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110th ANNUAL CONCLAVE GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR



109th ANNUAL CONVOCATION GRAND CHAPTER ROYAL ARCH MASONS



91st ANNUAL ASSEMBLY GRAND COUNCIL CRYPTIC MASONS



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JOINT SESSION

MINUTES

Annual Joint Session Held virtually via Zoom conferencing, Salt Lake City, Utah August 1, 2020

Grand York Rite Joint Sessions were declared open by ME. Grand Commander Douglas Backes.

Attendees were welcomed by Grand Commander Backes and thanks were given to the eSessions Committee and Jurisprudence for their efforts in planning the virtual Grand Sessions meetings.

A motion was made and seconded to accept that Proceedings from the 2019 Annual Sessions. The motion was approved. A motion was made and seconded to accept the Pre-printed reports as published. The motion was approved.

The Necrology report was presented.

The Grand York Rite Trust Meeting was opened and their report was presented. A trustee position was open. Frank C. Baker was nominated and approved to succeed himself.

Finance Committee report was called for, however no report was available. There are 2 positions open on the committee. Preston "Marty" Martineau was nominated and approved for the three-year member position. Lorenzo "Lon" Tibbetts was nominated and approved for the four-year member position.

Time and Place Committee reported that we have in place a contract for the 2021 Sessions to be held at the regular date at the Marriot Park Hotel.

ME Grand Master Clay Hamblen, Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Utah gave words of greeting. The Joint Sessions were closed by ME Grand Commander Backes.

GRAND YORK RITE JOINT COMMITTEES

2019-2020

*Denotes Chairman

Appeals and Grievance

Drew Sanders – Chapter* John C. Liley Jr - Council David W. Barron – KT

Credentials

Monte Anderson - Chapter Timothy Stenner - Council Daniel Drew - KT*

Fraternal Correspondence Grand Presiding Heads

Grand Secretary/Recorder

Jurisprudence

Michael D Shipler- Council Charles G. Sipes - Chapter Dean D. Rein- KT Brian Hastings– Chairman

Protocol

Not designated - Chapter Not designated - Council P Marty Martineau – KT

Time and Place

Lawrence Rodriguez – Chapter P Marty Martineau – Council Douglas J Backes – KT Grand Secretary/Recorder

<u>Youth</u>

Norman A. Smith- Chairman N/A – Chapter Daniel Drew - Council Jason L. Mair– KT Auditing Ben Young

Finance

Charles Persinger* Jay Mitchell Jerry Everett Unfilled 3 Grand Heads of Bodies Grand Treasurer Grand Secretary/Recorder

Grand Sessions

Grand Secretary/Recorder* Presiding Grand Heads Grand King Deputy Grand Master Deputy Grand Commander

Membership

N/A – Chapter Monte Anderson – Council David J. Read - KT

Regional Conferences

Chris Young – Chapter N/A – Council Lawrence R. Rodriguez - KT

<u>Triennial Conclave</u> Lawrence Rodriguez-Chapter P Marty Martineau – Council Douglas J Backes - KT

York Rite Annual Sessions

Grand Secretary/Recorder* Three Grand Presiding Head Not designated Not designated Lawrence R. Rodriguez

Joint Bylaws

Jurisprudence Grand Secretary/Recorder* Grand Heads

Fraternal Relations

Grand Presiding Heads Grand Secretary/Recorder

Internet Communications

Not Designated - Chapter Treavor Wilkinson - Council Jeffrey E. Hamilton – KT

Necrology

Grand Prelate* Grand Chaplain (Chapter) Grand Chaplain (Council)

Returns of Const. Bodies

Grand Secretary/Recorder* Auditor Grand Treasurer

Unfinished Business

Grand Secretary/Recorder* Presiding Grand Heads

VISITING DIGNITARIES

James Baum, SouthWest Regional Deputy General Grand Master, General Grand Council Cryptic Masons International Richard Bullard, ME Grand High Priest, Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of California Chadwick Burks, RE District Deputy General Grand High Priest, Southwest Region, General Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons International Brian Cook, Grand Royal Arch Captain, Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Texas **Teko Foley**, M.E. Grand Scribe, General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons Leonard Gozdowski, Grand Representative to Utah, Grand York Rite of Ohio Larry Gray, General Grand Secretary, General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons William Greenen, representing William Raskin, the Grand High Priest, Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Arizona David A. Grindle, M.P. General Illustrious Grand Master, General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons James H Hodge, M.E. General Grand High Priest, General Grand Chapter **Royal Arch Masons International** Mark Irwin, Deputy General Grand High Priest – Northeast Region, General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons Richard Kovak, RE Grand Commander, Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Washington David Kussman, R.E. Grand Generalissimo, Grand Encampment of **Knights** Templar Sid LeLuan, Carbbean Department Commander, Grand Encampment of **Knights** Templar John K. March, RE Past Grand Commander, Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Pennsylvania James Mills, Grand Master of the 1st Veil, Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Arkansas Jeffrey N. Nelson, ME Grand Master, Grand Encampment of Knights Templar

Rabi Peifer, MI Grand Master, Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of North Dakota

Craig Phillips, MI Grand Master, Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Nevada

Dean D. Rein, SouthWest Department Commandeer, Grand Encampment of Knights Templar

Clay Hamblen, Most Worshipful Grand Master, Free and Accepted Masons of Utah

Joshua Yorks, MI Grand Commander, Grand Commander of Knights Templar of Pennsylvania

Grand Jurisdiction	Grand (Chapter	Grand	Council	Grand Co	mmandery
	To Utah	From	To Utah	From	To Utah	From
Alabama	Paul R. Drinkard		Robert T Crawford			
Alaska		Brian J Hastings		Brian J. Hastings		Brian J. Hastings
Argentina		Michael Busby				
Arizona	Peter N. Johnson	Brian Hastings	John A. Prather	Brian Hastings	Peter N. Johnson, Jr	Brian Hastings
Arkansas	Ed Buchannan	Blaine H. Simons	Thomas R. Mason	Blaine H. Simons	George A. Nunnally	Blaine H. Simons
Austr NS Wales	Robert J. Parker	Brian J. Hasting (nom)				
Austr Queensland	Gibson W Miller	Kelly Hansel (nom)	Announced cessat	ion of Participation	in GR Program 3 Fe	bruary 2016
Austr South	A.C. Massingham	Preston Martineau, Jr (nom)				
Austr Victoria	John I. Ives	Norman A. Smith				
Austr Western	Frank W. Frimston	Norman A. Smith		Michael Busby		
Belgium	S. Papastohopolos	Kenneth Morris				
California	Gordon G. Warder	William A. Butterfield	Dalton A. Noland	William A. Butterfield	Malcolm G. Mill	William A. Butterfield
Can Alberta	Jerry W Kopp	Steven L. Wilkinson				
Can BC Yukon	Brian Hemmingway	Richard H. Simons				
Can Eastern	No Chapter		Ian Murray	Norman Smith		
Can Manitoba	J. Heinz	John L. Elwell Jr				
Can New Brunswick	George H R Jones					
Can Nova Scotia	Edward Greenfield					
Can Ontario	Edmund Goldthrop		John A. Hornell			
Can Quebec	Ronald Rennie					
Can Saskatch	Everet H. Near					
Can Western	No Chapter		P Shillito	Michael L. Busby		
Colorado	James F. Norris	Michael Busby	Albert T. Herring	Michael L. Busby	Robert C. Haas	Michael Busby
Connecticut	Andrew Wilmann	Reed B. Fanning	Michael L. Castroll		William L. Green	
Delaware	John B. Dorsey	William Westbrook	Robert Lomas	William Westbrook	John D. Hiott	William Westbrook
England & Wales			Arthur Craddock			
Finland	Yrjo Lahde	Norman A. Smith				
Florida	William H. Schreiber	M.T. McWilliams	Edwin B. Moore III	M.T. McWilliams	Guy E. Waltman	M.T. McWilliams
France		Brian Hastings				

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES 2019 – 2020

Grand Jurisdiction	Grand Chapter		Grand Council		Grand Commandery	
	To Utah	From	To Utah	From	To Utah	From
Georgia	Michael Sosebee		Gary Lemmons		Steven Carter	
Germany	Wilbur Blair	Michael Busby	Wilbur Blair			
		(nom)				
Greece	Geoge Ivos	Norman A. Smith				
Hawaii	Fred Pendergaft		James P Malezon			
Idaho	Larry B. Cram		William Echo		Marvin E. Schein	
Illinois		0. I M711.	Perry W. Foltz		V. Ray Landers	
India Indiana	DETER D. Hardesl	Steven L. Wilkinson	Michael C Stoer		Harold D. Black	
Indiana Iowa	Philip D. Herthel Edwon G. Yedlik	Michael Busby	Robert	Michael Busby	Harold D. Black Homer E. Stutters	Michael Busby
		5	Christensen	Michael Busby	Homer E. Stutters	Michael Busby
Ireland	Henry S. Harding	Michael Busby				
Isreal	Josef Hasky	Kelly Hansel				
Italy		Jay Mitchell	Sabatino Bencivenga			
Kansas	LeRoy Loggins	Timothy Fellows (NR)	Harold L. Buick	Timothy Fellows (NR)	Jay M. Sheldon	Timothy Fellows (N)
Kentucky	Donald McHone	Brian Hastings	Larry B. Ledbetter	Brian Hastings	William F. Lile	Brian Hastings
Louisiana	Richard L. James		Richard Tharp		Robert Durham	
Maine	Horton B. Churchill		Randall J. Tyler		Roscoe C. Sunborn	
Maryland	William C. Eppig	J.C. McLaughlin	Carl Wisner	J.C. McLaughlin	Richard Naegele	J.C. McLaughlin
Massachusetts	Robert H. Brown	Lee M. Rogers	Robert H. Brown	Lee M. Rogers	William Elliot	Lee M. Rogers
Mexico	Javier Flores y Flores	Michael Busby				
Michigan	Leslie Dopen	T.J. Robertson	William H. Ford	T.J. Robertson	Donald Wilson	T.J. Robertson
Minnesota	Bruce F. Mogensen	Michael Busby	Douglas Nygard	Michael Busby	Nicholas R. Johnson	Michael Busby
Mississippi	Micky McMahan		Jiles K. Grice		Billy J. McCollum	
Missouri	James J. Gibbons	Charles Sipes	P. Vincent Kinkead	Charles Sipes	Robert L. Hudson	Charles Sipes
Montana	Floyd T. Nobbs	K. Neuschwander	Floyd T. Nobbs	K. Neuschwander	Gorden Sorenson	K. Neuschwander
Nebraska	Edward Wehrbein	Brian J. Hastings	James P. Franson	Brian J. Hastings	Gerald E. Verbeck	Brian J. Hastings
Netherlands		Michael Busby				
Nevada	Jerry B. Evans	David Nelson	Frank Woodruff	David Nelson	Reed R. Mosley	David Nelson
New Foundland	Donald E.J. Kelland	K. Neuschwander				
New Hampshire	Raymond T. Robb		Raymond T. Robb		David Lewis	
New Jersey	Ronald C. Grealorex	John Liley	Mark S. Enz	John Liley	John R. Margroff	John Liley
New Mexico	Arland Blackburn	M. T. McWilliams	Arland Blackburn	M.T McWilliams	Arland Blackburn	M.T. McWilliams
New York	Michael E. Driver	Brian J. Hastings	Paul T. Henry Sr	Brian J. Hastings	Michael E. Driver	Brian J. Hastings
New Zealand	R. M. Cresswell	Clayton Frayser				
North Carolina	Tommy Jones	Steve L. Wilkinson	W. Berry Rigdon	Steve L. Wilkinson	Fred Whitty	Steve L. Wilkinsor
North Dakota	Ivan H. Hamilton	Michael Cannon	Ivan H. Hamilton	Michael Cannon	Charles Richter	Michael Cannon
Ohio	James B. Parker, IV	Michael Busby	Michael R. Scheiderer	Michael Busby	Ken Crouch	Michael Busby
Oklahoma	Daniel Christopher	John L. Elwell Jr	L. Erik Stuckey	John L. Elwell Jr	William R. Phillips	John L. Elwell Jr
Oregon	Ralph R. Patterson	Gerald Everett	Ronald Wright	Gerald Everett	Ronald Wright	Gerald Everett
Pennsylvania	Kenneth Geary	Loren Rauscher	Michael J. Kleha	Loren Rausher	John G. Kovak Jr	Loren Rausher
Rhode Island	Russell Scanlon	Jerold Cochran	Russell J. Lorenson	Jerold R. Chchran	D. T. Mass	Jerold Cochran
Philippines	Gregorio A. Vicente	Michael Busby (nom)	Wilfredo Baniqued	Michael Busby (nom)	Samuel P. Fernandez	Michael Busby (nom)
Scotland	John Stewart	Glen Cook	John Stewart	Glen Cook	a canundoz	manni
South Carolina	James W. Lyle	David Nelson	Douglas D. Lee	David Nelson	Gary C. Sowell	David Nelson
South Dakota	Jerry K. Thomas	Duane Carpenter		Duane Carpenter	Reed Hutchison	Duane Carpenter
Tennessee	Bobby G.P ollard	Brian J. Hastings	Billy R. Miller	Brian J. Hastings	H.K. Jack Akard	Brian J. Hastings
Texas	R.R. Ryan		Kellis D. Moore		Ronald D. Park	
Vermont	Roger M. Pike		David H. Bartlett		William Karstens	
Virginia	Arthur Dechent	Michael L. Busby (F	AM/CM Combine	d	Cameron Caffee	Michael Busby
Washington	Fred C. Lang	Charles G. Sipes	Fred C. Lang	Charles G. Sipes	Fred C. Lang	Charles G. Sipes
Washington DC	David B. Akopian	cillines of pipes	Robert K. Yaasi		William T. Cox	cillates of sipes

Grand Jurisdiction	Grand Chapter		Grand Council		Grand Commandery	
	To Utah	From	To Utah	From	To Utah	From
West Virginia	Charles F. Wimer		No Council		Donald L. Showalter	
Wisconsin	Stephen J. Conway	Robert B. Coates	Lauren Handeland	Robert B. Coates	Lauren Handeland	Robert B. Coates
Wyoming	Harry W.C. Oberg	Peter N. Doelfs	Robert O. Finley	Perter N. Doelfs	Don Allen	Peter N. Doelfs

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT

No report submitted

REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY/RECORDER

As the Grand Secretary/Recorder during this unprecedented time, we have had a most eventful year. Although most events and meetings have been cancelled, I did have the opportunity to attend the Southwest Regional Conference in November 2019 along with visiting multiple Local York Rite Bodies prior to shut down. I also attended the New Mexico Grand Sessions via Virtual.

