS, STEPHEN MARION, M 2ND VEIL

O'QUIN, BILLY RAY, M 1ST VEIL  
SNELL, THOMAS HENRY, TREAS  
GRICE, JILES KENNETH, SEC  
CALLENDER, JAMES W JR, SENT

**COLUMBUS No. 4 - Columbus, Lowndes County**  
THIRD THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH

CHARTERED: FEBRUARY 8, 1845 Total: 37

THAMES, JOHN KEITH, HP  
FREEMAN, CASEY RAY, KING  
SMITH, COURTNEY BRADFORD, SCRIBE  
GOODWIN, JAMES MICHAEL, CAPT HOST

MILLER, JORDAN KENNETH, PR SOJOURN  
WRIGHT, STUART ROY, RA CAPTAIN  
KENT, JOHN ROBERT, M 3RD VEIL  
HARMON, WILLIAM DENNIS, PHP, M 2ND VEIL

BRUCE, JAMES B SR, M 1ST VEIL  
TATE, TOMMY L SR, PHP, TREAS  
THAMES, JOHN KEITH, SEC  
SAVAGE, GERALD W, SENTINEL

**CORINTH No. 76 - Corinth, Alcorn County**  
SECOND FRIDAY OF EACH MONTH

CHARTERED: JANUARY 18, 1867 Total: 92

STEVENS, KEITH RONALD, HP  
KELLEY, JOHN JOSEPH, KING  
RICHARDSON, WILLIAM NOAH, SCRIBE  
BUGG, DORVELL LYNN, CAPT HOST

WILEMON, WILLIAM R JR, PHP, PR SOJOURN  
DODDS, DONALD SETH, RA CAPTAIN  
KELLEY, RICHARD EARNEST, M 3RD VEIL  
CAGLE, JONATHAN EDWARDS, M 2ND VEIL

REEVES, JERRY W, PHP, M 1ST VEIL  
MARLAR, HAROLD A, PHP, TREAS  
LEWIS, JERRY LEE, SEC  
MCALPIN, DANNY J, PHP, SENTINEL

**DE SOTO No. 148 - Horn Lake, DeSoto County**  
SECOND AND FOURTH TUESDAYS OF EACH MONTH

CHARTERED: FEBRUARY 12, 194 Total: 53

HOLLIDAY, ROBERT LAVERNE, HP  
HOLLIDAY, WILLIAM FERRELL JR, KING  
HOLLIDAY, RONALD DAVID, SCRIBE  
ROHLING, THOMAS GEORGE, CAPT HOST

WITT, BRADLEY KEITH, PR SOJOURN  
SMITH, JOHNNY EUGENE, RA CAPTAIN  
WALKER, KIELY DUNCAN, PHP, M 3RD VEIL  
MORGAN, ERNEST CLYDE, M 2ND VEIL

HOLLIDAY, WM F SR, M 1ST VEIL  
HARPOLE, JOHN C, PHP, TREAS  
WALKER, KIELY D, PHP, SEC  
SWATZYN, ROGER C, SENTINEL

**DREW No. 137 - Drew, Sunflower County**  
THIRD THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH

CHARTERED: MARCH 1, 1919 Total: 12

FLEMING, JESSIE EARL, HP  
CHILDS, FRED HOWARD\*, KING  
SLEDGE, JAMES LARRY, PHP, SCRIBE  
MORGAN, CHARLES RUSSELL, CAPT HOST

FULCHER, RONALD EUGENE, PR SOJOURN  
SMITH, CHARLES EDWARD, RA CAPTAIN  
THOMPSON, MICHAEL EDWIN, PHP, M 3RD VEIL  
GRANTHAM, WILLIAM ALLEN, M 2ND VEIL

TUBBS, CHESTER LEON, M 1ST VEIL  
CARD, LESLIE DOUGLAS, TREAS  
BELL, DAVID GENE, PHP\*, SEC  
VANLANDINGHAM, ROGER D, SENT

**GULF COAST No. 116 - Gulfport, Harrison County**  
FIRST TUESDAY EACH MONTH

CHARTERED: AUGUST 16, 2018 Total: 117

MCKELVY, JOHN BURK, HP  
CASE, JAMES AVERY, KING  
DAUGHERTY, PAUL ALBERT, SCRIBE  
GARCIA, BONIFACIO, CAPT HOST

CARMICHAEL, KEVIN, PR SOJOURN  
HAMMACK, THOMAS JR, RA CAPTAIN  
BAKER, BRUCE DAN, M 3RD VEIL  
ARMSTRONG, JAMES L, M 2ND VEIL

HUTCHISON, D C, M 1ST VEIL  
GRAHAM, JAMES A III, TREAS  
COOPER, DUSTIN PRENTISS, SEC  
BREWER, FRANK E, SENTINEL

**HATTIESBURG No. 114 - Hattiesburg, Forrest County**  
SECOND THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH

CHARTERED: FEBRUARY 12, 1890 Total: 82

MCKENZIE, MICHAEL PAUL, HP  
RACKLEY, LEON T, KING  
ZEHNER, FREDDIE CECIL, SCRIBE  
VARNADORE, ROGER BRANDON, CAPT HOST

PATRICK, ARTHUR LEON, PR SOJOURN  
DYE, JIMMY RAY, RA CAPTAIN  
BYRD, LARRY, PHP, M 3RD VEIL  
MACHADO, MARCOS F.P., M 2ND VEIL

STUART, JERRY N, M 1ST VEIL  
DOSSETT, ROBERT LANE, TREAS  
SULLIVAN, HOMER E JR, PHP, SEC  
DICKERSON, SHELTON H JR, SENT

**HILLYER No. 113 - Greenville, Washington County**  
THIRD THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH

CHARTERED: MARCH 7, 1882 Total: 35

MCKINNON, BRIAN SHAWN, HP  
SIGMOND, JAMES WILLIAM JR, KING  
WINTERS, HAROLD ROBY JR, SCRIBE  
WEEKS, MARK HARRIS, CAPT HOST

BREWER, JOHN WESLEY, PR SOJOURN  
HOBBS, EDGAR ALLEN JR, RA CAPTAIN  
WORBBINGTON, JAMES THOMAS, PHP, M 3RD VEIL  
CHAMBLESS, ROBERT JOE, M 2ND VEIL

FURR, DEWEY A JR, M 1ST VEIL  
, TREAS  
LEE, JOSEPH RUPERT JR, SEC  
KEELING, WILLIAM C, SENTINEL

**HOUSTON No. 23 - Houston, Chickasaw County**  
THIRD THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH

CHARTERED: JANUARY 14, 1850 Total: 21

LOGAN, CLYDE TERRELL, HP  
FLEMING, DWIGHT WAYNE, PHP, KING  
FORTNER, VERNON DAVIS, SCRIBE  
OSWALT, ROLAND E, CAPT HOST

PADEN, RAYMOND AUSTIN, PHP, PR SOJOURN  
SCOTT, WILLIAM LEE, RA CAPTAIN  
WISE, GILBERT ALLEN, M 3RD VEIL  
CLARK, JAMES EDWARD, M 2ND VEIL

WEAVER, JERRY E, PHP, M 1ST VEIL  
NARON, GARY P, TREAS  
ARRINGTON, LARRY D, PHP, SEC  
DOSS, JOE LEE, SENTINEL

**JACKSON No. 6 - Jackson, Hinds County**  
THIRD THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH

CHARTERED: JANUARY 13, 1847 Total: 98

SARTIN, DARRELL WAYNE, HP  
SMITH, JOSHUA CALEB, KING  
WOODWARD, GARY LYNN, SCRIBE  
ST CLARE, JON WILLIAM, CAPT HOST

QUARLES, NORMAN RIED JR, PR SOJOURN  
HERRINGTON, RAY DAVIS JR, RA CAPTAIN  
RHODES, EDWARD WILLIAM, M 3RD VEIL  
JONES, EDWARD EARL, M 2ND VEIL

BYNUM, JOEFFREY WAYNE, M 1ST VEIL  
COX, CHARLES LYNN "FUZZY", TREAS  
MCLEOD, WILLIAM TERRY, SEC  
, SENTINEL

**LAUREL No. 126 - Laurel, Jones County**  
SECOND THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH

CHARTERED: FEBRUARY 27, 1901 Total: 72

IVY, LESTER EUGENE, HP  
GARDNER, THOMAS CLIFTON, KING  
SMITH, ROBERT WILLIAM, SCRIBE  
ROGERS, NOEL A, CAPT HOST

BAKER, MICHAEL RAY, PR SOJOURN  
JONES, GRADY NATHAN JR., RA CAPTAIN  
WILLIAMS, JAMES MILTON, M 3RD VEIL  
ROBINSON, CHARLES LARRY, M 2ND VEIL

LOWERY, MICHAEL FORD, M 1ST VEIL  
BALLARD, MATTHEW KEITH, TREAS  
GARDNER, JEFFREY ALLEN, SEC  
KITCHENS, OSCAR GRAY JR, SENTINEL

**LEXINGTON No. 9 - Lexington, Holmes County**  
SECOND THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH

CHARTERED: JULY 8, 1846 Total: --

ALEXANDER, ROBERT WILLIAM, HP  
WARD, DOUGLAS LOWERY, PHP, KING  
WILLIAMS, SHACK\*, SCRIBE  
LOGAN, CRAWFORD ROANE JR, CAPT HOST

FOSTER, JAMES C\*, PR SOJOURN  
ALBIN, JAMES C, RA CAPTAIN  
, M 3RD VEIL  
REYNOLDS, JIMMY DALE, M 2ND VEIL

SYKES, BILLY GENE\*, M 1ST VEIL  
COHEN, PHILIP RAYMOND, TREAS  
JOINER, KENNETH MILLS, SEC  
WATERER, HENRY CHRISTMAS JR, SENTINEL



**LOUISVILLE No. 36 - Louisville, Winston County**  
SECOND MONDAY OF EACH MONTH

STEWART, JOHN TOMMY, HP  
PATTERSON, JOHN WILLIAM, KING  
VINING, GROVER WILLIAM, SCRIBE  
CAPERTON, RICHARD RALPH, CAPT HOST

BOOTH, JERRY LEE, PR SOJOURN  
FULTON, LEONARD W, RA CAPTAIN  
FORD, JESSIE CLARENCE, M 3RD VEIL  
HEMPHILL, TIMOTHY RAY, M 2ND VEIL

CHARTERED: JANUARY 19, 1852 Total: 47  
PARKS, JAMES DANIEL, M 1ST VEIL  
HEMPHILL, JASON MICHAEL, TREAS  
HUTTO, ROBERT EARL, SEC  
CHARLTON, HUNTER SCALES, SENTINEL

**McCOMB CITY No. 90 - McComb, Pike County**  
SECOND MONDAY OF EACH MONTH

GREER, TRAVIS WENDELL, HP  
SPENCER, RICHARD CALVIN, KING  
PEDIGO, STEVEN LESTER, SCRIBE  
KYZAR, JOHN TIMOTHY, CAPT HOST

DICKERSON, ROBERT D, PR SOJOURN  
WILLIAMS, JOE DENVER, RA CAPTAIN  
MASON, DONALD CARLISLE, M 3RD VEIL  
MARTIN, JERRY HOLLIS, M 2ND VEIL

CHARTERED: JANUARY 18, 1866 Total: 47  
PARKER, WAYNE LAVERNE, M 1ST VEIL  
STRITTMAN, JESSE WESLEY, TREAS  
STEPHENS, FREDERICK HOWARD, PHP, SEC  
KYZAR, DAVID KENDALL, SENTINEL

**McCONICO No. 96 - Water Valley, Yalobusha County**  
SECOND THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH

GARDNER, RONALD MATTHEW, HP  
JONES, BOBBY RAY, KING  
BROWN, LARRY DEAN, SCRIBE  
WARD, JAMES MORRIS, PHP, CAPT HOST

SPRINGER, HULETT WEST, PR SOJOURN  
BLACK, MICHAEL SCOTT, RA CAPTAIN  
HERRON, CLYDE LEE JR, PHP, M 3RD VEIL  
REEVES, LESLIE EARL, M 2ND VEIL

CHARTERED: JANUARY 23, 1868 Total: 113  
PERKINS, JOHN EDWARD, M 1ST VEIL  
HUCKABY, CHARLES "EDWARD", TREAS  
HUCKABY, CHARLES F. "CHARLEY", PHP\*, SEC  
DAVIS, JAMES LARRY, SENTINEL

**MERIDIAN No. 25 - Meridian, Lauderdale County**  
FOURTH THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH

MCDONALD, CLIFTON MITCHELL, HP  
BANKS, CLEMENT KEM, KING  
LEWIS, TERRY FRANK, SCRIBE  
WOODS, DAVID EVAN, CAPT HOST

EVANS, ROLAND DONALD, PR SOJOURN  
MATTHEWS, DERIK AUSTIN, RA CAPTAIN  
POGUE, DAVID JOEL, M 3RD VEIL  
RUMERY, PHILIP TODD, M 2ND VEIL

CHARTERED: JANUARY 18, 1866 Total: 136  
CARTER, FREDDIE ALBERT, M 1ST VEIL  
LOU, LELAND, TREAS  
HILLS, FRED GRANT III, SEC  
SENTINEL

**NATCHEZ No. 1 - Natchez, Adams County**  
SECOND THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH

CUPIT, JACK GRAFTON, PHP\*, HP  
BRICE, BRUCE WAYNE SR, PHP\*, KING  
HOUSE, HAROLD ERWIN, PHP, SCRIBE  
MCMANUS, LEONARD EDWARD, CAPT HOST

PERRY, ELVIN TRAY III, PR SOJOURN  
ARD, ROBERT WILLIAM, RA CAPTAIN  
STURDIVANT, WILLIAM TERRY, M 3RD VEIL  
SULLIVAN, THOMAS L SR, M 2ND VEIL

CHARTERED: MAY 18, 1846 Total: 47  
BLACKMON, SAMUEL ANDREW L, M 1ST VEIL  
GOLDMAN, JAMES MONROE\*, TREAS  
GODFREY, JAMES MARK, PHP, SEC  
FELTER, STANLEY EUGENE, SENTINEL

**NEW ALBANY No. 49 - New Albany, Unin County**  
SECOND THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH

POTTER, RICKEY JOHN, HP  
GOERGEN, DENNIS PATRICK, KING  
TUCKER, WILLIAM MAJOR JR, SCRIBE  
RAINEY, KENNETH PATTON, CAPT HOST

, PR SOJOURN  
CHILDERS, WILLIAM GUY, RA CAPTAIN  
GRAY, GARY LLOYD, M 3RD VEIL  
LAMBERT, CHARLES JACKSON, M 2ND VEIL

CHARTERED: JANUARY 12, 1853 Total: 41  
ZILE, GREGORY VAN, M 1ST VEIL  
THOMPSON, CARROLL DEAN SR\*, TREAS  
ALDRIDGE, JAMES ANTHONY, PHP\*, SEC  
THOMPSON, CARROLL DEAN JR, SENTINEL

**OKOLONA No. 27 - Okolona, Chickasaw County**  
FIRST THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH

MCVAY, DAVID WINBORN, HP  
MOORE, HOWARD ELLIS, KING  
PERRY, WILLIS DEAN, SCRIBE  
DALLAS, THOMAS EUGENE, CAPT HOST

, PR SOJOURN  
, RA CAPTAIN  
, M 3RD VEIL  
, M 2ND VEIL

, M 1ST VEIL  
MCVAY, DAVID KENNETH, TREAS  
POSEY, TIMOTHY CHARLES, SEC  
SENTINEL

**WILMON STUART No. 146 - Picaune, Pearl River County**  
SECOND/FOURTH TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH

SPENCE, MICHAEL WAYNE, HP  
DAVIS, JERRY WAYNE, KING  
, SCRIBE  
, CAPT HOST

CRUTHIRD, GEORGE GERALD, PR SOJOURN  
STEWART, DAVID EARL, RA CAPTAIN  
, M 3RD VEIL  
VAWTERS, JOE WESLIE, M 2ND VEIL

CHARTERED: FEBRUARY 13, 1947 Total: 23  
SEALS, EARL DEMPSEY, M 1ST VEIL  
CUMBERLAND, THOMAS LANE, TREAS  
HICKS, JOHN THOMAS, SEC  
CALOIAN, ARAM BENJAMIN, SENTINEL

**TUPELO No. 109 - Tupelo, Lee County**  
THIRD THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH

GRIFFITH, JOHN B., HP  
DEVAUGHN, GEORGE HERMAN, KING  
FUTRELL, DAVID WAYNE, SCRIBE  
BRACKEEN, LUTHER WILLIAM, CAPT HOST

EDGE, JAMES C "BUDDY" JR, PR SOJOURN  
FINN, THOMAS STEPHEN, RA CAPTAIN  
SCOTT, BRADLEY ALLEN, M 3RD VEIL  
GRAY, GARY THOMAS, M 2ND VEIL

CHARTERED: FEBRUARY 15, 1878 Total: 28  
GUINN, ROBERT GREGORY, M 1ST VEIL  
DAVIS, ROBERT LAFAYETTE, PHP\*, TREAS  
EARNEST, ROBERT LEE, PHP\*, SEC  
SCOTT, JAMES DOYLE\*, SENTINEL

**VICKSBURG No. 3 - Vicksburg, Warren County**  
FIRST/THIRD TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH

THOMPSON, GEORGE BERRY JR, HP  
HYNM, WILLIAM JAY, KING  
, SCRIBE  
LOWERY, JOHNNY WAYNE, CAPT HOST

LOFTON, JAMES H JR, PHP, PR SOJOURN  
, RA CAPTAIN  
FULLER, WILLIAM RUSSELL, M 3RD VEIL  
, M 2ND VEIL

, M 1ST VEIL  
ABBOTT, EUGENE MARION JR, TREAS  
WILLIAMS, ERNEST LEROY JR, SEC  
FAIRCHILD, JIMMY DAVIS JR\*, SENTINEL

**WARD No. 73 - Senatobia, Tate County**  
SECOND THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH

COOPER, JOSEPH EUGENE, PHP, HP  
HOOD, JAMES ERNEST, PHP, KING  
MCBRIDE, DAVID HUFF, SCRIBE  
SANSOM, MICHAEL E, PHP, CAPT HOST

, PR SOJOURN  
, RA CAPTAIN  
, M 3RD VEIL  
, M 2ND VEIL

CHARTERED: JANUARY 16, 1860 Total: 8  
, M 1ST VEIL  
DUNIGAN, KEVIN DALE, TREAS  
MCBRIDE, DAVID HUFF, SEC  
SENTINEL

**WEST POINT No. 95 - West Point, Clay County**  
FIRST TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH

DUKE, JIMMY DEWAYNE, HP  
LUMEN, EDWARD SCOTT, KING  
PUMPHREY, REX EVANS\*, SCRIBE  
HOOKER, PHILLIP AARON, CAPT HOST

, PR SOJOURN  
, RA CAPTAIN  
, M 3RD VEIL  
, M 2ND VEIL

CHARTERED: FEBRUARY 9, 1898 Total: 15  
, M 1ST VEIL  
THOMPSON, DAVID EARL, TREAS  
WILKERSON, KENNETH LEE, SEC  
BLACKWELL, JERRY EARL, SENTINEL

**YAZOO No. 8 - Yazoo City, Yazoo County**  
THIRD MONDAY OF EACH MONTH

DOUGLAS, VIVEN JAMES, PHP\*, HP  
BROOM, WILLARD, PHP\*, KING  
MOHAMED, JOSEPH ASIM II, SCRIBE  
HOYMAN, JOHN CLINTON, PHP, CAPT HOST

MILNER, PAUL\*, PR SOJOURN  
POLK, CALVIN CLAY, RA CAPTAIN  
MCCLURE, OBIE WILSON JR\*, M 3RD VEIL  
CORTRIGHT, EDWARD G JR\*, M 2ND VEIL

CHARTERED: MAY 19, 1846 Total: 15  
CHAMBLESS, ROBERT JOE, M 1ST VEIL  
SPIARS, PATRICK CALCOTE\*, TREAS  
DAVIS, RICHARD PAUL, PHP, SEC  
MOORE, WILLIAM TRAVIS, SENTINEL

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MAY 22, 2021



## **ROBERT LANE DOSSETT**

*Illustrious Grand Master  
Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters  
in the State of Mississippi*

2021-2022

# **ROBERT LANE DOSSETT**

## **Most Illustrious Grand Master 2021**

Robert Lane Dossett was born December 30, 1982 to Robert and Linda Dossett in Hattiesburg, Mississippi. He received his education from Petal High School, The University of Southern Mississippi, and Appalachian School of Law. He is a practicing Attorney. Companion Dossett married Rhea in Hattiesburg, MS, on May 21, 2005. Their children are Abigail, Aubrey and Avery.

He was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason in Sandy Valley Lodge No. 17 in Grundy, Virginia on May 27th, 2008. His current home Lodge is Petal No. 516, where he currently serves as Secretary, and was Worshipful Master in 2013-2014. Companion Dossett currently serves on the Law & Jurisprudence Committee of the Grand Lodge, and was Grand Sword Bearer in 2018-2019.

Companion Dossett was Exalted, Greeted, and Knighted on the 19th of September, 2009 in Gulfport, MS. He has served as: Excellent High Priest of Hattiesburg Chapter No. 114 in 2014, Illustrious Master of Liberty Council No. 7 in 2012 and Eminent Commander of Hattiesburg Commandery No. 21 in 2013. He was later admitted into the Order of High Priesthood, Thrice Illustrious Masters, and Knight Preceptors in Meridian, MS.

Companion Dossett is also a member of Mississippi Priory No. 36, Knights of the York Cross of Honour, the York Rite Sovereign College of Mississippi, and St. Jude Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine.

Companion Dossett is also a member of the Hattiesburg Scottish Rite Valley, having been initiated on October 13, 2013. He served as Venerable Master in 2016, Wise Master in 2015, Master of Kadosh in 2017, and as the Valley Secretary from 2016-2020. He has served as Personal Representative to Hattiesburg Valley since 2020. Companion Dossett was also honored with the Knight Commander of the Court of Honour on November 18, 2017, in Tupelo, MS. Companion Dossett is also a member of Joppa Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S. in Biloxi, MS.

In addition to his memberships and offices, Companion Dossett serves on numerous committees in all Grand York Rite Bodies in Mississippi, is the Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge to North Carolina, Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter to Indiana, Grand Representative of the Grand Council to Ohio, and Grand Representative to the Grand Commandery to Indiana.

Companion Dossett has also been honored with the T. Olin Gore, Jr., Traveling Zerubbabel Apron in 2015, Knight Commander of the Temple in 2016, Cryptic Mason of the Year in 2018, and with the Knights Templar Cross of Honor in 2018.

**GRAND COUNCIL OFFICERS 2021-2022**

Grand Master ..... R. Land Dossett  
Deputy Grand Master.....Jack Hourguettes, Jr.  
David B. Fricke  
Grand Principal Conductor of the Work..... Joe Weslie Vawters  
Grand Treasurer ..... Micky P McMahan  
Grand Recorder.....Jared F. Stanley  
Grand Recorder Emeritus ..... Micky P. McMahan  
Grand Recorder Emeritus .....Fred F. Bean, PIGM  
Grand Captain of the Guard..... Michael Ray Baker  
Grand Lecturer .....Homer E. Sullivan, Jr., PIGM  
Grand Conductor of the Council..... Norman Ried Quarles, Jr.  
Grand Steward ..... Charles Larry Robinson  
Grand Marshal ..... Stephen Emanuel Yon  
Grand Chaplain ..... Billy Wayne Sloan  
Grand Sentinel .....Roy Wayne Alexander

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MAY 22, 2021

**OPENING**

The Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters in the State of Mississippi was opened in ample form at 12:45p, Saturday, May 22, 2021, at the Grand Secretary/Recorder’s Office, in Meridian, Mississippi by Illustrious Grand Master, David Brian Fricke. Companion Thomas L. Cumberland, PIGM, offered the opening prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance was given.

