The York Rite of Freemasonry

2014

of South Carolina

GRAND ROYAL
ARCH CHAPTER

GRAND COUNCIL
ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS

GRAND COMMANDERY
KNIGHTS TEMPLAR
MASONIC DATES
Titles of Meetings and Dates of Bodies

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

ANCIENT CRAFT MASONS in all parts of the World, add 4,000 years to the Christian Era, calling it Anno Lucis – Year of Light; abbreviated A.L. (This fact has a symbolic reference, not because they believe Freemasonry is, but that the principles and light of the institution are coeval with the creation.) Ancient Craft Masons (Blue Lodges) hold “Communications.”

ROYAL ARCH MASONS date from the beginning date of the building of the second Temple by Zerubbabel – 530 B.C. Their style is, therefore, Anno Inventionis – A. Inv. – in the year of discovery. Royal Arch Chapters hold “Convocations.”

ORDER OF THE HIGH PRIESTHOOD dates from the blessing of Abraham by the High Priest Melchizedek, which occurred 1913 B.C. Their Style is Anno Benedictionis – A.B. – in the year of the Blessing. Councils of Anointed High Priest hold “Convocations.”

CRYPTIC MASONS date from the completion of Solomon’s Temple – 1000 A.Dep. (1,000 years before the Christian era) Their style is Anno Depositionis – A. Dep. – in the year of Deposit. Royal and Select Councils hold “Assemblies.”

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR date from the organization of the Order in 1118 A.O. Their Style is, therefore, Anno Ordinis – A.O. – in the year of the Order. Knights Templar Commanderies hold “Conclaves.”

SCOTTISH RITE differs from the Ancient Craft in that they use the Jewish Chronology, Anno Mundi (A.M. “In the Year of the World”.

ANCIENT CRAFT MASONS – Add 4,000 years
Thus: 2014 + 4,000 = A.L. 6014
ROYAL ARCH MASONS – Add 530 years
Thus: 2014 + 530 = A. 1. 2544
ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD – Add 1,913 years
Thus: 2014 + 1,913 = A.B. 3927
ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS – Add 1,000 years
Thus: 2014 + 1,000 = A.Dep. 3014
KNIGHTS TEMPLAR – Subtract 1,118 years
Thus: 2014 – 1,118 = A.O. 896
SCOTTISH RITE – Add 3,760 years
Thus 2014 + 3,760 = A.M. 5774

FESTIVAL OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST – June 24th
FESTIVAL OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST – December 27th
Knights Templar Religious Service
One-Hundred Seventh Annual Conclave
GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR
of SOUTH CAROLINA
Landmark Resort
1501 S. Ocean Blvd.
Myrtle Beach, S.C.
SUNDAY, MARCH 9, 2014, 5:30 p.m.
Rev. Robert L. Blackwell, Grand Prelate

PRELUDE ................................................. Mrs. Drucella Chavis

PROCESIONAL MARCH & HYMN .................. “Onward Christian Soldiers”
(Please Stand) Song Leader Phillip Russell

WORDS of WELCOME ........................................ S.K. Zebulon V. Morgan, III
Right Eminent Grand Commander

INVOCATION .............................................. Rev. Edward C. Suggs
RI Grand Chaplain

SCRIPTURE LESSON (Ezekiel 36: 22-32) .............. Rev. Robert L. Blackwell
Grand Prelate

HYMN OF CELEBRATION ................................... “Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus”

THE MESSAGE .............................................. “The Way God Does Things”
Rev. Hugh J. Bickley
Eminent Grand Prelate Emeritus

REMEMBRANCE AND PRAYER ....................... Rev. Haywood Fowler
Excellent Grand Chaplain

THE LORD’S PRAYER ...................................... IN UNISON

Introduction & Remarks of 2014 Pilgrim Minister

THE OFFERING ............................................ Rev. Robert L. Blackwell
Stewards come forward

CLOSING AFFIRMATION: (All Read in Unison) Rev. Edward C. Suggs
“We believe in God, Creator of Life”
“We accept his calling as Christian Knights”
“The Source of Faith and Every Blessing”
“We live as God’s redeemed People, and as
The one who leads us through the valley of Life”
“Ambassadors of Jesus’ Cross and Crown.”
“We Believe in Jesus, the risen Christ”

BENEDICTION & RECESSIONAL ................. Rev. Robert L. Blackwell
E. Grand Prelate

POSTLUDE .................................................. Mrs. Drucella Chavis

* Congregation, Please remain in your seat until the Sir Knights have retired.
ANNUAL GRAND YORK RITE
BANQUET AND ENTERTAINMENT

The Grand York Rite Banquet was attended by 186 Companions, Sir Knights, their ladies and friends in Expo Ballroom at the Landmark Resort, 1501 South Ocean Blvd., Myrtle Beach on Sunday Evening, March 9, 2014.

Most Excellent Marcus L. Burdette, Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Grand Royal Arch Chapter, of South Carolina served as Master of Ceremonies.

After a delicious meal the three Grand Presiding Officers of the Grand York Rite Bodies of South Carolina introduced their Distinguished Guests. (See pages 9 and 10)

The Annual KYCH Breakfast on Monday morning was well attended by 81 of our members and distinguished guests. The Annual Red Cross of Constantine Breakfast on Tuesday morning was well attended by 66 of our members and distinguished guests.

The Annual Ladies Brunch was held Monday morning at the hotel and was enjoyed by the 66 Ladies that were attendance.

WELCOME TO MYRTLE BEACH

The Honorable Phillip Thompson - Sheriff of Horry County, Welcomed us to Myrtle Beach and thanked us for stating and our beliefs. “You are what our Nation was built on and we thank you for doing that; thank you for what you stand for; Thank you for being the men that you are in representing our society; God we need more of it. In talking with a couple of the gentlemen outside; they said they were going up to Washington for something and they were expecting a protest or something but they weren’t going to protest around here and I appreciate you saying that; and what you mean by that, if you weren’t for God and against the Bible, then you don’t have any room with us. Thank you again for taking that stand and living the life that you live. I hope you have a great meeting; anything you need this week and if we can do anything to help you please let us know Kenny Brackens and some of the others know how to get in touch with me; anything that we can do let us be a part of it. God Bless, Y’all have a great day.”

RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION

To: The Grand York Rite Bodies of South Carolina:

WHEREAS, the Companions, Knights and their Ladies of the Conway and Myrtle Beach York Rite Bodies of South Carolina through the zeal and dedication of their several committees, have excelled themselves by ensuring a most comfortable and informative stay for all attendees to the Annual Grand York Rite Functions of 2014.

WHEREAS, we were cordially welcomed to this thriving vacation resort of MYRTLE BEACH, SOUTH CAROLINA by Sheriff Phillip Thompson of Horry County and wished us success in our Annual convocation.

WHEREAS, the ocean front LANDMARK RESORT HOTEL has provided us with outstanding accommodations and guest services.

WHEREAS, great hospitality was extended to our Ladies and families with a dedicated program, shopping tour, gifts and luncheon,

NOW THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED that by a rising vote of thanks we express our deep appreciation to everyone who has assisted in making our stay in Myrtle Beach a most pleasant and memorable occasion.

Fraternally submitted,

Dana P. Rickards, Chairman (13, 11, 9)

Penn Colvin (9, 22, 7) N. Haskell Brabham (5, 5, 2)

Adopted...
STANDING RESOLUTIONS

RESOLVED, that it is and shall be the policy of the Grand Body that a suitable floral or memorial offering not to exceed the sum of fifty ($50.00) dollars, shall be given following the death of a Presiding Grand Officer or Past Presiding Grand Officer, only.

RESOLVED, that the Chapeau be not worn as part of dress apparel at the annual Religious Service when it is held indoors at the headquarters hotel.

RESOLVED, that the Grand Commandery hereby constitute a Standing Committee of six for the purpose of instruction in ceremony and work. Said committee to be appointed annually by the Grand Commander and that the Finance Committee provide suitable mileage for such committee members within the district to which they are assigned.

RESOLVED, that the Right Eminent Grand Commander shall appoint a standing committee, to be composed of at least six (6) members, to serve at his pleasure, whose duty it shall be to receive all names recommended for the title of “Honorary Past Grand Commander”. They shall carefully consider all names presented, and recommend to the Right Eminent Grand Commander for his consideration in asking the Grand Master of the Grand Encampment to approve as required by Grand Encampment Constitution Section 237 (a) the name of any whom they believe will, by being so honored, advance the cause of Templary.

RESOLVED, that the Grand Chapter, Grand Council and Grand Commandery pay for two days hotel reservations, banquet, breakfast (KYCH & RCC) for men, and Ladies Brunch for the following:
- General Grand High Priest or his personal representative
- General Grand Master or his personal representative
- Grand Master of the Grand Encampment or his personal representative
- Southeastern Regional Deputy General Grand High Priest
- Southeastern Regional Deputy General Grand Master
- Southeastern Department Commander of the Grand Encampment

The Grand Chapter, Grand Council and Grand Commandery will pay for banquet, breakfast (KYCH & RCC) for men, Ladies Brunch and hotel room (if their state reciprocates) for the following:
- M. E. Grand High Priest
- M. I. Grand Master
- R. E. Grand Commander
- Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter
- Grand Recorder of the Grand Council
- Grand Recorder of the Grand Commandery

All other companions are invited at their own expense.

WHEREAS, the three Grand York Rite Bodies of South Carolina, viz: The Grand Royal Arch Chapter; The Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters; and the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar plan and hold their annual meetings at the same place and two-day period with each holding a separate meeting within a specified time period; and

WHEREAS, present and existing rules and procedures provide for per diem and mileage expenses be paid the certain representatives.

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the following guidelines be adopted as the proper procedure of qualification and payment of expenses:

1) Payment shall be made to the Presiding Officer of a Constituent Body - or - to his legal representative if the Presiding Officer is not present at any time during the above-described meeting’s schedule.
STANDING RESOLUTIONS  (Continued – Pg. 2)

2) No member shall be paid expenses more than once regardless of the number of Grand or Constituent Body offices he may represent.

3) No representative of the Presiding Officer shall receive expenses payment in either of the above bodies if the Presiding Officer has received payment in any capacity or any of the above bodies.

RESOLVED, that those planning the banquet consider the following guidelines:
Arrange the dining and program to a two-hour limit, bearing in mind that the Most Worshipful Grand Master must be introduced last. There should be no program or introductions after he is introduced.
Awards – The proper place to present all awards is considered to be at the open meeting of the appropriate body and not at the banquet. Those receiving awards and distinguished guests may in the discretion of the presiding officers, be asked to stand as a group and be recognized at the banquet.

Because of the extraordinary amount of time consumed by introductions of our distinguished guests of the Grand Bodies, the Grand Secretary-Recorder should plan so that when a distinguished guest registers he is asked to list his current most important title and he should be introduced by this title only. If the presiding Marshal feels that more verbosity is needed he may add that this distinguished visitor has many Masonic achievements.

BE IT RESOLVED that beginning with these Grand York Rite meetings in the year 2010 they should be rotated as follows:
Monday A.M. – Grand Royal Arch Chapter of South Carolina
Monday P. M. – Grand Council of Royal and Select Master of South Carolina
Tuesday A. M. – Grand Commandery Knights Templar of South Carolina

and Further, each Grand Body would move up one space each year and the presiding officer of that Grand Body at the top of the list will be responsible for presiding at the consolidated meeting on Monday A.M. and the introduction of the visiting dignitaries.

BE IT RESOLVED that honorary membership be extended to all distinguished guests who have not previously received the same.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PATRIOTISM AND CIVIC ACTIVITIES

To: The Grand York Rite Bodies of South Carolina:
Companions and Sir Knights, your committee on Patriotism and Civic Activities in South Carolina is pleased to make the following report:

Companions and Sir Knights, we did not have any York Rite Bodies that reported to the Committee that they held a Patriotic Night or any kind of program during the past year.

Companions and Sir Knights, we encouraged you this coming year to put together a program to show our support to our Military and local Civil Servants. Please keep the committee informed if you have a meeting, so we can show our appreciation in our report.

Let’s HONOR these men and women daily with a thank you and our prayers.

GOD BLESS AMERICA AND SOUTH CAROLINA

Fraternally submitted,

Michael E. Copeland (4, 7, 11), Chairman
Walt Sealy (8, 15, 15)  N. Haskell Brabham (3, 5, 2)

Adopted…
Companions and Sir Knights, your committee on Masonic Youth Organizations in South Carolina is pleased to make the following report:

- **Order of DeMolay:**
  The Palmetto DeMolay Association currently has eight chapters in Charleston, Columbia, Goode Creek, Myrtle Beach, Rock Hill, Summerville, York and Wellford. Dad Wayne Crawford is no longer the Executive Officer in South Carolina.
  By virtue of the Bylaws, Rules, & Regulations of DeMolay International, Michael A. Salazar, (Grand Master of DeMolay International) has appointed Mark B. Bohn (of Georgia) as the Personal Representative in South Carolina.
  DeMolay International received several emails from Brother Wayne Crawford of South Carolina regarding operations of South Carolina DeMolay. These messages do not reflect the views of DeMolay International nor the Grand Lodge of South Carolina. DeMolay and the Grand Lodge are working cooperatively to resolve the leadership needs of the jurisdiction. The Jurisdiction of South Carolina shall continue to operate normally and all questions and action of the Executive Officer should be addressed To: The Grand York Rite Bodies of South Carolina: w Personal Representative of the Grand Master, Marc B. Bohn.
  South Carolina DeMolay Chapters will remain open and active and report to the Region III Representative, Marc B. Bohn, until a candidate selection process can be completed.
  The Grand Master of Masons in South Carolina, Most Worshipful Brother David DeChant will recommend a candidate to be the new Executive Officer very soon.
  This committee is deeply concerned with these recent developments regarding the Palmetto DeMolay Association. We realize that all Masonic affiliated organizations are having difficulty with membership. This committee strongly recommends that the Masonic community, both present Masonic sponsors and those who are considering becoming a sponsor, increase their support, promote sponsorship and work diligently with Brother Mark B. Bohn and the new Executive Officer to reinvigorate DeMolay in this jurisdiction.
  The benefits from working with the young men are too numerous to mention, but the memories and lifelong relationships, are tenfold when a young DeMolay, with whom you have worked, joins a lodge and addresses you as “Brother.” When this happens one has touched a life and perhaps helped to guide a young man to more light and knowledge.

- **International Order of the Rainbow for Girls:**
  The International Order of the Rainbow for Girls in South Carolina is doing well under the leadership of Mrs. Dedra A. Hart. Mrs. Hart is a daughter of our Past Grand Commander RE Sir Knight Douglas Amyx and this committee is pleased that Dedra continues to work with an organization of which she was a very active member during her teen years.
  Rainbow has ten Assemblies in South Carolina, down one from last year. The Grand Worthy Advisor is Sister Elizabeth Bostic. Her motto is “Always be a first rate version of yourself instead of a second rate version of someone else.” – Judy Garland.
  This committee congratulates Mrs. Dedra Hart and her staff, along with the young ladies of the Order of the Rainbow for the excellent job they are doing to promote the high standards of Rainbow which will develop good leadership that will benefit the home, community and society. We are however concerned about the decrease in chapters for the second year in a row. We recommend that the companions increase their support of Rainbow in this jurisdiction.

- **Job's Daughters International:**
  Job's Daughters International offers the qualities that today's young women want and need from organizations that earn their commitment: fun, friendship, helping others and the chance to learn organizational and leadership skills. Currently a Bethel is not located in South Carolina. The nearest Bethels are located in Chesapeake, Virginia and Daytona, Florida.
This committee challenges our brethren to support all of these youth groups in their endeavors. The simple act of visiting one of their meetings shows that we care and by so doing, our support will lead to greater benefits for Masonry and a stronger tomorrow.

Fraternally submitted:

Robert J. Bean, Sr. (31, 13, 10) Chairman

Bobby J. Sprouse (33, 19, 3) G. Kent Elkins (22, 10, 4)

Adopted…

DISTINGUISHED GUESTS - OUT OF STATE

ALABAMA
* MI Ron Thomas, MI Grand Master of Alabama

CANADA, ONTARIO
* James Simpson, Companion
  Richard T. Shave, Gr Representative to SC
* MI Donald J Emerick, MI Grand Master of Ontario

CONNECTICUT
* MI Charles A. McCollum, MP Grand Master of Connecticut

FLORIDA
RP Richard Agster, RP Deputy Grand Master SE
* MI Dayle L. Schrock, MI Grand Master of Florida
ME John F. Wermann, Grand High Priest

GEORGIA
ME Jimmy Porter, Past ME Grand High Priest
* MI F. Andrew Lane, Jr., MI Grand Master of Georgia
SK Lloyd J. Leinbaugh, Em Gr Generalissimo of Grand Commandery
RE James T Farmer, RE Gr Scribe
SK James E. Stevens, Past Grand Commander

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MI Russell E. Bridges, Past Illustrious Grand Master
ME W. Francis Pugh, Past ME Grand High Priest
RE Bobby Joe Kitchen, Deputy Gen Gr High Priest SE Region and PGHP
MI J David Cashion, Past Illustrious Grand Master
* MI Warren G. Taylor, MI Grand Master of NC
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DISTINGUISHED MASONIC LEADERS IN SOUTH CAROLINA

Right Excellent Carl Truesdale, Past Southeast Regional Deputy General Grand High Priest, Royal Arch Masons, International

Right Illustrious Dean Tollison, Thrice Illustrious Master, Thrice Illustrious Masters Council of SC

Most Illustrious J. Gordon Cartrette, Right Eminently Dist. Grand Governor of the York Rite Colleges of SC, PIGM. And Knight Crusader of the East of KCC of SC

Most Excellent Michael Copeland, Very Eminently Dist. Deputy Grand Governor, Grand Colleges of SC, MEPGHP of SC

Sir Knight Howard “Ted” Burgess, SE Department Commander of Grand Encampment, Knights Templar, United States of America, and Grand Commandery Coordinator in South Carolina for the Grand Encampment, Knights Templar, United States of America.

Most Illustrious Hal Gregory, Prior of Palmetto Priory #54, KYCH, ME President, Anointed High Priest of SC

Most Excellent Lloyd F. Christopher, Intendant General of South Carolina, Red Cross of Constantine

Most Excellent Robert J. Bean, Sr., RARA Eastern Regional Coordinator, GGCRAM Intl and MEPGHP of SC

Most Excellent Robert J. Bean, Jr., General Grand Ambassador, Gen. Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, Intl

Sir Knight Jerry Owens, Very Eminent Prior of Cana Tabernacle XLIX, Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests of SC and Past Grand Commander

Most Illustrious Gary B. Hinson, Junior Grand Warden of the Grand Council, AMD of USA and MIPGM

Most Illustrious Bobby J. Sprouse, General Grand Ambassador, Gen Grand Council, Cryptic Masons, Intl and MIPGM

Right Worshipful Michael D. Smith, Junior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of AFM of SC and Sovereign Grand Inspector General of Scottish Rite in SC

Most Worshipful G. Ray Marsh, Past Grand Master and Grand Secretary of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of South Carolina

Most Worshipful Gerald L. Carver, Past Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of South Carolina

Most Worshipful D. Samuel Tennyson, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of South Carolina, Past Southeast Department Commander, Grand Encampment, USA

Most Worshipful Jack Marler, Grand Treasurer and Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of South Carolina

Right Worshipful William R. Logan, Senior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of AFM of SC

Right Worshipful William B. Rogers, Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of South Carolina

Most Worshipful David J. DeChant, Sr., Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of South Carolina
The Fifteenth (15th) Annual Meeting of the Lucius A. and Margaret B. Todd Fund, Inc. was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by the President; prayer was given by Sam Tennyson, pledge of allegiance was given and the President declared the meeting open for the annual business session and welcomed everyone present. The following Fourteen (14) were present:

Carl R. Truesdale ............................... President
Sam Tennyson ............................... Vice President
Johnnie T. Morris ......................... Secretary
Howard T. Burgess ............................ Treasurer
J. Frank Gilliland’ ......................... Board Member
Jerry Owens ................................. Board Member
J. Gordon Cartrette ............................ Board Member
Robert J. Bean Sr ............................. Board Member
Marcus Burdette* .......................... Grand High Priest
Doug Knauer* .............................. Ill. Grand Master
Zeb Morgan .............................. Grand Commander
Glenn Greene ............................ Deputy Grand High Priest
F Dean Tollison ........................ Deputy Ill. Grand Master
Robert D Norton ........................... Member
Hal Gregory .............................. Member
Tom Corbin ............................... Member
Bob David ............................... Member

The President asked the Secretary to read the minutes of Sunday March 10, 2013 which the Secretary did. Copies were available to all present. Adopted…

We had 2 board members whose term will expire this year and Gordon Cartrette nominated Sam Tennyson and Jerry Owens to be re-elected for another 3-year term and they were unanimously elected. Adopted…

The President noted that we needed to appoint an “Investment Fund Committee” made up of 1 from each of the 3 Grand Bodies and that the Treasurer would be a permanent member; Glenn Greene from the Grand Chapter, Jerry Owens from the Grand Commandery and Hal Gregory from the Grand Council were Nominated and Elected. The Treasurer stated that this committee had to meet at least twice a year, this being one of them and the other one could be by telephone. It was also stated that they did not have to attend the meeting with the “Audit Committee” since it is only their responsibility to help advising on how to invest the monies available. Adopted…

The Audit Committee members were not present but the incoming Illustrious Grand Master read their report and it was accepted as read. Adopted…

Howard T. Burgess Sr, the Treasurer then read the report of the Treasurer for the year 2013. Adopted…

The next item on the agenda was the amount to give each charity this year. Using the guidelines that we had previously agreed on the Treasurer figured $2,555.67 which split 3 ways amounts $851.89 to give to each one of the three philanthropies. Adopted…

The Audit Committee consists of Michael Copeland, Chairman; Doug Knauer and Richard Sealy to serve again for the ensuing year. Adopted…

The Treasurer stated that for every donation received that he sent a form letter acknowledging their gift and thanking them for their generosity and that it is tax deductible under the IRS non-profit rules. Adopted…

The Treasurer noted that in making the 990 tax return he found that we had 2 tax numbers, one being in the original application “The Grand York Rite Charities Fund of South Carolina” which was later renamed the “Lucius A. and Margaret B. Charity Fund, Inc.” which should be straightened out by now. Adopted…

There being no further business to come before this committee, the meeting was adjourned.

Attest:

Carl R. Truesdale (4, 25, 12)
President

Johnnie T. Morris (5, 5, 2)
Secretary
PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
MOST EXCELLENT
GRAND ROYAL ARCH
CHAPTER
OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Two Hundred Third Annual Convocation

Myrtle Beach, South Carolina

OFFICIATING
Marcus L. Burdette, M.: E.: Grand High Priest
Johnnie T. Morris, R.: E.: Grand Secretary

ELECTED
A. Glenn Greene, III, M.: E.: Grand High Priest
Johnnie T. Morris, R.: E.: Grand Secretary
OFFICERS OF GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF SC
2013-2014

ELECTED

Marcus L. Burdette (7) .......................................................... M. E. Grand High Priest
910 Old Bell Rd., Iva 29655, Phone (864) 348-7080 (Susan)

A. Glenn Greene, III (35) ..................................................... R. E. Deputy Grand High Priest
815 Betha Ext., Latta 29565, Phone (843) 752-1020 (Beth)

Nelson D. Horton (55) ......................................................... R. E. Grand King
164 Champion Ferry Rd., Gaffney 29341, Phone (864) 489-0122 (Frances)

Michael J. Broom (5) ......................................................... R. E. Grand Scribe
201 N.ort Ridge Rd., Columbia 29223, Phone (803) 653-9435 (Susan)

H. Ted Burgess (7) .............................................................. R. E. Grand Treasurer
114 Susie Rd., Belton 29627, Phone (864) 338-8816 (Mary)

Johnnie T. Morris (5) ......................................................... R. E. Grand Secretary
Post Office Box 7463, Columbia 29202, Phone (803) 799-9159 (Judy)

Haywood Fowler (48) ....................................................... E. Grand Chaplain
669 Wright Rd., Tabor City, NC 28463, Phone (910) 653-5795 (Darla)

APPOINTED

James W. Lyle (21) ......................................................... E. Grand Captain of the Host
515 Robinhood Dr., Seneca 29678, Phone (864) 324-1155

Robert Elsner (37) ......................................................... E. Grand Principal Sojourner
8 Abbeville St., Due West 29639, Phone (864) 379-2247 (Betsy)

Steve Hames (55) ............................................................. E. Grand Royal Arch Captain
1141 N. Mountain St, Blacksburg 29702, Phone (864) 839-4453 (Toni)

George Latta (6) ............................................................ E. Grand Master of Third Veil
8748 Highway 92, Enoree 29335, Phone (864) 881-4641 (Trish)

R. Steven Fields (21) ......................................................... E. Grand Master of Second Veil
105 Blue Ridge Dr., Clemson 29631, Phone (864) 654-9425 (Linda)

Jon S. Majerus (41) .......................................................... E. Grand Master of First Veil
750 Lanham Rd., Edgefield 29824, Phone (803) 279-2664 (Jewel)

Jerry O. Glenn (22) ....................................................... E. Grand Sentinel
218 S. Wingate Rd., Greenville 29605, Phone (864) 277-2190 (Celia)

R. E. DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND HIGH PRIESTS

Tom Corbin (1) ............................................................ First District
1001 Simmons St., Mt. Pleasant 29464, Phone (843) 870-6306

Rob Lacer (41) ............................................................... Second District
189 Deer Springs Rd., Clarks Hill 29821, Phone (803) 278-3732 (Jane)

Tim Livingston (47) ........................................................ Third District
205 King Circle, Easley 29640, Phone (864) 855-0497

C. Richard Lane (33) ....................................................... Fourth District
320 Fairview Rd., Taylors 29687, Phone (864) 877-2846 (Emily)

Ronald L. Broome (4) .................................................... Fifth District
701 Scout Cabin Rd., Kershaw 29067, Phone (803) 475-5314 (Vicky)

John K. Kirby, Jr. (48) ...................................................... Sixth District
PO Box 782, Mullins 29574, Phone (843) 464-0506 (Betty)

OFFICERS OF GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER

Edmund D. Harrison .................................................. M. E. General Grand High Priest
PO Box 737352, Elmhurst, NY 11373, Phone (718) 592-0529

Bobby Joe Kitchen ................................. R. E. S.E. Regional Deputy General Grand High Priest
83 Crown Point Rd., Hubert, NC 28539, Phone (910) 326-4911 (Crysta)

Larry E. Gray ......................................................... R. E. General Grand Secretary
PO Box 128, Greenfield, IN 46140-0128, Phone (317) 467-3600 (Rita)
The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of South Carolina was opened in ample form at the Landmark Resort in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, on March 11, 2014, at 8:30 a.m., for the Annual Convocation, with the following officers in their stations:

**ELECTED**

Marcus L. Burdette (7) ............................. M. E. Grand High Priest
A. Glenn Greene, III (35)............... R. E. Deputy Grand High Priest
Nelson D. Horton (55) ............................. R. E. Grand King
Michael J. Broom (5) ............................. R. E. Grand Scribe
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James W. Lyle (21) ............................. E. Grand Captain of the Host
Robert Elsner (37) ............................. E. Grand Principal Sojourner
Steve Hames (55) ............................. E. Grand Royal Arch Captain
George Latta (6) ............................. E. Grand Master of Third Veil
R. Steven Fields (21) ............................. E. Grand Master of Second Veil
Jon S. Majerus (41) ............................. E. Grand Master of First Veil
Jerry O. Glenn (22) ............................. E. Grand Sentinel

**R. E. DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND HIGH PRIESTS**

Tom Corbin (1) ............................. First District
Rob Lacer (41) ............................. Second District
Tim Livingston (47) ............................. Third District
C. Richard Lane (33) ............................. Fourth District
Ronald L. Broome (4) ............................. Fifth District
John K. Kirby, Jr. (48) ............................. Sixth District

**MOST EXCELLENT PAST GRAND HIGH PRIESTS**

Robert J. Bean, Jr. (31,35)* ............................. W. Jay Horne (37)* ............................. Robert V. Pinkston (1)
Robert J. Bean, Sr. (31,48)* ............................. J. C. Hubbard, Jr. (21)* ............................. Larry S. Rhodes (21)
Lloyd F. Christopher (1)* ............................. Robert H. Jackson, Jr. (15) ............................. Dana P. Rickards (13)
Michael E. Copeland (7)* ............................. Grady Lee Lanier, Jr. (16) ............................. Rawl J. Scheibler (5)
Walter P. Davis (22) ............................. G. Ray Marsh (7) ............................. Charles M. Schofield (5)
V. Ronald DuBose (1)* ............................. Gary N. Martin (55) ............................. Carl R. Truesdale (4)
G. Kent Elkins (22)* ............................. Joseph L. McGee (57) ............................. Albert J. Wyatt (15)
Floyd W. Goff (4)* ............................. Sam D. McJunkin (21)* ............................. Absent
L. Aubrey Haynes (4)* ............................. Eric A. Meace (64)
MARCUS L. BURDETT
M.E. GRAND HIGH PRIEST
PRESIDING
March 11, 2014
A. GLENN GREENE, III
M.E. GRAND HIGH PRIEST
ELECTED
March 11, 2014
ALTON GLENN GREENE, III
MOST EXCELLENT GRAND HIGH PRIEST

Alton Glenn Greene, III was born on November 20, 1963 in Marion, SC, the son of A. Glenn, Jr. and Belva Greene. He grew up in Latta and graduated high school from Pee Dee Academy, Mullins, SC. He graduated from Wofford College in 1986 and began a career in banking, maintaining that through today.