Although this has been an unprecedented 14 months due to COVID 19, numerous housekeeping items have been updated, corrected, etc. This has been an exciting administrative 14 months, including the following:

- QuickBooks Grand York Rite purchased the program to implement a structured fiscal accounting program. With the assistance of Jen Dunn, Grand York Rite of Utah now has a broken out operating reporting system. The challenge to the Finance Committee is to develop a budget for all (3) three Grand York Rite Bodies, to roll-up into a total operating budget for each fiscal year.
- Fiscal Year One of the Code proposals is to make the fiscal year aligned with the calendar year of January 1st to December 31st. The most important reason amongst numerous others is the fact that Grand Encampment is January 1st December 31st, for Annual Returns along with annual assessments. With the local Bodies reporting different than that which Grand Encampment reports on MMS, there was been multiple challenges along with inaccurate payments being made. Also, by using the calendar year starting on January 1st, this also

aligns with our Grand Lodge of Utah and other appendant Bodies.

- MMS This is the online Grand Encampment Knights • Templar Membership Program, which also includes the membership information for Chapter membership and Council membership. At the 2019 Southwest Regional Conference all Grand Commanderies were tasked with getting all State membership information input into the system to provide accurate membership for all (3) three Bodies. This online program, if used and kept up to date is a fantastic tool to generate the membership reports very easily along with having accurate data on each Companion/Sir Knight. I am very excited to report that all the local Body Secretary/Recorders have worked diligently to keep/input the records up to date for their Commandery, Chapters and Councils. This a major undertaking, especially for those Bodies starting from scratch for Chapter and Council and all should be commended.
- Grand York Rite Website: Treavor Wilkinson was appointed • as the Web Administrator and has spent a great deal of time developing the new site, adding items, etc. A major goal is to have the Grand York Rite website interactive and a place to go key with for needed tools. links, along Grand Communications. Work continues as updates are added and looking forward to a place that all Companions/Sir Knights can utilize.
- Annual Returns We now have fully automated/drop down boxes for all (3) Bodies to input their data for their Annual Returns. This has streamlined the process, moving forward this will provide both the Secretary/Recorders and Treasurers a quick and consistent reporting process at close of the year on December 31st.
- **Tax Filing** I can report that as of July 1st, 2020 all (3) three Bodies are up to date on 990's.

- **Incorporation** The Grand York Rite of Utah was Incorporated as a nonprofit organization the first week of July along with applying for an EIN. This needed to happen to continue the process of moving the investment fund from Merrill Lynch.
- **2021 Time & Place** Utah Grand York Rite 2021 Sessions venue has been secured at the Marriott University Park, Salt Lake City, Utah,
- **Grand Code** A big thank you needs to go out to Marty and Jen for all their hard work on reviewing the current code, including adding Amendments and proposing Housekeeping Amendments. There was much time and research going back many years to bring the Code up to date for Amendments that needed to be added after being approved at Grand Annual Sessions.
- **Inventory Supplies:** We are in the process of counting and adding the value of rituals, award pins, medals etc. to the QuickBooks program. This will provide accurate quantities along with accurate invoicing to the Local Bodies and reordering needed supplies. This should be a line item included in the Annual Budget adopted by Finance.
- **Debit Card:** We now have a Debit Card for the Grand York Rite of Utah.
- **Investment Fund:** Although this falls under the reporting of the Finance Committee, one of the tasks I have been given is moving the monies from Merrill Lynch. The reason is that due to the size of the current account it does not fall under the minimums that Merrill Lynch requires to maintain the account. We have had many challenges with this account from not being able to find it registered under a nonprofit to the Tax ID numbers not matching. This was one of the main reasons that we needed to Incorporate the "Grand York Rite" along with a Fed #. Those two issues have made the account is

still under Merrill Lynch and still pending for Baird to assume the investment. The best suggestion right now is to close it out and have the money initially deposited into the Grand York Rite checking/savings. At that point, the Finance Committee can review the funds, develop a working operating budget (which currently is in the red) and then start with a "clean" investment fund with Baird. The Grand York Rite of Utah is not registered as a Tax-Exempt Organization with the State of Utah and does not have a Tax-Exempt Certificate. I recommend that this be investigated by the Grand York Rite at the possible earliest date/meeting.

- Annual Return Assessments: I would encourage that the ٠ Finance Committee, set aside a meeting to review current receipts versus payouts, expenses, etc. At the current levels dealing with the invoices, receipts, returns, etc. the Grand York Rite of Utah is not on solid ground from a yearly "operating income". There are no "rainy day" funds, there is no seed monies for Sessions, etc. While we do have a Trust Fund and Investment Fund, without working capital to pay bills, down payments for "Sessions", etc. those Funds frankly provide no benefit to the monthly running of the Grand York Rite of Utah. Does this mean that there should be a hard look at how low the income is in the checking account vs. money that is not touched, yes? Does this mean either funds come out of those accounts or an increase to all Local Bodies annual assessments? These are very hard questions, however, not being the alarmist, but as your Grand Secretary/Recorder, the financial income needs to be addressed to pay the bills.
- **ZOOM Pro Account:** With the need for a Virtual Sessions, we ("GYR") have signed up for a year's subscription. The account is being billed monthly, which provides for unlimited monthly meetings in addition to no limit to the amount of time (40 minutes) for the basic "free" version. This now also provides a communication avenue for all the GYR Committees to schedule and meet online to perform the

needed tasks, i.e. Finance, Membership, etc. After those priority groups and the Grand Heads schedule meetings as, appropriate, then the site can be offered to other Appendant Bodies to use.

- **E Ballot Account:** Also, with the need for a Virtual Sessions, we ("GYR") have signed up for a one-year subscription. This is entitling Grand York Rite the ability to have as many voting ballots as needed along with Grand York Rite Committees for the upcoming year.
- **Grand Chapter Name Badges:** I let this challenge speak for itself as another financial challenge and should be clarified on what is paid by the Grand Officer and what is paid up by the Grand York Rite Body without sufficient funds to have them made. This would be another line item that should be budgeted by the Finance Committee.
- State Awards: This has been a challenge with a lot of ٠ questions from the Local Bodies on applications, deadlines, etc. There is a fee for each person honored that covers the cost of the Medal. It does not cover the cost of the mailing or printing a Certificate. Which brings up the matter of State Award Certificates. There is a homemade Certificate that we should give Chuck Warren kudos for, however, we do not have a standard template/Certificate for the numerous Awards, which leaves it wide open to interpretation. I would recommend that a special committee be appointed by the newly elected Grand Heads to developed Award Certificates for each of the State Honors and factor a cost and this be presented to the Finance Committee to factor into the early operating budget. I would also recommend that a yearly date be imposed to when all the names be presented to the Grand Heads for approval and named. As it stands right now, names can be presented throughout the year, which can cause confusion and follow through with getting the payment for the award and the medal received by the local Body for presentation. I would recommend the deadline for all

nominations be submitted with payment by December 31st, to be issued the month of January to the appropriate local Body and/or Grand Head for presentation. This provides time for the outgoing Local Heads and the incoming Local Heads to name their choices at the end of their year as well.

KTCH Grand Encampment Award: This award is under • strict time frames if it is to be presented at the Grand York Rite Sessions in May (under normal times). After numerous emails and reminders there were no names provided by the Local Commanderies for the 2019 year. Although this window was missed to be submitted to the KTCH recommending Committee I would suggest to all future Grand Commanders that you ultimately have the final word and it's your approval on who gets submitted to Grand Encampment and if no names were submitted to the Committee that this highest Honor not be lost for an entire year to a most worthy Utah Knights Templar. While this is not the norm to make this decision alone by the Grand Commander, should a worthy Knights Templar be penalized for not being submitted to the Committee cut off time, I would encourage the Grand Commanders to contemplate this decision during your tenure in the Chair.

I hope the recommendations and report has provided a good base line understanding of the past 14 months in review. I welcome all the assistance and feedback to make sure I have performed to the best of my ability and to maintain the functions of the Grand Secretary/Recorder.

I need to recognize a very special group of people who stepped up to the plate to work many, many hours on the backend to bring great talent and expertise to put this Virtual Sessions together namely, Treavor Wilkinson, Jenafer Dunn, Timothy Stenner, David Hutchison, Daniel Drew and Monte Anderson. Years down the road, when folks are reading past proceedings, I hope that they be remembered. I also, would like to thank the Members of Jurisprudence, Grand Heads and 2nd Chairs, without their support and input we would have had more challenges than can be named. I can't thank everyone on this report individually but thank you all.

To all Members of Utah York Rite, I would like to thank you all for giving me the honor and trust to be your Grand Secretary/Recorder for the Grand York Rite of Utah. I have considered it a privilege to serve the York Rite for the 2019-2020 year. I hope I have exceeded your expectations. This has been a year of learning and I would like to thank Companion/Sir Knight Chuck Warren for his support and guidance taking on this important responsibility over the past 14 months.

May our Heavenly Father and Savior Jesus Christ, watch over each one of you and your families.

Respectfully Submitted,

David Read, KTCH Grand Secretary/Recorder Grand York Rite of Utah

Membership Change		2019	2020	Change
SLC	Keystone #0	41	NA	
RAM				
Ogden	Ch. #2	40	36	-4
SLC	Ch. #1	109	107	-2
Midvale	Ch. #3	46	50	4
Provo	Ch. #4	24	27	3
Price	Ch. #6	36	31	-5
St. George	Ch. #10	27	29	2
Totals		282	280	-2
СМ				
Ogden	Co. #3	40	36	-4
SLC	Co. #1	104	102	-2
Midvale	Co. #5	48	48	0
Provo	Co. #2	24	25	1
Price	Co. #4	36	31	-5
St. George	Co. #7	25	27	2
Totals		277	269	-8
Membership Ch	nange (cont.)	2019	2020	Change
KT				

SPHC	Cm. #0	20	22	2
Ogden	Cm. #2	37	352	-2
SLC	Cm. #1	105	103	-2
Midvale	Cm. #3	46	44	-2
Provo	Cm. #5	20	24	4
Price	Cm. #6	36	35	-1
St. George	Cm. #7	27	28	1
Totals		291	291	0

GYR Combined Cash Flow 5/1/2019 through 4/30/2020

INFLOWS	
Donations Received	3,415.24
Interest Income	4.11
Masonic Regalia Sold	150.00
Fees Received	
Chapter Fees Received	30.00
Commandery Fees Received	42.50
Council Fees Received	60.00
TOTAL Fees Received	132.50
Per Capita Received	
Per Capita Chapter Received	1,722.00
Per Capita Commandery	3,975.00
Received	
Per Capita Council Received	1,820.00
TOTAL Per Capita Received	7,517.00
Sessions receipts	3,583.22
Unidentified Income	224.00
TOTAL INFLOWS	17,247.45

OUTFLOWS Charitable Donations

1,504.68

Cost of Regalia Sold	136.65
Equipment	
Insurance	1,396.00
Per Capita Paid	
Per Capita Chapter Paid	831.00
Per Capita Commandery Paid	2,804.00
Per Capita Council Paid	712.50
TOTAL Per Capita Paid	4,347.50
Sessions	7,331.34
Supplies, bus.	237.09
Unidentified Expense	946.63
Wages/Stipend	2,500.00
TOTAL OUTFLOWS	18,399.89
OVERAL TOTAL	(3,373.82)

File Number: 11832923

Non-Profit Corporation Articles

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF Grand York Rite of Utah

We, the undersigned natural persons all being of the age of eighteen years or more, acting as incorporators under the Utah Revised Nonprofit Corporation Act, adopt the following Articles of Incorporation for such Corporation:

Article I

Name

The name of the corporation is Grand York Rite of Utah

Article II <u>Purpose</u>

Nonprofit Fraternal Organization

To engage in any and all other lawful purposes, activities and pursuits, which are substantially similar to the foregoing and which are or may hereafter be authorized by Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and are consistent with those powers described in the Utah Nonprofit Corporation and Cooperation Association Act, as amended and supplemented.

Article III Name and Address of Registered Agent

The address of the corporation's initial registered office shall be:

116 Dory Lane Stansbury Park, UT 84074

The corporation's initial registered agent at such address shall be:

David Read

State of Utah Department of Commerce Division of Corporations & Commercial Code This certifies that this registration has been filed and approved on 2, July 2020 in the office of the Division and hereby issues this Certification thereof. JASON STERZER **Division Director**



Lawrence R. Rodriguez Most Excellent Grand High Priest Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Utah



P. Marty Martineau Most Illustrious Grand Master Grand Council Cryptic Masons of Utah



Douglas J. Backes Right Eminent Grand Commander Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Utah

For Immediate Distribution:

July 22, 2020

To All York Rite Masons of Utah:

Please be advised that effective immediately, Companion/Sir Knight Kelly Allred has been appointed Asst. Grand Treasurer for Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Utah, Grand Council Cryptic Masons of Utah and Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Utah.

Take due notice and govern yourself accordingly,

Yours in Christ,

David J. Read, Sr. KTCH Grand Secretary/Recorder Grand York Rite of Utah 116 Dory Lane Stansbury Park, Utah, 84074 413-265-5054 Davidjread62@gmail.com

Cc; file 2020

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

APPEALS AND GRIEVANCES REPORT

Nothing to report

AUDITING COMMITTEE

No report submitted

JOINT BYLAWS

No report submitted

CREDENTIALS REPORT OF JOINT SESSIONS ONE MAN ONE VOTE- All Only Counted Once

Date, August 1, 2020

No voting required.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Officers and Member of the Grand York Rite of Utah

During the past Grand York Rite Session it was decided to move our Merrill Lynch Funds to Baird, so to be in line with the Gil Crill fund, the funds of Grand Lodge of Utah and the Masonic Foundation of Utah, but due to complications with our articles of incorporation that has not happened and also due to our change in Grand Records of the Knights Templar body, we have not received reports from this Merrill Lynch Report for the past year. The General Fund and these funds that are entrusted to us the Finance committee should be better managed with Audits, Budgets and regular Finance meetings, at least on a quarterly basis, but currently that is not happening. It is my recommendation that the move to Baird be accomplished in the next Quarter and the other items mentioned above also be moved forward on in the coming year. It is my hope that the health of our members and the community at-large will facilitate that.

I will be reporting only the Merrill Lynch Funds that we are responsible to invest and manage:

April 30 2019 \$81,602.42

April 30 2020 \$74.940.38 or an decrease or loss of \$6662.04

Which is not as good as we did last year, with what was a horrible past few months, we can only hope to recover in the coming months as the state of our country also settles down.

We the Finance Committee of the Grand York Rite of Utah want to thank the Grand Secretary/ Recorder of Utah for his endurance to get us the necessary data from our investment Advisor at Merrill Lynch Jacob Brown, he has advised us well throughout the year, not allowing us to sit with too much cash, un-invested.

Fraternally, Charles Persinger, Chairman Gerald J. Everett KYGCH, PGC Jay Mitchell Douglas J Backes REGC P Marty Martineau Jr. MIGM Lawrence R. Rodriguez MEGHP David J Read Sr, Ex Officio TJ Robertson, Ex Officio

FRATERNAL RELATIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE

No report submitted

INTERNET COMMUNICATIONS

No report submitted

JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

See reports in individual sessions.

MEMBERSHIP

No report submitted

NECROLOGY REPORT

Kenneth Milton Neuschwander 1923 – 2020

Ken was born on February 15, 1923 in Big Stone, South Dakota to Arthur and Mildred LaFountain Neuschwander. He married Jane Edgeworth on June 23, 1954. He passed away on March 6, 2020.

