

PROCEEDINGS  
GRAND YORK RITE OF FREEMASONRY  
IN UTAH 2022



93rd ANNUAL ASSEMBLY GRAND COUNCIL  
CRYPTIC MASONS



112th ANNUAL CONCLAVE GRAND  
COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR



111th ANNUAL CONVOCATION GRAND CHAPTER  
ROYAL ARCH MASONS

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PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
2022 SESSIONS  
OF THE  
GRAND YORK RITE  
OF FREEMASONRY  
IN UTAH

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## **JOINT SESSION**

### **MINUTES**

#### **Annual Joint Session**

Held at the Salt Lake Marriot University Hotel  
, Salt Lake City, Utah  
May 13, 2022

The Annual Joint Session was declared open by Most Illustrious Grand Master Jeffrey Hamilton.

The prayer and pledge of allegiance was given.

Visitors and Distinguished Dignitaries were introduced. Words of welcome were received from John C. Liley, Jr and Frank C. Baker.

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

Joint Sessions were continued by MI Grand Master Hamilton. The following reports were presented:

Grand Secretary/Recorder which was approved as presented.

Internet Communications Committee. Upon presentation of the report, discussion was opened to get input on the recommendations presented in the report. It was suggested that the information for the Chair Degrees and other relevant groups be linked into the GYR website. Suggestions will be reviewed and considered in later committee meetings.

Discussion was opened regarding the Grand Representative program to determine if the GYR of Utah wants to continue to participate. Companion Brian Hastings explained his experience in representing Utah in other Jurisdictions. No immediate decisions were made.

## Grand York Rite of Utah Joint Session

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Companion Brian Hastings went over the Rules of Order for the sessions of the various bodies.

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

The Joint Session was closed.



## GRAND YORK RITE JOINT COMMITTEES

2021-2022

\*Denotes Chairman

### Appeals and Grievance

Doug Backes – Chapter\*  
John C. Liley Jr - Council  
unfilled – KT

### Joint Bylaws

Jurisprudence  
Grand Secretary/Recorder\*  
Grand Heads

### Credentials

Timothy L. Stenner\*  
David Hutchinson - Chapter  
Daniel Drew – Council  
Charles Persinger – KT

### Finance

Jerry Everett\*  
Preston Martineau Jr  
Lorenzo Tibbett  
Jay Mitchell  
3 Grand Heads of Bodies  
Grand Treasurer  
Grand Secretary/Recorder

### Fraternal Relations

Grand Presiding Heads  
Grand Secretary/Recorder

### Fraternal Correspondence

Grand Presiding Heads  
Grand Secretary/Recorder

### Grand Sessions

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

### Internet Communications

Not Designated - Chapter  
Treavor Wilkinson - Council  
Not Designated – KT

### Jurisprudence

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

### Membership

Timothy Stenner – Chapter  
Monte Anderson – Council  
Jay Mitchell - KT

### Necrology

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

### Protocol

John C. Liley, Jr - Chapter  
Jason C. Varner - Council  
Michael D. Shipler – KT

### Regional Conferences

Daniel A. Drew – Chapter  
Charles E. Warren – Council  
Unfilled - KT

### Returns of Const. Bodies

Grand Secretary/Recorder\*  
Auditor  
Grand Treasurer

### Time and Place

Three Grand Presiding Heads  
Grand Secretary/Recorder

### Triennial Conclave

Three Grand Presiding Heads

### Unfinished Business

Grand Secretary/Recorder\*  
Presiding Grand Heads

### Youth

Lorenzo Tibbitts – Chapter  
Daniel Drew - Council  
Daniel Drew\*– KT

## VISITING DIGNITARIES

**John C. Liley**, Grand Prelate, Convent General Knights of the York Cross of Honor, representing Glen Cook, Convent General of United States.

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

# Grand York Rite of Utah Joint Session

## GRAND REPRESENTATIVES 2021 - 2022

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					
Can New Brunswick	George H R Jones					
Can Nova Scotia	Edward Greenfield					
Can Ontario	Edmund Goldthrop		John A. Hornell			
Can Quebec	Ronald Rennie					
Can Saskatch	Everet H. Near					
Can Western	No Chapter		P Shillito	Michael L. Busby		
Colorado	James F. Norris	Michael Busby	Albert T. Herring	Michael L. Busby	Robert C. Haas	Michael Busby
Connecticut	Andrew Wilmann	Reed B. Fanning	Michael L. Castroll		William L. Green	
Delaware	John B. Dorsey		Robert Lomas		John D. Hiott	
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				
Israel	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)

# Grand York Rite of Utah Joint Session

Grand Jurisdiction	Grand Chapter		Grand Council		Grand Commandery	
	To Utah	From	To Utah	From	To Utah	From
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		Robert H. Brown		William Elliot	
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		Frank Woodruff		Reed R. Mosley	
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	
New Zealand	R. M. Cresswell					
North Carolina	Tommy Jones	Steve L. Wilkinson	W. Berry Rigdon	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		L. Erik Stuckey		William R. Phillips	
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. Lorensen	Jerold R. Chchran	D. T. Mass	Jerold Cochran
Philippines	Gregorio A. Vicente	Michael Busby (nom)	Wilfredo Baniqued	Michael Busby (nom)	Samuel P. Fernandez	Michael Busby (nom)
Scotland	John Stewart	Glen Cook	John Stewart	Glen Cook		
South Carolina	James W. Lyle		Douglas D. Lee		Gary C. Sowell	
South Dakota	Jerry K. Thomas	Duane Carpenter		Duane Carpenter	Reed Hutchison	Duane Carpenter
Tennessee	Bobby G.P ollard	Brian J. Hastings	Billy R. Miller	Brian J. Hastings	H.K. Jack Akard	Brian J. Hastings
Texas	R.R. Ryan		Kellis D. Moore		Ronald D. Park	
Vermont	Roger M. Pike		David H. Bartlett		William Karstens 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	Perter N. Doelfs	Don Allen	Peter N. Doelfs

## GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT

No report submitted.

## **REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY/RECORDER**

Greetings Sir Knights All:

Due to the year (2) two of the Global pandemic we had a continuation of Zoom for the Grand York Rite Sessions. With the slowing down of the cases and lifting of restrictions in Utah and across the Country, it was decided by our Grand York Rite Heads to permit in person meetings and activities, which were in line with the Grand Lodge of Utah and the State of Utah.

- **Fiscal Year** – At the last Zoom Sessions, it was proposed and approved to align the Fiscal Year in with the Calendar year to reflect Grand Encampment calendar year. 2021 was the first year that all local Bodies were in 100% compliance.
- **MMS** – The local Body Secretary/Recorders did a fantastic job to have all membership information up to date in MMS, which permitted the ability to use MMS for 2021 Annual Returns.
- **2022 Time & Place** – The venue was chosen again at the Marriot University Park, SLC for the 2022 Grand Sessions, with the hope that it would not be cancelled for a 3<sup>rd</sup> year in person Sessions. The hotel was very accommodating by honoring the original pricing from 2 years ago.
- **Investment Fund:** The Grand York Rite Investment Fund is handled by Baird under the supervision of the Finance Committee.
- **Annual Return Assessments:** All Local Bodies have sent in the 2021 Annual Returns.
- **ZOOM Pro Account:** We continue to keep the Grand York Rite account open. It continues to be 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.
- **KTCH Grand Encampment Award:** All Companions/Sir Knights should be pleased to know unlike last year this very high honor was not missed for 2021.

I want to recognize a 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 Grand 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 this past year, along with all the requests and reports that are required to keep the Grand York Rite of Utah functioning.

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

I considered it a privilege to serve all the Companions/Sir Knights of Utah. A special call out to Lady Jen, for her unwavering caring to assist with many behind the scenes functions that make my job easier and assist with keeping the Grand York Rite Sessions in harmony.

Lastly, to work with the dedicated 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 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

**2021 Annual Returns Summary  
Utah Constituent York Rite Bodies**

**CHANGE IN MEMBERSHIP**

**2021 REPORT OF RETURNS as of Dec 31, 2021**

	<b>RAM</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>Change</b>
SLC	Ch. #1	78	62	-16
Ogden	Ch. #2	36	37	1
Midvale	Ch. #3	43	46	3
Provo	Ch. #4	25	29	4
Price	Ch. #6	28	27	-1
St. Geo.	Ch. #10	28	25	-3
<b>Totals</b>		<b>238</b>	<b>226</b>	<b>-12</b>

	<b>CM</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>Change</b>
SLC	Co. #1	76	61	-15
Provo	Co. #2	23	28	5
Ogden	Co. #3	36	37	1
Price	Co. #4	28	27	-1
Midvale	Co. #5	40	46	6
St. Geo.	Co. #7	26	23	-3
<b>Totals</b>		<b>229</b>	<b>222</b>	<b>-7</b>

<b>CHANGE IN MEMBERSHIP (continued)</b>				
	<b>KT</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>Change</b>
SPHC	Cm. #0	22	21	-1
SLC	Cm. #1	81	62	-19
Ogden	Cm. #2	35	35	0
Midvale	Cm. #3	39	44	5
Provo	Cm. #5	22	28	6
Price	Cm. #6	29	27	-2
St. Geo.	Cm. #7	28	25	-3
<b>Totals</b>		<b>256</b>	<b>242</b>	<b>-14</b>

**2021 CONSOLIDATED REPORT OF RETURNS  
as of Dec 31, 2021**

<b>BODY</b>	<b>PER CAPITA DUE</b>	<b>PER CAPITA PAID</b>	<b>FEES</b>	<b>TOTAL PER CAPITA/FEES PD</b>
SLC	\$2,191.50	\$2,191.50	\$32.50	\$2,224.00
Ogden	\$1,281.50	\$1,281.50	\$30.00	\$1,311.50
Midvale	\$1,601.00	\$1,601.00	\$20.00	\$1,621.00
Provo	\$1,004.00	\$1,004.00	\$15.00	\$1,019.00
Price	\$958.50	\$958.50	\$0.00	\$958.50
St. Geo.	\$868.50	\$868.50	\$5.00	\$873.50
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$8,241.00</b>	<b>\$8,241.00</b>	<b>\$102.50</b>	<b>\$8,343.50</b>

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

**APPEALS AND GRIEVANCES REPORT**

Nothing to Report

**AUDITING COMMITTEE**

No report submitted

**JOINT BYLAWS**

No report submitted

**CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE**

I am pleased to report that the credentials committee had worked tirelessly to ensure that all voting delegates had the proper credentials to vote again last year. Last year's sessions, while still virtual went quite a bit smoother than the year before. The electronic voting seemed to go pretty smoothly. This year, however, since we are meeting in person again after 3 years, we have abandoned the electronic balloting are returning to the paper ballots. I again look forward to working with the rest of the Credentials Committee to ensure a seamless session.

