

PROCEEDINGS

GRAND YORK RITE OF FREEMASONRY
IN UTAH 2021



110th ANNUAL CONVOCATION GRAND CHAPTER
ROYAL ARCH MASONS



92nd ANNUAL ASSEMBLY GRAND COUNCIL
CRYPTIC MASONS



111th ANNUAL CONCLAVE GRAND
COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR

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OF THE
2021 SESSIONS
OF THE
GRAND YORK RITE
OF FREEMASONRY
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JOINT SESSION

MINUTES

Annual Joint Session

Held virtually via Zoom conferencing, Salt Lake City, Utah
May 8, 2021

The Annual Joint Session was declared open by ME Grand High Priest Jeffrey Hamilton, Invocation was given by Companion Paul Erickson.

Visitors and Distinguished Dignitaries were introduced. Words of welcome were received from MW Grand Master Daniel Lawes.

Joint Session was put into recess and the Grand York Rite Trust Committee conducted their meeting. Their report was presented by Chairman John C. Liley, Jr. Elections were held to replace trustee Companion Drew C. Sanders who is rotating out. Companion Sanders was nominated and elected to succeed himself. The presented report was approved.

Joint Sessions were continued by ME Grand High Priest Hamilton with presentation of the Finance Committee Report presented by Companion Jay Mitchell. Acceptance of the report and further discussion and acceptance of budgets will occur during each individual session. This report was followed by the report of the Grand Secretary/Recorder.

ME Grand High Priest Hamilton asked if there was any new business. No new business was brought up.

Thanks were given to the Sessions Committee for all the work they have done for their planning efforts.

Words of welcome were received from James Herndon and Glen Cook.

The Joint Session was closed.

GRAND YORK RITE JOINT COMMITTEES

2020-2021

*Denotes Chairman

Appeals and Grievance

Frank Baker – Chapter*
John C. Liley Jr - Council
unfilled – KT

Credentials

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

Fraternal Correspondence

Grand Presiding Heads
Grand Secretary/Recorder

Jurisprudence

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

Protocol

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

Time and Place

Jeffrey Hamilton – Chapter
Reed Fanning– Council
Jay N. Mitchell – KT
Grand Secretary/Recorder

Youth

Norman A. Smith- Chairman
N/A – Chapter
Daniel Drew - Council
N/A– KT

Auditing

Ben Young

Finance

Jay Mitchell*
Jerry Everett
Preston Martineau Jr
Lorenzo Tibbett
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

Triennial Conclave

Jeffrey Hamilton-Chapter
Reed Fanning – Council
Jay N. Mitchell - 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

Dean D. Rein, Eminent Prior, Utah Priory #47, KYCH

Monte Anderson, Governor, Camp Floyd College #190

Jay Mitchell, Grand Governor of Utah, York Rite College

David Jr. Read, Most Worthy Grand Patron, Order of the Eastern Star, Utah

Frank C. Baker, Sovereign Grand Inspector General, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite

Glen Cook, Intendent General, Red Cross of Constantine, Utah Division & RE Grand Master Convent General, Knights of the Cross of Honor

James Herndon, ME Preceptor, Holy Royal Arch Templar Priests

David J Kussman, RE Grand Generalissimo, Grand Encampment of Knights Templar

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

Daniel J. Lawes, MW Grand Master, Free and Accepted Masons of Utah

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES 2020 – 2021

Grand Jurisdiction	Grand Chapter		Grand Council		Grand Commandery	
	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 Buchanan	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		Announced cessation of Participation in GR Program 3 February 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					

Grand Joint Sessions

Grand Jurisdiction	Grand Chapter		Grand Council		Grand Commandery	
	To Utah	From	To Utah	From	To Utah	From
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		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				
Georgia	Michael Sosebee		Gary Lemmons		Steven Carter	
Germany	Wilbur Blair	Michael Busby (nom)	Wilbur Blair			
Greece	Geoge Ivos	Norman A. Smith				
Hawaii	Fred Pendergaft		James P. Malezon			
Idaho	Larry B. Cram		William Echo		Marvin E. Schein	
Illinois			Perry W. Foltz		V. Ray Landers	
India		Steven L. Wilkinson				
Indiana	Philip D. Herthel		Michael C Stoer		Harold D. Black	
Iowa	Edwon G. Yedlik	Michael Busby	Robert Christensen	Michael Busby	Homer E. Stutters	Michael Busby
Ireland	Henry S. Harding	Michael Busby				
Isreal	Josef Hasky					
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		Floyd T. Nobbs		Gorden Sorenson	
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					
New Hampshire	Raymond T. Robb		Raymond T. Robb		David Lewis	
New Jersey	Ronald C. Crealorex	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 Rjgdon	Steve L. Wilkinson	Fred Whitty	Steve L. Wilkinson
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 Rauscher	John G. Kovak Jr	Loren Rauscher
Rhode Island	Russell Scanlon	Jerold Cochran	Russell J. Lorenson	Jerold R. Cochran	D. T. Mass	Jerold Cochran

Grand Joint Sessions

Grand Jurisdiction	Grand Chapter		Grand Council		Grand Commandery	
	To Utah	From	To Utah	From	To Utah	From
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		
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. Pollard	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 IV	
Virginia	Arthur Dechent	Michael L. Busby (RAM/CM Combined)			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		Robert K. Yaasi		William T. Cox	
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 III	Peter N. Doelfs	Robert O. Finley	Peter N. Doelfs	Don Allen	Peter N. Doelfs

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT

Sir Knights and Companions,

Aside from having a new Treasurer, there are some nuances from past reports.

First, thanks to COVID it took quite an effort to acquire all the regalia, (Aprons, Jewels, etc.) inventory, and then work to get them out to the new officers. The latter part was not 100% completed and I still have about 5-6 Apron/Jewel cases at home. Given that we're still being affected by the pandemic, it has probably saved me a little time from starting the process over again.

Merrill Lynch now requires a minimum investment of \$250,000 and as such they cancelled our account and refunded our monies in the amount of \$86,661.48 to our checking held with Mountain America Credit Union. \$75,000 of that was used to start a new investment with Baird Financial.

Due to past confusion with Grand Encampment, it has been discovered that our operating budget should be based on calendar year instead of an April to March fiscal year. As such, I will provide income and balance numbers for both end of calendar year and end of fiscal year to help lessen the confusion.

Jenafer Dunn has played a vital role in setting up and reconciling our accounts in Quick Books. Huge thank you goes out to her in helping me with that portion of responsibility. I hope I can continue her meticulous attention to detail.

Thanks to our Finance Committee, we have working capital in our checking account and an operating budget for ensuing year. Currently we are only using one checking bucket with Mountain America for all three Grand York Rite bodies. I did have 3 separate sub-accounts created for each body if we wish to separate each body into their own checking. That would mean we keep three separate checkbooks instead of one, as we have historically done. Also, given that some of our available working balance came from Merrill Lynch, I would recommend the Finance Committee define a clear starting reference for each body/bucket, either by giving each a percentage or a base balance.

CHECKING

Beginning balance of checking as of May 1, 2020 - \$2,086.00
Ending balance of checking as of December 31, 2020 - \$11,439.80
Ending balance of checking as of April 30, 2021 - \$10,413.92

SAVINGS

Beginning balance of savings as of May 1, 2020 - \$1707.46
Ending balance of savings as of December 31, 2020 - \$4432.27
Ending balance of savings as of April 30, 2021 - \$4458.02

Total Bank Funds \$14,871.94

Submitted by
Kelly Allred, Grand Treasurer Joint Grand York Rite Sessions

GYR Combined Cash Flow/Balance Sheet
5/1/2020 through 4/30/2021

INFLOWS	
Donations Received	108.00
Interest Income	850.00
Masonic Regalia Sold	0.00
Fees Received	
Chapter Fees Received	7.50
Commandery Fees Received	2.50
Council Fees Received	15.00
TOTAL Fees Received	25.00
Per Capita Received	
Per Capita Chapter Received	1,273.00
Per Capita Commandery Received	2,552.00
Per Capita Council Received	1,259.00
TOTAL Per Capita Received	5,084.00
Sessions receipts	600.00
Unidentified Income	393.00
TOTAL INFLOWS	7,060.00
OUTFLOWS	
Charitable Donations	
Cost of Regalia Sold	
Equipment	
Insurance	968.84
Per Capita Paid	
Per Capita Chapter Paid	807.00
Per Capita Commandery Paid	2,743.00
Per Capita Council Paid	645.00
TOTAL Per Capita Paid	4,195.00
Operations	
Sessions	396.05
Supplies, bus.	164.63
Unidentified Expense	382.75
Wages/Stipend	3,000.00
TOTAL OUTFLOWS	9,107.27
OVERAL TOTAL	(2,047.27)

Account balances as of March 31, 2021

Baird Investment Account	\$75,000.00
Checking Account	\$10,413.92
Holy Land Pilgrimage Fund	\$ 4,432.83
Total	<u>\$90,146.75</u>

Kelly Allred, Grand Treasurer

REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY/RECORDER

As last year your Grand Secretary/Recorder continued the responsibilities during this unprecedented time. Although all events and meetings have been cancelled, I did have the opportunity to attend the 2020 Southwest Regional Conference by Zoom this past year.

With the continuation of only Zoom meetings due to COVID 19, numerous housekeeping items have been followed up on from the last year.

- **QuickBooks** – Our Grand Treasurer has taken on QuickBooks to handle all the financials along with having a goal to break out the finances for Grand Chapter, Grand Council and Grand Commandery, since this is the right thing to do.
- **Fiscal Year** – 2020 aligned with the Calendar year to reflect Grand Encampment calendar year.
- **MMS** – The local Body Secretary/Recorders have continued to keep up with the records for their Commandery, Chapters and Councils. This has been a major undertaking, which if continued will provide accurate membership accounting.
- **2022 Time & Place** – Final decision has not been made for the 2022 Grand York Rite venue.
- **Investment Fund:** The Grand York Rite Investment Fund has been set-up with Baird.
- **Annual Return Assessments:** All Local Bodies have sent in the 2020 Annual Returns.
- **ZOOM Pro Account:** The yearly subscription is still active. This is a great tool to utilize to set-up Committee Meetings, Grand Bodies meetings. One suggestion I would recommend is for the Grand Body

Officers to take advantage to start up Quarterly meetings. I would also encourage the Finance Committee to at minimum conduct Quarterly meetings to review the financial health of the Grand York Rite.

- **Grand Chapter Name Badges:** The Finance Committee this year has clarified what is provided and costs involved.
- **State Awards:** Unlike the prior year, there has been a significant focus on State and General Bodies. This past year the Grand Heads have made it a priority to award those Companions/Sir Knights for their service to the Utah York Rite.
- **KTCH Grand Encampment Award:** All Companions/Sir Knights should be pleased to know unlike last year this very high honor was not missed this year.

I will echo my closing comments by stating I welcome feedback to make sure I have performed to the best of my ability in fulfilling the trust as your Grand Secretary/Recorder that you charged me with by your election.

I once again for the second year in a row to recognize the great group of people who stepped up to the plate to work many hours on the backend bringing great talent and expertise to put this Virtual Sessions together namely, Treavor Wilkinson, Jenafer Dunn, Timothy Stenner, David Hutchison, Daniel Drew and Monte Anderson. I also again, thank the Members of Jurisprudence, Grand Heads, for their support and input. I would also like to thank all the Secretary/Recorders for their hard work in MMS, along with all the requests and reports that are required to keep the Grand York Rite of Utah functioning.

To all Members of Utah York Rite, thank you all once again for allowing me the honor and trust to be your Grand Secretary/Recorder for the Grand York Rite of Utah.

I considered it a privilege to serve all the Companions/Sir Knights of Utah. This has been another challenging year for the entire Jurisdiction. Lastly, to work with the wonderful Grand Heads that I have seen over the year show their caring and due diligence to the Jurisdiction. In addition to our Jurisprudence Companion/Sir Knights, who have been mentors and quietly

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have whispered wise counsel into my ear. They are a very special group that will now pass the torch onto the next special group of men.

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		2020	2021	Change
SLC	Keystone #0	NA		
Membership Change		2020	2021	Change
RAM				
Ogden	Ch. #2	36	36	0
SLC	Ch. #1	107	78	-29
Midvale	Ch. #3	50	43	-7
Provo	Ch. #4	27	25	-2
Price	Ch. #6	31	28	-3
St. George	Ch. #10	29	28	-1
Totals		280	238	-42
CM				
Ogden	Co. #3	36	36	0
SLC	Co. #1	102	76	-26
Midvale	Co. #5	48	40	-8
Provo	Co. #2	25	23	-2
Price	Co. #4	31	28	-3
St. George	Co. #7	27	26	-1
Totals		269	229	-40
KT				
SPHC	Cm. #0	22	22	0
Ogden	Cm. #2	36	35	-1
SLC	Cm. #1	103	81	-22
Midvale	Cm. #3	44	39	-5
Provo	Cm. #5	24	22	-2
Price	Cm. #6	35	29	-6
St. George	Cm. #7	28	28	0
Totals		292	256	-36

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

APPEALS AND GRIEVANCES REPORT

Your Committee on Appeals on Grievance beg leave to report the following:

This committee did not receive from any of the constituent Chapters, Councils or Commanderies within this jurisdiction any correspondence regarding the topic of this report, nor did the committee receive from any member of the York Rite in Utah an appeal or grievance.

Respectfully submitted,
Grand Chapter – Frank C. Baker, KYGCH, Acting Chairman
Grand Council – John C. Liley, RE Grand Scribe, KYGCH
Grand Commandery - Vacant

AUDITING COMMITTEE

No report

JOINT BYLAWS

No report

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

I am pleased to report that the credentials committee has worked tirelessly to ensure that all voting delegates had the proper credentials to vote. Last year's grand sessions sent us through uncharted territory and there were a couple of glitches. This year's preparations were somewhat easier as we have the same individuals working this year's committee as last year, so we all knew what to expect and we work together very well. We have again provided multiple opportunities to get used to using E-Ballot as a voting platform.

Respectfully submitted,
Timothy L. Stenner
Credentials Committee

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Your Finance Committee have been meeting via Zoom to establish a discuss our investments and establish a budget.

Our investment funds have been with Merrill Lynch, but it seemed like the amount we had to invest was a smaller amount than they would prefer to work with. Other Utah Masonic Bodies including the Grand York Rite Trust has had funds invested with Baird with good results. A decision was made to open an account and invest with Baird. We discussed investment strategies with the Baird and our goal is to have some growth and income but in some investments that were reasonably stable. Baird has provided an investment strategy to accomplish these goals. A copy of the investment strategy is included in this report which provides more detail. We now have approximately \$75,000 invested with Baird.

We have not had a budget for a few years, so we did not have a lot of past data to work with. However, with the assistance of Jenafer Dunn, Marty Martineau, David Read, Kelly Allred and others it is a start and is a work in progress. We task the ongoing financial committee to continue this work and fine tune and improve the budget as time goes on. (see group sections for applicable budget)

You will note that there is a net loss of \$2,647.27. We hope to cover this with earnings from our investments until such time as we have funds coming in from other sources. More members will help with this, so we all need to work on getting new qualified members. This is not only to raise funds but to be able for our York Rite Bodies not only to exist but to thrive.

Grand Sessions will be in person next year and it is our goal to at least break even and possibly come out slightly ahead. In the past we have provided complimentary meals and expenses for too many visitors. Our policy now is to only provide complimentary expenses for only those dignitaries that we should provide for. Our goal is to have a quality Grand Sessions but also to minimize expenses where we can. The Time and Place Committee has already started meeting to work out the details.

Respectfully Submitted
Jay Mitchell, Chairman

FRATERNAL RELATIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE

No Report

INTERNET COMMUNICATIONS

No report

JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

See reports in individual sessions.