Glenn is married to Beth Rogers and they have two children, Rachel and Jessica. Glenn was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason on April 12, 1989 in Dalcho Lodge #160, Latta, SC. He served as Worshipful Master in 2000 as well as 2003. He’s been the secretary of Dalcho Lodge since 2009. He is also a dual member of Fork Lodge #258. Glenn has served the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of South Carolina as district deputy of the 28th Masonic District from 2007-2009. He has also been chairman of the Commission on Investments since 2011.

Glenn was exalted to the degree of a Royal Arch Mason in Marion Chapter 35, was greeted a Select Master in Hiram Council 38 and Knighted in Florence Commandery 10 in 2006. He served as High Priest and Illustrious Master in 2008. He is also a dual member of Delphi Commandery #8 having served as Eminent Commander in 2011. He has served as Treasurer of the Marion York Rite Bodies since 2010. He received the degree of Super Excellent Master in Union Council #5.

Glenn is a member of the Columbia Valley of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite. He is also a member of the Pee Dee Scottish Rite club. Glenn is a member of several appendant Masonic bodies and orders including: SHS Womack Council #20 Knight Masons USA; Palmetto York Rite College #70; Past Sovereign Master of Horry Council #433 and E.S.C. Baker #514 Councils of the Allied Masonic Degrees; Palmetto Priory #54 KYCH; All Saints Conclave of the Red Cross of Constantine; South Carolina College Societas Rosicruciana in Civitatibus Foederatis; Tall Cedars of Lebanon Palmetto Forest #206.
REPORTS OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS AND RETURNS

To: The Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of South Carolina:

We find 17 Grand Officers, 13 Past Grand High Priests, 1 Honorary Past GHP and 25 Representatives of Subordinate Chapters present and entitled to vote in this Annual Convocation.

Fraternally submitted,

Douglas G. Lee (55), Chairman  Albert J. Wyatt (15)
Hal Gregory (19)  Johnnie T. Morris (5)

H. Ted Burgess (7)

Adopted.

SUMMARY

Grand Officers Present ............................................. 17
Past Grand High Priests Present ................................. 13
Past Grand High Priests Honorary Present ............. 1
Number of Chapters ............................................. 26
Number of Chapters Represented .......................... 25
Members, 12/31/2012 ............................................. 3,905
Members, 12/31/2013 ............................................. 3,640
Net Loss .......................................................... -265
GRAND REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT

Alaska................................. Tommy Blackwood
Arizona ......................................... Robert J. Bean, Sr.
British Columbia ......................... John T. Dickson
Connecticut.............................. Joseph L. McGee
Delaware ....................................... D. Samuel Tennyson
Florida ......................................... David J. DeChant
Germany ..................................... Lloyd F. Christopher
Idaho............................................. Michael E. Copeland
Illinois........................................... Albert J. Wyatt
India............................................. Doug Knauer
Indiana......................................... Douglas L. Amyx
Israel............................................ Haywood Fowler
Italy ........................................... William R. Logan
Kentucky ........................................ George R. Peters
Maine ........................................... James J. Holmes
Manitoba.................................. Gerald L. Carver
Maryland................................. Robert J. Bean, Jr.
Michigan................................. Marcus Burdette
Mississippi................................. Grenfell M. Leonard
Missouri..................................... Dean Tollison
Nebraska..................................... Jerry O. Glenn
New Hampshire........................... J. Frank Gilliland
North Dakota.............................. Charles E. Mackey
Nova Scotia.............................. Delbert R. Hayden
Ohio ........................................... Carl R. Truesdale
Oklahoma................................. Phillip G. Russell
Oregon ....................................... J. Sam Burton
Philippines................................. Douglas G. Lee
Queensland................................. Johnnie L. Bolt
South Dakota.............................. Earl P. Hudgens, Jr.
Tennessee................................. Floyd W. Goff, Sr.
Texas.......................................... Gary B. Jolley
Vermont..................................... A. Glenn Greene, III
Virginia ....................................... Hugh J. Bickley
Washington................................. Terry S. Pruitt
West Virginia.............................. L. Aubrey Haynes
Wisconsin................................. Grady L. Lanier, Jr.
Wyoming..................................... G. Ray Marsh

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

The Grand Representatives were recognized and congratulated on the service that they were rendering Capitular Masonry. They were urged to keep our Grand Representatives in other Grand Jurisdictions informed of the happenings in South Carolina.
MOTIONS

On motion of A. Glenn Greene, III It was RESOLVED, that reading of the minutes of the last Annual Convocation be dispensed with, printed copies are in the hands of the representatives, and they be approved as printed.

On motion of Nelson D. Horton, It was RESOLVED, that all Royal Arch Masons in good standing be admitted to seats in this Grand Convocation.

PAST GRAND HIGH PRIESTS WELCOMED

Fourteen (14) of the twenty five living PGHP were welcomed by the M. E. Grand High Priest, and thanked for their support, advice and cooperation during the past years. The R.E. Grand Secretary read the names of the PGHP not present as noted on the bottom of page 28.

ABSENCES NOTED


REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON APPEALS AND GRIEVANCES

To: The Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of South Carolina:

Your Committee wishes to report that no action were received or taken by this Committee during the past year and that peace and harmony prevail in our Grand Chapter, Grand Council and Grand Commander.

On behalf of the Grand York Rite Bodies of South Carolina, we remain,

Respectfully submitted,

[Signature]

Lloyd F. Christopher (1)
Chairman

Adopted.

Don S. Blair (33)  Robert D. Yonce (41)

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HONORARY PAST GRAND HIGH PRIESTS

To: The Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of South Carolina:

Your committee on Honorary Past Most Excellent Grand High Priests wishes to make the following report. After several years of not receiving any recommendations for this high honor, your committee has now received recommendations which have been measured, well thought-out and carefully considered. This committee assures the companions that this is an honor not taken lightly by this committee. Therefore, this committee submits its general consensus and recommends that R.E. Companion Johnnie T. Morris be elevated to the position of Honorary Past Most Excellent Grand High Priest.

This committee moves that this report be accepted and the companions demonstrate their approval with a standing ovation of congratulations.

Fraternally submitted,

[Signature]

G. Kent Elkins (22), Chairman

G. Ray Marsh (7)  Lloyd F. Christopher (1)

Adopted...
ADDRESS OF THE GRAND HIGH PRIEST

MARCUS LEROY BURDETTE

In Memory of Robert Lee Kinard, Honorary PGC

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Most Excellent & Right Excellent Companions, Most Illustrious &, Right Illustrious Companions, Right Eminent Sir Knights, Companions , Sir Knights and to our Special Guests:

It is with a great deal of pleasure and honor to welcome each of you, along with our out of state guests, to this, our Two Hundred and Third Annual Grand Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of South Carolina. Welcome the Grand Strand area of Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. I, along with the local committee wish you the most enjoyable stay possible, and if there is anything that we can help you with, feel free to let us know.

To the Grand Officers and committeemen that have served faithfully this year, I want to personally thank you for your support during this year, it has been an honor to serve with each of you; this has been a good year and one that I will never forget. Your hard work and effort has helped make this Grand Chapter one of the best in the nation. Your dedicated work will not be forgotten, not only by me, but the rest of the companions of this great state.

To the Past Grand Officers, I want to thank each of you for sharing your prayers, wisdom, and guidance during the past 4 years. I could not have completed this journey without your mentoring, support, and working as a team. I was asked last year if I thought that I could make a difference. My answer was No; but as a team working together that we could. I cannot thank you enough for what you do.

To Johnnie and Judy Morris, Companions we are so lucky to have them, and we fall short of telling them how much we appreciate how hard they work to make sure that South Carolina York Rite is successful. It has been a joy working with you, Thank you so much for your help and support this year.

To Most Illustrious Grand Master Doug Knauer, and Sir Knight Zeb Morgan, Right Eminent Grand Commander, thank you both for your support and encouraging words during the past year. It has been a blast traveling with the both of you. We have developed a very special bond and friendship that I will treasure for the rest of my life. I would like to congratulate the both of you on the excellent leadership that you both applied during the past year.

To our Grand Masters, Most Worshipful Jay Adam Pearson and Most Worshipful David J. DeChant, This year I had the honor of working with two Grand Masters, our busy schedules limited us to just a few visits together, we have been friends for a long time and traveled many miles together in the past. Thank you for your support and for your service to York Rite Masonry this past year.

To the Companions across this great State last year in my address I asked each of you to pray for the Grand Chapter officers and yourselves, for God to supply us with wisdom, leadership, guidance and the energy needed to make this Grand Chapter successful with all our work and actions pleasing in his eyes. Thank you for all that you do and will continue to do.

STATE OF THE CRAFT

Companions, as we made the official visits across this great state, it is my pleasure to report to you that peace and harmony prevails in our Grand Jurisdiction and it appears to be in excellent shape. We were presented with Good Work, True Work and Square Work. I have noticed that most of the chapters are either performing degree work or have it in the plans to begin a class; some were large classes with 12 or more candidates. Some of our chapters are still struggling and need some assistance; Please companions reach out and give them a helping hand.

Companions I am pleased to report for most of official visits the attendance has increased, we average 35 companions per visit. I know that some of these Companions and Sir Knights
were with the heads traveling parties but most of the Chapters had an increase of their members present. I hope that this is normal if not remember that we need to open our chapters at least 4 time per year, assign parts, use the Mentor program, and develop a team to visit the Blue Lodges and recruit York Rite Masonry, as Royal Arch Masons we are obligated to share more light with them. It is sad but we only have around 10 % of the Blue Lodge members that have taken a step into the York Rite. Let’s get busy visiting our local lodges beating the bushes looking for Quality members.

Companions, NPDs are still plaguing this Grand Jurisdiction. I know that we are beating a dead horse when talking about it, but we need to find out why they are losing interest and develop actions to stop this from being a thorn in our side.

**NECROLOGY**

The Supreme Grand High Priest of the Universe found it necessary to call home 137 companions this past year. Although all of our members will be missed, there will be none that I will miss more than ME Companion Marvin O. Burton. Our Grand Chaplain will have more about our companions that have moved to “that house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens” later this afternoon.

**DUAL MEMBERSHIPS**

I was pleased to approve the following request to hold Dual Membership:

- James L (Ricky) Chubb, Carolina # 1 and Eureka #13
- Ronald G. Jacoby ..........Carolina # 1 and Eureka #13
- Albert S. Couch, III ......Carolina # 1 and Eureka #13
- James D. Strickland......Columbia # 5 and Signet # 18

**DISPENSATIONS**

All dispensations were of a routine nature and issued in accordance with the standard procedure. Copies are on file in the Grand Secretary’s office.

**DECISIONS**

I am pleased to announce that peace and harmony prevailed throughout the Grand Jurisdiction.

**GRAND REPRESENTATIVES**

It was my pleasure to recommend the following companions for appointments as the Grand Representative of another Grand Chapter near the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of South Carolina:

- Nelson Horton ..................... Connecticut
- Michael Broom ..................... Hawaii
- Gerald Burton ..................... Nevada
- Walter Cal Disher ................ New York
- James W. Lyle ..................... Utah

**BY-LAWS CHANGES**

The following Chapters By-Laws changes were approved:

- Living Arch Chapter #21 ................. Clemson

**PRESENTATION TO COMPANIONS OF GEORGIA**

Susan and I went to the flea market in Garden City on March 9 and while we were looking in one of the booth I found a 1919 Chapter ritual book from the state of Georgia that was signed by Marvin Pond and dated April 18, 1922. We purchased the book. I could not wait to show it to ME Porter, PMEPGHP of Georgia and some other companions with him from Georgia. They made a call to see if they could find some information about this companion. MWB Marvin Pond was Past Grand Master of Georgia. I presented this book to them during this address. They were very happy and said that this was indeed a treasure that will be displayed in the Georgia Masonic Museum in Atlanta, Georgia.

**THE GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER MEDAL**

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of SC presents the General Grand Chapter Medal issued by
Companions, this award is the highest honor that can bestowed in Capitular Masonry. It is awarded by the committee on the recommendations of each High Priest. Companions over the past few years this committee has only received a few recommendations, I know that each Chapter has a Companion that is worthy for recommendation of this award. Today I charge each High Priest to make this one of your goals this year. It was an honor to present this year’s award to Bobby Leon Jarrell of Delta Chapter No. 20 at our banquet last night. Congratulations Companion Jarrell.

THE GRAND HIGH PRIEST AWARD

Companions, although the General Grand Chapter Medal is the only award traditionally presented at our Grand Convocation, I to fell that an additional award be added. Although not accompanied by the jewel or prestige that the Bronze Medal holds, I feel that it was necessary to award something to a few companions that have performed outstanding work for your Grand High Priest and your Grand Chapter. I am pleased to present the following companions a lapel pin and certificate C. Richard Lane, Kenneth Brackens, Ronald Broome and also Judy Morris.

THE BURGER RING

I was honored to receive, one of our Ancient Artifacts from Most Excellent Companion Grady L. Lanier, Jr. last March. Although I did not wear The Burger Ring to any of my official visits, I am honored to wear it here today. When not being worn on official visits, I did keep The Burger Ring and the duplicate ring in a safe. It will be an honor to pass these rings on to my successor, Right Excellent Glenn Greene, III after he is installed as the Most Excellent Grand High Priest later this afternoon.

ROYAL ARCH RESEARCH ASSISTANCE

Royal Arch Research Assistance made a lot of progress this past year that will be discussed in more detail during the RARA report this afternoon, but I am proud to announce that RARA is still supporting research in Central Auditory Processing Disorders.

I continued the tradition of carrying the “P” Pot to each of our official visits this year, and I am proud to announce that at the Official visits of this Grand Jurisdiction $2430.00 was raised. As in the past, the monies were divided between the three philanthropies of the York Rite. A check was presented to each philanthropy chairman in the amount of $810.00. The “P” Pot was passed during the Grand York Rite meeting on March 10 and $506.00 was collected for the Margaret and Lucius Todd Fund. Remember companions are we doing enough or just enough to get by. Thank you companions for your contributions.

ANNUAL GRAND CHAPTER EDUCATION MEETING

Education is a very important tool and the foundation of Freemasonry and the Grand Chapter is no exception. For the past several years we’ve change to joint education session for all bodies at our annual meeting. We’ve received some good feedback on the new system and should continue to evolve to be better in sharing education. Remember that education should not stop after this meeting, it should be a part of every meeting we have. I would like to thank Right Excellent Glenn Greene, Right Excellent Nelson Horton, and Right Excellent Michael Broom for their hard work in preparing for this year’s Grand Chapter session.

IN STATE VISITS

It was an honor and a privilege to visit all twenty six subordinate Chapters this past year. I, along with the other Grand Chapter Officers were received and treated with dignity. There will always be a special place in my heart for each visit and for the fellowship given and received. It was is so hard to put into words of the honor it was for me to able to visit all of your Chapters and the special place in history that they have in South Carolina Masonry. Listed below is a summary of my visits within this Grand Jurisdiction.

March 10-12, 2013 ........................................... Grand York Rite, Myrtle Beach
March 21, 2013 ................................................. Franklin Chapter #9, Chester
March 23, 2013 ................................................. KYCH, Columbia
March 26, 2013 ........................................ Burning Bush Chapter #7, Anderson
April 8, 2013 ................................................... Cyrus Chapter #22, Greenville
April 9, 2013 .................................................... Living Arch Chapter #21, Clemson
April 13, 2013 ........................................ Degree Work Burning Bush Chapter #7, Anderson
April 16, 2013 ................................................ Carolina Chapter #1, Charleston
April 23, 2013 ................................................ Rising Sun Chapter #6, Laurens
April 24-26, 2013 ...................................... Grand Lodge of S.C., A.F.M., Myrtle Beach
May 2, 2013 ........................................................ Gaffney Chapter #55, Gaffney
May 11, 2013 ........................................................ Super Excellent Master Degree, Aiken
May 18, 2013 ....................................................... Piedmont York Rite College, Greenville
May 28, 2013 ..................................................... Excelsior Chapter #23, Cheraw
June 1, 2013 ...................................................... Knight Masons- Samuel H.J. Womack Council, Greenville
June 5, 2013 .................................................... Myrtle Beach Chapter #64, Myrtle Beach
June 17, 2013 .................................................... Grand Chapter OES, Spartanburg
June 18, 2013 ........................................................ Keystone Chapter #19, Lancaster
June 20, 2013 .................................................... Delta Chapter #20, Hampton
July 13, 2013 ...................................................... S.C. Dixie Youth Darlings State Softball Tournament,
                M.E. Robbie Bean’s Daughter, Iva
July 18, 2013 ..................................................... Asked to Speak at Keowee Lodge #79, Pickens
July 20, 2013 .................................................... Palmetto DeMolay Association, Myrtle Beach
August 6, 2013 ................................................ Kadoshlayah Chapter #41, Aiken
August 12, 2013 .............................................. Campbell Chapter #31, Florence
August 14, 2013 .............................................. Columbia Chapter #5, Columbia
August 16, 2013 .............................................. Chicora Chapter #33, Spartanburg
August 20, 2013 ................................................ Rising Star Chapter #4, Camden*
August 24, 2013 ................................................ SC AMD Ingathering, Camden
August 30, 2013 ................................................ Golden Corner AMD Work
September 3, 2013 .......................................... Pickens Chapter #47, Easley
September 9, 2013 .......................................... Greenwood Chapter #37, Greenwood
September 10, 2013 .......................................... Eureka Chapter #13, Orangeburg
September 23, 2013 .......................................... Horry Chapter #48, Conway
September 24, 2013 ........................................ Winyah Chapter #45, Georgetown
October 5, 2013 .............................................. Degree Work at Living Arch Chapter #21, Clemson
October 5, 2013 .............................................. Beulah Chapter #25, Sumter*
October 9, 2013 ............................................ Carolina Conclave Red Cross of Constantine
October 14, 2013 .............................................. Poinsett Chapter #16, Union
October 15, 2013 .............................................. Marion Chapter #35, Marion
October 21, 2013 .............................................. Mackey Chapter #15, York
October 22, 2013 .............................................. Burning Bush Chapter #7, Anderson
October 28, 2013 .............................................. Robert Elsner’s son,
                Samuel Court of Honor Eagle Scout Troop #54, Due West
October 2-26, 2013 ........................................ S.E. Regional RCC, Charleston
November 2, 2013 ........................................ All Saints Conclave, RCC, Columbia
November 9, 2013 ........................................ Degree Work, Clemson
November 11, 2013 ........................................ Signet Chapter #18, Newberry
November 16, 2013 ........................................ Piedmont York Rite College, Greenville
December 2, 2013 ........................................ Dedication for Sir Knight Donnie E. Richey, PREGC
December 7, 2013 ........................................ Knight Mason Council #20, Columbia
December 7, 2013 ........................................ Palmetto York Rite College #70, Columbia
December 15, 2013 ........................................ Easley #21 Christmas Observance, Easley
December 23, 2013 ........................................ Campbell’s Veteran Home, Anderson
January 4, 2014 ................................................ KYCH, Columbia
January 4, 2014 .............................................. Knight Mason Council #20, Columbia
January 11, 2014 .............................................. Statewide Educational Meeting, Columbia
February 24, 2014 ........................................ Grand Court SC Order of Amaranth, Myrtle Beach
March 9-11, 2014 .............................................. Grand York Rite, Myrtle Beach
HONORARY MEMBERSHIPS

I was presented Honorary Memberships and/or Chapter Pennies from most of the Chapters in this Grand Jurisdiction. I don’t have the words to say how much I appreciate this honor and the memories that you have given me.

OUT OF STATE VISITS

I received many invitations from other Grand Jurisdictions across this great nation but was only able to visit the following.

- March 17-19, 2013 ........ North Carolina Grand York Rite, New Bern, NC
- May 5-6, 2013 ...................... Georgia Grand York Rite, Macon GA
- May 18-22, 2013 .................... Florida Grand York Rite, Lake Mary, FL
- July 14-16, 2013 ..................... Summer Assembly, Maggie Valley, NC
- February 27-March 2, 2013 ...... Alabama Grand York Rite, Huntsville, AL

It was an honor and privilege to represent our Grand Royal Arch Chapter of South Carolina at these out of state visits and be a part of their meetings. It was a blessing to be received with such respect and dignified manner at all of the visits and to receive Honorary Memberships in our sister Grand Jurisdictions. Susan and I had a great time at each of these visits and would like to say thank you to all that made our visit so special.

GRAND LODGE OF ANCIENT FREEMasons

Companions, it was my honor to represent you at the Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free Masons of South Carolina. Susan and I were honored with an invitation to the Grand Master’s Banquet on Wednesday night before Grand Lodge. Most Worshipful Jay Pearson, Grand Master, had an enjoyable evening planned for all in attendance. Thank you, Most Worshipful Sir for the invitation, Susan and I had a very good time.

SOUTHEASTERN YORK RITE CONFERENCE

The Southeastern York Rite Conference was held in Tampa, FL on June 7-8, 2013. I am sorry to say that I was unable to attend. This is a very educational and informative meeting. This is an opportunity to meet and get to know the General Grand Chapter Officers and other companions from around the Southeastern Jurisdictions. The 2014 conference is scheduled to be held in Greenville South Carolina at the Embassy Suites, on June 13-14, 2014.

THE GREAT SMOKEY MOUNTAIN SUMMER ASSEMBLY

I have been attending the Summer Assembly sponsored by our companions in North Carolina for several years now. They really do a great job preparing for this annual meeting. The meeting are very casual, a time to relax and enjoy Maggie Valley. You will have the opportunity to meet and fellowship with companions and their family from around the world, and hear some extremely knowledgeable Masons speak. This year South Carolina was honored to have our own Most Worshipful Grand Master, David J. DeChant as one of the session speakers. Thank you companions from North Carolina my wife and grandson had a great time. We are looking forward to returning next year. Companions, if you have never been make plans to go and enjoy yourselves.

RECOMMENDATIONS

I recommend:
1. That the Grand Secretary’s office remains at 1518 Hampton Street, Columbia, only until such time a more suitable location is found and secured.
2. That a joint committee be appointed for the purpose of locating and securing a new more suitable location for the Grand York Rite Offices.
3. That the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of South Carolina continues to support RARA and the organizations they feel necessary to support.
4. That the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of South Carolina continues to support the youth organizations as the committee sees as appropriate.
5. That the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of South Carolina continues to retain its membership in the General Grand Chapter International and encourage each member to become a life member in the General Grand Chapter, thereby reducing our per capita cost to General Grand Chapter, International.

6. That the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of South Carolina continues to stress the Life Membership Program and its benefits.

7. That the local Chapters promote subscriptions to “The Royal Arch Mason” magazine and to the on-line newsletter.

8. That we continue fraternal relations with the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free Masons of South Carolina and the other Appendant Bodies.

9. That we continue to have the State Educational Meeting in Columbia on the second Saturday of January using the same format as in the last two years.

10. That each Chapter open and close at least four times a year in due form and continues to support the Mentor program and promoting York Rite.

11. That each High Priest selects a Companion from his Chapter for the General Grand Chapter Medal.

12. That the historic and valuable regalia and jewels of the Grand York Rite, be appraised by a certified appraiser, and that replacement value insurance be obtained to protect the loss of these assets, including but not limited to:
   - The Chapter Burger ring and its replica
   - The Council silver trowel
   - The Commandery Grand Commander’s Jewel

13. That the finance committee looks long and hard at the finances of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of South Carolina and prepare for the future financial stability of our Grand Chapter.

14. That due to the price of gas, the Grand High Priest’s traveling expenses be increased to $2,000.00, as this will still only cover approximately half of his expenses.

**CONCLUSION**

Companions, this has been a fast year, I don’t have the words to express how much this year has meant to me. It has been a humbling experience for this old country boy to be elected to serve you.

I want to first thank God and my Savior Jesus Christ for his blessings, guidance, and allowing me the good fortune to be here today.

Let me express my sincere thanks, to the Officers, elected and appointed, your support has been excellent this year and greatly appreciated.

I would again like to thank the Past Grand Officers for their support over this past year; I could not have done this without you. Please let me know if there is any way I can help you.

To the Companions of Anderson York Rite Bodies; thank you for your support and mentoring to prepare me for this honor. I love you all.

To Glenn, Nelson, and Mike, I hope all of you enjoy your time as I did as you advance. My support is here if and when you need it.

To Most Illustrious Companion Doug and Sir Knight Zeb REGC, again it has been such an honor this year serving with you both. Thank you for your support, friendship, and the fellowship we shared as we traveled together.