Respectfully submitted,  
Timothy L. Stenner,  
Credentials Committee

**FRATERNAL RELATIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE**

No Report



## **INTERNET COMMUNICATIONS**

This report will be split up into three sections. First, General proceedings of the committee for the year. Second, Costs. And lastly, Recommendations. General Proceedings:

The Internet Communications Committee this year has spent considerable time ensuring that the latest data for the Grand York Rite of Utah is updated on the website and has made efforts to ensure all the awards recipients past and present were updated. Any information that was requested to be put on the website or communicated out via social media by the Grand Secretary/Recorder or the Grand Heads was diligently performed at the soonest possible convenience. Costs:

Due to the charity of some companions neither the website hosting, domain hosting or website updates will cost anything to the Grand York Rite of Utah this year.

Recommendations:

Firstly, as this Committee is one person and the Website is managed and updated by one person, I would highly recommend we get a second individual involved that can help to manage the website and social media. It would behoove us to having a second person with the “keys to the kingdom” so to speak. Not only would this help with ensuring things are done in a timely manner, but also in the event of calamity to myself, the Grand York Rite of Utah is not locked out of the website. We may also want to check into transferring the ownership of the website over to the Grand York Rite of Utah for similar reasons as mentioned above.

Second, the domain utahyorkrite.org is not owned by the Grand York Rite of Utah, rather it is owned by an individual Companion. I would strongly urge that we make every attempt necessary to get the domain ownership transferred to the Grand York Rite of Utah so that any Grand Secretary/Recorder could access/pay for this domain subscription annually. This would also be in the interest of if anything happened to that companion then we don’t lose the website domain. If we cannot get the domain to be transferred from this companion, then we should create a new domain that is owned by the Grand York Rite of Utah.

Third, the [gsm@utahyorkrite.org](mailto:gsm@utahyorkrite.org) email is not owned by the Grand York Rite of York Rite. The same companion that owns the domain owns this email as well. We should try to get that transferred to our ownership as well. If we cannot get ownership transferred, then we should also create a new generic mailbox for any future Grand Secretary/Recorder to be able to access.

If you are interested in volunteering for the internet communications committee and you have experience with Website design or are technologically savvy and have a good eye for aesthetics, please submit a brief application to the Grand Secretary/Recorder.

Respectfully submitted on this 1<sup>st</sup> day of May 2022,

Treavor John Wilkinson

Chairman, Internet Communications Committee

## **JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE REPORT**

See reports in individual sessions.

## **MEMBERSHIP**

No report submitted.

**NECROLOGY REPORT**

Sir Knights who have passed in the last year:

**Utah # 1**

Richard Hurd Simmons      01/09/2022

**El Monte # 2**

Rollan T Tonkinson      08/07/2021

John Leroy Elwell Jr      10/30/2021

William R Youngberg      04/04/2022

**Malta # 3**

David Harvey Nelson      03/27/2022

Lee Merritt Rogers      01/05/2022

**Golgotha # 7**

Terry Donald Lee      12/15/2021

Edward Gilbert Nelson Sr      01/31/2022

Respectfully submitted

Necrology Committee

**REGIONAL CONFERENCES**

No report submitted.

**TIME AND PLACE**

No report submitted

**TRIENNIAL CONCLAVE**

No report submitted

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

No unfinished business to report.

**VESPERS MESSAGE**

See Necrology

**YOUTH**

No report submitted.

## 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 2021.

As reported last year 2021 we were at \$436,962.

As of January 01, 2022, we were at \$449,805

As of April 30, 2022, we stand at \$394,962.

We are down \$54,843

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

I would also remind those here assembled the current economic environment with the highest inflation since the 1980's and a probable recession. That being said we are in this for the long haul and there will be ups and downs.

Breakdown as follows

Cash	027,738	07.02 %
US Stocks	192,502	48.74 %
Non-US Stocks	040,199	10.18 %
Bonds	126,041	31.91 %
Other	008,480	02.15 %
Totals	394,962	100 %

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

We did approve a dollar amount for the feast of Balthazar.

Alex Wheeler of RW Baird has made changes as per our investment strategy throughout the year to deal with our fluctuating markets and I again thank the expertise of Alex Wheeler of RW Baird and the investment 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. I usually speak

with Alex weekly, and he is certainly earning his money lately. In speaking with him Wednesday this week although the acct is down a little over 10% we are still up 6% year over year.

We continue to work with Companion Benjamin Young to handle our tax returns, etc. All tax returns, etc. are currently filed.

We anticipate costs for the 2022-2023 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  
Jay Mitchell MEGHP  
Jeff Hamilton MIGM  
Jason Varner REGC

**ANNOINTED HIGH PRIESTS/THRICE ILLUSTRIOUS  
MASTER/PAST COMMANDERS ASSOCIATIONS**  
No report submitted.



**93<sup>rd</sup> ANNUAL  
ASSEMBLY  
GRAND COUNCIL  
CRYPTIC MASONS  
OF UTAH**

**Saturday, May 13, 2022**

**Salt Lake Marriott University  
Park Hotel  
Salt Lake City, Utah**

## **GRAND COUNCIL**

### **GRAND COUNCIL MINUTES**

May 13, 2022

Salt Lake Marriott University Park Hotel,  
Salt Lake City, UT

The 93<sup>rd</sup> Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Utah was opened by M.I. Grand Master Jeffrey Hamilton. Grand Prelate Daniel Drew offered opening prayer.

Roll call was conducted of the Grand Officers, Past Grand Masters and Dias Officers. A quorum was announced. Visiting dignitaries and the Past Illustrious Grand Masters of Utah were introduced and welcomed by Illustrious Grand Master Hamilton.

A preliminary report from the Credentials Committee indicated 20 Grand Officers and Past Illustrious Masters, Constituent Body Officers 18, Past Illustrious Grand Masters 11, for a total of 49.

Companion Gerald Everett presented the Finance Committee Report. The report was approved as presented. Companion Everett has reached the end of his term. Election of a new 4-year term position was held. Jayson Carlson and Gerald Everett were nominated for the position. Balloting occurred and Jayson Carlson was elected.

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

Illustrious Grand Master Hamilton announced that he has nominated Preston “Marty” Martineau as Grand Representative to Pennsylvania and Charles Sipes as Grand Representative to Florida. He then presented his report which was followed by the report of Jurisprudence. Both reports were approved to be spread upon the minutes.



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A final credentials report was given by Companion Timothy Stenner showing 48 eligible votes.

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

Jay N. Mitchell.....M. I. Grand Master  
Lawrence R. Rodriguez.....R. I. Deputy Grand Master  
Charles E. Warren Sr.....R. I. Grand Principal Conductor of Work  
Benjamin Young.....R.I. Grand Treasurer  
David J. Read, Sr.....R. I. Grand Recorder

During the election process, words of welcome were received from visiting dignitaries.

Reed Fanning reiterated the award winners from 2021.

Companion G. Thomas Taylor, RP General Grand Principal Conductor of the Works, General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons International representing MP Monte Glover, the General Grand Illustrious Master of Cryptic Masons provided news from General Grand Council.

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

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

Installation of the elected and appointed officers was conducted.

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

The Assembly was closed by the newly installed Most Illustrious Grand Master Jay N. Mitchell.

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**GRAND COUNCIL CRYPTIC MASONS UTAH OFFICERS  
2021 – 2022**

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

**GRAND COUNCIL COMMITTEES  
2021-2022**

\* Denotes Chairman

**Cryptic Mason of Year**

Jason Varner\*  
TJ Robertson  
Douglas Backes  
Subordinate Council  
Recorders

**Youth Award  
Committee**

Daniel Drew\*  
Charles E. Warren  
O. Blake Hansen  
Subordinate  
Council Recorders

**Cryptic Mason  
Medical Research**

Lawrence Rodriguez\*  
T.J. Robertson  
Timothy L. Stenner

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## PAST GRAND ILLUSTRIOUS MASTERS

\*Denotes in attendance

Blaine H. Simons*	1989-90	Charles G. Sipes*	2012-13
J. C. McLaughlin	1999-00	Dean D. Rein*	2014-15
Norman A. Smith	2003-04	Jason A. Mitchell	2015-16
Joseph C. Matson, Sr	2004-05	T.J. Robertson*	2016-17
Michael D. Shipler*	2005-06	Jason C. Varner*	2017-18
Loren H. Rausher	2007-08	Douglas J. Backes	2018-19
William A. Butterfield	2009-10	P. Marty Martineau*	2019-20
Michael L. Busby	2010-11	Reed B. Fanning, Jr*	2020-21
Brian J. Hastings*	2011-12	Jeffrey E. Hamilton*	2021-22

## COUNCIL DAIS OFFICERS

Utah #1 (X Denotes Present A Denotes Absent)			
	Illustrious Master	Lonnie McCulloch	X
	Deputy Master	Michael Clark	A
	Prin Cond of Work	Christopher Wright	A
Provo #2			
	Illustrious Master	Granville Schmidt	X
	Deputy Master	Lorenzo Tibbitts	X
	Prin Cond of Work	Ryder Wright	A
Ogden #3			
	Illustrious Master	Gerald Corbett	X
	Deputy Master	William McCraw	X
	Prin Cond of Work	Monte Andersen	X
Solomon #4			
	Illustrious Master	Daniel Lyons	X
	Deputy Master	Daniel Hamilton	X
	Prin Cond of Work	Jeffrey Smith	A
Daly #5			
	Illustrious Master	Jeff Hunt	X
	Deputy Master	Blair D. Hope	X
	Prin Cond of Work	Joseph Mann	A
Zion #7			
	Illustrious Master	Christopher Lee	X
	Deputy Master	Rulon Olsen	A
	Prin Cond of Work	Victor Price	A

## **VISITING DIGNITARIES**

**Kim M. Bowman**, MI Past Grand Master, representing Ronny Aasterud, MI Grand Master of Montana

**Reed B. Fanning**, VP Ambassador to Utah, General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons International

**Jason C. Varner**, RP Deputy District Grand Master of the Southwest Region, General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons International

**G. Thomas Taylor**, RP General Grand Principal Conductor of the Works, General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons International, representing MP Monte Glover, the General Grand Illustrious Master of Cryptic Masons

## **OFFICER REPORTS**

### **REPORT OF THE MOST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND MASTER**

Good afternoon Companion's. I don't know about you, but I am happy and grateful we are once again meeting in person. I have missed you! The last time we were together was in May of 2019. Much has happened over the three years. We have been living through a pandemic, political and racial unrest and now we are witnessing the horrors of a war in Ukraine. Section 2-7 (A) The Grand Illustrious Master at each Annual Assembly of the Grand Council shall present his Annual address, giving an account of his official acts during recess and the condition of cryptic Masonry in this jurisdiction and recommend to the Grand council such measures as he may deem necessary and expedient. My official acts are part of this address but I will not be commenting on them today.