MEMBERSHIP

No report

NECROLOGY REPORT

The members who

Utah #1

Henry Gray Meyer

Passed July 29, 2020

Michael Fifield Slaughter

Passed September 11, 2020

Midvale

Joe Edward Shirk

Passed October 2, 2020

Price

Thomas Alan Richard

Passed March 5, 2021

REGIONAL CONFERENCES

No report

ANNUAL RETURNS OF CONSTITUENT BODIES

REPORT OF RETURNS OF CONTITUENT BODIES		
	Total due all	Submitted
KMMM	0	0
SPHC	\$330.00	\$330.00
Ogden	\$1,029.00	\$1,029.00
SLC	\$2,373.00	\$2,373.00
Midvale	\$1,182.50	\$1,182.50
Provo	\$688.00	\$688.00
Price	\$827.00	\$827.00
St. Geo.	\$798.00	\$798.00
Totals	\$7,227.50	\$7,227.50

*See detailed reports in sections for each body.

TIME AND PLACE

The 2022 Sessions will be held at the University Marriott Hotel May 13-14.

TRIENNIAL CONCLAVE

No report

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No unfinished business

VESPERS MESSAGE

Vespers was not held this year.

YOUTH

No report

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 2020.

As reported last year 2019 we finished at \$361,643.

We finished 2020 at \$404,261.

As of May 6, 2021, we stand at \$436,962.

I would remind the bodies we started October of 2016 with Baird with only \$279,377.

Breakdown as follows

Cash	027,085	06.20 %
US Stocks	242,972	55.60 %
Non-US Stocks	052,821	12.09 %
Bonds	111,908	25.61 %
Other	002,177	00.50 %
Totals	436,962	100 %

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 has made changes as per our investment strategy throughout the year to deal with our fluctuating markets.

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 2020.

We anticipate costs for the 2021-2022 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, David Read 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
Jeffrey Hamilton MEGHP
Reed Fanning MIGM
Jay Mitchell REGC

**ANNOINTED HIGH PRIESTS/THRICE ILLUSTRIOUS
MASTER/PAST COMMANDERS ASSOCIATIONS**

**MINUTES OF THE
ANNOINTED HIGH PRIESTS, THRICE ILLUSTRIOUS COUNCIL
AND THE
PAST COMMANDER'S ASSOCIATION OF UTAH
Virtual Meeting
May 1, 2021**

Due to the Pandemic no meeting was held in May 2020. A Virtual Meeting was held on May 1, 2021 at 0900. All three Bodies were called into session by the Respective Heads of each Body.

2019-2021 Officers are as follows:

Anointed High Priest

M.E.P:	T.J. Robertson
Vice President:	Mike Slaughter
Chaplin:	Reed Fanning
Treasurer:	Jason Varner
Secretary:	Lawrence Rodriguez
Master of Ceremonies:	Jay Mitchell
Conductor:	Tim Stenner
Herald:	Dennis Hauze
Steward:	William Brotherson
Sentinel:	Chris Lyons

Thrice Illustrious Master's

TIM:	Reed B Fanning
TISW:	Jay N Mitchell
TIJW:	Brian J. Hastings
Treasure:	Jason Varner
Recorder:	Lawrence R. Rodriguez
Steward:	Timothy L. Stenner
Sentinel:	Jeff Hamilton

Past Commander's Association

E.P: Charles Warren
S.W: Preston Martineau
J.W. Reed Fanning
Treasurer: Jason Varner
Recorder: Lawrence Rodriguez
Warder: Jay Mitchell
Prelate: Tim Stenner
Sentinel: William Brotherson

The Thrice Illustrious Master Reed Fanning directed that the names of those who had applied be read and voted on. A motion was made the listed be approved and selected for the Degrees. The motion was seconded and it carried.

Anointed High Priest	Thrice Illustrious Master	Past Commander's Association
Michael Clark	Kevin Betterton	Kevin Betterton
Gerald Corbet	William Brotherson	Danny Drew
Lonnie McCulloch	Danny Drew	Lonnie McCulloch
Charles Persinger	Charles Persinger	Charles Persinger
David Read	David Read	David Read

Note: This was a Virtual Meeting, the Degrees will be done at a later date. The Candidates were voted on and accepted.



**109th ANNUAL
CONVOCATION
GRAND CHAPTER
ROYAL ARCH MASONS
OF UTAH**

Saturday, May 8, 2021

**Virtual Conference
Salt Lake City, Utah**

GRAND CHAPTER

CHAPTER MINUTES

May 8, 2021

Virtual Conference, Salt Lake City, Utah

The 109th Annual Conclave was declared open by ME Grand High Priest Jeffrey Hamilton.

Roll call was conducted, and a quorum was confirmed. A preliminary Credentials Report was provided by Companion Timothy Stenner indicating a total of 47 votes present.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes from the previous session as printed. The motion was approved. A motion was made and seconded to accept the pre-printed reports, with the exception of the Finance Report and Budget, be accepted as printed. The motion was approved.

ME Grand High Priest Hamilton introduced the visiting dignitaries and distinguished guests and extended his welcome.

The Grand High Priest Report was presented by ME Grand High Priest Hamilton followed by the report from Jurisprudence. Both reports were approved as presented.

Final credentials report was presented by Timothy Stenner indicating 48 eligible voters in attendance.

AWARDS: ME Grand Priest Hamilton announced the awards presented this year are as follows:

Keystone Award:

Timothy L. Stenner, Ogden
Monte Andersen, Utah #1
Jay N Mitchell, Midvale
Nicholas Cleghorn, Provo
Brian Hastings, St. George

Bronze Medal:

Howard Hastings, Price

Three pieces of Legislation were presented as follows:

Proposal #1: Companion Dean D. Rein presented proposal to change the Constitution Section 2-8 to resolve a conflict in two sections of the Constitution regarding the standing committees. The legislation was found to be in proper form. It was moved and seconded to accept the proposed change. Discussion was opened with no one speaking against or for the proposal. Vote was called for resulting in the proposal being approved.

Proposal #2: Companion Dean D. Rein presented proposal to change the Constitution Section 2-9 to make a change to the Finance Committee. The legislation was found to be in proper form. It was moved and seconded to accept the proposed change. Discussion was opened with no one speaking against or for the proposal. Vote was called for resulting in the proposal being approved.

Proposal #3: Companion Preston “Marty” Martineau presented proposal to change the Stand Resolutions to change the per-capita. The proposal was found to be in proper form. It was moved and seconded to accept the proposed change. Discussion was opened with no one speaking against or for the proposal. Vote was called for resulting in the proposal being approved.

Election of Officers was conducted with the following results:

- Jay N. Mitchell..... Grand High Priest
- John Liley, Jr..... Grand King
- Reed B. Fanning.....Grand Scribe
- Kelly Allred.....Grand Treasurer
- David J. Read, Sr.....Grand Secretary

During the election process words of welcome were received from RE David Aponte, Companion Erick Van Eckhoutte representing Steven Tiner, General Grand High Priest, General Grand Council Royal Arch Masons, International provided words from General Grand Council.

The appointed officers were:

- Daniel A. Drew.....E. Grand Captain of Host
- Timothy L. Stenner.....E. Grand Principal Sojourner

Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Utah

Treavor J. Wilkinson.....E. Grand Royal Arch Captain
Douglas J. BackesE. Grand Master 3rd Veil
Charles E Warren, Sr.....E. Grand Master 2nd Veil
David Hutchinson.....E. Grand Master 1st Veil
O. Blake Hansen.....E. Grand Chaplain
Paul EricksonExcellent Grand Lecturer

The elected and appointed officers were installed:

Grand Installing Officer.....Dean D. Rein
Grand Installing Captain of the Host....Lawrence “Gunny” Rodriguez
Grand Installing Chaplain.....Mike Shipler

The session was closed by newly installed Grand High Priest Jay Mitchell.

GRAND CHAPTER OFFICERS

2020- 2021

*In Attendance

- * Jeffrey E. HamiltonM.E. Grand High Priest
- * Jay N. MitchellR.E. Grand King
- * John C. Liley, JrR. E. Grand Scribe
- * Kelly Allred.....E Grand Treasurer
- * David J. Read, Sr.....R. E. Grand Secretary
- * Reed B. Fanning.....E. Grand Captain of Host
- * Daniel A. Drew.....E. Grand Principal Sojourner
- * Timothy L. Stenner.....E. Grand Royal Arch Captain
- e Charles I. Young.....E. Grand Master 3rd Veil
- Douglas J. BackesE. Grand Master 2nd Veil
- * Charles E Warren, Sr.....E. Grand Master 1st Veil
- * William C. BrothersonE. Grand Chaplain
- * O. Blake Hansen.....Excellent Grand Lecturer
- * Paul D. Erickson.....E. Grand Sentinel

GRAND CHAPTER COMMITTEES

*Denotes Chairman

4 Corners Royal Arch Festival

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

General Grand Bronze Metal

John McCurdy*
Howard Hastings
TJ Robertson

Royal Arch Reaffirmation Day

Jay N. Mitchell*
Constituent Chaplains

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*	2017
Michael L. Busby*	2009	Christopher C. Young	2018
William Butterfield	2010	Lawrence R Rodriguez*	2019
Charles Sipes*	2011	Jeffrey Hamilton*	2020

*denotes in attendance
 (e) denotes excused

CHAPTER DAIS OFFICERS

2020-2021

Utah #1				Provo #4		
High Priest	Michael Clark	*		High Priest	Granville L. Schmidt	*
King	Kevin Betterton	*		King	Lorenzo Tibbitts	*
Scribe	Charles E Persinger	A		Scribe	Jason C. Carlson	*
Ogden #2				Price #6		
High Priest	Gerald Corbett	*		High Priest	Daniel L. Hamilton	*
King	William E McCraw	*		King	John McCurdy	P
Scribe	Timothy C Fellows	*		Scribe	Daniel J. Lyons	*
Ontario #3				St. George #10		
High Priest	Treavor Wilkinson	*		High Priest	Lawrence Rodriguez	*
King	Blair Hope	*		King	Edward Nelson	P
Scribe	Joe E Tilt, Jr	A		Scribe	Charles Young	P

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

VISITING DIGNITARIES

- David Aponte**, RE Deputy Grand High Priest, Grand Chapter of Washington
- Reed Fanning**, ME President of Anointed High Priests of Utah
- Timothy Forbis**, ME Grand High Priest, Grand Chapter of Wyoming
- Erick VanEckhoutte**, District General Grand High Priest, Southwest Region

OFFICER'S REPORTS

REPORT OF THE MOST EXCELLENT GRAND HIGH PRIEST

I welcome you to the 110th Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter. I would like to thank our visitors who are visiting from near and far via Zoom. You honor us with your presence.

As per the Grand Chapter Constitution, I now present to you my report of this past year, with official acts and decisions that I initiated during our recess. I will also report on the state and condition of Royal Arch Masonry in Utah and my recommendations. Per the custom of this Grand Chapter and to keep the report reasonable in length, those parts deemed to be less relevant are appended here to.

State and Condition of the Chapter

The foundation laid One Hundred Ten years ago is as sound today as it was then. Our Grand Chapter Constitution and Ritual, although tweaked here and there have withstood the test of time. For the most part our Chapters are performing at a level to meet the expectations of the Fraternity.

The Grand York Rite of Utah has always looked to the future when it comes to technology and this pandemic year has been no exception. With the decision to close the Chapters to in person meetings due to the pandemic, Zoom became the way to meet and keep the light of Capitular Masonry alive and working. This platform has created a number of benefits that would not have been possible under the normal face to face meeting. For example, it allows members from all over the world to meet together and discuss or learn about Freemasonry.

The Zoom platform was used to visit with all of the Local Chapters over the year. In addition, Companion Reed Fanning the Most Illustrious Grand Master arranged for an educational as part of each visitation. These educationals were presented by speakers from all over the country and were very well received, so well in fact the General Grand Council has picked up the idea and enlisted Companion Fanning to continue with the educationals under their banner. I would like to thank Companions Danny Drew and Jason Varner for all of the help they gave and continue to give in making these educationals a huge success. I believe this venue has many uses in the future to help officers of a body hold more planning meetings, Grand Bodies to hold leadership conferences and possibly even quarterly meetings in addition to our Annual Sessions.

My Companions as great as the Zoom technology is, it isn't Masonry, and we should not try to replace our face-to-face meetings with Zoom meetings. Our beloved Fraternity with its teachings and all of the things that go with them work so much better when you can look a Brother in the eye and see the genuine delight of being together with like-minded men. The pandemic has shown us how important human contact is for the health of our society and I believe for the prosperity of the Craft.

Companions, my Decisions and Dispensations are attached, but I would like to address one in particular. Covid 19 has turned our world upside down and it has created challenges and concerns for leaders in every organization and in every government. Each having the same goal to protect the health and well-being of its members, employees or citizens. I was no different in my concern for my Brothers.

Companions there are two kinds of Masonry. No, I am not referring to the operative or speculative as you might be thinking. The first is much older than our Chapters or rituals. Older than many of the events described in the fables written about the antiquity of the craft. It is a part of every religion over the history of mankind. Every Prophet, Sage, Seer and Philosopher who has worked to improve the fate of man has used this important element in their teachings. Some call it that religion on which all men agree. The universal religion of which Micah in the Old Testament spoke "and what doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy god?" In our own ritual that charges us with. "To God, in

never mentioning his name but with a reverential awe which is due from a creature to his creator; to implore his aid in all your laudable undertaking and esteem him as the chief good. To your neighbor, in acting upon the square and doing unto him as you wish that he should do unto you”

This is pure Masonry and is the foundation of our ritual. These ancient lessons, these tried-and-true precepts in a world that appears to have lost its moral compass, are a powerful force which continues to attract good men to our Fraternity. To the degree we practice pure Masonry our communities become better places to live.

The second type is institutional Masonry. It includes the way we organize our Chapters, our Grand Chapter, our committees, our officers, and our activities. In short, all the things we do to accomplish our ideals. Institutional Masonry for most of us here today, occupies most of our time and energy.

All of us here today are dedicated to the first kind but are deeply involved in the second. I can't help but wonder at times, if we become so deeply intertwined in the details of our Brotherhood, that we lose sight of our ideals. Is it possible that our very own organizational structure gets in our way, preventing us from accomplishing our goals? I believe many of the problems that we agonize over and put so much energy into solving are doing just that.

There have been hundreds of books published, telling us what we need to do, and how to do it. The results at best have been short lived. Most Chapters would be happy if 20% of their members regularly attended their meetings. This is very difficult for those of us who are heavily involved in the work of the Chapter to understand. Why aren't the majority of our members as attracted to the work of the craft as we are? We have geared ourselves to the making of new members, rather than to the interest and needs of those who are already members.

There is one aspect to attendance that has to do with what we promise and what we deliver. Pure Masonry versus Institutional Masonry, if you will. There is no need for me to remind any one of you present about the nature of the obligations which bind us together, and yet, I am always amazed at the number of members who have for years had no contact with the Chapter, other than the exchange of a check and a dues card. Which of us has not been

embarrassed when sitting in a meeting and we hear about the death of a Brother several months or even a year or more after the sad event! What a sad comment on the quality of our Fraternal ties. I have heard it said, "Masonry isn't what it used to be." I ask, "When did Masonry change?" My Companions, is it not we who are not what we used to be? How long has it been since you rededicated yourself to your Masonic pledges and honored ideals?

We can continue to look for that magic solution or we can get back to the true work of building one Mason at a time. It all comes down to our choices. I would like to read you a story from *Memorabilia circa 371 BC*, entitled "The Choice of Hercules".

When Hercules was in that part of his youth in which it was natural for him to consider what course of life he ought to pursue, he one day retired into a desert, where the silence and solitude of the place very much favored his meditations.

As he was musing on his present condition, and very much perplexed in himself, on the state of life he should choose, he saw two women of a larger stature than ordinary, approaching towards him. One of them had a very noble air, and graceful deportment; her beauty was natural and easy, her person clean and unspoiled, her motions and behavior full of modesty, and her gown was white as snow. The other wanted all the native beauty and proportion of the former; her person was swelled, by luxury and ease, to a size quite disproportioned and uncomely.

She had painted her complexion, that it might seem fairer and rosier than it really was and endeavored to appear more graceful than ordinary in her bearing, by a mixture of affection in all her gestures. She cast her eyes frequently upon herself, then turned them on those that were present, to see whether anyone regarded her, and now and then looked on the figure she made in her own shadow.