**MINUTES ADOPTED**

A motion by Companion Jared F. Stanley, Grand Recorder, that the minutes of the 2020 Grand Assembly be adopted as printed was seconded and adopted.

**ROLL CALL**

Roll calls were accomplished using attendance information, with the following present:

Grand Master .....	David Brian Fricke
Deputy Grand Master.....	Robert Lane Dossett
Grand Treasurer .....	Micky P McMahan
Grand Recorder.....	Jared F. Stanley
Grand Recorder Emeritus .....	Micky P. McMahan
Grand Captain of the Guard .....	Joe W. Vawters
Grand Lecturer .....	Homer E. Sullivan, Jr.
Grand Conductor of the Council.....	Norman Ried Quarles, Jr.
Grand Steward .....	Michael Ray Baker
Grand Marshal .....	Xerxes Zeno Herrington
Grand Chaplain .....	Bobby Ray Jones

**COMMITTEES**

CORRESPONDENCE REVIEWER: Jiles K. Grice, PIGM

CREDENTIALS:

CRYPTIC LAW: Charles F. Huckaby, PIGM, Chairman; Jerry Lee Lewis; Jiles K. Grice, PIGM

CRYPTIC MASONS MEDICAL RESEARCH: Leslie E. Reeves

FINANCE: James M. Ward, PIGM

GRAND LIBRARIAN: Jared F. Stanley

INTERNET: Michael R. Baker, Chairman; Arthur L. Patrick

LONG RANGE PLANNING: Philip W. Hobson; Grand Chapter: R. Lane Dossett; Grand Council: Joe W. Vawters; Grand Commandery: Jason A. Jefcoat  
 NECROLOGY: Thomas L. Cumberland  
 PERPETUAL MEMBERSHIP: Jerry W. Reeves, PIGM; Edward Huckaby, PIGM

**PAST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND MASTERS**

James M. Ward	Jimmie L. Windham	Charles F. Huckaby
Homer E. Sullivan, Jr	Edward Huckaby	Jerry Lee Lewis
Jiles K. Grice	Terry G. Morgan	Jerry W. Reeves
George E. Frazier	Thomas L. Cumberland	Dorvell L. Bugg
Leslie E. Reeves		

**HONORARY PAST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND MASTERS**

**CRYPTIC MASON OF THE YEAR**

Homer E. Sullivan, Jr.	Jerry Lee Lewis	Thomas L. Cumberland
Joe Weslie Vawters	Jerry W. Reeves	Leslie E. Reeves
George E. Frazier	Keith Ballard	Robert Lane Dossett
Norman Ried Quarles, Jr.	Lester E. Ivy, Sr.	

**ADULT LEADERSHIP AWARD**

Danny Olan Alexander	Leslie Earl Reeves	C. Edward Huckaby
William Frank Smith	Thomas L. Cumberland	Darrell W. Sartin
George E. Frazier	Charles L. Cox	Billy W. Sloan
Joe W. Vawters	W. Terry McLeod	Arthur L. Patrick

**VACANCIES FILLED**

Due to the virtual nature of the Assembly no vacancies were filled.

**GRAND REPRESENTATIVES  
 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

ALASKA .....	REX C. HASTY	*MICHIGAN .....	KIELY D. WALKER
ARIZONA .....	ARTHUR L. PATRICK	MINNESOTA .....	EDWARD HUCKABY
ARKANSAS .....	WILLIAM R. WILEMON	*MISSOURI .....	EDWARD G. HOLLAND
*CALIFORNIA .....	CLARENCE G. LEVELLE	MONTANA .....	JOHN E. PERKINS
*COLORADO .....	CARROLL D. THOMPSON, SR.	NEBRASKA .....	
*CONNECTICUT .....	WESLEY PEPPER	NEVADA .....	THOMAS LANE CUMBERLAND
DELAWARE .....	CHARLES L. COX	NEW HAMPSHIRE .....	CHARLES F. HUCKABY
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA .....	XERXES Z. HERRINGTON	NEW JERSEY .....	LEROY J. MITCHELL
FLORIDA .....	DAVID BRIAN FRICKE	*NEW MEXICO .....	JACK HOURGUETTES, JR.
GEORGIA .....	JAMES M. WARD	NEW YORK .....	
*IDAHO .....	ROBERT L. EARNEST	*NORTH CAROLINA .....	TERRY W. NOWELL
*ILLINOIS .....	HAROLD A. MARLAR	*NORTH DAKOTA .....	FREDERICK H. STEPHENS
*INDIANA .....	CLYDE HERRON, JR.	OHIO ROBERT .....	LANE DOSSETT
*IOWA .....	FRED F. BEAN	OKLAHOMA .....	GEORGE E. FRAZIER
KANSAS .....	JERRY W. REEVES	OREGON .....	TERRY G. MORGAN
KENTUCKY .....	RONALD M. GARDNER	*PENNSYLVANIA .....	JAMES C. "BUDDY" EDGE
*LOUISIANA .....	ROY WAYNE ALEXANDER	*RHODE ISLAND .....	JOSEPH B. THOMPSON
MAINE .....	JOE W. VAWTERS	SOUTH CAROLINA .....	
MARYLAND .....	MICKY PAUL MCMAHAN	*SOUTH DAKOTA .....	JAMES W. SIGMOND
MASSACHUSETTS .....	DORVELL L. BUGG	*TENNESSEE .....	GORDON BROWNING NANNEY



*TEXAS .....	JOSEPH LEE, JR.	WASHINGTON .....	
UTAH .....	JILES KENNETH GRICE	WISCONSIN .....	DEAN THOMPSON
VERMONT .....	JIMMIE L. WINDHAM	WYOMING .....	

**OTHER JURISDICTIONS**

<u>CANADA</u>		
EASTERN .....	M. KEITH BALLARD	* Not Present at Roll Call
WESTERN .....	LESLIE REEVES	
MANITOBA .....	CHARLES L. COX	
<u>OTHER</u>		
*ENGLAND & WALES .....	WILLIAM JOE SMITH	
PHILIPPINE ISLANDS .....	JERRY LEE LEWIS	
SCOTLAND .....	JARED F. STANLEY	

NOTE: It is suggested that due to the virtual nature of this Assembly that those who were not present are not counted towards being replaced as a representative.

**ADDRESS OF THE ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND MASTER**

To the Grand Council Officers, Committee Members and Representatives of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Mississippi, Companions and Distinguished Representatives from other Jurisdictions:

Welcome to the One Hundred Sixty Sixth Annual Grand Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Mississippi. It is a distinct honor and privilege as Illustrious Grand Master to welcome you to this Annual Assembly. It is our sincere desire that you feel that you are an important part of the activities taking place at this Assembly, because you are.

To our Guest and Representatives from out of state who are visiting with us Virtually, we hope you will be make plans to be a regular visitor to our assembly.

**NECROLOGY**

We give thanks to the Supreme Grand Master, Ruler of heaven and Earth for the safe keeping of our Grand Council in Mississippi in the 2020-2021 Council year. We are deeply grateful that the Grand line has not been broken in any of our York Rite Bodies Lines in the year that has pass since our last meeting. We are deeply saddened by the loss of eighty three (83) of our Council members included in ninety (90) total losses for the Grand York Rite. A combined Necrology report will be given at a separate time. We would note the Loss of Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Mississippi Kenneth Eccles Dyer. MW Dyer was also Past Grand Illustrious Master of RSM MS, and District Deputy Grand Illustrious Master for the SE of Cryptic Masons International. His passing will be noted in the Combined Necrology Report that will be given at a later time in the session.

**IN STATE VISITATIONS**

I was pleased, along with my Traveling Companion PGIM Tom Cumberland, to be able to attend and work in the only York Rite Festivals in Mississippi this year, because of COVID Restrictions. Our Activities were extremely limited because of COVID but we did make the following visitations and activities. At the beginning of the year I visited the Hattiesburg York Rite Instillation service. The Super Excellent Master’s Degree was conducted in Laurel, and I attended and participated in the degree. We held two Mini Festivals because of Grand Encampment regulations that were later changed. I was present and participated in both Mini Festivals.

## **OUT OF STATE/JURISDICTION VISITS**

There were no out of State visitations because of COVID. I do plan to attend the South East York Rite Conference in Mobile AL later this year.

## **GRAND LECTURER**

We especially commend our Grand Lecturer/Instructor Inspector Companion Homer E. Sullivan. Our Mini Festivals were well organized and executed, with excellent attendance. The work was performed in a commendable manner, and prior preparation made the work flow in an efficient manner.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

The past year has been very difficult because of COVID restrictions. I recommend that we explore different opportunities for face to face meetings in the coming year.

## **CRYPTIC MASON OF THE YEAR**

The Cryptic Mason of the Year has been selected and will be recognized at the appropriate time.

## **BROWNLEE-SHEARER ZABUD APRON**

One outstanding Cryptic Mason will be presented the apron to wear at the appropriate time.

## **ADULT LEADERSHIP AWARD**

In consultation with the Executive Officer of DeMolay for MS one Companion has been selected to be awarded the Service award, and it will be awarded at the appropriate time.

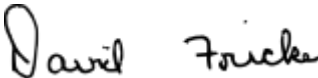
## **CRYPTIC MASONS MEDICAL RESEARCH**

The Cryptic Masons Medical Research fund was well represented by Companion PIGM Leslie Reeves. The research that is accomplished by these funds are extremely important for all of us, and we commend Companion Reeves in his efforts.

## **CONCLUSION**

It has been a great Honor to serve this Grand Council as Illustrious Grand Master in the year that has passed, and I extend my deeply felt appreciation to the Grand Council Officers, Past Grand Illustrious Masters, and Companions who have supported me this year. I thank you for making it an enjoyable and successful year. I extend a special thanks to The Grand Council staff, Grand Recorder.

Respectfully submitted



David Brian Fricke, Grand Illustrious Master

## **MOTION**

With R. Lane Dossett, Deputy Grand Master, presiding, a motion presented by Jared F. Stanley, Grand Recorder, that the Grand Master's Address be referred as follows: Necrology to the Necrology Committee, Law to the Cryptic Law Committee, Finance to the Finance Committee and the remainder of the address

to a Special Committee of three composed of M. Keith Ballard, PIGM, Chairman; Leslie E. Reeves, PIGM, and Jerry W. Reeves, PIGM, was seconded and passed.

### FINANCE

The following report, submitted by R. Lane Dossett, Chairman, was seconded and adopted.

To the Most Illustrious Grand Master; Grand Council Officers, Companions and Distinguished Guests:

Your Finance Committee and the Fraternity as a whole suffered a great loss this year in the death of our Chairman, Kenneth E. Dyer. To say that losing him has affected continuity would be a gross understatement. We will strive to live up to his ideals of fiscal responsibility, giving our best for the Rite.

The York Rite Bodies previously eliminated the "Audit" line item from the budget. The Committee subsequently learned, however, that this line item included not only an audit but also bookkeeping services provided by the same vendor. While the vendor indicated he would provide these services as a holdover courtesy, no reports have been received as of the time of this writing, rendering a categorized statement of income and expenditures and budgeting difficult this year. Actual data, as could be discerned from the bank statements and other sources, has been provided in the proposed budget. With there being only approximately 5 sources of income and about a dozen itemized groups of expenses, the Committee believes that external bookkeeping services are not necessary relative to the small amount of our income and expenses. Moving forward, the Committee requests deposits and expenditures be recorded in a categorized spreadsheet format for annual budgeting and reporting purposes.

The Committee's review of the most recent bank records revealed we ended slightly in the red for a loss. Revenue was \$17,938.94 and expenses were \$18,615, for a net loss of \$648.84. We largely missed last year's budget projection of a net gain of \$3,989. We project next year to be a positive year, with the per capita increase going into effect, raising income.

The Committee recommends the Grand York Rite Bodies charge a collective \$50 per person registration fee for attendance at Grand Annual Sessions to be divided among the bodies, said fee amount applying regardless of which part or parts the registrant attends.

The Committee thanks the Thrice Illustrious Masters for their support of the Grand Council through the purchase of the Most Illustrious Grand Master's apron case. To further reduce expenses, the Committee solicits sponsorship from a York Rite affiliated entity of the Most Illustrious Grand Master's apron and jewel.

The Committee recommends continuation of the normal budgeted expenditures, including but not limited to a jewel and apron of the highest quality for the outgoing Most Illustrious Grand Master and embossed name badges for all Grand Officers.

Fraternally submitted:

R. Lane Dossett, Chairman; James M. Ward, PIGM; Fred F. Bean, PIGM

## GRAND COUNCIL BUDGET FOR 2021 - 2022

Income	Actual 2020-2021	Projected 2021-2022
Per Capita & Degree Fees		18,000
Interest	8	8
Banquet(tickets)	0	500
Sale of Ritual Books		500
Ann. Assembly Reg. Fee	0	0
<b>Total Income</b>	<u>17,939</u>	<u>19,008</u>
Expenses		
Grand Officer Expenses		
Illustrious Grand Master's Apron	456	456
Illustrious Grand Master's Contingent	0	0
Illustrious Grand Master's Jewel	505	505
Per Capita to GGC	3,053	3,053
Grand Assembly		
Banquet	0	500
Flowers	0	50
Guest Rooms	0	200
Programs and Badges	193	193
Grand Body General		
Management Fee	6,667	6,667
Insurance	106	106
Grand Recorder Salary	2,216	2,400
Payroll Taxes	381	381
Printing/Mailing Proceedings	398	500
Printing/Postage/Stationary		200
Web Page	13	13
Directory	280	300
Ritual Books	522	550
Uncategorized	2,048	
Retirement	1,751	1,751
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<u>18,588</u>	<u>17,824</u>
<b>Net</b>	-649	1,184

### MOTION

A motion by R. Lane Dossett, Deputy Grand Master, that the reports of the Grand Recorder, Grand Treasurer, Cryptic Law Committee, Correspondence Reviewer, Special Committee on the Address of the Illustrious Grand Master, Cryptic Masons Medical Research, Combined Report of the Long Range Planning Committee, Combined Report of the Audit Committee, Combined Report of the Internet Committee, Combined Report of the Grand Librarian, Combined Report of the Grand Lecturer/Inspector-Instructor, Combined Report of the Perpetual Membership Committee and the Combined Report of the Necrology Committee be adopted as provided, was seconded and passed.

## GRAND RECORDER

TO THE GRAND COUNCIL ROYAL & SELECT MASTERS OF MISSISSIPPI:

I herewith submit to you my annual report as your Grand Recorder. The Grand Council currently has 26 Subordinate Councils. We greeted 5 new Council Masons last year which 31 less than the previous year. We Suspended 161 Companions for non-payment of dues which is 76 more than last year. Death claimed 83 of our Companions which is 7 more than last year. We Reinstated 12 which is 7 less than last year.

It is worth noting that with the increase in Per Capita and Degree Fee charges to the Grand Council, many Councils have stopped "holding" members over, or remitting their dues and paying their Per Capita on their behalf. In doing so, many were Suspended for Non-Payment of Dues, or discovered to have been deceased.

Our statistics for the year are as follows:

**Members on roll January 1, 2020 ..... 1,428**

<b>Additions:</b>		<b>Deductions:</b>	
Greeted.....	36	Suspended NPD.....	85
Affiliated.....	8	Suspended UMC.....	1
Reinstated.....	19	Demitted/Terminated.....	4
Dual/Plural.....	0	Died.....	58
Error.....	0	Error.....	-13
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>Total.....</b>	<b>161</b>

**Members on roll December 31, 2019 ..... 1,428**

**Net Change ..... -227**

**Total Members on Roll December 31, 2019 ..... 1,201**

**Less Exempt Members ..... -170**

**Total Per Capita Dues paying Members 2019 ..... 1,032**

**(@ \$18.00)**

**Total Greeted:**

Greenville No. 51 .....2  
Amory No. 41 .....1  
J J Melton No. 50.....1  
Barney Trice No. 48 .....1

**Total Reinstatements:**

Jackson No. 5 .....5  
Columbus No. 30.....2  
Liberty No. 7 .....2  
Vicksburg No. 2 .....2  
Panola No. 15 .....1

**Total Suspensions:**

Gulf Coast No. 14.....36  
W. S. Patton No. 24.....25

Jackson No. 5..... 22  
J J Melson No. 50 ..... 21  
Barney Trice No. 48 ..... 8  
Greenville No. 51..... 6  
Vicksburg No. 2..... 6  
Luther Walker No. 57 ..... 6  
Amory No. 41 ..... 5  
Liberty No. 7..... 5  
New Albany No. 3 ..... 5  
Natchez No. 1 ..... 4  
West Point No. 16..... 3  
Houston No. 20..... 2  
Laurel No. 43..... 2  
McComb City No. 29 ..... 2  
Panola No. 15 ..... 2  
Friendship No. 56 ..... 1

2020 posed many challenges to Freemasonry globally, and the Grand Secretary's Office was no exception. After much contemplation, Mrs. Carolyn D. Hodge, who had been with our office for 21 years, serving many of her last years as Office Manager, retired on the 31st of December 2020. Carolyn's knowledge, having the benefit of 21 years around this office, is a true loss to this office and the Fraternity at large. However, her retirement is well earned, and we count ourselves as beneficiaries of her work and wish her and her family the best of retirements.

While technically an item for the next report, I feel it is worth noting here that Mrs. Dana McMahan, Daughter-in-Law of our Grand Treasurer, also left the office on the 8th of January 2021. While not strictly a retirement, her leaving was of her own accord in order to be closer to family and to return to being an educator, which is what she did prior to accepting a position here. Everyone enjoyed working with Dana and her work was top-notch. We wish her and her husband, Paul, all the best in their future endeavors for their family.

As you know, Annual Returns are due into this office by February 1st of each year. With less than a 1-month notice, it was impractical, if not impossible, to put out a job notice, interview, make a selection, and train new employees in the time given. Thankfully, my family saw my struggles and I was blessed to have them offer their assistance.

During the month of December 2020, B. Myles Stanley worked as an unpaid intern with Carolyn to learn as much of her duties as time would permit. While it is impossible to 'replace' a long-time asset like Carolyn, Myles has proven to be a competent and dedicated worker. Given time, I feel confident the Craft as a whole will also come to see Myles as an asset to this office.

During December 2020, and the start of January 2021, Jennifer R. Stanley worked as an unpaid intern with Dana to learn as much of her duties as time would permit. This was extremely critical as Dana was the one who "worked" the Annual Returns – comparing data between years, ensuring all data is captured properly, and more. Now that we are past our Annual Return cycle, I trust all can agree that while Mrs. Dana most assuredly did an excellent job, that Jennifer is also equal to the task of fulfilling the duties of this position.

Please allow me to further inform you as to Jennifer's qualifications. Jennifer has an Associate's Degree in Business Technology – a degree that taught her not only traditional office procedures and equipment, but also up-to-date technologies and processes. She furthered this education with a Bachelor's Degree in Accounting. Her knowledge in these areas is an extreme benefit to this office and the Craft.

It is also worth noting that Jennifer is working Part Time – only paid per hour of work, which is a change to the largely "salary" status of that position in the past. This means she will never qualify for Retirement Benefits. Jennifer is also a Disabled Veteran, receiving medical benefits from the Department of Veteran's Affairs. While the York Rite does not pay wages or benefits for either of these positions directly, the savings realized while Jennifer is employed may be an opportunity for the Grand York Rite Bodies to further re-evaluate the Management Fee paid to the Grand Lodge, which helps offset these types of costs.

Special thanks go to Companions Michael Baker, John McKelvy, and Charles Stephens for their support during these Virtual Annual Sessions. I would also like to express my Thanks to Companion Bobby Ainsworth for completing the printing of our 2020 Proceedings.

Finally, thank you for allowing me to serve as your Grand Recorder, and Many Thanks to all those who have provided helpful advice and working hands to make these 2021 Sessions possible.

Fraternally submitted,



Jared F. Stanley  
Grand Recorder

**GRAND TREASURER**  
**For the year ended March 31, 2021**

TO THE GRAND COUNCIL R&SM OF MISSISSIPPI:

Companions, I herewith submit my report as Grand Treasurer as follows:

	<u>CASH ON HAND</u>	
General Fund	Checking Account	\$17,298
	Investment Acc.	33
TOTAL CASH		\$17,331
	<u>SECURITIES</u>	
General Fund	Investment Account	\$7,089
	<u>DUES &amp; ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE</u>	
General Fund		\$ 6,324
TOTAL ASSETS		\$30,744

Fraternally submitted,

Micky P. McMahan, Grand Treasurer

**CRYPTIC LAW**

TO THE GRAND COUNCIL OF ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS OF MISSISSIPPI

Most Illustrious Grand Master, Grand Officers, Companions and Guest; We, your Committee on Cryptic Law are pleased to report that no questions have been referred to this Committee during the year, we wish to thank the Most Illustrious Grand Master for this appointment and appreciate the opportunity to serve in this capacity,

Fraternally submitted,

Charlie Huckaby, PIGM, Chair; Jerry Lee Lewis PIGM; Jiles K. Grice, PIGM

## **CORRESPONDENCE REVIEWER**

TO THE MOST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND MASTER, GRAND COUNCIL OFFICERS, DISTINGUISHED GUEST, AND COMPANIONS ALL:

I would like to thank Most Illustrious Grand Master Keith Ballard for allowing me to serve as the correspondence reviewer this past year.

Mississippi did not have any direct official communications from any other Grand Council.

Thanks again Illustrious Grand Master Ballard for allowing me to serve as the correspondence reviewer.

Fraternally Submitted,  
Jiles Kenneth Grice

## **SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON THE ADDRESS OF THE MOST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND MASTER**

The members of the committee wish to express our gratitude for being appointed to review the Address of our Most Illustrious Grand Master, David Brian Fricke.

This Committee joins whole heartedly with the Most Illustrious Grand Master in welcoming all of our members and guests to this Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Mississippi.

We share in the sadness of the loss of our Companions who have been called to the Higher Lodge Above during this Masonic Year.

This Committee commends our Illustrious Grand Master for his devotion to our Craft this year, realizing that it has been a difficult one because of COVID restrictions. We feel that our Illustrious Grand Master has overcome many obstacles during the course of the year and fulfilled his duties in a very exemplary manner.

We agree with his commendation of Grand Lecturer/Inspector-Instructor Homer E. Sullivan, Jr. in the stellar performance of his duties.

This Committee has complete confidence that the Illustrious Grand Master has chosen the recipients of our distinguished awards in a fair and appropriate manner.

We join him in commending PIGM Leslie E. Reeves for his efforts in promoting our CMMRF Charity this year.

The Committee wishes to congratulate and thank David Brian Fricke, MIGM for a successful year and for fulfilling his obligations in a very outstanding manner.

We join with all other Companions in pledging our support to our MIGM in all his future Masonic endeavors.

Fraternally submitted, M. Keith Ballard, PIGM, Chair;  
Leslie E. Reeves, PIGM; Jerry W. Reeves, PIGM



## **CRYPTIC MASONS MEDICAL RESEARCH FOUNDATION**

MOST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND MASTER, PAST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND MASTERS, GRAND COUNCIL MEMBERS, DISTINGUISHED GUEST, COMPANIONS ALL:

I respectfully submit the 2020-2021 Cryptic Masons' Medical Research Foundation report.