Over these past three years our Fraternity has changed as well. In 2019 we had everything open with no restrictions on how we meet or traveled. We as a Fraternity were debating the how's and why's of the decline of our membership and what we need to do to change that.

With the start of the pandemic we had to rethink how we would meet and stay in touch with each other. As a Grand York Rite we had to figure out how to hold a virtual sessions to take care of the business of this jurisdiction. We were faced with the challenge of meeting the needs of our candidates who were in various stages of their degrees, and of course those brethren who were interested in joining our ranks. Last year at this time the Most

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Excellent High Priest, the Right Eminent Grand Commander and myself opened up our respective bodies again to in person meetings and for that all important degree work. We had seventeen candidates who had been put on hold from the pandemic. These candidates became a top priority for the three Grand Heads. During the months of October and November the local York Rite groups came together to put on the degrees and orders for these patient brethren.

During the reopening of our local groups, a couple of things surprised me. One it wasn't as seamless as I thought it would be. I thought we will open up and everything will go right back to what had become the norm. That was not the case. On one hand we had and still have a number of brethren who got out of the habit of coming to Lodge. A number of our more senior members were not comfortable meeting in person out of health concerns. This is a great concern, one that needs to be addressed.

However, there was also something different, I could feel it. The Companions who were coming out were genuinely happy to be together again. Men who maybe hadn't always seen eye to eye were now working together to breathe life back into their local bodies. It no longer mattered what title or office someone had or whose idea it was. The important thing was resuming the work on the Temple. Genuine heartfelt friendship and brotherly love was the new norm. The Companions were making sure that no one was left behind. There was a buzz in the air.

By February, 19 more brethren were starting their journey in the York Rite and on April 9th we Knighted 19 new Sir Knights, a total of 34 for the year. Not to bad for a Grand Jurisdiction of around 280 members. The Companions were working to make the meetings better and more meaningful. They were working on improving their ritual. They were sharing their love for the York Rite with their brethren. I am happy to say, this is still going on today.

Last year while reading through our Grand Councils bylaws, I came across a reference to the Feast of Belshazzar and that it could be performed every few years. Curiosity getting the better of me. I called the chairman of our Jurisprudence Committee Companion Brian Hastings and asked him if he had ever heard of it, what it was and if so had he ever been through it. He

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told me he had noticed it as well in the bylaws and didn't know anymore than I did. So I went in search of the answers.

I ended up talking to companion Blaine Simons who knew what it was and when it was last performed in Utah. For those of you who are curious it was 1986 and Most Illustrious Companion Ron Stringham was the Most Illustrious Grand Master. I was already planning on doing the Super Excellent Master Degree and I thought it would be fun to do them both. I had to reach out to the Grand Council of Iowa for a copy of their ritual for the Feast because at the time I couldn't find ours. On April 2, 2022 Sixty Five Select Masters went through the Super Excellent Master Degree and were part of the Feast of Belshazzar. I would like to thank the Grand York Rite Trust for helping to promote and offset the cost of the event. I am pleased to report that the event raised \$2901.00 for Charity. You all know that I am all about the Masonic Family and the money raised will be divided between the three York Rite Charities.

This event wouldn't have been possible without the help of some truly special people. First I would like to thank Provo Council #2 who without hesitation took on the hard work required to make it successful. To say I am proud of your efforts would be an understatement. To those Companions from other Councils who graciously gave of their time and talents thank you we couldn't have done it without you. There are three Companions I need to recognize by name. First Bill Butterfield who arranged to get the costumes to and from Ogden. William McCraw who researched and created the Patents for the event. Bill also took care of promoting the event on all of the social media groups. Jayson Carlson who helped with the planning, lining up the cast and running the practices for the cast.

### Illustrious Grand Masters Itinerary:

May 20, 2021	Provo York Rite
June 17, 2021	Provo York Rite
September 4, 2021	St. George York Rite
September 9, 2021	Scottish Rite play (If a man die)
September 16, 2021	Provo York rite
September 22, 2021	Midvale York Rite

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October 2, 2021	Four Corners Festival
October 4, 2021	Ogden York Rite
October 6, 2021	Price York Rite
October 16, 2021	Chapter Degrees Ogden
October 21, 2021	Provo York Rite
October 23, 2021	Council degrees Ogden
October 29-30, 2021	Southwest Conference
November 6, 2021	Scottish Rite Honors
November 11, 2021	Provo York Rite
November 13, 2021	Commandery Orders Price
November 18-20, 2021	Scottish Rite Reunion
November 30, 2021	Utah #1
December 4, 2021	HRKTP
December 16, 2021	Provo York Rite Installation & Christmas Observance
January 15, 2022	Grand Lodge of Utah 150th anniversary dinner
January 20, 2022	Provo York Rite
January 29, 2022	Red Cross of Constantine
February 3-5, 2022	Grand Lodge of Utah Communication
February 12, 2022	Chapter Degrees Provo
February 17, 2022	Provo York Rite
February 26, 2022	Hawaii Sessions
March 5, 2022	Council Degrees Ogden
March 17, 2022	Provo York Rite
April 2, 2022	SEM/Feast of Belshazzar Ogden
April 9, 2022	Commandery Orders Price
April 9, 2022	New Mexico Sessions
April 21, 2022	Provo York Rite
April 23, 2022	Scottish Rite Reunion
April 30, 2022	Red Cross of Constantine
May 2, 2022	Jezreel Council AMD

### Illustrious Grand Master Actions:

It has been a very quiet year. I issued 3 dispensations and no decisions. I also approved changes to Ogden Council #3 bylaws.

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Dispensation to Provo Council #2 to move their September stated meeting from September 16, 2021 to September 23, 2021. Provo Council returned the Dispensation unused.

Dispensation for St. George York Rite to move their Stated meeting from February 5, 2022 to February 12, 2022.

Dispensation for St. George York Rite to move their stated meeting from April 2, 2022 to April 9, 2022.

In November of 2021 a Companion from Ogden inquired if we were in Harmony with the Prince Hall Council in Colorado. A number of the Prince Hall Companions in the Ogden area wanted to visit if possible. I did some research and was unable to find anything showing if we were or if we were not. During my research I found out the one and only Council in Colorado PHA is under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Council of Ohio PHA. I wrote a letter to them inquiring if they would be interested in pursuing the joint recognition of our two bodies. As of the date of this report I have not received a response.

### Recommendations:

1. We maintain our membership in the General Grand Council.
2. We continue to support the Southwest Regional Conference
3. We establish Lodge Representatives in each of the Blue Lodges
4. We form educational teams to do educational in the Blue Lodges.
5. We look for ways to work with the Scottish Rite to promote Freemasonry as a whole.

### Thank You:

Where to start. Most of you know Brother Jim Robertson was my inspiration for joining Freemasonry. Jim was my first line signer in both the Blue Lodge and York Rite and a lifelong mentor. Without Jim I can honestly say I would not be standing here today. In 2012 Most Worshipful Brother Frank Baker gave me my first appointment to a Grand Line. Companion Baker has been teaching, helping, and supporting me ever since. I don't know a better Mason



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or Leader and I try very hard to walk in his footsteps and follow his example. Frank of all of things you have done for or given me the greatest gift has been your friendship. It is truly one of my most prized possessions. Thank you my friend! Two years later my friend and mentor Right Eminent Past Grand Commander Robertson asked me to join the Grand Commandery line as did Companions Dean Rein and P. Marty Martineau ask me to join the Grand Council and Grand Chapter. Thank you both for your faith in me. Companions TJ Robertson, Jason Varner, Reed Fanning and Jay Mitchell, thank you for help and support while serving as a Grand head with me as I did. TJ and Jason the three of us share a special bond and friendship that only the three of us can truly understand. I don't know if I ever saw a bigger smile on Jim's face than I did when the three of us were presiding over the three Grand York Rite bodies at the same time. I know I speak for you both when I say I miss Jim more and more as time goes on. I would also like to thank our Jurisprudence Committee members Companions Charles Sipes, Mike Shipler, Dean Rein and Brian Hastings. Each of has always been there for me never hesitating to help. I need to elaborate a bit more Companion Dean you have been there for me from the time I was appointed to the Grand Lodge line to today as my journey ends. You have been my representative and my Installing officer of all three bodies. I can't thank you enough for your help, wisdom and support but once again your friendship like Companion Baker is one of my prized possessions as is yours Companion Brian. You have served as the Chairman all three times I have been the head of a body you also have been my installing Marshall for all three. Brian you have taught me so much over my time in serving this Jurisdiction. Your love of the York Rite, your understanding of its workings and your ability to cut to the chase make you the perfect chairman. Thank you for your patience with me and for helping me to be a better officer than I would have been without you. You are truly a gift to the Companions and Sir Knights here in Utah. Companion Gunny Rodriguez, I don't really have the words. You are one of the most generous people I know and you are the poster child for what a Mason should be. You never seek title only to help. You are always finding ways to recognize others for their work, never looking for your own recognition. I am always humbled by you and strive to live up to your example. Finally, and most importantly, my lovely bride Nancy who has been by my side for 36 years. She has been there for my entire Masonic career. She has given freely her time to our beloved Fraternity even though she doesn't belong to any Masonic related group. She has worked behind the

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scenes not only for me but for our Fraternity. I am truly blessed to have someone who loves me unconditionally and has never wavered in her support for me, even though at times she would be majorly inconvenienced in doing so. I will never ever be able to repay her in kind. Thank you my love, I love you!!!