As they drew nearer, the former continued the same composed pace, while the latter striving to get before her, ran up to Hercules, and addressed herself to him:

“My dear Hercules,” says she, “I find you are very much divided in your thoughts, upon the way of life that you ought to choose; be my friend and follow me; I will lead you into the possession of pleasure, and out of the reach of pain, and remove you from all the noise and disquietude of business. The affairs of either peace or war, shall have no power to disturb you. Your whole employment shall be to make your life easy, and to entertain every sense with its proper gratifications. Sumptuous tables, beds of roses, clouds of perfumes, concerts of music, crowds of beauties, are all in readiness to receive you. Come along with me into this region of delights, this world of pleasure, and bid farewell forever, to care, to pain, to business.”

Hercules, hearing the lady talk after this manner, desired to know her name; to which she answered, “My friends, and those who are well acquainted with me, call me Happiness; but my enemies, and those who would injure my reputation, have given me the name of Pleasure.”

By this time the other lady came up, who addressed yourself to the young hero in a very different manner.

“Hercules,” says she, “I offer myself to you, because I know you are descended from the gods, and give proofs of that descent by your love to virtue, and application to the studies proper for your age. This makes me hope you will gain, both for yourself and me, an immortal reputation. But, before I invite you into my society and friendship, I will be open and sincere with you, and must lay down this, as an established truth, that there is nothing truly valuable which can be purchased without pains and labor. The gods have set a price upon every real and noble pleasure. If you would gain the favor of the Deity, you must be at the pains of worshiping him: if the friendship of good men, you must study to oblige them: if you would be eminent in war or peace, you must become master of all the qualifications that can make you so. These are the only terms and conditions upon which I can propose happiness.”

The goddess of Pleasure here broke in upon her discourse: “You see,” said she, “Hercules, by her own confession, the way to her pleasures is long and difficult; whereas that which I propose is short and easy.” “Alas!” Said the other lady, whose visage glowed with passion, made up of scorn and pity, “What are the pleasures you propose? To eat before you are hungry, drink

before you are athirst, sleep before you are tired; to gratify your appetites before they are raised. You never heard the most delicious music, which is the praise of one's own self; nor saw the most beautiful object, which is the work of one's own hands. Your disciples pass away their youth in a dream of mistaken pleasures, while they are hoarding up anguish, torment, and remorse, for old age."

"As for me, I am the friend of gods and of good men, an agreeable companion to the artisan, a household guardian to the fathers of families, a patron and protector of servants, an associate in all true and generous friendships. The banquets of my disciples are never costly, but always delicious; for none eat and drink at them, who are not invited by hunger and thirst. Their slumbers are sound, and their waking's cheerful. My young men have the pleasure of hearing themselves praised by those who are in years; and those who are in years, of being honored by those who are young. In a word, my followers are favored by the gods, beloved by their acquaintance, esteemed by their country, and after the close of their labors, honored by posterity."

Companions we all joined to be a part of something bigger than ourselves. Let us set aside our egos and take off the aprons of distinction and put back on the aprons of service to our beloved Fraternity!

Recommendations:

This Grand Chapter create a Grand High Priest Chapter for those Companions who are NPD to be placed in so that they can be contacted and worked with to bring them back into the fold.

This Grand Chapter create the legislation necessary to create a traveling Grand Royal Arch Chapter to serve those areas where there are Blue Lodges but no York Rite bodies.

This Grand Chapter create regional education teams to help the Blue Lodges in the area deliver quality educationals and improve the quality of the experience.

This Grand Chapter hold leadership workshops both in person and via Zoom at least quarterly.

This Grand Chapter develop ideas and programs with the aid of the York Rite Trust to enhance and promote Capitular Masonry here in Utah.

I would like to thank Companions Jay Mitchell and Reed Fanning for their support and all of the hard work they have and continue to do on behalf of the Grand York Rite of Utah. I Learned so much from both of you and our friendship has grown even more, it was an honor and privilege to work with you. I would also like to thank my lady Nancy who always puts me first and without all the love and support she so generously gives I could not do half the things I love doing. She is truly the driving force in our family!!!

My Companions I want to thank you for having faith in me to be able to lead this Grand Chapter, it is always a humbling experience for me.

Conclusion:

“Freemasonry has promoted fellowship, it has nurtured brotherhood, it has practiced charity. It has education, it has been founded on truth and the cardinal virtues. But what is Masonry’s greatest mission in life today? What should be the thrust of modern Masonry? Those are the answers we are presently seeking, and on our success in finding the answer depends the future of our Fraternity.” – L. L. Williams

Sincerely and Fraternally,
Jeffrey E. Hamilton
Grand High Priest

Dispensations

Date: October 20, 2020

To: Excellent Companion Monte Anderson
High Priest, Ogden Chapter #2

Subject: Dispensation 20/21-001

Excellent Companion Monte Anderson,

Pursuant to your request to hold your elections out of time since you were unable to meet in person on the first Monday in October which is the time specified in your bylaws that elections should take place. I have been assured that the companions of Ogden Chapter #2 have been duly informed of the day and date of the elections. Under section 2-7 item C: The Grand High Priest I do hereby grant your request to hold your elections for the ensuing year on November 2, 2020.

2020 has been to say the least a very trying time for our beloved Fraternity. I wish you and all the companions all me best. If I can be of any assistance, please do not hesitate to reach out to me or any of the officers of the Grand Chapter, we are always happy to help!

Fraternally yours,
Jeffrey E. Hamilton
M.E.G.H.P.

Cc: David J. Read, Grand Secretary
Brian J. Hastings PGHP, Chairman, Jurisprudence Committee

Date: October 20, 2020

To: Excellent Companion Daniel Hamilton
Excellent High Priest Price Chapter #6

Subject: Dispensation 20-002

Excellent Companion Hamilton:

Pursuant to your request that Price Chapter #6 be allowed to have the Secretary/Recorder cast a unanimous ballot to re-elect the officers and CMTA delegate of the Chapter. You also have requested that the High Priest if he chooses not to be re-elected be permitted to appoint his successor. As I have been assured that the elected officers have agreed to serve another year, by the power invested in the Grand High Priest under Section 2-7 The Grand High Priest item C: I do hereby grant your request with the following

stipulation. Should the current High Priest of Price Chapter #6 choose not to serve another year an election for his office must take place.

These are indeed trying times and I would like to personally commend the officers and companions of Price Chapter #6 for their willingness to serve another year, thus insuring the peace and harmony of the Chapter.

Fraternally yours,
Jeffrey E. Hamilton
M.E.G.H.P.

Cc: David J. Read, Grand Secretary
Brian J. Hastings PGHP, Chairman, Jurisprudence Committee

Decisions

October 3, 2020

Decision: 2020/2021 - 001

Subject: Covid 19

This decision must be sent out to all Chapters and Councils within the jurisdiction of Utah for dissemination to their members and shall become effective on the date of this letter.

Whereas the safety and health of the Brethren and Companions of the York Rite are the first priority during this pandemic and due to the continued rise in confirmed cases of Covid 19 within the state of Utah, as well as to show solidarity with the Constituent Commandries of the Grand Commandery of Utah who at the current time are unable to meet by restrictions placed.

It is our decision that all constituent Chapters of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Utah and all Cryptic Councils of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons in Utah remain closed until January 1, 2021, or until this order is rescinded by the respective heads of the same.

Meetings are encouraged and may continue to take place via video conferencing.

Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Utah

We wish you all the best and ask that you stay safe and healthy. Continue to practice brotherly love and charity. Check in on our companions to ensure their wellbeing and welfare are attended to.

Fraternally yours,
M. E. Grand High Priest
Reed B. Fanning
M. I. Grand Master

Cc: David Read, Grand Secretary / Recorder
Brian J. Hastings PGHP, PIGM, Chairman Jurisprudence
Committee

Date: October 20, 2020

Decision: 20/21-002

Subject: Elections

This decision must be sent out to all Chapters within the jurisdiction of Utah for dissemination to their members and shall become effective on the date of this letter.

Whereas the safety and health of the Brethren and companions is of the utmost importance, and Whereas Decision: 20/21 has forbidden the Chapters from meeting in person until at least the first of January 2021 and, Whereas elections are held in November for the ensuing year.

It is my decision that all constituent Chapters of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Utah may hold their elections over Zoom or such other web-based video conferencing tool. The elections must take place on the stated meeting night, if a different date is needed a dispensation must be requested.

Fraternally yours,
Jeffrey E. Hamilton
M.E.G.H.P.

Cc: David J. Read, Grand Secretary
Brian J. Hastings, Chairman, Jurisprudence Committee

Date April 11, 2021

Decision 20/21-03

This decision must be read in all York Rite Bodies within the Jurisdiction and shall become effective as of the date of this letter.

Whereas, Covid-19 has caused us for the safety of our members to meet virtually throughout the year; and,

Whereas Section 2-3 States the Annual Sessions of the Grand York Rite Bodies of Utah will convene on the Second Friday and the following Saturday in May; and

Whereas Section 2-4 states that “Special Convocations, Assemblies and Conclaves may be called by the Grand High Priest, Grand Illustrious Master and Grand Commander whenever the welfare of the craft shall require it.

It is therefore our decision that the 2021 Grand York Rite Sessions be held virtually on May 8, 2021, starting at 9:00 am with the Joint Sessions.

Fraternally,

Jeffrey E. Hamilton, Grand High Priest

Reed B. Fanning, Illustrious Grand Master

Jay N. Mitchell, Grand Commander

Cc: Brian Hastings PGHP, PGIM, PGC Chairman, Jurisprudence Committee

David J. Read Grand Secretary/Recorder

Itinerary:

August 1, 2020	Utah Grand Sessions
August 9, 2020	Grand Heads Meeting
August 14, 2020	Arizona Grand Sessions
September 13, 2020	MMS educational meeting
September 17, 2020	Provo York Rite
September 22, 2020	Utah 1 visitation & Oscar Allenye Educational
September 26, 2020	Triennial
September 30, 2020	Meritorious awards meeting
October 3, 2020	St. George visitation
October 3, 2020	YRSC meeting
October 5, 2020	Ogden visitation
October 8, 2020	Feast of Tishri
October 14, 2020	Adam Goldman educational
October 15, 2020	Provo York Rite
October 30, 2020	Southwest Regional Conference
November 18, 2020	Midvale Visitation
November 18, 2020	Moises Gomez Educational
November 19, 2020	Provo York Rite
December 5, 2020	St. George York Rite
December 12, 2020	HRKTP meeting
December 17, 2020	Provo York Rite Christmas Observance / Installation
January 6, 2021	Grand Heads Meeting
January 6, 2021	Barry Newell educational
January 16, 2021	Red Cross of Constantine
January 21, 2021	Provo York Rite
January 28, 2021	Grand Heads Meeting
January 29, 2021	Grand Lodge Communication
January 30, 2021	Grand Lodge Communication
February 18, 2021	Provo York Rite visitation
February 18, 2021	Roberto Sanchez educational
March 3, 2021	Price York Rite visitation

March 4, 2021	Story Lodge GM visitation
March 15, 2021	Grand Sessions planning meeting
March 16, 2021	Finance Committee meeting
March 18, 2021	Remembrance and Renewal Ceremony
March 19, 2021	Glen Cook educational
March 25, 2021	Provo York Rite
April 4, 2021	Provo York Rite Easter Observance.
April 7, 2021	Joseph Martinez educational
April 9, 2021	Sessions planning meeting
April 10, 2021	Red Cross of Constantine
April 10, 2021	Ladies Oriental Shrine Installation
April 15, 2021	Provo York Rite
April 17, 2021	New Mexico Grand Sessions
April 23, 2021	Scottish Rite Reunion
April 24, 2021	Scottish Rite Reunion
April 26, 2021	Jason Richards educational
May 1, 2021	Chair Degrees meeting
May 1, 2021	KYCH meeting
May 1, 2021	YRSC meeting

REPORT OF THE GRAND KING

Due to the Covid-19 Pandemic in-person visitations were not possible out of concern for the health and safety of our members.

I did visit each Council in Utah as Grand Commander, but I also encouraged members to support all of our York Rite Charities which includes the RARA. I also discussed the membership plan that is applicable to all York Rite Bodies.

We did receive an Easter Greeting from Companion Domonico Angelo Bilotta, Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Italy. He wishes true feelings of fellowship and to see the light that guides our way.

I responded with our own Easter Greetings to the Grand Chapter of Italy.

Also, we have a new contact for the Grand Chapter of Italy:

R. E. Companion Andrea Veronese Deputy Grand Secretary for relations with foreign Grand Chapters of Royal Arch Masons Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Italy Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Italy <gransegreteriaestero.ram@gmail.com>

Respectfully submitted,
Jay N Mitchell
Grand King
Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Utah

REPORT OF THE R. E. GRAND SCRIBE

Most Excellent Grand High Priest and Companions all,

Herein please find the report of the Grand Scribe. As such that meetings were cancelled throughout the jurisdiction due to the 2020 Health crisis of Covid-19 I like my companions was not able to attend any live meetings. I did participate on Zoom calls both locally in many capacities and nationally such as educationals and the Triennial.

I would also like to thank the companions for their understanding when I was unable to attend our local Grand Sessions due to the disappearance of our family pet. I am pleased to say we found her a few days later and after some medical attention Ruby was doing well and sits at my feet as I write this report. I look forward to meeting with you all virtually at our 2021 Sessions this May.

Sincerely and Fraternally,
John C. Liley, Jr. KGYCH
Grand Scribe
Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Utah

REPORT OF THE GRAND LECTURER

Companions, all,

First, thanks for the opportunity of being Grand Lecturer for Chapter and Council. for the 2020 term.

Second, I regret that I wasn't able to visit all or your respective groups. So that leaves me with not much of a report at all.

Third, I can give you some form of lecture, or rather some inspiration, when we meet again.

Let's make Utah York Rite an experience that others wish to belong too. Raise the level of our ritual by memorizing the parts to opening, closing and degrees, so that others will be impressed, and want to join an awesome York Rite. Then we can all learn and grow together on the level.

S & F

O. Blake Hansen

Grand Lecturer

Grand Chapter of RAM of Utah

REPORT OF RETURNS - RAM

	Mark Master					
SLC	Keystone #0					
	RAM	#	Per capita (\$7)	Fees (\$2.50)	RARA	Total
Ogden	Ch. #2	36	\$252.00	0	0	\$252.00
SLC	Ch. #1	78	\$546.00	0	0	\$546.00
Midvale	Ch. #3	43	\$301.00	\$2.50	0	\$303.50
Provo	Ch. #4	25	\$175.00	0	0	\$175.00
Price	Ch. #6	28	\$196.00	0	0	\$196.00
St. Geo.	Ch. #10	28	\$196.00	0	0	\$196.00
Totals		238	\$1,666.00	\$2.50	0	\$1,668.50

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY

April 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020

	MM #0	Totals	Utah #1	Ogden #2	Ontario #3	Provo #4	Price #6	Golgotha #10
as of 03/31/20		280	107	36	50	27	31	29
Exalted		0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Omitted		2	0	0	2	0	0	0
Affiliated		0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Restored		0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total gain		2	0	0	2	0	0	0
Error		10	10	0	0	0	0	0
Deceased		3	2	0	1	0	0	0
Demitted		11	8	0	1	1	0	1
Suspended		20	9	0	7	1	3	0
Total Loss		44	29	0	9	2	3	1
as of 12/31/20		238	78	36	43	25	28	28
Net Gain (Loss)		-42	-29	0	-7	-2	-3	-1

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

4 CORNERS ROYAL ARCH FESTIVAL

No report

BRONZE MEDAL AWARD

We, your Committee on the Bronze Metal Award for the 2020 – 2021 term received two nominations.

We are pleased to report that we have selected Companion Howard Hastings as this year’s recipient.

It was our feeling that this award was actually long overdue.