To my wife Susan, thank you for the love and support over this past year. We had a lot of fun traveling together this year. We will never forget that Hotel. Although it was very late most nights when I got home, it was a good feeling when I arrived home to see the porch light on and you opening the door to welcome me home.

Again, I would like to thank each of you for giving me this opportunity to serve you. May God Bless you in everything you do.

Respectfully submitted:

Marcus L. Burdette
ME Grand High Priest

*Referred to the Committee on Topical Reference...*
REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TOPICAL REFERENCE

To: The Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of South Carolina:

We have reviewed the Address of the Grand High Priest and note with appreciation his dedication, fidelity and zeal for the craft.

We recommend the following matters be referred to the committees named:

1. To the Committee on Necrology, all matters pertaining to Necrology.
2. To the Committee on Membership, all matters pertaining to Membership and No. 6, 7 and 10.
3. To the Committee on Fraternal Relations, all matters pertaining to the appointments of Representatives to other Grand Jurisdictions, visitations both in and out of state, and Recommendation Nos. 5 and 8.
4. To the Committee on Jurisprudence, all matters pertaining to By-laws, Dual Memberships, Decisions and Dispensations.
5. To the Committee on Royal Arch Research, Recommendation No.3.
6. To the Committee on Education, Recommendation Nos. 9 and 10.
7. To the Committee on Finance, Recommendation Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 9, 12, 13 and 14.
8. To the Committee on Masonic Youth Organizations, Recommendation No. 4.
9. To the Committee on General Grand Chapter Medal, Recommendation No. 11.
10. To the craft in general, Recommendation Nos. 6, 7, 10 and 11.

Fraternally submitted,

Robert J. Bean, Sr (31 & 48), Chairman

Adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FRATERNAL RELATIONS

To: The Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of South Carolina:

Your committee commends Most Excellent Companion Marcus L. Burdette, Grand High Priest Grand High Priest, on his leadership for 2013-2014. He has represented South Carolina Royal Arch Masonry with dignity and honor in all his visits both in and out of state.

Your committee approves and commends the following appointments of Grand Representatives to other Grand Jurisdictions:

- Nelson Horton ........................................................... Connecticut
- Michael Broom ........................................................... Hawaii
- Gerald Burton ............................................................ Nevada
- Walter C. Disher ........................................................ New York
- James W. Lyle............................................................. Utah

Your Committee approves and recommends recommendations Nos. 5 and 8 of the M.E. Grand High Priest’s Address.

The Grand Chapter of South Carolina continues to be in harmony with the World of Royal Arch Masonry.

Fraternally submitted

L. Aubrey Haynes (4 & 7), Chairman

Adopted.

Floyd W. Goff (4) Albert J. Wyatt (15)
GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF SOUTH CAROLINA
GRAND TREASURER’S REPORT  February 28, 2014

To: The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of South Carolina, I hereby submit my
annual report covering the period March 1, 2013, through February 28, 2014.

MARCH 01, 2013 - BALANCES - Cost Basis

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**ACCOUNTS TOTAL** $205,163.81

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**RECEIPT TOTALS** $35,233.91

TOTAL ACCOUNTS + RECEIPTS $240,397.72

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**TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS** $38,288.94

TOTAL TO ACCOUNT FOR $202,108.78

(Accounts + Receipts + Disbursements)

FEBRUARY 28, 2014 - BALANCES - Cost basis

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**ACCOUNTS TOTAL** $202,108.78

* Escrow Held until 2023

I appreciate the cooperation received from our Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Most Excellent Companion Marcus L. Burdette, our Right Excellent Grand Secretary, Right Excellent Companion Johnnie T. Morris, and especially our Secretary, Judy Morris.

Fraternally Submitted,

H. Ted Burgess, Grand Treasurer
REPORT OF GRAND SECRETARY

To: The Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of South Carolina:

I hereby submit my annual report covering the period March 1, 2013 through February 28, 2014.

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The C. J. Peterson Award this year goes to Excelsior Chapter No. 23 for the largest percentage gain of 5.56%. The E. V. Hinton Award for the largest numerical gain of three (3) for the year goes to Marion Chapter No. 35; Marion Chapter No. 21 had a numerical gain of one (1). Excelsior Chapter No. 23 had a numerical gain of two (2).

We had a net loss in the Grand Chapter of 265, bringing our total membership down to 3,640.

Fraternally submitted,
Johnnie T. Morris, Grand Secretary

Referred to Finance Committee and later adopted
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**Grand Royal Arch Chapter**

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REPORT OF AUDITING COMMITTEE

To: The Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of South Carolina:

We herewith submit our report.

We have this day, March 4, 2014, examined the books of the Grand Treasurer and the Grand Secretary and find them neatly and correctly kept and all funds accounted for.

The balance of the Grand Treasurer is as follows:

- Wells Fargo Bank (Checking) .................. $ 300.00
- Wells Fargo Money Market ................. 38,037.64
- Merrill Lynch WCMA ....................... 100,000.00
- Edward Jones Investments .................. 60,000.04
- Cash on hand (To be deposited) .......... 3,771.10
- Total ........................................... 202,108.78

Fraternally submitted,

Dana Rickards (13), Chairman

Adopted….

Lee Roy Bruce, Sr. (41) Doug Lee (55)

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NECROLOGY

To: The Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of South Carolina:

During the past 12 months, God in His divine plan has chosen to call from this transitory life to the Celestial life above 137 of our companions. Among that number was Marvin O. Burton, Past Grand High Priest. We mourn the passing of our brothers and companions, and our sympathies are extended to their families and friends as we consider our loss. We pray that they look to our heavenly Father for strength, guidance, and comfort in times of need. We give thanks to God for the work they have accomplished, the influences they have exerted, and the contributions they made to the world as they served God and man.

For those of us who remain, let us carefully improve the various scenes of life through which we pass. Let us humbly ask for guidance to improve the time still remaining to us, so that when our labors on earth are ended that we shall have cause to thank God that grace which has enabled us to do His blessed will.

Let us earnestly seek that spiritual life, which cannot be destroyed by death. Let us remember that the man, who is spiritually alive, may look at death with boldness, and bid defiance to its utmost rage. He has nothing to fear for God is with him. Angels wait to conduct him to regions of immortality. And even this perishing body will rise again, to die no more.

So Companions with a strong faith, let us stand together to remember our brothers and call upon the Name that is above every name. Love one another.

Fraternally submitted,

Haywood Fowler (48), Chairman

Adopted….

Robert L. Blackwell (5) Edward Suggs 48,35

Johnnie T. Morris (5)
In Memoriam

MARVIN ODELL BURTON

Most Excellent Grand High Priest, R. A. M. of SC 2001-02

September 15, 1928 – October 17, 2013

Marvin Odell Burton was born September 15, 1928, near Westminster, SC. He attended schools in Oconee and Greenville Counties, earning Associate Degrees in Accounting, General Business and Computer Science. He was married to the former Velma Ree (Polly) Haulbrook, who passed away in January 2010. Together, they had three children: Barbara Yvonne, who passed away at birth; Marvin Terry; and James Samuel (Sam), PGC. Additionally, he had three granddaughters, four great-granddaughters, and one great-grandson. Marvin and Polly attended and were members of Rider Mountain PFH Church of Westminster.

Most Excellent Companion (MEC) Marvin entered the United States Air Force in the closing days of World War II and remained on active duty during the Cold War years. His career in the USAF was in the Air Traffic Control field. He attained the enlisted rank of Master Sergeant (E-7) and retired on May 31, 1968. He then continued his work career with Jantzen Southern and again retired in 1991 at age 63.

MEC Marvin began his Masonic journey when he was initiated as an Entered Apprentice on September 7, 1978, in Blue Ridge Lodge No. 92 AFM, in Walhalla, SC, passed to a Fellow Craft on October 14, and raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason on November 24 that same year. He served his lodge as Worshipful Master in 1984 and many years as Chaplain.

MEC Marvin continued his journey in the Clemson York Rite Bodies. He was exalted as a Royal Arch Mason in Living Arch Chapter No. 21 in the Spring Class of 1979 and served as Excellent High Priest in 1985. He served as the Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of New York (appointed in 1995) near the Grand Chapter of South Carolina. He was greeted as a Royal and Select Master in Living Arch Council No. 32 and served as Illustrious Master in 1982 and 1996. He served the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of South Carolina as D.D.I.G.M. He served as the Grand Representative of the Grand Council of California (appointed in 1992) near the Grand Council of South Carolina. He was dubbed and created a Knight Templar in S. Manor Martin Commandery No. 17 and served as Eminent Commander in 1984.

MEC Marvin's other Masonic affiliations throughout his life were: 32° Scottish Rite Mason with the Valley of Greenville, Noble of Hejaz Temple A.A.O.N.M.S., Super Excellent Master, Convention of Anointed High Priest, Council of Three Illustrious Masters, and Assembly of Knight Crusaders of the Cross. Also, he was a member and past president of the 15th Masonic District Past Masters Club, SC Council #20 - Knight Masons, Palmetto York Rite College #70, Piedmont York Rite College #84, Golden Corner Council AMD #361, Palmetto Priory #54 KYCH, All Saints Conclave Red Cross of Constantine, and a Life Sponsor of the Knight Templar Eye Foundation. He held a life membership in the Blue Lodge, York Rite, and Knight Masons. Additionally, he was a life member of the American Legion, Veteran of Foreign Wars, and the Retired Enlisted Association.

MEC Marvin was appointed Eminent Grand Sentinel, Illustrious Grand Sentinel, and Excellent Grand Sentinel of the Grand York Rite Bodies of South Carolina in 1992 and served in that position for 6 years. In the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of South Carolina, he was elected as Right Excellent Grand Scribe, in 1998, Right Excellent Grand King, in 1999, Right Excellent Deputy Grand High Priest, in 2000, and as the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, in 2001.

Following the passing of Polly, his wife, MEC Marvin spent the last several years in an assisted living facility due to his health concerns. He was attended by his family and loved to talk about his life and, especially, the time he served as Grand High Priest.

In the early morning hours of October 17, 2013, MEC Marvin was called home by our Heavenly Father where he is now re-united with loved ones who have gone on before him.

Sincerely and Fraternally Submitted,
J. Sam Burton, Son
REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON (RARA)
ROYAL ARCH RESEARCH ASSISTANCE

To: The Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of South Carolina:

Your Committee on Royal Arch Research Assistance makes the following report for the period of March 1, 2013 through March 7, 2014.

Royal Arch Research Assistance (RARA) is a not for profit 501c-3 tax exempt organization incorporated in the state of Kentucky in 1974. Three years ago the charity moved from support of one researcher and one office working on Central Auditory Processing Disorder (CAPD) to support of three organizations, all working on CAPD research with direct researchers at the University of Connecticut together with Autism Speaks and The Hearing Health Foundation offering national services and with opportunities for local involvement. RARA is expanding its research service to our country and indeed, the world. A new pamphlet on RARA has been produced which explains more fully the new direction our charity has taken in its support of research into CAPD. Copies of this pamphlet are available from your chairman. There is also a power point presentation available which can be made available to any chapter for use as an educational program.

Autism Speaks now recognizes Royal Arch Masons as a Visionary Donor (the top level) in its publications. Many chapters have experienced benefits from public exposure and have actually exalted new companions as a result of participation in their fund raising walks. Currently there are not any walks set for South Carolina, so why doesn’t your chapter organize on for your area?

During the past year, your chairman was privileged to tour the facilities of Dr. Frank Musiek at the University of Connecticut and was greatly impressed with his efforts. Dr. Musiek is one of the leading authorities in the field of CAPD and is the author of several medical texts which are considered the Bible of CAPD by many in the medical profession. Dr. Musiek has announced that he will be moving to the University of Arizona, the fifth ranked Research University in the country, this fall, to continue his work. The RARA Board of Directors, therefore, decided to move their funding along with him.

Companions, we would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the support you have shown for our philanthropy since our last Annual Convocation. As well as commending your Grand High Priest in promoting our charity.

During the year the number of chapters donating through your committee chairman decreased by two last year to a total of fifteen (15).

During the year, memorials totaling $100.00 (down 56%) were received in memory of Companions Gerald W. Thomas, James Ellis Evans, Robert C. Lake, Jr. and Marvin O. Burton, PGHP. Companions, Memorials are an excellent way to honor our companions that have passed on to that undiscovered country from whose born no traveler ever returns and we urge all chapters to adopt this practice.

Total donations recorded during the year decreased by 56.8% to a total of $2526.00, however the P-Pot donations for 2013 are not included in this total as they were last year.

There were ten (10) chapters (down 3 from last year) that earned Gold certificates for giving at the $100 or more level: Burning Bush No. 7, Franklin No. 9, Mackey No. 15, Poinsett No. 16, Delta No. 20, Living Arch No. 21, Campbell No. 31, Chicora No. 33, Horry No. 48, and Gaffney No. 55.

Ten (10) chapters qualified for 100% certificates (a decrease of 2) with donations totaling at least $1 per member: Franklin No. 9, Poinsett No. 16, Delta No. 20, Excelsior No. 23, Campbell No. 31, Chicora No. 33, Marion No. 35, Horry No. 48, Gaffney No. 55 and Myrtle Beach No. 64.

Chicora No. 33 earned one of the distinctive R.A.R.A. Lapel Pins with one diamond for making a single contribution of $500.00 or more.
Four other chapters made donations, Columbia No. 5, Burning Bush No. 7, Eureka No. 13, Mackey No. 15 and Signet No. 18.

Chicora Chapter No. 33 in Spartanburg led the way in total contributions with $500.00. The top chapter in donations per member was also Delta No. 20 with $2.25 per member.

The Lucius and Margaret Todd Fund donated $100.00. Other donations were received from Lyllian Goff, the Convention of Anointed High Priests, Dentsville Lodge No. 398 and the Square & Compass Club of the Midlands.

South Carolina remains in eighth position internationally and third in the Eastern Region behind Florida and Georgia.

Fraternally submitted:
Robert J. Bean, Sr., (31 & 48) PGHP Chairman
A. Glenn Greene (35) DGHP       Nelson Horton (55) GK       Michael J. Broom (5) GS
Carl R. Truesdale (4) PGHP       Gary N. Martin (55) PGHP       Floyd W. Goff (4) PGHP

***Sir Knight H. Ted Burgess, SE Department Commander, presented a check for $851.89 to RARA from the Lucius A. and Margaret B. Todd Fund.
*** ME Marcus Burdette, Grand High Priest, presented a check for $810.00 to RARA collected during the year from the P-Pot.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MEMBERSHIP

To the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of South Carolina:

Your committee on Membership submits the following report for the year 2013:

The subordinate chapters of this Grand Jurisdiction exalted 86 new companions, reinstated 16 and affiliated 58, with an error of 9, for an increase of 169. Called home by the Grand Architect 137, demitted 77, suspended or expelled 4, and NPD 210, errors of 6 for a total decrease of 434 and a decline of 265.

Congratulations go to Excelsior #23 in Cheraw and to Marion #35 in Marion for having no NPDs.

Congratulations also go to the following for having a net gain:

Excelsior #23 Cheraw +2 Marion #35 Marion +3

Companions, we have to work harder to stop the NPDs. We are losing 2 ½ times as many NPDs as we’re exalting. We have to keep our meetings as interesting and educational as possible. If the brethren realize how important it is to our craft for every one of them to take part in all the proceedings of Lodge work, it might give them the incentive to attend and participate. We need to address the issues of NPDs and reinstatements statewide. Let us all commit to working to improve our status for the next year.

We congratulate all the chapters who continue to confer good work and exalt new companions. Nineteen of the twenty-six chapters exalted new companions. If we continue this, we may well see an improvement to our decline in membership.

Recommendations:

1. Continue to promote life membership.
2. Have interesting educational programs at teach meeting.
4. Keep an open dialogue with companions to receive their input as to what could draw more interest.
5. Keep up the good work.

Fraternally submitted,
Floyd W. Goff, (4) Chairman
A. Glenn Greene, DGHP (35) Nelson Horton, GK (55) Michael J. Broom, GS (5)
Adopted.
REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BY-LAWS

To: The Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of South Carolina:

The Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of South Carolina having adopted “The York Rite Life Membership Program – The Fund” at the 1988 Annual Convocation, your Committee recommends that the following Article be added to the Constitution of the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of South Carolina, thereby, acknowledging the adoption of the Life Membership program in the Grand Chapter’s Constitution and By-Laws:

ARTICLE IX

York Rite Life Membership Program - “The Fund”

The Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of South Carolina having adopted the “York Rite Life Membership Program – The Fund” at the 1988 Annual Convocation shall together with its subordinate Chapters conform to and abide by the rules and regulations as set forth by the York Rite Life Membership Program – “The Fund”. All amendments to the York Rite Life Membership Program shall be submitted to the Grand Chapter at the Annual Convocation for approval.

Most Excellent Grand High Priest, we move for unanimous approval of the addition of the proposed Article IX to the Constitution of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of South Carolina and the adoption of this report.

Fraternally submitted,

Gerald L. Carver (18), Chairman
Albert J. Wyatt (15)
Floyd W. Goff (4)

Adopted…

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHARTERS AND DISPENSATIONS

To: The Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of South Carolina:

The Committee on Charters and Dispensations wishes to make the following report.

No dispensations or charters for new chapters were issued during the year. All other dispensations were of a routine nature and are on file in the Grand Secretary’s office. We recommend that these dispensations be approved.

Fraternally submitted,

G. Kent Elkins (22), Chairman
Floyd W. Goff (4)
Gary N. Martin (55)
Grady L. Lanier, Jr. (16)

Adopted.
GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER MEDAL FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE

To: The Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of South Carolina:

Your committee appointed to select a recipient for the General Grand Chapter Medal for Meritorious Service is pleased to announce the name of Companion Bobby Leon Jarrell of Delta Chapter No. 20, Hampton, SC to receive this distinguished honor. This selection was based on Companion Jarrell’s service to his Chapter, the entire York Rite Family and his Masonic Lodge. He is a mainstay in his Chapter and an example of what this honor stands for, one who has gone above and beyond in the service of his Chapter and Masonry.

Your committee wishes to thank those Chapters and High Priest or Secretaries who took the time to submit a worthy Companion for this honor. Companions we are sad to report that only three Chapters did submit a worthy Companion to be considered for this honor. It is our hope that more High Priests in this Grand Chapter will take the time and consider one who is truly worthy in their Chapter.

On behalf of the Grand Chapter of South Carolina,

Respectfully submitted,

Lloyd F. Christopher, PGHP (1) Chairman
A. Glenn Greene, III DGHP (35) Nelson D. Horton GK (55)

Adopted.

RECIPIENTS OF THE GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER SILVER MEDAL

* 1975 Hugh N. Layne (33)  2005 Johnnie T. Morris (5)
* 2011 Carl R. Truesdale (4)

RECIPIENTS OF THE GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER BRONZE MEDAL

* 1951 Ben T. Jones (35)  1984 J. Frank Gilliland (21)
* 1952 Victor Berry, Jr. (46)  1985 Johnnie P. Lucas (19)
* 1953 The above 2 were given 1953  1986 James T. Berry (13)
* 1955 A.S.J. McDowell (33)  1988 Ronald M. Becknell (32)
* 1956 Harry Stiller (5)  1989 Martin H. Price (4)
* 1957 Harry R. Stevens (1)  1990 Fred D. Looney (7)
* 1958 R. W. Coleman (9)  1991 Walter G. Underwood (64)
* 1959 Pinckney N. Abrams (18)  1992 Marvin N. DeYoung (54)
** 1960 Sumter G. Bishop, Jr. (6)  1993 Russell J. Bell (25)
* 1961 George H. Rodgers (1)  1994 Ronald G. Winn (20)
** 1962 Bobbie F. Ayers (13)  1995 Joseph L. McGee (5)
* 1963 Frank B. McCoy (41)  1996 Jerry A. Holt (25)
* 1964 Samuel H. Harden (9)  1997 Edwin A. Vincent, Sr. (20)
* 1965 J. Erskine Thompson (19)  1998 James Dover (41)
* 1966 T. H. McPherson (31)  1999 Samuel M. Willis (21)
* 1967 Samuel Aiken (22)  2000 Harold L. Taylor (63)
* 1968 Lemuel W. Pittman (58)  2001 Herman L. Resch (1)
* 1969 Velve E. Bentley (16)  2002 Wayne C. Smith, Jr. (5)
* 1970 David F. Merril (47)  2003 W. Eldred Johnson (48)
* 1971 Burrell R. Wells (5)  2004 Bernard J. Heavey, Jr. (64)
* 1972 Lawrence H. Jones (4)  2005 Howard C. Tucker (33)
* 1973 Joe M. Black (7)  2006 Dean Tollison (16)
* 1974 George W. Heller, Sr. (18)  2007 Gary B. Jolley (55)
* 1975 J. L. Kemp (37)  2008 Walter H. Johnson (33)
* 1976 J.O. Cartrette (48)  2009 Jon G. Lindsey (15)
* 1977 Clifford D. Parsons (45)  2010 Charles D. Snyder (1)
* 1979 Tommy Hardwick (35)  2012 William F. Rogers (35)
* 1980 John N. Grice (5)  2013 Allen Owens (16)
* 1981 J. P. Jeffcoat (22)  2014 Bobby Leon Jarrell (20)
* 1982 William A. Todd (20)
* 1983 C. E. Longberry, Jr. (25)

* Deceased  ** Not Affiliated
PROJECTED INCOME AND EXPENSES FOR GRAND CHAPTER

Estimated income by member per capita

- 2390 members @ $10.50 = $25,095.00
- Investment income = $3,770.00
- Estimated total income = $28,865.00

Estimated expenses = $38,011.00

Gain/Loss = (-$9,146.00)

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS 2014

A) We recommend a $4.50 per capita increase to $15 per member to achieve a balanced budget. Our recommendation will support our Grand Chapter without having to deplete our investment accounts as we have had to do for the past 10+ years.

B) We recommend that the Grand Secretary be authorized to appropriate sufficient funds to cover the expense of purchasing consumable supplies.

We recommend approval of the Annual Reports referred to this Committee by the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary.

We recommend that the Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary and Chairman of the Finance Committee be authorized to invest funds at their discretion in Government Bonds, AAA Utility Bonds and insured Savings and Loan Certificates.

We recommend that if the M.E. Grand High Priest and/or the Right Excellent Deputy Grand High Priest are unable to attend the Southeastern York Rite Conference and the RE Grand King and/or the RE Grand Scribe do attend, that the budgeted funds be given to the RE Grand King and Scribe.

We recommend continued assistance to R.A.R.A.

We recommend the continued support of youth groups as contained in the Grand Chapter budget.

We recommend that the Grand Secretary-Recorder maintain office space at 1518 Hampton Street, Columbia, S.C. for another year unless more suitable space is found at a comparable rental rate.

We recommend that the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of South Carolina continue to support the General Grand Chapter International.

We cannot recommend at this time the Grand High Priest’s recommendations No. 12 and No. 14 because of insufficient funds.

Fraternally submitted,
Michael Copeland (7), Chairman

Adopted except (A)
George Peters (33)  Richard Wesner (64)

Proposed change to THE LAW OF ROYAL ARCH MASONRY OF THE MOST EXCELLENT GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF SOUTH CAROLINA:

Section XIV – Chapter Fees and Dues – Paragraph 2 (2) currently reads:

2. (a.) Every Chapter under this jurisdiction shall pay Ten Dollars and fifty cents (10.50) per annum for every life member and annual member of the Chapter, except Ministers of God who may be exempt from dues by its laws. (AMENDED 1994, 2006, 2008 and 2010)

Proposed Change would read as follows:

2. (a.) Every Chapter under this jurisdiction shall pay Fifteen dollars (15.00) per annum for every life member and annual member of the Chapter, except Ministers of God who may be exempt from dues by its laws. (AMENDED 1994, 2006, 2008, 2010, and XXX)

Note: XXXX = Year amendment approved.

This Amendment is seconded by:
G. Ray Marsh
Robert J. Bean, Jr.
Robert J. Bean, Sr.
Dana P. Rickards
Walter P. Davis

Proposed change will be considered at the 2015 Grand Convocation.
REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE

To: The Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of South Carolina:

Your Committee on Jurisprudence has studied the Grand High Priest’s address on topics related to Jurisprudence and is pleased to make the following report:

We congratulate ME Companion, Marcus L. Burdette, on the manner in which he has conducted the business of this Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons. He is to be commended on his leadership abilities.

ME Companion Burdette has represented our beloved Grand Royal Arch Chapter in a most professional manner as he has traveled to the 26 Royal Arch Chapters in South Carolina and to other Grand Jurisdictions. He has represented not only the membership but Capitular Masonry as a whole always being positive about Royal Arch Masonry!

Most Excellent Companion Burdette has done an excellent job in making sure that the laws of this Grand Chapter were followed in all his decisions and informing the subordinate Chapters that he expected them to do likewise.

We also approve of the Grand High Priest’s actions in approving the By-Law changes for the following Chapter:

Living Arch Chapter No. 21, Clemson

This Chapter updated these By-Laws and printed them in a pamphlet form which is an improvement and makes it better for the Companions.

Your Committee on Jurisprudence approves of Most Excellent Companion Burdette granting dual memberships to the following Companions:

Companion James L. Chubb – Carolina Chapter #1 with Eureka Chapter #13
Companion Ronald G. Jacoby – Carolina Chapter #1 with Eureka Chapter #13
Companion Albert S. Couch, III – Carolina Chapter #1 with Eureka Chapter #13
Companion James D. Strickland – Columbia Chapter #15 with Signet Chapter #18

It is our hope that these Companions will prove productive as dual members in these Chapters.

All dispensations were of a routine nature and issued in accordance with standard procedures and are on file in the office of the Grand Secretary.

We are pleased to announce that ME Companion Burdette was not called on to make any decisions during this Masonic year. Harmony continues to prevail in our Grand Chapter.

We can find nothing in the Grand High Priest’s recommendations that requires the attention of this committee.

In closing, on behalf of the Jurisprudence Committee, we extend our heartfelt gratitude to ME Companion Marcus L. Burdette for all of this hard work and dedication which made not only this Grand Chapter but Freemasonry as a whole a better Fraternity!

Fraternally submitted,

G. Ray Marsh

Adopted...

Carl Truesdale, PGHP (4)  Richard A. Wesner, PGC (64)
PRESENTATION OF GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER METAL
ED VINCENT

To: The Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of South Carolina:

In 1978 I became active in all Masonic Bodies in Charleston and moved my memberships from Germany to Charleston.

As I reflect back over the years since 1978, I would like to take a walk down “The Masonic Memory Lane” and reflect on the Giants that served this Grand Lodge, this Grand Chapter, this Grand Council, this Grand Commandery and our Scottish Rite. The names which follow were true Blue, true Red, true Purple and true Black through and through. Those colors being the colors of this Grand York Rite Family of Freemasonry.


In the Grand Chapter, John H. Wynn, Past Grand High Priest, William S. Tyler, Past Grand High Priest, these two active in Charleston. Vernon A. Amick, Past Grand High Priest, Everette T. Deitz, Past Grand High Priest, R. Henry Brown, Past Grand High Priest and no one can ever forget Willard F. Bond, Past Grand High Priest.