The following donations were received:

1. Jerry Reeves, PIGM      \$350.00
2. David Frickie, IGM      \$ 50.00
- Total of:      \$400.00

Do to the Covid Pandemic and not being permitted to meet in person, our donations are down from previous years.

If any donations have been sent directly to CMMRF and not through me, it is unlikely that Mississippi gets the credit for each Council that donated. Please send all donations to me so we can get the proper recognition that each Council deserves.

Fraternally Submitted,  
Leslie Reeves, PIGM, CMMRF State CH.

## **COMBINED LONG RANGE PLANNING**

The following report, submitted by Companion Jason A. Jefcoat, was adopted.

Excellent Grand High Priest, Illustrious Grand Master, Grand Commander:

This committee was conceived of by Brother, Companion, and Sir Knight Kenneth Eccles Dyer four years ago and he served as our Chairman until his death on January 28, 2021. The death of Brother Ken and his wife Mrs. Gloria, was and still is a tremendous blow to the future of our fraternities. Four years ago, when Brother Ken introduced the idea of this committee to us, he told us that York Rite Masonry would be dead in five years if we did not make some hard and drastic changes.

Some of the ideas proposed by this committee include:

- The dividing of our State into six Districts with a Regional Representative appointed in each
- Development of Checklists for visiting Reps to use.
- Recommending other York Rite Bodies assist in purchasing jewels, shoulder boards, etc.
- The Holy Land Pilgrimage Medal
- Requiring each Body to have a balanced budget and raising fees and per capita dues.
- Promote the York Rite Leadership Program
- Developing a summary of the Degrees and Orders to be read to each class of candidates

- Encourage accountability of the local York Rite Bodies

Unfortunately, most of our proposals have been completely ignored by our patriarchs and elected leadership. Any ideas of change seem to paralyze us with a fear of losing more members. The State was divided into Districts. Unfortunately, most have not had a representative appointed, and those that have a representative are not receiving official visits. The Holy Land Pilgrimage Medal has not been promoted, and most of our Brethren do not even know the purpose of the program. The majority of our elected officials have not and will not attend the Leadership Program. New Companions and Sir Knights are being made with very little understanding of what a York Rite Mason is supposed to be. There is zero accountability of the local bodies to the Grand Bodies.

Brethren, there is a gap between our brethren over 45 and those under 45. We have many members who are older and few in the middle. We are now seeing the younger generation seek out Masonry and it is imperative that we learn and develop ways to engage them to ensure the Fraternity's future and success. Most men will spend their money on something of quality that provides stimulation, fun and camaraderie if they are receiving something of value. It is time to review and reconsider what we provide the new member. For the past 25 years, we have been losing members. We do not have 25 more! Let us get started in making this a premier organization again!!!

Kenneth E. Dyer, PGC, PIGM, PGHP (Deceased)  
R. Lane Dossett  
Phillip Hobson  
Jason A. Jefcoat  
Joe W. Vawters, PGC, GHP

### **COMBINED AUDIT COMMITTEE**

TO THE GRAND HIGH PRIEST, ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND MASTER, RIGHT EMINENT GRAND COMMANDER AND MEMBERS OF THE GRAND YORK RITE BODIES OF MISSISSIPPI:

We, the Committee have reviewed the report of Lee Harris, CPA on the Grand York Rite combined Audit and are in total agreement, approve his report.

We express our appreciation to the Grand High Priest Joe Vawters, Illustrious Grand Master David Fricke and Right Eminent Grand Commander George Frazier, for the privilege of serving on this important Committee.

Fraternally submitted,  
Fred F. Bean, PGHP, PIGM, PGC; Jason A. Jefcoat; Terry F. Lewis

### **COMBINED INTERNET**

Companions/Sir Knights All:

The previous year as been unique in many ways. The lack of an in-person Grand York Rite session and York Rite Festivals prevented us from being able to obtain new photographs of all of the officers this year, but fortunately we were able to use photographs from previous years for all of the elected officers.

The process to update and modernize the various York Rite forms available to download from the website is underway, but it is time consuming so it is still a work in progress. I am confident that the project will be completed within the ensuing year.

There were some significant updates made to the web pages for the Grand Honors and Awards for the Chapter, Council, and Commandery. Information about quite a few awards and honors there were not previously listed have been added to their respective web pages, and an up-to-date list of all of recipients for these awards and honors has been added. This update was made possible by a tremendous effort from Companion and Sir Knight Gerald Klein. Thank you Companion and Sir Knight Klein for your work on this project.

We are pleased to report that a new MS Grand York Rite Facebook page has been created. More information about that will be available in the near future.

We were regrettably notified by the Grand Encampment that August 2021 will be the last printed edition of the Knights Templar Magazine, but the magazine will continue to be made available in digital form, including the MS Supplement. A link to the digital publication, as well as the state supplement, has been added to the Commander webpage.

On behalf of the Internet committees for these Grand York Rite Bodies, thank you for the confidence and entrusting each of us with this responsibility. Thank you also to the presiding officers for the opportunity to serve the Grand Bodies in this capacity.

Fraternally Submitted,

Michael R. Baker, Chairman  
Jared F. Stanley  
R. Lane Dossett

Michael R. Baker, Chairman  
Art L. Patrick

Michael R. Baker, Chairman  
James A. Whitfield, Jr.  
Jerry W. Reeves

## **COMBINED GRAND LIBRARIAN**

Companions & Sir Knights All,

In my previous report I stated that the Grand Bodies could reasonably expect that past proceedings would have started to be digitized by this meeting. However, with changes in staff at the Office of the Grand Secretary/Recorder, this has been delayed. The books are still sorted and awaiting double-checking before books are digitized. With other possible changes coming at these Annual Sessions, I cannot state what will be completed next, or what a reasonable timeline for completion might be.

We still intend to start the project of digitizing our old membership cards, which will make historical research considerably easier.

Fraternally Submitted,  
Jared F. Stanley, Grand Librarian

## **COMBINED GRAND LECTURER/INSPECTOR-INSTRUCTOR**

**MOST EXCELLENT GRAND HIGHT PRIEST, MOST ILLUSTRIOUS  
GRAND MASTER, RIGHT EMINENT GRAND COMMANDER, OFFICERS**

OF THE GRAND YORK RITE BODIES OF MISSISSIPPI, DISTINGUISHED GUESTS, COMPANIONS, AND SIR KNIGHTS ALL:

Again I am happy to report that although most of our work is done at Festivals throughout the state, with the exception of the first three Chapter Degrees, the degree work continues to be exceptional by very good ritualists who assist wherever needed.

Due to the virus of the past year no festivals were held since March 2020 until the festival in Laurel this year. We were pleased to confer degrees and orders on twenty-one candidates. The work was very successful with several new members who had no opportunity to learn the ritual pitched in to help keep the work running smoothly. Without such assistants we could not do what is expected. Thank you to all who helped make the festival a success. Without you our work would be impossible.

We thanks Grand High Priest Joe Vawters, Grand Master of the Grand Council David Fricke, and Grand Commander George Frazier for their leadership under trying circumstances this year.

We also thank Most Worshipful Grand Master Harold Norton for his direction this past year to keep our Masonic Bodies safe. The idea the heads of the Bodies who devised the plan for fewer statewide festivals is beginning to show promise and hopefully as we overcome current obstacles, we will be able to return to our normal schedules.

It is encouraging to note that our older members are encouraging our younger/newer members to select parts and learn our ritualistic work which we know they will enjoy and continue the good work we are supposed to do.

Sincere thanks are again extended to James Morris Ward and Eddie Holland who are deputy inspector/instructors. Even though Eddie has been unable to participate due to health problems, we thank him for what he has been able to do. Our thanks and gratitude are also given to the Grand Secretary/Recorder Jared Stanley and his office staff for support and cooperation in keeping our operation running smoothly. We also thank the other Masonic Bodies who has cooperated with and supported us this past year.

God bless all of us as we continue.

Fraternally submitted, Homer E. Sullivan, Jr., PGHP, PIGM, PGC  
Grand Lecturer/Inspector-Instructor

### **COMBINED PERPETUAL MEMBERSHIP PLAN**

To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Most Illustrious Grand Master, Right Eminent Grand Commander, officers of the Grand York Rite Bodies of Mississippi, Companions and Sir Knights:

Your Committees for the Perpetual Membership Plan are pleased to submit this combined report on the Perpetual Membership Plan Foundation for the York Rite Bodies of Mississippi.

We are saddened by the loss of Companion and Sir Knight Kenneth E. Dyer

PGHP, PIGM, PGC who was Chairman of the committees and provided exceptional advice and leadership in getting us where we are today. He will be missed, but we hope to continue following his guidance and principles as we continue the important work of these committees.

As of December 31, 2020, The Perpetual Program completed the year with fourteen (14) participating Chapters, fourteen (14) participating Councils and twelve (12) participating Commanderies.

The investment strategy is working well even through the COVID 19 pandemic. The total amount of funds as of December 31, 2020 are \$10,813.51 CD in Regions Bank, \$29,247 in Checking in Regions Bank and \$66,165.59 investments at Edward Jones Financial for a total of \$106,226.10.

Additional information is required regarding this Program or if there are any questions, Please direct them to any of the Committee members or Grand Recorder/Secretary's Office. Application forms, certificates and Perpetual Membership cards are available from the Grand Recorder/Secretary.

We would like to thank the Most Excellent High Priest, Most Illustrious Grand Master and Right Eminent Grand Commander for appointing us to serve on these committees.

Fraternally submitted,  
Perpetual Membership Committees

**Grand Chapter RAM**  
Bill W. Sloan, Chrm  
Jiles K. Grice, Gr. Scribe  
Jordan K. Miller

**Grand Council R&SM**  
Bill W. Sloan, Chrm  
Jerry W. Reeves, PIGM  
Dorvell L. Bugg, PIGM

**Grand Commandery KT**  
Bill W. Sloan, Chrm  
George Frazier, GC  
Matthew Keith Ballard, GCG

## **COMBINED NECROLOGY**

The Combined Grand York Rite Necrology Committee submits the following report:

We are most grateful to the Grand Master of Heaven and Earth that the Grand Lines of each of the Grand York Rite Bodies has not been broken in the year that has passed. However, we are all too well aware of the ravages of time and inevitable fact of mortality that governs our existence while traveling through this veil of tears. In the Masonic year that has passed since our last assembly we have recorded the following losses to the York Rite Bodies: We lost ninety (90) members of the Grand Chapter of RAM; eighty three (83) members of the Grand Council of RSM, and eighty one (81) members of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of MS. (note that the numbers are different because not all were members of all Bodies)

While we are not able at this time to recount the honors and faithful service of each of these Masonic Brothers, the committee does note that one Past Grand Master and Past Presiding Officer of all three York, as well as past presiding officer of all appendant York Rite Bodies was translated to the Celestial Lodge Above by the Great Architect of Man's destiny.

Past Grand Master Kenneth Eccles Dyer passed away at his home in Columbus MS along with his Wife of more than 60 years, Gloria Joyce Dyer. Their death

was a tragic loss for the Masonic Community in Mississippi. They were both active in all aspects of the Masonic Community.

Kenneth Eccles Dyer was born on April 6, 1942 in Whitewater MO, the son of Elwin and Addie Capella Dyer. He was graduated from South Eastern Louisiana State University with a degree in Mathematics. He served in the United States Marine Corps and retired in the rank of Colonel. He was employed by Weyerhaeuser for 26 years and on retirement continued in a teaching position with East Mississippi Community College. He was a Baseball fan and was selected to Umpire in the 1980 Little League World Series. He also umpired in the SEC Baseball games.

PGM Ken Dyer served as Grand Master of Masons in Mississippi for the Masonic Year of 2013 -2014. In addition, he was Past Presiding Grand Officer of All Grand York Rite Bodies. He served as Most Excellent Grand High Priest of MS RAM in 2011. In addition, he was the District Deputy General Grand High Priest for the South East for the Triennium just ending. He served as Grand Illustrious Master of MS RSM in 2002. He was the General Grand District Deputy Grand Illustrious Master of Cryptic Masons International in the Bicentennial Year. In that position He was Host for the South Eastern York Rite Conference in Jackson, MS. He served as Grand Commander of Knights Templar in MS for the year of 2005. He was Aide de Camp to a Past Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar USA. MW Dyer was instrumental in establishing the Holy Land Pilgrimage Award for Mississippi Pastors to visit the Holy Land. In the Appendant Orders in MS, MW Dyer was the Past Governor/Secretary of the York Rite Sovereign College of North America No. 83. He also served as Grand Governor and was the holder of the Purple Cross. In the Red Cross of Constantine MW Dyer was Past Puissant Sovereign and Past Intendent General for Mississippi. He was also Past General Grand Standard Bearer for the United Grand Imperial Council. PGM Dyer was also a Scottish Rite Mason and a Knight Commander of the Court of Honor. He was a member of the Eastern Star and Royal Order of Scotland, and a Noble of the Mystic Shrine.

Alfred Edward Lightsey, Sr. was born in Heidelberg MS on December 18, 1933. He attended High School at Heidelberg. After graduation he enlisted in the U.S. Air Force and honorably served a four year term. Upon discharge Ed enrolled in Jones Junior College and then in Mississippi State University earning a degree in Electrical Engineering in 1962. That same year he accepted a position at Cape Kennedy with the National Aeronautical and Space Administration. Companion Sir Knight Lightsey participated in every manned space flight mission from the first earth orbit in 1962 to the launch of the Space Shuttle program. Ed retired from the Johnson Space Center in Houston TX as Deputy Branch Chief and Program Manager.

Companion Sir Knight Lightsey was raised a Master Mason in W.E. King Lodge No. 615 located in Heidelberg MS. He was active in and participated in all Lodge activities as long as his health permitted. Ed was dedicated to the Blue Lodge and server W.E. King as its Worshipful Master. While WM he actively participated in the "Thursday Morning Bunch" that met first at Hub City Lodge and Later at Hattiesburg Lodge at Eatonville. He strived for excellency and proficiency in the Blue Lodge Ritual.

Companion Sir Knight Lightsey was a member of Laurel York Rite Bodies. He

served as Presiding Officer in the Chapter, Council, and Commandery at Laurel. In 2006 He was elected to serve as Grand Captain General of the Grand Commandery of Mississippi. As Grand Commander he emphasized the Holy Land Pilgrimage and was instrumental in securing funding to send a Local Pastor from W.E. King Lodge to the Holy Land. In 2011 he was elected as Grand Captain of the Host in the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons. He served through the line becoming Grand King in 2014 and did not seek advancement because of health problems.

Companion Sir Knight Lightsey was an active participant in all the activities of Hamasa Shrine Temple in Meridian Mississippi, along with his Wife Geraldine. He was Past President of the Laurel Shrine Club and very active in raising funds for Hamasa and the Children’s Hospital Program. He was elected Potentate of Hamasa Shrine in 1990. He was a member of the Scottish Rite serving in both the Hattiesburg and Meridian Valleys. He was Coroneted a 33rd Degree Inspector General Honorary in the First Class to be held in Mississippi at Corinth.

One of Companion Sir Knight Lightsey’s sayings was that “he had done more than he ever hoped to do, and he wished that every young person should have that same opportunity”.

The Combined Necrology Committee moves the adoption of this report, and requests that if approved the York Rite Bodies here assembled observe a time of silence in memory of our Departed Brethren and that the Grand Prelate Of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Mississippi offer a Memorial Prayer in their behalf.

The Combined Necrology Committee,

Thomas L. Cumberland, PIGM Grand Council RSM MS, Chairman  
Gordon B. Nanney, PGHP Grand Chapter RAM MS  
Fred F. Bean, PGC, Grand Commandery KT

**AWARDS**

Companion David B. Fricke, Illustrious Grand Master, announced the following awards:

Lady of the Council ..... Jennifer Stanley  
Brownlee-Shearer Traveling Zabud Apron.....N. Ried Quarles, Jr.  
General Grand Council Adult Youth Leadership..... Chester Finley  
General Grand Council Cryptic Mason of the Year..... Michael R. Baker

**REPORT OF CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE**

Credentials were confirmed via membership records for those in attendance of this virtual Annual Assembly. It is suggested that due to the virtual nature of this session that those Councils who were not present are not considered as failing to attend, as they may not have had the technical ability to do so.





NECROLOGY: Thomas L. Cumberland, PIGM

PERPETUAL MEMBERSHIP PLAN: Bill W. Sloan Chairman (2022), Dorvell L. Bugg, PIGM (2023), Bruce D. Baker (2024)

### TIME AND PLACE

Motion made by Jared F. Stanley, Grand Recorder, that the Grand Council meet on May 19-21, 2022, at Hamasa Shrine in Marion MS, was seconded and passed.

### INSTALLATION OF GRAND COUNCIL OFFICERS

The Grand Council Officers were installed at 1:15P on Saturday, May 22nd, 2021, by Companion James M. Ward, PIGM, Installing Officers; Companion Homer E. Sullivan, Jr., PIGM, Installing Marshal; and Companion Jimmie L. Windham, PIGM, Installing Chaplain.

### RECOGNITION

R Lane Dossett, Illustrious Grand Master, thanked and recognized several who were present, and gave the floor to Companion David B. Fricke, PIGM, for remarks, after which informed the Craft of several projects he is already working on, in coordination with the MEGHP and REGC, after which he gave the floor to Stephen Blakey, General Grand Recorder of the General Grand Council, for remarks.

### CLOSING

Companion Jared F. Stanley, Grand Recorder, announced that there was no further business. Prayer was offered by Companion Bill W. Sloan, Grand Chaplain. The Grand Council closed at 1:45P in ample form by the Grand Council Officers.



R. Lane Dossett  
Most Illustrious Grand Master

Jared F. Stanley  
Grand Recorder

## SUMMARY RECAP REPORT

Report Year: 2020

Code	PrYr	ENR	Eff	Age	FL	Rel	Res	Est	MPD	Sus	Doc	Trn	Err	Def	Crn	LESS	SAV	NET	Mem	Ex	
241 HENRY	39	1			0				5							26	5	1	4	22	1
252 T. C. BROOKS	11				0											8	3		3	6	2
234 CARTER	2				0											7	1		1	7	
225 COLUMBIA	42				0											48	2		2	26	14
236 COLUMBUS	38				0	2										27	3	2	1	25	2
235 CRAW	16				0											16				13	3
256 FRENCHMNT	53				0				1							30	3		3	30	
251 GREENVILLE	41	2			0				5				1			24	9	2	7	33	
214 GULF COAST	163				0				35							111	52		52	186	5
229 HUNTON	23				0				2							21	4		4	21	
250 J. J. HEWITT #850	142	1	1		0				21							125	25	2	23	55	24
205 JACKSON GUNNCCI #5	104	1			0	1			22	2						76	34	6	28	57	1
243 LAUREL	72				0				2							72	3		6	35	17
204 LEWISTON					0																
280 LIBERTY	83				0	2			5							38	9	2	7	74	4
236 LOUISVILLE	59				0											45	5		5	57	2
218 MT. PLEASANT					0																
226 MCDONALD CTRY #24	58	1			0				2	1						44	7	1	6	42	11
201 MATHIAS	43				0				4							38	7		7	25	15
203 NEW ALBANY	43				0				5							38	7		7	29	10
215 PANDORA	5				0	1			2							8	2		1	7	
224 WM. E. PATTON #21	157		1		0				25							138	25		27	126	5
242 PARNER TRACE	93	1			0				3							83	12		12	72	1
206 PINEC	22				0											22	1		1	19	
202 PITCHER	42				0	2			5							40	19	2	8	24	1
257 RUTHER WALKER	38				0				3							32	3		8	21	1
216 WEST POCH	12				0				3							12	4		1	13	1
219 WOOD	14				0											14				6	
TOTALS:	1428	5	4		0	12			161	3		85	1			1221	248	21	257	1,922	172
Net Change																					1115H

### LIVING PAST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND MASTERS

M. Keith Ballard	Fred F. Bean	Dorvell L. Bugg
Thomas L. Cumberland	George E. Frazier	Jiles K. Grice
Edward G. Holland	Charles F. Huckaby	Edward Huckaby
Jerry Lee Lewis	Terry G. Morgan	Jerry W. Reeves
Leslie E. Reeves	Billy Frank Smith	William J. Smith
Frederick H. Stephens	Homer E. Sullivan, Jr.	James M. Ward
Jimmie L. Windham		David B. Fricke

### LIVING HONORARY PAST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND MASTERS

Robert L. Davis                      Gordon B. Nanney

### GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL CRYPTIC MASON OF THE YEAR

1975.....	Robert Leo Moseley	1991.....	Billy J. Morrow
1976.....	Henry D. Butler	1992.....	Charles W. McMaster
1977.....	Henry A. Bassett	1993.....	Billy Jay Morrow
1978.....	Lee R. Ward	1994.....	Homer E. Sullivan, Jr.
1979.....	Robert Earl Gholson	1995.....	Jack A. Saucier
1980.....	Harold J. Garner	1996.....	James A. Davis
1981.....	Edward Corn	1997.....	Bernard M. McClelland
1982.....	Joe E. Brown	1998.....	Roger Dale Howe
1983.....	Hollis D. Simpson	1999.....	George C. Brock
1984.....	Jack Hourquettes, Sr.	2000.....	Guy W. Bowie
1985.....	Jack Moore	2001.....	Billy F. Knox
1986.....	John Curtis Basset	2002.....	Frederick H. Stephens
1987.....	Harold S. Hansen	2003.....	William Arlis Wheeler
1988.....	Evan Willis Ivey	2004.....	Gordon Nanney
1989.....	Frank E. Hankinson, III	2005.....	Jerry Lee Lewis
1990.....	H. Wilton Griffin	2006.....	Thomas L. Cumberland

2007	Joe Weslie Vawters	2015	Bruce D. Baker
2008	Alfred E. Lightsey	2016	James W. Sigmund
2009	Jerry W. Reeves	2017	Wilbur A. Hartle
2010	William F. Hall	2018	Robert Lane Dossett
2011	Leslie E. Reeves	2019	Norman Ried Quarles, Jr.
2012	George E. Frazier	2020	Lester E. Ivy, Sr.
2013	Robert L. Earnest	2021	Michael R. Baker
2014	Keith Ballard		

### GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL ADULT LEADERSHIP AWARD

1984	R. M. Anderson	2003	Garry G. Garcia
1985	A. Doug Montgomery	2004	William Frank Smith
1986	A. J. Tullos	2005	James R. Latham
1987	Billy A. McNair	2006	Christopher Paul Holzinger
1988	Oyd Wendall Davis	2007	Thomas Lane Cumberland
1989	James Marlon Williamson	2008	Darrell W. Sartin
1990	Robert L. Earnest	2009	George E. Frazier
1991	James R. Rosenkrans	2010	Charles A. Ezel
1992	Malcolm R. Williamson	2011	Billy Joe Smith
1993	Charles W. McMaster	2012	Michael Don Bryant
1994	H. A. Skipper	2013	Charles L. Cox
1995	Billy Frank Smith	2014	Billy W. Sloan
1996	Danny Olan Alexander	2015	Joe W. Vawters
1997	James A. Thrasher	2016	William E. Fletcher
1998	Charles L. Harmon	2017	Johnny C. Wolfe
1999	Charles F. Guyett	2018	William Terry McLeod
2000	Alex Chuan Savell	2019	Arthur L. Patrick
2001	Leslie Earl Reeves	2020	Billy Joe Barfiled, Jr.
2002	Charles Edward Huckaby	2021	Chester Finley

### BROWNLEE-SHEARER TRAVELING ZABUD APRON

1986	Hollis Doyle Simpson	2004	Lindsay W. Mundy
1987	John William Johnson	2005	Robert L. Davis
1988	Grady Ray Partain	2006	Len Murry Adams
1989	Homer Elton Sullivan, Jr.	2007	James Allen Birdsong
1990	James Auburn Davis	2008	Dorvell L. Bugg
1991	Billy Frank Smith	2009	Terry W. Nowell
1992	Earl Douglas Barlow	2010	Harold A. Marlar
1993	Marcus David Timms	2011	Joe Weslie Vawters
1994	Wilbur Allen Hartle	2012	Charles M. Sneed
1995	Charles Edward Huckaby	2013	Jessie W. Smith
1996	Charles William McMaster	2014	Keith Ballard
1997	Kenneth E. Dyer	2015	David B. Fricke
1998	Alfred Edward Lightsey	2016	William Arlis Wheeler
1999	Roger Warren King	2017	Michael Ray Baker
2000	John Thomas Miles	2018	Nathan Andrew Applegate
2001	Kiely Duncan Walker	2019	Ronald M. Gardner
2002	Leslie E. Reeves	2020	Charles Larry Robinson
2003	Rhett Allen Turner	2021	N. Ried Quarles, Jr.

### ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND MASTERS

1855	T. C. Tupper	1891-1902	Frederic Speed	1926	Robert W. Hinton, Jr.
1856-57	Benjamin Springer	1903-1906	Phineas M. Savery	1927	James L. Williams
1858	William P. Mellen	1907-1908	John S. Cobb	1928	J. Robert Rowzee
1859	Fountain Wood	1909-1912	Oliver Lee McKay	1929	Clarence S. Cullens
1860	Daniel Rosser	1913	John S. Brooks	1930	Leon S. Lippincott
1861-63	No Grand Assembly	1914	James M. Dickey	1931	William A. Johns
1864-1866	W. S. Patton	1915	Edwin J. Martin	1932	J. R. Feazell
1867	James M. Howry	1916	Walton G. Grayson	1933	Morris Goldstein
1868	J. O. Lusher	1917	William B. Taylor	1934	James W. Williams
1869	Amos R. Johnson	1918	G. Frederic Cullen	1935	Lochin McAuley
1870	Morris Cook	1919	Irvin Miller Moody	1936	L. L. Conerly
1871-1872	Barney S. Trice	1920	Emmett N. Thomas	1937	I. J. Scharff
1873-1874	E George DeLap	1921	Joseph J. Brook	1938	Walton S. Hootsell
1875	Harvey W. Walker	1922	G. Waldo Batson	1939	R. K. Smith
1876	P. M. Savery	1923	Abe Meyer	1940	E. A. McLaughlin
1877-1889	William G. Paxton	1924	John E. Deloach	1941	E. L. Holland
1890	William Richardson	1925	William H. Whitaker	1942	C. D. Bennett

1943.....	C. Reese Harris	1970.....	W. G. Cotton	1997.....	Billy Frank Smith
1944.....	Thom Q. Ellis	1971.....	Riley E. Davis	1998.....	Billy J. Morrow
1945.....	Horace L. Vice	1972.....	James M. Laughter	1999.....	Earl D. Barlow
1946.....	T. O. Gore, Jr.	1973.....	Evan L. Fleming, Jr.	2000.....	Charles F. Huckaby
1947.....	John T. Wilbanks	1974.....	Edward B. Robinson	2001.....	Billy A. McNair
1948.....	H. L. Stumbaugh	1975.....	Tracy W. Lusk	2002.....	Dan M. Hillman
1949.....	A. M. Hyman	1976.....	A. Haywood Hooker	2002.....	Kenneth E. Dyer
1950.....	W. Carl Seab	1977.....	Joe N. Sullivan, Jr.	2003.....	Homer E. Sullivan, Jr.
1951.....	Homer D. Corely	1978.....	Van Aubrey Evans	2004.....	Hollis D. Simpson
1952.....	John B. Whellis	1979.....	Fred F. Bean	2005.....	Frederick H. Stephens
1953.....	James F. Fair	1980.....	Lloyd B. Tanner, Jr.	2006.....	James A. Davis
1954.....	O. D. Smith	1981.....	Dewey Burcham	2007.....	Jordan Downs
1955.....	Curtis E. Morphis	1982.....	Riley E. Burton, Sr.	2008.....	Edward Huckaby
1956.....	Juston M. Jones	1983.....	R. Marshall Shields	2009.....	Jerry Lee Lewis
1957.....	Sam M. Richardson	1984.....	Ira Lee Crowson	2010.....	Jiles Kenneth Grice
1958.....	A. B. Hilton	1985.....	Jeffie C. Dukes	2011.....	Terry G. Morgan
1959.....	Wm. B. Baker	1986.....	James M. Ward	2012.....	Jerry W. Reeves
1960.....	Oren L. Hodges	1987.....	Elwood Shoemaker	2013.....	William F. Hall
1961.....	Willie E. Howell	1988.....	Jack Hourguettes, Sr.	2014.....	William J. Smith
1962.....	Mays D. Whelchel	1989.....	James E. Sneed	2015.....	George E. Frazier
1963.....	Geo. Earl Brown	1990.....	James L. Lucas	2016.....	Thomas L. Cumberland
1964.....	Allen Cabanis	1991.....	Jimmie L. Windham	2017.....	Dorvell L. Bugg
1965.....	T. Everett Eastburn	1992.....	Frank E. Hankinson, III	2018.....	Leslie E. Reeves
1966.....	W. Neill Bogan	1993.....	Glen D. Brady	2019.....	M. Keith Ballard
1967.....	J. D. Lewis	1994.....	Geo. J. Williams	2020.....	David B. Fricke
1968.....	R. M. Anderson	1995.....	Grady R. Partain		
1969.....	D. D. Williams	1996.....	Edward G. Holland		

### GRAND TREASURERS

1855.....	B. Yandell	Jun 1947-Dec 1947.....	James H. Johnson
1856.....	Wm. F. Cain	1947-1956.....	T. Olin Gore, Sr.
1857-1864.....	B. S. Tappan	1956-1974.....	L. C. Corban
1864.....	Daniel Rosser	1975-1981.....	Mays D. Whelchel, PIGM
1865.....	S. A. Brown	1981-1988.....	Oscar H. Adams
1866-1892.....	Andrew P. Barry	1988-1993.....	Thomas T. Warren
1892-1899.....	Wm. G. Paxton	1993-2007.....	George Saxon
1899-1908.....	Gus J. Bahin	2007-2018.....	Glen D. Brady
1908-1914.....	James C. French	2018-.....	Micky P. McMahan
1914-1947.....	J. Foggo Dixon		

### GRAND RECORDERS

1855.....	L. V. Dixon	1922-1938.....	Edward Lee Faucett
1856.....	Wm. P. Mellen	1938-1960.....	Sid R. Curtis
1857.....	A. V. Rowe	1961-1975.....	Cecil A. Thorn
1858-1864.....	R. W. T. Daniel	1975-1992.....	T. K. Griffis
1864-1871.....	Oscar T. Keller	1992-2007.....	Fred F. Bean
1871-1901.....	AJ. L. Power	2007-2015.....	Micky P. McMahan
1901-1911.....	Frederic Speed	2016-2019.....	F. Tomas Jones
1911-1920.....	Frederic Gordon Speed	2020-.....	Jared F. Stanley
1920-1922.....	Oliver Lee McKay		

### GRAND LECTURERS

1903-1908.....	J. L. Spinks	1936.....	G. Walter Holloway
1908-1910.....	Edmund Sadler	1937-1997.....	T. Olin Gore, Jr.
1910-1918.....	Wm. H. Whitaker	1997-2014.....	Van A. Evans
1918-1936.....	Wm. H. Carter	2014.....	Homer E. Sullivan, Jr.

### RETURNS OF COUNCILS

**AMORY No. 41 - Amory, Monroe County**  
REGULAR ASSEMBLIES HELD ON THE THIRD THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH.

WEAVER,CALVINDIER LEE, MASTER  
STEPHENS,CHARLES ALLEN, DEP MASTER  
DYKES,ROBERT W, PM, COND COUNC

KLEIN,GERALD EDGAR, REC  
FORBUS,JAMES ARLEN, PM, GAP GUARD  
BURKS,TERRY LYNN, TREAS

CHARTERED: JANUARY 19, 1867 Total: 29  
CLIFTON,RICHARD C III, SENTINEL  
GANN,PERRY DWIGHT, PC OF WK  
TAPP,TOMMY VON, PM, STEWARD

**J.J. BROOKS No. 58 - Starkville, Oktibbeha County**  
REGULAR ASSEMBLIES HELD ON THE THIRD THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH.

HUGHES,AUDIE DEAN, PM, MASTER  
PARKER,JOHN EDD\*, DEP MASTER  
HOOD,BURREL S III, COND COUNC

HUGHES,AUDIE DEAN, PM, REC  
FROST,BRADLEY STEVEN, GAP GUARD  
BOUNDS,HENRY LOFTON JR, TREAS

CHARTERED: MAY 13, 1953 Total: 8  
PINNIX,ARCHIE, SENTINEL  
TEMPLETON,IRA OLEN\*, PC OF WK  
HOOD,FREDERICK BOYD, STEWARD

**CARTHAGE No. 34 - Carthage, Leake County**  
2ND TUESDAY

PHILLIPS,MORRIS CLAYTON JR, PM, MASTER  
PINKARD,JOHN ELTON, DEP MASTER  
QUICK,VICTOR LEE, PM, COND COUNC

PHILLIPS,MORRIS CLAYTON JR, PM, REC  
CALDWELL,HARRY JASON, GAP GUARD  
BROOKS,ROBERT NORMAN, PM, TREAS

CHARTERED: JANUARY 11, 1853 Total: 7  
FAULKNER,HESTER MORRIS, SENTINEL  
CALDWELL,JAMES H, PM, PC OF WK  
SANDERS,JOE RUFUS, STEWARD

**COLUMBIA No. 25 - Columbia, Marion County**  
REGULAR ASSEMBLIES HELD ON THE FIRST TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH.

GREER,BOBBY RAY, MASTER  
MOREE,PAUL LARUE, DEP MASTER  
WATTS,CHARLES RATCLIFF, COND COUNC

GRICE,JILES KENNETH, REC  
RUTLAND,TRAVIS JUBAL, GAP GUARD  
SNELL,THOMAS HENRY, TREAS

CHARTERED: JUNE 15, 1859 Total: 40  
CALLENDER,JAMES WINFRED JR, SENTINEL  
WATTS,CASSIE MORRIS, PC OF WK  
LANGSTON,SIMEON LANE, STEWARD

**COLUMBUS No. 30 - Columbus, Lowndes County**  
REGULAR ASSEMBLIES HELD ON THE THIRD THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH.

THAMES,JOHN KEITH, MASTER  
FREEMAN,CASEY RAY, DEP MASTER  
MILLER,JORDAN KENNETH, COND COUNC

DYER,KENNETH ECCLES, PM, REC  
GOODWIN,JAMES MICHAEL, GAP GUARD  
TATE,TOMMY LAWRENCE SR, PM, TREAS

CHARTERED: JANUARY 19, 1866 Total: 37  
SAVAGE,GERALD WAYNE, SENTINEL  
SMITH,COURTNEY BRADFORD, PC OF WK  
KENT,JOHN ROBERT, STEWARD

**DREW No. 39 - Drew, Sunflower County**  
REGULAR ASSEMBLIES HELD ON THE THIRD THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH.

FLEMING,JESSIE EARL, PM, MASTER  
CHILDS,FRED HOWARD\*, DEP MASTER  
CARD,LRELIE DOUGLAS, COND COUNC

BELL,DAVID GENE, PM\*, REC  
GRANTHAM,WILLIAM ALLEN, GAP GUARD  
FULCHER,RONALD EUGENE, TREAS

CHARTERED: MARCH 1, 1867 Total: 15  
SLEDGE,JAMES LARRY, SENTINEL  
KITTRELL,ROBERT WAYNE, PC OF WK  
MORGAN,CHARLES RUSSELL, STEWARD

**FRIENDSHIP No. 56 - Horn Lake, DeSoto County**  
REGULAR ASSEMBLIES HELD ON THE SECOND AND FOURTH TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH.

HOLLIDAY,ROBERT LAVERNE, MASTER  
HOLLIDAY,WILLIAM F JR, DEP MASTER  
WITT,BRADLEY KEITH, COND COUNC

WALKER,KIELY DUNCAN, REC  
ROHLING,THOMAS GEORGE, GAP GUARD  
HOLPOLE,JOHN CHARLES, PM, TREAS

CHARTERED: MAY 10, 1949 Total: 50  
SWATZYNA,ROGER CLEMENT, SENTINEL  
HOLLIDAY,RONALD DAVID, PC OF WK  
SMITH,JOHNNY EUGENE, STEWARD

**GREENVILLE No. 51 - Greenville, Washington County**  
REGULAR ASSEMBLIES HELD ON THE THIRD THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH.

EVANS,JAMES ROBERT, MASTER  
SIGMOND,JAMES WILLIAM JR, DEP MASTER  
CHAMBLESS,ROBERT JOE, COND COUNC

LEE,JOSEPH RUPERT JR, REC  
MCDONALD,BRANDON KYLE, GAP GUARD  
, TREAS

CHARTERED: FEBRUARY 11, 1890 Total: 34  
EVANS,OTIS LEE JR, SENTINEL  
STEWART,RONNIE LOYD, PC OF WK  
ARMSTRONG,ROBERT ROY, STEWARD

**GULF COAST No. 14 - Gulfport, Harrison County**  
STATED ASSEMBLIES HELD ON FIRST TUESDAY EACH MONTH.

MCKELVY,JOHN BURK, MASTER  
CASE,JAMES AVERY, DEP MASTER  
CARMICHAEL,KEVIN, COND COUNC

COOPER,DUSTIN PRENTISS, REC  
GARCIA,BONIFACIO, GAP GUARD  
GRAHAM,JAMES ALFRED III, TREAS

CHARTERED: AUGUST 16, 2018 Total: 111  
BREWER,FRANK EDWARD, SENTINEL  
DAUGHERTY,PAUL ALBERT, PC OF WK  
HAMMACK,THOMAS JR, STEWARD

**HOUSTON No. 20 - Houston, Chickasaw County**  
REGULAR ASSEMBLIES HELD ON THE THIRD THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH.

LOGAN,CLYDE TERRELL, MASTER  
FLEMING,DWIGHT W, PM, DEP MASTER  
CLARK,JAMES EDWARD, COND COUNC

ARRINGTON,LARRY DEAN, PM, REC  
SCOTT,WILLIAM LEE, GAP GUARD  
NARON,GARY P, TREAS

CHARTERED: FEBRUARY 20, 1900 Total: 21  
DOSS,JOE LEE, SENTINEL  
WEAVER,JERRY EDWIN, PC OF WK  
OSWALT,ROLAND E, STEWARD

**JACKSON COUNCIL No. 5 - Jackson, Hinds County**  
REGULAR ASSEMBLIES HELD ON THE THIRD THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH.

SMITH,JOSHUA CALEB, MASTER  
SARTIN,DARELL WAYNE, DEP MASTER  
QUARLES,NORMAN RIED JR, COND COUNC

MCLEOD,WILLIAM TERRY, REC  
ST CLARE,JON WILLIAM, GAP GUARD  
COX,CHARLES LYNN "FUZZY", TREAS

CHARTERED: JANUARY 21, 1857 Total: 76  
, SENTINEL  
, PC OF WK  
WELCH,CLINTON EDWARD, STEWARD

**LAUREL No. 43 - Laurel, Jones County**  
REGULAR ASSEMBLIES HELD ON THE SECOND THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH.

ROBINSON,CHARLES LARRY, MASTER  
WILLIAMS,JAMES MILTON, DEP MASTER  
LOWERY,MICHAEL FORD, COND COUNC

GARDNER,JEFFREY ALLEN, REC  
JEFCOAT,JASON ALAN, GAP GUARD  
BALLARD,MATTHEW KEITH, TREAS

CHARTERED: JANUARY 24, 1868 Total: 72  
PEDIGO,STAN CAIN, SENTINEL  
ROGERS,NOEL A, PC OF WK  
PEDIGO,HAYDEN BROOKS, STEWARD

**LEXINGTON No. 4 - Lexington, Holmes County**  
REGULAR ASSEMBLIES HELD ON THE THIRD FRIDAY OF EACH MONTH.

WATERER,HENRY CHRISTMAS JR, MASTER  
ALBIN,JAMES EDGAR, DEP MASTER  
ALEXANDER,ROBERT W, COND COUNC

JOINER,KENNETH MILLS, REC  
LOGAN,CRAWFORD ROANE JR, GAP GUARD  
COHEN,PHILIP RAYMOND, TREAS

CHARTERED: JANUARY 11, 1856 Total: --  
WARD,DOUGLAS LOWERY, SENTINEL  
PERRY,WALTER, PC OF WK  
SKINNER,HUGH P\*, STEWARD

**LIBERTY No. 7 - Hattiesburg, Forrest County**  
REGULAR ASSEMBLIES HELD ON THE SECOND THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH.

DICKERSON,SHELTON HORACE JR, MASTER  
ZEHNER,FREDDIE CECIL, DEP MASTER  
CSASZAR,JOSHUA CLAYTON, COND COUNC

SULLIVAN,HOMER ELTON JR, PM, REC  
MACHADO,MARCOS F.P., GAP GUARD  
DOSSETT,ROBERT LANE, TREAS

CHARTERED: APRIL 21, 1898 Total: 78  
BYRD,LARRY, PM, SENTINEL  
RACKLEY,LEON T, PC OF WK  
, STEWARD

**LOUISVILLE No. 36 - Louisville, Winston County**  
REGULAR ASSEMBLIES HELD ON THE SECOND MONDAY OF EACH MONTH.

STEWART,JOHN TOMMY, MASTER  
PATTERSON,JOHN WILLIAM\*, DEP MASTER  
FORD,JESSIE CLARENCE\*, COND COUNC

HUTTO,ROBERT EARL, REC  
FULTON,LEONARD WEBSTER, GAP GUARD  
HEMPHILL,JASON MICHAEL, TREAS

CHARTERED: JANUARY 19, 1866 Total: 45  
CHARLTON,HUNTER SCALES, SENTINEL  
Vining,GROVER WILLIAM, PC OF WK  
PARKS,JAMES DANIEL, STEWARD

**McCOMB CITY No. 29 - McComb, Pike County**  
REGULAR ASSEMBLIES HELD ON THE SECOND MONDAY OF EACH MONTH.

WILLIAMS,JOE DENVER, MASTER  
PEDIGO,STEVEN LESTER, PM, DEP MASTER  
DICKERSON,ROBERT D, COND COUNC

STEPHENS,FREDERICK HOWARD, PM, REC  
SPENCER,RICHARD CALVIN, GAP GUARD  
STRITTMAN,SESSE WESLEY, TREAS

CHARTERED: JANUARY 13, 1860 Total: 44  
KYZAR,DAVID KENDALL, SENTINEL  
GREER,TRAVIS WENDELL, PC OF WK  
MASON,DONALD CARLISLE, STEWARD

**JJ MELTON No. 50 - Water Valley, Yalobusha County**  
REGULAR ASSEMBLIES HELD ON THE SECOND THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH.

GARDNER,RONALD MATTHEW, MASTER  
MCDONALD,WALTER H JR, DEP MASTER  
SPRINGER,HULETT WEST, COND COUNC

HUCKABY,CHARLES F."CHARLEY", PM\*, REC  
WARD,JAMES MORRIS, GAP GUARD  
HUCKABY,CHARLES "EDWARD", PM, TREAS

CHARTERED: MAY 2, 1890 Total: 119  
DAVIS,JAMES LARRY, SENTINEL  
JONES,BOBBY RAY, PC OF WK  
BROWN,LARRY DEAN, STEWARD

**NATCHEZ No. 1 - Natchez, Adams County**

REGULAR ASSEMBLIES HELD ON THE SECOND THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH.

CHARTERED: JANUARY 19, 1856 Total: 38

CUPIT,JACK GRAFTON, PM\*, MASTER  
BRICE,BRUCE WAYNE SR, PM\*, DEP MASTER  
HOUSE,HAROLD ERWIN, PM, COND COUNC

GODFREY,JAMES MARK, PM, REC  
SULLIVAN,THOMAS L SR, GAP GUARD  
GOLDMAN,JAMES MONROE\*, TREAS

ARD,ROBERT WILLIAM, SENTINEL  
STURDIVANT,WILLIAM TERRY, PC OF WK  
FELTER,STANLEY EUGENE, STEWARD

**NEW ALBANY No. 3 - New Albany, Union County**

REGULAR ASSEMBLIES HELD ON THE SECOND THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH.

CHARTERED: JANUARY 19, 1856 Total: 38

THOMPSON,CARROLL DEAN JR, MASTER  
POTTER,RICKEY JOHN, DEP MASTER  
CHILDERS,WILLIAM GUY, COND COUNC

ALDRIDGE,JAMES ANTHONY, PM\*, REC  
TUCKER,WILLIAM MAJOR JR, GAP GUARD  
THOMPSON,CARROLL DEAN SR\*, TREAS

LAMBERT,CHARLES JACKSON, SENTINEL  
SMITH,EDWARD CALVIN, PC OF WK  
ZILE,GREGORY VAN, STEWARD

**PANOLA No. 15 - Senatobia, Tate County**

REGULAR ASSEMBLIES HELD ON THE SECOND THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH.

CHARTERED: MAY 20, 1858 Total: 8

COOPER,JOSEPH EUGENE, PM, MASTER  
HOOD,JAMES ERNEST, PM, DEP MASTER  
, COND COUNC

MCBRIDE,DAVID HUFF, REC  
, GAP GUARD  
DUNIGAN,KEVIN DALE, TREAS

, SENTINEL  
SANSOM,MICHAEL EUGENE, PM, PC OF WK  
, STEWARD

**WM. S. PATTON No. 24 - Meridian, Lauderdale County**

REGULAR ASSEMBLIES HELD ON THE FOURTH THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH.

CHARTERED: JANUARY 24, 1860 Total: 130

WOODS,DAVID EVAN, MASTER  
MCDONALD,CLIFTON M, DEP MASTER  
POGUE,DAVID JOEL, COND COUNC

HILLS,FRED GRANT III, REC  
MATTHEWS,DERIK AUSTIN, GAP GUARD  
LOU,LELAND, TREAS

CARTER,FREDDIE ALBERT, SENTINEL  
EVANS,ROLAND DONALD, PC OF WK  
RUMERY,PHILIP TODD, STEWARD

**BARNEY TRICE No. 48 - Corinth, Akorn County**

REGULAR ASSEMBLIES HELD ON THE SECOND FRIDAY OF EACH MONTH.

CHARTERED: JANUARY 22, 1872 Total: 83

DODDS,DONALD SETH, MASTER  
RICHARDSON,WILLIAM NOAH, DEP MASTER  
BUGG,DORVELL LYNN, COND COUNC

LEWIS,JERRY LEE, REC  
STEVENS,KEITH RONALD, GAP GUARD  
MARLAR,HAROLD ADRON, PM, TREAS

MCALPIN,DANNY JOE, PM, SENTINEL  
KELLEY,JOHN JOSEPH, PC OF WK  
WILEMON,WILLIAM R JR, PM, STEWARD

**TUPELO No. 6 - Tupelo, Lee County**

REGULAR ASSEMBLIES HELD ON THE THIRD THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH.