Fraternally and Sincerely,
Your Bronze Metal Award Committee,
John McCurdy PHP, Chairman
TJ Robertson, PGHP
Howard Hastings, PHP

CREDENTIALS REPORT ROYAL ARCH SESSIONS

Date May 8, 2021

Past Grand Elected Officers.....	10
Constituent Delegates (current Excellent HP, KING, SCRIBE) including proxies.....	16
Past High Priests.....	21

TOTAL (including proxies).....47

JURISPRUDENCE

The Jurisprudence Committee reviewed the report of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest’s activities, official acts and decisions during the 2020-2021 term and has the following to report:

Dispensation No. 20/21-001 granted Ogden Chapter No. 2 to hold their elections out of time as they were unable to meet in person on the date prescribed in their bylaws. This dispensation was proper and within his authority.

Dispensation No. 20-002 granted Price Chapter No. 6's secretary to cast a unanimous ballot to reelect their officers and the Carbon Masonic Temple Association delegate of the Chapter. It also directed the Chapter to elect a successor should the current Excellent High Priest not desire to serve an additional term. This dispensation was proper and within his authority.

All three official decisions were issued to help ensure Companions' health and wellbeing and provided a means for our Chapters to meet and work virtually utilizing videoconferencing technology during the COVID-19 pandemic. These decisions were proper and within his authority.

No other actions taken by the Most Excellent Grand High Priest required review by the Jurisprudence Committee. It should be noted that every Companion ought to read and appreciate the Most Excellent Grand High Priest's "State and Condition of the Chapter" portion of his report. It is sincere, compelling and insightful. His recommendations are also worthy of serious consideration for this Grand Chapter going forward.

Respectfully submitted,

Dean D. Rein, PGHP
Charles G Sipes, PGHP
Michael D. Shipler, PGHP
Brian J. Hastings, PGHP, Chair

LEGISLATION

Proposal #1

Proposed Amendment to the Constitution of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Utah

WHEREAS, Section 2-8 (A) Standing Committees states; Before each Annual Convocation adjourns, or within thirty-days thereafter, the Grand High Priest elected at such Annual Convocation, shall appoint the following Standing Committees:

Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence
Committee on Finance

Committee on Grievance and Appeals
Committee on Education
Committee on Fraternal Relations
Committee on Triennial Convocation
Committee on Utah York Rite Education Fund
Committee on Annual York Rite Sessions

Each Committee shall consist of three or more members and the first named shall be the Chairman and shall serve for one year or until their successors have been appointed. Any recommendations made by either Standing or Special Committees that necessitate a change of the rules, regulations, operations or finances shall be handled in the same time frame and manner as for proposals etc.. ; and

WHEREAS Section 2-9 (B) FINANCE states; The finance committee shall be a Joint Standing Committee of at least four (4) in number including a chairman. With one of the four being elected annually to a four-year term. The election of this member shall be determined by a majority vote of the delegates present, held during the Joint portion of the Grand York Rite sessions. The initial term will be determined by elections of one each 1-year, 2-year, 3-year and 4-year members. The Grand High Priest, Grand Illustrious Master and Grand Commander will be an added part of this committee. The purpose of the committee is to manage the funds of the Grand York rite Bodies. The actions of this committee shall be determined by majority vote of the finance committee. The ballots are to be counted as one person, one vote. The Grand Secretary-Recorder and Grand Treasurer will be ex-officio members for the purpose of record keeping, minutes, and information with no power to vote on actions of the finance committee.; and

WHEREAS Section 2-8 and Section 2-9 are in conflict with each other concerning how members of the Finance Committee are chosen.; and

WHEREAS Section 2-9 (B) is more specific in the make-up and duties of the Finance Committee.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that Section 2-8 (A) be amended as follows:

B. Finance Committee be removed, and the standing committees be re-lettered A thru G.

Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence
Committee on Grievance and Appeals
Committee on Education
Committee on Fraternal Relations
Committee on Triennial Convocation
Committee on Utah York Rite Education Fund
Committee on Annual York Rite Sessions

Respectfully submitted,
Dean D. Rein P.G.H.P.
Michael D. Shipler. P.G.H.P.
Charles Sipes P.G.H.P.

PROPOSAL #2

Proposed Amendment to the Constitution of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Utah.

WHEREAS Section 2-9 (B) FINANCE states; The finance committee shall be a Joint Standing Committee of at least four (4) in number including a chairman. With one of the four being elected annually to a four-year term. The election of this member shall be determined by a majority vote of the delegates present, held during the Joint portion of the Grand York Rite sessions. The initial term will be determined by elections of one each 1-year, 2-year, 3-year and 4-year members. The Grand High Priest, Grand Illustrious Master and Grand Commander will be an added part of this committee. The purpose of

the committee is to manage the funds of the Grand York rite Bodies. The actions of this committee shall be determined by majority vote of the finance committee. The ballots are to be counted as one person, one vote. The Grand Secretary-Recorder and Grand Treasurer will be ex-officio members for the purpose of record keeping, minutes, and information with no power to vote on actions of the finance committee.

They may by majority vote appoint a duly qualified outside financial advisor or financial institution for suggestions and advice. The finance committee shall hold and take title to all of the assets and funds of the Grand Chapter, Grand Council and Grand Commandery, with the exception of those funds held by the York Rite of Utah Foundation. They may co-mingle them, as long as they are spread on the books individually, as part of the Grand York Rite Funds except the general operating funds. They may loan and invest funds in such manner as the Grand Chapter, and/or Grand Council, and/or Grand Commandery may request from time to time, or in the absence of such specific direction, to the best of their judgement and ability in securities generally accepted by the Trust department of sound financial institutions. This may include but not limited to United States Government Bonds, Treasury Bills, or other certificate of indebtedness, State and Municipal Bonds, Savings Accounts and Certificates and Corporate Bonds and Mutual Funds. A portion of these investments should be available in a timely manner transferable to pay the indebtedness of the Grand Chapter, Grand Council and Grand Commandery.

All actions taken by the Finance Committee shall be governed by the prudent man rule and with agreement of the majority. In case of a deadlock the duty shall fall to the Chairman for decisions.

They shall reinvest the interest and dividends or deposit to the General Fund amounts needed as circumstances warrant. They shall make a complete and detailed report of all assets and funds in their possession

at each Annual Sessions, and shall annually audit the books of the Grand Recorder and Grand Treasurer, and shall certify their findings at the Joint Portion of the Annual Grand York Rite Sessions.

They will also prepare and submit a budget for the ensuing year for each Grand York Rite body for action at the annual sessions.

Any item or items not covered herein shall be governed by the requirements of the Code and Trial Code of the Grand Lodge F. & A.M. of Utah and Masonic usage.; and

WHEREAS there is no roll call taken or credentials report given.; and

WHEREAS there is no way of knowing who the eligible delegates to vote are without a credentials report and roll call.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that Section 2-9 (B) Finance be amended as follows:

First paragraph; The Finance Committee shall be a Joint Standing Committee of at least four (4) in number including a chairman. With one of the four being elected annually to a four-year term. The election of this member shall be determined by a majority vote of the delegates present, held in the first body to open per Section 2-3 Convocation (B) where a credentials report and roll call is taken to establish the eligible delegates. The initial term will be determined by elections of one each 1-year, 2-year, 3-year and 4-year members. The Grand High Priest, Grand Illustrious Master and Grand Commander will be an added part of this committee. The purpose of the Committee is to manage the funds of the Grand York Rite Bodies. The actions of this committee shall be determined by majority vote of the finance committee. The ballots are to be counted as one person, one vote. The Grand Secretary-Recorder and Grand Treasurer will be ex-officio members for the purpose of record keeping, minutes, and information with no power to vote on actions of the finance committee.

Respectfully submitted,
Dean D. Rein P.G.H.P.
Michael D. Shipler P.G.H.P.
Charles Sipes P.G.H.P.

PROPOSAL #3

Proposed Amendment to the Constitution of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Mason of Utah

WHEREAS, Section 1-7 ASSESSMENTS states; It shall possess authority to require from the several Chapters within its jurisdiction, such proportion of the sums received by them for conferring the degrees, and also sums in the form of annual dues from the respective members, as may be necessary for the support of the Grand Chapter.; and

WHEREAS, Section 2-19 FINANCES states; Each Chapter may set their dues and fees as prescribed by the membership, in their By-laws, provided such dues and fees shall not be less than the annual per capita due the Grand Chapter. The dues and fees of Chapter having concurrent jurisdiction need not be the same.

The revenue of the Grand Chapter shall be derived from fees and dues charged as follows:

- (A) For a Dispensation to form a New Chapter, Forty-Five (\$45.00) Dollars and for a new Charter Ten (\$10.00) dollars.
- (B) For each Mason exalted, Two Dollars (\$2.00) to be paid by the Chapter of which the candidate receiving the Degree shall thereupon become a member, provided that no fee shall be due the Grand Chapter for courtesy work done for Chapters outside of Utah.
- (C) Each Constituent Chapter shall remit to the Grand Chapter, at the time of making the Annual Returns, the assessed dues for each Companion who was a member at the close of the fiscal year. For current amount, refer to the last date on this subject in TITLE V Standing Resolutions.
- (D) For the Triennial Fund, the assessed amount, on the latest date as referred to in TITLE V Standing Resolutions.
- (E) Such special assessments and fees as the Grand Chapter shall levy.; and

WHEREAS, The General Grand Chapter Triennial Convocation is held after our annual Convocation; and

WHEREAS, should a per capita increase or decrease be approved at the Triennial. Such increase or decrease becomes affective before our next Convocation; and

WHEREAS, This increase or decrease would affect our budget; and

WHEREAS, TITLE V STANDING RESOLUTIONS MAY 2015 PER CAPITA states; It was proposed and approved by majority vote to increase per-capita by \$1.00 for the years 2016 and 2017 for a total per-capita of \$6.00 THEN, increase the per-capita beginning in the year 2018 by an additional \$1.00 for a total per-capita at that time of \$7.00 (Utah portion \$4.00 and General Grand Chapter portion \$3.00); and

WHEREAS, The Utah portion has not been sufficient to cover the expenses of the Grand Chapter. Causing the Grand Chapter to pull or seek funds from other accounts; and

WHEREAS, No organization can survive running an annual deficit;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that a MAY 2021 STANDING RESOLUTION be added to TITLE V STANDING RESOLUTIONS: The annual per-capita be raised as follows:

The Utah portion raised by \$3.00 to \$7.00 plus + General Grand Chapter per-capita fees (currently \$3.00) for a total per-capita of \$10.00.

Respectfully submitted,
Joint Finance Committee,
Jay N. Mitchell REGC, Chairman
P. Marty Martineau PGHP, PIGM, PGC
Gerald J. Everett PGC
Lorenzo E. Tibbitts EC
Reed B. Fanning MIGM
Jeffrey E. Hamilton MEGHP, PGC
David J. Read Sec./Rec. Ex-officio
Kelly Allred Treasurer Ex-officio

ROYAL ARCH REAFFIRMATION

No report

ROYAL ARCH RESEARCH ASSISTANCE

No report

OTHER REPORTS

ANNOINTED HIGH PRIESTS

See report in Joint Sessions section. Meeting was combined with Thrice Illustrious Masters and Past Commanders Association.



**92nd ANNUAL
ASSEMBLY
GRAND COUNCIL
CRYPTIC MASON
OF UTAH**

Saturday, May 8, 2021

**Virtual Conference Meeting
Salt Lake City, Utah**

GRAND COUNCIL

GRAND COUNCIL MINUTES

May 8, 2021

Virtual Conference, Salt Lake City, UT

The 92nd Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Utah was opened by M.I. Grand Master Reed B. Fanning.

Roll call was conducted of the Grand Officers, Past Grand Masters, and Dias Officers. A quorum was announced.

Visiting dignitaries were introduced and welcomed by Illustrious Grand Master Fanning.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes from the previous Grand Session as printed in the distributed pre-printed packet. The motion was approved. It was moved and seconded to accept the reports pertaining to the Grand Council in the pre-printed packet. The motion was approved.

Illustrious Grand Master Fanning presented his report followed by the report of Jurisprudence. Both reports were approved to be spread upon the minutes.

A final credentials report was given by Companion Timothy Stenner showing 50 eligible votes.

Illustrious Grand Master Fanning announced the recipients of awards this year as follows:

Ish Sodi

Charles Persinger, Utah #1
Treavor Wilkinson, Daly #5
TJ Robertson, Solomon #4
Monte Andersen, Ogden #3
Daniel Drew, Provo #2
Christopher Young, Zion #7

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General Grand Council Youth Leadership Award

John Limb

Lady of the Council

Nancy Hamilton

Cryptic Mason of the Year

Charles Persinger

Companions Brian Hastings, Steven Balke and Jason Varner announced the recipient of the **Order of the Secret Vault** this year is Companion Reed B. Fanning.

The proposed budget was presented in the Joint Sessions. A motion was made and seconded to accept that budget as presented in the prior Session. The budget was approved.

Three items of legislation were presented.

Proposal #1: Companion Brian Hastings presented proposal to change the Constitution Section 2-8 to resolve a conflict in two sections of the Constitution regarding the standing committees. The legislation was found to be in proper form. It was moved and seconded to accept the proposed change. Discussion was opened with no one speaking against or for the proposal. Vote was called for resulting in the proposal being approved.

Proposal #2: Companion Brian Hastings presented proposal to change the Constitution Section 2-9 to make a change to the Finance Committee. The legislation was found to be in proper form. It was moved and seconded to accept the proposed change. Discussion was opened with no one speaking against or for the proposal. Vote was called for resulting in the proposal being approved.

Proposal #3: Companion Preston “Marty” Martineau presented proposal to change the Stand Resolutions to change the per-capita. The proposal was found to be in proper form. It was moved and seconded to accept the proposed change. Discussion was opened with no one speaking against or for the proposal. Vote was called for resulting in the proposal being approved.

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MI Fanning opened elections. The results of the elections are as follows:

- Jeffrey E. Hamilton.....M. I. Grand Master
- Jay N. Mitchell.....R. I. Deputy Grand Master
- Lawrence R. Rodriguez.....R. I. Grand Principal Conductor of Work
- Kelly Allred.....R.I. Grand Treasurer
- David J. Read, Sr.....R. I. Grand Recorder

During the election process, words of welcome were received from Companions Wayne Fryer, Rabi Peifer, Stephen Rubenstein, and Jason Varner,

Companion Steven Balke, representing MP Monte Glover, General Illustrious Grand Master, General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons, provided new from the General Grand Council.

The following officer appointments were made by the newly elected MI Grand Master:

- Charles E. Warren SrI. Grand Captain of Guard
- Monte K. Andersen.....I. Grand Conductor of Council
- Daniel A. Drew.....I. Grand Senior Steward
- Treavor J. WilkinsonI. Grand Junior Steward
- O. Blake Hansen.....I. Grand Marshal
- Timothy L. Stenner.....I. Grand Lecturer
- Paul Erickson.....I. Grand Chaplain
- Lorenzo E. Tibbitts.....I. Grand Sentinel

Installation of the elected and appointed officers was conducted.

- Installing Illustrious Grand Master.....Dean D. Rein,
- Installing Grand Marshall.....Brian Hastings
- Installing Grand Chaplain.....Michael Shipler

The Assembly was closed by the newly installed Most Illustrious Grand Master Jeffrey Hamilton.