Final thoughts :

Companions I stand here with mixed emotions. Eleven years ago my great friend gave me an appointment and I have been serving ever since. Today is the end of that run. I have been asked many times what the most important thing I have learned is. Brother Teddy Roosevelt said it pretty well when he wrote:

### THE MAN IN THE ARENA

It is not the critic who counts; not the man who points out how the strong man stumbles, or where the doer of deeds could have done them better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly; who errs, who comes short again and again, because there is no effort without error and shortcoming; but who does actually strive to do the deeds; who knows great enthusiasms, the great devotions; who spends himself in a worthy cause; who at the best knows in the end the triumph of high achievement, and who at the worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who neither know victory nor defeat.

For me the greatest feelings in Freemasonry come when I am doing or learning something new. A new degree, a new office, a new body etc. Fame and Titles are fleeting at best, I challenge you to remember who the Most Illustrious Grand Master was, when you were made a Select Master. The greatest secret, if you will, I have learned is; it is not about how high you can rise. It's about the struggles, the triumphs, learning what your strengths are, and what your weaknesses are as well. It's about friendships formed while doing all of that. Companions it is about the journey, not the destination. The feeling I spoke about earlier is indeed the journey. Our Temple, Solomon's Temple has been built, destroyed, built again and destroyed again. My brothers I believe the true secret in our beloved

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Fraternity is that the Temple is never truly finished, because the true joy and the greatest gift is laboring in the quarries with our brothers. With the pandemic we became aware how fragile our Fraternity is and once we were open and laboring again that urgency to rebuild and strengthen it has pervaded each of us. My departing wish is that we never forget, its the labor not the finished accolades that polish the stone and bring out its true glory.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jeff Hamilton

## **RIGHT ILLUSTRIOUS DEPUTY GRAND MASTER**

Report unavailable.

## **GRAND PRINCIPAL CONDUCTOR OF THE WORK**

No report submitted.

## **GRAND RECORDER**

See Joint Sessions

### ***ANNUAL RETURNS SUMMARY –CM***

#### **2021 REPORT OF RETURNS as of Dec 31, 2021**

	<b>CM</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>Per capita (\$9.50)</b>	<b>Fees (\$2.50)</b>	<b>CMMRF</b>	<b>Total</b>
SLC	Co. #1	61	\$579.50	\$12.50	0	\$592.00
Provo	Co. #2	28	\$266.00	\$5.00	0	\$271.00
Ogden	Co. #3	37	\$351.50	\$10.00	0	\$361.50
Price	Co. #4	27	\$256.50	\$0.00	0	\$256.50
Midvale	Co. #5	46	\$437.00	\$10.00	0	\$447.00
St. Geo.	Co. #7	23	\$218.50	\$2.50	0	\$221.00
<b>Totals</b>		<b>222</b>	<b>\$2,109.00</b>	<b>\$40.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$2,149.00</b>

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**STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE GRAND RECORDER**

January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021

Cryptic Masons

	TOTALS	Utah #1	Provo #2	Ogden #3	Solomon #4	Daly #5	St G #7
as of 12/31/20	229	76	23	36	28	40	26
Greeted	16	5	2	4	0	4	1
Omitted	5	5	0	0	0	0	0
Affiliated	3	0	2	0	0	0	1
Restored	5	0	1	0	1	3	0
Total Gain	29	10	5	4	1	7	2
Error	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Deceased	5	0	0	2	1	1	1
Demitted	19	14	0	1	1	0	3
Suspended	12	11	0	0	0	0	1
Total Loss	36	25	0	3	2	1	5
as of 12/31/21	222	61	28	37	27	46	23
Net Gain (Loss)	-7	-15	5	1	-1	6	-3

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**CREDENTIALS REPORT CRYPTIC MASONS SESSIONS**

Date May 13, 2022

Grand Council Officers (current) & Past Illustrious Masters.....	19
Constituent Delegates (current Illustrious M, Dep. M, PCW).....	18
Past Illustrious Grand Masters.....	11
TOTAL (including proxies).....	48

**CMMRF COMMITTEE**

No report submitted

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**CRYPTIC MASON OF THE YEAR AWARD**

It was announced that William McCraw was to receive the Cryptic Mason of the Year.

**CRYPTIC MASON YOUTH AWARD**

The Cryptic Mason Youth Award winner was Tony Lella for his work with DeMolay.

Respectfully submitted,  
Daniel Drew, Chairman

**JURISPRUDENCE**

The Jurisprudence Committee has reviewed the report of actions and activities of the Illustrious Grand Master during the 2021-2022 year and has the following to report.

The dispensations granted to Provo Council #2 and Zion Council #7 to move their meeting dates due to scheduling conflicts were proper and within the authority of the Most Illustrious Grand Master. The correspondence initiated by the Most Illustrious Grand Master to the Grand Council of Ohio Prince Hall affiliate inquiring if they would be interested in joint recognition with the Grand Council of Utah was appropriate and we appreciate his initiative. We commend the Most Illustrious Grand Master for accomplishing his duties and official visitations with alacrity and significance. He is also to be commended for his inspiring guidance and participation in York Rite festivals, his attendance at several appendant and accordant bodies' formal events and for his travels to out of state Grand York Rite sessions as our representative. No other actions taken by the Most Illustrious Grand Master required review by the Jurisprudence Committee.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dean D. Rein, PMIGM  
Brian J. Hastings, PMIGM  
Charles G. Sipes, PMIGM  
Michael D. Shipler, PMIGM

## **LEGISLATION**

There was no legislation presented or considered during the session.

## **OTHER REPORTS**

### **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Oh, how time flies, especially with the situation going over the past 3 years. I want to thank Brother Jeff Hamilton for reminding me that I was chairman of this committee. After 3 years of not meeting, there was some question in my mind. Some six or eight years ago I was drafted to be a member of this committee with Brother Dean Rein. We served together for a number of years, most of which we worked under the Finance Organization of Merrill Lynch as set up by another brother from the finance industry, Rory Youngberg. Brother Rory recently passed to that financial and masonic lodge on high.

When I was first elected to the committee, I thought it was appropriate to have committee meetings to discuss budgets and investments, but that didn't seem to work well with our Grand York Rite of Utah being spread over the state from St George to Logan and points in between. So, I consoled myself to quarterly ones and we lived with that up until 3 years ago. We barely met except through the wonders of a computer and the internet.

Even though we have not always moved in the direction that I would like for us to do, the fact still remains that we are still in an OK position. I believe that it is due to some major moves by your Finance Committee.

We no longer are associated with Merrill Lynch but we, like the Grand Lodge of Utah, Masonic Foundation of Utah and several other masonic funds, we have moved our money to a more personal attention by Baird and Alex Wheeler, our Financial Advisor. Our initial move to Baird did cost us some investment time. It did not cost us funds, but it did cost us lost investment time. We had the money in low interest savings for a period of time instead of invested. But up to the last 4 months we had been doing rather well. But recent market struggles, and I am sure you all know as you look at your own 401Ks and investment funds, we have actually lost \$11,034.85. Here are the numbers: As of January 1, 2022 we had in the account \$78,183.86. Market Losses, both bonds and stocks, were

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\$11,034.85. We had some transaction fees of \$557.88, leaving our total assets as of April 30, 2022 of \$66,872.51. We are diversified with 59.2% in stock funds and 40.52% in taxable bond funds and a small amount, 2.8% of cash money market funds. For the Grand York Rite of Utah, that is pretty good. At times we have had 5-10% in cash (back in the Merrill Lynch days).

On a positive note, our Grand York Rite has now come around, in fact we are having budgets for each body so you can now see where your money is being spent; which along with the move to Baird, I believe we will make great strides in Grand York Rite operations.

Now that we are finding our way back to some sense of normal I am hoping, at the will and pleasure of this body, to continue to serve on your Finance Committee.

Respectfully submitted,  
Gerald Everett, Chairman

**THRICE ILLUSTRIOUS MASTERS**

No report submitted



**112th ANNUAL  
CONCLAVE  
GRAND COMMANDERY  
KNIGHTS TEMPLAR  
OF UTAH**

**Saturday, May 14, 2022**

**Salt Lake Marriott University  
Park Hotel  
Salt Lake City, Utah**



## **GRAND COMMANDERY**

### **COMMANDERY MINUTES**

112th ANNUAL CONCLAVE GRAND COMMANDERY K. T. UTAH

May 14, 2022

Salt Lake Marriott University Park Hotel,  
Salt Lake City, UT

The 112<sup>th</sup> Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Utah was declared open by RE Grand Commander Jason C. Varner.

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

Past Grand Commanders, Visiting dignitaries and Distinguished guests were introduced and welcomed by RE Grand Commander Varner.

SK Timothy Stenner provided an initial Credentials report showing 45 eligible votes present.

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 Varner requested the report and budget presentation from Finance Committee. It was responded that since the Finance Committee did not meet during the year, as reported in the Council session, no budget was available for presentation.

RE Grand Commander Varner 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. It was reported that the count has remained at 45.

Two items of legislation had been initially proposed. One item was withdrawn by the presenter, The other item, a change to the fee structure to cover the KTEF Life Sponsorship for all newly knighted and newly affiliated members of constituent Commanderies, was presented. The proposal was moved and seconded. There was no discussion and the final vote was in favor of the legislation change.

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

Charles Warren, Sr .....Right Eminent Grand Commander  
Reed B. Fanning.....Very E. Deputy Grand Commander  
Timothy L. Stenner.....E. Grand Generalissimo  
Monte Anderson.....E. Grand Captain General  
Benjamin L. Young,,.....E. Grand Treasurer  
David J. Read Sr.....E. Grand Recorder

Sir Knight Charles Warren, Sr, the newly elected Grand Commander, announced his appointments as follows:

O. Blake Hansen .....E. Grand Senior Warden  
Treavor Wilkinson.....E. Grand Junior Warden  
Daniel A Drew.....E. Grand Prelate  
Lorenzo Tibbitts.....E. Grand Standard Bearer  
Daniel Lyons .....E Grand Sword Bearer  
Paul D. Erickson.....E Grand Warder  
Kevin E. Betterton.....E. Grand Sentinel  
John C. Liley, Jr.....E. Grand Aide de Camp  
Michael D. Shipler.....E Grand Inspector General

SK Robertson provided words of encouragement from Grand Encampment. He announced that the Southwest Conference for 2022 will be held in Salt Lake City.

SK Magee brought greetings from ME Grand Master Kussman and discussed the current mission statement of the Grand Encampment.

Officers were installed by Past Grand Commander TJ Robertson with the prayer being given by Past Grand Commander Dean D. Rein. Past Grand Commander Brian Hastings was the installing Marshall.