In the Grand Commandery, John B. Maxey, Past Grand Commander and Andrew C. Gramling, Jr., Past Grand Commander.

As we gather here today for our Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter, many old timers in this place like me, will never forget those names. Their leadership, dedication, conduct and character made this Grand Body even greater. There were many more that God called home and could be added to the list of great Masons who served these bodies. If I added all the Great Names that have served this Fraternity we would be here for hours.

Today it is my honor to remember another great member of the York Rite. He never served in the Grand East of any Masonic Body. He did hold numerous appointed positions in the Grand Bodies. When approached to place his name in nomination for one of the Grand York Rite bodies, his reply to me was I am too old and my health is failing, otherwise, I believe his name would have been added to the list of those great men and Masons.

Brother, Companion and Sir Knight, Edwin A. Vincent served this Fraternity for over 45 years of his life. He was a humble man, true to his beliefs and convictions. Having personally known Ed for over 35 years, I can attest to this man’s dedication and devotion to the principles and ideals of this Masonic Fraternity. Ed was true Blue, true Red, true Purple and true Black through and through. In the Scottish Rite, he was true Black, Red and White, those being the colors of the caps worn in the Scottish Rite.

In 1997, Companion Edwin A. Vincent received the General Grand Chapter Medal for his service to this Grand Chapter.

Ed received many honors and was to receive the Order of the Purple Cross, but was called home two weeks before he received that high honor.

At the request of his daughter Joann Vincent and his widow, Anne Vincent, it is there wish that the General Grand Chapter Metal Ed Vincent received in 1997 be given back to the Grand Chapter.

Thank you and God bless.

Lloyd F. Christopher, PGHP

Chairman General Grand Chapter Medal Committee
ELECTION AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

ELECTED

A. Glenn Greene, III (35) ..................................... M. E. Grand High Priest
Nelson D. Horton (55) ........................................ R. E. Deputy Grand High Priest
Michael J. Broom (5) ........................................ R. E. Grand King
James W. Lyle (21) .......................................... R. E. Grand Scribe
H. Ted Burgess (7) ........................................... R. E. Grand Treasurer
Johnnie T. Morris (5) ....................................... R. E. Grand Secretary
Haywood Fowler (48) ........................................ E. Grand Chaplain

APPOINTED

Acy Flora (5) .................................................. E. Grand Captain of the Host
Buster Rogers (35) .......................................... E. Grand Principal Sojourner
Walter “Cal” Disher (13) ................................... E. Grand Royal Arch Captain
Jonathan D. Miller (37) ................................... E. Grand Master of Third Veil
Richard L. Swecker (22) ................................ E. Grand Master of Second Veil
Ricky C. Freeman (31) ................................... E. Grand Master of First Veil
Jerry O. Glenn (22) .......................................... E. Grand Sentinel

R. E. DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND HIGH PRIESTS

Ricky Chubb (1) ........................................... First District
James C. Clifford (5) ..................................... Second District
Steve Fields (21) .......................................... Third District
Tony Bizakis (15) .......................................... Fourth District
Wayne Jones (25) .......................................... Fifth District
Thomas H. Lee, Jr. (35) ................................... Sixth District

INSTALLATION

The officers elected and appointed were presented west of the Altar. ME Past Grand High Priest Robert J. Bean, Jr. was the installing officer; with the assistance of MI Past Grand Master J. Gordon Carrette as Installing Marshal and ME Past Grand High Priest Michael Copeland as the Installing Grand Chaplain.

PRESENTATION OF APRON AND CASE

M. E. Companion Marcus L. Burdette, presented the Most Excellent Grand High Priest’s apron and carrying case to Most Excellent Companion A. Glenn Greene, III.

THE BURGER RING

The Burger Ring, which is now 141 years old, was turned over to Most Excellent Companion A. Glenn Greene, III (to wear on special occasions) by the past Junior Grand High Priest Marcus L. Burdette. The ring is to be placed in the safe of the Grand Lodge in charge of the Grand Secretary of the M. W. Grand Lodge of S. C. The Grand High Priest will pick up the ring with the proper receipt, to wear upon special occasions and return the ring for safe keeping to the Grand Secretary. He was also presented the substitute ring to wear.

PAST GRAND HIGH PRIEST’S JEWEL

The Most Excellent Grand High Priest Jewel was presented by the Junior Past Grand High Priest Grady L. Lanier, Jr. to Most Excellent Marcus L. Burdette.
R. E. DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND HIGH PRIESTS

FIRST DISTRICT
Ricky Chubb (1) .......................................... 327 Tumbler Ave., Cross, SC 29436-9167
Carolina #1 – Charleston
Eureka #13 – Orangeburg
Delta #20 – Hampton

SECOND DISTRICT
James C. Clifford (5) .................................... PO Box 376, Ballentine, SC 29002-0376
Kadoshayah #41 – Aiken
Signet #18 – Newberry
Greenwood #37 – Greenwood
Columbia #5 – Columbia

THIRD DISTRICT
Steve Fields (21) ............................................. 105 Blue Ridge Dr., Clemson, SC 29631-1712
Rising Sun #6 – Laurens
Living Arch #21 – Clemson
Pickens #47 – Easley
Burning Bush #7 – Anderson
Cyrus #22 – Greenville

FOURTH DISTRICT
Tony Bizakis (15) ........................................... 511 Stephanie Ln., Rock Hill, SC 29730-6136
Franklin #9 – Chester
Chicora #33 – Spartanburg
Poinsett #16 – Union
Mackey #15 – York
Gaffney #55 – Gaffney

FIFTH DISTRICT
Wayne Jones (25) ........................................... 105 Quarter Mile Rd., Sumter, SC 29153-8778
Rising Star #4 – Camden
Keystone #19 – Lancaster
Beulah #25 – Sumter
Excelsior #23 – Chesterfield

SIXTH DISTRICT
Thomas H. Lee, Jr. (35) .............................. 3443 Highway 57 S, Dillon, SC 29536-7495
Campbell #31 – Florence
Marion #35 – Marion
Horry #48 – Conway
Myrtle Beach #64 – Myrtle Beach
Winyah #45 - Georgetown

NAMES & ADDRESSES OF LIVING M. E. PAST GRAND HIGH PRIESTS
1966-67 Jay Horne (37) Kitty ...................................... 178 Highland Dr., Greenwood SC 29649
1969-70 J. C. Hubbard, Jr. (21) Margaret .................. 150 Downs Blvd., #A214, Clemson SC 29631
1980-81 G. Ray Marsh (7) Mary Ann ....................... 1417 Alpine Dr., W. Columbia SC 29169
1985-86 G. Kent Elkins (22) Linda ............................. 307 Wembley Dr., Greenville SC 29607
1988-89 V. Ronald DuBose (1) Montye .................. 41 Manchester Rd., Charleston SC 29407
1991-92 Robert J. Bean, Sr. (31) Becky ..................... P.O. Box 3667, Florence SC 29502
1995-96 Lloyd F. Christopher (1) Joanne ..................... 2931 Foxhall Rd., Charleston SC 29414
1996-97 Walter P. Davis (22) Joann .............................. 37 Adger Dr., Pelzer SC 29669
1997-98 Sam D. McJunkin (21) Linda .......................... 519 Seneca Dr., Seneca SC 29678
1999-00 Carl R. Truesdale (4) .................. 2125 Airline Dr., Camden SC 29020
2002-03 Eric A. Meace (64) Betty Jean ..................... 1553 Brookgreen Dr., Myrtle Beach SC 29577
2003-04 Floyd W. Goff (4) Lillian ........................... 1474 Kennedy Rd., Lugoff SC 29078
2004 * Joseph L. McGee (5) Mary ................................ 1616 Upland Dr., Columbia SC 29204
2004-05 Albert J. Wyatt (15) ............................... 1083 St. Paul Church Rd., Clover SC 29710
2005-06 L. Aubrey Haynes, Sr. (4) ...................... 225 Kingswood Dr., Winnsboro SC 29180
2006-07 Robert V. Pinkston, Sr. (1) Betty .................... 834 Ribaut Rd., Beaufort SC 29902
2007-08 Michael E. Copeland (7) Joan ....................... 18 River Drive Ext., Williamston SC 29697
2008-09 Gary N. Martin (55) Lynn ............................. 110 Saxon Dr., Gaffney SC 29341
2009-10 Dana P. Rickards (13) Cynthia ...................... 5411 Bamberg Rd., Cope SC 29038
2010-11 Charles M. Schofield (5) Connie .................... 147 Dickert Drive, Lexington, SC 29073
2011-12 Robert J. Bean, Jr. (35) Kimberly .................. 1807 Old River Rd., Fork, SC 29543
2013-14 Marcus L. Burdette (7) Susan ....................... 910 Old Bell Rd., Iva, SC 29655
2014 * Johnnie T. Morris (5) Judy ........................... PO Box 7463, Columbia, SC 29202

* HONORARY – PAST GRAND HIGH PRIEST
2013 – 2014 COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

The Grand High Priest announced the following committees for 2013-2014:

- **APPEALS AND GRIEVANCES:** Lloyd F. Christopher (1), Chairman; Don S. Blair (33), Robert D. Yonce (41)
- **AUDITING:** Dana Rickards (13), Chairman; Lee Roy Bruce, Sr. (41), Douglas Lee (55)
- **BY-LAWS:** Gerald L. Carver (37), Chairman; Albert J. Wyatt (15), Robert J. Bean, Sr. (35), Dana P. Rickards (13)
- **CHARTERS AND DISPENSATIONS:** G. Kent Elkins (22), Chairman; Floyd W. Goff (4), Robert J. Bean, Sr. (35), Floyd W. Goff (4)
- **CREDENTIALS AND RETURNS:** Douglas G. Lee (55), Chairman; Robert J. Bean, Jr. (35), Robert J. Bean Sr. (35), Floyd W. Goff
- **EDUCATION:** A. Glenn Greene (35), Chairman; Nelson D. Horton (55), Michael J. Broom (5)
- **FINANCE:** Michael E. Copeland (7), Chairman; George Peters (33), Richard Wesner (64)
- **FRATERNAL RELATIONS:** L. Aubrey Haynes (4), Chairman; Albert J. Wyatt (15), Floyd W. Goff (4)
- **GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER MEDAL:** Lloyd F. Christopher (1), Chairman; Floyd W. Goff (4), Gary N. Martin (55), Grady L. Lanier, Jr. (16)
- **HONORARY PAST GRAND HIGH PRIESTS:** G. Kent Elkins (22), Chairman; A. Glenn Greene III (35), Nelson D. Horton (55), Michael J. Broom (5)
- **HONORARY PAST GRAND HIGH PRIESTS:** Floyd W. Goff (4), Chairman; G. Ray Marsh (7), Lloyd F. Christopher (1)
- **JURISPRUDENCE:** G. Ray Marsh (7), Chairman; A. Glenn Greene (35), Chairman; Robert J. Bean, Sr. (31, 48), J. Gordon Cartrette (35), Richard A. Wesner (1, 64)
- **LIFE MEMBERSHIP FUND:** A. Glenn Greene (35), Chairman; Robert J. Bean Sr. (31, 48), J. Gordon Cartrette (35), Johnnie T. Morris (5)
- **MASONIC YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS:** Robert J. Bean, Sr. (31, 48) Chairman; A. Glenn Greene (35), Chairman; Robert J. Bean, Sr. (31, 48), J. Gordon Cartrette (35), Johnnie T. Morris (5)
- **MEMBERSHIP:** Floyd W. Goff (4), Chairman; A. Glenn Greene (35), Chairman; Robert J. Bean Sr. (31, 48), J. Gordon Cartrette (35), Johnnie T. Morris (5)
- **NECROLOGY:** Haywood Fowler (48, 64), Chairman; Edward C. Suggs (48, 35), Robert L. Blackwell (5), Johnnie T. Morris (5)
- **NECROLOGY:** Robert J. Bean, Sr. (31, 48), Chairman; Edward C. Suggs (48, 35), Robert L. Blackwell (5), Johnnie T. Morris (5)
- **PATRIOTISM AND CIVIC ACTIVITIES:** Mike Copeland (7), Chairman; O. Walt Sealy (15), N. Haskell Brabham (5)
- **RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION:** Dana P. Rickards (13), Chairman; Robert W. Kendrick (22), Robert D. Yonce (41)
- **ROYAL ARCH RESEARCH:** Robert J. Bean Sr. (31, 48), Chairman; Robert J. Bean Sr. (31, 48), J. Gordon Cartrette (35), Johnnie T. Morris (5)
- **TIME AND PLACE:** A Glenn Greene (35) Chairman; Nelson Horton (55), Michael J. Broom (5)
- **TOPICAL REFERENCE:** Robert J. Bean, Sr. (31, 48), Chairman; Charles M. Schofield (5), Robert J. Bean, Sr. (31, 48), Chairman
- **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** Robert J. Bean, Sr. (31, 48), Chairman; Charles M. Schofield (5), Dana P. Rickards (13)

- □ 1 Report for All 3 Bodies given in Joint Session  □ - Same Committee, Different reports in each Body
2014 Grand Chapter Officers
OFFICERS OF GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF SC
2014-2015

ELECTED

A. Glenn Greene, III (35) .................................................. M. E. Grand High Priest
815 Bethea Ext., Latta 29565, Phone (843) 752-1020 (Beth)
Nelson D. Horton (55) .................................................. R. E. Deputy Grand High Priest
164 Champion Ferry Rd., Gaffney 29341, Phone (864) 489-0122 (Frances)
Michael J. Broom (5) .................................................. R. E. Grand King
201 North Ridge Rd., Columbia 29223, Phone (803) 699-9435 (Susan)
James W. Lyle (21) .................................................. R. E. Grand Scribe
515 Robinhood Dr., Seneca 29678, Phone (864) 324-1155

H. Ted Burgess (7) .................................................. R. E. Grand Treasurer
114 Susie Rd., Belton 29627, Phone (864) 338-8816 (Mary)

Johnnie T. Morris (5) .................................................. R. E. Grand Secretary
Post Office Box 7463, Columbia 29202, Phone (803) 799-9159 (Judy)

Haywood Fowler (48) .................................................. E. Grand Chaplain
669 Wright Rd., Tabor City, NC 28463, Phone (910) 653-5795 (Darla)

APPOINTED

Acy Flora (5) .......................................................... E. Grand Captain of the Host
407 North Lucas St., West Columbia 29169, Phone (803) 466-9843 (Blair)

Buster Rogers (35) .................................................. E. Grand Principal Sojourner
2226 Old River Rd., Fork 29543, Phone (843) 464-9848 (Irene)

Walter “Cal” Disher (13) .................................................. E. Grand Royal Arch Captain
174 Mims Rd., Harleyville 29448, Phone (843) 462-7248 (Laura)

Jonathan D. Miller (37) .................................................. E. Grand Master of Third Veil
288 Klugh Rd., Abbeville 29620, Phone (864) 941-0493 (Georgia)

Richard L. Swecker (22) .................................................. E. Grand Master of Second Veil
600 Hunts Bridge Rd. #322, Greenville 29617, Phone (864) 294-7641 (Ann)

Ricky C. Freeman (31) .................................................. E. Grand Master of First Veil
109 Fulton Rd., Darlington 29543, Phone (843) 393-3365 (Reecie)

Jerry O. Glenn (22) .................................................. E. Grand Sentinel
218 S. Wingate Rd., Greenville 29605, Phone (864) 277-2190 (Celia)

R. E. DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND HIGH PRIESTS

Ricky Chubb (13) .................................................. First District
327 Tumbler Ave., Cross 29436, Phone (843) 753-2995 (Julie)

James C. Clifford (5) .................................................. Second District
PO Box 376, Ballentine 29002, Phone (803) 407-9175 (Marie)

Steve Fields (21) .................................................. Third District
105 Blue Ridge Dr., Clemson 29631, Phone (864) 350-1836

Tony Bizakás (15) .................................................. Fourth District
311 Stephanie Ln., Rock Hill 29730, Phone (803) 327-0621 (Marcia)

Wayne Jones (25) .................................................. Fifth District
105 Quarter Mile Rd., Sumter 29153, Phone (803) 968-4918

Thomas H. Lee, Jr. (35) .................................................. Sixth District
3443 Highway 57 S, Dillon 29536, Phone (843) 845-3064

OFFICERS OF GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER

Edmund D. Harrison ............................................. M. E. General Grand High Priest
PO Box 737352, Elmhurst, NY 11373, Phone (718) 592-0529

Bobby Joe Kitchen ........................................... R. E. S.E. Regional Deputy General Grand High Priest
53 Crown Point Rd., Hubert, NC 28539, Phone (910) 326-4911 (Crystal)

Larry E. Gray .................................................. R. E. General Grand Secretary
PO Box 128, Greenfield, IN 46140-0128, Phone (317) 467-3600 (Rita)
REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS

To: The Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of South Carolina:

Your committee reports that all matters properly coming before this Annual Grand Convocation have received due consideration. The proposed Bylaws Amendments will be considered at the 2015 Grand Convocation.

Fraternally submitted,

Robert J. Bean, Sr. (31 & 48) PGHP, Chairman

Charles M. Schofield (5) PGHP

Adopted.

ADJOURNMENT

This Grand Chapter was closed by order of the Grand High Priest at 12:38 pm with prayer by the Grand Chaplain until the next Annual Convocation in the City of Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, Tuesday, March 9, 2015.

A. Glenn Greene, III
Grand High Priest

Attest:

Johnnie T. Morris
Grand Secretary
The Grand High Priest announced the following committees for 2014-2015:

- **APPEALS AND GRIEVANCES:** Lloyd F. Christopher (13), Chairman;
  - Don S. Blair (33), Robert D. Yonce (41)
- **AUDITING:** Dana Rickards (13), Chairman;
  - Lee Roy Bruce, Sr. (41)
  - Lloyd F. Christopher (13), Robert D. Yonce (41)
- **BY-LAWS:** Gerald L. Carver (18), Chairman;
  - Albert J. Wyatt (14)
  - Floyd W. Goff (4), Marcus L. Burdette (7)
- **CHARTERS AND DISPENSATIONS:** G. Kent Elkins (22), Chairman;
  - Floyd W. Goff (4), Gary N. Martin (55)
  - Grady L. Lanier, Jr. (16)
- **CREDENTIALS AND RETURNS:** Douglas G. Lee (55), Chairman;
  - Robert J. Bean, Jr. (35)
  - Hal Gregory (19), Johnnie T. Morris (5)
  - Robert J. Bean, Sr. (31, 48)
  - Howard T. Burgess (7)
- **EDUCATION:** Nelson D. Horton (55), Chairman;
  - Michael J. Broom (5)
- **FINANCE:** Michael E. Copeland (5), Chairman;
  - George R. Peters (33)
  - Floyd W. Goff (4)
- **FRATERNAL RELATIONS:** L. Aubrey Haynes (4), Chairman;
  - Albert J. Wyatt (15)
  - Floyd W. Goff (4)
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  - Nelson D. Horton (55), Michael J. Broom (5), James W. Lyle (21)
- **HONORARY PAST GRAND HIGH PRIESTS:** G. Kent Elkins (22), Chairman;
  - Floyd W. Goff (4), Howard T. Burgess (7)
- **JURISPRUDENCE:** G. Ray Marsh (7), Chairman;
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  - Carl Truesdale (4)
  - Richard A. Wesner (1, 48)
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  - Howard T. Burgess (7)
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  - G. Kent Elkins (22), Bobby J. Sprouse (33)
- **MEMBERSHIP:** Floyd W. Goff (4), Chairman;
  - J. Gordon Cartrette (35), Nelson Horton (55)
  - James W. Lyle (21)
  - DDGHP
- **NECROLOGY:** Haywood Fowler (48), Chairman;
  - Edward C. Suggs (48, 35), Robert L. Blackwell (5)
  - Johnnie T. Morris (5)
- **PATRIOTISM AND CIVIC ACTIVITIES:** Mike Copeland (7), Chairman;
  - O. Walt Sealy (15), Jack Holmes (55)
- **RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION:** Dana P. Rickards (13), Chairman;
  - Jack Holmes (55)
  - Robert W. Kendrick (22)
- **ROYAL ARCH RESEARCH:** Robert J. Bean Sr. (31, 48), Chairman;
  - Nelson Horton (55), Michael J. Broom (5), James W. Lyle (21)
  - Carl R. Truesdale (4), Gary N. Martin (55), Floyd W. Goff (4)
- **TIME AND PLACE:** Nelson Horton (55), Chairman;
  - Michael J. Broom (5)
  - James W. Lyle (21)
- **TOPICAL REFERENCE:** Robert J. Bean, Sr. (31, 48), Chairman;
  - Carl Truesdale (4)
  - Charles M. Schofield (5)
- **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** Robert J. Bean, Sr. (31, 48), Chairman;
  - Charles M. Schofield (5)
  - Dana P. Rickards (13)

- - 1 Report for All 3 Bodies given in Joint Session
- - Same Committee, Different reports in each Body
PROCEEDINGS OF THE
MOST ILLUSTRIOUS
GRAND COUNCIL OF
ROYAL & SELECT MASTERS
OF SOUTH CAROLINA
One Hundred Fifty Fourth Annual Assembly

Myrtle Beach, South Carolina
MARCH 10, 2014, A.: Dep.: 3014

OFFICIATING
Doug Knauer, M.: I.: Grand Master

ELECTED
Dean Tollison, M.: I.: Grand Master
**2013-2014 OFFICERS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL, ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS OF SOUTH CAROLINA**

**ELECTED**

Doug Knauer (19) ..................................... **M. I. Grand Master**
130 Chatim Ridge Ct., Lyman 29365, Phone (864) 989-0548 (Lynn)

Dean Tollison (27) .................................... **R. I. Deputy Grand Master**
1957 Jonesville Hwy., Union 29379, Phone (864) 427-1023 (Laura)

Robert D. Norton, III (38)............................ **R. I. Grand Principal Conductor of Work**
2366 Cooper Ct., Marion, SC 29571, Phone (843) 250-0988 (Terrie Lyn)

Tommy Blackwood (1) .................................... **R. I. Grand Captain of the Guard**
PO Box 60998, N. Charleston, SC 29419, Phone (843) 529-0513

H. Ted Burgess (4) .................................... **R. I. Grand Treasurer**
114 Susie Rd., Belton 29627, Phone (864) 338-8816 (Mary)

Johnnie T. Morris (5) ..................................... **M. I. Grand Recorder**
Post Office Box 7463, Columbia 29202, Phone (803) 799-9159 (Judy)

Edward C. Suggs (38) ..................................... **R. I. Grand Chaplain**
1115 Reta St., Conway 29526, Phone (843) 381-0156 (Sandy)

**APPOINTED**

Steve M. Whitaker (19) .................................... **I. Grand Conductor of the Council**
847 Vandenburg Dr., Boiling Springs 29316, Phone (864) 497-9681 (Saundra)

James Barr (4) ..................................... **I. Grand Marshal**
106 Banabus Ln., Anderson 29621, Phone (864) 332-1611 (Stephanie)

Richard L. Swecker (10) ..................................... **I. Grand Steward**
600 Hunts Bridge Rd. #322, Greenville 29617, Phone (864) 294-7641 (Ann)

Jerry O. Glenn (10) ..................................... **I. Grand Sentinel**
218 S. Wingate Rd., Greenville 29605, Phone (864) 277-2190 (Celia)

**R. I. DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS**

John H. Pearson (11) .................................... **First District**
2839 Nantucket Ave., N. Charleston 29420, Phone (843) 817-0741

S. David Stroud (23) ..................................... **Second District**
54 Roper Ct., N. Augusta 29860, Phone (803) 278-3904 (Donna)

Robert M. McLean (34) ..................................... **Third District**
300 Stallion Rd., Greenville 29617, Phone (864) 979-7020 (Katrina)

Michael T. Lancaster (27) ..................................... **Fourth District**
279 Deepwater Rd., Union 29379, Phone (864) 427-1634 (Elizabeth)

George A. Waninger (15) ..................................... **Fifth District**
2650 McCrays Mill Rd., Sumter 29154, Phone (803) 481-2400

Mike Ferguson (52) ..................................... **Sixth District**
4840 Harvest Dr., Myrtle Beach 29579, Phone (843) 903-3495

**OFFICERS OF GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL**

***George Sellars ................................................... Most Puissant General Grand Master***
25159 S. Magdalena St., Harrison Twp, MI 48045, Phone: (586) 791-3009 (Brenda)

Richard Agster ................................................... **R. P. S.E. Regional Deputy General Grand Master**
3602 West Euclid Ave., Tampa, FL 33629, Phone: (813) 281-020 (Diane)

David A. Grindle ................................................... **Right Puissant General Grand Recorder**
PO Box 332, Meridian, Idaho 83680, Phone: (208) 870-8397

***Died 2/10/2013***
DOUGLAS ROY KNAUERM.I.
GRAND MASTER
PRESIDING
March 10, 2014
DEAN TOLLISON
M.I. GRAND MASTER
ELECTED
March 10, 2014
Francis Dean Tollison was born in Union, South Carolina, where he has lived all of his life.

He is the son of the late Brother Gene Y. Tollison and Sarah B. Tollison.

He has been married to Laura C. Tollison for 38 years. They are the proud parents of two sons, a daughter-in-law, and two granddaughters.

He is a lifelong member of Fairforest Baptist Church where he is an ordained deacon, and has also been a Youth Sunday School teacher as well as Assistant Treasurer.

His Masonic journey began when he was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason on October 4, 1977. He was raised in Union Lodge #75 where he is a lifetime member and a two-time Past Master. Before accepting his current duty as Treasurer of Union Lodge #75, he served as Tyler for 32 years. He is a member of the Union Masonic Temple Board. He is a Past Senior Grand Deacon of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free Masons of South Carolina and is currently serving as District Deputy Grand Master of the 12th Masonic District. He is a lifetime member of The Union York Rite Bodies, where he has served as High Priest, Illustrious Master, and Commander and is currently serving his 12th year as the Secretary/Recorder.

He has held several appointed offices in the Grand York Rite Bodies of South Carolina, which include Grand Master of the First Veil in the Grand Chapter, District Deputy Grand Master of the Fourth District of the Grand Council of South Carolina, and Grand Warder of the Grand Commandery of South Carolina.