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**GRAND COUNCIL CRYPTIC MASONS UTAH OFFICERS
2020 – 2021**

- * Reed B. Fanning.....M. I. Grand Master
 - * Jeffrey E. Hamilton.....R. I. Deputy Grand Master
 - * Jay N. Mitchell.....R. I. Grand Principal Conductor of Work
 - * Kelly Allred.....R I Grand Treasurer
 - * David Read, Sr.....R. I. Grand Recorder
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 - * O. Blake HansenI. Grand Lecturer
 - * Timothy StennerI. Grand Chaplain
 - * William C. Brotherson.....I. Grand Sentinel
- *In Attendance

**GRAND COUNCIL COMMITTEES
2020-2021**

* Denotes Chairman

Cryptic Mason of Year

Jason Varner*
TJ Robertson
Douglas Backes

**Youth Award
Committee**

Daniel Drew*
Subordinate
Council Recorders

**Cryptic Mason
Medical Research**

Jay N. Mitchell

PAST GRAND ILLUSTRIOUS MASTERS

*Denotes in attendance

Blaine H. Simons	1989	Michael L. Busby*	2010
Richard H. Simons	1992	Brian J. Hastings*	2011
John Elwell Jr	1997	Charles G. Sipes*	2012
J. C. McLaughlin	1999	Dean D. Rein*	2014
Norman A. Smith	2003	Jason A. Mitchell	2015
Joseph C. Matson, Sr	2004	T.J. Robertson*	2016
Michael D. Shipler*	2005	Jason C. Varner*	2017
Loren H. Rausher	2007	Douglas J. Backes*	2018
William A. Butterfield	2009	P. Marty Martineau*	2019

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COUNCIL DAIS OFFICERS

Utah #1			
	Illustrious Master	Kevin Betterton	X
	Deputy Master	Lonnie McCulloch	A
	Prin Cond of Work	Michael Clark	X
Ogden #3			
	Illustrious Master	Timothy Fellows	X
	Deputy Master	Gerald Corbet	X
	Prin Cond of Work	William E. McCraw	X
Daly #5			
	Illustrious Master	Joe E. Tilt	X
	Deputy Master	Blair D. Hope	X
	Prin Cond of Work	Daniel Drew	X
Provo #2			
	Illustrious Master	Jayson Carlson	X
	Deputy Master	Granville Schmidt	X
	Prin Cond of Work	Lorenzo Tibbitts	X
Solomon #4			
	Illustrious Master	John H McCurdy	Proxy
	Deputy Master	Daniel Hamilton	X
	Prin Cond of Work	Daniel G. Lyons	X
Zion #7			
	Illustrious Master	Charles I Young	Proxy
	Deputy Master	Edward Nelson	Proxy
	Prin Cond of Work	Chris Mitchell	X

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

VISITING DIGNITARIES

Jay N. Mitchell, Thrice Illustrious Master, Thrice Illustrious Masters, Utah

Michael Smith, Grand Principal Conductor of the Work, Grand Council of Missouri

Stephen Rubinstein, Grand Principal Conductor of the Work, Grand Council of New York

Mark David Gall, Grand Principal Conductor of the Work, Grand Council of Pennsylvania

David Aponte, Grand Principal Conductor of the Work, Grand Council of Washington

Michael P. Pizolla, MI Grand Master, Grand Council of Delaware

Wayne Fryer, MI Grand Master, Grand Council of Missouri

Rabi Peifer, MI Grand Master, Grand Council of Washington

William Gerrard, Past Grand Master, Grand Council of Arizona

Jason C. Varner, RP Deputy District Grand Master of the Southwest

Stephen Balke, General Grand Recorder, General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons, International

Monte Glover, MP General Grand Master, General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons, International

OFFICER REPORTS

ELOCUTION OF THE MOST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND MASTER -

This term has been a year of challenges and opportunities. The Heads had to decide not to meet in person for the health and safety of our membership. I feel as though we stepped up to the plate with alternative Zoom meetings and educationals. We had zoom visitations and I was able to meet with all the Councils of Utah. I was able to visit with most Councils more than once as well.

Visitations:

Salt Lake 22 Sept 20

Ogden 5 Oct 20

Midvale 18 Nov 20

St. George 5 Dec 20

Provo 18 Feb 21

Price 3 Mar 21

Other Masonic Events Attended via Zoom:

Arizona Grand Sessions 15 Aug 20

Colorado Grand Sessions 11-12 Sept 20

General Grand Council Cryptic Masons Internationals Triennial 26 Sept 20

Texas York Rite Esoteric Association 17 Oct

Grand Court of the Masonic Order of Athelstan 24 Oct 20

General Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons International 21 Nov 20

Arlington Texas Chapter and Council meeting 11 Jan 21

The Commemorative Order of St. Thomas of Acon National Meeting 21 Jan 21

Masonic Order of Athelstan meeting of the Province of the United States 11 Feb 21

Grand Council of Knight Masons Annual meeting 12 Feb 21

The Masonic Society Annual meeting 12 Feb 21 where I was put on the Board of Directors

Grand Council of the Allied Masonic Degrees of the USA 13 Feb 21

Grand York Rite of Hawaii Sessions 27 Feb 21

Grand Chapter of New York 6 Mar 21

Grand York Rite of Washington D.C. Sessions 20 Mar 21

Trinity Chapel #2 St. Thomas of Acon 20 Mar 21 where I was installed Worthy Master

Grand York Rite of New Mexico Sessions 17 Apr 21

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As well as many other Masonic functions over Zoom

I was able to schedule ten Zoom educationals. These were on a wide variety of subjects within the scope of Freemasonry and the York Rite. I was able to utilize the General Grand Council's Zoom account so we could accommodate over 100 people and would like to thank them for that service. We had over 160 registrations on some of these educational, and they were greatly attended. All of these lectures in the Grand York Rite of Utah Lecture Series were advertised on the General Grand Councils weekly publication "The Decryption" as well as the Utah Supplement of the Knight Templar Magazine. They were recorded for future viewing and are on both the General Grand Council and Refracted Light YouTube Channels.

Educationals:

Oscar Alleyne spoke on "4 Questions and the Word"

Ben Williams spoke on "Inspiration in Freemasonry: An Introduction to Rabbinical Kabbalah"

Adam Goldman spoke on "Astrotheology of the York Rite"

Mosies Gomez spoke on "The Early History of Royal Arch Masonry"

John Bridegroom spoke on "The Cryptic Degrees: The Philosophical Rite and their keys to the past and the future of Freemasonry"

Barry Newal spoke on "Symbols Most Sublime: A Review of the Symbols of the Royal Arch Masons"

Roberto Sanchez spoke on "The Chamber of Reflection: A Revitalized and Misunderstood Practice"

Glen Cook spoke on "Orders Beyond the York Rite"

Joe Martinez spoke on "The Vaults of Enoch and the Secret Knowledge Within"

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Jason Richards spoke on “Diluvian Origins: The Influence of the Noahide Flood Myth on the Masonic Third Degree”

During this time of opportunities, I was faced with some difficult decisions. The decision to not meet in person for the year was the hard one. Though meeting in person is the best way for us to have expressed Brotherly Love and had our Social Virtues cement us, I had to think of the health of the Companions and Sir Knights first. Other dispensations were to allow elections over zoom or to have officers remain in place if that was their desire. My hope was that the Companions and Sit Knights of Utah would embrace the technological tools we had at hand and participate as much as they could virtually.

Joint Decisions:

Decision 20/21-1 (3 Oct 2020) Covid: “This decision must be sent out to all Chapters and Councils within the jurisdiction of Utah for dissemination to their members and shall become effective on the date of this letter.

Whereas the safety and health of the Brethren and Companions of the York Rite are the first priority during this pandemic and due to the continued rise in confirmed cases of Covid 19 within the state of Utah, as well as to show solidarity with the Constituent Commandries of the Grand Commandery of Utah who at the current time are unable to meet by restrictions placed.

It is our decision that all constituent Chapters of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Utah and all Cryptic Councils of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons in Utah remain closed until January 1, 2021 or until this order is rescinded by the respective heads of the same.

Meetings are encouraged and may continue to take place via video conferencing. We wish you all the best and ask that you stay safe and healthy. Continue to practice brotherly love and charity. Check in on our companions to ensure their wellbeing and welfare are attended to.”

Decision 20/21-3 (11 Apr 2021) Sessions: This decision must be read in all York Rite Bodies within the Jurisdiction and shall become effective as of the date of this letter.

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Whereas, Covid-19 has caused us for the safety of our members to meet virtually throughout the year; and,

Whereas Section 2-3 States the Annual Sessions of the Grand York Rite Bodies of Utah will convene on the Second Friday and the following Saturday in May; and

Whereas Section 2-4 states that “Special Convocations, Assemblies and Conclaves may be called by the Grand High Priest, Grand Illustrious Master and Grand Commander whenever the welfare of the craft shall require it.

It is therefore our decision that the 2021 Grand York Rite Sessions be held virtually on May 8, 2021, starting at 9:00 am with the Joint Sessions.

Sole Decisions

Decision 20/21-1 (21 Oct 2020) Elections: “This decision must be sent out to all Councils within the jurisdiction of Utah for dissemination to their members and shall become effective on the date of this letter.

Whereas the safety and health of the Brethren and companions is of the utmost importance, and Whereas Decision: 20/21 has forbidden the Councils from meeting in person until at least the first of January 2021 and,

Whereas elections are held in October or November for the ensuing year.

It is my decision that all constituent Councils of the Grand Chapter Cryptic Masons of Utah may hold their elections over Zoom or such other web-based video conferencing tool. The elections must take place on the stated meeting night, if a different date is needed a dispensation must be requested.”

Dispensation 20/21-2 (30 Oct 20) Price Elections: “Pursuant to your request that Solomon Council #4 be allowed to have the Secretary/Recorder cast a unanimous ballot to re-elect the officers and CMTA delegate of the Council. You also have requested that the High Priest if he chooses not to be re-elected be permitted to appoint his successor. As I have been assured that the elected officers have agreed to serve another year, by the power invested

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in the Grand Illustrious Master: I do hereby grant your request with the following stipulation. Should the current Illustrious Master of Solomon Council #4 choose not to serve another year an election for his office must take place.

I applaud the officers and Companions of Solomon Council #4 for their willingness to serve another year, thus ensuring the peace and harmony of the Council, in these difficult times.”

My focus was Awards this year and in making sure that they were given and not missed. When there are no nominations, that award goes unfulfilled. I asked Daniel Drew to make an “Awards Guideline” for a quick reference, which by the time I am reading this has been completed. I hope that this will help those new to the process, have an easy time navigating the process of nominating those people deserving of awards.

I would like to thank Jason Mitchell for his trust in appointing me to serve the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Utah. I would also like to thank Blaine Simons for his continued guidance and friendship. Lastly, I would like to thank Jason Varner, who has been my trusted Companion on many a Masonic adventure throughout the years.

It was an honor to serve the Grand Council of Utah this term. I hope that I have done you proud.

Reed B. Fanning Jr.

Most Illustrious Grand Master of Cryptic Masons of Utah 2020-2021

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RIGHT ILLUSTRIOUS DEPUTY GRAND MASTER

To the Officers and Companions of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Utah.

Thank you for the honor and privilege of serving you over this past year. Your continued support and faith in me is indeed humbling.

This past Cryptic year was unlike any other we have experienced. There were no in person visitations, but there were virtual visitations with each of the Councils being visited in this manner. I was able to be at each of these visitations with the Most Illustrious Grand Master.

The Most Illustrious Grand Master set up a number of educationals for the Council and the Grand York Rite of Utah. These educationals were very informative and I am pleased to say that I was able to attend each one of them.

This year was also different in the visitations of other Grand Jurisdictions as well as Triennial. I was able to attend Triennial and a number of other Grand Jurisdictions Sessions from the comfort of my home virtually.

I would like to thank the Companions of the various Council's for their warm welcomes and their support. I am encouraged by their determination to continue to work through this pandemic and keep the light of Cryptic Masonry burning.

Finally, I would like to thank the Most Illustrious Grand Master for his hard work and his vision for the continued education of the Companions and Sir Knights here in Utah as well as around the Country. Most of all I would like to thank him for his friendship, he has made a difficult situation very rewarding for me personally.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeffrey E. Hamilton
R.I. Deputy Grand Master

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GRAND PRINCIPAL CONDUCTOR OF THE WORK

Due to the Covid-19 Pandemic in-person visitations were not possible out of concern for the health and safety of our members.

I did visit each Council in Utah as Grand Commander, but I also encouraged members to support all of our York Rite Charities which includes the CMMRF. I also discussed the membership plan that is applicable to all York Rite Bodies.

Respectfully submitted,
Jay N Mitchell
Grand Principal Conductor of the Work
Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Utah

GRAND LECTURER

Companions, all,

First, thanks for the opportunity of being Grand Lecturer for Chapter and Council. for the 2020 term.

Secondly, I regret that I wasn't able to visit all or your respective groups. So that leaves me with not much of a report at all.

Third, I can give you some form of lecture or rather some inspiration, when we meet again, Let's make Utah York Rite an experience that others wish to belong too. Raise the level of our ritual by memorizing the parts to opening, closing and degrees, so that others will be impressed, and want to join an awesome York Rite. Then we can all learn and grow together on the level.

S & F
O. Blake Hansen
Grand Lecturer
Grand Council CM of Utah

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GRAND RECORDER

ANNUAL RETURNS SUMMARY –CM

	CM	#	Per capita (\$7)	Fees (\$5)	CMMRF	Total
Ogden	Co. #3	36	\$252.00	0	0	\$252.00
SLC	Co. #1	76	\$532.00	0	0	\$532.00
Midvale	Co. #5	40	\$280.00	0	0	\$280.00
Provo	Co. #2	23	\$161.00	0	0	\$161.00
Price	Co. #4	28	\$196.00	0	0	\$196.00
St. Geo.	Co. #7	26	\$182.00	0	0	\$182.00
Totals		229	\$1,603.00	0	0	\$1,603.00

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY

April 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020

Cryptic Masons

	TOTALS	Utah #1	Provo #2	Ogden #3	Solomon #4	Daly #5	St G #7
as of 3/31/20	269	102	25	36	31	48	27
Greeted	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Omitted	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
Affiliated	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Restored	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Gain	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
Error	10	10	0	0	0	0	0
Deceased	3	2	0	0	0	1	0
Demitted	10	7	1	0	0	1	1
Suspended	18	7	1	0	3	7	0
Total Loss	41	26	2	0	3	9	1
as of 12/31/20	229	76	23	36	28	40	26
Net Gain (Loss)	-40	-26	-2	0	-3	-8	-1

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CREDENTIALS REPORT CRYPTIC MASONS SESSIONS

Date May 8, 2021

Grand Council Officers (current) & Past Illustrious Masters.....33
Constituent Delegates (current Illustrious M, Dep. M, PCW).....17
TOTAL (including proxies).....50

CMMRF COMMITTEE

No report

CRYPTIC MASON OF THE YEAR AWARD

To the Companions of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Utah,

We your committee for the Cryptic Mason of the Year Award beg leave to report that we received two nominations from the local council for this distinguished award. After careful consideration and weighing the merits of both nominations. We your committee have recommended to the Most illustrious Grand Master Cryptic Masons of Utah that Illustrious Companion Charles Persinger be awarded the 2021 Cryptic Mason of the Year Award.

Fraternally Submitted,
Jason C. Varner PGIM Chairman
T.J. Robertson PIGM
Douglas J. Backes PIGM

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CRYPTIC MASON YOUTH AWARD

To the Knights and Companions of the Utah Grand York Rite Bodies

The Youth Award Committee consisted of Companions Brother Danny Drew, Charles Warren, and Blake Hansen.

This year's award search was done under the unusual situation of a world-wide pandemic, which we all know as Covid-19.

The goal of the committee was to find someone who has committed his or her life to children through their works and deeds.

In our works, we came upon a brother mason: John D. Limb who has served Utah as both a past El Kalah Shrine Potentate in 2011, working with the Shriners Children's Hospital, State Advisor for the DeMolay in Utah, and finally as El Kalah Shrine Potentate in 2020 once again working with the Shriners Children's Hospital. These noble deeds led us to nominate brother John D. Limb (Limbo) for the 2021 Youth Award.

Submitted by
Danny Drew, Youth Award Committee Chair

JURISPRUDENCE

After reviewing the report of the Most Illustrious Grand Master we find his decisions and actions to be in accordance with Constitution and Bylaws of the Grand Council of Utah.

Michael Shipler
Dean D. Rein
Charles Sipes

LEGISLATION

Proposal #1

Proposed Amendment to the Constitution of the Grand Council of Utah, Cryptic Masons.