The Conclave was put into recess by ME Grand Commander Charles Warren, Sr.

**GRAND COMMANDERY OFFICERS**

(\* denotes present, e denotes excused)

- \* 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
- Christopher C. Young.....E. Grand Senior Warden
- \*Monte Anderson..... E. Grand Junior Warden
- \*O. Blake Hansen .....E. Grand Prelate
- \*Kelly Allred.....E. Grand Treasurer
- \*David J. Read Sr.....E. Grand Recorder
- \* Treavor Wilkinson.....E. Grand Standard Bearer
- \*Daniel Drew.....E Grand Sword Bearer
- \* Lorenzo Tibbitts .....E Grand Warder
- \* Daniel Lyons.....E. Grand Sentinel
- \* John C. Liley, Jr.....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**

Daniel A. Drew\*  
David J. Read, Sr  
Constituent Commanders &  
Recorders

**VESPER SERVICES**

Monte Andersen\*  
David J. Read, Sr  
All Constituent Prelates

**PAST GRAND COMMANDERS**

J. C. McLaughlin	1996-97	Dean D. Rein*	2012-13
Blaine H. Simons	2000-01	Preston Martineau Jr*	2013-14
Norman A. Smith	2001-02	TJ Robertson*	2015-16
Terry L. Nay	2003-04	Robert M Bennett	2016-17
Gerald Everett	2004-05	Jeffrey E Hamilton*	2017-18
Michael D. Shipler*	2006-07	Lawrence R. Rodriguez*	2018-19
Michael L. Busby*	2007-08	Douglas Backes*	2019-20
William A. Butterfield	2008-09	Jay N Mitchell *	2020-21
Brian J. Hastings*	2009-10	Jason C. Varner*	2021-22
Charles G. Sipes*	2010-11		

\*denotes in attendance

## VISITING DIGNITARIES

**Dean D. Rein**, Past Department Commander, Southwest Department  
**TJ Robertson**, Department Commander, Southwest Department, Grand Encamp of Knights Templar  
**???** **Magee**, Past Southeast Department Commander, Representing David Kussman, ME Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar.

## DIAS OFFICERS

Utah #1			
	Commander	Michael Clark	Absent
	Generalissimo	Rudolph Zamora Jr	X
	Captain General	Ederaldo Belini De Oliveira	X
El Monte #2			
	Commander	Timothy Stenner	X
	Generalissimo	William McCraw	X
	Captain General	Gerald Corbett	X
Malta #3			
	Commander	Joseph Radloff	X
	Generalissimo	Joseph Mann	A
	Captain General	Blair D. Hope	X
Ivanhoe #5			
	Commander	Nicholas Cleghorn	A
	Generalissimo	Jayson S. Carlson	X
	Captain General	Granville Schmidt	X
Charles Fred Jennings #6			
	Commander	Daniel Hamilton	X
	Generalissimo	Daniel Lyons	X
	Captain General	Sean Carmichael	X
Golgotha (#7)			
	Commander	Christopher Mitchell	X
	Generalissimo	Paul D. Erickson	A
	Captain General	Treavor Wilkinson	X

(X Denotes present)

## **REPORTS OF OFFICERS**

### **REPORT OF THE GRAND COMMANDER**

Here within you will find a list of my actions and orders during the Templar year that I had the honor to serve as your Grand Commander. As well as my opinions and feelings toward the state of American Templary. To the best of my knowledge, they are true and accurate as to the best of my recollection and anything omitted was not done purposefully but is due to years of being prescribed transplant meds and a general loss of memory due to my age.

I issued two orders both of a similar nature pertaining to the passing of Sir Knight John L. Elwell Junior PGC and Sir Knight Richard H. Simons PGC. These orders made know to the constituent commanderies of Utah that they were to observe a moment of silence at their next stated meeting and veil their charters in black for the period of 30 days. A special thank you to Sir Knight Gerald Everett PGC for arranging an honor guard for the funeral of Sir Knight Elwell.

A Christmas message as well as an Easter message were distributed to the subordinate commanderies to be read at their local observances.

I granted permission to Samuel Paul Commandery to hold a meeting out of time and on Zoom to vote on the important issue of if they would adopt the call to conclave and to perform any other duties as pertinent to the promotion of a healthy and vibrant commandery.

I granted permission to Golgotha Commandery to hold an election out of time due to the officer elected to preside over the commandery being in dereliction of his duty and having not presented himself for installation.

I granted permission to Golgotha Commandery to move their October stated meeting so that the Sir Knights could be present at the Four Corners Festival in Grand Junction Colorado.

I granted permission for Ivanhoe Commandery to move their October meeting so that more Sir Knights could be present for an important vote on adopting the Call to Conclave. This dispensation went unused.

Having received written notice from 4 of the 6 voting commanderies as well as from the one non-voting constituent commandery that they wished to

exercise their constitutional right to call for a special conclave of the Grand Commandery, I was constitutionally bound to hold said conclave. I requested and received dispensation to hold the session via zoom from the Grand Master of the Grand Encampment. This special conclave was held on November 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7 o'clock p.m. At this conclave the representatives of the Sir Knights of Utah voted to adopt the call to conclave. At my direction notice was sent via certified mail to the Grand Encampment of our decision. During the course of the year, I encouraged every commandery to become a 100 percent Knight Templar Eye foundation commandery. Most Commanderies in the state were able to handle this and made the appropriate donation. Those that had difficulty were helped by the generosity of Charles Fred Jennings Commandery 6.

I requested that the commandery orders be conferred upon worthy companions throughout the state who had received the Royal and Select Master Degrees. Charles Fred Jennings Commandery 6 of Price Utah responded not once but twice. The orders were conferred on November 13<sup>th</sup> 2021 and again on April 9<sup>th</sup> 2022. These two festivals gained Utah Templary 32 new Knights of the Temple.

The lunches for these festivals through the donation of supplies by Sir Knight T.J. Robertson SW Department Commander and Sir Knight Dan Hamilton Commander of Charles Fred Jennings Commandery 6 along with their ladies netted close to \$2500.00 a majority of which will be used to purchase life memberships for the Knights Templar Eye Foundation for any Sir Knights in the state who does not yet have one. I have known Sir Knight Robertson for 42 years and Sir Knight Hamilton for 32 years they truly stepped up and helped me accomplish my vision of seeing Utah become a 100 percent Life member of the Knight Templar Eye Foundation.

In my capacity as Southwest Regional Deputy General Grand Master of Cryptic Masons International, I am required to attend the annual sessions of the Grand York Rite Bodies of Arizona, California, Nevada New Mexico and Hawaii. Thus, being present as a visiting Grand Commander was easily afforded me. The Grand Commanderies of Arizona and Nevada happened in person the rest were attended via Zoom.

I also attended the South West York Rite Conference in Las Vegas Nevada along with all the elected officers of the Grand Commandery of Utah with the exception of the Grand Treasurer.

I attended the Triennial Conclave in Minneapolis Minnesota. All the elected dais officers of the Grand Commandery of Utah with the exception of Sir Knight Timothy Stenner Grand Captain General were present, Utah was also represented by Sir Knight Brian Hastings PGC, Sir Knight T.J. Robertson PGC, Sir Knight Charles Sipes PGC, Sir Knight Preston Martineau PGC and Sir Knight Dean Rein PGC.

I made official visitations to the Utah Commandery 1, Golgotha 7, Ivanhoe 5 and Charles Fred Jennings 6 I made two attempts to visit Malta Commandery 3 but was met both times with inadequate numbers to open. Once due to the commander not attending because he wished to attend a conference for another fraternal organization and did not inform his Generalissimo that he would not be attending. I am hopeful that things have changed at Malta Commandery with the installation of a young and enthusiastic Sir Knight now leading them as their Commander.

Sir Knights if you commit to an office, perform your duty. We are taught in our masonic obligations that masonry should not conflict with our duties to our neighbor and our family and while this is true it is not an excuse to shirk your duties as an officer for any masonic body. When you take these office's and promise to perform these functions it should be expected that you understand that vacations are going to get shifted and some things in your personal life are going to get missed. If you cannot or do not know if you can fulfill your duty decline the appointment or the election. Further Sir Knights if you see a brother in our fraternity who continues to underperform do him a favor and do not promote him time and time again to office out of apathy or sympathy for when you do you set him up for failure and the possibility of falling into position where his reputation may become tarnished.

I attended the Special conclave of the Grand Encampment on March 12<sup>th</sup> in Fort Wayne Indiana. All the elected dais officers of the Grand Commandery of Utah with the exception of Sir Knight Timothy Stenner Grand Captain General were present, Utah was also represented by Sir Knight Brian



Hastings PGC, Sir Knight T.J. Robertson PGC, Sir Knight Preston Martineau and Sir Knight David Read who carried the proxy for Sir Knight Stenner.

This conclave was a sad day for American Templary, one that came with much expense to me and others both financially and emotionally. The Sir Knights of Utah had made their feelings known to me at our special convocation and I carried them to Fort Wayne and voted in accordance to their wishes.

The event surrounding this situation and the stress and strain it caused has left many soured on American Templary myself included. I watched as Sir Knights backed the play of another only to turn on him when it became politically profitable to do so. I watched as one Sir Knight insulted and slandered another publicly and many sat idle. Thousands of swords did not leap forth from their scabbards that day to defend him. I watched as Sir Knights hide in cowardice as they sent anonymous letters expressing their concern with what they felt were the actions of an unjust tyrant. What happened to being a Knight of truth and honor? I for one would rather suffer the consequences associated by speaking the truth rather than to protect my political capital. What good is having political capital and influence if you are unwilling to spend it on what is true and right.

At this point in my masonic career, I want little to do with American Templary beyond my home commandery. I look forward to starting my second decade as their prelate and praying for the wellbeing of the Sir Knights where my Templar career started. I hope that the new leadership of the Grand Encampment can start the healing and return us to a state of Christian love and understanding. However, knowing the personalities that engage in the politics at this level I am hesitant it will happen.

In conclusion the Grand Commandery of Utah is a one hundred percent Life membership sponsor, thirty-two new Sir Knights were created which is a twelve percent gain. This is what I have done. If you feel it's not enough, I would agree with you as it seems something has been lost in the Templar spirit this year something I could not find let alone retain.