He is a member of the Grand Council of the Order of High Priesthood and the recipient of the Grand Chapter Metal in 2006. He is currently the Thrice Illustrious Master of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters and a member of Knight Crusaders of the Cross. He is a member of the Palmetto Priority #54 (KYCH). He is currently Eminent Sentinel for Palmetto York Rite College #70 and Junior Warden in Samuel H. J. Womack Council #20 (Knight Masons). He is a member of South Carolina College of Rosicruciana and a member of Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests. He is a Charter member and Past Grand Tall Cedar of Palmetto Forest #206 (Tall Cedars of Lebanon), and Charter member of Piedmont Council #440 (AMD) where he is a two-time Past Sovereign Master. He is a 32nd degree Mason with the Greenville Scottish Rite Bodies.
OPENING SESSION
Monday, March 10, 2014

The Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of South Carolina was opened in ample form at the Landmark Resort, Myrtle Beach, South Carolina at 8:30 A. M. in the Annual Assembly with the following officers at their stations:

**ELECTED**
- Doug Knauer (19) ................................................................. M. I. Grand Master
- Dean Tollison (27) ............................................................... R. I. Deputy Grand Master
- Robert D. Norton, III (38) .................................................. R. I. Grand Principal Conductor of Work
- Tommy Blackwood (1) ......................................................... R. I. Grand Captain of the Guard
- H. Ted Burgess (4) ............................................................... R. I. Grand Treasurer
- Johnnie T. Morris (5) ............................................................ M. I. Grand Recorder
- Edward C. Suggs (38) .......................................................... R. I. Grand Chaplain

**APPOINTED**
- Steve M. Whitaker (19) ..................................................... I. Grand Conductor of the Council
- James Barr (4) ........................................................................ I. Grand Marshal
- Richard L. Swecker (10) ....................................................... I. Grand Steward
- Jerry O. Glenn (10) ............................................................. I. Grand Sentinel

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- Michael T. Lancaster (27) ..................................................... Fourth District
- George A. Waninger (15) ....................................................... Fifth District
- Mike Ferguson (52) .............................................................. Sixth District

**MOST ILLUSTRIOUS PAST GRAND MASTERS**

- * Roy Alsbrooks (15)
- * Johnnie L. Bolt (2)
- * J. Gordon Cartrette (38)
- * W. Penn Colvin (22)
- * Larry Dempsey, Sr. (11)
- * John T. Dickson (8)
- * G. Kent Elkins (10) (Hon)
- * Ronald T. Elvis, Sr. (36)
- * J. Frank Gilliland (32)
- Hal Gregory (33)

- * Wilson C. Hardee (24)
- Gary B. Hinson (23)
- * J. C. Hubbard, Jr. (32) (Hon)
- Earl P. Hudgens, Jr. (10)
- Gary B. Jolley (42)
- * Robert W. Kendrick (10)
- Douglas G. Lee (42)
- William R. Logan (21)
- * Laland D. Lowie (4)
- Charles E. Mackey (47)

- G. Ray Marsh (4) (Hon)
- Joseph L. McGee (5)
- Johnnie T. Morris (5) (Hon)
- Joe Parnell (4)
- George R. Peters (19)
- Philip G. Russell (1)
- * John H. Scogin, (19)(Hon)
- O. Walt Sealy (8)
- Bobby J. Sprouse (19)
- * T. Henry Waldrep (32)
- * Robert D. Yonce (23)

* Absent

**MOTIONS**

On motion of Companion Dean Tollison, it was

RESOLVED, that reading of the minutes of the last Annual Assembly be dispensed with; printed copies being in the hands of the representatives, and they be approved as printed.

On motion of Companion Robert D. Norton, III it was:

RESOLVED, that all Royal and Select Masters in good standing be admitted to seats in this Grand Assembly.
MOST ILLUSTRIOUS PAST GRAND MASTERS WELcomed

There were 18 M. I. Past Grand Masters and 2 Honorary M. I. Past Grand Masters present at the Grand York Rite session.

ABSENCES NOTED

Attention was called by the Grand Recorder to the absence of the M. I. Past Grand Masters: Larry Dempsey, Sr., J. C. Hubbard, Jr., Laland D. Lowie, John H. Scogin, T. Henry Waldrep, W. Penn Colvin, Roy Alsbrooks, Robert Kendrick, Robert Yonce, Wilson Hardee, G. Kent Elkins (Hon).

REPRESENTATIVES OF SUBORDINATE COUNCILS 2014

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REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS AND RETURNS

To: The Most Illustrious Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of South Carolina:

We find 15 Grand Officers 18 Most Illustrious Past Grand Masters and Representatives 2 Honorary M. I. Past Grand Masters of 26 subordinate Councils present and entitled to vote and to seats in this Grand Assembly.

Fraternally submitted,

Douglas G. Lee (42), Chairman
Johnnie T. Morris (5) Albert J. Wyatt (8)
Hal Gregory (33) H. Ted Burgess (4)

SUMMARY

Grand Officers Present ................................. 15
Past Grand Masters Present ................................ 18
Past Grand Masters Honorary Present .................... 2
Number of Councils ........................................ 26
Number of Councils Represented ........................ 26
Members, 2012 ............................................. 3,883
Members, 2013 ............................................. 3,619
Net Loss .................................................... -264
GRAND REPRESENTATIVES RECOGNIZED

The Grand Representatives were recognized and congratulated on the service that they were rendering Cryptic Masonry. They were urged to keep our Grand Representatives in other Grand Jurisdictions informed of the happenings in South Carolina.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT

Western Canada .................................................. J. Frank Gilliland
Colorado .......................................................... J. Gordon Cartrette
Connecticut .......................................................... Jon Majerus
Delaware .......................................................... Dean T. Tollison
District of Columbia .......................................... John H. Pearson
England & Wales ................................................ Justin C. Parnell
Florida .............................................................. G. Ray Marsh
France ............................................................. Charles E. Mackey
Georgia ............................................................. George Peters
Germany ........................................................... Lloyd F. Christopher
Illinois ............................................................. Robert J. Bean, Sr.
Indiana ............................................................ Johnnie T. Morris
Iowa ................................................................. William R. Logan
Kansas ............................................................. D. Samuel Tennyson
Kentucky ............................................................ Don S. Blair
Maine ............................................................... Robert L. Lacer
Maryland .......................................................... Gerald L. Carver
Minnesota ....................................................... Earl P. Hudgens, Jr.
Mississippi ....................................................... J. Sam Burton
Montana ........................................................... Michael E. Copeland
Nevada ............................................................. Marcus L. Burdette
New Jersey ........................................................ Johnnie L. Bolt
New Mexico ...................................................... Jerry M. Owens
New York ........................................................ Phillip G. Russell
Ohio ................................................................. Carl R. Truesdale
Oklahoma .......................................................... Gary B. Hinson
Oregon ............................................................. Dana P. Rickards
Pennsylvania ..................................................... Ronald Elvis, Sr.
Rhode Island .................................................... Bobby J. Sprouse
Utah ................................................................. Douglas G. Lee
Vermont ............................................................ C. Todd Schofield
Washington ...................................................... N. Haskell Brabham
West Virginia (RAM) ........................................ L. Aubrey Haynes, Sr.
Wisconsin ........................................................... Tony Bizakis
Wyoming .......................................................... Joe Parnell
The Most Illustrious Grand Master announced the following appointments for 2013-2014:

- **APPEALS AND GRIEVANCES:** Robert D. Yonce (23), Chairman
- **AUDITING:** Doug Lee (42) Chairman
- **BROKEN TRIANGLE:** Edward C. Suggs (36), Chairman Hugh J. Bickley (5) Emeritus
- **BY-LAWS:** Gary B. Hinson (23), Chairman Douglas G. Lee (42)
- **CREDENTIALS AND RETURNS:** Douglas G. Lee (42), Chairman
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ADDRESS OF THE MOST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND MASTER
DOUGLAS ROY KNAUER

To: The Most Illustrious Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of South Carolina and to our Most Distinguished Guest to our great state.

It is with great pleasure that I welcome everyone present to this one hundred and fifty fourth Grand Assembly of the Most Illustrious Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of South Carolina and hope that your stay will be both an enjoyable and memorable one.

To my companions of this Grand Jurisdiction, thank you for the trust and support you have shown me during the past four years, in which you allowed me to serve you.

To our Distinguished Guest from our own Jurisdiction, you honor us with your presence and we thank you for taking your valuable time to be with us. To the General Grand Council Officers, we especially welcome you and pray that your stay will be as enjoyable to you as your presence is to us.

To the Grand Council Officers, Grand Representatives, and Subordinate councils, thank you for being here and for all your support in making this one of the grandest jurisdictions. To Most Worshipful Brother David J. DeChant, Grand Master of Masons in South Carolina, We are honored by your presence and also thank you for your support and leadership in making this Grand Council the success that it is

To Most Excellent Grand High Priest Marcus L. Burdette and Right Eminent Grand Commander Zebulon (Zeb) V. Morgan III, I want to thank you for the great time we have had serving this Grand York Rite this year, but more especially for your friendship. We spent many hours together traveling around South Carolina and the Southeast.

I would also like to thank all of our past Grand Council Officers and committee members for the advice and council they have provided during my term in office. It has been a very rewarding experience to serve as your Most Illustrious Grand Master. Now in keeping with the Cryptic Laws and Traditions, I offer the following report of my stewardship of this Grand Council during the past twelve months.

STATE OF THE CRAFT

Companions, during my four years in the Grand Council elected line, I have made many visits around this fair state and experienced the wonderful fellowship, friendship, and camaraderie, which the fraternity affords each of us. I am pleased to report that peace and harmony prevails in the Grand Jurisdiction. There is Unity among all Masonic Bodies as was witnessed in the Unity Dinner sponsored by the Aiken Bodies on June 15, 2013. All Appendant Bodies of this Grand Jurisdiction were represented. However, while we continue to decline in membership that trend appears to be slowing. During this year, we have lost members due to nonpayment of dues and a few that have been taken home by the Lord. Currently only about 10% of the Master Masons in South Carolina are members of the York Rite Bodies. We need to continue and intensify our recruitments efforts. Only by retaining our existing members and increasing our numbers by adding new member can we hope to survive.

BROKEN TRIANGLE

Companions, it is with sadness that I report that 137 of our companions passed through the ninth arch and went to be with the Lord during this reporting period. Let us all keep in mind that we are born to die and that one day we too must lay down the working tools of life and enter the ninth arch. Let us all remember the families of our departed companions in our prayers.
FINANCES

While the finances of the Grand Council are in better condition than in past years they continue to be a concern of all. Our membership numbers decline, resulting in less revenue for the Grand Council so we end up having to rely on drawing down on our savings. Thanks to the Grand Treasurer, Ted Burgess, and the Grand Recorder, Johnnie Morris, for a tremendous job managing our monies. Their report will be presented later in these proceedings.

DISPENSATIONS

The dispensations issued during the year were all of a routine nature and are on file in the Grand Recorders office.

BY-LAWS

I received and approved requests for By-Law changes from the following Councils:

Living Arch # 32 ........... Clemson

VISITATIONS WITHIN THE STATE

I am pleased to state that I was able to visit each of the Councils in the Grand Jurisdiction at least one time this year. I received a very warm reception on each visit and felt the friendship and brotherly love displayed by all. I appreciate the support demonstrated by my officers by their attendance at the official visits. Again, it was a real honor and pleasure to be able to travel with the other two Grand Heads to the subordinate bodies. To all of the Companions at each local York Rite, thank you, and to Ben, thanks for the personalized cheese box, & to the Marion Militia thanks for the spectacular hat. I was humbled and at the same time honored to be made an Honorary Life Member in many Subordinate Councils and was also presented with a Chapter Penny. These honorary memberships are something that I will always cherish and reflect on them in the future. Following is a list of my visits during my year in office:

March 10-12 .......... South Carolina Grand York Rite, Myrtle Beach
21-Mar ............................................. Jacob T. Barron # 22, Chester
8-Apr ................................................... Alpha # 10, Greenville
9-Apr ................................................... Living Arch # 32 Clemson
16-Apr .............................................. Enoch # 1, Charleston
23-Apr .............................................. Adoniram #2, Laurens
25,26 South Carolina Grand Lodge, Myrtle Beach
2-May .................................................. Potter # 42, Gaffney
11-May Super Excellent Master's Degree, Aiken
28-May Excelsior # 9, Cheraw
1-Jun Knight Masons - S.H.J. Womack Council, Columbia
5-Jun Myrtle Beach # 52, Myrtle Beach
10-Jun Blake # 19, Spartanburg
15-Jun Aiken Unity Dinner, Aiken
17-Jun Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star, Spartanburg
18-Jun Witherspoon # 33, Lancaster
20-Jun Allendale # 28, Hampton
21-Jun Grand Session Order of the Rainbow, Columbia
20-Jul Palmetto DeMolay Association, Myrtle Beach
6-Aug Aiken # 23, Aiken
12-Aug Cephas # 13, Florence
14-Aug Union # 5, Columbia
20-Aug Lafayette # 25, Camden
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3-Sep ................................................... Pickens # 34, Easley
9-Sep ................................................... Maxwell # 21, Greenwood
10-Sep .................................................. Petros # 11, Orangeburg
23-Sep .................................................. Kingston # 36, Conway
24-Sep .................................................. Winyah # 24, Georgetown
8-Oct .................................................... Seymour # 15, Sumter
14-Oct .................................................... Pinckney # 27, Union
15-Oct .................................................... Hiram # 38, Marion
21-Oct ................................................... Absalom Cody # 8, York
22-Oct ................................................... Wynne # 4, Anderson

October 25-26 ... S.E Regional Red Cross of Constantine, Charleston
11-Nov .................................................. Oriental # 17, Newberry
16-Nov .................................................. Piedmont York Rite College, Greenville
7-Dec ........... Knight Masons- S.H.J. Womack Council, Columbia
21-Dec ..... Spartanburg Comm. Christmas Observance, Spartanburg
4-Jan ........... Knight Masons- S.H.J. Womack Council, Columbia
11-Jan ...... Grand York Rite statewide Education Meeting, Columbia
18-Jan ............. Jamil Shrine Temple Potentate’s Ball, Columbia
22-Feb ................. S.C. York Rite Chair Degrees, Columbia
25-Feb ..... Grand Court S.C. Order of the Amaranth, Myrtle Beach

OUT OF STATE VISITS

I received many invitations to visit other jurisdictions. I was received and treated like Royalty. Thank you. It was an honor and a privilege to be in the presence of such distinguished Masons and to see that masonry is alive and well outside of South Carolina.

March 17-19, 2013 ............... North Carolina Grand York Rite, New Bern, NC
March 22-26, 2013 ............... Tennessee Grand York Rite, Nashville, TN
April 20, 2013 ................. Dinner honoring David Cashion PMGM of NC, Ashville, NC
May 5-6, 2013 ....................... Georgia Grand York Rite, Macon, GA
May 15-22, 2013 ..................... Florida Grand York Rite, Lake Mary, FL
June 7-8, 2013 ..................... Southeastern York Rite Conference, Tampa, FL
July 13-16, 2013 ............... Great Smokies Summer Assembly, Maggie Valley, NC
Sept 16-18, 2013 ..................... Kentucky Grand York Rite, Louisville, KY
Feb 27-March2, 2014 .................... Alabama Grand York Rite, Huntsville, AL

At these visits I was also invested with more Masonic Light by receiving:

In North Carolina, the Masonic Order of the Black Tie
The Tennessee Masonic Order of the Four Black Lama
In Kentucky, the actual Ish Sodi Degree

Also of special meaning to me, I was able to make several out of state local Council visits:

14-May ............... Mount Moriah # 95, Chattanooga, TN
19-Aug .......................... Winder # 77, Auburn, GA
11-Sep ................. Huntington # 51, Huntington, IN

SOUTHEASTERN YORK RITE CONFERENCE

The Southeastern York Rite Conference was held in Tampa, Florida on June 07-08, 2013. As in the past, each Most Illustrious Grand Masters was given the opportunity to be one of the speakers at the conference. This is a very educational and informative meeting.
I encourage our continued attendance and participation. This is an opportunity to meet and get to know the General Grand Council Officers and other companions from around the Southeastern Jurisdictions. The 2014 conference is scheduled to be held in Greenville South Carolina at the Embassy Suites, on June 13-14, 2014.

GREAT SMOKEY MOUNTAIN SUMMER ASSEMBLY
I had the opportunity to attend the North Carolina Great Smokey Mountain Summer Assembly at Maggie Valley which was held on July 13-16, 2013. Companions, this is without a doubt, one of the most enjoyable sessions that you could attend. It is a very casual, informative, and educational assembly. The program is always filled with excellent speakers who always bring much knowledge for us to take back to our own jurisdictions. South Carolina was honored to have our own Most Worshipful Grand Master, David J. DeChant as one of the keynote speakers. The visit to the Masonic Marker on top the mountain is also enjoyable and informational. Companions, if you haven’t attended the Summer Assembly, it is highly recommended. The friendships you make are everlasting.

SUPER EXCELLENT MASTER’S DEGREE
I attended the Super Excellent Master’s Degree this year in Aiken. The Degree Team is to be commended for their fine presentation. This Degree should be included with the Royal and Select Master Degrees. I urge all Companions who have not taken the Degree to do so.

GRAND LODGE AND GRAND MASTER’s BANQUET
It was indeed an honor and a privilege to attend and represent you at the Grand Master’s Banquet. Most Worshipful Brother Jay Pearson was a most gracious host. I was honored to be among so many distinguished Masons and their lovely ladies. I was pleased to be recognized at the Annual Grand Lodge Communication.

UNITY DINNER
Unlike some states, in South Carolina harmony prevails between the various Masonic Organizations. Each year the Grand heads of all of the State Masonic Organizations are invited to the Annual “Unity Dinner” hosted by the Aiken York Rite in conjunction with the Valley of Aiken Scottish Rite. Thank you for inviting my wife and I to attend this wonderful evening of fun, fellowship and food.

MASONIC YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS
I have a very special place in my heart for our Masonic Youth Groups. I am a Master Councilor and Representative DeMolay, and my wife is a Job’s Daughter. We need to continue to support and encourage our Masonic Youth.

ANNUAL STATEWIDE EDUCATIONAL MEETING
For the past several years, we have tried a new annual educational system. We are having joint education for all bodies rather than breaking up into individual groups and we are presenting different educational subjects each year. This gives each group a more complete education. This new system seems to be quite successful and should be continued.
GRAND REPRESENTATIVE APPOINTMENTS

It was my pleasure to appoint the following Companions to serve as Grand Representative of other Grand Jurisdictions near the Grand Council of South Carolina:

Jon S. Majerus ............................................................... Connecticut
Thomas E. Watson ...................................................... Massachusetts
James A. Scott, III ........................................................ California
Douglas R. Knauer .................................................... Eastern Canada

It was my honor to approve the recommendation of the following Companion to represent the Grand Council of South Carolina near other Grand Jurisdictions:

Keith J. Murray .......................................................... Pennsylvania
Maxim G. Marcille, Jr. ................................................... New Jersey
Douglas G. Alexander ................................................. England and Wales
William D. Hedgecot ................................................. Rhode Island
M. Daniel Fullwood ...................................................... Florida

DUAL MEMBERSHIPS

I had the privilege of approving dual memberships for the following Companions:

James L (Ricky) Chubb ........................................ Enoch # 1 and Petros # 11
Ronald G. Jacoby ...................................................... Enoch # 1 and Petros # 11
Albert S. Couch, III ................................................. Enoch # 1 and Petros # 11
James D. Strickland ............................................. Oriental # 17 and Union # 5

CRYPTIC MASON OF THE YEAR AWARD

One of the most difficult tasks I have had this year was to select one individual out of all the dedicated Companions in this jurisdiction. However, I have selected a good friend and dedicated mason, Richard L. Swecker a member of Alpha # 10 in Greenville as this year’s recipient of the Cryptic Mason of the Year Award.

ADULT LEADERSHIP AWARD

It takes a special person to devote his time and talents to assist the young people who are our future leaders. With this in mind, I have selected Coach Fred Clute as this year’s recipient of this Adult Leadership Award. Coach Clute is in his 34th year of making a difference in the Charleston area as a volunteer youth sports coach.

ISH SODI AWARDS

One of the pleasures of this position is to be able to select deserving companions to receive the Ish Sodi – MAN OF MY CHOICE awards. These awards are presented to the following recipients:

Grand Elected Officer.......................... Dean Tollison
Grand Appointed Officer..................... Stephen M. Whitaker
Hidden Work................................. John H. Pearson
Out of State (Tennessee).................... Gary A. Thomas

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of South Carolina continue to support the Cryptic Mason Medical Research Foundation.
2. That the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of South Carolina continue to stress the Life Membership Program and its benefits to the subordinate councils.

3. That the Councils portion of monies raised from the York Rite Grand Session Program advertisements be used to purchase new apron cases for the Grand Council Officers, starting with the Deputy Grand Master and working down until all are replaced.

4. That the Grand York Rite Bodies continue with the one day Educational Meeting in Columbia.

5. That we stress the need for retention of current members and the recruitment of new members.

6. That the Grand York Rite Office continue to be located at 1518 Hampton Street, Columbia only until such time as a more suitable location can be located and secured.

7. That a joint committee be appointed for the purpose of locating and securing a new more suitable location for the Grand York Rite Offices.

8. That the historic and valuable regalia and jewels of the Grand York Rite, be appraised by a certified appraiser, and that replacement value insurance be obtained to protect the loss of these assets, including but not limited to:
   - The Chapter Burger ring and its replica
   - The Council silver trowel
   - The Commandery Grand Commander’s Jewel

9. That a joint committee be appointed to do “Strategic Long Range Planning” for the future of our order in South Carolina. If we fail to plan then our plans will fail!

10. That the per capita dues increase as proposed by the finance committee be approved. We have lost money the last few years and have had to make up the difference by taking from our savings. This situation cannot continue!

CONCLUSIONS

Companions, I thank you for the privilege and honor to serve as your Most Illustrious Grand Master for this past year. I would like to thank all of the Companions of for their support and I hope that I have served you well.

I would like to thank all of the Grand Council officers for a job well done. I could not have had a better group on Companions.

I would like to thank the Spartanburg York Rite Bodies for their support and understanding for all those times I have not been able to be there, due to Grand Council commitments. Thanks to Wallace Hudson and Steve Whitaker for riding with me to almost all of the Official Visits, and keeping me awake on the long rides home late at night.

Thanks to the Past Grand Heads for their support, guidance, and advice, especially Most Ill. Bobby Sprouse, Most Ill. George Peters, Right Eminent Don Blair, Most Ill. Gary Hinson and Most Ill. Gordon Cartrette.

To Johnnie and Judy Morris, and Ted Burgess, for all of your tireless work keeping our Grand York Rite office running smoothly and efficiently, and for the support you have provided me, thank you.

Again, to Zed and Marcus thank you for the friendship and the best year ever, and Marcus, the construction on East I 20 is still going on!

In my acceptance speech I said that this year was dedicated to the memory of 2 great men and masons, Walter H. Johnson, and my Father, William W. Knauer. I hope that as they have been looking down from above that what I have done has been acceptable in their sight.
I especially want to thank my wife, Lynn, for her support and understanding over the past 4 years of this journey while I was on the road. Thank you for traveling with me to the out of state visit. Thank you for all the things you have done to keep the household running and all of those things you do to make me look good. I LOVE YOU!

Finally, Thank GOD for watching over us during our travels.

Fraternally submitted,

Douglas R. Knauer
Most Illustrious Grand Master

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DISTRIBUTION OF WORK

To: The Most Illustrious Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of South Carolina:

The Committee on Distribution of Work wishes to submit the following report:

Congratulations to the Most Illustrious Grand Master, Companion Douglas R. Knauer for his great dedication, extra hard work and outstanding leadership during the past year. We commend him on his many visits within the state, as well as his many visits to other Grand Jurisdictions. The Super Excellent Masters Degree was conferred on a large number of Companions, and we commend the Aiken Council for this fine work.

The state of the Craft continues to be in very good condition. We are happy to report that some of the Subordinate Councils are doing more degree work, and many are opening the Council in full form several times during the year. We encourage all Councils to adopt this practice.

The harmony which exists among our Companions of this state is so great, no decisions were required.

We recommend approval of all matters not specifically assigned to Committees:

Matters relating to:

- **Broken Triangle** – To the Committee on Broken Triangle...
- **Grand Representatives and Out of State Visitation** – To the Committee on Fraternal Relations...
- **Finance and Recommendations** – To the Committee on Finance...
- **By-Laws, Decisions, Recommendations and York Rite Unity** – To the Committee on Jurisprudence...
- **Dispensations** – To the Committee on Dispensations and Warrants...

Fraternally submitted,

Robert D. Yonce (23), Chairman
Gary B. Hinson (23) W. Penn Colvin (22)

Adopted…

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DISPENSATIONS AND WARRANTS

To: The Most Illustrious Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of South Carolina:

Your committee reports that there were no Warrants issued for the formation of new Councils. All Dispensations were of a routine nature; copies being on file in the Grand Recorder’s Office.

Fraternally submitted,

Ronald T. Elvis, Sr. (36 & 52), Chairman
W. Penn Colvin. (22)

Adopted…

Larry Dempsey (11)
REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FRATERNAL RELATIONS

To: The Most Illustrious Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of South Carolina:

Your Committee would like to commend Most Illustrious Grand Master Douglas R. Knauer on his leadership in 2013-2014. He has represented South Carolina Cryptic Masonry well in all of his visits, and endeavors.

M.I. Comp. Knauer commissioned four Grand Representatives to other Grand Jurisdictions near the Grand Jurisdiction of South Carolina, and we approve:

Comp. Jon S. Majerus – Connecticut  
Comp. Thomas E. Watson - Massachusetts  
Comp. James A. Scott, III - California  
Comp. Douglas R. Knauer - Eastern Canada

We regret to report that NPDs are still an ongoing concern for this Grand Jurisdiction, but their declining number is encouraging.

The Most Illustrious Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of South Carolina is in peace and harmony with the world of Cryptic Masonry.

Fraternally submitted,

Gary B. Hinson (23), Chairman
Douglas G. Lee (42) Charles E. Mackey (47)

Adopted...

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HONORARY M. I. PAST GRAND MASTERS

To: The Most Illustrious Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of South Carolina:

This committee requests that all nominations for this honor be sent to the chairman of the committee. Recommendations should be in writing and sent in time to allow this committee to give proper consideration to all nominations. Your committee makes no recommendation at this time.

Fraternally submitted,

Bobby J. Sprouse (19), Chairman
Joseph L. McGee (5) Johnnie L. Bolt (2)

Adopted...

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BY-LAWS

To: The Most Illustrious Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of South Carolina:

The Committee on By-Laws makes the following report. To revise the current Constitution by incorporating the following:

ARTICLE XXI

MISCELLANEOUS

By adding SEC X to read as follows,

The Most Illustrious Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of South Carolina shall be a full participant in the Life Membership Program Grand York Rite Bodies of Freemasonry of South Carolina. This Grand Council shall conform to and abide by the rules and regulations as set forth in the Life Membership Program.

Fraternally submitted,

Gary B. Hinson, (23) Chairman J. Gordon Cartrette (38)  
Douglas G. Lee (42) Robert D. Yonce (23) William R. Logan (21)

Adopted....
GRAND COUNCIL ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS OF SOUTH CAROLINA
GRAND TREASURER’S REPORT  February 28, 2014

To: The Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of South Carolina, I hereby submit my annual report covering the period March 1, 2013, through February 28, 2014.

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FEBRUARY 28, 2014 - BALANCES - Cost Basis

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* Escrow Held until 2023

I appreciate the cooperation received from our Most Illustrious Grand Master, Most Illustrious Companion Douglas Knauer, our Most Illustrious Grand Recorder, Most Illustrious Companion Johnnie T. Morris, and especially our Secretary, Judy Morris.