WHEREAS, Section 2-8 (A) Standing Committees states; Before each Annual Convocation adjourns, or within thirty-days thereafter, the Grand Illustrious Master elected at such Annual Assembly, shall appoint the following Standing Committees:

- Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence
- Committee on Finance
- Committee on Grievance and Appeals
- Committee on Education
- Committee on Fraternal Relations
- Committee on Triennial Assembly
- Committee on Utah York Rite Education Fund
- Committee on Annual York Rite Sessions

Each Committee shall consist of three or more members and the first named shall be the Chairman and shall serve for one year or until their successors have been appointed. Any recommendations made by either Standing or Special Committees that necessitate a change of the rules, regulations, operations or finances shall be handled in the same time frame and manner as for proposals etc..; and

WHEREAS, Section 2-9 (B) FINANCE states; The finance committee shall be a Joint Standing Committee of at least four (4) in number including a chairman. With one of the four being elected annually to a four-year term. The election of this member shall be determined by a majority vote of the delegates present, held during the Joint portion of the Grand York Rite sessions. The initial term will be determined by elections of one each 1-year, 2-year, 3-year and 4-year members. The Grand High Priest, Grand Illustrious Master and Grand Commander will be an added part of this committee. The

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purpose of the committee is to manage the funds of the Grand York rite Bodies. The actions of this committee shall be determined by majority vote of the finance committee. The ballots are to be counted as one person, one vote. The Grand Secretary-Recorder and Grand Treasurer will be ex-officio members for the purpose of record keeping, minutes, and information with no power to vote on actions of the finance committee.; and

WHEREAS, Section 2-8 and Section 2-9 are in conflict with each other concerning how members of the Finance Committee are chosen; and

WHEREAS, Section 2-9 (B) is more specific in the make-up and duties of the Finance Committee;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that Section 2-8 (A) be amended as follows:

B. Finance Committee be removed and the standing committees be re-lettered A thru G.

Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence
Committee on Grievance and Appeals
Committee on Education
Committee on Fraternal Relations
Committee on Triennial Assembly
Committee on Utah York Rite Education Fund
Committee on Annual York Rite Sessions

Respectfully submitted,
Michael D. Shipler P.G.I.M.
Dean D. Rein P.G.I.M.
Charles Sipes P.G.I.M.

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Proposal #2

Proposed Amendment to the Constitution of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Utah.

WHEREAS, Section 2-9 (B) FINANCE states; The finance committee shall be a Joint Standing Committee of at least four (4) in number including a chairman. With one of the four being elected annually to a four-year term. The election of this member shall be determined by a majority vote of the delegates present, held during the Joint portion of the Grand York Rite sessions. The initial term will be determined by elections of one each 1-year, 2-year, 3-year and 4-year members. The Grand High Priest, Grand Illustrious Master and Grand Commander will be an added part of this committee. The purpose of the committee is to manage the funds of the Grand York rite Bodies. The actions of this committee shall be determined by majority vote of the finance committee. The ballots are to be counted as one person, one vote. The Grand Secretary-Recorder and Grand Treasurer will be ex-officio members for the purpose of record keeping, minutes, and information with no power to vote on actions of the finance committee.

They may by majority vote appoint a duly qualified outside financial advisor or financial institution for suggestions and advice. The finance committee shall hold and take title to all of the assets and funds of the Grand Chapter, Grand Council and Grand Commandery, with the exception of those funds held by the York Rite of Utah Foundation. They may co-mingle them, as long as they are spread on the books individually, as part of the Grand York Rite Funds except the general operating funds. They may loan and invest funds in such manner as the Grand Chapter, and/or Grand Council, and/or Grand Commandery may request from time to time, or in the absence of such specific direction, to the best of their judgement and ability in securities generally accepted by the Trust department of sound financial institutions. This may include but not limited to United States Government Bonds, Treasury Bills, or other certificate of

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indebtedness, State and Municipal Bonds, Savings Accounts and Certificates and Corporate Bonds and Mutual Funds. A portion of these investments should be available in a timely manner transferable to pay the indebtedness of the Grand Chapter, Grand Council and Grand Commandery.

All actions taken by the Finance Committee shall be governed by the prudent man rule and with agreement of the majority. In case of a deadlock the duty shall fall to the Chairman for decisions.

They shall reinvest the interest and dividends or deposit to the General Fund amounts needed as circumstances warrant. They shall make a complete and detailed report of all assets and funds in their possession at each Annual Sessions, and shall annually audit the books of the Grand Recorder and Grand Treasurer, and shall certify their findings at the Joint Portion of the Annual Grand York Rite Sessions.

They will also prepare and submit a budget for the ensuing year for each Grand York Rite body for action at the annual sessions.

Any item or items not covered herein shall be governed by the requirements of the Code and Trial Code of the Grand Lodge F. & A.M. of Utah and Masonic usage.; and

WHEREAS, there is no roll call taken or credentials report given. ; and

WHEREAS, there is no way of knowing who the eligible delegates to vote are without a credentials report and roll call.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that Section 2-9 (B) Finance be amended as follows:

First paragraph; The Finance Committee shall be a Joint Standing Committee of at least four (4) in number including a chairman. With one of the four being elected annually to a four-year term. The election

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of this member shall be determined by a majority vote of the delegates present, held in the first body to open per Section 2-3 Assembly (B) where a credentials report and roll call is taken to establish the eligible delegates. The initial term will be determined by elections of one each 1-year, 2-year, 3-year and 4-year members. The Grand High Priest, Grand Illustrious Master and Grand Commander will be an added part of this committee. The purpose of the Committee is to manage the funds of the Grand York Rite Bodies. The actions of this committee shall be determined by majority vote of the finance committee. The ballots are to be counted as one person, one vote. The Grand Secretary-Recorder and Grand Treasurer will be ex-officio members for the purpose of record keeping, minutes, and information with no power to vote on actions of the finance committee.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael D. Shipler P.G.I.M.
Dean D. Rein P.G.I.M.
Charles Sipes P.G.I.M.

Proposal #3

Proposed Amendment to the Constitution of the Grand Council Cryptic Mason of Utah

WHEREAS, Section 1-7 ASSESSMENTS states; It shall possess authority to require from the several Councils within its jurisdiction, such proportion of the sums received by them for conferring the degrees, and also sums in the form of annual dues from the respective members, as may be necessary for the support of the Grand Council.; and

WHEREAS, Section 2-19 FINANCES states; Each Council may set their dues and fees as prescribed by the membership, in their By-laws, provided such dues and fees shall not be less than the annual per capita due the Grand Council. The dues and fees of Council having concurrent jurisdiction need not be the same.

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The revenue of the Grand Council shall be derived from fees and dues charged as follows:

- (A) For a Dispensation to form a New Council, Fifty (\$50.00) Dollars.
- (B) For each Royal and Select Degree conferred, Two Dollars (\$2.00) to be paid by the Council of which the candidate receiving the Degree shall thereupon become a member, provided that no fee shall be due the Grand Council for courtesy work done for Councils outside of Utah.
- (C) Each Constituent Council shall remit to the Grand Council, at the time of making the Annual Returns, the assessed dues for each Companion who was a member at the close of the fiscal year. For current amount, refer to the last date on this subject in TITLE V Standing Resolutions.
- (D) For the Triennial Fund, the assessed amount, on the latest date as referred to in TITLE V Standing Resolutions.
- (E) Such special assessments and fees as the Grand Council shall levy.; and

WHEREAS, The General Grand Council Triennial Assembly is held after our annual Assembly.; and

WHEREAS, should a per capita increase or decrease be approved at the Triennial. Such increase or decrease becomes affective before our next Assembly.; and

WHEREAS, This increase or decrease would affect our budget.; and

WHEREAS, TITLE V STANDING RESOLUTIONS MAY 2015 PER CAPITA states; It was proposed and approved by majority vote to increase per-capita by \$1.00 in the year 2016 for a total per-capita of \$6.00 THEN, an additional \$0.50 beginning in the year 2017 for a total per-capita at that time of \$6.50 (Utah portion \$4.00 and General Grand Council portion \$2.50).; and

WHEREAS, The Utah portion has not been sufficient to cover the expenses of the Grand Council. Causing the Grand Council to pull or seek funds from other accounts.; and

WHEREAS, No organization can survive running an annual deficit;

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BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that a MAY 2021 STANDING RESOLUTION be added to TITLE V STANDING RESOLUTIONS: The annual per-capita be raised as follows:

The Utah portion raised by \$3.00 to \$7.00 plus + General Grand Council per-capita fees (currently \$2.50) for a total per-capita of \$9.50.

Respectfully submitted,
Joint Finance Committee,
Jay N. Mitchell REGC, Chairman
P. Marty Martineau PGHP, PIGM, PGC
Lorenzo E. Tibbitts EC
Reed B. Fanning MIGM
Jeffrey E. Hamilton MEGHP, PGC
David J. Read Sec./Rec. Ex-officio
Kelly Allred Treasurer Ex-officio

OTHER REPORTS

THRICE ILLUSTRIOUS MASTERS

See report in Joint Sessions section. Meeting was held jointly with Anointed High Priests and Past Commanders Association.



**111th ANNUAL
CONCLAVE
GRAND COMMANDERY
KNIGHTS TEMPLAR
OF UTAH**

Saturday, May 8, 2021

**Virtual Conference
Salt Lake City, Utah**

GRAND COMMANDERY

COMMANDERY MINUTES

111th ANNUAL CONCLAVE GRAND COMMANDERY K. T. UTAH

May 8, 2021

Virtual Conference, Salt Lake City, UT

The 111th Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Utah was declared open by RE Grand Commander Jay N. Mitchell

Roll call of Grand Officers, Past Grand Officers and Dias Officers was conducted and a quorum was declared.

SK Timothy Stenner provided an initial Credentials report showing 41 eligible votes present.

Visiting dignitaries and Distinguished guests were welcomed by RE Grand Commander Mitchell.

It was moved and seconded to accept the minutes of the last Conclave as printed. The motion was approved. It was moved and seconded to accept the reports in the pre-printed packet pertaining to the Grand Commandery. The motion was approved.

RE Grand Commander Mitchel presented his report, which was followed by the report of Jurisprudence. Both reports were approved to be spread upon the minutes.

The final credentials report was called for. SK Timothy Stenner responded that the count has remained at 41. SK Stenner also advised that he is recusing himself from the teller committee at this time and Danny Drew and Dave Hutchinson would be completing all ballot assessments.

RE Grand Commander Mitchell announced the awards that have been presented this year as follows:

Meritorious Service Awards:

SK Timothy L. Stenner, El Monte #2

SK Charles E. Warren, Sr, Utah #1
SK Treavor J. Wilkinson, Malta #3
SK John H. McCurdy, Charles Fred Jennings #6
SK O. Blake Hansen, Ivanhoe #5
SK Jay N. Mitchell, Golgotha #7

Knights Templar Cross of Honor
Edward G. Nelson, Golgotha #7

Reports were called for as follows: Holy Land Pilgrimage, Knight Templar Eye Foundation, Necrology (which was followed by a moment of silence).

RE Grand Commander called for any legislation proposals. Three items of legislation were presented as follows:

Proposal #1: SK Charles Sipes presented proposal to change the Constitution Section 2-8 to resolve a conflict in two sections of the Constitution regarding the standing committees. The legislation was found to be in proper form. It was moved and seconded to accept the proposed change. Discussion was opened with no one speaking against or for the proposal. Vote was called for resulting in the proposal being approved.

Proposal #2: SK Charles Sipes presented proposal to change the Constitution Section 2-9 to make a change to the Finance Committee. The legislation was found to be in proper form. It was moved and seconded to accept the proposed change. Discussion was opened with no one speaking against or for the proposal. Vote was called for resulting in the proposal being approved.

Proposal #3: SK Preston “Marty” Martineau presented proposal to change the Standing Resolutions to change the per-capita. The proposal was found to be in proper form. It was moved and seconded to accept the proposed change. Discussion was opened with no one speaking against or for the proposal. Vote was called for resulting in the proposal being approved.

Proposal #4: SK Brian Hastings presented proposal to change the Constitution Sections 1-12 and 2-25 amend Section 1-12 and rescind 2-25. The legislation was found to be in proper form. It was moved and seconded

to accept the proposed change. Discussion was opened with no one speaking against or for the proposal. Vote was called for resulting in the proposal being approved.

The meeting was turned over to the Deputy Grand Commander and SK Jay Mitchell then presented the budget, which was originally presented in the Joint Session, for approval. It was moved and seconded to approve the budget and the motion was approved.

RE Deputy Grand Commander Varner called for nominations for the open 4-year term member on the Finance Committee. SK Jay N. Mitchell was nominated. The nomination was confirmed by the membership and SK Mitchell accepted the position.

RE Grand Commander called elections open. The election results were as follows:

Jason C. Varner.....	Right Eminent Grand Commander
Charles Warren, Sr.....	Very E. Deputy Grand Commander
Reed B. Fanning	E. Grand Generalissimo
Timothy L. Stenner.....	E. Grand Captain General
Kelly Allred.....	E. Grand Treasurer
David J. Read Sr.....	E. Grand Recorder

During the election process, words of Greeting were received from:
RE David Kussman, SK James Herndon.

SK Lawrence Tucker and SK Dean D. Rein were introduced as candidates for the office of Grand Recorder of the Grand Encampment.

SK Tucker provided words of welcome and information concerning the upcoming triennial conclave.

SK Rein provided words of encouragement from Grand Encampment. He announced that SK Jay N. Mitchell has received the Knight Commander of the Temple in College of Honors.

ME Grand Master Jeffrey Nelson spoke on the challenges Knights Templary is facing and how well all have been rising to those challenges.

Appointed Officers were announced as follows:

- Christopher C. YoungE. Grand Senior Warden
- Monte AndersonE. Grand Junior Warden
- O. Blake HansenE. Grand Prelate
- Treavor Wilkinson.....E. Grand Standard Bearer
- Daniel A DrewE Grand Sword Bearer
- Lorenzo TibbittsE Grand Warder
- Daniel Lyons.....E. Grand Sentinel
- John C. Liley, Jr.....E. Grand Aide de Camp
- Michael D. Shipler.....E Grand Inspector General

Officers were installed by Past Grand Commander TJ Robertson with the prayer being given by Past Grand Commander Michael Shipler.

The Conclave was put into rest by ME Grand Commander Jason Varner.

GRAND COMMANDERY OFFICERS

(* denotes present, e denotes excused)

- *Jay N. Mitchell.....Right Eminent Grand Commander
- * Jason C. VarnerVery E. Deputy Grand Commander
- * Charles Warren, SrE. Grand Generalissimo
- * Reed B. Fanning.....E. Grand Captain General
- *Timothy L. Stenner.....E. Grand Senior Warden
- Christopher C. Young.....E. Grand Junior Warden
- *Monte AndersonE. Grand Prelate
- *Kelly Allred.....E. Grand Treasurer
- *David J. Read Sr.....E. Grand Recorder
- *O. Blake HansenE. Grand Standard Bearer
- e Charles I. Young.....E Grand Sword Bearer
- e Treavor Wilkinson.....E Grand Warder
- *Danny DrewE. Grand Sentinel
- * Lorenzo Tibbitts.....E. Grand Aide de Camp
- *Michael D. Shipler.....E Grand Inspector General

K.T. COMMITTEES

*denotes chairman

KT CROSS OF HONOR

Brian. Hastings*
TJ Robertson

**KT EDUCATIONAL
FOUNDATION**

Jason C. Varner*
Grand Heads of York Rite Bodies

KT EYE FOUNDATION

Jason C. Varner*
All Constituent Commanders

**KT HOLY LAND
PILGRIMAGE**

TJ Robertson*
All Constituent Commanders

KT MAGAZINE SUPPLEMENT

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

VESPER SERVICES

Monte Andersen*
Charles E. Warren, Sr
All Constituent Prelates

PAST GRAND COMMANDERS

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*	2015
Terry L. Nay	2003		Robert M Bennett (e)	2016
Gerald Everett	2004		Jeffrey E Hamilton*	2017
Michael D. Shipler*	2006		Lawrence R. Rodriguez*	2018
Michael L. Busby*	2007		Douglas Backes	2019
William A. Butterfield	2008		Jay N Mitchell *	2020

*denotes in attendance

**denotes excused

VISITING DIGNITARIES

David Aponte, RE Past Grand Commander, Grand Commandery of Florida

William Gerrard, Past Department Commander, Southwest Department

Ricky Cox, RE Grand Sword Bearer, Grand Commandery of Texas

William Hill, RE Grand Commander, Grand Commandery of Louisiana

Kenneth Crouch, Representing RE Grand Commander F. Thomas Starr, Grand Commandery of Ohio

James Herndon, ME Department Commander, Northwest Department

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

Lawrence Tucker, RE Grand Recorder, Grand Encampment of Knights Templar, United States of America

James Baum, RP Past Deputy Regional Grand Master, Grand Inspector General, Grand Encampment of Knights Templar, United States of America

Dan Lawes, MW Grand Master, Free and Accepted Masons, Utah

David Kussman, RE Grand Generalissimo, Grand Encampment Knights Templar

Dean D. Rein, ME Department Commander, Southwest Department

DIAS OFFICERS

Utah #1			
	Commander	Lonnie McCulloch	Absent
	Generalissimo	Michael Clark	X
	Captain General	Charles E. Persinger	Absent
El Monte #2			
	Commander	Monte Anderson	X
	Generalissimo	Timothy Stenner	X (Proxy)
	Captain General	William E. McCraw	X
Malta #3			
	Commander	William R. Mullins	X
	Generalissimo	Joseph E. Tilt	X
	Captain General	Blair D. Hope	X
Ivanhoe #5			
	Commander	Lorenzo Tibbitts	X
	Generalissimo	Nicholas Cleghorn	Proxy
	Captain General	Jason S. Carlson	X
Charles Fred Jennings #6			
	Commander	Daniel Lyons	X
	Generalissimo	John McCurdy	Proxy
	Captain General	Daniel Hamilton	X
Golgotha (#7)			
	Commander	Lawrence Rodriguez	X
	Generalissimo	Charles Young	A (Proxy)
	Captain General	Christopher Young	A (Proxy)

(X Denotes present)

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

REPORT OF THE GRAND COMMANDER

Visitations

My intention was to visit all Utah Commandries in person however due to the Covid-19 pandemic this was not possible. However, I did visit each of the six Utah subordinate Commandries virtually via Zoom. In addition, I attended part of the Texas Grand Commandry Sessions.