CHARTERED: JANUARY 22, 1871 Total: 27

DEVAUGHN,GEORGE HERMAN, MASTER  
GRIFFITH,JOHN B., DEP MASTER  
SCOTT,BRADLEY ALLEN, COND COUNC

EARNEST,ROBERT LEE, PM\*, REC  
FINN,THOMAS STEPHEN, GAP GUARD  
DAVIS,ROBERT LAFAYETTE, PM\*, TREAS

SCOTT,JAMES DOYLE\*, SENTINEL  
EDGE,JAMES C "BUDDY" JR, PC OF WK  
GRAY,GARY THOMAS, STEWARD

**VICKSBURG No. 2 - Vicksburg, Warren County**

REGULAR ASSEMBLIES HELD ON THE FIRST & THIRD TUESDAYS OF EACH MONTH.

CHARTERED: FEBRUARY 13, 1841 Total: 40

LOFTON,JAMES HUDSON JR, PM, MASTER  
, DEP MASTER  
HYNUM,WILLIAM JAY, COND COUNC

WILLIAMS,ERNEST LEROY JR, REC  
BETTENCOURT,ALFRED S\*, GAP GUARD  
ABBOTT,EUGENE MARION JR, TREAS

VINES,JOHN EDGAR II, SENTINEL  
FAIRCHILD,JIMMY DAVIS JR\*, PC OF WK  
THOMPSON,GEORGE BERRY JR, STEWARD

**LUTHER WALKER No. 57 - Picayune, Pearl River County**

REGULAR ASSEMBLIES HELD ON THE SECOND/FOURTH TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH.

CHARTERED: MAY 8, 1951 Total: 22

SPENCE,TERRY WAYNE, MASTER  
SPENCE,MICHAEL WAYNE, DEP MASTER  
, COND COUNC

HICKS,JOHN THOMAS, REC  
MASSEY,WILLIAM FLOYD JR, GAP GUARD  
CUMBERLAND,THOMAS LANE, TREAS

CALOIAN,ARAM BENJAMIN, SENTINEL  
DAVIS,JERRY WAYNE, PC OF WK  
, STEWARD

**WEST POINT No. 16 - West Point, Clay County**

REGULAR ASSEMBLIES HELD ON THE FIRST TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH.

CHARTERED: MAY 4, 1859 Total: 14

DUKE,JIMMY DEWAYNE, MASTER  
ALLEN,EDWARD SCOTT, DEP MASTER  
, COND COUNC

WILKERSON,KENNETH LEE, REC  
HOOKER,PHILLIP AARON, GAP GUARD  
THOMPSON,DAVID EARL, TREAS

BLACKWELL,JERRY EARL, SENTINEL  
PUMPHREY,REX EVANS\*, PC OF WK  
, STEWARD

**YAZOO No. 19 - Yazoo City, Yazoo County**

REGULAR ASSEMBLIES HELD ON THE THIRD MONDAY OF EACH MONTH.

CHARTERED: JANUARY 14, 1860 Total: 14

MCCLURE,OBIE WILSON JR\*, MASTER  
BROOM,WILLARD, PM\*, DEP MASTER  
MOHAMER,JOSEPH ASIM II, COND COUNC

DAVIS,RICHARD PAUL, PM, REC  
CHAMBLESS,ROBERT JOE, PM, GAP GUARD  
SPIARS,PATRICK CALCOTE, PM\*, TREAS

MOORE,WILLIAM TRAVIS, SENTINEL  
DOUGLAS,VIVEN JAMES, PM\*, PC OF WK  
MILNER,PAUL\*, STEWARD

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PROCEEDINGS  
of the  
**GRAND COMMANDERY**  
of  
KNIGHTS TEMPLAR  
of  
**MISSISSIPPI**



AT ITS  
ONE HUNDRED FIFTY-NINETH  
ANNUAL CONCLAVE

HELD IN  
MERIDIAN  
MAY 22, 2021





## **CHARLES LYNN COX**

*Right Eminent Grand Commander  
Grand Commandery of Knights Templar  
of Mississippi*

2021-2022

# **CHARLES LYNN COX**

## **Right Eminent Grand Commander 2021**

Charles Lynn “Fuzzy” Cox was born in Durant, Mississippi on September 10, 1941 to Elizabeth and Charles Cox. He received his education in the Durant School District, Holmes Jr. College, and Delta State University. He also served in the US Army from 1963-1966.

Sir Knight Cox married Carolyn in Pearl, MS, on December 12, 1987. Their children are Anthony, Leigh, Daniel, and Robert.

He was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason in Tyrian Lodge No. 427 in Jackson, Mississippi, on April 22, 1980. This is still his home Lodge, where he has served in several stations including Treasurer from 1995-2008, and as Worshipful Master in 1987 and 2016. He was also a charter member of the Mississippi Lodge of Research No. 640, where he served as Worshipful Master in 2019, and is an honorary member of Museum Watt Carter Lodge No. 636, where he serves as Chaplain.

Sir Knight Cox has served the Grand Lodge of Mississippi in many capacities, including Grand Sword Bearer (1987), Deputy Grand Master (1989), Junior Grand Warden (2009), Senior Grand Warden (2010), Grand Master (2011) and Grand Orator (2017). Most Worshipful Cox served as a Member of the Board of Custodians from 2017-2021.

Sir Knight Cox was Exalted, Greeted & Knighted on May 24 & 25 of 1984 in Jackson, MS. He has served as Master of the Second Veil (1989), High Priest (2015) and Treasurer (2019-Present) in Jackson Chapter No. 6, as Illustrious Master (2015) and Treasurer (2019-Present) in Jackson Council No. 5, and as Commander (2015) and Treasurer (2019-Present) in Mississippi Commandery No. 1. He has also been admitted into the Order of High Priesthood and Thrice Illustrious Masters.

Sir Knight Cox is also a member of several other masonic bodies typically associated with the York Rite, including: Societas Rosicruciana in Civitatibus Foederatis (Celebrant, 2011), Knight Masons (Treasurer since 2015), Red Cross of Constantine (Saint Leonard Chapter), York Rite Sovereign College of Mississippi, and participates in his local York Rite Degree Team. He has also received the Super Excellent Master Degree.

Sir Knight Cox is also a member of the Jackson Scottish Rite Valley, having been initiated in Spring of 1982. He served as since been honored with the Knight Commander of the Court of Honour on December 13, 1989 in Hattiesburg, MS, and Crowned as an Inspector General Honorary in 2009, in Corinth, MS. Sir Knight Cox is also a member of the Royal Order of Scotland and a past member of his local Scottish Rite Degree Team.

Sir Knight Cox is also a member of Wahabi Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S. in Jackson, MS.

In addition to his memberships and offices, Sir Knight Cox serves as Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge to South Carolina, Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter to Manitoba, Canada, Grand Representative of the Grand Council to Delaware, and Grand Representative of the Grand Commandery of South Carolina.

Sir Knight Cox is also a member and Past Patron (1991) of Brandon Chapter No. 269, Order of the Easter Star. He is also the State Membership Chairman for Mississippi DeMolay, serves as DeMolay Dad at Capital Chapter, and is a member of the DeMolay Legion of Honor.

Right Eminent Grand Commander Cox has also been honored with Adult Leadership Award.

**GRAND COMMANDERY OFFICERS 2021-2022**

Grand Commander ..... Charles L. Cox  
Deputy Grand Commander ..... Billy Wayne Sloan  
Grand Generalissimo ..... Matthew Keith Ballard  
Grand Captain General ..... Arthur Leon Patrick  
Grand Treasurer ..... Micky P. McMahan  
Grand Recorder ..... Jared F. Stanley  
Grand Recorder Emeritus ..... Micky P. McMahan  
Grand Recorder Emeritus ..... Fred F. Bean, PGC  
Grand Inspector-Instructor ..... Homer E. Sullivan, Jr., PGC  
Grand Senior Warden ..... Ronald Matthew Gardner  
Grand Junior Warden ..... David Brian Fricke  
Grand Prelate ..... Charles Kenny McGill, II  
Grand Standard Bearer ..... Edward E. Jones  
Grand Sword Bearer ..... Joshua Caleb Smith  
Grand Warder ..... Edward W. Rhodes  
Grand Sentinel ..... Phillip Wesley Hobson

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

AT ITS ONE HUNDRED SIXTIETH  
ANNUAL CONCLAVE

HELD AT MERIDIAN, MISSISSIPPI  
MAY 22, 2021

**OPENING**

The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Mississippi was opened in ample form at 1:50P, Saturday, May 22, 2021, at the Grand Secretary/Recorder's Office, in Meridian, Mississippi by Right Eminent Grand Commander, George E. Frazier. Sir Jason A. Jefcoat, Grand Prelate, offered the opening prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance was given.

**MINUTES ADOPTED**

A motion by Sir Knight Jared F. Stanley, Grand Recorder, that the minutes of the 2020 Grand Conclave be adopted as printed was seconded and adopted.

**ROLL CALL**

Roll calls were accomplished using attendance information, with the following present:

Grand Commander .....	George E. Frazier
Deputy Grand Commander .....	Charles L. Cox
Grand Generalissimo .....	Billy W. Sloan
Grand Captain General .....	M. Keith Ballard
Grand Treasurer .....	Micky P. McMahan
Grand Recorder .....	Jared F. Stanley
Grand Inspector-Instructor .....	Homer E. Sullivan, Jr., PGC
Grand Senior Warden .....	Dorvell L. Bugg
Grand Junior Warden .....	Walter Henry McDonald, Jr.
Grand Prelate .....	Jason A. Jefcoat
Grand Sword Bearer .....	Bradley Allen Scott
Grand Warder .....	John E. Perkins

**COMMITTEES**

CORRESPONDENCE REVIEWER: Jerry W. Reeves

CREDENTIALS:

EDUCATION: Jiles K. Grice, PGC, Chairman; Terry G. Morgan, PGC; James M. Ward, PGC; Jimmie L. Windham, PGC; Jared F. Stanley, Rec. Ex-Officio

FINANCE: Micky P. McMahan; W. Terry McLeod

GRAND LIBRARIAN: Jared F. Stanley

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE: Charles L. Cox, Chairman; Billy W. Sloan, M.

Keith Ballard

INTERNET: Jerry W. Reeves, Chairman; Michael R. Baker

KTEF: Dorvell L. Bugg

KT MAGAZINE CORRESPONDENT: Jared F. Stanley, GR

LONG RANGE PLANNING: Philip W. Hobson; Grand Chapter: R. Lane

Dossett; Grand Council: Joe W. Vawters; Grand Commandery: Jason A. Jefcoat

MEMBERSHIP: Terry G. Morgan, PGC, Chairman; Jason A. Jefcoat;

NECROLOGY:

PERPETUAL MEMBERSHIP: George E. Frazier; Matthew Keith Ballard

PUBLICITY: Charles F. Huckaby, PGC

RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES: Micky P. McMahan, Chairman; Thomas L.

Cumberland, PGC; Jimmie L. Windham, PGC

TEMPLAR JURISPRUDENCE: R. Lane Dossett, Chairman; Terry G. Morgan, PGC; N. Ried Quarles, Jr.

### PAST GRAND COMMANDERS

Thomas L. Cumberland

Jiles K. Grice

C. Edward Huckaby

Charles F. Huckaby

Jerry Lee Lewis

Terry G. Morgan

Billy Frank Smith

Homer E. Sullivan, Jr.

Joe W. Vawters

James M. Ward

Jimmie L. Windham

### HONORARY PAST GRAND COMMANDERS

### KNIGHTS TEMPLAR CROSS OF HONOR

Charles F. Huckaby

Jerry Lee Lewis

Jerry Wayne Reeves

C. Edward Huckaby

Joe Weslie Vawters

Jiles K. Grice

Terry G. Morgan

David B. Fricke

Dorvell L. Bugg

Jason A. Jefcoat

Robert Lane Dossett

Michael Ray Baker

M. Keith Ballard

### VACANCIES FILLED

Due to the virtual nature of the Conclave no vacancies were filled.

### GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

ALABAMA ..... MATTHEW KEITH BALLARD

MICHIGAN ..... JOE WESLIE VAWTERS, PGC

ARIZONA ..... CARROLL DEAN THOMPSON, SR.

MINNESOTA ..... THOMAS L. CUMBERLAND, PGC

ARKANSAS ..... MICHAEL RAY BAKER

MISSOURI ..... JASON A. JEFCOAT

CALIFORNIA ..... NATHAN APPLGATE

MONTANA ..... JERRY LEE LEWIS, PGC

\*COLORADO ..... DAVID B. FRICKE

NEBRASKA ..... CHARLES F. HUCKABY, PGC

CONNECTICUT ..... BILLY W. SLOAN

\*NEVADA ..... TERRY F. LEWIS

DELAWARE ..... BILLY FRANK SMITH

NEW HAMPSHIRE ..... HOMER E. SULLIVAN, JR., PGC

\*DIST. OF COLUMBIA ..... ANTHONY TROTTER

\*NEW JERSEY ..... JAMES SIGMOND

\*FLORIDA ..... GORDON B. NANNEY

NEW MEXICO ..... JOHN E. PERKINS

\*GEORGIA ..... JIMMIE L. WINDHAM

NEW YORK ..... CARROLL D. THOMPSON, JR.

\*ILLINOIS ..... EDWARD G. HOLLAND

NORTH CAROLINA ..... JARED F. STANLEY

INDIANA ..... ROBERT LANE DOSSETT

NORTH DAKOTA ..... N. RIED QUARLES, JR.

IOWA ..... MICKY P. MCMAHAN

\*OHIO ..... STEVE SWEET

KANSAS ..... JAMES M. WARD

\*OKLAHOMA ..... JACK HOURGUETTES, JR.

KENTUCKY ..... GEORGE E. FRAZIER

\*OREGON ..... HAROLD A. MARLAR

\*LOUISIANA ..... ROY WAYNE ALEXANDER

\*PENNSYLVANIA ..... WILLIAM JOE SMITH

\*MAINE ..... TERRY G. MORGAN

\*PHILIPPINE ISLANDS ..... CLYDE L. HERRON, JR.

MARYLAND ..... TERRY W. NOWELL

SOUTH CAROLINA ..... CHARLES L. COX

\*MASS. & RHODE ISLAND ..... TERRY W. NOWELL

\*SOUTH DAKOTA ..... KIELY D. WALKER

TENNESSEE .....

TEXAS ..... JERRY W. REEVES  
 UTAH ..... DORVELL L. BUGG  
 VERMONT ..... EDWARD HUCKABY  
 VIRGINIA ..... JILES KENNETH GRICE  
 \*WASHINGTON ..... FRED F. BEAN  
 \*WEST VIRGINIA ..... BRUCE D. BAKER  
 WISCONSIN ..... LESLIE E. REEVES  
 \*WYOMING ..... FREDERICK H. STEPHENS

\* Not Present at Roll Call

NOTE: It is suggested that due to the virtual nature of this Conclave that those who were not present are not counted towards being replaced as a representative.

**ADDRESS OF THE GRAND COMMANDER**

To our Distinguished Guest, Officers and Sir Knights of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of the State of Mississippi, Welcome!

It is a great honor and privilege to welcome you to the One hundred sixtieth Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Mississippi. We appreciate the giving of your time to attend our session and being here with us. If this is your first time we extend to you our thanks and if we can help in any way let us know. To our distinguished guest, you honor us with your presence. We hope that all will enjoy a pleasant and enjoyable time with us.

**NECROLOGY**

To the families of Sir Knight Ken Dyer, PGC, his lady Gloria and the families of all Sir Knights who have joined our Heavenly Father in the Supreme Asylum above we extend our heartfelt sympathy. The necrology committee will have a suitable report at the proper time. Keep all these in your prayers.

**NOMINATIONS AND COMMISSIONS**

The nominations and commissions granted are available in the Grand Recorders office for your review.

**KNIGHTS TEMPLAR MAGAZINE**

We thank Sir Knights Fred Bean, PGC; Jared Stanley, GR and Kiely Walker, PGC for their dedication to this worthy publication. The Mississippi supplement is a valuable source of information to all masons. However, I would like to see individual pictures and names of newly knighted Templars published in the supplement so that we may, when we see them at lodge meeting or on other occasions, congratulate them on becoming a Sir Knight.

**HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE**

The Holy Land Pilgrimage Committee report is on file and available in the office of the Grand Recorder.

**RELIGIOUS OBSERVANCES**

We thank our Heavenly Father for the many blessings he has bestowed upon each of us and commend those Commanderies that conduct Religious Observances and encourage them to continue. I ask that if your commandery is not, start one. Host one in your community, we need to be seen and let the public know for what we stand. I would like to thank Most Eminent Grand Master Nelson for allowing us to honor our veterans by laying wreaths at the state veterans' cemeteries. I received many good comments on the event. One of the homes in Grenada brought four veterans to Kilmichael to watch the event. It was an event that I will not forget. I would like to thank the Sir Knights that stepped up and participated. It was the last event that Sir Knight Ken Dyer and his lady honored me with their presence. I hope this will become an annual event for the Grand Commandery of Mississippi.

## **GRAND INSPECTOR-INSTRUCTOR**

I thank Sir Knight Homer Sullivan, Jr. PGC, for serving as Grand Instructor-Instructor and being an inspiration to all sir knights. We are blessed to have someone so qualified to serve in this position. Sir Knight Homer's dedication and love for the craft are exemplary. We know that his lady, Billie, supports him totally and we thank her for it.

## **KNIGHTS TEMPLAR HONORS**

The "KNIGHT TEMPLAR CROSS OF HONOR" and the "JAMES MORRIS WARD MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD" will be announced at the proper time and awarded at some suitable time and place. This is due to this being a virtual meeting.

## **VISITATIONS**

All Festivals were cancelled due to the pandemic until Most Eminent Grand Master Nelson issued General Orders that allowed us to return to meeting. I was able to attend the Festival at Laurel on April 3 and was pleased with such a large class. Hopefully, we can resume our regular schedule. However, due to the cost of travel, we may need to review when we have them and how often. I leave this up to the following Grand Commanders.

## **GRAND RECORDER AND STAFF**

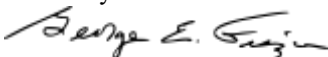
A special thanks to Sir Knight Jared Stanley and the office staff for their assistance, dedication and hard work. Sir Knight Stanley has handled my communication with the Grand Encampment admirably and with expediently. Sir Knight Stanley has upgraded our record keeping and worked diligently to bring us into the twenty first century. Thank you Jared!

## **CONCLUSION**

First of all I thank GOD for HIS many blessings. HE has watched over me this year and I pray that HE will continue to bless all of us. Next, I wish to thank my family for supporting me in my masonic endeavors. It was Eva who asked me to continue to Grand Commander. I did not want to continue without her. She was my best half and I miss her. I have enjoyed serving with M. E. Grand High Priest Joe W. Vawters, M. I. Grand Master David B. Fricke and M.W. Grand Master Harold Norton. Thank you for your support. To all my officers and committee men, THANK YOU. We had a year like no other and we made it through. To Sir Knights James Ward and Charlie Huckaby "thank you". You have taught me much in masonry. To the Sir Knights who participated in our wreath laying ceremonies, your service was noticed and you got Templar out in the public. People saw for what we stand. As I have said we must get outside of the lodge room, we must let people know what we are. Not what the internet says, or some hearsay but to be the example of what Christian men are. Who was that that said "If you keep doing what you been doing you'll keep getting what you been getting.?" Sir Knights, think, try, evaluate, change, try again and some day you will get it done. The only defeat is not trying.

Thank you all, may GOD bless our county, our state, our families and our Commandery. I love you all.

Fraternally Submitted:



George Edward Frazier, Grand Commander 2020-2021



## MOTION

With Sir Knight Charles L. Cox, Deputy Grand Commander, presiding, a motion presented by Jared F. Stanley, Grand Recorder, that the Grand Commander's Address be referred as follows: Necrology to the Necrology Committee, Law to the Templar Jurisprudence Committee, Finance to the Finance Committee and the remainder of the address to a Special Committee of three composed of Jimmy L. Windham, PGC, Chairman; Jiles K. Grice, PGC; and Kiely D. Walker, PGC, was seconded and passed.

## FINANCE

The following report, submitted by R. Lane Dossett, Chairman, was seconded and adopted.

To the Right Eminent Grand Commander; Grand Commandery Officers, Sir Knights and Distinguished Guests:

Your Finance Committee and the Fraternity as a whole suffered a great loss this year in the death of our Chairman, Kenneth E. Dyer. To say that losing him has affected continuity would be a gross understatement. We will strive to live up to his ideals of fiscal responsibility, giving our best for the Rite.

The York Rite Bodies previously eliminated the "Audit" line item from the budget. The Committee has learned, however, that this line item included not only an audit but also bookkeeping services provided by the same vendor. While the vendor indicated he would provide these services as a holdover courtesy, no reports have been received as of the time of this writing, rendering a categorized statement of income and expenditures and budgeting difficult this year. Actual data, as could be discerned from the bank statements and other sources, has been provided in the proposed budget. With there being only approximately 5 sources of income and about a dozen itemized groups of expenses, the Committee believes that external bookkeeping services are not necessary relative to the small amount of our income and expenses. Moving forward, the Committee requests deposits and expenditures be recorded in a categorized spreadsheet format for annual budgeting and reporting purposes.

The Committee's review of the most recent bank records revealed we ended in the red for a large loss. Revenue was \$28,723.68 and expenses were \$35,775.32, **for a net loss of \$7,051.64**. This reduced the Commandery checking account by 20%. Cash in hand as of March 31, 2020 was \$36,059.69, compared to March 31, 2021, of \$29,008.05. While a loss was projected, the actual loss was much greater than last year's budgeted amount of (\$2,759).

Even with the \$5 per capita increase going into effect next year, the committee projects continuing losses through at least 2024 based on the currently scheduled biennial per capita increases. For projection purposes, assuming the same amount of deaths and suspensions for non-payment of dues, even with the per capita increase, revenue will be \$1,000.00 less, assuming all other factors were constant. The Committee believes that one of the principal reasons for the difference in Commandery finances from the Chapter and Council is that the Commandery has approximately 400 members it exempts from local bodies, while Grand Encampment does not allow for exemptions and is charging per capita on those members, which is much higher relative to the other two Bodies.

Revenue was also less than expected due to many local bodies “cleaning up the books” in anticipation of the per capita increase by reporting unexpectedly high deaths and suspensions.

The Committee recommends that the current schedule for biennial per capita increases be amended to address the continuing deficits. The Committee recommends a \$7.50 per capita increase be added in the next off year, to take affect during the 2022-2023 year, with the \$5 biennial increases continuing thereafter consistent and in the same years as the Grand Chapter and Grand Council.

The Committee recommends the Grand York Rite Bodies charge a collective \$50 per person registration fee for attendance at Grand Annual Sessions to be divided among the bodies, said fee amount applying regardless of which part or parts the registrant attends. While this will not erase the deficit, it is a small source of income.

The Committee thanks the Mississippi York Rite Sovereign College for its support of the Grand Commandery through the purchase of the Grand Commander’s jewel and shoulder bars. The Committee thanks the Knights Preceptor for its support of the Grand Commandery through the purchase of the Grand Commander’s belt.

The Committee recommends continuation of the normal budgeted expenditures, including but not limited to embossed name badges for all Grand Officers.