Fraternally Submitted,

H. Ted Burgess, Grand Treasurer
REPORT OF GRAND RECORDER

To: The Most Illustrious Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of South Carolina:

I hereby submit my annual report covering the period March 1, 2013 through February 28, 2014.

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The Velver E. Bentley Award this year goes to Hiram Council No. 38 for the largest percentage gain of 4.11%. The Samuel Aiken Award for the largest numerical gain of three (3) goes to Hiram Council No. 38. Excelsior Council No. 9 was the only other Council that didn’t have a loss for the calendar year.

We had a net loss in the Grand Council of 264, bringing our total membership down to 3,619.

Fraternally submitted,

Johnnie T. Morris, Grand Recorder

Referred to the Finance Committee and later adopted…
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COMMITTEE ON CRYPTIC MASONS MEDICAL RESEARCH

To: The Most Illustrious Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of South Carolina:

Your committee on CMMRF hereby submits their report for the period of January 1, 2013 to December 31, 2013.

We commend M.I. Grand Master Doug Knauer on his support and promotion of the Cryptic Mason Medical Research Foundation and SC Life Sponsorship Program.

The total contributions from South Carolina for the past year were $4,573.00. This amount was credited to 18 councils and from Square and Compass Club, and the Grand Heads P-Pot and The Todd Fund.

The top six Councils in giving this year were Blake # 19, Union # 5, Wynne # 4, Living Arch # 32, Allendale # 28 and Witherspoon # 33. I am sad to report that there were eight (8) councils which did not make a donation. I hope you will try to make a donation this year. Thank you again for what you do for CMMRF.

Fraternally submitted,

Joe Parnell (4), Chairman
Dean Tollison (27)
Douglas G. Lee (42) Roy Alsbrooks (15) Hal Gregory (33)

Adopted…
REPORT OF AUDITING COMMITTEE

To: The Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of South Carolina:

We herewith submit our report.

We have this day, March 4, 2014, examined the books of the Grand Treasurer and the Grand Recorder and find them neatly and correctly kept and all funds accounted for.

The balance of the Grand Treasurer is as follows:

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Fraternally submitted,

Doug Lee (42), Chairman

Lee Roy Bruce, Sr. (23)    Dana Rickards (11)

Adopted….

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON APPEALS AND GRIEVANCES

To: The Most Illustrious Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of South Carolina:

This Committee is pleased to report that it has not received any notice of grievance or discord.

Harmony and goodwill prevails throughout our Grand Jurisdiction.

Fraternally submitted,

Robert D. Yonce (23), Chairman

Don S. Blair (19)

Lloyd F. Christopher (1)

Adopted…

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MEMBERSHIP

To: The Most Illustrious Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of South Carolina:

We had 1 Council which had an increase in 2013. This is Hiram Council #38 in Marion. We also had 2 Councils with no NPDs. They are Excelsior #9, Cheraw and Hiram #38, Marion. We congratulate these Councils.

The Grand Master of the Universe called 137 to the Celestial Lodge above. 76 were demitted, 208 were dropped for NPD, 4 were suspended or expelled with an error of 5, with a total decrease of 430. We cannot continue along this path.

We know that we cannot do anything about deaths, but we can do something about greeting new members and NPDs. I believe that by working together we can, and must turn this problem around.

Fraternally submitted,

John T. Dickson (8), Chairman

Dean Tollison (27)    Robert Norton (38)
THE MORDHURST MEDAL
2012  Johnnie T. Morris

THE COLUMBIAN MEDAL

THE LADY OF THE COUNCIL AWARD
2006  “Skeeter” Mackey  2007  Judy Morris  2010  Lynn Knauer
2009  Cindy Jones  2009  Annette Lewis

CRYPTIC MASON OF THE YEAR HONOR AWARD
The Most Illustrious Grand Master announced that the recipient of the Cryptic Mason Honor Award for the year was Companion Richard L. Swecker, Greenville, SC.

RECIPIENTS OF CRYPTIC MASON OF THE YEAR HONOR AWARD
1974  * Wallace Parker Bryant (18)  1993  R. Butler Satterfield (2)
1975  * Clifford D. Parsons (1)  1994  Jerry M. Owens (10)
1976  * Woodrow W. Carnes (33)  1995  * Everette T. Deitz (23)
1977  * Mark Toney (23)  1996  Richard L. Harding (42)
1978  * James L. Jackson Sr. (22)  1997  T. Henry Waldrep (32)
1979  * J. Cecil Axon (11)  1998  * Lonnie Lloyd Watts (33)
1980  * Cammie E. Murphy (23)  1999  Larry Rhodes (32)
1982  * Marvin E. Alford (52)  2001  * George L. Seyle (1)
1983  * William A. Price (19)  2002  * Lucius A. Todd (4)
1984  * Ernest Gary Matthews (18)  2003  Jerry O. Glenn (10)
1985  * LeRoy W. Wells (15)  2004  Lawrence E. Schoff (5)
1987  J. C. Hubbard, Jr. (32)  2006  Don S. Blair (19)
1988  * Willard F. Bond, Jr. (23)  2007  Jack Holmes (42)
1989  * Marvin N. DeYoung (40)  2008  Doug Knauer (19)
1990  * Robert C. Hopple (5)  2009  Kenneth Brackens (36)
1991  * Charlie L. Moore (36)  2010  James Conner (8)
2006  Susan Broom
2012  Steven Hames (42)
2013  Richard L. Swecker (10)

ADULT LEADERSHIP AWARD
The Most Illustrious Grand Master announced that the recipient of the Adult Leadership Award for the year was Coach Fred Clute, Charleston, SC.

RECIPIENTS OF ADULT LEADERSHIP OF THE YEAR HONOR AWARD
1983  Robert M. Jones (18)  1998  Brian Keith Williams (18)
1984  * William A. Price (19)  1999  * Troy A. Shealy (21)
1985  Thomas L. Coker (5)  2000  John R. Marcucci (5)
1986  Charles J. Saylors (10)  2001  Dedra Hart
1987  G. Kent Elkins (10)  2002  William A. Driver (23)
1989  Carl R. Truesdale (25)  2004  Frances Amyx
1990  * Charlie Bullock (52)  2005  ~Glenn R. Mosteller (21)
1991  * Aubry R. Winesett, Jr. (5)  2006  Susan Broom
1992  Walter P. Davis (49)  2007  Haywood Fowler (36)
1993  Charles E. Mackey (47)  2008  Lee Duncan (34)
1994  Robert J. Bean, Sr. (13)  2009  Walter Spiller (1)
1995  Robert W. Kendrick (10)  2010  Garland Ray Harman (5)
1996  S. E. Beckham (18)  2011  Dennis S. Sentell (42)
1997  Orland M. Owen, Jr. (1)  2012  Myron E. Creel (52)

* Deceased
ISH SODI AWARDS

During the one hundred twenty-first Annual Assembly, it was moved and passed by the Companions present that the Most Illustrious Grand Master be given the authority to honor not more than four Companions each year with this special award.

The following awards were presented by M. I. Douglas Knauer:

- Grand Officer ......................... Dean Tollison
- Appointed Grand Officer ............... Stephen M. Whitaker
- Hidden Work .......................... John H. Pearson
- Out of State ......................... Gary A. Thomas (TN)

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BROKEN TRIANGLE

To: The Most Illustrious Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of South Carolina:

We pause at this time in the business of these York Rite Grand Bodies to remember our companions, who have answered the call of our Heavenly Father.

When the door of life closes, another door opens; but often we look so long at the closed door that we do not see the one that has been open. May the life beyond that door be ever more fruitful and rewarding than the life they led while on this side. Let us pray.

Supreme Architect, bless now the widow and orphan. Comfort their loved ones and comfort us in time of our sorrow. We commend these men into your loving hands forever more. May we hold dear their memory and honor that which they built and sustained in life.

On the journey through life let us remember their friendship and their examples and let us take comfort in the knowledge of life eternal… Amen

Fraternally submitted,

Rev. Edward C. Suggs (38), Chairman
Johnnie T. Morris (5)  Rev. Robert Blackwell (5)

Adopted…

COMMITTEE ON CRYPTIC MASON MEDICAL RESEARCH

To: The Most Illustrious Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of South Carolina:

Your committee on CMMRF hereby submits their report for the period of January 1, 2013 to December 31, 2013.

We commend M. I. Grand Master Doug Knauer for his support and promotion of the Cryptic Masons Medical Research Foundation and the SC Life Sponsorship Program.

The total contributions from South Carolina for the past year were $4,573.00. This amount was credited to 18 councils, and from Square and Compass Club, and the Grand Heads P-Pot and The Todd Fund.

The top six Councils in giving this year were Blake #19, Union #5, Wynne #4, Living Arch #32, Allendale #28 and Witherspoon #33. I am sad to report that there were eight (8) councils which did not make a donation. I hope you will try to make a donation this. Thank you again for what you do for CMMRF.

Fraternally submitted,

Joe Parnell (4), Chairman  Dean Tollison (27)
Douglas G. Lee (42)  Roy Alsbrooks (15)  Hal Gregory (33)

Adopted…
REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE

To: The Most Illustrious Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of South Carolina:

We are aware of the activities of the Most Illustrious Grand Master, Douglas Roy Knauer, during his term of office and commend him on the manner in which he has performed his duties. His travel on behalf of the Grand Council has been extensive in state and out of state.

We are grieved by the passing of 137 of our companions through the Ninth Arch and sympathize with their family and friends.

We approve of the Illustrious Grand Master’s action in approving the By-Law changes for the following Council: Living Arch Council #32 at Clemson.

We approve the dual membership for the following Companions:

- James L. (Ricky) Chubb ............... Enoch #1 and Petros #11
- Ronald G. Jacoby ...................... Enoch #1 and Petros # 11
- Albert S. Couch, III ................... Enoch 31 and Petros #11
- James D. Strickland ................. Oriental #17 and Union #5

We approve of the appointment of the Following Companions to serve as Grand Representative of other Grand Jurisdictions near the Grand Council of South Carolina.

- Jon S. Majerus................................................. Connecticut
- Thomas E. Watson ...................................... Massachusetts
- James A. Scott, III .............................................. California
- Douglas R. Knauer ..................................... Eastern Canada

We approve of the recommendation of the following Companions to represent the Grand Council of South Carolina near other Grand Jurisdictions.

- Keith J. Murray ............................................. Pennsylvania
- Maxim G. Marcille, Jr. ................................. New Jersey
- Douglas G. Alexander ......................... England and Wales
- William D. Hedgcort ............................... Rhode Island

We approve the Illustrious Grand Masters choice of the following Awards:

- Cryptic Mason of the Year Award .......... Richard L. Swecker
- Adult Leadership Award ....................... Coach Fred Clute

Ish Sodi Awards:

- Grand Elected Officer ...................... Dean Tollison
- Grand Appointed Officer ................. Stephen M. Whitaker
- Hidden Work ................................. John Pearson
- Out of State (Tennessee) .................. Gary A. Thomas

All dispensations were of a routine nature and issued in accordance with standard procedures and are on file in the office of the Grand Secretary.

We have reviewed the Illustrious Grand Masters recommendations and found them all within the bound of Cryptic Law.

Respectfully submitted,

[Signature]

G. Ray Marsh (4)  Richard A. Wesner (52)
William Logan (21)  Douglas G. Lee (42)

Adopted....
Estimated income by member per capita

2370 members @ $10.50 = $24,885.00
Investment income = $3,000.00
Estimated total income = $27,885.00
Estimated expenses = $37,625.00

+Gain/-Loss = - $9,740.00

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS – 2014

**(A) We recommend a $4.50 per capita increase to $15 per member to achieve a balanced budget. Our recommendation will support our Grand Council without having to deplete our investment accounts as we have had to do for the past 10+ years.

(B) We recommend approval of the annual reports referred to this Committee by the Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder.

We recommend that the Grand Treasurer, Grand Recorder and Chairman of the Finance Committee be authorized to invest funds at their discretion in Government Bonds, AAA Utility Bonds and insured Savings and Loan Certificates.

We recommend that if the M.I. Grand Master and/or the R.I. Deputy Grand Master is/are unable to attend the Southeastern York Rite Conference and the R.I. Grand Principal Conductor of Work and/or the R.I. Grand Captain of the Guard do attend, that the budgeted funds be given to the R.I. Grand Principal Conductor of Work and the R.I. Grand Captain of the Guard.

We recommend continued assistance to CMMRF.

We recommend the continued support of youth groups as contained in the Grand Council budget.

We recommend that the Grand Secretary - Recorder maintain office space at 1518 Hampton St., Columbia, S.C. for another year unless more suitable space is found at a comparable rental rate.

We recommend that the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of South Carolina continue to support the General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons International.

We cannot recommend at this time the Illustrious Master’s recommendation No. 8 due to insufficient funds.

Fraternally submitted,

George Peters (19), Chairman
Michael Copeland (4) Richard Wesner (52)

**Proposed increase would need 100% approval. Will carry over to next year.
Adopted with exception of A
Grand Council Officers

2014-2015
**ELECTION AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS**

**ELECTED**

Dean Tollison (27) ........................................... M. I. Grand Master  
Robert D. Norton, III (38) ........................... R. I. Deputy Grand Master  
Tommy Blackwood (1) ................................... R. I. Grand Principal Conductor of Work  
James Barr (4) ........................................... R. I. Grand Captain of the Guard  
H. Ted Burgess (4) ........................................ R. I. Grand Treasurer  
Johnnie T. Morris (5) .................................... M. I. Grand Recorder  
Edward C. Suggs (38) .................................... R. I. Grand Chaplain

**APPOINTED**

George Latta (2) ........................................... I. Grand Conductor of the Council  
Jerry Willard (27) ......................................... I. Grand Marshal  
David L. Evans (24) ....................................... I. Grand Steward  
Jerry O. Glenn (10) ....................................... I. Grand Sentinel

**R. I. DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS**

Tom Corbin (1) ............................................. First District  
Rob Lacer (23) ............................................. Second District  
Tim Livingston (34) ..................................... Third District  
Roger W. Gregory (27) .................................. Fourth District  
Ronald L. Broome (25) .................................. Fifth District  
John K. Kirby, Jr. (36) .................................. Sixth District

**INSTALLATION**

M. I. William R. Logan installed the newly elected and appointed officers with M. I. Hal Gregory, as Grand Marshal. Rev. Hugh Bickley was the Installing Grand Chaplain.

**PRESENTATION OF APRON AND CASE**

The Most Illustrious Grand Master’s Apron and Case were presented to M.I. Companion Dean Tollison by M.I. Doug Knauer the retiring M.I. Grand Master.
### R. I. DISTRICT DEPUTY ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND MASTERS

**FIRST DISTRICT**

- **Tom Corbin (1)**
  - Address: 1001 Simmons St., Mt. Pleasant, SC 29464-4753
  - District: Charleston

**SECOND DISTRICT**

- **Rob Lacer (23)**
  - Address: 189 Deer Springs Rd., Clarks Hill, SC 29821-2101
  - District: Charleston

**THIRD DISTRICT**

- **Tim Livingston (34)**
  - Address: 205 King Circle, Easley, SC 29640-2240
  - District: Easley

**FOURTH DISTRICT**

- **Roger W. Gregory (27)**
  - Address: 119 Royal Oak Dr., Union, SC 29379-9710
  - District: Union

**FIFTH DISTRICT**

- **Ronald L. Broome (25)**
  - Address: 701 Scout Cabin Rd., Kershaw, SC 29067-8268
  - District: Kershaw

**SIXTH DISTRICT**

- **John K. Kirby, Jr. (36)**
  - Address: PO Box 782, Mullins, SC 29574-0782
  - District: Mullins

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**NAMES & ADDRESSES OF LIVING M. I. PAST GRAND MASTERS**

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<td>Douglas G. Lee (42)</td>
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<td>Philip G. Russell (1)</td>
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<td>Larry Dempsey, Sr. (11)</td>
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<td>W. Penn Colvin (22)</td>
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<td>Ronald T. Elvis, Sr. (36)</td>
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<td>Joe Parnell (4)</td>
<td>Peggy, 532 Filbert Rd., Gaffney SC 29340</td>
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<td>Gary Buck Jolley (42)</td>
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*HONORARY – PAST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND MASTER
REMARKS OF M.I. GRAND MASTER, ELECTED

Distinguished Guests and Companions All:

It is indeed an honor and privilege to be elected as your Most Illustrious Grand Master of
the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of South Carolina. I am very excited to serve
this great fraternity for the next year. With the help of God and my Brethren, I pledge to do
my best to fulfill my obligations to this office.

I would like to dedicate this year to the memory of my Father, Gene Tollison. His
Masonic influence in me as a young teenager showed me what a wonderful organization this
can be. At age 13, my dad carried me to Chester, South Carolina to become a member of the
DeMolay. This began my Masonic journey that has led me to stand here today.

In my 37 years of membership in the Masonic Fraternity, I have met many Brothers that
have been a great influence in my life. I want to thank my Brothers for their confidence and
continuing support that they have given me, especially my fellow members of the Union York
Rite Bodies, many of who are in attendance here today.

To the Elected and Appointed Officers and those who have agreed to serve on our
committees, the responsibility of leadership and service will be a challenge that demands our
dedication to each other. But more importantly, it will require our dedication to the Royal and
Select Masters of South Carolina, whom we serve. Thank you for your service in the next
year.

To Most Excellent Glenn and Right Eminent Gerald, it will be an honor and privilege to
join you as we travel across our beautiful state. May God keep everyone safe as we travel.

Thank you.

Ladies and Guests, if you will leave us now, we will finish our business and close our
session.

Dean Tollison
M.I. Grand Master

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS

To: The Most Illustrious Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of South Carolina:

Your Committee on Unfinished Business reports the motion to raise the per capita from
$11.50 to $15.00 will lay over to next Annual Assembly. All other matters properly coming
before this Annual Assembly have received due consideration.

Fraternally submitted,

J. Gordon Cartrette (38), Chairman
O. Walt Sealy (8)

J. Frank Gilliland (32)
George R. Peters (19)

Adopted….

ADJOURNMENT

The Grand Council closed at 1:52 p.m. on Monday, March 10, 2014, with prayer by Rev.
Ed Suggs until the next Annual Assembly to be held in the City of Myrtle Beach, South
Carolina, Tuesday, March 10, 2015.

Dean Tollison (27)
M. I. Grand Master

ATTEST:
Johnnie T. Morris
M. I. Grand Recorder
The Most Illustrious Grand Master announced the following appointments for 2014-2015:

- **APPEALS AND GRIEVANCES:** Robert D. Yonce (23), Chairman
- **AUDITING:** Doug Lee (42), Chairman
- **BROKEN TRIANGLE:** Edward C. Suggs (36, 38), Chairman; Hugh J. Bickley (5), Emeritus
- **BY-LAWS:** Gary B. Hinson (23), Chairman; Douglas G. Lee (42)
- **CREDENTIALS AND RETURNS:** Douglas G. Lee (42), Chairman
- **DOCUMENTS:** J. Gordon Cartrette (38)
- **EDUCATION:** Robert Norton (38), Chairman
- **FINANCE:** George Peters (19), Chairman
- **FRATERNAL RELATIONS:** Gary B. Hinson (23), Chairman
- **HONORARY PAST M. I. GRAND MASTERS:** Bobby J. Sprouse (19), Chairman
- **LIFE MEMBERSHIP FUND:** A. Glenn Greene III (38), Chairman;
- **MASONIC YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS:** Robert J. Bean, Sr. (13, 36), Chairman
- **MEMBERSHIP:** John T. Dickson (8), Chairman; Robert Norton (38)
- **PATRIOTISM AND CIVIC ACTIVITIES:** Mike Copeland (7), Chairman;
- **RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION:** Dana P. Rickards (11), Chairman;
- **TIME AND PLACE:** Robert Norton (38), Chairman;
- **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** J. Gordon Cartrette (38), Chairman

**2014 – 2015 COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS**

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- **CRYPTIC MASONS MEDICAL RESEARCH FOUNDATION:**
  - Joe Parnell (4), Chairman; Robert Norton (38), Tommy Blackwood (1)
  - Douglas G. Lee (42), Roy Ashbrooks (15), Hal Gregory (33)
  - W. Penn Colvin (22), Larry Dempsey, Sr. (11), George R. Peters (19)
  - Gary B. Hinson (23), W. Penn Colvin (22), Ronald T. Elvis (36)
- **EDUCATION:** Robert Norton (38), Chairman
  - Tommy Blackwood (1), James “Jim” Barr (4)
- **FINANCE:** George Peters (19), Chairman
  - Richard Wesner (36, 1), Mike Copeland (4)
- **FRATERNAL RELATIONS:** Gary B. Hinson (23), Chairman
  - Robert Kendrick (10), Charles E. Mackey (25)
- **HONORARY PAST M. I. GRAND MASTERS:** Bobby J. Sprouse (19), Chairman
  - Johnnie L. Bolt (2), Joseph L. McGee (5)
- **JURISPRUDENCE:** J. Gordon Cartrette (38), Chairman
  - G. Ray Marsh (4), Douglas Lee (42), Richard A. Wesner (36, 1)
  - William Logan (21)
- **LIFE MEMBERSHIP FUND:** A. Glenn Greene III (38), Chairman;
  - G. Kent Elkins (10), Phillip Russell (1), Johnnie T. Morris (5)
  - Floyd W. Goff (25), J. Gordon Cartrette (38), H. Ted Burgess (4)
  - Albert J. Wyatt (8), William Logan (21)
- **MASONIC YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS:** Robert J. Bean, Sr. (13, 36), Chairman
  - G. Kent Elkins (10), Bobby J. Sprouse (19)
  - MEMBERSHIP:** John T. Dickson (8), Chairman; Robert Norton (38)
  - Tommy Blackwood (1), James “Jim” Barr (4)
  - **PATRIOTISM AND CIVIC ACTIVITIES:** Mike Copeland (7), Chairman;
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  - J. Frank Gilliland (32), O. Walt Sealy (8), George R. Peters (19)

- - 1 Report for All 3 Bodies given in Joint Session  - Same Committee, Different reports in each Body
ELECTED

Dean Tollison (27) ................................................................. M. I. Grand Master
1957 Jonesville Hwy., Union 29379, Phone (864) 427-1023 (Laura)

Robert D. Norton, III (38) .................................................. R. I. Deputy Grand Master
2366 Cooper Ct., Marion 29571, Phone (843) 250-0988 (Terrie Lyn)

Tommy Blackwood (1) ...................................................... R. I. Grand Principal Conductor of Work
PO Box 60998, N. Charleston 29419, Phone (843) 529-0513

James Barr (4) ................................................................. R. I. Grand Captain of the Guard
106 Banabus Ln., Anderson 29419, Phone (843) 529-0513 (Stephanie)

H. Ted Burgess (4) ......................................................... R. I. Grand Treasurer
114 Susie Rd., Belton 29627, Phone (864) 338-8816 (Mary)

Johnnie T. Morris (5) ...................................................... M. I. Grand Recorder
Post Office Box 7463, Columbia 29202, Phone (803) 799-9159 (Judy)

Edward C. Suggs (38) ...................................................... R. I. Grand Chaplain
1115 Reta St., Conway 29526, Phone (843) 381-0156 (Sandy)

APPOINTED

George Latta (2) ............................................................. I. Grand Conductor of the Council
8748 Hwy 92, Enoree 29335, Phone (864) 384-3274 (Trish)

Jerry Willard (27) ............................................................ I. Grand Marshal
206 East South St., Union 29379, Phone (864) 426-4729 (Jeanne)

David L. Evans (24) ........................................................ I. Grand Steward
PO Box 1104, Johnsonville 29555, Phone (843) 386-2480

Jerry O. Glenn (10) ............................................................ I. Grand Sentinel
218 S. Wingate Rd., Greenville 29605, Phone (864) 277-2190 (Celia)

R. I. DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS

Tom Corbin (1) ............................................................... First District
1001 Simmons St., Mt Pleasant 29464 Phone (843) 870-6306

Rob Lacer (23) ............................................................... Second District
189 Deer Springs Rd., Clarks Hill 29821, Phone (803) 278-3732 (Jane)

Tim Livingston (34) ........................................................ Third District
205 King Circle, Easley 29640, Phone (864) 855-0497

Roger W. Gregory (27) ..................................................... Fourth District
119 Royal Oak Dr., Union, 29379, Phone (864) 427-1462 (Kathy)

Ronald L. Broome (25) ..................................................... Fifth District
701 Scout Cabin Rd., Kershaw, 29067, Phone (803) 320-2360 (Vicky)

John K. Kirby, Jr. (36) ...................................................... Sixth District
PO Box 782, Mullins, 29574, Phone (843) 464-0506 (Betty)

OFFICERS OF GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL

Lawrence O. Weaver ............................................. Most Puissant General Grand Master

Richard Agster ......................................................... R. P. S.E. Regional Deputy General Grand Master
3602 West Euclid Ave., Tampa, FL 33629, Phone: (813) 281-020 (Dianne)

David A. Grindle ....................................................... Right Puissant General Grand Recorder
PO Box 332, Meridian, Idaho 83680, Phone: (208) 870-8397
PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
GRAND COMMANDERY
KNIGHTS TEMPLAR
OF SOUTH CAROLINA

ONE- HUNDRED SEVENTH ANNUAL CONCLAVE

Myrtle Beach, South Carolina

OFFICIATING
Zebulon V. Morgan, III, R.: E.: Grand Commander
Johnnie T. Morris, R.: E.: Grand Recorder

ELECTED
Gerald D. Burton, R.: E.: Grand Commander
Johnnie T. Morris, R.: E.: Grand Recorder
2013-2014 OFFICERS OF GRAND COMMANDERY
KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF SOUTH CAROLINA

ELECTED

Sir Knight Zebulon V. Morgan, III (20) .............................. R. E. Grand Commander
PO Box 774, White Rock 29177, Phone (803) 749-2315 (June)

Sir Knight Gerald D. Burton (17) ............................... V. E. Deputy Grand Commander
PO Box 254, LaFrance 29656, Phone (864) 879-5691 (Sue)

Sir Knight Gary C. Sowell (19) ........................................... E. Grand Generalissimo
3516 Kershaw-Camden Hwy., Kershaw, SC 29067-9304, Phone (803) 475-7733

Sir Knight John R. Marcucci (2) ............................... E. Grand Generalissimo
404 White Birch Circle, Columbia, SC 29223-3229, Phone (864) 879-5691 (Sue)

Sir Knight Johnnie T. Morris (2) .................................................. R. E. Grand Recorder
Post Office Box 7463, Columbia 29202, Phone (803) 799-9159 (Judy)

APPOINTED

Sir Knight Walter “Cal” Disher (9) ............................... E. Grand Senior Warden
174 Mims Rd., Harleyville 29448, Phone (843) 462-7248 (Laura)

Sir Knight Grenfell Leonard (12) ............................... E. Grand Junior Warden
2007 Red Maple Rd., Kershaw 29067, Phone (803) 475-3068 (Esther)

Sir Knight Robert L. Blackwell (2) ....................... E. Grand Prelate
1729 Woodford Rd., Columbia 29209, Phone (803) 776-1788 (Beverley)

Sir Knight Hugh J. Bickley (2) ............................... E. Grand Prelate, Emeritus
120 Leyden Ln., Columbia 29210, Phone (803) 772-7482 (Dale)

Sir Knight Marcell R. Merolli (20) ............................... E. Grand Standard Bearer
3050 British Lane, Sumter 29153, Phone (803) 494-3726 (Sharon)

Sir Knight L. Joe Granger (17) ........................................... E. Grand Warder
115 Alee St., Clemson 29631 Phone (864) 654-2793 (Connie)

Sir Knight Jerry O. Glenn (4) ............................... E. Grand Sentinel
218 S. Wingate Rd., Greenville 29605, Phone (864) 277-2190 (Celia)

DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES

Sir Knight Bill Martin (1) ........................................... First District
115 Queensbury Circle, Goose Creek 29445 Phone (843) 572-5735 (Karen)

Sir Knight James C. Clifford (2) .......................................... Second District
PO Box 376, Ballentine 29002, Phone (803) 407-9175 (Marcie)

Sir Knight Justin Parnell (11) ......................................... Third District
116 Redwood Dr., Belton 29027, Phone (864) 245-5842 (Kathy)

Sir Knight Roger W. Gregory (16) ....................................... Fourth District
119 Royal Oak Dr., Union 29379, Phone (864) 427-1462 (Kathy)

Sir Knight Karl F. Schuhly (20) ........................................ Fifth District
2385 Highview St., Sumter 29154 Phone (803) 481-4537

Sir Knight David L. Evans (24) ......................................... Sixth District
PO Box 1104, Johnsonville 29555 Phone (843) 386-2480

GRAND ENCAMPMENT OFFICERS

Sir Knight David D. Goodwin ................................ M. E. Grand Master
1509 Campus Dr., Vestal, NY 13850, Phone (607-723-8072)

Sir Knight Howard Ted Burgess ......................... R. E. Southeastern Department Commander
114 Susie Rd., Belton, SC 29627, Phone (864) 338-8816

Sir Knight Lawrence E. Tucker ................................ M. E. Grand Recorder
5909 W. Loop S., Suite 495, Bellaire, TX 77401-2402, Phone (713) 349-8700
ZEBULON V. MORGAN, III
R. E. GRAND COMMANDER
PRESIDING
March 10, 2014
GERALD D. BURTON
R. E. GRAND COMMANDER
ELECTED
March 10, 2014
Gerald David Burton was born on September 3, 1957, in Belton, S.C., the fourth son of the late Clyde Burton and Louise Wardlaw Burton of Anderson, S.C. He was educated in the public schools of Anderson County. Upon graduation from McDuffie High School, he enlisted in the Air Force. He served as a Fire Protection Specialist until he was honorably discharged in 1979.