Each of the Utah visitations were done jointly with the Most Excellent Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, Jeffrey E Hamilton, and the Grand Illustrious Master of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons Reed B Fanning. At each visitation, an educational was arranged by Companion Reed B Fanning and he is to be commended for his efforts.

At each of these visitations I discussed membership goals and things we can do to increase our membership. I also encouraged members to support our Commandry charities the Holy Land Pilgrimage and the Knight Templar Eye Foundation. Supporting our charities is a big part of who we are as Knights Templar.

State of Knight Templar Commandries in Utah

At each of the visitations I found that each Commandry was stable given the circumstances and many had candidates waiting for the time when we could resume degrees and orders. Even so membership is still a concern and efforts need to be continuously made to increase our numbers of qualified candidates. A copy of the membership plan will be included in the proceedings. Copies of the membership plan were also emailed to each Commandry. It was stated that the Grand Commandry is there to offer any assistance as requested.

General Orders and Dispensations

Pursuant to the Covid-19 pandemic and health concerns of our members General Order No. 1 was issued. This was to allow all Constituent Commandries to hold elections via Zoom or to hold elected officers in place for another year as approved by local Commandries.

A dispensation was granted for Golgotha Commandry No.7 for a requested uniform regulation change.

A dispensation was granted for El Monte Commandry to change the date of their elections to November via Zoom due to the Pandemic.

A decision to hold Grand York Rite bodies Annual Grand Sessions via Zoom on May 8th 2021 was approved by all three Grand York Rite heads. This is

due to the concern for the safety of our members during the Covid-19 pandemic.

Christmas and Easter Observances

Each subordinate Commandry was encouraged to perform their own Christmas Observances. Assistance was offered if requested.

Each subordinate Commandry was encouraged to perform their own Easter Observance. Assistance was available if requested. An alternative was offered to join the Grand Encampment Easter Observance on- line.

Planning

Planning has begun for the 2022 in-person Grand Sessions for next May. A York Rite Festival is being planned for this September to complete the degrees and orders for the candidates who have waiting for in-person meetings to resume. Local bodies are still encouraged to do their own work as much as possible.

Courteously Submitted,
Jay N. Mitchell
Right Eminent Grand Commander

Knight Templar Membership Plan for Utah:

1. Membership goal for the next 12 months is 15 new Knights.
2. We have not been able to meet this year in person, but we do have candidates waiting for degrees and orders. Some have had part of their degrees but due to the pandemic we have not been able to meet to finish their degrees and orders.
3. Utah has for the last few years have been encouraging local bodies to do their own work or combine with another nearby body to work together. This is a good idea for the candidates to have their degrees performed by the local bodies to which they will belong. This will give them a better sense of belonging and we encourage local bodies to continue with this process.
4. The problem is that sometimes we end up with candidates who have not been able to receive all their degrees and orders. To remedy this problem the Grand Heads of the three York Rite bodies will have a statewide festival each year to make sure these candidates receive all the degrees and orders they have not received. We do plan to have a statewide festival in September or when we are able to meet again safely.

5. A notice was sent to each subordinate commandry stating that even though we are not able to meet in person at the present time we need to continue to support the masonic organizations we belong to. We also need to support our masonic charities such as the Knight Templar Eye Foundation and the Holy Land Pilgrimage. These charities are a big part of who we are.
6. Included in this notice also was a direction for each subordinate Commandry to set up a membership committee. The outline was based on the Grand Master's directions:

Knight Templar Membership is our highest priority especially in this trying time:

" Every Grand, Subordinate and Constituent Commandery must have a membership committee that is active and held accountable for results. "What gets measured gets done."

" Must focus on the three R's - Recruitment, Retention and Restoration. Some commanderies focus all of their efforts on recruitment and neglect retention and restoration.

" Make conclaves interesting and educational.

" Communicate with members. Never issue a demit or suspension without PERSONAL contact.

" If we do lose someone, conduct an EXIT INTERVIEW.

VISION STATEMENT

It is our intent that by the end of this 68th Triennium (2021), the Grand Encampment of Knight Templars strive to achieve an increase of at least 5% in new "knightings" that year (Recruitment), suffered no more than a 2% loss in total membership from the number of demits and suspensions (Retention) and realized at least a 2% gain in the number of Sir Knights restored from suspension or demit (Restoration). Note: percentages are calculated as a % of the total membership as of the beginning of that year.

The three Rs of any campaign are recruitment, recognition, and retention. They are the foundation upon which any campaign must be built.

RECRUITMENT: The lifeline of any organization is built upon new members. Without a new base of membership, we cannot reach the

heights that our valiant and magnanimous Order so richly deserves. We are all Blue Lodge Masons so let us help our Blue Lodges with recruitment then recruit for York Rite from our Blue Lodges.

RETENTION: Often, the only thing a wavering brother needs is encouragement. Be a true friend to your fellow Sir Knights. Let them know we appreciate them and value them. We can turn the tide of NPDs with a friendly call or visit, informing the member of the importance of his remaining with the York Rite. A phone tree can do wonders in keeping members informed and teaching them that our Order is still relevant and has value for them.

RESTORATION (or Reactivation) is involved with reaching out to those fraters who we have lost. Find out why they left and what we can do while encouraging them to rejoin Templary Masonry. And let's add a fourth "R" and call it "Masonic and Public Relations", how we should conduct ourselves to present a better picture to all who look upon our proud Order.

The Eminent Commander, Generalissimo, Captain General and Recorder are on the membership committed for your Commandry. How you function and who does what is up to you.

We are here to serve you and if we can do anything to help you, please let us know.

Thanks to each of you for your time and your service to Templary.

More suggestions for each local Commandry are to establish a phone tree to call members, send a first contact letter to a newly raised mason and appoint ambassadors to Blue Lodges. We want to work with Blue Lodge membership so Blue Lodges and York Rite both benefit. We want to make it simple but effective.

Courteously,
Jay N. Mitchell
REGC Grand Commander
Grand Commandry Knights Templar of Utah

Utah Membership Plan for Knights Templar and York Rite in general.

1. Knight Templar membership at the current time 276. Membership goal for next year 287.

2. Utah has for the last few years have been encouraging local bodies to do their own work or combine with another nearby body to work together. This is a good idea for the candidates to have their degrees performed by the local bodies to which they will belong. This will give them a better sense of belonging and we encourage local bodies to continue with this process.

3. The problem is that sometimes we end up with candidates who have not been able to receive all their degrees and orders. To remedy this problem the Grand Heads of the three York Rite bodies will have a statewide festival each year to make sure these candidates receive all the degrees and orders they have not yet received. We do plan to have a statewide festival in September 2021.

4. We need to continue to support all the masonic organizations we belong to. We also need to support all our masonic charities such as the Knight Templar Eye Foundation and the Holy Land Pilgrimage. These charities are a big part of who we are.

5. Each subordinate Commandry is to set up a membership committee. Membership is our highest priority, especially in this trying time. The Eminent Commander, Generalissimo, Captain General and Recorder are on the membership committee for your Commandry. How you function and who does what is up to you.

6. The three Rs of a membership plan are recruitment, recognition, retention, and restoration. They are the foundation upon which any campaign must be built. Make conclaves interesting and educational. Communicate with members and keep them informed of meetings and activities.

RECRUITMENT: The lifeline of any organization is built upon new members. Without a new base of membership, we cannot reach the heights that our valiant and magnanimous Order so richly deserves. We are all Blue Lodge Masons so let us help our Blue Lodges with recruitment then recruit for York Rite from our Blue Lodges. Assign members to be ambassadors to the Blue Lodges they belong to help with recruitment for Blue Lodge then for York Rite.

RECOGNITION: Let members know they are important. If they are deserving of an award nominate them for it. If a position is open appoint them to it and provide any assistance they may need.

RETENTION: Often, the only thing a wavering brother needs is encouragement. Be a true friend to your fellow Sir Knights. Let them know we appreciate them and value them. We can turn the tide of NPDs with a friendly call or visit. Establish a phone tree by dividing the list of members and assign officers to call members on their list. Have the officers check on how they are doing and informing the member that he is an important member. Inform them of meetings and activities and ask for suggestions on how to make his membership better for him. Never issue a demit or suspension without PERSONAL contact asking if there is anything we can do to keep him as a member.

7. RESTORATION is involved with reaching out to those fraters who we have already lost. Find out why they left and what we can do to make membership more rewarding while encouraging them to rejoin Templary Masonry.

Jay N. Mitchell
REGC Grand Commander,
Grand Commandry Knights Templar of Utah

FIRST CONTACT TO THE NEWLY RAISED MASON

Dear Brother _____,

I congratulate you upon being raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason! Masonry is full of rich teachings and enigmatic symbolism; it is nearly impossible to receive and understand it all. I encourage you to attend Lodge and witness every degree as often as you can. Every time you attend, you will pick up something "new", which may have escaped your notice from the time before. The teachings and knowledge from Masonic symbolism we call "Light" or "Divine Truth". A wise man will always have a desire for the "Light" as you did when you became an Entered Apprentice, then "more Light" as a Fellowcraft, and the "further Light" as a Master Mason.

In the Blue Lodge, its ancient secrets and basic moral principles are only partly revealed. Even when the Master Mason degree is concluded, you are left with only a Substitute Word, but you must plan for the solution of your fraternal and spiritual problems. Remember, "Behold the Temple is not yet completed" and later the Master's Word is lost, and a substitute given "Until

future generations shall find out the right". This means that there must be "further Light". And it is my duty to inform you there is! Join the York Rite, today, and discover "further Light".

From 1717, it was almost a century before the various groups in England were consolidated and the powers and prerogatives of the Grand Lodge were acknowledged and accepted. Still, the tradition that Masonry existed "From time immemorial" persisted. Changes and innovations were vigorously resisted. After years of negotiations and the testing of innumerable degrees that clamored for Masonic approval, the Masons of England formed the United Grand Lodge of England, December 27, 1813, and definitely defined the elements of Ancient Craft Masonry in their General Laws and Regulations as "Pure ancient Masonry consists of three degrees and no more, those of Entered Apprentice, the Fellowcraft, and the Master Mason, including the Supreme Order of the Holy Royal Arch." The York system is completed in the Knights Templar.

At that time, only Past Masters of Blue Lodges were qualified to receive the Royal Arch Degree. It was then deemed that this degree was so important, Master Masons, who having received the Mark Master Degree, were then able to become (Honorary) Past Masters, thus making them eligible to witness completion and dedication of King Solomon's Temple, and receive the long "lost Master's Word" in the Royal Arch Degree. In Virginia, Royal Arch Chapters confer the Mark Master Degree, Past Master Degree, Council Degrees (Select Master and Royal Master Degrees), Most Excellent Master Degree, and the Royal Arch Degree.

The Commandery of Knights Templar offers the Chivalric Orders of Christian Knighthood through the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross, Mediterranean Pass and Order of Malta, and the Order of the Temple. These Orders, as they are called, are most impressive and explain the Christian interpretation of Freemasonry. Discover for yourself, "Why every Christian Mason should be a Knight Templar."

The Virginia's York Rite provides that further "Light" through the most beautiful Degrees and Orders in all of Freemasonry given by Royal Arch Chapters, and Commanderies of Knights Templar.

No doubt you have been told, or you will be told eventually, that the degrees conferred in the Blue Lodge embodies the whole of "Light". That is true, but it is also misleading! The old idiom "the devil is in the details" meaning that something might seem simple at a first look but will take more time and effort to compete than expected.

Many Masonic scholars agree that the narrative of the Craft, as illustrated in the three degrees, is not the whole story. The Degrees of York Rite Masonry complete the story and provide answers to many questions that the newly raised Master Mason may have. The symbolism of the Royal Arch picks up where the Symbolic (Blue) Lodge leaves off. The symbolism of the Blue Lodge degrees emphasizes the building of King Solomon's; the Royal Arch Masonry continues in this vein by emphasizing symbols and allegories of the Second Temple, the Ark of the Covenant, a further symbolism of Solomon's temple completed, and the Lost Word which is given to the Royal Arch Mason. The Commandery Knights Templar Orders have a Christian orientation, their teachings are based on the crusades of the original Knights Templar and are based upon the practice of the Christian virtues, moral values, and spiritual lessons.

Freemasonry teaches us that it is a progressive science, a system of ethics wherein moral precepts is taught by lessons based on the allegorical use of the operative craftsman's tools. Symbolic (Blue Lodge) Freemasonry prepares the candidate in the use of symbolic stone for that Spiritual Temple. Capitular and Cryptic (Royal Arch Chapter) Freemasonry instructs the candidate in the allegorical use of operative tools of the craftsman. Finally, Chivalric (Commandery Knights Templar) Freemasonry instructs in the allegorical use of the weapons in the discharge of the duties of knighthood whereby the Moral Temple, built and restored in Symbolic, Capitular and Cryptic Freemasonry, can be defended and beatified by the precepts of Christianity.

The rich history of York Rite Masonry is undeniable. The York Rite is historically the oldest and purest of the appendant Rites. Every Master Mason should be fascinated by the lessons and mysteries of Freemasonry provided by the Blue Lodge

As a Master Mason, you are entitled to petition the Appendant Bodies of Freemasonry. I look forward to hearing from you soon and again welcome you as a Brother to our Fraternity.

Please contact me at Phone: _____ e-mail: _____
Sincerely and Fraternally Yours,

V. E. DEPUTY GRAND COMMANDER

It has been my pleasure to serve as the Deputy Grand Commander of the course of the last Grand Commandry year. During that time, I attended the online visitations to the local commandries as well as the educational events that occurred that were sponsored by the Grand York Rite of Utah.

I did not travel to any other jurisdictions in person meetings on my own or as a representative of any other masonic body as travel had been suspended due to the pandemic. I did attend online sessions for the Jurisdictions of Hawaii, California, Arizona, New Mexico, and Nevada.

I would like to express my appreciation to the grand heads for the manner in which they handled the particular circumstances that were imposed upon us all during the pandemic.

Courteously,
Jason C Varner
Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander

EMINENT GRAND GENERALISSIMO

The COVID pandemic prevented most of the activities in which I would have expected to participate during my assignment as Grand Generalissimo in 2020-2021. Thankfully, we were able to be involved in the virtual gatherings made possible by the Zoom platform.

Let us all hope and pray this pandemic subsides so we can resume normal activities in the ensuing year.