Fraternally submitted:

R. Lane Dossett, Chairman, Micky P. McMahan, William Terry McLeod

**GRAND COMMANDERY KT BUDGET FOR 2021 - 2022**

Income	Actual 2020-2021	Projected 2021-2022
Per Capita & Degree Fees		26,750
Interest	71	71
Banquet(tickets)	0	500
Sale of Rituals		500
Ann. Assembly Reg. Fee	0	0
<b>Total Income</b>	<u>28,724</u>	<u>27,821</u>
 Expenses		
Grand Officer Expenses		
Grand Commander's Contingent	0	0
Grand Convocation		
Banquet	0	500
Flowers	0	50
Guest Rooms	0	200
Programs and Badges	170	170
Per Capita Grand Encampment	14,212	14,212
Grand Body General		
Management Fee	6,666	6,666
Insurance	106	106
Grand Secretary Salary	4,358	4,358
Payroll Taxes	750	750
Printing/Mailing Proceedings	398	500

Printing/Postage/Stationary		200
Web Page	13	13
Directory	280	300
Ritual Books		500
Uncategorized	3,178	
Retirement	5,643	5,643
Total Expenses	<u>35,775</u>	<u>34,169</u>
Net	-7,052	-6,348

### MOTION

A motion by Sir Knight Charles L. Cox, Deputy Grand Commander, that the reports of the Grand Recorder, Grand Treasurer, Holy Land Pilgrimage, Knight Templar Education Foundation, Publicity, Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Knights Templar Magazine Correspondent, Correspondence Reviewer, Special Committee on the Address of the Right Eminent Grand Commander, Combined Report of the Long Range Planning Committee, Combined Report of the Audit Committee, Combined Report of the Internet Committee, Combined Report of the Grand Librarian, Combined Report of the Grand Lecturer/Inspector-Instructor, Combined Report of the Perpetual Membership Committee and the Combined Report of the Necrology Committee be adopted as provided, was seconded and passed.

### GRAND RECORDER

TO THE GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF MISSISSIPPI:

I herewith submit to you my annual report as your Grand Recorder. The Grand Commandery currently has 19 Subordinate Commanderies. We knighted 5 new Commandery Masons last year which is 34 less than the previous year. We Suspended 162 Sir Knights for non-payment of dues which is 64 more than last year. Death claimed 81 of our Sir Knights which is 20 more than last year. We Reinstated 12 which is 15 less than last year.

It is worth noting that with the increase in Per Capita and Degree Fee charges to the Grand Commandery, many Commanderies have stopped “holding” members over, or remitting their dues and paying their Per Capita on their behalf. In doing so, many were Suspended for Non-Payment of Dues, or discovered to have been deceased.

It is also worth noting that exemptions continue to be submitted to this office, and are approved, per our bylaws – yet these exemptions continue to negatively impact the financial wellbeing of our Grand Commandery, as the Grand Encampment does not recognize exemptions. In other words, we are paying Per Capita to the Grand Encampment on Sir Knights who have stopped financially contributing to this body.

<b>Additions:</b>		<b>Deductions:</b>	
Knighted .....	5	Suspended NPD .....	162
Affiliated .....	2	Suspended UMC .....	0
Reinstated .....	12	Demitted/Terminated .....	4
Dual/Plural .....	0	Died.....	81
Error.....	0	Error .....	-0
Total.....	19	Total .....	247

Our statistics for the year are as follows:

<b>Members on roll January 1, 2020</b> .....	<b>1,402</b>
<b>Members on roll December 31, 2020</b> .....	<b>1,174</b>
<b>Net Change</b> .....	<b>-228</b>

<b>Total Members on Roll December 31, 2020</b> .....	<b>1,174</b>
<b>Less Exempt Life Members</b> .....	<b>-241</b>

**Total Knighted:**

Delta No. 16 .....	2
Amory No. 36 .....	1
Mary Savery No. 14 .....	1
St. Cyr No. 6 .....	1

**Total Suspensions:**

Amory No. 36 .....	5
Cyrene No. 9 .....	24
Delta No. 5 .....	1
Gulf Coast No. 19 .....	35
Hattiesburg No. 21 .....	10
Laurel No. 10 .....	2
Magnolia No. 2.....	6
McComb No. 34.....	2
Mississippi No. 1.....	21
New Albany No. 29.....	5
Rosalie No. 5.....	5
Mary Savery No. 14 .....	8
St. Cyr No. 14 .....	31
West Point No. 20 .....	3

**Total Reinstatements:**

Mississippi No. 1 .....	4
Demolay No. 8 .....	2
Hattiesburg No. 21 .....	2
Magnolia No. 2 .....	2
St. Cyr No. 6 .....	2

<b>Less Exempt Eye Foundation Certificates Members</b> .....	<b>-57</b>
<b>Less Exempt Eye Foundation &amp; Magazine Members</b> .....	<b>-98</b>
<b>Total Per Capita Dues paying Members 2020</b> .....	<b>778</b>
	<b>(@ \$32.00)</b>

2020 posed many challenges to Freemasonry globally, and the Grand Secretary’s Office was no exception. After much contemplation, Mrs. Carolyn D. Hodge, who had been with our office for 21 years, serving many of her last years as Office Manager, retired on the 31st of December 2020. Carolyn’s knowledge, having the benefit of 21 years around this office, is a true loss to this office and the Fraternity at large. However, her retirement is well earned, and we count ourselves as beneficiaries of her work and wish her and her family the best of retirements.

While technically an item for the next report, I feel it is worth noting here that Mrs. Dana McMahan, Daughter-in-Law of our Grand Treasurer, also left the office on the 8th of January 2021. While not strictly a retirement, her leaving was of her own accord in order to be closer to family and to return to being an educator, which is what she did prior to accepting a position here. Everyone enjoyed working with Dana and her work was top-notch. We wish her and her husband, Paul, all the best in their future endeavors for their family.

As you know, Annual Returns are due into this office by February 1st of each year. With less than a 1-month notice, it was impractical, if not impossible, to put out a job notice, interview, make a selection, and train new employees in the time given. Thankfully, my family saw my struggles and I was blessed to have them offer their assistance.

During the month of December 2020, B. Myles Stanley worked as an unpaid

intern with Carolyn to learn as much of her duties as time would permit. While it is impossible to ‘replace’ a long-time asset like Carolyn, Myles has proven to be a competent and dedicated worker. Given time, I feel confident the Craft as a whole will also come to see Myles as an asset to this office.

During December 2020, and the start of January 2021, Jennifer R. Stanley worked as an unpaid intern with Dana to learn as much of her duties as time would permit. This was extremely critical as Dana was the one who “worked” the Annual Returns – comparing data between years, ensuring all data is captured properly, and more. Now that we are past our Annual Return cycle, I trust all can agree that while Mrs. Dana most assuredly did an excellent job, that Jennifer is also equal to the task of fulfilling the duties of this position.

Please allow me to further inform you as to Jennifer’s qualifications. Jennifer has an Associate’s Degree in Business Technology – a degree that taught her not only traditional office procedures and equipment, but also up-to-date technologies and processes. She furthered this education with a Bachelor’s Degree in Accounting. Her knowledge in these areas is an extreme benefit to this office and the Craft.

It is also worth noting that Jennifer is working Part Time – only paid per hour of work, which is a change to the largely “salary” status of that position in the past. This means she will never qualify for Retirement Benefits. Jennifer is also a Disabled Veteran, receiving medical benefits from the Department of Veteran’s Affairs. While the York Rite does not pay wages or benefits for either of these positions directly, the savings realized while Jennifer is employed may be an opportunity for the Grand York Rite Bodies to further re-evaluate the Management Fee paid to the Grand Lodge, which helps offset these types of costs.

Special thanks go to Companions Michael Baker, John McKelvy, and Charles Stephens for their support during these Virtual Annual Sessions. I would also like to express my Thanks to Companion Bobby Ainsworth for completing the printing of our 2020 Proceedings.

Finally, thank you for allowing me to serve as your Recorder, and Many Thanks to all those who have provided helpful advice and working hands to make these 2021 Sessions possible.

Fraternally submitted,



Jared F. Stanley  
Grand Recorder

**GRAND TREASURER**  
**For the year ended February 29, 2021**

TO THE GRAND COMMANDERY KT OF MISSISSIPPI:

Sir Knights,

I herewith submit my report as Grand Treasurer as follows:

CASH ON HAND

General Fund	Checking Account	\$21,349
	Investment Acc.	265
<b>TOTAL CASH</b>		<b>\$21,614</b>

SECURITIES

General Fund	Investment Account	\$56,690
Holy Land Pilgrimage Fund	Investment Account	\$ 7,078

DUES & ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

General Fund		\$ 16,849
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PROPERTY & EQUIPMENT

Education Foundation Fund		\$ 33
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**TOTAL ASSETS** **\$102,264**

Fraternally submitted,

Micky McMahan  
Grand Treasurer

**TEMPLAR JURISPRUDENCE**

TO THE GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF MISSISSIPPI,  
RIGHT EMINENT GRAND COMMANDER, GRAND OFFICERS, SIR  
KNIGHTS AND GUEST:

We, your Committee on Templar Jurisprudence are pleased to report that no questions have been referred to this Committee during the year, we wish to thank the Right Eminent Grand Commander for this appointment and appreciate the opportunity to serve in this capacity.

Fraternally submitted,

R. Lane Dossett, Chairman  
Terry G. Morgan, PGC  
Norman Ried Quarles

**RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES**

RIGHT EMINENT GRAND COMMANDER, GRAND COMMANDERY  
OFFICERS, DISTINGUISHED GUESTS AND SIR KNIGHTS ALL:

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus said, “Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid. Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.” (Matthew 5: 14-16) As Knights Templars, we far too often put our candles under a bushel, almost as if to try and hide our good works. The world needs to know who we are and what we stand for. They need to see our good works and hear from us what we stand for and not rely on the History Channel to form their opinions.

We have our traditional holidays (Christmas and Easter) whereby special

ceremonies are conducted often in the closed doors of our commanderies. While those type ceremonies are good, they do nothing for our public image. To have a positive public image, we must let our little light shine in the public. I remember attending the graveside service of our Past Grand Recorder, Sir Knight T. K. "Pete" Griffis on Friday, March 18, 2005 at Magnolia Cemetery in Meridian. As people from all across the state looked on, a large contingent of Knights Templars marched to the gravesite in formation. My how impressive it was to see these men dressed in their spectacular uniforms as they approached. I believe the on-lookers were also impressed.

On November 11, 2020, at 10:00 A. M. under the direction of our Right Eminent Grand Commander Sir Knight George Frazier, a group of Knights Templars from the north part of the state met at the Veterans Cemetery at Kilmichael, Mississippi and conducted a wreath laying ceremony. At the exact same time, a group of Templars from the central part of the state, met and conducted a wreath laying ceremony at the Veterans Cemetery in Newton, Mississippi. While only a few visitors were present to observe, it is our hope that these type ceremonies will continue and even be expanded. It would also be great if a similar ceremony could be conducted in the southern part of the state. We strongly encourage public ceremonies as they are our opportunity to let our light shine!

Respectfully submitted:

Micky McMahan, Chairman; Thomas L. Cumberland, PGC;  
Jimmie L. Windham, PGC

### **HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE**

RIGHT EMINENT GRAND COMMANDER, PAST COMMANDERS,  
GRAND COMMANDERY OFFICERS, DISTINGUISHED GUEST, AND SIR  
KNIGHTS ALL:

Due to COVID-19 concerns and unrest in the Holy Land, no applications were sent and no recommendations were made. Please remember Israel in your devotions to Deity.

As of February 28, 2021, we had thirteen Sir Knights who had completed the necessary \$500.00 and were awarded the ribbon and device. Also on February 28, 2021, we had \$7,078.00 in the fund. Since that date we have had two more Sir Knights to participate. Our goal for the plan is \$40,000.

Wear your ribbon and device proudly, my Sir Knights, for it is a great thing that you support. We very much appreciate your generosity.

Charles L. Cox, DGC, Chairman; Billy Wayne Sloan, GG;  
Matthew Keith Ballard, GCG

### **KNIGHT TEMPLAR EDUCATION FOUNDATION**

TO THE RIGHT EMINENT GRAND COMMANDER, GRAND  
COMMANDERY OFFICER AND SIR KNIGHT ALL:

The Knight Templar Education Committee did not authorize any scholarships this Masonic year.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve on this committee.

Fraternally Submitted, Jiles Grice, PGC, Chairman; Jimmie Windham, PGC; Terry Morgan, PGC; James Ward, PGC; Danny Alexander

## **PUBLICITY**

TO THE RIGHT EMINENT GRAND COMMANDER, GRAND COMMANDERY OFFICERS, DISTINGUISHED GUESTS AND SIR KNIGHTS ALL:

The importance of publicity has been discussed each year, and we all agree that we should use the resources in our own communities, to publicize the dates and activities of our meetings.

Cell phones, Computers and the Knights Templar Magazine supplement can be used to inform our Companions and Sir Knights of our upcoming activities. Of course, personal contact in my opinion, is the very best means of publicity.

Sir Knights, we must all strive to communicate with our Blue Lodge Brethren and encourage them to continue their journey in Masonry, in receiving the York Rite Degrees and Orders.

Right Eminent Grand Commander, we appreciate the privilege of serving on this committee.

Fraternally submitted,  
Fred F. Bean, PGC, Chairman; Charles F. Huckaby, PGC  
William Joe Smith, PGC

## **KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EYE FOUNDATION**

TO THE RIGHT EMINENT GRAND COMMANDER, GRAND COMMANDER OFFICERS AND SIR KNIGHT ALL:

I would like to thank our Right Eminent Grand Commander, Sir Knight George E. Frazier, for the opportunity to serve the Grand Commandery KT. of Ms. as the Representative for the Knight Templar Eye Foundation Activities in Mississippi this year as the Voluntary Campaign State Chairman.

According to my Report on January 2, 2021, this year of the 53rd Annual Voluntary campaign was closed.

I am happy to report that we had recipients along with the Seal & Certificates for Grand Commandery Showing:

- A: There were no Seals achieving \$10.00/ member this year.
- B: Appreciation Certificates for achieving \$500 - \$9.99 Per Member.
  - 1. Delta No 16; at \$5.95/ Member and 3rd in Trust and Wills;
  - 2. Magnolia No 2; at \$5.31/ Member and 2nd in Trust and Wills;
  - 3. Mississippi still ranks 43 in Nation this year. I think this is a great because Ms. has been shut down the entire year due to Covid Restrictions. We have not been able to assemble this year until just last mo.
  - 4. St. Cyr no 6; Ranked #1, more money than any other Commandery in



Ms. but still fell Short of to \$5.00 per member but I still want to commend them for their contributions.

Just as a reminder that they can still take your donation until Post mark of May 15, 2020.

I still want to remind every Sir Knight that adding the Knight Templar into your Will or Trust has had Sufficient amount of money to help during this time of trouble we are in for the Nation.

On behalf of Mississippi Members I would like to thank you for your support in this mission this year.

We think you for your continued support for our mission of the prevention of blindness. The Foundation's benevolent acts depend on assistance, such as our Grand Commandery has shown in the Past, to continue funding for research and education for the preservation of sight.

Sir Knights continue to support the Knight Templar Eye Foundation when possible.

Fraternally Submitted:  
Dorvell Bugg

### **KNIGHTS TEMPLAR MAGAZINE CORRESPONDENT**

TO THE GRAND COMMANDERY, KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF MISSISSIPPI:

The Knight Templar magazine is published every month informing each Sir Knight of the various happenings in our Grand Jurisdiction. If you know of any Sir Knight that is not receiving this magazine, please contact his Recorder and he will make sure that he is placed on the mailing list. This publication is one of the great tools of information that is published every month.

Each month we publish the dates and activities that will be going on during that month and pictures of interest. We urge every Sir Knight to send us anything newsworthy to so it can be published. We do not only ask you to do this but we really urge you to send us your news and pictures that involve your local Chapters, Councils and Commanderies.

It would be interesting to have the Presiding Grand Officer of each Grand Masonic Body to send an article for publication. I think this could be a very interesting and could create interest among our readers.

Again, a special thanks to Jared Stanley, Grand Recorder in preparing the supplement and sending it to the publisher each month.

Right Eminent Grand Commander, we appreciate serving as Co-Editors of this magazine.

FRATERNALLY SUBMITTED,  
Fred F. Bean, PGC, Co-Editor  
Jared Stanley, Grand Recorder, Co-Editor  
Kiely D. Walker, PGC, Co-Editor

## **CORRESPONDENCE REVIEWER**

To the Right Eminent Grand Commander George Frazier and Grand Commandery of Mississippi. I have received no correspondence from any jurisdiction this year. Due to cost most states do not print and send proceeding out as they have in the past. I did go on line to gather as much information as possible concerning the Southeastern states, what I found is same as years past, everyone is reporting a decline in membership. To quote our recently passed Sir Knight Ken Dyer "If you keep doing what you always did then you will get what you always got". Let us remember that increase in numbers is not the goal but it will be the by-product of good quality men. Since the correspondence review appears to have out lived its effectiveness we may need to think about terminating this appointed position. I thank the Grand Commander for the opportunity to serve this Grand Commandery and ask that this report be accepted and approved.

Fraternally submitted,  
Jerry W. Reeves

### **SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON THE ADDRESS OF THE RIGHT EMINENT GRAND COMMANDER**

RIGHT EMINENT GRAND COMMANDER, OFFICERS OF THE GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF MISSISSIPPI, DISTINGUISHED GUESTS, AND SIR KNIGHTS ALL:

The members of this committee appreciate the privilege of reviewing the stewardship of our Right Eminent Grand Commander, Sir Knight George Edward Frazier.

We join with our Right Eminent Grand Commander in welcoming each member and visitor.

This committee joins with our Grand Commander in mourning the loss Sir Knight Ken Dyer and his lady Gloria. We join him in extending our heartfelt sympathy to all families who lost Sir Knights this year.

We concur with our R.E. Grand Commander in recognizing the importance of the Knight Templar Magazine and commending Sir Knights Fred Bean, PGC; Jared Stanley, GR and Kiely Walker, PGC for their dedication to this worthy publication.

Our R.E. Grand Commander is to be commended for his support of Religious Observances and his recommendation to host one in each community. His leadership in Laying of wreaths at Veterans' Cemeteries to honor those who served and desire that it should continue as an annual event is an example to all.

We are pleased to join with our R.E. Grand Commander expressing our admiration and appreciation to our Grand Inspector-Instructor Sir Knight Homer E. Sullivan, Jr PGC for dedication and service to our craft.

Knight Templar Honors will be awarded at a more suitable time and place. This committee feels sure that the most deserving will receive this distinction.

The pandemic has caused the cancellation of Festivals with the exception of Laurel. We join with our R.E. Grand Commander in looking forward to resuming our Festivals.

We agree that our Grand Recorder and Staff deserve a special thanks for their assistance, dedication and hard work.

The members of this committee commend our R.E. Grand Commander for his work this year. Sir Knight Frazier has served under most unusual circumstances and should be remembered for his unwavering devotion and desire to serve.

Fraternally Submitted:

Jiles Grice, PGC; Kiely Walker, PGC; Jimmie Windham, PGC

### **COMBINED LONG RANGE PLANNING**

The following report, submitted by Companion Jason A. Jefcoat, was adopted.

Excellent Grand High Priest, Illustrious Grand Master, Grand Commander:

This committee was conceived of by Brother, Companion, and Sir Knight Kenneth Eccles Dyer four years ago and he served as our Chairman until his death on January 28, 2021. The death of Brother Ken and his wife Mrs. Gloria, was and still is a tremendous blow to the future of our fraternities. Four years ago, when Brother Ken introduced the idea of this committee to us, he told us that York Rite Masonry would be dead in five years if we did not make some hard and drastic changes.

Some of the ideas proposed by this committee include:

- The dividing of our State into six Districts with a Regional Representative appointed in each
- Development of Checklists for visiting Reps to use.
- Recommending other York Rite Bodies assist in purchasing jewels, shoulder boards, etc.
- The Holy Land Pilgrimage Medal
- Requiring each Body to have a balanced budget and raising fees and per capita dues.
- Promote the York Rite Leadership Program
- Developing a summary of the Degrees and Orders to be read to each class of candidates
- Encourage accountability of the local York Rite Bodies

Unfortunately, most of our proposals have been completely ignored by our patriarchs and elected leadership. Any ideas of change seem to paralyze us with a fear of losing more members. The State was divided into Districts. Unfortunately, most have not had a representative appointed, and those that have a representative are not receiving official visits. The Holy Land Pilgrimage Medal has not been promoted, and most of our Brethren do not even know the purpose of the program. The majority of our elected officials have not and will not attend the Leadership Program. New Companions and Sir Knights are being made with very little understanding of what a York Rite Mason is supposed to be. There is zero accountability of the local bodies to the Grand Bodies.

Brethren, there is a gap between our brethren over 45 and those under 45. We have many members who are older and few in the middle. We are now seeing the younger generation seek out Masonry and it is imperative that we learn and develop ways to engage them to ensure the Fraternity's future and success. Most men will spend their money on something of quality that provides stimulation, fun and camaraderie if they are receiving something of value. It is time to review and reconsider what we provide the new member. For the past 25 years, we have been losing members. We do not have 25 more! Let us get started in making this a premier organization again!!!

Kenneth E. Dyer, PGC, PIGM, PGHP (Deceased)  
R. Lane Dossett  
Phillip Hobson  
Jason A. Jefcoat  
Joe W. Vawters, PGC, GHP

### **COMBINED AUDIT COMMITTEE**

TO THE GRAND HIGH PRIEST, ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND MASTER, RIGHT EMINENT GRAND COMMANDER AND MEMBERS OF THE GRAND YORK RITE BODIES OF MISSISSIPPI:

We, the Committee have reviewed the report of Lee Harris, CPA on the Grand York Rite combined Audit and are in total agreement, approve his report.

We express our appreciation to the Grand High Priest Joe Vawters, Illustrious Grand Master David Fricke and Right Eminent Grand Commander George Frazier, for the privilege of serving on this important Committee.

Fraternally submitted,  
Fred F. Bean, PGHP, PIGM, PGC; Jason A. Jefcoat; Terry F. Lewis

### **COMBINED INTERNET**

Companions/Sir Knights All:

The previous year as been unique in many ways. The lack of an in-person Grand York Rite session and York Rite Festivals prevented us from being able to obtain new photographs of all of the officers this year, but fortunately we were able to use photographs from previous years for all of the elected officers.

The process to update and modernize the various York Rite forms available to download from the website is underway, but it is time consuming so it is still a work in progress. I am confident that the project will be completed within the ensuing year.

There were some significant updates made to the web pages for the Grand Honors and Awards for the Chapter, Council, and Commandery. Information about quite a few awards and honors there were not previously listed have been added to their respective web pages, and an up-to-date list of all of recipients for these awards and honors has been added. This update was made possible by a tremendous effort from Companion and Sir Knight Gerald Klein. Thank you Companion and Sir Knight Klein for your work on this project.

We are pleased to report that a new MS Grand York Rite Facebook page has been created. More information about that will be available in the near future.

We were regrettably notified by the Grand Encampment that August 2021 will be the last printed edition of the Knights Templar Magazine, but the magazine will continue to be made available in digital form, including the MS Supplement. A link to the digital publication, as well as the state supplement, has been added to the Commander webpage.

On behalf of the Internet committees for these Grand York Rite Bodies, thank you for the confidence and entrusting each of us with this responsibility. Thank you also to the presiding officers for the opportunity to serve the Grand Bodies in this capacity.

Fraternally Submitted,

Michael R. Baker, Chairman  
Jared F. Stanley  
R. Lane Dossett

Michael R. Baker, Chairman  
Art L. Patrick

Michael R. Baker, Chairman  
James A. Whitfield, Jr.  
Jerry W. Reeves

### **COMBINED GRAND LIBRARIAN**

Companions & Sir Knights All,

In my previous report I stated that the Grand Bodies could reasonably expect that past proceedings would have started to be digitized by this meeting. However, with changes in staff at the Office of the Grand Secretary/Recorder, this has been delayed. The books are still sorted and awaiting double-checking before books are digitized. With other possible changes coming at these Annual Sessions, I cannot state what will be completed next, or what a reasonable timeline for completion might be.