Ken is survived by his three children: Joseph Neuschwander, Kathy Johnson, and James Neuschwander; grandsons, Lee and AJ Neuschwander; and his niece, Marie Neuschwander.

Charles Earl Prisk AKA Big Earl - Big E. 1933 - 2019

Born Aug 22, 1933, the oldest of two sons born to Martha H Culp & Charles Leander (Lee) Prisk, has passed away on Dec 25, 2019 in Salt Lake City, Ut (86 yrs old) due to heart complications.

Earl graduated from East Highschool Class of 1951, then University of Utah for 2 years of Pharmacy.

Earl married Marylyn Milar in 1955. They had two beautiful children, Roger and LeeAnn. They divorced years later, but have remained friendly. Earl was employed most of his early life in the family pharmacy business -Prescription Pharmacy Boston Building - Medical Arts Pharmacy Medical Arts Building until being sold in 1976.

While working at the pharmacy, he helped organize & participated in the SLC Police Reserve Program and the Citizen Observation Program (COPS). Earl then managed a service station and then Western Paper Co. He was then employed by the SLC International Airport Authority as an Operations Officer. This then became Airport Police Dept (NOT TSA). He was looked on as fair to all & as a cuddly bear.

It was here that Earl met and later married the love of his life, Christine Recksiek and her three children as though they were his - Emily, Greg & Geoff.

When Earl retired in 1998 he wanted a Cadillac or a Town Car, instead he got a power chair. He said he didn't know whether he was disabled or

handicapped. He just knew he was disappointed. After his retirement he worked still at the Airport for the Utah Visitor's and Info Desk until 2007. The oldest Past Grand Master (1976). During all this time, he was very active in all areas of Masonry. M.C. Demolay, Chevalier, Legion of Honor- P.A.G. Jobs daughter Bethel #19-32 degree Scottish Rite - El Kalah Shrine - P.P OES #5 - P.M. Kaibab Lodge #25 (1967) York Rite Red Cross - <u>P.GR</u>. High Priest - <u>P.GR</u>. Illustrious Master (1982) - <u>P.GR</u>. Commander (1978) P.G. Master of Masons - 1976 Bicentennial.

Earl loved Hunting, traveling, old cars, and looking forward to shopping.

He is preceded in death by both parents. He is survived by by his beautiful and devoted wife who also took upon the responsibility as his care giver for many years, his brother Glenn Prisk (Erika), his two children, Roger Prisk (Eileen) and LeeAnn Castro and his three step children, Emily Morrow (Kenny Morrow), Greg Moore (Jill Moore), Geoff Moore (Jamie Porter). Plus his three grandchildren, a nephew and numerous great grandchildren.

Wayne Motley 1940 ~ 2020

Wayne Motley passed away at home in Midvale on June 28th of natural causes. Born in Colorado Springs, Colorado to John Walter Motley and Georgia Azalia Dolbeare.

The family moved to Ogden Utah in the early 40's where his father worked as an engineer for the U.P. Railroad and where he and his sister Laura were raised and educated.

He was first married to Reita Campion, with whom he had four children. He and Reita subsequently divorced after which he married Judy Jamison in 1972.

He was employed for over 30 years with Sperry/Univac (later to become Unisys) as the Manager of the Document Control group. He was an avid slot-car and model car enthusiast and from 1969 - 1971 he owned and operated 'The Slot Spot Raceway' in Murray. He later opened the 'Hobby Hut' on Vine Street in Murray where he sold Model and RC cars.

Wayne was also a dedicated practitioner of Freemasonry holding many positions over his years of service and participation. Beginning as a member

of the Order of DeMoley as a youth in Ogden, he later served with and was an accepted member of the Twin Peaks Lodge No 32 serving in numerous Lodge positions receiving the Hiram Award in 2007. He was also a member of the Knights Templar, the Scottish Rite, the Grand Lodge of Utah, the Royal Arch and the El Kalah Temple.

Wayne is survived by Judy, his wife of 48 years, his stepson and daughter in-law (Dave & Jen Yates), two son's: Stephen and Jon, as well as nine grandchildren and ten great grandchildren. Preceded in death by daughters Debora and April.

Melvin Robert (Mel) Walker 1927 ~ 2020

Melvin Robert (Mel) Walker, 93, passed away peacefully on January 31, 2020.

He was born on January 16, 1927, at the family home in Elm Creek, Nebraska, the first of four children of J. Robert Walker and Blanche Veal Walker. He was raised on a dairy farm, so he learned hard work at an early age. He graduated from Pine Bluffs Wyoming High School in 1945, where he participated in basketball, football, and track, and band.

He met the love of his life, Dona Joy Miller, in Pine Bluffs. They were married on January 9, 1949, at The First United Methodist Church in Ogden, Utah.

Mel served in the United States Army Signal Corps from 1945 to 1946. He was employed by the Department of Defense at Hill Air Force Base from August 1947 to October 1950. He transferred to the post office in Ogden, where he worked mostly at the Railway Mail Terminal until he transferred back to Hill AFB in November of 1965. He managed the landing gear for the C-130 aircraft until 1976. He retired as Section Chief in the Services Section of the F-16 on January 1, 1983.

Mel was active in all facets of the Masonic family, locally and throughout the state. He was a member of Unity Lodge #18 F&AM for 64 years. He served as Worshipful Master in 1971 and 2006. He received the Hiram Award from The Grand Lodge of Utah in 1986. He was a member of the Ogden York Rite bodies, Scottish Rite of the Valley of Salt Lake, where he received the 33rd Degree Honorary in 1999 and was a Master of

Kadosh. Mel was an advisor for the Ogden Chapter of De Molay and was a member of the De Molay Legion of Honor. He was a Past Patron of Miriam Chapter #14, O.E.S. as well as Past Associate Guardian of Job's Daughters, Bethel #14. He was very active in El Kalah Shrine, where he served as Potentate in 1991. He was Past President of The Oriental Band, where he played for 36 years; and was Past President of The Ogden Shrine Club. Mel was an Emeritus Member of The Shriners Hospital for Children, and an Emeritus Member, Endowments, Wills, and Gifts, at Imperial Shrine.

Mel was a past member of the Ogden Elks, HAFB Officers Club, and El Kalah Jesters. He was a board member and Past President of the Masonic Fraternal Home Association. Mel was a member of the First United Methodist Church since 1948.

Mel was very proud of his family and did much traveling with Dona to 49 states and 17 foreign countries. He loved telling jokes and being with happy people. He has spent the last several years with his dear companion, Phyllis Combe.

Mel is preceded in death by his wife; Dona, parents, sisters; Carolyn McDowell and Marilyn Sisson, son Gerry, and two grandchildren.

He leaves behind his three sons, Dan (Elaine), Randy, Bruce (Patty), and daughter Diane (Lowell) Minchey, his sister Bonnie Hunter (LaVerne) Red Lodge, MT, nine grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

Charles Hardenbrook 1944 ~ 2020

I strive to seek, to find but not to yield.

Known by family and many friends as Charlie (or Chas) he has been retired for the past many years. He dedicated his best years to the US Air Force and the Department of Defense, as an aircraft mechanic and a process engineer, where there is no doubt he acquired Multiple Myeloma.

With no protective equipment he was constantly being soaked in chemicals such as: Toluene, 1-1-1Trichloroethylene, Benzyltrimethyl, Ammonium Hydroxide, Methanol, Methyl Ethyl Ketone, Polyurethane, Zinc Chromate, Epoxies, etc. and etc. Of course he would like to bring this to the attention of the "Great Wizard Government" so that those who choose this profession in the future will have the protection of the Center for Disease Control (CDC) and the food and Drug Administration (FDA) or any other "watch dog" that might actually care. Yet again, maybe it was Agent Orange from serving in Vietnam. Whatever the reason, his DNA was altered forever (and not in any good way.)

Charlie loved to ski (he was an instructor for Snow Basin), play racquetball, ride his motorcycle and his 10-speed bike...up until the time that he could no longer function due to the invasion of the cancer cells in his bloodstream and ultimately his bones. It was a fight he would rather not have been engaged in but what do you do when your appetite for life is just about to be fulfilled by a promising retirement only to have those dreams dashed when you realize it is not going to be the "Golden Years." He sure was pissed off - but mighty determined to "fight the fight" with the possibility of quantity and a measure of quality as a reward. He won himself additional years, which have been spent pushing the envelope. He was mesmerized by the reality show "Survivor" and under any other circumstance would definitely have been a contestant!

There were four marriages with the last being "the best of all the game" with Kimberlee Madison. There were two sons by his first marriage. (Let it be known they both have the same mother.) His eldest son Kenneth is married to Wendy and they have two daughters (Shari and Christine) and two granddaughters (Wendy and Vera.) At the time, there is no clue where son Steven might be. Last time the scoundrel showed up it was on the 10 o'clock news after a high speed chase.

Charlie's immediate family has preceded him in death. His parents Lee and Vera joined the great roundup some time ago. His only sibling and brother Larry joined them only a short time ago. So a family reunion is in order.

From this time forward Charlie can be found wandering any available ski slope or searching for arrowheads in a desert. He is hoping transportation will be a thought process, but if not, he'll be looking for a Harley Davidson and sleek red AC Cobra. And, because his eyesight will definitely have improved, he wants to fly the 1944 version of a British Spitfire...like the American John Gillespie Magee, Jr. "High Flight" "Oh! I have slipped the surly bonds of Earth-Put out my hand and touched the Face of God."

Don Romrell 1972 ~ 2019

Born Nov. 10, 1972 to Lee Romrell and Dian Bulkley Stewart in Salt Lake City, Utah. He passed away at the University of Utah Hospital, Oct. 4, 2019 of an apparent heart attack. Don spent his younger years in West Valley City. Don was very artistic, and drawing was a real joy to him. He attended the local schools, including Granger High School.

Don served an LDS Mission in Illinois. He had a great love for the people in that area. He attended the University of Utah and Steven Henager's college studying Computer Science. He enjoyed being an El Kalam Shriner and a Mason, and helping young children at the Shriner hospital. He participated in the parade for the Shriners for several years. He had a great compassion for the patients there.

Don married Catherine Nelson Nov. 13, 1998 in Salt Lake City. Later divorced.

Don had a military forum site and enjoyed computer graphics. He had a love for weapons of all types and loved Dungeons and Dragons games, and collected comics along with Star Wars items. He and his older brother, Greg, could get into trouble together faster than a person could blink. They spent many days each year hunting and fishing with their grandpa Ralph. Don loved his family and friends very much. He had a great love for the outdoors, but also loved doing things on the computer.

He is survived by his brother, Greg Jonas; his parents, Lee and Dian; step dad, Terry H. Stewart; step mother, Martha Romrell; grandfather and grandmother, Ralph and Ramona Bulkley; step brothers, Kristopher and Kyle Stewart; half brother, Craig Romrell (Charla); half sisters, Loni Hernandez (Adam), Amy Lawrence (Andrew), Emilee Hawkins (Trent); step sisters, Penny and Kristen Jonas, Brittney Woolboy (Harry), Katie Betts (Sean), Camille Campbell; and step brother, Jordan Campbell. Preceded in death by his step dad, Greg Jonas; step mother, Glenda Romrell; grandmother, Nola Bulkley; and his uncle, Michael Bulkley, Deeon Bulkley.

ARTHUR KRISS 1936 ~ 2019

Arthur Irvin Kriss, 82, passed away July 25, 2019. He was born August 18, 1936 in South Norfolk, Virginia to Arthur Martin and Helen Estelle Dunning Kriss. He married Margaret LaVon Bellotte on June 17, 1957.

Arthur joined the U.S. Air Force in March of 1954. After his career in the Air Force, he worked in Civil Service at Nellis Air Force Base and the Nellis Test Range. He completed his distinguished career in the mid '90's and began travelling with his loving wife. They toured the U.S and the world together. They settled in Hurricane, Utah in 2004 and shared their lives surrounded by great friends and family.

Arthur is survived by his wife, LaVon; children, Roberta (Dennis), of Las Vegas; Irvin (Zylkia), of Fort Lauderdale, FL; and James (Heidi), of Las Vegas; 10 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

George L. Poate 1951~ 2019

George, 67, passed away on May 23, 2019, in Salt Lake City, from COPD complicated by a recent fall. He is survived by his wife, Shirley Poate, daughter Alicia Bryie (Adam), son G Daniel Poate (Metra), grandsons Jack and Andrew, granddaughter Persephone, sister Rolayne Fairclough (John), brother Chris Poate (Carole), niece Tanya (Allan) and nephew Chad (Amanda). Preceded in death by parents and nephew, Arthur Fairclough.

Kelly A Hansel

Passed away 3/25/2020 He was a member of the Ogden York Rite Chapter and Council No information could be found

Dennis Reese

Passed away 11/5/19 He was a member of the Midvale York Rite bodies. No information could be found

On behalf of the Masonic Family, our deepest sympathy goes out to the families of those we have lost throughout the year

Sincerely & Fraternally

Eminent Grand Prelate Chris Young

REGIONAL CONFERENCES

No report submitted

ANNUAL RETURNS OF CONSTITUENT BODIES

REPORT OF RETURNS OF CONTITUENT BODIES						
(CONTINUED)						
	Total due all	Submitted				
KMMM	NA	NA				
SPHC	\$330.00	\$330.00				
Ogden	\$1,093.00	\$1,053.00				
SLC	\$3,085.00	\$3,085.00				
Midvale	\$1,364.00	\$1,364.00				
Provo	\$758.00	\$758.00				
Price	\$864.50	\$864.50				
St. Geo.	\$852.00	\$755.00				
Totals	\$8,346.50	\$8,209.50				

*See detailed reports in sections for each body.

TIME AND PLACE

The committee has secured a contract with the University Marriot Hotel for the 2021 Annual Sessions for May 6-9 and hope that the health situation will allow for in-person meeting.

TRIENNIAL CONCLAVE

No report submitted

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business

VESPERS MESSAGE

Due to the nature of the virtual meeting this year, no Vesper Service was held.

YOUTH

Companions/Sir Knights,

I submit this report for the Youth Committee for the 2019-2020 York Rite Year.

As I was the only Youth Committee member appointed to the Youth Committee, that I know of, we did not meet this year. However, I have interacted frequently with both Ogden Chapter De Molay as well as Bethel 2, Job's Daughters.

Respectfully submitted, Timothy L. Stenner Illustrious Grand Sentinel/Youth Committee Member for Grand Council of Utah

OTHER REPORTS

GRAND YORK RITE TRUST REPORT

Companions and Sir Knights,

Herewith is the report of the Board of Trustees of the Grand York Rite of Utah Trust for the period since the last Grand York Rite Sessions 2019

Last year 2019 we finished at \$361,643. Due to the Covid-19 epidemic our investments in the second quarter took a substantial hit as low as \$292,448 at one time. I am pleased to say that we have recovered most of that and YTD stand at \$348,665. Just down \$12,978.

I again thank the expertise of Alex Wheeler of RW Baird and the invest strategy adopted by this Board. None of us knowing what is coming in the next few months still makes me feel better with Alex at the controls.