As I close out my leadership career in the Utah York Rite, I would like to thank my home York Rite bodies in Price as well as Wasatch Lodge 1 and Carbon Lodge 16. I wish to thank Sir Knight John McCurdy and Sir Knight Michael Shipler for all the solid advice over the years. A special thank you to Sir Knight Dan Hamilton and Sir Knight TJ Robertson for your decades of friendship and all your help in helping me achieve my goals this year and finally thank you to Sir Knight Reed Fanning who has driven me thousands of miles, split hotel bills with me and listen to me whine and complain for the last 14 years along the way. Your friendship and your constant reminder to quit bitching and get fixing has been a great blessing.

My final order to the Sir Knights of Utah is to be kind and forgive quickly. Do not forget loyalty but be quick to forgive betrayal even our lord and savior Jesus Christ forgave everyone as he hung on the cross including all who betrayed him, disowned him and put him there.

I wish you all the best and I hope that God blesses you as much as he has blessed me.

Courteously submitted,  
Jason C Varner

## **V. E. DEPUTY GRAND COMMANDER**

It is my pleasure to report that we finally appear to be emerging from the ill-effects of the recent COVID pandemic and have been able to conduct our Grand Commandery activities with some sense of normalcy. Many of our sister jurisdictions were more severely affected than we were here in Utah, which affected us to some extent, limiting our interactions. But, via the Zoom platform we were able to maintain our Templar communications and continue our endeavors. Travel was somewhat limited due to the pandemic, but eventually opened up as time progressed during the year.

My Lady and I traveled to Minneapolis, MN so I could attend the 68th Triennial Conclave of Grand Encampment, 14-18 August 2021, at the Minneapolis Marriott City Center. Needless to say, it was a most unusual and interesting event. Our jurisdiction was well represented and I believe those in attendance from Utah were of one mind in the performance of our

duties as your delegates. I will not address the discord which evolved during the event, as that is already well documented and can easily be accessed should you so desire.

The Southwest Regional Conference 29-30 October 2021 was again held in Las Vegas. The events of the Triennial imposed an uncomfortable influence on this Conference, but we were able to complete the necessary activities on the agenda.

The Sir Knights of Malta Commandery #3 in Midvale, UT conducted their Annual Christmas Observance and Lady Merrill-Lee and I were pleased to again be able to join them in this beautiful ceremony.

I was fortunate enough to be one of your representatives in attendance at the Special Conclave convened 12 March 2022 at the Grand Wayne Convention Center in Fort Wayne, IN. This, again, was not a pleasant exercise but, in my opinion, not optional. The end results are commonly known and I will not address them here, but I will say that I am in agreement with the outcome and I pray the conflicts within our beloved Order will now subside and we can continue on with the work of Templary.

The Sir Knights of Charles Fred Jennings Commandery No. 6 hosted a festival 9 April 2022 to confer the Orders. Sir Knights from many Commanderies attended and participated in the festivities. I was privileged to assist. 19 new Sir Knights, from various Commanderies throughout the state, were welcomed.

I thank all the Sir Knights of this Jurisdiction for permitting me to represent you in the office of Deputy Grand Commander this past 12 months. It has been an honor and privilege that I will never forget. I sincerely hope and pray we will not be forced to endure as much dispute and unrest during this next year as we did the past year. God Bless You All.

Charles Earl Warren, Sr. KCT, KYCH  
Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander  
Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Utah

**EMINENT GRAND GENERALISSIMO**

This was an interesting year for Templary. I was able to attend Grand Conclave in Fort Wayne Indiana, where changes were brought about by Grand Encampment membership as a whole. I was able to attend the Grand Nevada and Arizona sessions in person. I was also able to attend other Grand Sessions via Zoom. I attended local Utah Commandery meetings in person and via zoom but was unable to visit all Commanderies do to work restrictions. Chivalric Masonry has seen some rough times this year, but I look to a bright future.

Respectfully,  
Reed B. Fanning, Grand Generalissimo

**EMINENT GRAND CAPTAIN GENERAL**

Pursuant to the Constitution of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Utah, I hereby submit this report of my activities for the past year.

Needless to say this last year has been very busy with us being able to meet in person again after over a year of nothing but Zoom meetings. It was great to start meeting in person again. I was appointed the Knights Templar Eye Foundation Chairman for Utah this last year. I was able to visit 4 of the 6 commanderies in this state during the year to promote the Eye Foundation and encourage all Sir Knights to become life members. Due to scheduling conflicts between work and other obligations, I was unable to visit Ivanhoe Commandery #5 in Provo and Golgotha Commandery #7 in St George.

Respectfully submitted,  
Timothy L. Stenner, Grand Captain General  
Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Utah

**GRAND SECRETARY**

***ANNUAL RETURNS SUMMARY – KT***

	<b>KT</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>Per capita (\$16)</b>	<b>Fees (\$2.50)</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>KTEF</b>	<b>HLP</b>
SPHC	Cm. #0	21	\$336.00		\$336.00		

## Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Utah

Ogden	Cm. #2	62	\$992.00	\$7.50	\$999.50	\$38.00	
SLC	Cm. #1	35	\$560.00	\$7.50	\$567.50	\$3.00	
Midvale	Cm #3	44	\$704.00	\$7.50	\$711.50	\$18.00	
Provo	Cm. #5	28	\$448.00	\$7.50	\$455.50	\$28.00	
Price	Cm. #6	27	\$432.00	\$ -	\$432.00	\$ -	
St. Geo.	Cm. #7	25	\$400.00	\$ -	\$400.00	\$ -	\$276.00
<b>Totals</b>		<b>242</b>	<b>\$3,872.00</b>	<b>\$30.00</b>	<b>\$3,902.00</b>	<b>\$87.00</b>	<b>\$276.00</b>

### **STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY**

January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021

	TOTALS	Utah #1	El Monte #2	Malta #3	Ivanhoe #5	C F J #6	Golgotha #7	SPHC #00
As of 12/31/2020	256	81	35	39	22	29	28	22
Knighthed	13	3	3	3	3	0	1	0
Omitted	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
Affiliated	3	0	0	0	2	0	1	0
Restored	5	0	0	3	1	1	0	0
Total Gain	25	7	3	6	6	1	2	0
Error	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Deceased	5	0	2	1	0	1	1	0
Demitted	22	15	1	0	0	2	3	1
Suspended	12	11	0	0	0	0	1	0
Total Loss	39	26	3	1	0	3	5	1
As of 12/31/21	242	62	35	44	28	27	25	21
Life Sponsors	155	24	32	26	0	27	25	21
Net Gain (Loss)	-14	-19	0	5	6	-2	-3	-1

\*As reported to Grand Encampment

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

**CREDENTIALS REPORT**

Date May 14, 2022

Grand Officers.....12  
Past Grand Officers.....11  
Dias Officers.....12  
Past Eminent Commanders.....10  
  
TOTAL (including proxies).....45

**HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE REPORT**

No report available

**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**

No submissions were submitted to the committee for consideration.

**KNIGHT'S TEMPLAR EDUCATION FOUNDATION**

Nothing to report.

**KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EYE FOUNDATION**

See report of the Grand Commander.

**KNIGHTS TEMPLAR MAGAZINE UTAH SUPPLEMENT, EDITOR**

An article containing happenings in Utah was submitted to the Knight Templar Magazine supplement every month.

Respectfully submitted,  
Daniel Drew, Chairman

## LEGISLATION

Whereas the Knight Templar Eye Foundation (KTEF) is the main charity for the Knights Templar And whereas the KTEF offers a Life Sponsor which exempts the Grand Commandery from further assessment from the KTEF And whereas it has been the goal of the Grand Commandery of Utah to have 100% participation in the KTEF Life Sponsor program Be it resolved to change Title 11: Regulations Relating to Constituent Commanderies; sections 3-3, 3- 14, and 3-22 (C) to read. Current Section 3-3 CONFERRING ORDERS APPROVED MAY 1995 A Commandery shall not confer the Orders of Knighthood for a less sum than Forty Dollars (\$40.00) which shall be paid before the Order of Red Cross is conferred. No application therefore shall be received unless accompanied by such sum. To Read Section 3-3 CONFERRING ORDERS A Commandery shall not receive a petition nor confer the Orders of Knighthood until the fees designated in Section 3-14 have been received. Current Section 3-14 FEES APPROVED MAY 1995 In each Commandery under the jurisdiction of the Grand Commandery of Utah, the fee of the Order of Companion of the Red Cross and Knight Templar, including the Knight of Malta, shall not be less than Forty Dollars (\$40.00). The fee may not be remitted directly or indirectly. To read (changes in red) Section 3-14 FEES In each Commandery under the jurisdiction of the Grand Commandery of Utah, the fee of the Order of Companion of the Red Cross and Knight Templar, including the Knight of Malta, shall not be less than Forty Dollars (\$40.00) plus the current Knight Templar Eye Foundation Life Sponsor amount. The fee may not be remitted directly or indirectly. The Knight Templar Eye Foundation Life Sponsor shall be submitted directly to the Knight Templar Eye Foundation within thirty (30) days of said knighting. Current (C) Dual membership may be in any Subordinate Commandery or in any Constituent Commandery under a Grand Commandery whose law so provides. A petition for Dual Membership must be accompanied by a certificate of good standing issued by the Commandery of which the petitioner is a member. To read (changes in red) (C) Dual membership may be in any Subordinate Commandery or in any Constituent Commandery under a Grand Commandery whose law so provides. A petition for Dual Membership must be accompanied by a certificate of good standing issued by the Commandery of which the petitioner is a member and the current Knight Templar Eye Foundation Life Sponsor amount. The Knights Templar Eye Foundation Life Sponsor shall



be submitted directly to the Knight Templar Eye Foundation within thirty (30) days of membership.

Respectfully submitted, SK Preston “Marty” Martineau Jr, PGC, KCT, KYGCH

**NECROLOGY**

See report in Joint Sessions section.

**OTHER REPORTS**

**SAMUEL PAUL HONORS COMMANDERY #00**

No report submitted

**PAST COMMANDER’S ASSOCIATION**

No report submitted



**110th ANNUAL  
CONVOCATION  
GRAND CHAPTER  
ROYAL ARCH MASONS  
OF UTAH**

**Saturday, May 14, 2022**

**Salt Lake Marriott University  
Park Hotel  
Salt Lake City, Utah**

**GRAND CHAPTER**  
**CHAPTER MINUTES**

May 14, 2022

Salt Lake Marriott University Park Hotel, Salt Lake City, Utah

The 109<sup>th</sup> Annual Conclave was declared open by ME Grand High Priest Jay Mitchell.