After his service, he went to work in the construction field as a pipe fitters helper. Through the years he worked his way up through the industry and currently works for Greenwood Incorporated as a Planner/Coordinator for construction and maintenance activities at Mitsubishi Polyester Films in Greer, S.C.

He is a Christian of the Baptist faith.

He is married to the former Sue Lynn Bardecker of Pendleton, S.C. for the last twenty eight years. They have three sons; Anthony Joshua, George Willis, and Christopher Matthew. They have one granddaughter.

He was raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master mason in 1997 in Pendleton Lodge No. 34 and served as Master in 2002. He is a member of the 15th District Past Masters Club.

He has served the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Freemasons of South Carolina as Grand Steward in 2009.

Gerald is a life member of Clemson York Rite Bodies and has served as Excellent High Priest (2005) Living Arch Chapter No. 21, Illustrious Master (2004 & 2007) Living Arch Council No. 32 and Eminent Commander (2008), S. Maner Martin Commandery No.17. He served the Grand York Rite as District Deputy Illustrious Grand Master (3rd dist.) for the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters, (2009), he served as the Third District Representative for the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar (2010).

In 2009, he also served as Sovereign Master of Golden Corner Council No.361 of the Allied Masonic Degrees as well as Chancellor Commander of Pendleton Lodge No. 36 Knights of Pythias.

His membership and participation in other Appendant bodies include; Piedmont York Rite College No. 84, Samuel H.J. Womack Council No. 20 Knight Masons, Palmetto Priory No. 54 KYCH, Carolina Conclave RCC, Cana Tabernacle XLIX HRAKTP.
The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of South Carolina was opened in ample form at the Landmark Resort, Myrtle Beach, South Carolina at 2:00 P.M.

**ELECTED**

Zebulon V. Morgan, III (20) .......................... Grand Commander
Gerald D. Burton (17) ............................... Deputy Grand Commander
Gary C. Sowell (19) ................................. Grand Generalissimo
John R. Marcucci (2) ............................... Grand Captain General
H. Ted Burgess, PGC (11) ........................ Grand Treasurer
Johnnie T. Morris, PGC (2) ........................ Grand Recorder

**APPOINTED**

Walter “Cal” Disher (9) .............................. Grand Senior Warden
Grenfell Leonard (12) .............................. Grand Junior Warden
Robert L. Blackwell (2) .......................... Grand Prelate
Hugh J. Bickley (2) ............................... Grand Prelate, Emeritus
Marcel R. Merolli (20) .......................... Grand Standard Bearer
Samuel J. Harrell (20) ........................... Grand Sword Bearer
L. Joe Granger (17) ............................... Grand Warder
Jerry O. Glenn (4) ................................. Grand Sentinel

**DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES**

Bill Martin (1) .......................... First District
James C. Clifford (2) .......................... Second District
Justin Parnell (11) ............................ Third District
Roger W. Gregory (16) ......................... Fourth District
Karl F. Schuhly (20) .......................... Fifth District
David L. Evans (24) .......................... Sixth District

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REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS AND RETURNS

To: The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of South Carolina:

Your committee submits the following report.

We find there are 15 Grand Officers, 15 Right Eminent Past Grand Commanders, with 1 Honorary PGC and Representatives of 25 Constituent Commanderies present and entitled to vote in this Annual Conclave.

Fraternally Submitted,
Douglas G. Lee (18), Chairman
H. Ted Burgess (11)
Johnnie T. Morris (2)
Albert Wyatt (15)
Hal Gregory (19)
L. Aubrey Haynes (12)

Adopted.

SUMMARY

Grand Officers Present ............................................................... 15
Past Grand Commanders Present ................................................ 15
Past Grand Commanders Honorary Present ................................. 1
Number of Commanderies .......................................................... 25
Number of Commanderies Represented ....................................... 25
Members, 2012 ...................................................................... 3,701
Members, 2013 ...................................................................... 3,427
Net Loss ............................................................................... -274

MOTIONS

On motion of Gerald D. Burton, It was RESOLVED, that the reading of the minutes of the last Annual Conclave be dispensed with, printed copies being in the hands of Sir Knights, and that they be approved as printed.

On motion of Gary C. Sowell, It was RESOLVED, that all Sir Knights be invited to seats during this Conclave.

PAST GRAND COMMANDERS WELCOMED

The Grand Commander asked all Past Grand Commanders to stand and were recognized and thanked for their advice and devoted service rendered in the past.

ABSENCES NOTED

Attention was called to the absence of Past Grand Commanders: Harvie Bailey, T. B. Clark, Jr. Mark Ben Cable; Sam L. Grant; Richard L. Harding; Clarence Turner; J. C. Hubbard; R. Butler Satterfield; Norman E. Wood; John T. Davis; Glenn R. Watts and Leroy J. Delionbach.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON APPEALS AND GRIEVANCES

To: The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of South Carolina:

No Appeals or Grievances were received during the year 2010. Therefore no action was necessary by this Committee and we are pleased to report that Peace and Harmony prevails among the craft.

Fraternally submitted,
Don S. Blair (3), Chairman

Adopted.

Robert D. Yonce (14) Lloyd F. Christopher (1)
GRAND REPRESENTATIVES WELCOMED

The Grand Representatives were officially recognized and thanked for the service they were rendering to the York Rite. They were requested to communicate and convey to their respective Grand Jurisdiction all information that would be of interest.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT

Alabama ..............................................................  D. Samuel Tennyson
California .............................................................. Robert J. Bean, Jr.
Connecticut ........................................................... Ronald G. Winn
Delaware .............................................................. Lee Roy Bruce, Sr.
Florida ................................................................. James J. Holmes
Illinois ................................................................. Lloyd F. Christopher
Indiana ................................................................. Richard W. Sealy
Italy ................................................................. Richard A. Wesner
Maryland ............................................................. Robert J. Bean, Sr.
Michigan ............................................................. Kenneth R. Brackens
Mississippi ......................................................... Robert Lacer
Missouri .............................................................. Joseph Parnell
Montana ............................................................. Douglas G. Lee
Nevada .............................................................. H. Ted Burgess
New Hampshire .................................................. David J. DeChant
New York ............................................................ O. Walt Sealy
North Carolina ..................................................... Johnnie T. Morris
Oregon .............................................................. William B. Hadwin
Pennsylvania ..................................................... Tony Bizakis
Philippine Islands ................................................. Dana P. Rickards
South Dakota ..................................................... Gary B. Jolley
Texas ................................................................. A. Glenn Greene, III
Virginia ............................................................ William F. Rogers, Jr.
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Wyoming ............................................................ N. Haskell Brabham

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David DeChant

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† Past Commanders

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ADDRESS OF RIGHT EMINENT GRAND COMMANDER

ZEBULON VANCE MORGAN, III

To the Grand Encampment of the United States of America, The Grand Commandery of South Carolina, distinguished out of state guest, and to all Sir Knights present, I bid you welcome to the 107th Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of South Carolina that is being held today in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina.

I would like to extend a special welcome to Most Excellent Companion Marcus Burdette, Most Excellent Grand High Priest of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of South Carolina and to Most Illustrious Companion Douglas Knauer, the Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of South Carolina.

Sir Knights, it is our Honor and Pleasure to welcome Most Worshipful Brother David J. DeChant, the Most Worshipful Grand Master of all Masons of South Carolina and his traveling party to our annual conclave. Most Worshipful Brother David it is indeed a privilege to have you and the other Grand Lodge Officers with us today. Our paths have crossed several times during this past year and it has always been my pleasure to extend a warm greeting to you and the other Grand Officers.

STATE OF THE ORDER

I am pleased to report that peace and harmony exists in this Grand Commandery and that excellent fraternal relations prevail within all Masonic bodies throughout this Grand Jurisdiction. As a result, we continue to attract good Masons who are seeking more light in Masonry and our goal must be to continue to provide this light.

NECROLOGY

During the last year, 135 Sir Knights were called home by the Lord and while we miss them greatly, as Christians, we know that this is the place that the Lord has promised to us, if we but Ask. We extend our deepest sympathy to the families and friends of these Sir Knights. Time, while never dimming the memories of these loved ones, is the great healer.

MEMBERSHIP

We continue to have a steady decline in membership primarily due to losses from Non-Payment of Dues. There were two things that I mentioned as I visited each Commandery this past year. The first was that we need to understand why Sir Knights are choosing not to renew their membership. We need to Ask the question and perhaps the one best qualified to do so is the one who signed the top line on the Sir Knight’s Petition. The second comment was that the Secretary Recorder needs help in collecting delinquent dues and if we wait until after October to Ask, we will probably see another NPD. Membership retention is the one task that belongs to us all.

DUAL MEMBERSHIP

It was my pleasure this year to approve dual membership for the following Sir Knights:

James L. “Ricky” Chubb  to  Orangeburg Commandery #9
Albert Samuel Couch, III  to  Orangeburg Commandery #9
Ronald G. Jacoby  to  Orangeburg Commandery #9
James Dean Strickland  to  Newberry Commandery #6
Thomas Harold Lewis, Jr.  to  South Carolina Commandery #1
CHARTERS AND DISPENSATIONS

There were no Charters for New Commanderies issued during the past year. All dispensations were of a routine nature and are on file in the Grand Recorder’s office.

BY LAWS CHANGES

It was my pleasure to approve By-Law changes for S. Maner Martin Commandery #17 after I had consulted with members of the By-Law and Jurisprudence committees.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

It was my pleasure to approve the following Sir Knights to represent the Grand Commandery of South Carolina near their Grand Commanderies:

Ohio  S.K. Dennis I. Wilhelm
Utah  S.K. Gregory K. Shiek

It was my pleasure to approve the following Sir Knights to represent other Grand Commanderies near the Grand Commandery of South Carolina:

Ohio   S.K. Gerald D. Burton
Iowa   S.K. John R. Marcucci
Utah   S.K. Gary C. Sowell

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE

Sir Knights, I would like to thank all those who made donations to the Holy Land Pilgrimage fund. Just a few weeks ago we were able to send three ministers on a journey to the places where Jesus once walked and taught and healed and prayed and where he died for each of us. It was my pleasure to visit each before their journey to meet and talk with them and to wish them well. As customary, S.K. and Reverend Robert Blackwell performed a commissioning service with each minister at a Sunday morning service prior to their departure. This provided an opportunity to explain the purpose for our sponsorship of these pilgrimages and for the non-mason members of the congregations to see Masonry in a positive light.

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EYE FOUNDATION

I continue to support and promote 100% participation in the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. While the mission of the foundation changed a few years back from individual treatment and care, which continues to be available through Eye Care America and other organizations, it now has the potential of being able to help thousands through research.

The day may come, Sir Knights, when our grandchildren will have no need for glasses. S. K. Richard Sealy is to be commended for the hard work that he and his committee continue to do each year in support of this philanthropy.

CHRISTMAS DAY OBSERVANCE

This past year I had the pleasure of visiting several Commanderies, to observe and take part in the celebration of our Saviors birth. Laurens Commandery No. 13 continues to hold their observance at noon on Christmas day and does so in keeping with Templar tradition that dates back many years. To show my support, I felt that I needed to attend and was able to arrange my schedule so that I could. Sir Knights, this again is an opportunity to share our Templar heritage with others and I would strongly encourage each Commandery to consider holding an observance and inviting the public to attend.
EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

The Easter Sunrise Service for the East coast was once again held at the George Washington Masonic National Memorial in Arlington, Virginia. June and I had a rather lengthy 12 hour trip up I-95 and finally arrived late on Friday evening. It seemed as though all the “snow birds” were leaving Florida and were trying to make it home before Easter. En-route delays were numerous but we finally arrived at the headquarters hotel. Sunday morning we traveled over to the memorial where we observed several hundred Sir Knights in uniforms and chapeaus march up Shooter’s Hill with each contingent carrying unfurled American Flags and banners, An impressive sight to behold Sir Knights and one that I would encourage all to witness at some point in your Templar service.

SOUTHEASTERN YORK RITE CONFERENCE

I, along with S. K. Gerald Burton, S. K. John Marcucci and S.K. Bill Martin had the honor to represent our Grand Commandery at the Southeastern York Rite Conference held in Tampa, Florida on June 7th and 8th. Florida Grand Commandery hosted the event and we were all made to feel most welcome. Since my wife and I had attended the Georgia Grand York Rite session in early May and the Florida Grand York Rite session some two weeks later, this meeting was simply a continuation of being with old friends. These annual conferences are excellent ways to meet with your counterparts from other grand jurisdictions, to exchange ideas and to hear plans and demands from Grand Encampment officers. The conference this coming summer will be held at the Embassy Suites in Greenville, South Carolina and I would encourage any interested Sir Knight to attend.

GRAND LODGE OF ANCIENT FREE MASONs

Sir Knights, as my wife and I were packing the car to leave for Myrtle Beach to attend the 276th Annual Communications of the Grand Lodge of South Carolina, she became ill. Her comment was that “she didn’t feel well and that she didn’t want to travel to Myrtle Beach only to be admitted to a hospital.” Following a trip to a care facility and blood work, the doctor informed us that her potassium levels had spiked. He ordered the cessation of all her medication, bed rest with follow up testing the next day. Several days later, things began to slowly return to normal, but in the meantime I was not able to attend the annual communication.

VISITATIONS IN SOUTH CAROLINA

Sir Knights one of the highlights for me this year as your Grand Commander has been to visit each of the 25 Commanderies in this Grand Jurisdiction. At every stop I was warmly received and made to feel welcome. From the mountains to the coast, from spring through summer, fall, winter and back to spring, we were able to watch the seasons as they changed while we traversed this beautiful state that we call home. The list of my visits throughout the year is as follows:

March 21, 2013 ................................................................. Chester #7, Chester
April 8................................................................. Greenville #4, Greenville
April 9................................................................. S. Maner Martin # 7, Pendleton
April 16................................................................. South Carolina #1, Charleston
April 23................................................................. Laurens #13, Laurens
May 2................................................................. Gaffney #18, Gaffney
May 4................................................................. Palmetto York Rite College #70, Columbia
May 11................................................................. Super Excellent Masters Degree, Aiken
VISITATIONS IN SOUTH CAROLINA continued

May 25................................................................. SC College SCRIF, Columbia
June 1..................................................... Knight Masons Samuel H. J. Womack Council, Columbia
June 5............................................................ Myrtle Beach #22, Myrtle Beach
June 10.......................................................... Spartanburg #3, Spartanburg
June 15.......................................................... Aiken Unity Dinner, Aiken
June 17.................................................... SC Order Eastern Star Grand Chapter, Spartanburg
June 18.......................................................... Lancaster #19, Lancaster
June 20.......................................................... Hampton #23, Hampton
June 22.......................................................... Order of the Rainbow Grand Session, Columbia
August 6.......................................................... Aiken #14, Aiken
August 12..................................................... Florence #10, Florence
August 14.................................................... Columbia #2, Columbia
August 20.................................................... Camden #12, Camden
August 24............................................... AMD Ingathering, Camden
September 3.................................................. Easley #21, Easley
September 9.............................................. Greenwood #5, Greenwood
September 10........................................... Orangeburg #9, Orangeburg
September 23........................................... Conway #25, Conway
September 24........................................ AMD Ingathering, Camden
October 8...................................................... Sumter #20, Sumter
October 14................................................... Union #16, Union
October 15.................................................... Delphi #8, Marion
October 21................................................... Rock Hill #15, York
October 22................................................... Anderson #11, Anderson
November 11............................................... Newberry #6, Newberry
December 1........................................ Camden YRB Christmas Observance, Camden
December 7................................................ Knight Masons, Columbia
December 7...................................... Palmetto York Rite College #70, Columbia
December 8........................................ Newberry YRB Christmas Observance, Newberry
December 15...................................... Anderson, Clemson & Easley YRB Christmas Observance, Easley
December 25........................................ Lauren's YRB Christmas Observance, Laurens
January 4, 2014............................. S.J.H. Womack Council Knight Masons, Columbia
January 11................................................ SC GYR Statewide Education Meeting, Columbia
January 18................................................ Jamil Shrine Potentate's Ball, Columbia
January 19................................................ St John's United Methodist Church, Sumter
January 25............................................... Grand Lodge Workshop for Worshipful Masters, Columbia
January 26............................................... Big Stevens Creek Baptist Church, North Augusta
February 2.................................................. Oakland Baptist Church, Rock Hill
February 22................................................ SC GYR Chair Degrees, Columbia
February 25...................................... Grand Court SC Order of the Amaranth, Myrtle Beach
March 9-11........................................ SC Grand York Rite Session, Myrtle Beach

OUT OF STATE VISITATIONS

March 17-19, 2013........................ North Carolina Grand York Rite Session, New Bern, NC
March 29-31................................ Grand Encampment Easter Sunrise Service, Arlington, VA
May 5-8..................................................... Georgia Grand York Rite Session, Macon, GA
May 20-22................................................ Florida Grand York Rite Session, Lake Mary, FL
June 7-8.................................................. Southeastern York Rite Conference, Tampa, FL
July 13-16................................................ Great Smokies Summer Assembly, Maggie Valley, NC
Feb 28-Mar 2, 2014.......................... Alabama GYR Session, Huntsville, AL
KNIGHTS TEMPLAR CROSS OF HONOR

Sir Knights it becomes my duty to inform you that the Knights Templar Cross of Honor award will not be presented this year. After the selection that I made had been forwarded to Grand Master David Dixon for his approval, it was discovered that the Sir Knight so selected was not eligible to receive the award. After consulting with the Southeastern Department Commander and others, my decision was to forgo issuing this award this year. Time did not allow for another Sir Knight to be forwarded for consideration. As you can imagine, this does not make me happy, but due to the circumstances I had no other option.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the Grand Recorder’s office continues to remains at 1518 Hampton Street, Columbia until such time as a more suitable location can be found and secured.
2. That a joint committee be appointed for the purpose of locating and securing a new more suitable location for the Grand York Rite Offices.
3. That the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of South Carolina and each Constituent Commandery continue to support and promote The Knights Templar Eye Foundation, The Holy Land Pilgrimage Fund and the Education Scholarship fund for deserving students.
4. That the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of South Carolina continues to support the Easter Sunrise Service in Arlington, Virginia.
5. That the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar and each Constituent Commandery continue to promote the Christmas Observance during the Christmas holidays.
6. That the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of South Carolina continues to financially support those Masonic youth organizations which are active within this jurisdiction.
7. That each Constituent Commandery be prepared to receive the Grand Commander through the lines when on his official visit and in proper uniform.
8. That each Constituent Commandery annually review their dues and fees and implement revisions to their By-Laws as may be required to maintain a healthy financial status.
9. That the Eminent Commander of each Constituent Commandery be encouraged to submit one nomination for the Knights templar Cross of Honor Award in a timely manner.
10. That only the Grand Encampment ritual is used in all work and in the opening and closing of the Commandery.

CONCLUSION

Sir Knights, no words can express my feelings at this time for how much this past year has meant to me. Four years ago as I stood facing you while Sir Knight John Thomas Davis, PEC nominated me to begin this journey, little did I realize what was to be. I along with several others have traveled all over this beautiful state that we all call home. From rolling hills and mountains to the coast we have met, broken bread, shared many happy moments as well as a few more serious ones. Together Sir Knights, we have made memories that will endure.

First, as in all things, I would like to thank my heavenly father for all the blessing that he has bestowed upon me. For my health and the traveling mercies that he
provided as my companions and I traveled throughout the South East. Without these my friends, little would have been accomplished.

To Lady Judy and Sir Knight Johnnie Tucker Morris thanks for all of your support, guidance and encouragement that you have provided. You both complement each other in those things that you do for all of us. To the Sir Knights who have gone this way before me, I thank you for your enthusiasm to continue to support Templary. You gave willingly of your time and you continue to do so for the good of our fraternity. To Charlie, Todd, Walt, Reverend Bob, Gary, John and Mike, thanks for the memories. Getting there and returning home was all fun as well as educational.

To the Sir Knights who will follow in the years to come, my wish for you is that your day in the sun will be as meaningful and rewarding as mine has been.

And finally, to my wife June and loving family, thanks for putting up with my early departures and late returns. I could not have completed these last four years without your love and support.

Faithfully and Fraternally,

Zebulon V. Morgan, III
Grand Commander

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DOINGS OF GRAND OFFICERS

To: The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of South Carolina:

Your Committee on Doings of Grand Officers of SC presents the following report:

The address of our RE Grand Commander, SK Zebulon V. Morgan III, shows the fine leadership that he rendered to this Grand Jurisdiction this past year. He has, along with his officers, represented with much pride and honor in the many visitations he made this past year, both in and out of state. He has exemplified Christian Masonry and maintained a high standard of dignity that the office demands.

We commend our Grand Commander for representing our grand jurisdiction at the Grand Encampment Easter Sunrise Service in Washington, D.C. and we urge all Sir Knights who can to attend this beautiful and meaningful service.

As Christian Masons, we join our Grand Commander in promoting to the public our Christmas Day Observances.

We commend the Grand Commander for his stand in supporting the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. We should all give our support to this worthy cause.

We recommend the approval of all matters contained in the address of the Grand Commander not specifically referred to Committees.

We are pleased that harmony prevails among all Masonic Bodies within our jurisdiction and recommend that the Templar Order continue to cooperate with all the other Bodies.

We recommend the following matters be referred to Committees:

To the Committee on Doings of Grand Officers: All matters pertaining to doings of Grand Officers.

To the Committee on Membership: All matters pertaining to membership.

To the Committee on Charters and Dispensations: All matters pertaining to Charters and Dispensations.

We approve all matters contained in the address of the Grand Commander not specifically referred to Committees.

Respectfully and Fraternally Submitted,

Richard W. Sealy (15), Chairman
Jerry M. Owens (4)       Lee Roy Bruce, Sr. (14)

Adopted.
2013 – 2014 COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

The Grand Commander announced the following committees for 2013-2014:

- **APPEALS AND GRIEVANCES**: Don S. Blair (3), Chairman;
  Robert D. Yonce (14) Lloyd F. Christopher (1)
- **AUDITING**: Lee Roy Bruce, Sr. (14), Chairman;
  Dana Rickards (9) Douglas G. Lee (18)
- **BY-LAWS**: J. Sam Burton (17), Chairman;
  G. Ray Marsh (11) H. Ted Burgess (11)
- **CHARTERS AND DISPENSATIONS**: N. Haskell Brabham (2), Chairman;
  Don S. Blair (3) Richard A. Wesner, (22, 1)
- **CHRISTIAN RELATIONS**: Robert L. Blackwell (2), Chairman; Haywood Fowler (25, 22)
  Edward C. Suggs (25, 8) Hugh J. Bickley (2), Emeritus Johnnie T. Morris (2)
- **CREDENTIALS AND RETURNS**: Robert J. Bean, Sr. (10, 25); Hal Gregory, (19)
  H. Ted Burgess (11) Richard A. Wesner (22, 1)
- **DOINGS OF GRAND OFFICERS**: Richard W. Sealy (15), Chairman;
  Jerry M. Owens (4) Lee Roy Bruce, Sr. (14)
- **EDUCATION**: Gerald Burton (17), DGC Chairman;
  Gary C. Sowell (19), GG John R. Marcucci (2), GCG
  **EYE FOUNDATION**: Richard W. Sealy (15), Chairman;
  Leroy J. Delionbach (14) H. Ted Burgess (11) Richard A. Wesner (22, 1)
- **FINANCE**: Richard Wesner (22), Chairman;
  Michael E. Copeland (11) George Peters (3)
- **HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE**: Robert L. Blackwell (2), Chairman; Edward C. Suggs (25)
  Haywood Fowler (25, 22) Hugh J. Bickley (2), Emeritus Johnnie T. Morris (2), Treasurer
  **HONORARY PAST GRAND COMMANDERS**: H. Haywood Fowler (25, 22), Chairman
  D. Samuel Tennyson (15, 10) Leroy J. Delionbach (14) H. Ted Burgess (11)
  N. Haskell Brabham (2)
- **JURISPRUDENCE**: Richard A. Wesner (22, 1) Chairman; G. Ray Marsh (11)
  J. Gordon Cartrette (8, 10) Lee Roy Bruce (14) J. Sam Burton (17)
- **LIFE MEMBERSHIP FUND**: A. Glenn Greene III (8), Chairman;
  G. Kent Elkins (4) J. Gordon Cartrette (8, 10) Johnnie T. Morris (2)
  Floyd W. Goff (12) Phillip Russell (1) H. Ted Burgess (11)
  Albert J. Wyatt (15) William R. Logan (5)
- **MASONIC YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS**: Robert J. Bean, Sr. (10, 25), Chairman;
  G. Kent Elkins (4) Bobby J. Sprouse (3)
- **MEMBERSHIP**: Lee Roy Bruce, Sr. (14), Chairman;
  Gerald Burton (17), DGC Gary Sowell (19), GG John R. Marcucci (2), GCG
  **NECROLOGY**: Robert L. Blackwell (2), Chairman; Hugh J. Bickley (2), Emeritus
  Haywood Fowler (22, 25) Edward C. Suggs (25, 8) Johnnie T. Morris (2)
- **Patriotism and Civic Activities**: Michael E. Copeland (11), Chairman;
  O. Walt Sealy (15) N. Haskell Brabham (2)
- **Resolution of Appreciation**: Dana P. Rickards (9), Chairman;
  N. Haskell Brabham (2) Robert W. Kendrick (4)
- **TACTICS AND UNIFORMS**: Richard Wesner (22, 1), Chairman;
  Gerald Burton (17), DGC Gary Sowell (19), GG John R. Marcucci (2)
  J. Sam Burton (17) C. Bud Turner (21) C. Todd Schofield (2)
- **TIME AND PLACE**: Gerald Burton (17), DGC, Chairman;
  Gary Sowell (19), GG John R. Marcucci (19), GCG
  **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**: Lee Roy Bruce, Sr. (14), Chairman;
  Richard Wesner (22, 1) J. Sam Burton (17)

- □ 1 Report for All 3 Bodies given in Joint Session
- □  - Same Committee, Different reports in each Body
GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF SOUTH CAROLINA
GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT    February 28, 2014

To: The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of South Carolina, I hereby submit my annual report covering the period March 1, 2013, through February 28, 2014

MARCH 01, 2013 - BALANCES - Cost Basis

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**ACCOUNTS TOTAL** $ 458,712.91

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**RECEIPT TOTALS** $ 72,616.36

TOTAL ACCOUNTS + RECEIPTS $ 531,329.27

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**TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS** $ 69,377.03

TOTAL TO ACCOUNT FOR $ 461,952.24

(Figures reflect accounts, receipts, and disbursements)

FEBRUARY 28, 2014 - BALANCES - Cost Basis

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**ACCOUNTS TOTAL** $ 461,952.24

I appreciate the cooperation received from our Right Eminent Grand Commander, Sir Knight Zebulon V. Morgan, our Right Eminent Grand Recorder, Sir Knight Johnnie T. Morris, and especially our Secretary, Judy Morris.