Charles Earl Warren, Sr. KCT, KYCH
Grand Generalissimo
Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Utah

EMINENT GRAND CAPTAIN GENERAL

It has been my honor to serve as the Grand Captain General of the course of the last Grand Commandery year. I attended the online visitations to the local Commandries as well as the educational events that were sponsored by the Grand York Rite of Utah.

I had the opportunity to attend online sessions for the Jurisdictions of Arizona, Colorado, Hawaii, Nevada, and New Mexico. I also had the opportunity to attend National York Rite events such as Chapter and Council Triennials.

I would like to express my appreciation to the Grand Heads for the providing online activities for us to meet with our Companions and Sir Knights virtually, as we were unable to do so in person.

Fraternally,
Reed B Fanning Jr.
Eminent Grand Captain General

GRAND RECORDER

ANNUAL RETURNS SUMMARY – KT

	KT	#	Per capita (\$15)	Fees (\$2.50)	Total	KTEF	HLP
SPHC	Cm. #0	22	\$330.00		\$330.00		
Ogden	Cm. #2	35	\$525.00		\$525.00		
SLC	Cm. #1	81	\$1,215.00		\$1,215.00	\$80.00	
Midvale	Cm #3	39	\$585.00		\$585.00	\$14.00	
Provo	Cm. #5	22	\$330.00		\$330.00	\$22.00	
Price	Cm. #6	29	\$435.00		\$435.00		
St. Geo.	Cm. #7	28	\$420.00		\$420.00		\$276.00
Totals		256	\$3,840.00		\$3,840.00	\$116.00	\$276.00

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY

January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020

	TOTALS	Utah #1	El Monte #2	Malta #3	Ivanhoe #5	C F J #6	Golgotha #7	SPHC #00
As of 12/31/19	291	103	35	44	24	35	28	22
Knighted	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Omitted	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Affiliated	5	0	0	4	0	0	1	0
Restored	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Total Gain	7	0	2	4	0	0	1	0
Error	5	5	0	0	0	0	0	0
Deceased	6	2	2	1	0	1	0	0
Demitted	12	9	0	1	1	0	1	0
Suspended	19	6	0	7	1	5	0	0
Total Loss	42	22	2	9	2	6	1	0
As of 12/31/20	256	81	35	39	22	29	28	22
Net Gain (Loss)	-36	-22	0	-5	-2	-6	0	0

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

CREDENTIALS REPORT

Date May 8, 2021

Grand Officers.....4
Past Grand Officers.....9
Dias Officers.....15
Past Eminent Commanders.....13

TOTAL (including proxies).....41

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE REPORT

We have \$4,432.83 in the HLP fund. With that we have enough to send one worthy minister from the state of Utah on the Holy Land Pilgrimage which will be next year as long as we can get the Commanderies from around the state of Utah to send in some nomination forms to nominate a worthy minister.

SK Gerald Everett has graciously given up some miles for money to pay for one way airfare to get the minister from Salt Lake to New York and SK Sid LeLujan, a couple of years ago, also made a similar offer to get them back.

I do want to encourage all of the Commanderies to continue to raise funds by doing dinners or passing the hat around to continue this very worthy program.

Respectfully submitted,
TJ. Robertson, MEPGC

JURISPRUDENCE

I have read and considered the report of the Grand Commander. It is approved in all aspects. I think that the Grand Commander did a tremendous job over the course of this year. He used all of his available assets as the year moved on.

Respectfully Submitted,
Charles Sipes, MEPGC

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR CROSS OF HONOR COMMITTEE

Right Eminent Grand Commander Mitchell, 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 by a Grand Commandery, 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 caliber of this award, and how important it is for every constituent Commandery to make nominations to the committee for worthy Sir Knights in their Commandery.

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. The KTCH committee was very pleased to submit Sir Knight Edward Nelson to you for this prestigious award. Sir Knight Edward Nelson has been a great benefit to his Commandery and to the State as a whole.

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, KCT, Chairman
TJ Robertson, PGC, KCT, KTCH

KNIGHT'S TEMPLAR EDUCATION FOUNDATION

Nothing to report

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EYE FOUNDATION

I hereby report that the Sir Knights and Commanderies of Utah have contributed a sum of \$5,109.95 thru week 28 of the current campaign. This number was accurate as of March 27th 2021 and was the most current numbers available at time of writing. Utah currently ranks 46 out of 67 jurisdictions. Per capita wise we have donated \$19.96 per member. Golgotha Commandery has led the way this year with a donation of \$2,234.95 but just barely with Utah 1 contributing \$2,225.00.

These numbers do not reflect the annual contribution from Samuel Paul Commandery. I know this year has been difficult and different. I would ask that you consider making a donation to this great charity. This session and the last being held online has saved us all funds that would have been used on banquets and rooms. Please consider donating a portion of what you have saved.

Courteously,
Jason C Varner KYGCH
Chairman

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR MAGAZINE UTAH SUPPLEMENT, EDITOR
No report submitted

LEGISLATION

Proposal #1

**Proposed Amendment to the Constitution of the Grand Commandery
of Utah, Knights Templar.**

WHEREAS, **Section 2-8 (A) Standing Committees** states; Before each Annual Conclave adjourns, or within thirty-days thereafter, the Grand Commander elected at such Annual Conclave, **shall appoint** the following Standing Committees:

- A. Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence

- B. Committee on Finance
- C. Committee on Grievance and Appeals
- D. Committee on Education
- E. Committee on Fraternal Relations
- F. Committee on Triennial Conclave
- G. Committee on Utah York Rite Education Fund
- H. Committee on Annual York Rite Sessions

Each Committee shall consist of three or more members and the first named shall be the Chairman, and shall serve for one year or until their successors have been appointed. Any recommendations made by either Standing or Special Committees that necessitate a change of the rules, regulations, operations or finances shall be handled in the same time frame and manner as for proposals etc.. ; and

WHEREAS, **Section 2-9 (B) FINANCE** states; The finance committee shall be a Joint Standing Committee of at least four (4) in number including a chairman. With one of the four being **elected annually to a four-year term**. The election of this member shall be determined by a majority vote of the delegates present, held during the Joint portion of the Grand York Rite sessions. The initial term will be determined by elections of one each 1-year, 2-year, 3-year and 4-year members. The Grand High Priest, Grand Illustrious Master and Grand Commander will be an added part of this committee. The purpose of the committee is to manage the funds of the Grand York rite Bodies. The actions of this committee shall be determined by majority vote of the finance committee. The ballots are to be counted as one person, one vote. The Grand secretary-Recorder and Grand Treasurer will be ex-officio members for the purpose of record keeping, minutes, and information with no power to vote on actions of the finance committee. ; and

WHEREAS, **Section 2-8** and **Section 2-9** are in conflict with each other concerning how members of the **Finance Committee** are chosen. ; and

WHEREAS, **Section 2-9 (B)** is more specific in the make-up and duties of the **Finance Committee**;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that **Section 2-8 (A)** be amended as follows:

B. Finance Committee be removed and the standing committees be re-lettered A thru G.

- A. Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence
- B. Committee on Grievance and Appeals
- C. Committee on Education
- D. Committee on Fraternal Relations
- E. Committee on Triennial Conclave
- F. Committee on Utah York Rite Education Fund
- G. Committee on Annual York Rite Sessions

Respectfully submitted,

Charles Sipes P.G.C.

Dean D. Rein P.G.C.

Michael D. Shipler P.G.C.

Proposal #2

Proposed Amendment to the Constitution of the Grand Commandery of Utah, Knights Templar.

WHEREAS, **Section 2-9 (B) FINANCE** states; The finance committee shall be a Joint Standing Committee of at least four (4) in number including a chairman. With one of the four being elected annually to a four-year term. **The election of this member shall be determined by a majority vote of the delegates present, held during the Joint portion of the Grand York Rite sessions.** The initial term will be determined by elections of one each 1-year, 2-year, 3-year and 4-year members. The Grand High Priest, Grand Illustrious Master and Grand Commander will

be an added part of this committee. The purpose of the committee is to manage the funds of the Grand York rite Bodies. The actions of this committee shall be determined by majority vote of the finance committee. The ballots are to be counted as one person, one vote. The Grand secretary-Recorder and Grand Treasurer will be ex-officio members for the purpose of record keeping, minutes, and information with no power to vote on actions of the finance committee.

They may by majority vote appoint a duly qualified outside financial advisor or financial institution for suggestions and advice. The finance committee shall hold and take title to all of the assets and funds of the Grand Chapter, Grand Council and Grand Commandery, with the exception of those funds held by the York Rite of Utah Foundation. They may co-mingle them, as long as they are spread on the books individually, as part of the Grand York Rite Funds except the general operating funds. They may loan and invest funds in such manner as the Grand Chapter, and/or Grand Council, and/or Grand Commandery may request from time to time, or in the absence of such specific direction, to the best of their judgement and ability in securities generally accepted by the Trust department of sound financial institutions. This may include but not limited to United States Government Bonds, Treasury Bills, or other certificate of indebtedness, State and Municipal Bonds, Savings Accounts and Certificates and Corporate Bonds and Mutual Funds. A portion of these investments should be available in a timely manner transferable to pay the indebtedness of the Grand Chapter, Grand Council and Grand Commandery.

All actions taken by the Finance Committee shall be governed by the prudent man rule and with agreement of the majority. In case of a deadlock the duty shall fall to the Chairman for decisions.

They shall reinvest the interest and dividends or deposit to the General Fund amounts needed as circumstances warrant. They shall make a complete and detailed report of all assets and funds in their possession at

each Annual Sessions and shall annually audit the books of the Grand Recorder and Grand Treasurer, and shall certify their findings at the Joint Portion of the Annual Grand York Rite Sessions.

They will also prepare and submit a budget for the ensuing year for each Grand York Rite body for action at the annual sessions.

Any item or items not covered herein shall be governed by the requirements of the Code and Trial Code of the Grand Lodge F. & A.M. of Utah and Masonic usage. ; and

WHEREAS, there is no roll call taken or credentials report given. ; and

WHEREAS, there is no way of knowing who the eligible delegates to vote are without a credentials report and roll call.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that **Section 2-9 (B) Finance** be amended as follows:

First paragraph; The Finance Committee shall be a Joint Standing Committee of at least four (4) in number including a chairman. With one of the four being elected annually to a four-year term. The election of this member shall be determined by a majority vote of the delegates present, **held in the first body to open per Section 2-3 Conclaves (B) where a credentials report and roll call is taken to establish the eligible delegates.** The initial term will be determined by elections of one each 1-year, 2-year, 3-year and 4-year members. The Grand High Priest, Grand Illustrious Master and Grand Commander will be an added part of this committee. The purpose of the Committee is to manage the funds of the Grand York Rite Bodies. The actions of this committee shall be determined by majority vote of the finance committee. The ballots are to be counted as one person, one vote. The Grand Secretary-Recorder and Grand Treasurer will be ex-officio members for the purpose of record keeping, minutes, and information with no power to vote on actions of the finance committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles Sipes P.G.C.

Dean D. Rein P.G.C.

Michael D. Shipler P.G.C.

Proposal #3

Proposed Amendment to the Constitution of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Utah

WHEREAS, Section 1-7 ASSESSMENTS states; It shall possess authority to require from the several Commandries within its jurisdiction, such proportion of the sums received by them for conferring the Orders, and also sums in the form of annual dues from the respective members, as may be necessary for the support of the Grand Commandery.; and

WHEREAS, Section 2-19 FINANCES states; The revenue of the Grand Commandery shall be derived from fees and dues charged as follows;

(A) For a Dispensation to form a New Commandery, One Hundred dollars (\$100.00).

(B) For each Order of the Temple conferred, Two Dollars (\$2.00) to be paid by the Commandery of which the candidate receiving the Order shall thereupon become a member, provided that no fee shall be due the Grand Commandery for courtesy work done for Commanderies outside of Utah.

(C) Each Constituent Commandery shall remit to the Grand Commandery, at the time of making the Annual Returns, the assessed dues for each Sir Knight who was a member at the close of the fiscal year. For current amount, refer to the last date on this subject in TITLE V Standing Resolutions.

(D) For the Knight Templar Eye Foundation, One Dollar (\$1.00) per member, or refer to 18 2 (a) (b) (c).

(E) For the Triennial, Thirty-five cents (\$.35) per member.

(F) Such special assessments and fees as the Grand Commandery shall levy.; and

WHEREAS, The Grand Encampment Triennial Conclave is held after our annual Conclave.; and

WHEREAS, should a per capita increase or decrease be approved at the Triennial. Such increase or decrease becomes affective before our next Conclave. ; and

WHEREAS, This increase or decrease would affect our budget. ; and

WHEREAS, TITLE V STANDING RESOLUTIONS MAY 2007 PER CAPITA states; It was proposed by the Finance Committee at the Joint Sessions and approved by majority vote to increase per-capita by \$5.00 in the Grand Commandery. Section 2-19(c) will read: For each Knight Templar reported a member on the Annual Returns of a Constituent Commandery (\$15.00) Fifteen Dollars. (Utah portion \$6.00 and Grand Encampment portion \$9.00). ; and

WHEREAS, The Utah portion has not been sufficient to cover the expenses of the Grand Commandery. Causing the Grand Commandery to pull or seek funds from other accounts. ;and

WHEREAS, No organization can survive running an annual deficit; BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that a MAY 2021 STANDING RESOLUTION be added to TITLE V STANDING RESOLUTIONS: The annual per-capita be raised as follows:

The Utah portion raised by \$1.00 to \$7.00 plus + Grand Encampment per-capita fees (currently \$9.00) for a total per-capita of \$16.00.

Respectfully submitted,
Joint Finance Committee,
Jay N. Mitchell REGC, Chairman
P. Marty Martineau PGHP, PIGM, PGC
Gerald J. Everett PGC
Lorenzo E. Tibbitts EC
Reed B. Fanning MIGM
Jeffrey E. Hamilton MEGHP, PGC
David J. Read Sec./Rec. Ex-officio
Kelly Allred Treasurer Ex-officio

Proposal #4

Proposed Change to the Constitution of the Grand Commandery of Utah, KT

Whereas Section 1-12 Amendments specifies the procedure to make changes to the Constitution of the Grand Commandery of Utah, and Section 2-25 Amendments also specifies the procedure to make changes, however in a more detailed matter. Let it be resolved to amend Section 1-12 to be written as Section 2-25, and delete Section 2-25 from the Constitution.

Currently, Section 1-12 reads as follows:

Section 1-12 AMENDMENTS

The Grand Commandery, upon the concurrence of two-thirds of its members present and voting at any Annual or Special Conclave, may revise, amend and alter this Constitution, provided, however, that a written copy of the motion so to amend or alter shall be filed with the Grand Recorder of the Grand Commandery at least forty-five (45) days before the day on which the Conclave is to be held at which such motion is to be considered, and copy thereof shall be inserted in the Notice of the Conclave and presented by the Grand Recorder to the Grand Commandery for consideration.

And Section 2-25 reads as follows:

Section 2-25 AMENDMENTS

AMENDED August 2020

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". *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.*

With approval of the voting delegates, the change would be reflected as follows:

Section 1-12 Amendments

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And Section 2-25 Amendments would be reflected as follows:

Section 2-25 Amendments - rescinded May 2021

Fraternally Submitted,
Brian J. Hastings, Chairman, Jurisprudence Committee

NECROLOGY

The necrology report for 2020 for the Grand Commandery of Utah.

On March 6, 2020 we lost Kenneth Neuschwander

On July 29, 2020 we lost Henry Gray Meyer

On August 5, 2020 we lost Joe Nava

On September 11, 2020 we lost Michael Fifield Slaughter

On October 2, 2020 we lost Joe Edward Shirk

On March 5, 2021 we lost Richard Thomas Allen

May their memories be eternal.

Solemnly submitted,
Monte Andersen, Grand Prelate

OTHER REPORTS

SAMUEL PAUL HONORS COMMANDERY #00

No report submitted

PAST COMMANDER'S ASSOCIATION

See Joint Sessions section for this report. This meeting was held in conjunction with the Anointed High Priests and Thrice Illustrious Masters.