Roll call was conducted, and a quorum was confirmed.

ME Grand High Priest Mitchell asked for introduction of the visiting dignitaries, distinguished guests and Past Grand High Priest and extended his welcome them.

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.

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

Final credentials report was presented by Timothy Stenner indicating 47 eligible voters in attendance.

It was reported that there was no Legislation to be considered.

Election of Officers was conducted with the following results:

John Liley, Jr..... Grand High Priest  
Reed B. Fanning ..... Grand King  
Daniel A. Drew.....Grand Scribe  
Benjamin L. Young.....Grand Treasurer  
David J. Read, Sr.....Grand Secretary

During the election process words of welcome were received from Companion Kim Bowman.

The appointed officers were:

Timothy L. Stenner.....E. Grand Captain of Host  
Treavor J. Wilkinson.....E. Grand Principal Sojourner  
Douglas J. Backes.....E. Grand Royal Arch Captain  
Charles E Warren, Sr.....E. Grand Master 3rd Veil  
David Hutchinson.....E. Grand Master 2nd Veil  
O. Blake Hansen .....E. Grand Master 1st Veil  
Paul D. Erickson.....E. Grand Chaplain  
Lorenzo Tibbitts.....Excellent Grand Lecturer  
Daniel L. Hamilton.....Excellent Grand Sentinel

Companion Charles Sipes addressed the Assembly announcing that due to health concerns, this was going to be his last visit to Utah.

RE Jeff Hamilton greeted the Assembly.

Companion Chadwick Burkes representing Steven Tiner, General Grand High Priest, General Grand Council Royal Arch Masons, International provided words from General Grand Council.

The elected and appointed officers were installed:

Grand Installing Officer.....Jason Varner  
Grand Installing Captain of the Host...Brian Hastings

The Assembly was closed by newly installed Grand High Priest John C Liley, Jr.

**GRAND CHAPTER OFFICERS**

2021- 2022

\*In Attendance

- \* Jay N. Mitchell .....M.E. Grand High Priest
- \* John C. Liley, Jr .....R.E. Grand King
- \* Reed B. Fanning.....,.....R. E. Grand Scribe
- \* Kelly Allred.....E Grand Treasurer
- \* David J. Read, Sr.....R. E. Grand Secretary
- \* Daniel A. Drew.....E. Grand Captain of Host
- \* Timothy L. Stenner.....E. Grand Principal Sojourner
- \* Treavor J. Wilkinson.....E. Grand Royal Arch Captain
- \* Douglas J. Backes.....E. Grand Master 3rd Veil
- \* Charles E Warren, Sr.....E. Grand Master 2nd Veil
- \* David S. Hutchinson.....E. Grand Master 1st Veil
- \* O. Blake Hansen .....E. Grand Chaplain
- \* Paul D. Erickson.....Excellent Grand Lecturer
- \* Lorenzo Tibbitts.....E. Grand Sentinel

**GRAND CHAPTER COMMITTEES**

\*Denotes Chairman

**4 Corners Royal Arch Festival**

- T.J. Robertson\*
- Lawrence Rodriguez – co chairman
- Reed Fanning
- Daniel Drew

**General Grand Bronze Metal**

- John McCurdy\*
- Howard Hastings
- TJ Robertson

**Royal Arch Reaffirmation Day**

- O. Blake Hansen\*
- Constituent Chaplains

**Royal Arch Research Assistance**

- Daniel Drew\*
- O. Blake Hansen
- Timothy Stenner
- Constituent High Priests and  
Recorders

**PAST GRAND HIGH PRIESTS**

Blaine H. Simons	1994-95	P “Marty” Martineau*	2014-15
Norman A. Smith	2004-05	Dean D. Rein*	2015-16
Loren H. Rausher	2006-07	Jason C. Varner*	2016-17
Michael D. Shipler*	2008 -09	T. J. Robertson*	2017-18
Michael L. Busby	2009-10	Christopher C. Young	2018-19
William Butterfield	2010-11	Lawrence R Rodriguez	2019-20
Charles Sipes*	2011-12	Jeffrey Hamilton*	2020-21
Brian J. Hastings*	2012-13	Jay N. Mitchell*	2021-22
Marion T McWilliams	2013-14		

\*denotes in attendance  
(e) denotes excused

**CHAPTER DAIS OFFICERS**

2020-2021

<b>Utah #1</b>				<b>Provo #4</b>			
High Priest	Kevin Betterton	*		High Priest	Lorenzo Tibbitts	*	
King	Christopher Wright	<b>A</b>		King	Jason Carlson	*	
Scribe	Rudolph Zamora Jr	*		Scribe	Kendall Carlson	<b>A</b>	
<b>Ogden #2</b>				<b>Price #6</b>			
High Priest	William McCraw	*		High Priest	John McCurdy	<b>A</b>	
King	Timothy Fellows	<b>A</b>		King	Sean Carmichael	<b>A</b>	
Scribe	Timothy Stenner	*		Scribe	Daniel J. Lyons	*	
<b>Ontario #3</b>				<b>St. George #10</b>			
High Priest	Blair Hope	*		High Priest	Treavor Wilkinson	*	
King	Joseph Mann	<b>A</b>		King	Brandon Cole	<b>A</b>	
Scribe	Joseph Radloff	*		Scribe	Christopher Mitchell	*	

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

## **VISITING DIGNITARIES**

-**Kim Bowman** ME Past Grand High Priest representing ME Thomas V. Hornung, Grand High Priest of Montana

-**Jeff Hamilton**, RE Ambassador to Utah, General Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons International

--**Chadwick B. Burkes**, RE General Grand Scribe, representing the ME Steven G. Tiner, General High Priest, General Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons International.

## **OFFICER'S REPORTS**

### **REPORT OF THE MOST EXCELLENT GRAND HIGH PRIEST**

I am humbled by the confidence the Royal Arch Masons of Utah have placed in me as Grand High Priest. I have genuinely enjoyed the last year and hope that I did at least some good.

Visitations:

Visited all six Royal Arch Chapters in Utah. At the visitations I did the following presentations:

1. Discussed the critical importance of Membership to the health of our fraternity and a plan to help recruit and retain new members. A copy of this membership plan is attached to this report.
2. Discussed the Royal Arch charity the Royal Arch Research Assistance consisting of Central Auditory Processing Disorder or CAPD and Autism Speaks. We need to help children with autism and those with CAPD so they can live the best lives possible. I have a Grandson who is on the Autism Spectrum, so I have seen the effects firsthand and know how important our charity is.
3. I encouraged participation in Royal Arch Reaffirmation Day to commemorate Capitular Masonry and reaffirm our vows to God. Chapters were encouraged to visit their house of worship as a group and to wear their red coats if possible.

4. I discussed Awards for Royal Arch Masons and to recognize good service by members. It is important to recognize the exemplary service of members. They will be even more committed to continue their service and may be an inspiration to other members. I explained that more detailed award information can be found on the Utah York Rite website.

I was invited to visit the installation of officers for the Ladies of the Oriental Shrine. I believe it is important to support other masonic bodies. We are all family.

I visited the Grand Sessions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Colorado. I think it helps our fraternal relations to visit companions in other jurisdictions.

Contacts and other activities:

I have been in contact with the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Italy for the last few years. I have exchanged greetings and good wishes. We have been invited to their Grand Sessions and our Grand Secretary has invited Italy to our virtual Grand Sessions.

I received the Romania Grand York communication regarding invitation to their Grand Meeting. I extended our greetings and thanks for the invitation. Expressed our desire to stay in communication and wished them a successful meeting.

4 Corners RAM Festival: Price, UT was hosting a baseball tournament at the same time. Price has a limited number of hotels, so we were unable to obtain suitable hotel accommodations for the festival. Colorado was gracious enough to offer the Grand Junction, CO facilities to conduct the Festival even though Utah was the official host. We are deeply appreciative of their kind offer.

In the future I would encourage that we have as many candidates as possible attend the 4-Corners Festivals in the future. Candidates will



see degree work presented by the other 4-Corners States and it will make it a good impression for their first encounter with Royal Arch Masonry. I suggest considering using the fund to expand York Rite to pay for candidates' rooms at 4-Corners making it more affordable for them. Candidates could bring their Ladies and hopefully they will speak to other good men that they know about this wonderful experience helping us to increase our membership.

I participated in the RAM degree at 4-Corners and assisted where I could to help make it a successful festival.

TJ Robertson was the Utah Chairman for the 4-Corners RAM Festival and did an excellent job especially considering all the challenges we faced. Without his assistance we could not have had a successful Festival. TJ is to be commended for his excellent service.

I participated in other Chapter of RAM degrees that were also held in Ogden and Provo.

Dispensations:

St George dispensation granted to change their stated meeting to 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday in Oct to avoid conflict with the 4-Corners Royal Arch Festival.

St. George dispensation granted to move their stated meeting to avoid conflict with Super Excellent Master degree on April 2<sup>nd</sup>.

St. George granted a dispensation to hold a Special meeting on February 12th, to avoid conflict with the Grand Lodge Communication.

Provo: A dispensation was granted to move their September stated meeting due to a number of members being out of town. They wanted to have as much attendance as possible to vote on whether their Temple should be sold or not. Provo ended up having enough members to attend so they did not use the dispensation.

I Attended the SW Dept Conference the first weekend in November. Subjects included information regarding our charities and membership. I would encourage all York Rite Masons to attend especially officers so they

will be more knowledgeable. There also great leadership training available to help make our future leaders to be better leaders.

I attended several Time & Place meetings for Grand Sessions planning to work out all the details to make sure it would be a success. Jenafer Dunn and David Read are to be commended for all their efforts to help make these Grand Sessions possible.

In conclusion I again wish to express my appreciation to the Royal Arch Masons of Utah for their confidence in me. It will be my sincere commitment to continue to support Royal Arch Masonry in Utah. Further, I offer my sincere thanks to: Brian Hastings, Mike Shipler, Dean Rein, TJ Roberson, Charles Sipes, Jeff Hamilton, Jason Varner, Gunny Rodriguez and many others for their knowledge, participation, and guidance to me this past year.

I move to have this report to be spread upon the minutes and now refer my report to the Jurisprudence Committee.