We have granted only disbursements for administrative tallies against the trust such as Secretaries stipend, supplies and the Accounting firm.

Alex Wheeler of RW Baird should be scheduling a virtual meeting with us soon to go over and possibly modify the investment strategy with all the aforementioned uncertainty in the world.

We continue to work with Companion Benjamin Young to handle our tax returns, etc. All tax returns, etc. are currently being prepared yet not filed as of this date for 2019. Thanks, Covid.

We anticipate costs for the 2020-2021 year will be similar with previous requests and we again urge the incoming presiding officers to determine their funding wants and needs following these Sessions and that they meet with the elected Board Members as soon as possible to discuss and finalize these requests.

As an aside we are always willing to help aide and assist The Grand York Rite and would please ask the Grand Bodies that they prepare their budgets accordingly for items requested not in the spirit of the Trust's mission.

We wish to thank the York Rite Bodies for the opportunity to serve, Chuck Warren our Secretary and we will continue to administer our Trust to the best of our abilities.

Fraternally Submitted, John C. Liley, Jr. Chairman Drew C. Sander Vice Chairman Frank C. Baker Trustee Dean D. Rein Trustee David Reed GSRec Lawrence Rodriguez MEGHP P. Marty Martineau, Jr. MIGM Douglas J. Backes REGC

YORK RITE COLLEGE REPORT

No report submitted.



109th ANNUAL CONCLAVE GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF UTAH

Saturday, August 1, 2020

Virtual Conference Salt Lake City, Utah

GRAND COMMANDERY

COMMANDERY MINUTES 110th ANNUAL CONCLAVE GRAND COMMANDERY K. T. UTAH August 1, 2020 Virtual Conference, Salt Lake City, UT

The Conclave was declared open by RE Grand Commander Douglas J Backes at 9:35 a.m.

Roll Call of attending officers and Past Grand Commanders was conducted.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the Proceedings from 2019 as published. The motion was approved.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the Reports of Officers and Committees for 2020 as printed. The motion was approved.

A number of legislation items were presented as follows:

*A change to the Uniform Standards pertaining to shoulder straps which was approved.

*An amendment to change the reporting year from April 1 to March 31 to January 1 to December 31 which was approved.

*A housekeeping amendment to Section 2-25 AMENDMENTS was approved.

*A change to the Uniform Standards pertaining to the Dress Cap was approved.

RE Grand Commander Douglas J. Backes presented his report was approved. Dean D. Rein, representing the Jurisprudence Committee presented the Report on Actions/Activities of the Grand Commander which was approved.

The Credentials Report was given by Timothy Stenner indicating that there were 44 eligible voters present. Elections were held with the following results:

Jay	N.	Mit	chell			Right	Eminent	Grand
Comn	nande	r						
Jason	C. Va	rner.			Very E	E. Deputy	Grand Com	mander
Charle	es	C.	Warren,	Sr			E.	Grand
Gener	alissii	no						
Reed	B. Far	nning				E. Gra	and Captain	General
Kelly	Allree	1					.E. Grand T	reasurer
David	J. Re	ad Sr					.E. Grand R	lecorder

Dean D. Rein, Southwest Department Commander, provided words of greetings and updates from the Grand Encampment. The Utah College of Honors award, Knight Commander of the Temple, was awarded to SK Michael D. Shipler.

Jeffrey N Nelson, ME Grand Master of the Grand Encampment and RE Grand Generalissimo David J. Kussman also provided addressed the conclave.

Appointed officers are as follows:

Timothy L. Stenner	E. Grand Senior Warden
Christopher C. Young	E. Grand Junior Warden
Monte K. Anderson	E. Grand Prelate
O. Blake Hansen	E. Grand Standard Bearer
Charles I. Young	E Grand Sword Bearer
Treavor Wilkinson,,,,	E Grand Warder
Daniel A. Drew	E. Grand Sentinel
Lorenzo Tibbitts	E. Grand Aide de Camp
Michael D. Shipler	E Grand Inspector General

The Grand Officers were installed by installing officers: SK Dean D. Rein, PGC SK Brian Hastings, PGC SK Michael Shipler, PGC

The Conclave was put into recess by RE Commander Mitchell.

GRAND COMMANDERY OFFICERS

(* denotes present, e	e denotes excused)
*Douglas J. Backes	Right Eminent Grand Commander
*Jay N. Mitchell	Very E. Deputy Grand Commander
*Jason C. Varner	E. Grand Generalissimo
*Charles Warren, Sr	E. Grand Captain General
*Reed B. Fanning	E. Grand Senior Warden
*Timothy L. Stenner	E. Grand Junior Warden
e Christopher C. Young	
e T. J. Robertson	E. Grand Treasurer
*Kelly Allred	E. Assistant Grand Treasurer
*David J. Read Sr	
*Monte Anderson	E. Grand Standard Bearer
*O. Blake Hansen	E Grand Sword Bearer
e Charles I. Young	E Grand Warder
*Treavor Wilkinson	
*Danny Drew	E. Grand Aide de Camp
*P Marty Martineau, Jr	E Grand Inspector General

K.T. COMMITTEES

*denotes chairman

KT CROSS OF HONOR

Howard L. Hastings* TJ Robertson

KT EYE FOUNDATION

Jason C. Varner* All Constituent Commanders

KT MAGAZINE SUPPLEMENT

Jay N. Mitchell* Charles E. Warren, Sr Constituent Commanders & Recorders

KT EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

Jason C. Varner* Grand Heads of York Rite Bodies

KT HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE

Jay N. Mitchell* All Constituent Commanders

VESPER SERVICES

Jason Mair* Charles E. Warren, Sr All Constituent Prelates

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John L. Elwell Jr.	1995	Brian J. Hastings*	2009
J. C. McLaughlin	1996	Charles G. Sipes*	2010
Richard H. Simons	1999	Dean D. Rein*	2012
Blaine H. Simons	2000	Preston Martineau Jr*	2013
Norman A. Smith	2001	TJ Robertson (e)	2015
Terry L. Nay	2003	Robert M Bennett (e)	2016
Gerald Everett	2004	Jeffrey E Hamilton*	2017
Michael D. Shipler*	2006	Lawrence R.	2018
_		Rodriguez*	
Michael L. Busby*	2007	Douglas Backes*	2019
William A. Butterfield*	2008		

PAST GRAND COMMANDERS

*denotes in attendance

**denotes excused

VISITING DIGNITARIES

John Huth, representing SK Douglas Robertson, RE Grand Commander, Grand Commandery of Arizona

Paul Erickson, Associate Grand Prelate, Grand Encampment Knights Templar, United States of America

Sid LeLuan, ME Department Commander, Latin Americans/Caribbean Dean D. Rein, ME Department Commander, Southwest Department

Jeffrey N. Nelson, ME Grand Master, Grand Encampment Knights Templar, United States of America

Richard Kovak, RE Grand Commander, Grand Commandery of Washington

David Kussman, RE Grand Generalissimo, Grand Encampment Knights Templar

John K. March, RE Past Grand Commander, Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania

Clay Hamblen, RW Grand Master, Free & Accepted Masons of Utah.

Utah #1			
	Commander	Kevin Betterton	X
	Generalissimo	Lonnie McCulloch	X
	Captain General	Michael Clark	X
El Monte #	2	·	
	Commander	Jim Lee	Х
	Generalissimo	Monte Anderson	Х
	Captain General	Timothy Stenner	Х
Malta #3			
	Commander	P Marty Martineau	X (Proxy)
	Generalissimo	Bill Mullins	Х
	Captain General	Joseph Mann	Absent
Ivanhoe #5			
	Commander	Daniel Drew	X
	Generalissimo	Lon Tibbets	X
	Captain General	Nick Cleghorn	X
Charles Fre	ed Jennings #6		
	Commander	Daniel Lyons	X
	Generalissimo	John McCurdy	Absent
	Captain General	Daniel Hamilton	X
Golgotha (#7)		
	Commander	Lawrence Rodriguez	Х
	Generalissimo	Charles Young	A (Proxy)
	Captain General	Christopher Young	A (Proxy)

DIAS OFFICERS

(X Denotes present)

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

REPORT OF THE GRAND COMMANDER

It was an honor and privilege to serve the Grand Commandery of Utah as Right Eminent Grand Commander for the 2019-2020 term. This year has presented many unique challenges not just for Knights Templars but also for all of Freemasonry and the entire world. The COVID-19 pandemic prompted both the Grand Master of the Grand Encampment and the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Utah to issue edicts ending large gatherings and meetings. As your EGC, I honored these edicts not only out of Masonic obligation but also for the well-being of our membership. Many of our members are more seasoned and can be placed at great risk by meeting in large groups.

The pandemic has caused a serious disruption in the business of the Grand Commandery and for the Grand York Rite Sessions of Utah. In discussions with our Grand High Priest and Grand Illustrious Master, we agreed first to move the date of our meeting from early May to mid-July. But when it became obvious that any face-to-face meeting was not possible, we agreed to replace the live meeting with the Zoom format. I want to thank our Grand Recorder and the members of the special committee for all their hard work in making this possible. There will obviously be glitches and other issues associated with this inaugural Zoom meeting but we expect to learn from our mistakes and have a smoother meeting if the need arises. My gratitude also goes out to the Grand Commandery Officers for this year. Your support has been most appreciated and L wish all the best

year. Your support has been most appreciated and I wish all the best in the upcoming year. I also want to thank our Southwest Department Commander Dean Rein for all of his support in this unusual year.

The Grand Commandery of Utah and its Sir Knights continue to actively support the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, one of the great charities in Masonry. Utah's support for the KTEF has been disproportionate to our Commandery's size and we should all take great pride in that accomplishment. I was honored on June 7, 2019 to be present when a sizable check was donated to the Moran Eye Center for its continued research into diseases affected vision. I have full confidence that we continue to support such endeavors in the years to come. Our continued support of the Holy Land Pilgrimage is also a cause of pride for our Grand Commandery.

I was honored to participate in the Honor Guard for the Job's Daughters Pageant on September 14, 2019 and thank my fellow Sir Knights for their participation. I could not attend the Southwest Regional in Las Vegas due to conflicts but did attend the Northwest Regional in Boise on October 18-19 2019. I met many fellow Knights and learned a great deal of information about both our Fraternity and charity. The highlight of my year was participating in the installation of Sir Knight Clay Hamblen as Grand Master for the Grand Lodge of Utah on February 1st, 2020 in the Salt Lake Masonic Temple. I also participated in various York Rite degrees in February and March as we continue our efforts to reinstitute the York Rite Festival. We were unable to finish the Commandery orders as they were scheduled for April.

A disappointment for me this year was the cancellation of many visitations to our local Commanderies. My schedule was weighted towards the spring and with the exception of Midvale (November 20) and Ogden (March 2), I was not able to meet with my fellow Sir Knights. It was also disappointing that our Easter Observances were also cancelled this year.

Bylaw Changes:

During my 2019-2020 term there was one request for a By-law Change:

El Monte #2 Commandery of Ogden passed a change of their by-laws. The members voted to amend that portion of Article VII Sec 2 regarding annual dues to read as follows: The annual dues of the members shall be Forty (\$40.00) payable in advance on or before the first day of January of each year. This change was presented to me on October 1, 2019. After reviewing the change, I approved the by-law change.

Dispensations:

During the course of 2019-2020 I issued the following dispensation: March 8, 2020: Provo York Rite Bodies requested to move their March meeting from the 19^{th} to the 26^{th} and the April meeting from the 16^{th} to the 23^{rd} . This was in response to conflicts with other Masonic events. The dispensation was granted.

Special Convocations:

The Grand Council was not opened in the interim between the 90th convocation in May, 2019 and the 91st convocation in August, 2020. I am encouraged by the enthusiasm of many of our Commanderies and Sir Knights. I am continuously impressed by the quality of our degree work. The Orders of Commandery (especially the Order of the Temple) are among the most impressive rituals in Masonry and our continued excellence in presenting them shines as an example to other Masonic Bodies. I am also encouraged by the local York Rite bodies that conducted Zoom meetings throughout the year. This may become the new normal and by moving forward in this area, we will be better prepared for any future disruptions.

There are still several areas of concern with the state of York Rite Masonry in Utah. Particularly, poor attendance has caused meetings to be cancelled or official business not be conducted. On one occasion, a meeting only occurred because the visiting Grand Commandery Officers brought the number present to the necessary prerequisite. We need to promote our meetings to our inactive Knights. We need to give them reasons to leave their homes for the evening to join with u such as fellowship, ritual and education. I was also disappointed that there were no nominations for the KTCH award and therefore have decided not to give one out this year. The other York Rite Grand bodies have had similar problems over the year with participation in these awards. These are important awards and need to be bestowed on worthy Knights. It is therefore very important that the local bodies send in nominees for the committee to analyze.

In conclusion, thank-you for privilege of serving this past year. I offer my assistance to my successor and will work for the benefit and continued success for Grand Commandery of Utah and the York Rite in Utah.

Sincerely and Fraternally Douglas J. Backes Right Eminent Grand Commander Grand Commandery of Utah

V. E. DEPUTY GRAND COMMANDER

The following presentations were made to all Utah Chapters either in person before the Covid-19 pandemic or via email after the pandemic.

Knights Templar Holy Land Pilgrimage

As Knights Templar we have a duty to support and defend the Christian Religion. As part of that duty Knights Templar of Utah have for many years been sending full time, ordained ministers from various denominations to the Holy Land. The purpose is to strengthen Christian ministry by providing an intensive travel and study program. Experience tells us how much the opportunity to "walk where Jesus walked" can positively affect the preaching, teaching, and spirituality of Christian Ministers. It is our plan to immerse the Pilgrim ministers in the land, the sights, the sounds, the history and the cultures of the Holy Land, past and present.

Your immediate concern is that you take care of yourselves and your family during this trying time. If you are able we need to remember our charities and contribute what we are able. Even a small amount will help so if you are able please send what you can to our Grand Secretary/Recorder: CHECKS MADE OUT TO: Grand York Rite of Utah Mailed to: Grand York Rite C/o David Read 116 Dory Lane Stansbury Park, UT, 84074

We have raised enough funds to send a minister and we are going through the selection process. We do need to continue raising funds for this worthwhile program.

Thank you for your support and peace be with you.

Jay Mitchell, Deputy Grand Commander

EMINENT GRAND GENERALISSIMO

As per the Code of the Grand Commandery of Utah I hereby submit the report of my actions and activities as the Grand Generalissimo during the 2019-2020 Grand Commandery year.

During my term as Grand Generalissimo I was at no time called upon to make decisions or recommendations in the absence of the Grand Commander or the Deputy Grand Commander.

During my term as Grand Generalissimo I attended many masonic activities. The following Masonic functions of importance to this report are:

2019
17-19 Oct – NW YR Boise / Acon
20-22 Oct – Colorado River Festival
2 Nov – Honors
8- Nov – Louisville KY SRICF
20 Nov – KT/Chapter visitation Midvale 7:30
23 Nov – id SRICF
I did not attend the Southwest Department Conference due to a masonic conflict but did attend the Northwest Department Conference.
2020
5-9 Feb – Masonic Week DC
Acon, Athelstan, KM, AMD, HRAKTP, Operatives
15 Feb – KM/KYCH DD
5 Mar – AMD UT 544

Thank you to my Commanderies and other masonic bodies I belong to for their continued support as I travel along this path of leadership.