Fraternally Submitted,

H. Ted Burgess, Grand Treasurer
REPORT OF GRAND RECORDER

To: The Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of South Carolina:

I hereby submit my annual report covering the period March 1, 2013 through February 28, 2014.

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CONDENSED STATISTICAL STATEMENT

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Total DECREASE: 403

Members, 12/31/2013: 3,427

Net Loss: -274

There was only one (1) Commandery that did not have losses this year. Delphi Commandery No. 8 had an increase of 11.11% and a Numerical Gain of five (5) for the year. The remainder of the Commanderies had Numerical losses of from (-1) to (-31) and negative percentages of from (-0.6%) to (-18.56%).

We had a net loss in the Grand Commandery of 274, bringing our total membership down to 3,427.

Fraternally submitted,

Johnnie T. Morris, Grand Recorder

Referred to the Finance Committee and later adopted.
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*100% Life Sponsors to the Knight Templar Eye Foundation*
REPORT OF AUDITING COMMITTEE

To: The Grand Commandery Knights Templar of South Carolina:
We herewith submit our report.

We have this day, March 4, 2014, examined the books of the Grand Treasurer and the Grand Recorder and find them neatly and correctly kept and all funds accounted for.

The balance of the Grand Treasurer is as follows:

- Wells Fargo Bank (Checking) ......................... 300.00
- Wells Fargo Money Market ........................... 107,155.41
- Edward Jones Investments ............................ 346,000.23
- Cash on hand .............................................. 8,496.60

Total ........................................................................ $461,952.24

Fraternally submitted,

Lee Roy Bruce, Sr. (14), Chairman
Dana Rickards (9)        Douglas Lee (18)

Adopted.....

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MEMBERSHIP

To: The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of South Carolina:

Your committee would like to recognize the one Commandery that had a gain in membership this year: Delphi No. 8 (+5). We also congratulate Delphi Commandery No. 8 as the only one with no NPDs for 2013.

This year we Knighted 77, affiliated 10 and reinstated 24 for a total increase of 129. We lost 135 Sir Knights by death, 30 demitted, suspended or expelled 5, errors 11, and lost 222 for NPD, for a decrease of 403, bringing our membership to 3,427, a loss of 274 for 2013. The NPDs were 55.1% of our total losses.

Sir Knights, as our membership continues to decline, we encourage every Commandery to make every effort to decrease their NPDs.

Fraternally submitted,

Lee Roy Bruce, Sr. (14), Chairman
Gerald Burton (17) DGC        Gary Sowell (19) GG        John R. Marcucci (2) GCG

Adopted.....

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHARTERS AND DISPENSATIONS

To: The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of South Carolina:

We report that there have been no requests for dispensations to form new Commanderies, therefore, no petitions for charters.

All dispensations were of a routine nature and are on file in the Grand Recorder’s Office.

Fraternally submitted,

N. Haskell Brabham (2), Chairman
Richard A. Wesner (22)

Adopted.
REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THE HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE

To: The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of South Carolina:

Your committee joins me in thanking the Sir Knights of South Carolina for the excellent support and participation they are giving to our most important program. The response is outstanding and a credit to the Order. We sent four ministers to the Holy Land in 2013 and received commendation from the Holy Land Pilgrimage, Inc.

This year we have three more ministers going. They are Reverend David Michael Brown, Associate Minister of The Oakland Baptist Church in Rock Hill who is the committee selection. Rock Hill Commandery #15 supervises him. Aiken Commandery #14 is sponsor, in full, of Rev. Thomas Dale Meador, senior pastor of Big Stevens Creek Baptist Church in North Augusta and Sumter Commander #20 is fully sponsoring Rev. Joseph Robert Huggins, minister of St. John United Methodist Church in Sumter. 

There is one minister application for 2015 and more are welcome. Keep up the excellent effort, Sir Knights!

The basic cost of the Pilgrimage, which we pay to Holy Land Pilgrimage, Inc., is $3390.00. In addition, we pay round trip airfare to JFK International Airport in NYC, and give a travel allowance to the minister. The total is $4000.00 for each traveler.

It is our goal to have enough money in the HLP fund to send at least one minister on this educational experience annually.

The figures presented here do not include money received from Commanderies and forwarded to the national office. These figures represent donations received from commanderies, individuals, and special gifts such as the Divine Service collection and cookbook sale, etc. They are for your information and given in round numbers.

The beginning fund balance in 2011 was $1118.00. Receipts totaled $3786.00. In 2012, we received $4421.00 and 2013 receipts totaled $2750.00.

Fifteen commanderies gave in 2011, 17 in 2012, and 12 in 2013. There are twenty-five Commanderies in South Carolina so 10 did not make donations in 2011, 8 in 2012, and 13 in 2013.

Your committee anticipates sufficient donations will continue to flow into the fund because of the good statewide cooperation, participation, and support it is getting.

Status of Holy Land Pilgrimage Plaques and Sponsor Bars

We have exhausted our supply of award plaques and need award bars to present and no budget exists to make any purchases.

The Accord that we adopted several years ago qualifies seven commanderies for plaques, if they have not already received one in the past. An additional five commanderies are to receive HLP sponsorship bars.

It was decided by the HLP committee to collect a free will offering at this Conclave in order to raise funds for awards. The Grand Commander approves so we shall “pass the hat” and ask the Order to respond liberally.

Holy Land Pilgrimage Committee Flow Chart

Mar. – Grand Conclave
Apr. – Easter Devotions
May – Begin HLP applications; Ascension Devotions
June – HLP Fund donations
Sep – Last Donation receipts; Pilgrim(s) named.
Oct – Pilgrim minister registered and trip paid
Nov – Pilgrim minister’s HLP orientation
Dec – Christmas Observances
Jan – HLP minister commission ceremony

Fraternally Submitted,

Robert L. Blackwell (2), Chairman
Edward Suggs (8, 25)

Hugh J. Bickley (2), Emeritus
Haywood Fowler (25, 22)

Adopted.

Johnnie T. Morris (2)
REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EYE FOUNDATION

To: The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of South Carolina:

Your Committee on the Knights Templar Eye Foundation submits the following report:

As of the January 6, 2014 report on the 46th Voluntary Campaign, South Carolina has contributed a total of $20,480.63. This ranks us #14 in total dollar amount out of 56 ranked contributors.

All Commanderies in South Carolina have contributed to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation and are to be commended for your continued support of this worthy philanthropy. I do, however, consider it appropriate to recognize the top ten Commanderies in their giving. As I read the list of the top ten would the members please rise and remain standing until all are read. The list includes:

1. Spartanburg #3
2. Rock Hill #15
3. South Carolina #1
4. Columbia #2
5. Anderson #11
6. Greenville #4
7. S. Maner Martin #17
8. Lancaster #19
9. Easley #21
10. Sumter #20

Sir Knights and Companions we owe these Sir Knights a round of applause.

We pray that each of us will strive to fulfill our obligation to support the Eye Foundation. Only by our continued support can we continue the eye research that will ultimately benefit untold millions.

Fraternally Submitted,
Richard W. Sealy (15) Chairman

Marcus Burdette presented $810.00 that was collected during the year by passing the P-Pot.
Ted Burgess presented $851.89 from the Todd Fund.

Adopted……

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HONORARY PAST GRAND COMMANDERS

To: The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of South Carolina:

We, the undersigned members of the committee on Honorary Past Grand Commanders have considered all business before it. We do not recommend that anyone be elevated to the rank of Honorary Past Grand Commander.

We move the adoption of this report.

Fraternally submitted,
Haywood Fowler (25) Chairman
N. Haskell Brabham (2) D. Samuel Tennyson (15)
Leroy J. Delionbach (14)

Adopted……
REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHRISTIAN RELATIONS

To: The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of South Carolina:

The committee is pleased to report that we continue to receive positive responses from congregations in which Sir Knights conduct Holy Land Pilgrimage commissioning ceremony. We have upgraded it with a printed order for the Commander of the sponsoring Commandery to follow.

We notice that congregations respond well to being invited to participate in the commissioning prayer offered by the Grand Prelate and the participation of the Right Eminent Grand Commander.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert L. Blackwell (2), Chairman
Hugh J. Bickley (2), Emeritus
Johnnie T. Morris (2)

Adopted…

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NECROLOGY

To: The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of South Carolina:

We paid homage to our deceased Companions and Sir Knight three times during the year – during the Divine Service in March, at the business session of the annual Conclave, and at Christmas observances of commanderies.

John Donne, the Seventeenth Century priest and author captures for us the significance of remembering those who die when he writes in his seventeenth meditation, “Any man’s death diminishes me, because I am involved in mankind, and therefore never send to know for whom the bell tolls; it tolls for thee.”

We are diminished by the death of members, and their passing from our ranks does make our task much more difficult.

Let us pray to our Lord and Captain for the (number) companions that died in 2013.

O Lord, who has commissioned us as Soldiers of Christian Faith, we call upon you to receive the Sir Knights who have fallen from our ranks in 2013 and are now in your presence as soldiers of the Cross and Crown. Grant them joy, felicity and strength to serve you forever. And, bless and support us who are charged to advance your Church on earth with sufficient grace and mercy to succeed as long as we live. This we pray in your strong and victorious name. Amen.

Fraternally Submitted,

Robert L. Blackwell (2), Chairman
Hugh J. Bickley (2), Emeritus
Edward Suggs (8, 25)

Adopted……..
REPORT OF GRAND COMMANDERY BY-LAWS COMMITTEE

To: The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of South Carolina

The By-Laws Committee has reviewed the Address of Sir Knight Zebulon V. Morgan, III, Right Eminent Grand Commander. It should be noted that this committee has been active in recommending changes, as has been brought to the attention of this committee by the Knights of South Carolina, for our Grand Commandery Constitution and Statutes. These changes have been voted on and approved by past Grand Conclaves. Additionally, the By-Laws Committee has made it known, through previous reports, that it is available to assist the Constituent Commanderies in their endeavors to update their respective Conclave By-Laws. During this term, we have reviewed a proposed By-Laws change for S. Manor Martin No. 17 and provided our recommendations to the Grand Commander.

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Therefore, it is the recommendation of this committee that:

1. The South Carolina Grand Commandery Constitution and Statutes, as published on the Grand York Rite website, is up-to-date, available, and we recommend it be printed by our membership for their use as required;
2. The Constituent Commanderies of South Carolina should undertake a review of their By-Laws and, if required, contact this committee for any assistance; and,
3. The Sir Knights of South Carolina may provide recommendations to this committee for suggested Constitution and/or Statutes changes that should be considered by the Grand Commandery of South Carolina.

Fraternally Submitted,

J. Sam Burton (17), PGC, Chairman
G. Ray Marsh (11), HPGC, PGHP
H. Ted Burgess, (11) PGC

Adopted 3-10-2014...

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE

To: The Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of South Carolina:

We have received our Right Eminent Grand Commander’s report delineating his activities during the past year. We commend him on his many in and out of state visits and the exemplary manner in which he and his officers represented our Grand Commandery and Templar Masonry.

This Committee was not called upon for any decisions during the past year.

All dispensations signed by our Right Eminent Grand Commander were of a routine nature and in compliance with Templar Law. Copies of these dispensations are available in the Grand Recorder’s office for review.

Changes to the By-Laws of S. Manor Martin Commandery No. 17 were properly submitted and approved by our Right Eminent Grand Commander.

The granting of dual memberships to the following Sir Knights was proper and in accordance with the Constitution and Statutes of our Grand Commandery:

James L. "Ricky" Chubb, Albert Samuel Couch, III, Ronald G. "Jake" Jacoby with Orangeburg No. 9;
James Dean Strickland with Newberry No. 6; Thomas Harold Lewis, Jr. with SC #1.

The appointment of Representatives of this Grand Commandery to other Grand Commanderies and of those of other Grand Commanderies near the Grand Commandery of South Carolina was proper and in order.

Fraternally Submitted,

Richard A. Wesner (22, 1) Chairman
G. Ray Marsh (11) J. Gordon Cartrette (8, 10)
Lee Roy Bruce (14) J. Sam Burton (17)

Adopted......
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To: The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of South Carolina

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Fraternally Submitted,

J. Sam Burton (17), PGC, Chairman
G. Ray Marsh (11), PGM-HPGC
H. Ted Burgess, (11) PGC

Adopted.
**PROJECTED INCOME AND EXPENSES FOR GRAND COMMANDERY**

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**FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS – 2014**

A) We recommend a $2.00 per capita increase to $19 per member to achieve a balanced budget. Our recommendation will support our Grand Commandery without having to deplete our investment accounts as we have had to do for the past 10+ years.

B) We recommend approval of the reports of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder as referred to this committee.

We recommend that as much as may be necessary be appropriated for the purchase of saleable supplies.

We recommend that the Grand Treasurer, Grand Recorder and Chairman of the Finance Committee be authorized to invest as much of our funds in Government Bonds, AAA Utility Bonds, insured Savings and Loan Associations and/or other investments as deemed prudent.

We recommend that if the R.E. Grand Commander and/or the V.E. Deputy Grand Commander is/are unable to attend the Southeastern York Rite Conference and the E. Grand Generalissimo and/or E. Grand Captain General does attend that the monies appropriated in our budget be given to the E. Grand Generalissimo and/or E. Grand Captain General to help with their expenses.

We recommend continued assistance to KTEF, financed as usual.

We recommend the continued support of the Holy Land Pilgrimage to be financed as usual.

We recommend continued support of Masonic youth groups as contained in the budget.

We recommend continued support of the Lucius A. and Margaret B. Todd Fund of South Carolina, Inc., financed as usual.

We recommend that the Grand Secretary-Recorder maintain office space at 1518 Hampton Street, Columbia, South Carolina for another year or unless more suitable space is found at a comparable rate of rent.

*Fraternally submitted,*
Richard Wesner (22), Chairman
Michael Copeland (11) George Peters (3)

Adopted with the exception of A)……..

**REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TACTICS & UNIFORMS**

To: The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of South Carolina:

The committee wishes to commend each of the constituent Commanderies for improvements in their Commandery work. We especially want to encourage each Commandery to continue to improve by applying proper tactics, wearing of proper uniform and wearing only the approved jewels and medals.

*Fraternally submitted,*
Richard A. Wesner (22, 1), Chairman
Gerald Burton (17)
Gary Sowell (19) John R. Marcucci (2) C. Todd Schofield (2)
C. Bud Turner (21) J. Sam Burton (17)

Adopted……
GRAND COMMANDERY, KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF SOUTH CAROLINA

KNOTHS COMMANDER OF THE TEMPLE AND COMpanions OF THE TEMPLE

* 1990 Alford Byrd, KCT
* 1991 William F. Bond Jr., KCT
* 1992 Richard L. Harding, KCT
* 1993 G. Ray Marsh, KCT
* 1994 H. Dwight McAlister Jr., KCT
* 1995 J. B. McGuirt, KCT
* 1996 W. T. Metts, KCT
* 1997 J. B. McGuirt, KCT
* 1998 Lucius A. Todd, KCT

KNIGHTS COMMANDER OF THE TEMPLE AND COMpanions OF THE TEMPLE

* 1999 G. Mackey Salley Jr., KCT
* 1999 W. T. Metts, KCT
* 1999 J. B. McGuirt, KCT
* 1999 G. Mackey Salley Jr., KCT

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR CROSS OF HONOR AWARD

* 1967-68 C. L. Moore (22)
* 1967-68 J. H. Pearson, KCT
* 1971-72 G. Mackey Salley, KCT
* 1976-77 W. Gates Lanford, KCT
* 1976-77 W. Gates Lanford, KCT
* 1977-78 Gilbert C. Nunnery Jr., KCT
* 1977-78 W. Gates Lanford, KCT
* 1978-79 John H. Wynn Jr., KCT
* 1979-80 John H. Wynn Jr., KCT
* 1980-81 W. T. Metts (21)
* 1981-82 H. H. Brown Jr., KCT
* 1982-83 Vernon A. Bradham (2)
* 1983-84 LeRoy W. Wells (20)
* 1984-85 David H. Munnall (22)
* 1985-86 Thurston B. Gramling (9)

Recipients of the Knights Templar Cross of Honor Award

1965-66 O. Leo Johnson (10)
1966-67 S. A. Hammister (11)
1967-68 Wm. M. Richardson Sr. (9)
1968-69 George W. Romantin (2)
1969-70 Walter Kirk Murray (14)
1970-71 J. C. “Mike” Hubbard (17)
1971-72 G. Mackey Salley (9)
1972-73 John N. Moore (3)
1973-74 Vernon A. Attack (2)
1974-75 Hugh N. Layne (3)
1975-76 J. C. “Mike” Hubbard (17)
1976-77 W. Gates Lanford (3)
1977-78 Gilbert C. Nunnery Jr. (5)
1978-79 John H. Wynn Jr. (1)
1979-80 John H. Wynn Jr. (1)
1980-81 W. T. Metts (21)
1982-83 Vernon A. Bradham (2)
1983-84 LeRoy W. Wells (20)
1984-85 David H. Munnall (22)
1985-86 Thurston B. Gramling (9)
1986-87 G. Fred Smith (2)
1987-88 C. E. Longberry Jr. (2)
1988-89 Charles A. McLees (4)
1989-90 James Edward Wilson (1)
1990-91 G. Ray Marsh (11)
1992-93 James L. Kemp (5)
1992-93 James L. Kemp (5)
1993-94 Harvie Bailey (1)
1994-95 C. Hulon Graves (2)
1995-96 John L. Lane (10)
1995-96 John L. Lane (10)
1996-97 Walter H. Johnson (3)
1997-98 Walter H. Johnson (3)
1998-99 Lucius A. Todd (11)
1999-00 William W. Rainey (21)
2000-01 George W. Romantin (2)
2001-02 Dana P. Rickards (9)
2002-03 Robert H. Tuxton (15)
2003-04 John H. Pearson (1)
2004-05 W. Eldred Johnson (25)
2005-06 J. Allen Prescott (20)
2006-07 Hobby J. Sprouse (3)
2007-08 Henry E. Smoak (3)
2007-08 Yvonne Hadwin, KCT
2008-09 Lee Duncan (21)
2009-10 Rev. Hugh J. Buckley (2)
2010-11 Terry Shaver (6)
2011-11 Nelson Horton (18)
2012-12 George B. Newberry (8)
2013-13 James Russell Phillips (18)
Grand Commandery Officers
2014-2015
ELECTION AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

ELECTED
Gerald D. Burton (17) ........................................... Grand Commander
Gary C. Sowell (19) ............................................... Deputy Grand Commander
John R. Marcucci (2) ............................................. Grand Generalissimo
William F. “Bill” Martin II (1) ................................. Grand Captain General
H. Ted Burgess (11) ................................................ Grand Treasurer
Johnnie T. Morris (2) ............................................. Grand Recorder

APPOINTED
L. Joe Granger (17) ............................................. Grand Senior Warden
Kenneth Brackens (25) ......................................... Grand Junior Warden
Robert L. Blackwell (2) ......................................... Grand Prelate
Hugh J. Bickley (2) ................................................ Grand Prelate, Emeritus
Ronald Dodson (17) ............................................. Grand Standard Bearer
Patrick J. Mulligan, Sr (21) ................................. Grand Sword Bearer
Gerry L. Morgan (13) ........................................... Grand Warder
Jerry O. Glenn (4) .............................................. Grand Sentinel

DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES
The Grand Commander announced the following District Representatives for 2014-15:

FIRST DISTRICT
David C. Axson (1), 1022 Dominion Dr., Hanahan, SC 29410-2408
South Carolina #1 – Charleston
Hampton #23 – Hampton
Orangeburg #9 – Orangeburg

SECOND DISTRICT
Jon Majerus (14), 750 Lanham Rd., Edgefield, SC 29824-3811
Columbia #2 – Columbia
Newberry #6 – Newberry
Greenwood #5 – Greenwood
Aiken #14 – Aiken

THIRD DISTRICT
Robert M. McLean (21), 300 Stallion Rd., Greenville, SC 29617-1243
Greenville #4 – Greenville
Newberry #6 – Newberry
Anderson #11 – Anderson
Easley #21 – Easley
Laurens #13 – Laurens

FOURTH DISTRICT
Steve M. Whitaker (3), 847 Vanderburg Dr., Boiling Springs, SC 29316-9305
Spartanburg #3 – Spartanburg
Union #16 – Union
Spartanburg #3 – Spartanburg
Chester #7 – Chester
Gaffney #18 – Gaffney
Rock Hill #15 – Rock Hill

FIFTH DISTRICT
Camden #12 – Camden
Sunter #20 – Sunter
Lancaster #19 – Lancaster

SIXTH DISTRICT
Mike Ferguson (22), 4840 Harvest Dr., Myrtle Beach, SC 29579-1704
Delphi #8 – Bennettsville
Florence #10 – Florence
Myrtle Beach #22 – Myrtle Beach
Conway #25 – Conway
Winyah #24 – Georgetown

Sir Knight _________________________________________ installed the newly elected and appointed Grand Officers assisted by Sir Knight ____________________________, Marshall and Sir Knight ____________________________, Chaplain offered prayer.
The Grand Commandery of South Carolina presented to retiring Grand Commander Zebulon V. Morgan, III, shoulder straps for a Past Grand Commander in appreciation and fraternal love for his devotion and efforts over the years. Sir Knight Gerald D. Burton presented the shoulder straps to Sir Knight Morgan.

The Past Grand Commander’s jewel, which has been worn by the Junior Past Grand Commander, Sir Knight Douglas L. Amyx for the past year, was presented to Sir Knight Zebulon V. Morgan, III, to be worn until the next Annual Conclave.
The Grand Commander announced the following committees for 2014-2015:

- **APPEALS AND GRIEVANCES**: Don S. Blair (3), Chairman; Robert D. Yonce (14) Lloyd F. Christopher (9)
- **AUDITING**: Lee Roy Bruce, Sr. (14), Chairman; Dana Rickards (9) Douglas G. Lee (18)
- **BY-LAWS**: J. Sam Burton (17), Chairman; G. Ray Marsh (11) H. Ted Burgess (11)
- **CHARTERS AND DISPENSATIONS**: Jack Holmes (18), Chairman; Don S. Blair (3) Richard A. Wesner, (25, 1)
- **DOINGS OF GRAND OFFICERS**: Richard W. Sealy (15), Chairman; Jerry M. Owens (4) Lee Roy Bruce, Sr. (14)
- **EDUCATION**: Gary C. Sowell (19), Chairman; John R. Marcucci (2) William F. Martin (1)
- **EYE FOUNDATION**: Richard W. Sealy (15), Chairman; Leroy J. Delonbach (14) H. Ted Burgess (11) Richard A. Wesner (25, 1)
- **FINANCE**: Richard Wesner (25, 1), Chairman; Michael E. Copeland (11) George Peters (3)
- **HONORARY PAST GRAND COMMANDERS**: H. Haywood Fowler (25), Chairman D. Samuel Tennyson (15, 10) Leroy J. Delonbach (14) Jack Holmes (18)
- **JURISPRUDENCE**: Richard A. Wesner (25, 1) Chairman; G. Ray Marsh (11) J. Gordon Cartrette (8, 10) Lee Roy Bruce (14) J. Sam Burton (17)
- **LIFE MEMBERSHIP FUND**: A. Glenn Greene III (8), Chairman; G. Kent Elkins (4) J. Gordon Cartrette (8, 10) Johnnie T. Morris (2)
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- **RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION**: Dana P. Rickards (9), Chairman; Jack Holmes (18) Robert W. Kendrick (4)
- **TACTICS AND UNIFORMS**: Richard Wesner (25, 1), Chairman; Gary Sowell (19) John R. Marcucci (2) William F. Martin (1)
- **TIME AND PLACE**: Gary Sowell (19), Chairman; John R. Marcucci (2) William F. Martin (1)
- **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**: Lee Roy Bruce, Sr. (14), Chairman; Richard Wesner (25, 1) J. Sam Burton (17)

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REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS

To: The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of South Carolina:

Your Committee on Unfinished Business reports that all business coming before this Annual Conclave has received proper consideration.

Fraternally submitted,

Lee Roy Bruce, Sr. (14) Chairman

Adopted.

John T. Davis, Sr. (20) Richard W. Sealy (15)

ADJOURNMENT

The business of the Annual Conclave having been completed, the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of South Carolina adjourned with prayer by Sir Knight Robert L. Blackwell, E. Grand Prelate, at ________ p.m. to meet in the City of Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, March 8 and 9, 2015.

Gerald D. Burton

Grand Commander

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Johnnie T. Morris,

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