Fraternally submitted,

Jay N Mitchell

Most Excellent Grand High Priest

Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Utah

Attachments:

York Rite Membership Plan for Utah:

- 1. Membership goal for the next 12 months is 15 new York Rite Masons.**
- 2. Utah has for the last few years have been encouraging local bodies to do their own work or combine with other near-by bodies to work together. This is a promising 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. One issue is that sometimes we end up with candidates who have not been able to receive all their degrees and orders in a**

**timely manner. 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.**

- 4. We need to continue to support the masonic organizations we belong to. We also need to support our masonic charities. These charities are a big part of who we are.**
- 5. We encourage for each subordinate York Rite Body to set up a membership committee. York Rite Membership is our highest priority especially in this trying time:**

**" Every Grand, Subordinate and Constituent York Rite 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 York Rite bodies focus all their efforts on recruitment and neglect retention and restoration.**

**" Make meetings interesting and educational. Give new members a job so they feel they are needed and an important part of the Chapter. Make it so members want to come to meetings. Be a true friend and brother to all your members.**

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

**" If we do lose someone, conduct an EXIT INTERVIEW. Find out why they are leaving and see if there is anything we can do to keep them as members. Let them know they are important members of York Rite.**

**RECRUITMENT: The lifeline of any organization is built upon new members. Without a new base of membership, we cannot reach the heights that our organization 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 York Rite Masons. 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 members who we have lost. Find out why they left and what we can do while encouraging them to rejoin York Rite Masonry. And let us 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 Three Dais Officers and Secretary/Recorder are on the membership committee for your York Rite Body. How you function and who does what is up to you.**

**The Grand York Rite is 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 York Rite Masonry.**

**Suggestions for each local York Rite Body:**

- **Establish a phone tree to call members. Divide a list of members between the three dais officers to make phone calls. Do a wellness check to see how members are doing and invite them to meetings and functions.**
- **Send a first contact letter to a newly raised mason explaining that Royal Arch Masonry is a continuation of the symbolic lodge experience, and they will receive the lost master's word.**
- **Appoint ambassadors to Blue Lodges. We want to work with Blue Lodge membership so Blue Lodges and York Rite both benefit. Help your Blue Lodge with membership then recruit from them. We want to make it simple but effective.**

### **Royal Arch Reaffirmation Day**

This day is not just a religious observance. It is meant to reaffirm our vows to both God and Capitular Masonry and to memorialize the formation of the Grand Chapter of Ohio on October 24, 1816. This event should not be viewed as a mandated obligatory observance, but a joyous occasion of fellowship and celebration of our beloved Capitular Rite.

**Why Affirmation Day? We seek to thank God for bringing together all the Grand Chapters of the world into an International General Grand Chapter on October 24, 1816. Therefore, we join our hearts together throughout the world as Royal Arch Masons on the nearest Sunday in October to that date in the spirit of reaffirmation of our solemn vows to Almighty God for his revelation of Divine Truth given us through Masonry.”**

**Constituent Chapters are requested to attend the religious services of their choice, as a group, if possible, on Reaffirmation Sunday on the closest Sunday to October 24<sup>th</sup> as practical.**

**Royal Arch Research Assistance consists of two charities:**

### **Central Auditory Processing Disorder**

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

### **Autism Speaks**

Autism strikes 1 in 110 births and 1 in 70 boy births, so it is a major problem in the world today. Autism Speaks has become very well known throughout

the country as they strive to help the more and more children that are diagnosed with this problem. The challenge in this area goes much deeper. Children and their parents are provided with special training in dealing with this difficulty, but it becomes increasingly difficult for parents as they become older. Plans must be made for the days when those parents will no longer be able to provide the care and support needed. Our activity with this highly visible organization should benefit both immeasurably. Royal Arch Masons should work for greater contributions and thus make Royal Arch Masons visible doing good works in the community. This clearly shows that RARA continues to do what it does best, to support and fund research for its core charity and mission.

It was requested that each Chapter contribute what they deemed an appropriate amount.

### **REPORT OF THE GRAND KING**

Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Most Excellent Past Grand High Priests, Visiting Dignitaries, Companions all Welcome.

Please consider this the report of the Excellent Grand King for 2021-2022. I would like to thank Most Excellent Grand High Priest Jay Mitchell for his leadership and the other elected and appointed officers of the Grand line for their work and dedication to Royal Arch Masonry in Utah this past term.

In my capacity as Grand King I did not perform any duties on behalf of the Grand High Priest during this past term and I did not travel outside of this jurisdiction this past year due to work obligations and the long-term effects of the pandemic upon myself and those around me.

I thank you all for the opportunity to serve albeit only locally or behind my computer and or mobile phone.

Sincerely and fraternally,

John C. Liley, Jr.  
Excellent Grand King  
Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Utah

**REPORT OF THE R. E. GRAND SCRIBE**

I was able to attend the Grand Nevada and Arizona sessions in person. I was also able to attend other Grand Sessions via Zoom. I attended local Utah Chapters meetings in person and via zoom but was unable to visit all Chapters do to work restrictions. I look forward to what Capitular Masonry can do in the coming years.

Respectfully submitted,  
 Reed Fanning, Grand Scribe

**GRAND SECRETARY**

**REPORT OF RETURNS - RAM**

	<b>Mark Master</b>					
SLC	Keystone #0		N/A			
	<b>RAM</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>Per capita (\$10)</b>	<b>Fees (\$2.50)</b>	<b>RARA</b>	<b>Total</b>
SLC	Ch. #1	62	\$620.00	\$12.50		\$632.50
Ogden	Ch. #2	37	\$370.00	\$12.50		\$382.50
Midvale	Ch. #3	46	\$460.00	\$2.50		\$462.50
Provo	Ch. #4	29	\$290.00	\$2.50		\$292.50
Price	Ch. #6	27	\$270.00	\$ -		\$270.00
St. Geo.	Ch. #10	25	\$250.00	\$2.50		\$252.50
<b>Totals</b>		<b>226</b>	<b>\$2,260.00</b>	<b>\$32.50</b>		<b>\$2,292.50</b>

**STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY**

January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021

	MM #0	Totals	Utah #1	Ogden #2	Ontario #3	Provo #4	Price #6	Golgotha #10
as of 12/31/20		<b>238</b>	78	36	43	25	28	28
Exalted		<b>12</b>	5	4	1	1	0	1
Omitted		<b>6</b>	4	0	0	2	0	0
Affiliated		<b>2</b>	0	0	0	1	0	1
Restored		<b>4</b>	0	0	3	0	1	0
Total gain		<b>24</b>	9	4	4	4	1	2
Error		<b>0</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0
Deceased		<b>5</b>	0	2	1	0	1	1
Demitted		<b>18</b>	13	1	0	0	1	3
Suspended		<b>13</b>	12	0	0	0	0	1
Total Loss		<b>36</b>	25	3	1	0	2	5
as of 12/31/21		<b>226</b>	62	37	46	29	27	25
Net Gain (Loss)		<b>-12</b>	-16	1	3	4	-1	-3



## **REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

### **4 CORNERS ROYAL ARCH FESTIVAL**

The 56th annual Four-Corners Royal Arch Festival was hosted by The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Utah, in Colorado for 2021.

After the Covid-19 pandemic we were able to start to meet again in person and practice that brotherly love and friendship of which we were all missing out on during the closure. As Utah was supposed to host the Four-Corners R.A.M. Festival in 2020, which was cancelled due to the pandemic, it was decided that Utah would not miss a turn and host in 2021. The festival was scheduled to be held on October 1-2, 2021 in Price, Utah. However, an issue with the hotel in Price put a damper on that.

The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Colorado had graciously offered up the use of their facilities in Grand Junction, Colorado to hold the festival, as it could not be held in Utah. Utah accepted this generous offer and the festival was held in Grand Junction, Colorado on October 1-2, 2021. The host hotel for the event was The Grand Vista Hotel in Grand Junction. A room block was secured with the guest rooms at a discounted rate of \$89.00 per room. Denver Chapter No. 2 hosted a buffet dinner on the evening of October 1, 2021, and it was well attended by companions from all of the Four-Corners states.

The festival kicked off at 8:00 AM at The Grand Junction Masonic Center, beginning with the Mark Master Degree conferred by the companions of Arizona followed by the Past Master Degree, conferred by the companions of New Mexico, and then the Most Excellent Master Degree, conferred by the companions of Colorado. A lunch was provided by the ladies of The Eastern Star of Colorado, which consisted of various soups, sandwiches and desserts. Following lunch, the companions of Utah conferred The Royal Arch Degree upon 13 candidates from all of the Four-Corners States. The evening brought a wonderful banquet which consisted of baron of beef prepared by Scott Wilson assisted by Colorado DeMolay and Eastern Star. The Four-Corners Royal Arch Festival Committee would like to express our sincere gratitude to Most Excellent Companion Jay Mitchell for appointing us to this committee and trusting us to coordinate such an event. We would also like to express our gratitude to the committees of each of the Four-

Corners states; Arizona, New Mexico, and especially Colorado, for coordinating and completing this festival. The festival could not go on without the tireless efforts of such men. Most Excellent Companion Scott Wilson, Past Grand High Priest of Colorado, is also owed a specific thank you, for all of the work he did in making the 56th annual Four-Corners Royal Arch Festival such a successful event.

In closing, it is recommended that The Grand Chapter of Utah, continue to support this annual event each year. This event is the premier Royal Arch Festival within the Western States and is also a great portrayal of brotherly love and friendship within our great fraternity!

Yours in Service,  
TJ Robertson – Chairman  
Lawrence (Gunny) Rodriguez –  
Co-Chairman Reed Fanning, Daniel Drew

**BRONZE MEDAL AWARD**

The Bronze Medal Award was given to Timothy L. Stenner, Ogden Chapter #2

**CREDENTIALS REPORT ROYAL ARCH SESSIONS**

Date May 14, 2022

Past Grand Elected Officers.....	10
Constituent Delegates (current Excellent HP, KING, SCRIBE) including proxies.....	13
Past High Priests.....	24
 TOTAL (including proxies).....	 47

**JURISPRUDENCE**

After reviewing the report of the Most Excellent High Priest we find his decisions and actions to be in accordance with Constitution and Bylaws of the Grand Chapter of Utah.

Michael Shipler  
Dean D. Rein  
Charles Sipes

**LEGISLATION**

No legislation was presented or considered during the session.

**ROYAL ARCH REAFFIRMATION**

See Grand High Priest Report

**ROYAL ARCH RESEARCH ASSISTANCE**

See Grand High Priest Report

**OTHER REPORTS**

**ANNOINTED HIGH PRIESTS**

No report submitted.