Courteously submitted, Jason C. Varner Grand Generalissimo

EMINENT GRAND CAPTAIN GENERAL

This past year began with a series of fun and interesting activities. In early October we attended the 4-Corners York Rite in Winslow, AZ. This was followed in mid-October by the Colorado River Fall Festival in Laughlin, NV. We opened the month of November in Las Vegas, NV attending the Southwest Reginal Conference. In early December we attended the York Rite meeting of the St. George, UT bodies. As has become our custom, we attended and participated in the Malta Commandery #3 Annual Christmas celebration in Midvale, UT. As is always the case, all of these activities were very enjoyable and gave us the opportunity to renew old friendships and make some new ones.

There was very little other activity to report this past year 2019-2020, due to the Coronavirus -19 pandemic. All Masonic functions that required meeting or gathering were curtailed early in the second quarter of 2020 due to the pandemic and, by edict of our Grand Master of Utah, all activities, few as they were, had to be conducted via virtual means. We can only hope and pray the pandemic subsides soon and we can return to normalcy, however, that may evolve.

Sincerely and fraternally submitted, Charles E. warren, Sr Grand Captain General

	КТ	#	Per capita (\$15)	Fees (\$2.50)	Total	KTEF	HLP
SPHC	Cm. #0	22	\$330.00		\$330.00		
Ogden	Cm. #2	35	\$540.00	\$5.00	\$545.00	\$4.00	
SLC	Cm. #1	103	\$1,545.00		\$1,545.00	\$77.00	
Midvale	Cm #3	44	\$660.00		\$660.00	\$13.00	
Provo	Cm. #5	24	\$360.00		\$360.00	\$24.00	
Price	Cm. #6	35	\$425.00	\$2.50	\$427.50	\$3.00	
St. Geo.	Cm. #7	28	\$420.00	\$7.50	\$427.50		
Totals		291	\$4,280.00	\$15.00	\$4,295.00	\$121.00	

ANNUAL RETURNS SUMMARY – KT

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY April 1, 2019 to December 31, 2019

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	TOTALS	Utah	El	Malta	Ivanhoe	C F J	Golgotha	SPHC #00
		#1	Monte	#3	#5	#6	#7	
			#2					
As of 3/31/19	291	105	37	46	20	36	27	20
Knighted	5	0	2	0	2	1	3	0
Omitted	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
Affiliated		0	0	0	0	0	1	2
Restored	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Total Gain	14	0	3	0	4	1	4	2
Error	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Deceased	6	1	3	1	0	0	1	0
Demitted	5	0	1	1	0	2	1	0
Suspended	2	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
Total Loss	12	2	5	2	0	0	3	0
As of 12/31/19	291	103	35	44	24	35	28	22
Net Gain	0	-2	-2	-2	4	-1	1	2
(Loss)								

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

CREDENTIALS REPORT

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE REPORT

See Deputy Grand Commander report.

JURISPRUDENCE

The Jurisprudence Committee has reviewed the report of actions and activities of the Grand Commander during the 2019-2020 year, and has the following to report:

The dispensations granted to Constituent Commanderies to hold special conclaves to conduct business due to scheduling conflicts were proper and within the authority of the Grand Commander. The approval of amended by-laws of Constituent Commanderies were proper and within the authority of the Grand Commander.

The Grand Commander is to be commended for his travels to Constituent Commanderies and conduct his official visits. The Jurisprudence Committee agrees with the Grand Commander's remarks regarding the pandemic and the effect it had on his inability to complete all of his visitations during his term.

No other actions taken by the Grand Commander required review by the Jurisprudence Committee.

Respectfully submitted, Dean D. Rein, KCT

LEGISLATION

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO SECTION 2-25 AMENDMENTS

Whereas the <u>Section 2-25 AMENDMENTS</u> appears to have a "cut and paste" error in the last paragraph

And whereas this error does not appear in the Grand Council Cryptic Masons of UT Bylaws.

And whereas the three Grand Bodies should be in accord with bylaw sections pertaining to Joint Committees.

Be it resolved to amend the By-laws **<u>2-25 AMENDMENTS</u>** to read as follows

Section 2-25 AMENDMENTS

AMENDED MAY 1990

All proposed amendments to the Laws relating to Grand Commandery shall be submitted in writing to the Grand Recorder at least forty five days before the next annual communication. At least THIRTY FIVE days before such annual conclave of Grand Commandery the Grand Recorder shall transmit to the Recorders of the several constituent Commanderies of this jurisdiction, and to the members of the Jurisprudence Committee of Grand Commandery, copies of any such proposed amendments.

All proposed amendments shall first be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence for its opinion and report. Any proposed amendment, ruled by the Committee on Jurisprudence to be "not" in proper form, shall not be placed upon the floor of the annual conclave of the Grand Commandery, for vote, until said amendment shall have been put in proper form. Responsibility for "Proper Form" shall be with the author of the amendment.

The Committee on Jurisprudence shall advise the author, or authors, of proposed amendments, prior to the annual conclave, if such amendments are "not in proper form". If the amendment is then approved in annual convocation by a majority of the votes, then such amendment shall become effective. Grand Commandery may suspend the forgoing provisions by two-thirds vote at the Annual Conclave or a Special Conclave called for such Purpose.

CHANGE LAST PARAGRAPH TO READ:

The Committee on Jurisprudence shall advise the author, or authors, of proposed amendments, prior to the annual conclave, if such amendments are "not in proper form". After "proper form" is satisfied, if the amendment is then approved in annual convocation by a majority of the votes, then such amendment shall become effective. Grand Commandery may suspend the forgoing provisions by two-thirds vote at the Annual Conclave or a Special Conclave called for such Purpose.

Respectfully Submitted, P. Marty Martineau Jr, KCT, KYGCH, PGC

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO SECTION 3-12 RECORDER

Whereas the Constituent Commanderies work on a calendar year and dues are collected for said calendar year.

And whereas Recorders are required to submit the annual returns based on the prescribed Grand Commandery requirements of April 1 to March 31.

And whereas the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar, USA uses the data contained in the MMS as of December 31 for computing assessments to each Grand Commandery.

Be it resolved to amend the By-laws: <u>3-12 Recorder</u>

Current:

Section 3-12 Recorder amended May 1991

To transmit to the Grand Recorder, <u>on or before April 10th of each year</u>, its Annual Returns, in such form as shall be prescribed by the Grand Commandery, covering the immediately preceding period April 1st to March 31st, both inclusive, together with all sums due the Grand Commandery.

To read:

To transmit to the Grand Recorder, <u>on or before January 15th of each year</u>, its Annual Returns, in such form as shall be prescribed by the Grand Commandery, covering the immediately preceding period January 1st to

December 31st, both inclusive, together with all sums due the Grand Commandery.

Submitted, P. Marty Martineau Jr, KCT, KYGCH, PGC

PROPOSED CHANGE TO THE "KNIGHT TEMPLAR UNIFORM REGULATIONS FOR CONSTITUENT COMMANDERIES OF UTAH" – SHOULDER STRAPS

Whereas the Knight Templar uniform regulations for the state of Utah are to make sure that we have conformity to the uniforms so prescribed.

And whereas the Knight Templar uniform is first and foremost a uniform

And whereas the uniform of a Sir Knight below the rank of Captain General looks more like a suit and less like a uniform

And whereas the shoulder straps on the dress uniform add to the overall look of the Knight Templar

And whereas the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar, USA has allowed for the wearing of shoulder straps on the uniforms of all Knights Templar

Be it resolved to change the "Knight Templar Uniform Regulations for Constituent Commanderies of Utah" Dress Uniform; Section A

To add sections

For Prelates during incumbency in office:

The entire full dress uniforms AA or AB for Prelate shall be the same as for Generalissimos except for the following may be worn;

Shoulder Straps

The same as for Commanders except that the triple triangle with small Passion Cross in the center may be used instead of the Passion Cross.

For Recorders during incumbency in office:

The entire full dress uniforms AA or AB for Recorder shall be the same as for Generalissimos except for the following may be worn;

Shoulder Straps

The same as for Commanders except the crossed quills in the center may be used instead of the Passion Cross.

For Treasurers during incumbency in office:

The entire full dress uniforms AA or AB for Treasurer shall be the same as for Generalissimos except for the following may be worn;

Shoulder Straps

The same as for Commanders except the crossed keys in the center may be used instead of the Passion Cross.

For Past Deputy Grand Commanders, Past Grand Generalissimos and Past Grand Captains General:

The same as for Grand Commandery officers; except with the initials of the office respectively, to be embroidered in Old English characters, of silver bullion, on the lower end of the strap.

And change the following section to read;

For Sir Knights and Officers Below the Rank of Captain General

The entire full dress uniforms AA or AB for Sir Knights and Officers below the rank of Captain General shall be the same as for Generalissimo, except the Shoulder Straps are Omitted for the following may be worn; Shoulder Straps

Shall be black silk, (1 ³/₄) one and three fourths inches wide by

(4) four inches long, bordered with one row of embroidery, of gilt or real silver bullion (3/8) three-eighths of an inch wide, the cross of red silk bordered with one row of embroidery, of gilt or real silver bullion (1/8") one-eighths wide.

Respectfully Submitted P. Marty Martineau, KCT, KYGCH Past Grand Commander

PROPOSED CHANGE TO THE KNIHT TEMPLAY UNIFORM REGULATIONS – MILITARY STYLE NAVAL DRESS CAPS

Whereas, the Uniform regulations of the Grand Commandery of Utah dictate the allowed uniform for Sir Knights in Utah Commanderies,

and whereas the Uniform Regulation of the Grand Encampment dictates the allowed uniforms for all Grand Commanderies.

Let it be resolved to make clarification in the Uniform Regulations of the Grand Commandery of Utah with regards to the Military style Naval Dress Cap or Pershing Cap.

Whereas, the current Uniform regulation (2014) states,

MILITARY STYLE NAVAL DRESS CAP

In lieu of the chapeau, The Grand Commandery of Utah, has adopted a Military Style Naval Dress Cap of the following description:

For Past Grand Commanders

Military Style Naval Dress Cap with white top, black band, and black visor with one row of gold oak leaves and acorns, metal purple Templar Cross 2 ¹/₄ inches square, fixed to the front of the black band and a gold chin strap attached with gold buttons.

For Grand Commander

Same as above except red Templar Cross.

For Grand Commandery officers

Same as Grand Commander except plain black visor.

For Commanders and Past Commanders

Same as above except with a 1 3/8 x 2-inch red metal Passion Cross trimmed in gold with rays.

For all other Sir Knights

Same as above except using a red metal Passion Cross trimmed in silver with a silver chin strap attached with silver buttons.

Let the Regulation be changed to state the Following;

Pershing style Cap

In lieu of the chapeau, The Grand Commandery of Utah, has adopted a Pershing style Cap of the following description:

For Past Grand Commanders

Pershing style Cap with black or white top, black band, and black visor with one row of gold oak leaves and acorns, metal purple Templar Cross 2 ¹/₄ inches square, fixed to the front of the black band and a gold chin strap attached with gold buttons.

For Grand Commander

Same as above except red Templar Cross.

For Grand Commandery officers

Same as Grand Commander except plain black visor.

For Commanders and Past Commanders

Same as above except with a 1 3/8 x 2-inch red metal Passion Cross trimmed in gold with rays.

For all other Sir Knights

Same as above except using a red metal Passion Cross trimmed in silver with a silver chin strap attached with silver buttons.

This change corrects the description of this headwear in the Uniform Regulation of the Grand Commandery of Utah and brings it in closer conformity with the Uniform Regulations of the Grand Encampment.

Submitted by: Larry "Gunny" Rodriguez, PGC Brian J. Hastings, PGC

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR CROSS OF HONOR COMMITTEE

Right Eminent Grand Commander Backes, it was a pleasure to serve you on your committee for the Knight Templar Cross of Honor. The Knight Templar Cross of Honor award is the highest Honor that can be bestowed upon a Sir Knight, and the nomination and selection of a Sir Knight to receive this Honor is of utmost importance. Those Sir Knights that have been nominated to receive this High Honor in the past are a testament to the importance of this award, and how important it is to select a Sir Knight from this state to be nominated for this award.

Your committee made effort to contact the Grand Recorder and the Recorders of the Constituent Commanderies to ensure that all were aware of the requirements and the deadlines to make nominations for the award. Unfortunately, no nominations for the Knight Templar Cross of Honor were submitted to the committee prior to the stated deadline. Upon contacting the Grand Recorder, it was noted that none had been received by him either. As such, no nomination for the Knight Templar Cross of Honor are being submitted for your consideration.

Right Eminent Grand Commander, it has been an honor and a pleasure to serve on your committee, and hope the very best for your Conclave session.

Yours in Faith, Brian J. Hastings, PGC, Chairman TJ Robertson, PGC

KNIGHT'S TEMPLAR EDUCATION FOUNDATION

At some point in the past the funds of the Knight Templar Education Committee of Utah was transferred to the Grand Encampment due to lack of interest in the program. At this time the Sir Knights were urged to take advantage of the Masonic Foundation of Utah which continues to offer scholarships to students in Utah that wish to pursue higher education at Universities.

The money that was transferred to the Grand Encampment is invested by them and at the end of the 2019 fiscal year Utah's portion stands at \$9,100.29.

If an interest in this program reemerges then the funds can be returned and used for the benefit of students for the purpose of educating students at the university level. However, a minimum balance must be maintained at all times. The amount available due to this restriction would, in my opinion, be minimal and ineffective. Fundraising for donations would be necessary for many years for it to be viable.

Courteously submitted, Jason C. Varner

Appended information to Education Foundation Report KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the USA

Managed Fund Summary January 2017 ~ Jun 2020

Income 324	Apr 2020 7,971	Income 196	May 2020 8,167	Income 106		Jun 2020 8,273
Income (142)	Jan 2020 9,250	Income (432)	Feb 2020 8,817	Income (671)	FEE (500)	Mar 2020 7,646
Income	Oct 2019	Income	Nov 2019	Income		Dec 2019
113.65	9,100.29	106.19	9,206.48	184.84		9,391.32
Income	Jul 2019	Income	Aug 2019	Income		Sep 2019
2.54	8,977.32	(109.20)	8,868.13	118.51		8,986.63
Income	Apr 2019	Income	May 2019	Income		Jun 2019
131.65	8,969.87	(327.21)	8,642.66	332.12		8,974.78
Income	Jan 2019	Income	Feb 2019	Income	Annual Fee	Mar 2019
315.87	8,718.67	99.90	8,818.57	61.66	(42.01)	8,838.22
			Jan 2017	Income		Jan 2018
			7,900.11	1,407.53		9,307.64

Knights Templar Educational Division of Utah

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EYE FOUNDATION

No report submitted

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR MAGAZINE UTAH SUPPLEMENT, EDITOR

I have continued as the editor of the Utah Supplement and have submitted articles each month on various topics. Over the last few months I have focused on articles on background information relating to the holidays that occur for the month the magazine is published.