We still intend to start the project of digitizing our old membership cards, which will make historical research considerably easier.

Fraternally Submitted,  
Jared F. Stanley, Grand Librarian

### **COMBINED GRAND LECTURER/INSPECTOR-INSTRUCTOR**

**MOST EXCELLENT GRAND HIGHT PRIEST, MOST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND MASTER, RIGHT EMINENT GRAND COMMANDER, OFFICERS OF THE GRAND YORK RITE BODIES OF MISSISSIPPI, DISTINGUISHED GUESTS, COMPANIONS, AND SIR KNIGHTS ALL:**

Again I am happy to report that although most of our work is done at Festivals throughout the state, with the exception of the first three Chapter Degrees, the degree work continues to be exceptional by very good ritualists who assist wherever needed.

Due to the virus of the past year no festivals were held since March 2020 until the festival in Laurel this year. We were pleased to confer degrees and orders on twenty-one candidates. The work was very successful with several new members who had no opportunity to learn the ritual pitched in to help keep the

work running smoothly. Without such assistants we could not do what is expected. Thank you to all who helped make the festival a success. Without you our work would be impossible.

We thank Grand High Priest Joe Vawters, Grand Master of the Grand Council David Fricke, and Grand Commander George Frazier for their leadership under trying circumstances this year.

We also thank Most Worshipful Grand Master Harold Norton for his direction this past year to keep our Masonic Bodies safe. The idea the heads of the Bodies who devised the plan for fewer statewide festivals is beginning to show promise and hopefully as we overcome current obstacles, we will be able to return to our normal schedules.

It is encouraging to note that our older members are encouraging our younger/newer members to select parts and learn our ritualistic work which we know they will enjoy and continue the good work we are supposed to do.

Sincere thanks are again extended to James Morris Ward and Eddie Holland who are deputy inspector/instructors. Even though Eddie has been unable to participate due to health problems, we thank him for what he has been able to do. Our thanks and gratitude are also given to the Grand Secretary/Recorder Jared Stanley and his office staff for support and cooperation in keeping our operation running smoothly. We also thank the other Masonic Bodies who has cooperated with and supported us this past year.

God bless all of us as we continue.

Fraternally submitted, Homer E. Sullivan, Jr., PGHP, PIGM, PGC  
Grand Lecturer/Inspector-Instructor

### **COMBINED PERPETUAL MEMBERSHIP PLAN**

To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Most Illustrious Grand Master, Right Eminent Grand Commander, officers of the Grand York Rite Bodies of Mississippi, Companions and Sir Knights:

Your Committees for the Perpetual Membership Plan are pleased to submit this combined report on the Perpetual Membership Plan Foundation for the York Rite Bodies of Mississippi.

We are saddened by the loss of Companion and Sir Knight Kenneth E. Dyer PGHP, PIGM, PGC who was Chairman of the committees and provided exceptional advice and leadership in getting us where we are today. He will be missed, but we hope to continue following his guidance and principles as we continue the important work of these committees.

As of December 31, 2020, The Perpetual Program completed the year with fourteen (14) participating Chapters, fourteen (14) participating Councils and twelve (12) participating Commanderies.

The investment strategy is working well even through the COVID 19 pandemic. The total amount of funds as of December 31, 2020 are \$10,813.51 CD in Regions Bank, \$29,247 in Checking in Regions Bank and \$66,165.59

investments at Edward Jones Financial for a total of \$106,226.10.

Additional information is required regarding this Program or if there are any questions, Please direct them to any of the Committee members or Grand Recorder/Secretary's Office. Application forms, certificates and Perpetual Membership cards are available from the Grand Recorder/Secretary.

We would like to thank the Most Excellent High Priest, Most Illustrious Grand Master and Right Eminent Grand Commander for appointing us to serve on these committees.

Fraternally submitted,  
Perpetual Membership Committees

**Grand Chapter RAM**  
Bill W. Sloan, Chrm  
Jiles K. Grice, Gr. Scribe  
Jordan K. Miller

**Grand Council R&SM**  
Bill W. Sloan, Chrm  
Jerry W. Reeves, PIGM  
Dorvell L. Bugg, PIGM

**Grand Commandery KT**  
Bill W. Sloan, Chrm  
George Frazier, GC  
Matthew Keith Ballard, GCG

### COMBINED NECROLOGY

The Combined Grand York Rite Necrology Committee submits the following report:

We are most grateful to the Grand Master of Heaven and Earth that the Grand Lines of each of the Grand York Rite Bodies has not been broken in the year that has passed. However, we are all too well aware of the ravages of time and inevitable fact of mortality that governs our existence while traveling through this veil of tears. In the Masonic year that has passed since our last assembly we have recorded the following losses to the York Rite Bodies: We lost ninety (90) members of the Grand Chapter of RAM; eighty three (83) members of the Grand Council of RSM, and eighty one (81) members of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of MS. (note that the numbers are different because not all were members of all Bodies)

While we are not able at this time to recount the honors and faithful service of each of these Masonic Brothers, the committee does note that one Past Grand Master and Past Presiding Officer of all three York, as well as past presiding officer of all appendant York Rite Bodies was translated to the Celestial Lodge Above by the Great Architect of Man's destiny.

Past Grand Master Kenneth Eccles Dyer passed away at his home in Columbus MS along with his Wife of more than 60 years, Gloria Joyce Dyer. Their death was a tragic loss for the Masonic Community in Mississippi. They were both active in all aspects of the Masonic Community.

Kenneth Eccles Dyer was born on April 6, 1942 in Whitewater MO, the son of Elwin and Addie Capella Dyer. He was graduated from South Eastern Louisiana State University with a degree in Mathematics. He served in the United States Marine Corps and retired in the rank of Colonel. He was employed by Weyerhaeuser for 26 years and on retirement continued in a teaching position with East Mississippi Community College. He was a Baseball fan and was selected to Umpire in the 1980 Little League World Series. He also umpired in the SEC Baseball games.

PGM Ken Dyer served as Grand Master of Masons in Mississippi for the Masonic Year of 2013 -2014. In addition, he was Past Presiding Grand Officer of All Grand York Rite Bodies. He served as Most Excellent Grand High Priest of MS RAM in 2011. In addition, he was the District Deputy General Grand High Priest for the South East for the Triennium just ending. He served as Grand Illustrious Master of MS RSM in 2002. He was the General Grand District Deputy Grand Illustrious Master of Cryptic Masons International in the Bicentennial Year. In that position He was Host for the South Eastern York Rite Conference in Jackson, MS. He served as Grand Commander of Knights Templar in MS for the year of 2005. He was Aide de Camp to a Past Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar USA. MW Dyer was instrumental in establishing the Holy Land Pilgrimage Award for Mississippi Pastors to visit the Holy Land. In the Appendant Orders in MS, MW Dyer was the Past Governor/Secretary of the York Rite Sovereign College of North America No. 83. He also served as Grand Governor and was the holder of the Purple Cross. In the Red Cross of Constantine MW Dyer was Past Puissant Sovereign and Past Intendent General for Mississippi. He was also Past General Grand Standard Bearer for the United Grand Imperial Council. PGM Dyer was also a Scottish Rite Mason and a Knight Commander of the Court of Honor. He was a member of the Eastern Star and Royal Order of Scotland, and a Noble of the Mystic Shrine.

Alfred Edward Lightsey, Sr. was born in Heidelberg MS on December 18, 1933. He attended High School at Heidelberg. After graduation he enlisted in the U.S. Air Force and honorably served a four year term. Upon discharge Ed enrolled in Jones Junior College and then in Mississippi State University earning a degree in Electrical Engineering in 1962. That same year he accepted a position at Cape Kennedy with the National Aeronautical and Space Administration. Companion Sir Knight Lightsey participated in every manned space flight mission from the first earth orbit in 1962 to the launch of the Space Shuttle program. Ed retired from the Johnson Space Center in Houston TX as Deputy Branch Chief and Program Manager.

Companion Sir Knight Lightsey was raised a Master Mason in W.E. King Lodge No. 615 located in Heidelberg MS. He was active in and participated in all Lodge activities as long as his health permitted. Ed was dedicated to the Blue Lodge and served W.E. King as its Worshipful Master. While WM he actively participated in the "Thursday Morning Bunch" that met first at Hub City Lodge and Later at Hattiesburg Lodge at Eatonville. He strived for excellency and proficiency in the Blue Lodge Ritual.

Companion Sir Knight Lightsey was a member of Laurel York Rite Bodies. He served as Presiding Officer in the Chapter, Council, and Commandery at Laurel. In 2006 He was elected to serve as Grand Captain General of the Grand Commandery of Mississippi. As Grand Commander he emphasized the Holy Land Pilgrimage and was instrumental in securing funding to send a Local Pastor from W.E. King Lodge to the Holy Land. In 2011 he was elected as Grand Captain of the Host in the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons. He served through the line becoming Grand King in 2014 and did not seek advancement because of health problems.

Companion Sir Knight Lightsey was an active participant in all the activities of Hamasa Shrine Temple in Meridian Mississippi, along with his Wife Geraldine. He was Past President of the Laurel Shrine Club and very active in raising funds



for Hamasa and the Children’s Hospital Program. He was elected Potentate of Hamasa Shrine in 1990. He was a member of the Scottish Rite serving in both the Hattiesburg and Meridian Valleys. He was Coroneted a 33rd Degree Inspector General Honorary in the First Class to be held in Mississippi at Corinth.

One of Companion Sir Knight Lightsey’s sayings was that “he had done more than he ever hoped to do, and he wished that every young person should have that same opportunity”.

The Combined Necrology Committee moves the adoption of this report, and requests that if approved the York Rite Bodies here assembled observe a time of silence in memory of our Departed Brethren and that the Grand Prelate Of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Mississippi offer a Memorial Prayer in their behalf.

The Combined Necrology Committee,

Thomas L. Cumberland, PIGM Grand Council RSM MS, Chairman  
Gordon B. Nanney, PGHP Grand Chapter RAM MS  
Fred F. Bean, PGC, Grand Commandery KT

**PRAYER**

Prayer was offered by Jason A. Jefcoat, Grand Prelate, for our departed Sir Knights and their families.

**AWARDS**

Sir Knight George E. Frazier, Right Eminent Grand Commander, announced the following awards:

James Morris Ward Meritorious Award ..... Micky P. McMahan  
Knights Templar Cross of Honor..... Clyde L. Herron

**REPORT OF CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE**

Credentials were confirmed via membership records for those in attendance of this virtual Annual Conclave. It is suggested that due to the virtual nature of this session that those Commanderies who were not present are not considered as failing to attend, as they may not have had the technical ability to do so.

**COMMANDERIES NOT REPRESENTED**

Yazoo No. 23                      West Point No. 20                      Ivanhoe No. 10  
Lexington No. 3                      Louisville No. 37

**ELECTION OF GRAND COMMANDERY OFFICERS**

Election of Grand Commandery Officers was held with the following results:

Grand Commander..... Charles L. Cox  
Deputy Grand Commander ..... Billy Wayne Sloan

Grand Generalissimo ..... Matthew Keith Ballard  
 Grand Captain General ..... Arthur Leon Patrick  
 Grand Treasurer ..... Micky P. McMahan  
 Grand Recorder ..... Jared F. Stanley

**GRAND COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS**

The following appointments made by the newly-elected Right Eminent Grand Commander Charles L. Cox, were read by Sir Knight Jared F. Stanley, Grand Recorder:

Grand Inspector-Instructor ..... Homer E. Sullivan, Jr., PGC  
 Grand Senior Warden ..... Ronald Matthew Gardner  
 Grand Junior Warden ..... David B. Fricke  
 Grand Prelate ..... Charles Kenny McGill, II  
 Grand Standard Bearer ..... Edward E. Jones  
 Grand Sword Bearer ..... Joshua Caleb Smith  
 Grand Warder ..... Edward W. Rhodes  
 Grand Sentinel ..... Philip W. Hobson

**COMMITTEES**

CREDENTIALS: Jeffrey A. Gardner (2022)

CORRESPONDENCE REVIEWER: Jerry Wayne Reeves

EDUCATION: Jiles K. Grice, Chairman (2026), Jimmie L. Windham, PGC (2023), Terry G. Morgan, PGC (2024), James M. Ward, PGC (2025), Danny O. Alexander (2022), Jared S. Stanley, Gr. Rec., Rec. Ex-Officio

FINANCE: R. Lane Dossett, Chairman (2022), William Terry McLeod (2023), Darrell W. Sartin (2024)

GRAND LIBRARIAN: Jared F. Stanley

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE: Billy W. Sloan, DGC, Chairman, M. Keith Ballard, GG, Art L. Patrick, GCG

INTERNET: Michael Ray Baker (2022), James Alvin Whitfield (2023), Jerry W. Reeves (2024)

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EYE FOUNDATION: Dorvell L. Bugg

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR MAGAZINE CORRESPONDENT: Fred F. Bean, PGC, Jared F. Stanley, Gr. Rec., Kiely D. Walker, PGC

LONG RANGE PLANNING: At Large: Bill W. Sloan (2024); Phillip W. Hobson (2025); Grand Chapter: Robert Lane Dossett (2023); Grand Council: Joe W. Vawters (2026); Grand Commandery: Jason A. Jefcoat (2022)

MEMBERSHIP: Terry G. Morgan, PGC, Chairman, Jason A. Jefcoat, Joseph R. Lee, Jr.

NECROLOGY: Fred F. Bean, PGC

PERPETUAL MEMBERSHIP: Bill W. Sloan, PGC, Chairman (2023), George E. Frazier (2022), Bruce D. Baker (2024)

PUBLICITY: Fred F. Bean, PGC, Charles F. Huckaby, William Joe Smith, PGC

RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES: Micky Paul McMahan, Chairman, Thomas L. Cumberland, PGC, Jimmie L. Windham, PGC

TEMPLAR JURISPRUDENCE: Robert Lane Dossett, Chairman (2024), Norman Ried Quarles, Jr (2023), Terry G. Morgan (2022)

### **INSTALLATION OF GRAND COMMANDERY OFFICERS**

The Grand Commandery Officers were installed at 2:30P on Saturday, May 22nd, 2021, by Sir Knight James M. Ward, PGM, Installing Officer; Sir Knight Homer E. Sullivan, Jr., PGC, Installing Marshal; and Sir Knight Jimmie L. Windham, PGC, Installing Chaplain.

### **TIME AND PLACE**

Motion made by Jared F. Stanley, Grand Recorder, that the Grand Commandery meet on May 19-21, 2022, at Hamasa Shrine in Marion MS, was seconded and passed.

### **RECOGNITION**

Charles L. Cox, Grand Commander, thanked and recognized several who were present, and gave the floor to Sir Knight James C. McGee, Southeastern Department Commander, and Sir Knight Winston Each, Right Eminent Grand Commander of Alabama, for remarks.

### **CLOSING**

Sir Knight Jared F. Stanley, Grand Recorder, announced that there was no further business. Prayer was offered by Sir Knight Edward W. Rhodes, Grand Warder. The Grand Commandery closed at 2:55P in ample form by the Grand Commandery Officers.



Charles L. Cox  
Right Eminent Grand Commander

Jared F. Stanley  
Grand Recorder

## DIVINE SERVICE

Due to the nature of this Conclave being held virtually, Divine Service was provided in print to all Sir Knights and is reproduced here.

### SERMON by Jason A. Jefcoat - Grand Prelate

#### Great Conversions

We first meet Saul as a devout Jew, and one of the violent defenders of the Pharisees and their belief in the absolute obedience to the Laws of Moses.

In Acts Chapter 7 vs 58: “And they cast him out of the city, and stoned him: and the witnesses laid down their clothes at a young man’s feet, whose name was Saul.”

I do not know if Saul was an active participant in the stoning of Stephen, or just a witness. In Acts 7, 59:60, Paul recounts Stephen on his knees, calling to God. Praying that the Lord Jesus would receive his spirit, and crying with a loud voice, Lord, lay not this sin to their charge. This event, so remarkably similar to the death of our Lord and Savior, obviously had a deep impact on Saul, and the path he would later take. “Father, forgive them for they know not what they do”, and they cast lots, dividing up His garments among themselves. (Luke 23, 34),

After this stoning Saul requested permission from the Pharisees to travel to Damascus to continue to imprison and beat the disciples of Jesus. On the road to Damascus, the Lord called out to Saul twice: “Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me?” (Acts 9:4) Our Lord has to blind Saul and have him healed by one of the very disciples being persecuted before Paul would ever be.

Then later in Acts 10, Peter, in a vision, is reminded that what God has created, let no man call unclean. In Acts 12:12, Peter is told by God to kill and eat, “Wherein were all manner of four footed beasts of the earth, and wild beasts, and creeping things, and fowls of the air.” He was also told to stay with Simon a tanner. All these things were forbidden under Jewish Law. What God has created, let no man call unclean. Is there anything or anyone that was not created by God? Absolutely not!

After Paul’s conversion, he traveled to Asia, Africa, and Europe spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Obeying the Laws of Moses will not get you into Heaven. Diet and circumcision are works,

and works won't save you. Putting our trust in Jesus Christ and proclaiming Him as our Savior is the only path to Salvation!

Towards the end of Paul's life, while under house arrest in Rome, Peter visits Paul, and they together preach the love of Christ and baptize new believers.

Saul and Simon both started with a deep conviction that the obedience of the Pharisees and the Laws of Moses was the only way to please the Lord, and then only if the person was a Jew. How many of our beliefs are wrong? Will it take a catastrophic event in our lives to force us to open our eyes? Salvation is available to anyone who asks and puts his trust in Jesus! It doesn't matter who you are, or what race you are.

The book of Acts is so important in that it shows the development of Christianity into the religion we know, proclaiming the universal love of God to all men who accept Him as our Savior. Saul (Paul) and Simon (Peter), in the beginning of their journey to salvation, were like most of the Jewish people, very hateful of anyone who was not a Jew. As Jesus molded these men into Peter and Paul they became the reason we know about the love of Christ. And the reason I, a Gentile, proclaim - Jesus is my Lord and Savior!

Jason Jefcoat,  
Grand Prelate

## SUMMARY RECAP REPORT Report Year: 2020

Group	Pr	REG	Aff	Acc	PL	Rej	Pos	Err	Sus	Cor	INC	Rej	Trn	Exp	Def	Crtr		NET	De-Ex	Eq	H	Ex	Exp	EE	FSM	
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216 GE. TU	45								5							39			6	21					1	
208 DEMOLAY	38															37		2		14	21				2	
219 GOLF CLUB	162								25				16			141	21		12	69	17				5	
211 HALLSBLDG	129								10							118	11	2	12	65	24		1	1	5	
210 TOWNHSE	5															3									1	
203 LALFE	75												4			70			6	24	15		6	10		
204 FORTTON																										
207 LOUISVILLE	48															41			6	24	3				7	
202 MURKIN	47								6				4			39	8	2	3	24	9		3	3		
204 MCTONE	61															53			6	27	11		9	6		
201 WISSETTSCHPT	102								21				10			74	28	5	28	25	21		2	5		
209 HER. A. BAY	50								5							43			7	15	20		2	2		
205 BISHOP	45								4							37			4	18	5		6	7		
214 HART SAVER	95								2							84	11	1	12	58	5				11	
206 ST. CL. #06	202								31							171	31		17	113	62		15	15		
209 TUFEL	27															26				14	5				2	
210 WEST-GOVT	24								3							21				16					2	
203 YAZOO	12															11				6					2	
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### LIVING PAST GRAND COMMANDERS

Fred F. Bean	Thomas L. Cumberland	Robert L. Davis
Robert L. Earnest	Jiles K. Grice	Edward G. Holland
C. Edward Huckaby	Charles F. Huckaby	Jerry Lee Lewis
Terry G. Morgan	Gordon B. Nanney	Billy Frank Smith
William Joe Smith	Frederick H. Stephens	Homer E. Sullivan, Jr.
Joe W. Vawters	Kiely D. Walker	James M. Ward
Jimmie L. Windham		George E. Frazier

### LIVING HONORARY PAST GRAND COMMANDERS

### GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR KNIGHTS TEMPLAR CROSS OF HONOR AWARD

1966.....	Mays D. Whelchel	1991.....	Jeffie C. Dukes
1967.....	Raymond Frank Hust	1992.....	Claude Hardison Harrison, Jr.
1969.....	W. Neill Bogan	1993.....	Billy J. Morrow
1970.....	Leighton Kent Wingate	1994.....	Thomas C. Sharplin
1971.....	Thomas H. Scarbrough	1995.....	Glen Dale Brady
1972.....	John Z. Hanna	1996.....	Frank E. Hankinson, III
1973.....	R. Marshall Shields	1997.....	Lindsay Woodie Mundy
1974.....	James L. Lucas	1998.....	George Jasper Williams
1975.....	John Alvis Stewart	1999.....	Kenneth E. Dyer
1976.....	Charlie Herring	2000.....	Wilbur Allen Hartle
1977.....	Arthur H. Richter	2001.....	Charles F. Huckaby
1978.....	Fred F. Bean	2002.....	Eddie G. Holland
1979.....	James M. Laughter	2003.....	Roger Dale Howe
1980.....	William Robert Stewart	2004.....	John H. Peebles, Jr.
1981.....	Isaac N. Matthews, Jr.	2005.....	T. Ed Hightower
1982.....	Thomas D. Woodard	2006.....	Jerry Lee Lewis
1983.....	Daniel W. Averett	2007.....	William Arlis Wheeler
1984.....	Miles H. Byrd	2008.....	Jerry Wayne Reeves
1985.....	Milton D. Burns	2009.....	C. Edward Huckaby
1986.....	Clyde E. Neely	2010.....	Jordan Downs
1987.....	Earl D. Barlow	2011.....	Joe Weslie Vawters
1988.....	Marvin W. Cox	2012.....	Wm. Richard Wood
1989.....	Jack Alfred Saucier	2013.....	Jiles K. Grice
1990.....	Robert Lee Earnest	2014.....	Terry G. Morgan

2015 .....	David B. Fricke	2019 .....	Michael Ray Baker
2016 .....	Dorvell L. Bugg	2020 .....	M. Keith Ballard
2017 .....	Jason A. Jefcoat	2021 .....	Clyde L. Herron, Jr.
2018 .....	Robert Lane Dossett		

### JAMES MORRIS WARD MERITORIOUS AWARD

2018 .....	M. Keith Ballard	2020 .....	Dorvel L. Bugg
2019 .....	David B. Fricke	2021 .....	Micky P. McMahan