Respectfully submitted,

Jay Mitchell, Deputy Grand Commander

OTHER REPORTS

SAMUEL PAUL HONORS COMMANDERY #00

Samuel Paul Honors Commandery #00 members met at the Double Tree Suites Hotel on 11 May 2019 at approximately 1710 hours, following the closing of the Annual Grand York Rite Sessions and the Installation of the newly elected and appointed Grand York Rite Officers. In attendance were the following Sir Knight members of this Commandery:

Lawrence R. Rodrigues, GC, Jeffrey E. Hamilton, PGC, T.J. Robertson, PGC, Dean D. Rein, PGC, William A. Butterfield, PGC, Charles E. Warren, Sr., Jay N. Mitchell, Daniel A. Drew, Paul Erickson

Visitors in attendance: David J. Read, Sr GSec/Rec

Commander-elect SK Jay N Mitchell called the meeting to order. The minutes from the 2018 meeting not being readily available, it was moved and seconded and so directed that Recorder SK Warren read those minutes of the next Regular Meeting and email them to all members of SPHC #00.

The Application for Membership of SK Jack M. Harper II, (SC Dept. Commander, GEKT) was read and he was accepted. All fees and dues having been received, SK Harper is now welcomed as a member of SPHC #00. Candidate for Membership Sir Knight David J. Read, Sr. was duly initiated and welcomed. Recorder Warren processed Dues & Fees payments from SK Read and SK Lawrence Rodriguez.

The Financial Report will also be sent out to all members following the meeting. Again, a brief discussion ensured with the Grand Encampment Officers in attendance regarding the charges & fees required of SPHC by Grand Encampment. This matter will continue to be addressed by the incoming officers of SPHC.

The rules for Officer elections were suspended and it was moved and seconded that all Officers move up other than the Recorder and the Treasurer. The Samuel Paul Honors Commandery #00 Officers proposed fr

election and appointment for the ensuing 219-2020 year are as follows:

Commander – SK Jay N. Mitchell Generalissimo – SK David J. Kussman (R.E. Grand Generalissimo, GEKT) Captain General – SK Benjamin L. Young Recorder – SK Charles E. Warren, Sr Treasurer – SK Dean D. Rein – PGC (W=SW Dept. Commander, GEKT) Senior Warden – SK Paul D. Erickson Junior Warden – SK Paul D. Erickson Junior Warden – SK Raymond D. Godeke Standard Bearer – SK William A Garrard, Jr. Sword Bearer – SK Daniel A. Drew Warder – SK Michael B. Johnson (RE Deputy Grand Master, GEKT) Sentinel – SK David J. Read, Sr. Prelate – SK Jack M. Harper, II (SC Dept. Commander, GEKT)

This list will be included in the minutes of this meeting and it was agreed that voting for approval would be via email.

All in attendance agreed that more emphasis should be given to our Annual meeting, and that we should request a <u>dedicated time</u> in the agenda for our meeting, preferably near the beginning of Sessions. This will be requested at the beginning of preparations for the 2020 Annual Grand Sessions.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 1735 hours.

Fraternally submitted, SK Charles E. Warren, SR Recorder

PAST MASTERS ASSOCIATION

Due to the Corona Virus Pandemic, no meetings were held.



108th ANNUAL CONVOCATION GRAND CHAPTER ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF UTAH

Saturday, August 1, 2020

Virtual Conference Salt Lake City, Utah

GRAND CHAPTER

CHAPTER MINUTES

August 1, 2020 Virtual Conference, Salt Lake City, Utah

The 108th Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Utah was declared open by ME Grand High Priest Lawrence "Gunny" Rodriguez.

Roll call was conducted and the initial Credentials report was given indicating 49 eligible votes.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the pre-printed Proceedings be accepted as printed. The motion was approved. A motion was made and seconded to accept the pre-printed reports as printed. The motion was approved.

ME Grand High Priest Lawrence "Gunny" Rodriguez presented his report of activities. The report was approved. The Jurisprudence Committee, represented by Companion Charles Sipes, provided their approval of the report as presented.

Four items of Legislation were presented as follows:

A change in the RECORDER responsibilities for the reporting period for Annual Returns from April 1st to March 31st to a new period of January 1st through December 31st. After discussion, the proposal was approved.

Deletion of Section 3-27 Dues and Assessments; E: Life Membership Program, F: Establishment and Costs. There was no discussion and the proposal was approved.

Amend Section 2-27 AMENDMENTS to correct an apparent "cut and paste" error. The proposal was approved.

Amend Section 3-5 QUORUM to revise the number of members qualified to be a quorum. The proposal was approved.

The Credentials Committee provided a final report indicating 50 authorized votes.

Elections were held with the following results: Jeffrey E. Hamilton....ME Grand High Priest Jay N Mitchell....RE Grand King John C. Liley, Jr....RE Scribe Kelly Allred....RE Treasurer David J. Read, Sr....RE Secretary

While the votes were analyzed/verified, words of greetings were received from Richard Bullard, MEGHP Grand York Rite of California, William Greenen, MEGHP, Grand York Rite of Arizona, Brian Cook, representative of David Baskin, MEGHP of Texas, Mark Irwin, Deputy General Grand High Priest, Northeast Region, Chad Burks, Deputy Grand General High Priest, Southwest Region, Teko Foly, General Grand Scribe, General Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons.

James H. Hodge, General Grand High Priest, General Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons International provided words of greeting, wisdom and encouragement from General Grand Chapter.

The appointed officers were:	
Reed B. Fanning	E. Grand Captain of Host
Daniel A. Drew,,,	E. Grand Principal Sojourner
Timothy L. Stenner	E. Grand Royal Arch Captain
Cbarles I. Young	E. Grand Master 3rd Veil
Douglas J. Backes	E. Grand Master 2nd Veil
Charles E Warren, Sr	E. Grand Master 1st Veil
William Brotherson	E. Grand Chaplain
O. Blake Hansen	Excellent Grand Lecturer
Paul Erickson	E. Grand Sentinel

The newly elected and appointed officers were installed by Dean D. Rein, PGHP, P Marty Martineau, PGHP, Mike Shipler, PGHP.

The Convocation was closed by ME Grand High Priest Hamilton.

GRAND CHAPTER OFFICERS

2019-2020

*In Attendance

* Lawrence R. Rodriguez	,M.E. Grand High Priest
* Jeffrey E. Hamilton	R.E. Grand King
* Jay N. Mitchell	R. E. Grand Scribe
e T.J. Robertson	R.E. Grand Treasurer
*Kelly Allred	E Assistant Grand Treasurer
* David J. Read, Sr	R. E. Grand Secretary
e John C. Liley, Jr	
* Reed B. Fanning	E. Grand Principal Sojourner
* Daniel A. Drew	E. Grand Royal Arch Captain
* Timothy L. Stenner	E. Grand Master 3rd Veil
e Charles I. Young	E. Grand Master 2nd Veil
* Douglas J. Backes	E. Grand Master 1st Veil
* Charles E Warren, Sr	
* William Brotherson	Excellent Grand Lecturer
* O. Blake Hansen	

GRAND CHAPTER COMMITTEES

*Denotes Chairman

4 Corners Royal Arch Festival

Edward Nelson* Chris Young – co chairman Reed Fanning Daniel Drew

Royal Arch Reaffirmation Day

Jay N. Mitchell* Constituent Chaplains

General Grand Bronze Metal

Dean D Rein* John McCurdy P Marty Martineau

Royal Arch Research Assistance

Jay Mitchell* Reed Fanning Daniel Drew Constituent High Priests and Recorders

PAST GRAND HIGH PRIESTS

Richard H. Simons	1987	Brian J. Hastings*	2012
Blaine H. Simons	1994	Marion T McWilliams	2013
John L. Elwell Jr	2001	P "Marty" Martineau*	2014
Norman A. Smith	2004	Dean D. Rein*	2015
Loren H. Rausher	2006	Jason C. Varner*	2016
Michael D. Shipler*	2008	T. J. Robertson (e)	2017
Michael L. Busby*	2009	Christopher C. Young*	2018
William Butterfield*	2010	Lawrence R Rodriguez*	2019
Charles Sipes*	2011		

*denotes in attendance

(e) denotes excused

Utah #1			Provo #4		
High Priest	Lonnie McColloch	*	High Priest	Craig Call	*
King	Kevin Betterton	*	King	Roy Schmidt	*
Scribe	Michael Clark	*	Scribe	Kendall Carlson	Р
Ogden #2			Price #6		
High Priest	Monte Anderson	*	High Priest	Daniel L. Hamilton	*
King	Timothy Stenner	*	King	John McCurdy	Р
Scribe	Jim Lee	*	Scribe	Daniel Lyons	*
Ontario #3			St. George #	#10	
High Priest	William Mullins	*	High Priest	Lawrence Rodriguez	*
King	Treavor Wilkinson	*	King	Edward Nelson	Р
Scribe	Andrew Baldwin	Р	Scribe	Charles Young	Р

CHAPTER DAIS OFFICERS 2019-2020

(X denotes Present E denotes Excused A denotes Absent * denotes Proxy)

VISITING DIGNITARIES

-Richard Bullard, Grand High Priest, Grand Chapter of California
-Brian Cook, representing Grand High Priest David Baskin, Grand Chapter or Texas
-Larry Gray, General Grand Secretary, General Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons International
-Mark Irwin, Deputy General Grand High Priest – Northeast Region, General Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons International

-Teko Foly, General Grand Scribe, General Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons International

-William Greenen, Grand High Priest, Grand Chapter of Arizona

-Chadwick Burks, Past Grand High Priest, Grand Chapter of Arizona, Deputy General Grand High Priest, Southwest Region

-James H. Hodge, General Grand High Priest, General Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons International

-Clay Hamblen, MW Grand Master, Grand Lodge Free and Accepted Masons of Utah

OFFICER'S REPORTS

REPORT OF THE MOST EXCELLENT GRAND HIGH PRIEST

Most Excellent Past Grand High Priests, Grand Chapter Officers, Distinguished Guests and Companions, I welcome you to this, the Virtual Grand Session of the 109th Annual Conclave of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Utah. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic we as Grand Heads of the York Rite decided we would have a Virtual Grand Sessions, because the Health and Safety of all York Rite Masons and their Families are our No. 1 Priority.

It has been an Honor for me to serve this Grand Chapter as Grand High Priest. I'd especially would like to thank the Past Grand High Priests and Officers of this Grand Chapter. As they again have come through to help me out during my year. Whenever asked this year, you guys stepped right up to give me a helping hand and advice. I'd really like to thank Jeff Hamilton, Mike Shipler, Marty Martineau, Brian Hastings, Dean Rein, and especially Jay Mitchell.

Due to my wife's surgery and convalescence I was unable to attend Four Corners in Winslow, Arizona. Four Corners was a great success thanks to those who attended. Thank you to Dean Rein and Jeff Hamilton and all those who were part of the cast.

Dispensations

Because of the unprecedented situation we were experiencing due to the pandemic, not only in the State of Utah, but around the world, we as Grand Heads of the Grand York Rite Bodies of Utah decided to, effective March 17th, 2020, to waive all requirements for rescheduling/cancellations of meetings at the Local Chapters. This waiver is in effect until rescinded by the Grand High Priest of Utah.

Visitations

During the year, I visited the several States for their Grand Sessions to improve our relationship with the States within the South West Department. In some instances I represented the Grand Commander and/or the Grand Illustrious Master. I would like to thank Brian Hastings, Jay Mitchell, Jason Varner, Reed Fanning, and Charles Warren who represented me in those states I was unable to attend. And thanks especially to Ed Nelson who drove with me to all of my Visitations in and out of state.

Other Activities included

Attending Grand Lodge of Utah Annual Communication Red Cross of Constantine of North America in Sacramento, CA Colorado River Fall Festival Laughlin, Nevada S/W York Rite Department Conference in Las Vegas San Diego I attended the funeral of ME Jerry Wohlfarth the Past Grand High Priest of California

State of the Grand Chapter

My Plan for this year was to visit each of the Chapters twice. I visited only once in the fall. In the Spring I was prevented any further visits due to the Corona Virus. My visits were to find out what the Grand Chapter could do to assist each of the Chapters. In our Chapters I found that they are still, growing slowly but surely.

Summary:

Hopefully we won't have another Pandemic in the future but it is possible. With this in mind we must prepare and improve our Virtual Grand Sessions. We must continue to grow and increase the numbers in our Chapters. We must work with and look to the Blue Lodges for those most committed members who would help us grow. We must work on getting our officers to attend all our conclaves.

I would once again like to thank the Past Grand High Priests, the Officers and Companions of this Grand Royal Arch Chapter for their help throughout this year. It would not have been a success without your help.

Respectfully Submitted, Lawrence Rodriguez Grand High Priest Royal Arch Masons of Utah 2019-2020

REPORT OF THE GRAND KING

Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Companions, Thank You! Thank you for allowing me to serve you this past year as Grand King. It is an honor that I will long cherish. I think it is safe to say that this has been unlike any other year due to the Covid-19 pandemic. It has made it all but impossible for us to do what Freemasons do best, meet on the level, shake hands and look each other in the eye knowing we share something that is truly special and rare in this world. This past year has been interesting and challenging for me personally. While serving as Grand King I also had the honor of serving as Grand Master. This made scheduling and attendance difficult at times. I would like to thank Most Excellent Companion Lawrence "Gunny" Rodriguez not only for his support but for his understanding when I was unable to attend some of the Grand Chapter events.

I had the distinct Honor of representing the Most Excellent Grand High Priest in Winslow, Arizona at the 75th Annual Four Corners Festival. The degree work was exceptional as usual, especially by the Utah contingent who performed an absolutely wonderful Most Excellent Master Degree. Most Excellent Companion Dean Rein and the rest of his cast are to be congratulated on such fine work.

I am a firm believer that our beloved Fraternity is at its best when it works as a family. That was my message as Grand Master and I could not be more appreciative of our Grand High Priest, the officers who served with him and you my Companions for working to do just that. Our Grand High Priest is a very humble man not looking for fame or recognition, but I can tell you he is one of the hardest working Masons I know, always doing for his brethren. Gunny you have been and continue to be an inspiration to me and many others. Thank you for all you do.

Finally Companions I wish to thank you again for your support and friendship it means more than I could possibly express. I have represented you this past year the best way I know how and I hope you have found it worthy of your favor.

Respectfully Submitted, Jeffrey E. Hamilton Grand King Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Utah

REPORT OF THE R. E. GRAND SCRIBE

The following presentations were made to all Utah Chapters either in person before the Covid-19 pandemic or via email after the pandemic.

Royal Arch Reaffirmation Day:

This day is not just a religious observance. It is meant to reaffirm our vows to both God and Capitular Masonry and to memorialize the formation of the Grand Chapter of Ohio on October 24, 1816. This event should not be

viewed as a mandated obligatory observance, but a joyous occasion of fellowship and celebration of our beloved Capitular Rite.

Why Affirmation Day? "Because we seek to thank God for bringing together all the Grand Chapters of the world into an International General Grand Chapter on October 24, 1816. Therefore we join our hearts together throughout the world as Royal Arch Masons on the nearest Sunday in October to that date in the spirit of reaffirmation of our solemn vows to Almighty God for his revelation of Divine Truth given us through Masonry." <u>Constituent Chapters are requested to attend the religious services of their</u> <u>choice, as a group if possible, on Reaffirmation Sunday on the closest</u> <u>Sunday to October 24th as practical.</u>

Royal Arch Research Assistance supports two charities: Central Auditory Processing Disorder

Central Auditory Processing Disorder (or CAPD) is a hearing deficiency that usually affects younger people and does not allow them to distinguish sounds as would be heard by those with regular hearing. Background noises and other speakers disturb and confuse people with CAPD making it difficult to concentrate. This results in misunderstanding and/or frustrations leading to students being accused of being dysfunctional. Often students with satisfactory IQ's produce substandard work because they cannot hear messages or a teacher's delivery clearly. Research is developing paths of opportunity to correct this problem and RARA contributions support these research efforts. Our activities go back over 30 years and much progress has been achieved through these efforts. More needs to be done and that is why RARA has expanded their efforts.

Autism Speaks

Autism strikes 1 in 110 births and 1 in 70 boy births so it is a major problem in the world today. Autism Speaks has become very well known throughout the country as they strive to help the more and more children that are diagnosed with this problem. The challenge in this area goes much deeper than children and their parents who are provided with special training in dealing with this difficulty, but becomes increasingly difficult for parents as they become older and plans must be made for the days when those parents will no longer be able to provide the care and support needed. Our activity with this highly visible organization should benefit both immeasurably. Royal Arch Masons will be able to participate in the more than 90 "Walks" around the country, challenging greater contributions and making Royal Arch Masons visible doing good works in the community. This clearly shows that RARA continues to do what it does best, to support and fund research for its core charity and mission – CAPD! We are proud of that record and its consistent and continued commitment.

Your immediate concern is that you take care of yourselves and your family during this trying time. If you are able we need to remember our charities and contribute what we are able. Even a small amount will help so if you are able please send what you can to our Grand Secretary/Recorder:

CHECKS MADE OUT TO:

Grand York Rite of Utah Mailed to: Grand York Rite C/o David Read 116 Dory Lane Stansbury Park, UT, 84074

Thank you for your support. Jay Mitchell, Grand Scribe

	Mark Master					
	Keystone					
SLC	#0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
			Per capita	Fees	RARA	
	RAM	#	(\$7)	(\$2.50)		Total
Ogden	Ch. #2	36	\$252.00	0		\$252.00
SLC	Ch. #1	107	\$749.00	0		\$749.00
Midvale	Ch. #3	50	\$350.00	\$5.00		\$355.00
Provo	Ch. #4	27	\$189.00	\$5.00		\$194.00
Price	Ch. #6	36	\$217.00	0		\$217.00
St. Geo.	Ch. #10	29	\$203.00	\$7.50		\$210.50
Totals		285	\$1,960.00	\$17.50		\$1,977.50

REPORT OF RETURNS - RAM

April 1, 2019 to March 31, 2020								
	MM		Utah	Ogden	Ontario	Provo	Price	Golgotha
	#0	Totals	#1	#2	#3	#4	#6	#10
as of								
03/31/19	50	282	109	40	46	24	36	27
Exalted		7	0	0	2	2	0	3
Omitted		2	0	0	1	1	0	0
Affiliated		5	0	0	3	0	0	2
Restored		1	0	1	0	0	0	0
Total gain		15	0	1	6	3	0	5
Error		2	1	0	0	0	0	1
Deceased		7	1	3	1	0	1	1
Demitted		5	0	1	1	0	2	1
Suspended		3	0	1	0	0	2	0
Total Loss		17	2	5	2	0	5	3
as of								
03/31/20		280	107	36	50	27	31	29
Net Gain								
(Loss)		-2	-2	-4	4	3	-5	2

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

4 CORNERS ROYAL ARCH FESTIVAL

No report submitted.

BRONZE MEDAL AWARD

No report submitted.

CREDENTIALS REPORT ROYAL ARCH SESSIONS

	Date August 1, 2020
Past Grand Elected Officers	10
Constituent Delegates (current Excellent HP, KING, S	SCRIBE)
including proxies	
Past High Priests	22
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	-0

TOTAL (including proxies)......50

JURISPRUDENCE

I find this report is acceptable and done in good form and we approve the report.

Charles Sipes, PGHP

LEGISLATION

PROPOSAL FOR CHANGE TO SECTION 3-12 - RECORDER

Whereas the Constituent Chapters work on a calendar year and dues are collected for said calendar year.

And whereas Secretaries are required to submit the annual returns based on the prescribed Grand Chapter requirements of April 1 to March 31.

And whereas this difference in operating and reporting causes confusion in the data collected and reported to the General Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons.

Be it resolved to amend the By-laws <u>3-12 Recorder</u> to read:

Current:

Section 3-12 <u>RECORDER</u>

(I) To transmit to the Grand Recorder by no later than April 10, of each year its Annual Returns, in such form as shall be prescribed by the Grand Chapter, covering the immediately preceding period April 1st to March 31st, both inclusive, together with all sums due the Grand Chapter.

Change:

Section 3-12 <u>RECORDER</u>

(I) To transmit to the Grand Recorder by no later than January 15, of each year its Annual Returns, in such form as shall be prescribed by the Grand Chapter, covering the immediately preceding period January 1st to December 31st, both inclusive, together with all sums due the Grand Chapter.

Respectfully Submitted, P. Marty Martineau Jr, KYGCH PGHP

PROPOSAL FOR CHANGE TO SECTION 3-27 DUES AND ASSESSMENTS

Whereas the Section 3-27 Dues and Assessments; E: Life Membership Program, F: Establishment and Costs (attached) sets up and establishes a lifetime membership program.

And whereas there has been no record or accounting of said program in any of the proceedings or financial statements of Grand Chapter.

And whereas this program does not appear to be adopted.

Be it resolved to amend the By-laws and remove 3-27 Dues and Assessments: E thru F: Establishment and Costs in its entirety.

Respectfully Submitted, P. Marty Martineau Jr, KYGCH, PGHP

PROPOSAL FOR CHANGE TO SECTION 2-27 AMENDMENTS

Whereas the <u>Section 2-27 AMENDMENTS</u> appears to have a "cut and paste" error in the last paragraph

And whereas this error does not appear in the Grand Council Cryptic Masons of UT Bylaws.

And whereas the three Grand Bodies should be in accord with bylaw sections pertaining to Joint Committees.

Be it resolved to amend the By-laws 2-27 AMENDMENTS to read as follows

Section 2-27 <u>AMENDMENTS</u>

All proposed amendments to the Laws relating to Grand Chapter shall be submitted in writing to the Grand Secretary at least forty five days before the next Annual Convocation. At least THIRTY FIVE days before such Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter the Grand Secretary shall transmit to the Grand Officers, Past Grand Elected Officers and Secretaries of the several constituent Chapters of this jurisdiction, and to the members of the Jurisprudence Committee of Grand Chapter, copies of any such proposed amendments.

All proposed amendments shall first be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence for its opinion and report. Any proposed amendment, ruled

by the Committee on Jurisprudence to be "not" in proper form, shall not be placed upon the floor of the Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter, for vote, until said amendment shall have been put in proper form. Responsibility for "Proper Form" shall be with the author of the amendment.

The Committee on Jurisprudence shall advise the author, or authors, of proposed amendments, prior to the Annual Convocation, if such amendments are "not in proper form". If the amendment is then approved in Annual Convocation by a majority of the votes, then such amendment shall become effective. Grand Chapter may suspend the forgoing provisions by two-thirds vote at the Annual Convocation or a Special Convocation called for such Purpose.

CHANGE LAST PARAGRAPH TO READ:

The Committee on Jurisprudence shall advise the author, or authors, of proposed amendments, prior to the Annual Convocation, if such amendments are "not in proper form". After "proper form" is satisfied, if the amendment is then approved in Annual Convocation by a majority of the votes, then such amendment shall become effective. Grand Chapter may suspend the forgoing provisions by two-thirds vote at the Annual Convocation or a Special Convocation called for such Purpose. Respectfully Submitted,

P. Marty Martineau Jr, KYGCH PGHP

PROPOSAL FOR CHANGE TO SECTION 3-5 QUORUM

Whereas the Constitution of the Grand Chapter of Utah, Royal Arch Masons, Section 3-5 QUORUM; identifies the number of members of a Constituent Chapter that must be present to open a Chapter.

And Whereas, Utah is a small jurisdiction averaging around 300 Companions, and it is often difficult to get a requisite number of Companions present in order to meet Section 3-5 QUORUM in order to open and conduct business.

Let it be resolved to amend the Constitution of the Grand Chapter of Utah, Royal Arch Masons, Section 3-5 to allow 5 or more members of a Chapter to open in order to conduct the business of the Chapter.

Current Constitution of the Grand Chapter of Utah, RAM.

Section 3-5 Quorum reads, "A quorum of a Chapter consists of nine (9) members entitled to vote therein, including an Officer authorized to open the same."

The Change to Section 3-5 Quorum would read as follows,

Section 3-5 Quorum

A quorum of a Chapter consists of five (5) members entitled to vote therein, including an officer authorized to open the same, for the purpose of conducting business. A Chapter that is being formed, or conferring the degrees would require nine (9) members entitled to vote and an officer entitled to open the same to meet the quorum requisite.

Fraternally Submitted, Brian J. Hastings, Past Grand High Priest John McCurdy, Past High Priest

ROYAL ARCH REAFFIRMATION

See Grand Scribe report

ROYAL ARCH RESEARCH ASSISTANCE

See Grand Scribe report

OTHER REPORTS

ANNOINTED HIGH PRIESTS

Due to Corona Virus Pandemic, no meetings were held.

KEYSTONE MARK MASTER MASON LODGE

No report submitted.



91st ANNUAL ASSEMBLY GRAND COUNCIL CRYPTIC MASONS OF UTAH

Saturday, August 1, 2020

Virtual Conference Meeting Salt Lake City, Utah

GRAND COUNCIL

GRAND COUNCIL MINUTES

August 1, 2020 Virtual Conference, Salt Lake City, UT

The 91st Annual Assembly of the Grand Council Cryptic Masons of Utah was called to order by M.I. Grand Master P. Marty Martineau.

Roll call Grand Officers, Dias Officers and Past Grand Illustrious Masters was conducted and a quorum was declared. MI Grand Master Martineau welcomed the attendees and thanked them for participating.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the annual Proceedings as published. The motion was approved. A motion was made and seconded to accept to accept the Pre-printed reports pertaining to the Council session. The motion was approved.

There were three items submitted for legislation:

- 1. Proposed amendment to Section 3-12 RECORDER to change the annual reporting period from April 1st through March 31st to January 1st through December 31st was approved without discussion.
- 2. Proposed deletion of SECTION 2-29 UNIFORM as it was a duplicate of SECTION 2-23 was approved without discussion
- 3. Proposed amendment to Section 3-5 QUORUM to change the number of members needed to open was approved after discussion.

M.I. Grand Master Martineau presented his report on his activities and actions for the year. The presented report was approved. Jurisprudence reported that the report had been reviewed and the actions were found to be appropriate and within authority.

The Cryptic Mason of the Year award was presented to Companion Treavor Wilkinson. The recipient of the Cryptic Mason Youth Award was announced to be Ginger Record for her work with the DeMolay.

The Recorder reported that there was no business that needed to be attended to.

The credentials committee reported there are a total of 48 eligible votes.

The election of officers was conducted with the following results:					
Reed B. Fanning	M. I. Grand Master				
	R. I. Deputy Grand Master				
Jay N. Mitchell	R. I. Grand Principal Conductor of Work				
Kelly Allred	R.I. Grand Treasurer				
David J. Read, Sr	R. I. Grand Recorder				

During the voting process, words of welcome were received on behalf of Rabi Peifer MI Grand Master of Washington; from Craig Phillips, MI Grand Master of Nevada;

RP James Baum gave greetings from the General Grand Council Cryptic Masons International. He presented P. Marty Martineau and Jason C Varner with the Order of the Secret Vault.

MP Companion, David Grindl, addressed the group with news and updates from General Grand Council Cryptic Masons International.

The following officer appointments were made:						
Lawrence R. Rodriguez	I. Grand Captain of Guard					
Charles E. Warren Sr	I. Grand Conductor of Council					
Monte K. Andersen	I. Grand Senior Steward					
Daniel A. Drew	I. Grand Junior Steward					
Treavor J. Wilkinson	I. Grand Marshal					
O. Blake Hansen	I. Grand Lecturer					
Timothy L. Stenner	I. Grand Chaplain					
William C. Brotherson	I. Grand Sentinel					

The elected and appointed officers were installed by Installing Officer, MI Companion Jason C. Varner.

Convocation was closed by MI Grand Master Reed B. Fanning.

GRAND COUNCIL CRYPTIC MASONS UTAH OFFICERS 2019 – 2020

* P. Marty Martineau	M. I. Grand Master
* Jeffrey E. Hamilton	R. I. Deputy Grand Master
	R. I. Grand Principal Conductor of Work
e T.J. Robertson	
* Kelly Allred	I Assistant Grand Treasurer
* David Read, Sr	R. I. Grand Recorder
* Jay N. Mitchell	I. Grand Captain of Guard
* Lawrence R. Rodriguez	I. Grand Conductor of Council
* Charles E. Warren, Sr	I. Grand Senior Steward
* Monte K. Andersen	I. Grand Junior Steward
* Daniel A. Drew	I. Grand Marshal
* Treavor J. Wilkinson	I. Grand Lecturer
* O. Blake Hansen	I. Grand Chaplain
* Timothy Stenner	I. Grand Sentinel
*In Attendance	

GRAND COUNCIL COMMITTEES

2019-2020 * Denotes Chairman

Cryptic Mason of Year P Marty Martineau*	<u>Youth Award</u> Committee	<u>Cryptic Mason</u> Medical Research
Subordinate Council	Daniel Drew*	Jay N. Mitchell
Recorders	Subordinate	5
	Council Recorders	

PAST GRAND ILLUSTRIOUS MASTERS

1989	Michael Busby*	2010
1992	Brian J. Hastings*	2011
1997	Charles G. Sipes*	2012
1999	Dean D. Rein*	2014
2003	Jason A. Mitchell	2015
2004	T.J. Robertson	2016
2005	Jason C. Varner*	2017
2007	Douglas J. Backes*	2018
2009	P. Marty Martineau*	2019
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Utah #1			
	Illustrious Master	William Brotherson	Х
	Deputy Master	Lonnie McCulloch	Х
	Prin Cond of Work	Kevin Betterton	Х
Ogden #3			
	Illustrious Master	Jim Lee	Х
	Deputy Master	Timothy Stenner	Х
	Prin Cond of Work	Monte Anderson	Х
Daly #5			
	Illustrious Master	William Mullins	Х
	Deputy Master	Andrew Baldwin	Proxy
	Prin Cond of Work	Joseph Mann	Proxy
Provo #2			
	Illustrious Master	Nick Cleghorn	Х
	Deputy Master	Jayson Carlson	Х
	Prin Cond of Work	Roy Schmidt	Х
Solomon	1 4		
	Illustrious Master	John H McCurdy	Proxy
	Deputy Master	Daniel Hamilton	X
	Prin Cond of Work	Daniel G. Lyons	Х
Zion #7		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	· ·
	Illustrious Master	Charles I Young	Proxy
	Deputy Master	Edward Nelson	Proxy
	Prin Cond of Work	Chris Mitchell	X

COUNCIL DAIS OFFICERS

(X Denotes Present E Denotes Excused A Denotes Absent * Denotes Proxy)

VISITING DIGNITARIES

James Baum, MP Regional Deputy General Grand Master, General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons International

David A Grindle, M.E. General Grand High Priest, General Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons International

Robert Monroe, Deputy Grand Illustrious Master, Grand Council of Alaska **Rabi Peifer,** MI Grand Master, Grand Council of Washington

Craig Phillips, MI Grand Master, Grand Council of Nevada

OFFICER REPORTS

REPORT OF THE MOST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND MASTER

Greetings Most Illustrious, Right Illustrious, Illustrious, Companions all. I would like to thank you for your support this year. Who would have thought that we would start off as a usual year and end up where we are today, but we are working through it as best we can.