### PAST GRAND COMMANDERS

1857.....	Wm. H. Stevens	1915 .....	W. H. Seavey	1968.....	A. H. Hooker
1858.....	George P. Crump	1916 .....	W. G. Grayson	1969.....	Paul S. Thomas, Jr.
1859.....	G. M. Hillyer	1917 .....	Robt. A. Carson	1970.....	J. Allen Cabanis
1860.....	H.W. Walter	1918 .....	E. N. Thomas	1971.....	James E. Sneed
1861.....	B.S. Tappan	1919 .....	James F. Hill	1972.....	J. D. Lewis
1862-1865.....	No Conclaves	1920 .....	Ben J. Smith	1973.....	Mays D. Wheelchel
1866.....	Edward Lee	1921 .....	W. J. Jordan	1974.....	W. Neill Bogan
1867.....	C.A. Mamlove	1922 .....	A. B. Learned	1975.....	Juston M. Jones
1868.....	F.C. Mercer	1923 .....	Wm. T. Denman	1976.....	Wm. G. Cotton
1869.....	J. K. Fulson	1924 .....	W. H. Whitaker	1977.....	L. B. Tanner, Jr.
1870.....	C. T. Bond	1925.....	Geo. B. Power	1978.....	R. M. Shields
1871.....	W.S. Patton	1926.....	John E. Seavey	1979.....	Tracy W. Lusk
1872.....	E.G. DeLap	1927.....	John R. Tally	1980.....	Joe N. Sullivan, Jr.
1873.....	E. T. Henry	1928.....	Wm. H. Carter	1981.....	E. L. Fleming, Jr.
1874.....	P. M. Savery	1929.....	Roger G. Fuller	1982.....	James M. Ward
1875.....	Gid W. Cox	1930.....	Marsh Hainer	1983.....	E. B. Robinson
1876.....	Oliver Clifton	1931.....	J. Rice Williams	1984.....	James M. Laughter
1877.....	W. A. Fairchild	1932.....	Wm. A. Johns	1985.....	Fred F. Bean
1878.....	W.G. Paxton	1933.....	Thos. E. Moody	1986.....	Dan M. Hillman
1879.....	C. M. Erwin	1934.....	Karl Brittain	1987.....	Dewey O. Burcham
1880.....	W.G. Benbrook	1935.....	Tom Q. Ellis	1988.....	Van A. Evans
1881.....	William French	1936.....	W. S. Hottsell	1989.....	Emmett P. Heaton
1882.....	J. T. Meade	1937.....	M. M. Elledge	1990.....	Earl D. Barlow
1883.....	H. M. Romberger	1938.....	W. C. Williams	1991.....	Grady R. Partain
1884.....	W. P. Towler	1939.....	J. H. Johnson	1992.....	Homer E. Sullivan, Jr.
1885.....	J. H. Gordan	1940.....	R. S. Streit	1993.....	Robert L. Davis
1886.....	B. A. Vaughn	1941.....	T. O. Gore, Sr.	1994.....	Jack Hourguettes, Sr.
1887.....	N. S. Walker	1942.....	E. E. Warmath	1995.....	James L. Lucas
1888-1889.....	Frederic Speed	1943.....	L. C. Corban	1996.....	Jimmie L. Windham
1890.....	J. J. Hayes	1944-1945.....	T. O. Gore, Jr.	1997.....	Billy A. McNair
1891.....	J. E. Leigh	1946.....	James E. Gray	1998.....	Glen D. Brady
1892.....	W. Bodenhamer	1947.....	Homer D. Corley	1999.....	Jeffie C. Dukes
1893.....	S. W. Ferguson	1948.....	A. Oscar P'Pool	2000.....	Gordon B. Nanney
1894.....	J. C. French	1949.....	W. Carl Seab	2001.....	Jack A. Saucier
1895.....	F. P. Jenkins	1950.....	Cliff E. Murphy	2002.....	Frank E. Hankinson, III
1896.....	J. M. Buchanan	1951.....	C. Reese Harris	2002.....	Billy Frank Smith
1897.....	J. T. Harrison	1952.....	E. O. McGilvra	2003.....	Kiely D. Walker
1898.....	Wm. Starling	1953.....	J. W. Rankin	2004.....	Edward G. Holland
1899.....	J. S. Cobb	1954.....	T. Z. Whitehead	2005.....	Kenneth E. Dyer
1900.....	John A. B. Jones	1955.....	J. W. Alford	2006.....	Robert L. Earnest
1901.....	H. T. Howard	1956.....	R. M. Anderson	2007.....	Charles F. Huckaby
1902.....	O. L. McKay	1957.....	M. F. Rayburn	2008.....	Hollis D. Simpson
1903.....	R. H. Henry	1958.....	Q. C. Young	2009.....	Alfred E. Lightsey
1904.....	Frank Burkitt	1959.....	O. H. Johnson	2010.....	Thomas L. Cumberland
1905.....	J. Foggo Dixon	1960.....	E. B. Shearer	2011.....	Frederick H. Stephens
1906.....	DeB. Waddell	1961.....	Abb N. Sneed	2012.....	William J. Smith
1907.....	G. C. Meyers	1962.....	J. T. Wilbanks	2013.....	Jerry Lee Lewis
1908.....	George C. Hoskins	1963.....	P. W. Matthews	2014.....	Leslie E. Reeves
1909.....	G. D. Brown	1964.....	R. H. Singleton	2015.....	Joe W. Vawters
1910.....	John S. Brooks	1965.....	Louis Hengen	2017.....	Jiles Kenneth Grice
1911.....	Edwin J. Martin	1966.....	John B. Whelis	2018.....	Terry G. Morgan
1912.....	Robert A. Stigler	1966.....	J. E. Brownlee	2019.....	Jordan Downs
1913.....	Joseph J. Brooks	1967.....	Wm. L. Holland	2020.....	C. Edward Huckaby
1914.....	Louis A. Benoist	1967.....	Martin L. Gunn	2021.....	George E. Frazier

### GRAND TREASURERS

1857.....	C.A. Manlove	1872.....	B. S. Trice	1908-1912.....	James C. French
1858-1860.....	B. S. Tappan	1873-1876.....	H. M. Taylor	1913-1944.....	J. Foggo Dixon
1861.....	C.A. Manlove	1877-1886.....	N. S. Walker	1945.....	No Conclave
1862-1865.....	No Conclaves	1887.....	G. W. Bolton	1944-1946.....	J. Foggo Dixon
1866-1869.....	John H. Echols	1888.....	James T. Meade	1947.....	James H. Johnson
1870.....	Wm. A. Champlin	1889-1890.....	C.T. Chamberlain	1948-1955.....	T. O. Gore, Sr.
1871.....	John C. Burkhead	1891-1907.....	Gus J. Bahin	1956-1962.....	L. C. Corban

1963-1977..... J. T. Wilbanks, PGC  
1978-1980.....Mays D. Whelchel, PGC  
1981-1987..... O. H. Adams, HPGC

1988-1993 ..... Thomas T. Warren  
1993-2007 ..... George T. Saxon  
2007-2018 ..... Glen D. Brady

2018- .....Micky P. McMahan

### GRAND RECORDERS

1857..... Abener V. Rowe  
1858-1861..... R. W.T. Daniel  
1862-1865..... No Conclaves  
1866-1869..... D. P. Porter  
1870-1900.....J. L. Power  
1901-1911.....Frederic Speed

1912-1920 ..... Oliver Lee McKay  
1921-1937 ..... Edward L. Faucette  
1938-1944 ..... Sid F. Curtis  
1945 ..... No Conclave  
1944-1960 ..... Sid F. Curtis  
1961-1974 ... Cecil A. Thorn, HPGC

1975-1992.....T. K. Griffiths, HPGC  
1992-2007.....Fred F. Bean, PGC  
2007-2015..... Micky P. McMahan  
2016-2019..... Floyd Tomas Jones  
2020-..... Jared F. Stanley

### RETURNS OF COMMANDERIES

#### AMORY No. 36 - Amory, Monroe County

REGULAR CONCLAVES HELD ON THE THIRD THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH.

CHARTERED: APRIL 29, 1931 Total: 27

STEPHENS,CHARLES ALLEN, COMMANDER  
WEAVER,CAI YINDER, LEE, GEN'ISSMO  
GANN,PERRY DWIGHT, CAPT GEN  
DYKES,ROBERT W, PC, SW

FORBUS,JAMES ARLEN, PC, JW  
TAPP, TOMMY YON, PC, PRELATE  
BURKS,TERRY LYNN, TREAS  
KLEIN,GERALD EDGAR, REC

WEAVER,KENNETH WAYNE, STD BEARER  
ARRANT,ERIC WAYNE, SWD BEARER  
WILBURN,STEVEN KEITH, WARDER  
CLIFTON,RICHARD C III, SENTINEL

#### CYRENE No. 9 - Meridian, Lauderdale County

REGULAR CONCLAVES HELD ON THE FOURTH THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH.

CHARTERED: JANUARY 20, 1872 Total: 130

BANKS,CLEMENT KEM, COMMANDER  
LEWIS,TERRY FRANK, GEN'ISSMO  
WOODS,DAVID EVAN, CAPT GEN L  
MCDONALD,GRANVILLE MITCHELL, SW

MATTHEWS,DERIK AUSTIN, JW  
POGUE,DAVID JOEL, PRELATE  
OULLELAND, TREAS  
HILLS,FRED GRANT III, REC

RUMERY,PHILIP TODD, STD BEARER  
CARTER,FREDDIE ALBERT, SWD BEARER  
WARDER  
STANLEY,JARED FRANCIS, SENTINEL

#### DELTA No. 16 - Greenville, Washington County

REGULAR CONCLAVES HELD ON THE THIRD THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH.

CHARTERED: FEBRUARY 15, 1889 Total: 39

WHITFIELD,JAMES ALVIN JR, COMMANDER  
SIGMOND,JAMES WILLIAM JR, GEN'ISSMO  
MCKINNON,BRIAN SHAWN, CAPT GEN  
WEEKS,MARK HARRIS, SW

HOBSBS,EDGAR ALLEN JR, JW  
STEWART,RONNIE LOYD, PRELATE  
, TREAS  
LEE,JOSEPH RUPERT JR, REC

WILSON,JAMES ROWELL, STD BEARER  
SHEFFIELD,LOUIE PAUL, SWD BEARER  
CHAMBLESS,ROBERT JOE, WARDER  
SMITH,MICHAEL ALLEN, SENTINEL

#### DEMOLAY No. 8 - Columbus, Lowndes County

REGULAR CONCLAVES HELD ON THE THIRD THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH.

CHARTERED: FEBRUARY 15, 1889 Total: 37

THAMES,JOHN KEITH, COMMANDER  
FREEMAN,CASEY RAY, GEN'ISSMO  
SMITH,COURTNEY BRADFORD, CAPT GEN  
GOODWIN,JAMES MICHAEL, SW

KENT,JOHN ROBERT, JW  
MILLER,JORDAN KENNETH, PRELATE  
TATE,TOMMY LAWRENCE SR, PC, TREAS  
DYER,KENNETH ECCLES, PC, REC

WRIGHT,STUART ROY, STD BEARER  
HARMON,WILLIAM D, PC, SWD BEARER  
BRUCE,JAMES BENJAMIN SR, WARDER  
SAVAGE,GERALD WAYNE, SENTINEL

#### GULF COAST No. 19 - Gulfport, Harrison County

STATED CONVOCATIONS HELD ON FIRST TUESDAY EACH MONTH.

CHARTERED: AUGUST 16 2018 Total: 111

MCKELVY,JOHN BURK, COMMANDER  
CASE,JAMES AVERY, GEN'ISSMO  
DAUGHERTY,PAUL ALBERT, CAPT GEN  
GARCIA,BONIFACIO, SW

CARMICHAEL,KEVIN, JW  
BAKER,BRUCE DAN, PRELATE  
GRAHAM,JAMES ALFRED III, TREAS  
COOPER,DUSTIN PRENTISS, REC

HAMMACK,THOMAS JR, STD BEARER  
ARMSTRONG,JAMES L, SWD BEARER  
HUTCHISON,DEWAYNE CURTIS, WARDER  
BREWER,FRANK EDWARD, SENTINEL

#### HATTIESBURG No. 21 - Hattiesburg, Forrest County

REGULAR CONCLAVES HELD ON THE SECOND THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH.

CHARTERED: FEBRUARY 7, 1889 Total: 118

HERRINGTON,XERXES ZENO II, CDR  
COLLETTE,WILLIAM DAVID, GEN'ISSMO  
VARNADORE,ROGER BRANDON, CAPT GEN  
ZEHNER,FREDDIE CECIL, SW

WATTS,CASSIE MORRIS, JW  
GRICE,JILES KENNETH, PRELATE  
DOSSETT,ROBERT LANE, TREAS  
SULLIVAN,HOMER ELTON JR, PC, REC

WATTS,CHARLES RATCLIFF, STD BEARER  
MCDONALD,KYLE KENNETH, SWD BEARER  
VAUTERS,JOE WESLIE, WARDER  
, SENTINEL

#### IVANHOE No. 10 - Okolona, Chickasaw County

REGULAR CONCLAVES HELD ON THE FIRST THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH.

CHARTERED: MAY 27, 1873 Total: 5

MCDONALD,WILLIAM DAVID, CDR  
MOORE,HOWARD ELLIS, GEN'ISSMO  
COOK, DONALD BISHOP, CAPT GEN  
, SW

, JW  
, PRELATE  
MCVAY,DAVID KENNETH, PC\*, TREAS  
POSEY,TIMOTHY CHARLES, PC, REC

, STD BEARER  
, SWD BEARER  
, WARDER  
, SENTINEL

#### LAUREL No. 33 - Laurel, Jones County

REGULAR CONCLAVES HELD ON THE SECOND THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH.

CHARTERED: MAY 29, 1912 Total: 70

HARVEY,GLENN ALLEN, COMMANDER  
BAKER,MICHAEL RAY, GEN'ISSMO  
ROGERS,NOEL A, CAPT GEN  
LOWERY,MICHAEL FORD, SW

SMITH,ROBERT WILLIAM, JW  
KITCHENS,OSCAR GRAY JR, PRELATE  
BALLARD,MATTHEW KEITH, TREAS  
GARDNER,JEFFREY ALLEN, REC

JONES,GRADY NATHAN JR., STD BEARER  
WILLIAMS,JAMES MILTON, SWD BEARER  
GARDNER,THOMAS CLIFTON, WARDER  
MITCHEL,MARVIN DUANE, SENTINEL

#### LEXINGTON No. 3 - Lexington, Holmes County

REGULAR CONCLAVES HELD ON THE FIRST TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH.

CHARTERED: SEPTEMBER 11, 1856 Total: 0

WARD,DOUGLAS LOWERY, COMMANDER  
WATERER,HENRY C JR, GEN'ISSMO  
SKINNER,HUGH P.\*, CAPT GEN  
REYNOLDS,JIMMY DALE, SW

PERRY,WALTER, JW  
MONROE,WILLIAM ASBURY\*, PRELATE  
COHEN,PHILIP RAYMOND, TREAS  
JOINER,KENNETH MILLS, REC

LOGAN,CRAWFORD JR, STD BEARER  
FOSTER,JAMES C\*, SWD BEARER  
ALEXANDER,ROBERT WILLIAM, WARDER  
ALBIN,JAMES EDGAR, PC, SENTINEL

#### LOUISVILLE No. 37 - Louisville, Winston County

REGULAR CONCLAVES HELD ON THE SECOND AND FOURTH MONDAYS OF EACH MONTH.

CHARTERED: MARCH 10, 1947 Total: 42

STEWART,JOHN TOMMY, COMMANDER  
PATTERSON,JOHN WILLIAM\*, GEN'ISSMO  
CAPERTON,RICHARD RALPH\*, CAPT GEN  
WARD,TROY LESLIE, PC, SW

FORD,JESSIE CLARENCE\*, JW  
VINING,GROVER WILLIAM, PRELATE  
HEMPHILL,JASON MICHAEL, TREAS  
HUTTO,ROBERT EARL, REC

FULTON,LEONARD WEBSTER, STD BEARER  
BOOTH,PERRY LEE, SWD BEARER  
HEMPHILL,TIMOTHY RAY, WARDER  
CHARLTON,HUNTER SCALES, SENTINEL

#### MAGNOLIA No. 2 - Vicksburg, Warren County

REGULAR CONCLAVES HELD ON THE FIRST & THIRD TUESDAYS OF EACH MONTH.

CHARTERED: JANUARY 4, 1854 Total: 39

HOWARD,CHARLES MASON, PC, CDR  
FAIRCHILD,JIMMY DAVIS JR\*, GEN'ISSMO  
LOWERY,JOHNNY WAYNE, CAPT GEN  
THOMPINS,GEORGE BERRY JR, SW

SCOTT,ROY RANDOLPH, PC\*, JW  
, PRELATE  
ABBOTT,EUGENE MARION JR, TREAS  
WILLIAMS,ERNEST LEROY JR, REC

, STD BEARER  
, SWD BEARER  
, WARDER  
VINES,JOHN EDGAR II, SENTINEL



**MCCOMB No. 34 - McComb, Pike County**

REGULAR CONCLAVES HELD ON THE SECOND MONDAY OF EACH MONTH.

CHARTERED: MAY 29, 1913 Total: 53

SPENCER,RICHARD CALVIN, COMMANDER  
KYZAR,JOHN TIMOTHY, GENISSMO  
PARKER,WAYNE LAVERNE, CAPT GEN  
GREER,TRAVIS WENDELL, SWWILLIAMS,JOE DENVER, JW  
DICKERSON,ROBERT DEWAYNE, PRELATE  
STRITTMAN,JESSE WESLEY, TREAS  
STEPHENS,FREDERICK HOWARD, PC, RECMASON,DONALD CARLISLE, STD BEARER  
MARTIN,JERRY HOLLIS, SWD BEARER  
KYZAR,DAVID KENDALL, WARDER  
PEDIGO,STEVEN LESTER, SENTINEL**MISSISSIPPI No. 1 - Jackson, Hinds County**

REGULAR CONCLAVES HELD ON THE THIRD THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH.

CHARTERED: JANUARY 1, 1857 Total: 74

RHODES,EDWARD WILLIAM, COMMANDER  
SARTIN,DARELL WAYNE, GENISSMO  
ST CLARE,JOHN WILLIAM, CAPT GEN  
, SWWELCH,CLINTON EDWARD, JW  
, PRELATE  
COX,CHARLES LYNN "FUZZY", TREAS  
MCLEOD,WILLIAM TERRY, RECBRADSHAW,MICHAEL SHANE, STD BEARER  
MILLER,DAN ALLEN, SWD BEARER  
, WARDER  
, SENTINEL**NEW ALBANY No. 29 - New Albany, Union County**

REGULAR CONCLAVES HELD ON THE SECOND THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH.

CHARTERED: FEBRUARY 14, 1908 Total: 43

POTTER,RICKEY JOHN, COMMANDER  
GOERGEN,DENNIS PATRICK, GENISSMO  
RAINEY,KENNETH PATTON, CAPT GEN  
SMITH,EDWARD CALVIN, PC\*, SWGRAY,GARY LLOYD, JW  
TUCKER,WILLIAM MAJOR JR, PRELATE  
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ALDRIDGE,JAMES ANTHONY, PC\*, RECTHOMPSON,CARROLL D JR, PC, STD BEARER  
ZILE,GREGORY VAN, SWD BEARER  
LAMBERT,CHARLES JACKSON, WARDER  
MARSALIS,JOHN CHRISTOPHER, SENTINEL**ROSALIE No. 5 - Natchez, Adams County**

REGULAR CONCLAVES HELD ON THE SECOND THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH.

CHARTERED: MAY 4, 1855 Total: 37

CUPIT,JACK GRAFTON, PC\*, COMMANDER  
BRICE,BRUCE WAYNE SR\*, GENISSMO  
HOUSE,HAROLD ERWIN, PC, CAPT GEN  
MCMANUS,LEONARD EDWARD, SWSTURDIVANT,WILLIAM TERRY, JW  
SULLIVAN,THOMAS L SR, PRELATE  
GOLDMAN,JAMES MONROE\*, TREAS  
GODFREY,JAMES MARK, PC, RECFELTER,STANLEY EUGENE, STD BEARER  
BLACKMON,SAMUEL A L, SWD BEARER  
PERRY,ELVIN TRAY III, WARDER  
ARD,ROBERT WILLIAM, SENTINEL**ST CYR No. 6 - Water Valley, Yalobusha County**

REGULAR CONCLAVES HELD ON THE FOURTH THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH.

CHARTERED: JANUARY 23, 1867 Total: 205

JONES,BOBBY RAY, COMMANDER  
BROWN,LARRY DEAN, GENISSMO  
SPRINGER,HULETT WEST, CAPT GEN  
BRYANT,CARL WESLEY, SWHERRON,CLYDE LEE JR\*, JW  
WARD,JAMES MORRIS, PC, PRELATE  
HUCKABY,CHARLES "EDWARD", TREAS  
HUCKABY,CHARLES F,"CHARLEY", PC\*, RECPERKINS,JOHN EDWARD, STD BEARER  
REEVES,LESLIE EARL, SWD BEARER  
FRAZIER,GEORGE EDWARD, WARDER  
DAVIS,JAMES LARRY, SENTINEL**MARY SAVERY No. 14 - Corinth, Alcorn County**

REGULAR CONCLAVES HELD ON THE SECOND FRIDAY OF EACH MONTH.

CHARTERED: FEBRUARY 20, 1900 Total: 84

KELLEY,JOHN JOSEPH, COMMANDER  
DODDS,DONALD SETH, GENISSMO  
STEVENS,KEITH RONALD, CAPT GEN  
RICHARDSON,WILLIAM NOAH, SWWILEMON,WILLIAM R JR, PC, JW  
CAGLE,JONATHAN EDWARDS, PRELATE  
MARLAR,HAROLD ADRON, PC, TREAS  
LEWIS,JERRY LEE, RECBUGG,DORVELL LYNN, STD BEARER  
REEVES,JERRY WAYNE, PC, SWD BEARER  
KELLEY,RICHARD EARNEST, WARDER  
MCALPIN,DANNY JOE, PC, SENTINEL**TUPELO No. 39 - Tupelo, Lee County**

REGULAR CONCLAVES HELD ON THE THIRD THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH.

CHARTERED: APRIL 19, 1956 Total: 26

MCKEE,JERRY MACK, PC\*, COMMANDER  
GRIFFITH,JOHN B., GENISSMO  
FINN,THOMAS STEPHEN, CAPT GEN  
GRAY,GARY THOMAS, SWSCOTT,BRADLEY ALLEN, JW  
EDGE,JAMES C "BUDDY" JR, PRELATE  
DAVIS,ROBERT LAFAYETTE, PC\*, TREAS  
EARNEST,ROBERT LEE, PC\*, RECFUTRELL,DAVID WAYNE, STD BEARER  
BRACKEEN,LUTHER WILLIAM, SWD BEARER  
DEVAUGHN,GEORGE HERMAN, WARDER  
SCOTT,JAMES DOYLE\*, SENTINEL**WEST POINT No. 20 - West Point, Clay County**

REGULAR CONCLAVES HELD ON THE FIRST TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH.

CHARTERED: FEBRUARY 6, 1899 Total: 22

DUKE,JIMMY DEWAYNE, COMMANDER  
ALLEN,EDWARD SCOTT, GENISSMO  
, CAPT GEN  
PUMPHREY,REX EVANS\*, SWHOOKER,PHILLIP AARON, JW  
, PRELATE  
THOMPSON,DAVID EARL, TREAS  
WILKERSON,KENNETH LEE, REC, STD BEARER  
, SWD BEARER  
, WARDER  
BLACKWELL,JERRY EARL, SENTINEL**YAZOO No. 23 - Yazoo City, Yazoo County**

REGULAR CONCLAVES HELD ON THE THIRD MONDAY OF EACH MONTH.

CHARTERED: FEBRUARY 26, 1921 Total: 12

SPIARS,PATRICK CALCOTE\*, COMMANDER  
DOUGLAS,VIVEN JAMES, PC\*, GENISSMO  
NORMAN,WILLIAM ROSS JR, CAPT GEN  
CHAMBLESS,ROBERT JOE, SWBROOM,WILLARD, PC\*, JW  
MILNER,PAUL\*, PRELATE  
MCCLURE,OBIE WILSON JR\*, TREAS  
DAVIS,RICHARD PAUL, RECHAYMAN,JOHN CLINTON, PC, STD BEARER  
MOHAMED,JOSEPH ASIM II, SWD BEARER  
MOORE,WILLIAM TRAVIS, WARDER  
CORTRIGHT,EDWARD G JR\*, SENTINEL

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