It was my extreme privilege to serve as your Grand Master this year and I am very proud of all the hard work that our companions have done for Cryptic Masonry this year. Unfortunately, we had to cancel the Cryptic Masonry degree that were to be held in Ogden this year due to the closure of our buildings. Hopefully we will be able to meet in person again and give our waiting candidates their degrees.

My travel itinerary and dispensations are attached at the end of this report.

This year we had very few submissions for the two awards given out by the Grand Council, The Cryptic Mason of The Year and The Youth Leadership Award. I hope that in the future the local Councils will submit the names of worthy Companion and leaders in our youth groups.

This year the Cryptic Mason of the Year Award goes to a Companion who always goes above and beyond to support and promote not only his local Council, but he also has worked tirelessly for the Grand Council. That companion is Illustrious Companion Treavor Wilkinson and it is my pleasure to be able to award Companion Treavor with this honor.

The Cryptic Mason Youth Leadership Award recipient has been a leader in the State and local levels of the Order of the DeMolay for many years and has help nurture many of our young men through their path to adulthood. It is with great pleasure that I announce that Ginger Record is this year's recipient of the Youth Leadership Award.

I would like to take this time to thank my Lady Jenafer for all her support and help through these years as I have traveled through the York Rite. I would also like to thank all of the Past Illustrious Masters you have been a great inspiration to me. To the officers of the Grand Council thank you for all of your hard work and support this year. And to all the Companions throughout the state, thank you for all the support and friendship you have given these many years, and though I will be leaving the state I will know that I always have a home here in Utah York Rite. Thank you all from the bottom of my heart I am truly grateful to you all.

Yours in Service, P. Marty Martineau M.I. Grand Master Cryptic Masons of Utah

ATTACHMENTS:

Visits:

Provo, 16 May 2019 Midvale, 22 May 2019

Dispensations:

Granted request from Provo York Rite Bodies to change the stated meetings in March 2020 from 3/19/2020 to a week later; 3/26/2020. Also to change the April stated meeting from 4/16/2020 to a week later; 4//23/2020.

RIGHT ILLUSTRIOUS DEPUTY GRAND MASTER

Most Illustrious Grand Master, Companions, Thank You! Thank you for allowing me to serve you this past year as Grand King. It is an honor that I will long cherish. I think it is safe to say that this has been unlike any other year due to the Covid-19 pandemic. It has made it all but impossible for us to do what Freemasons do best, meet on the level, shake hands and look each other in the eye knowing we share something that is truly special and rare in this world. This past year has been interesting and challenging for me personally. While serving as Grand King I also had the honor of serving as Grand Master. This made scheduling and attendance difficult at times. I would like to thank Most Illustrious Grand Master P. Marty Martineau not only for his support but for his understanding when I was unable to attend some of the Grand Council events. I was able to participate in some degrees spearheaded by our Most Illustrious Grand Master this year. Companions from around the state came together, to put on these Chapter and Council degrees. Most Illustrious Companion Martineau has been the lead or joint lead in most of the degree and order work done these past many years. Companion Martineau is a Mason who is continually working behind the scenes. He is always working on something for the Fraternity never wanting anything more than the feeling of helping our beloved Fraternity. The brethren of Canyon Lodge #13 rightfully honored Companion Martineau this year with the Hiram award. It was very well deserved and I was honored to be there and participate in the presentation. His love for the Fraternity is always an inspiration. Marty, thank you for all of your help, support and especially your friendship, I am a better Mason because of it!!!!

I am a firm believer that our beloved Fraternity is at its best when it works as a family. That was my message as Grand Master and I could not be more appreciative of our Most Illustrious Grand Master, the officers who served with him and you my Companions for working to do just that.

Finally Companions I wish to thank you again for your support and friendship, it means more than I could possibly express. I have represented you this past year the best way I know how and I hope you have found it worthy of your favor.

Respectfully Submitted, Jeffrey E. Hamilton Deputy Grand Illustrious Master Grand Council Cryptic Masons of Utah

GRAND PRINCIPAL CONDUCTOR OF THE WORK

Brethren and Companions,

As per the Code of the Grand Council Cryptic Masons of Utah I hereby submit the report of my actions and activities as the Grand Principle Conductor of the Work during the 2019-2020 Grand Cryptic Year.

During my term as Grand Principal Conductor of the Work I was at no time called upon to make decisions or recommendations in the absence of the Illustrious Grand Master or the Deputy Illustrious Grand Master.

During my term as Grand Principal Conductor of the Work I was called upon to represent the Illustrious Grand Master at the Idaho Grand York Rite Sessions. Due to the current pandemic it was cancelled and I did not attend their online meeting.

During my term as Grand Principal Conductor of the Work I attended many masonic activities. The following Masonic functions are of importance to this report. They are as follows:

On the 5th of October I was pleased to attend 4 Corners in Arizona On the 18th and 19th of October I attended Northwest Regional York Rite meetings in Boise.

I attended a St. Thomas of Acon meeting the 19th as well

I attended the Colorado River Festival in Laughlin NV the 20^{th} to 22^{nd} of October.

I attended KYCH in Salt Lake in November 16th

I attended a visitation to Midvale on November 20th

On 5-9 Feb 2020 I attended Masonic Week, for my 13th year, in Crystal City VA, where I attend many meetings that you must be a York Rite Mason to attend.

On the 15th of Feb I visited Idaho's KYCH meeting as well as a Knight Mason meeting.

On the 5th of March I attended an AMD meeting in Salt Lake.

Since the pandemic, I have attended many online Zoom and live broadcast meetings and educationals.

I would like to thank Jason A. Mitchell for appointing me to this Grand Council line. It has been a great journey.

I would like to thank Blain H. Simons for his guidance and encouragement throughout my Masonic journey.

Finally, I would like to thank Jason C. Varner, who often shared my travel expenses and made all of my travels much more fun.

I hope we can stay active with online meetings while we are affected by this pandemic.

Fraternally Submitted, Reed B. Fanning Right Illustrious Grand Principal Conductor of the Work

	СМ	#	Per capita (\$7)	Fees (\$5)	CMMRF	Total
Ogden	Co. #3	40	\$252.00	0	0	\$252.00
SLC	Co. #1	102	\$714.00	0	0	\$714.00
Midvale	Co. #5	48	\$336.00	0	0	\$336.00
Provo	Co. #2	25	\$175.00	0	0	\$175.00
Price	Co. #4	31	\$217.00	0	0	\$217.00
St. Geo.	Co. #7	27	\$189.00	\$15.00	0	\$204.00
Totals		273	\$1,883.00	\$15.00	0	\$1,898.00

ANNUAL RETURNS SUMMARY –CM

Cryptic Maso	115						
	TOTALS	Utah	Provo	Ogden	Solomon	Daly	St
		#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	G
							#7
as of	296	104	24	40	36	48	25
03/31/19							
Greeted	3	0	0	0	0	0	3
Omitted	5	0	1	4	0	0	0
Affiliated	5	0	0	0	0	3	2
Restored	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
Total Gain	14	0	1	5	0	3	5
Error	7	1	0	4	0	1	1
Deceased	7	1	0	3	1	1	1
Demitted	5	0	0	1	2	1	1
Suspended	3	0	0	1	2	0	0
Total Loss	22	2	0	9	5	3	3
as of 03/31/20	269	102	25	36	31	48	27
Net Gain	-8	-2	1	-4	-5	0	2
(Loss)							

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY

April 1, 2019 to March 31, 2020

Cryptic Masons

GRAND LECTURER

Greetings companions! As the Grand Lecturer this year I was lucky enough to make it around to all the Councils and see all the fine Companions in action around the state. I was able to talk to many of you about the health and ability of your councils to perform ritual. I am happy to report that on my visits every Council opened using the ritual. Not one declared the body open.

At each Council I attended I also gave a presentation on the new ritual book made available from the General Grand Council and strongly pushed for every council to adopt it as theirs. These ritual books are highly updated with plenty of good illustrations regarding floor work and overall a massive upgrade. I would like to thank the hard work of the General Grand Council for creating these and making them available to us. If you do not have one of these books, they are available through the Grand Secretary/Recorder.

Every Council I visited, although using the ritual book, seemed dependent upon it. I would strongly urge every Companion to study the ritual and memorize it for opening and closing as you have done for your Blue Lodges. For Past Illustrious Masters, your experience and guidance are continually needed, and I would strongly urge you keep attending. Your experience is invaluable to the future of the York Rite.

A few of the Councils I visited were a bit shorthanded of members on that night. I would urge councils to get phone trees going or create shared calendars for all the members to see so they can remember what night York Rite is meeting on. Call Companions that have not attended in a while to check up on them and invite them to events.

Unfortunately, due to the outbreak the Council festival that was meant to be held in Ogden on March. 28th was cancelled. Hopefully, we can get this rescheduled for this fall and have the chance to show our beautiful ritual once again to a new group of Companions.

There are a few suggestions I have for the Council. First, I would suggest that we not allow the use of a ritual book during ritual including opening and closing of a Council except for designated prompters during a degree. Second, hold more events other than business meetings to keep the Companions engaged. Third, I would strongly urge every Council to adopt the new ritual book available through the Grand Secretary/Recorder as their primary ritual guide. Lastly, hold mockup degrees/practices frequently. This will keep the ritual fresh in our minds and improve our ritual overall. The Council degrees offer deep lessons that warrant plenty of contemplation.

Respectfully submitted on Jun 9th 2020, Treavor Wilkinson, PIM Grand Lecturer Grand Council of Utah

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CREDENTIALS REPORT CRYPTIC MASONS SESSIONS Date August 1, 2020

CMMRF COMMITTEE

No report submitted.

CRYPTIC MASON OF THE YEAR AWARD

The Cryptic Mason of the Year award to presented to Companion Treavor Wilkinson.

CRYPTIC MASON YOUTH AWARD

The Cryptic Mason Youth Award was presented to Ginger Record for her long-time work with the DeMolay.

JURISPRUDENCE

ON THE ACTIVITES OF THE MOST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND MASTER – 2019-2020

The Committee on Jurisprudence has reviewed the actions and decisions of the Most Illustrious Grand Master and report the following.

The report of the Illustrious Grand Master is found to be in order so far as the Grand York Rite Masonic year has been allowed to function in a normal manor.

Illustrious Grand Master Martineau made only two visitations. His schedule was interrupted because of the Covid 19 virus.

His report does not list any decisions or dispensations.

His report though short is found in proper order.

Signed, Mike Shipler, PIGM Jurisprudence Committee for Grand Council Cryptic Masons of Utah

LEGISLATION

SECTION 3-12 <u>RECORDER</u>

Whereas the Constituent Councils work on a calendar year and dues are collected for said calendar year.

And whereas Recorders are required to submit the annual returns based on the prescribed Grand Chapter requirements of April 1 to March 31.

And whereas this difference in operating and reporting causes confusion in the data collected and reported to the General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons.

Be it resolved to amend the By-laws <u>3-12 Recorder</u> to read:

Current:

Section 3-12 <u>RECORDER</u>

(I) To transmit to the Grand Recorder by no later than April 10, of each year its Annual Returns, in such form as shall be prescribed by the Grand Council, covering the immediately preceding period April 1st to March 31st, both inclusive, together with all sums due the Grand Council.

Change:

Section 3-12 <u>RECORDER</u>

(I) To transmit to the Grand Recorder by no later than January 15, of each year its Annual Returns, in such form as shall be prescribed by the Grand Council, covering the immediately preceding period January 1st to December 31st, both inclusive, together with all sums due the Grand Council.

Respectfully Submitted, P. Marty Martineau Jr, KYGCH MIGM

SECTION 2-29 UNIFORM

Whereas <u>Sections 2-23 and 2-29</u> are duplicates of each other with the exception of the reference to the white shirt.

Be it resolved to amend the By-laws and that <u>**2-29 UNIFORM**</u> be removed in its entirety.

Amended May 2005

Adopted May 2005

Section 2-23 UNIFORM

The Uniform of the Grand Council shall be the black trousers with no cuff, white shirt, black tie, black shoes/boots, and purple dress coat with the broken triangle insignia over the left pocket.

AND

Section 2-29 UNIFORM

The uniform of the Grand Council shall be the black trousers no cuff, black tie, black shoes/boots, with dress coat of Purple with the broken triangle insignia over the left pocket.

Respectfully Submitted, P. Marty Martineau Jr, KYGCH MIGM

SECTION 3-5 QUORUM

Whereas the Constitution of the Grand Council of Utah, Cryptic Masons, Section 3-5 QUORUM; identifies the number of members of a Constituent Council that must be present to open a Council.

And Whereas, Utah is a small jurisdiction averaging around 300 Companions, and it is often difficult to get a requisite number of Companions present in order to meet Section 3-5 QUORUM in order to open and conduct business.

Let it be resolved to amend the Constitution of the Grand Council of Utah, Cryptic Masons, Section 3-5 to allow 5 or more members of a Council to open in order to conduct the business of the Council.

Current Constitution of the Grand Council of Utah, Cryptic Masons. Section 3-5 Quorum reads, "A quorum of a Council consists of nine (9) members entitled to vote therein, including an Officer authorized to open the same."

The Change to Section 3-5 Quorum would read as follows, **Section 3-5 Quorum**

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A quorum of a Council consists of five (5) members entitled to vote therein, including an officer authorized to open the same, for the purpose of conducting business. A Council that is being formed, or conferring the degrees would require nine (9) members entitled to vote and an officer entitled to open the same to meet the quorum requisite.

Fraternally Submitted, Brian J. Hastings, Past Grand Illustrious Master John McCurdy, Past Illustrious Master

OTHER REPORTS

THRICE ILLUSTRIOUS MASTERS

Due to the pandemic situation, no meetings were held.