

The York Rite of Freemasonry Of South Carolina

Annual Proceedings

**Two Hundred Ninth Annual Convocation
of
The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of South Carolina
Organized April 20, 1811**

**One Hundred Sixtieth Annual Assembly
of
The Grand Council of Royal and Select Master
of South Carolina
Organized February 15, 1860**

**One Hundred Thirteenth Annual Conclave
of
The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar
of South Carolina
Organized January 19, 1826**

**March 8 - 10, 2020
Columbia Scottish Rite
7230 Garners Ferry Road
Columbia SC**

Our Mission

The Mission of the South Carolina Grand York Rite is to support The Grand Lodge AFM of South Carolina, to adapt and develop leadership and education; Inspire charity, fellowship and quality of the craft.

AGENDA
Sunday March 8, 2020
Columbia Scottish Rite

1:00 PM – 5:00 PM	Sign in	Lobby
2:00 PM – 3:00 PM	Council Education Session	Auditorium
3:00 PM – 4:00 PM	Commandery Education Session	Auditorium
4:00 PM – 5:00 PM	Chapter Education Session	Auditorium
7:00 PM – 9:00 PM	Annual Banquet (<i>Pre-registration required</i>)	Dinning Hall

Monday March 9, 2020

NOTE: All times are approximate and if time allotted is not totally used the next Grand Body Session may start earlier.

7:30 AM – 8:15 AM	Breakfast Buffet (<i>if included with Hotel</i>)	Hotel
8:30 AM – 9:45 AM	Sign in	Lobby
8:45 AM – 9:15 AM	KT Religious Service	Dining Room
9:45 AM – 10:45 AM	Grand Council Opens Joint Sessions & Introductions of Distinguished Guest	Auditorium
10:45 AM – 12:00 PM	Grand Council <i>continues</i>	
12:00 PM – 1:15 PM	Lunch (<i>Pre-registration required</i>)	Dining Room
1:30 PM – 3:00 PM	Grand Commandery Opens	Auditorium
3:00 PM – 4:30 PM	Grand Chapter Opens	Auditorium
4:45 PM	Perpetual Membership Committee	Auditorium
5:30 PM	Todd Fund Directors meeting	Auditorium

Tuesday March 11, 2020

9:30 AM – 10:30 AM	Joint Public Installation Pictures and Officer meetings immediately following Installation	Dining Room
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Joint Session

The **Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of South Carolina** will be opened in ample form; **The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of South Carolina and The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of South Carolina** will be declared open for reception of Distinguished Guest and Joint Committee Reports.

Distinguished Guests – Out of State

Alabama

ME Ron Andress, Most Excellent Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Alabama

MI Sidney Cooley, Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council of Alabama

SK William Burfitt, Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Alabama and Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Alabama

SK James C McGee, Southeastern Department Commander of the Grand Encampment Knights Templar, USA

Canada

RE Richard Shave, Grand Representative to the Grand Chapter of SC near the Grand Chapter of Ontario

California

SK David J Kussman, Grand Generalissimo of the Grand Encampment Knights Templar, representing Jeffrey N Nelson Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar USA

Georgia

ME James Tate, Most Excellent Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Georgia

SK Jim Huffman, Eminent Grand Captain of the Guard of the Grand Commandery of Georgia

SK Mark Johnson, Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Georgia

SK Brandon Yarbrough, Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Georgia

North Carolina

MI Russell Bridges, Past Most Illustrious Grand Master, Grand Council of North Carolina; Very Excellent Grand Priest Grand Council Knight Masons, USA

MI J. David Cashion, Past Most Illustrious Grand Master, Grand Council of North Carolina and Right Excellent Grand Scribe Grand Council Knight Masons, USA

ME Thomas Bridges Jr., Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of North Carolian

RI Jeff York, Deputy Illustrious Grand Master, Grand Council of North Carolina

MI Kevin Wood, Most Illustrious Grand Master, Grand Council of North Carolina

Ohio

MI Thomas Logan, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ohio and Grand Representative to South Carolina near the Grand Council of Ohio

Virginia

RE Dennis Haas, Administrative Assistant to the Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Virginia

RE Leslie Flowers, Right Excellent Grand Tyler of the Grand Chapter of Virginia

ME Raymond Steele, Most Excellent Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Virginia

Distinguished Masonic Leaders in South Carolina

Thrice Illustrious Master's Council of SC

RE Harvie B Bailey, Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of SC and Thrice Illustrious Master

Allied Masonic Degrees

MI George Peters, Past Illustrious Grand Master Grand Council of SC and Grand Superintendent of work in South Carolina

Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priest

VE Preceptor Richard W Sealey Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of SC and Very Eminent Preceptor Cana Tabernacle Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priest

Knight Masons

MI Gary B Hinson, Past Illustrious Grand Master Grand Council of SC and Past Most Venerable Sovereign Grand Council Knight Masons of the USA

MI Douglas Knauer, Past Illustrious Grand Master Grand Council of SC and Grand Chaplin Grand Council Knight Masons of the USA

Red Cross of Constantine

RE J Sam Burton, Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of SC and Intendent General, Red Cross of Constantine for the Division of SC

York Rite College

ME Michael Copeland, Past Grand High Priest of Grand Chapter of SC and current Grand Governor for South Carolina York Rite College

Royal Arch Research Association

ME Robert J Bean Sr, Past Grand High Priest of RAM of SC and Executive Director RARA

Grand Encampment Knights Templar

MW&RE D Samuel Tennyson, Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of SC and Past South Eastern Department Commander and Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free Masons in SC

RE John Marcucci, Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of SC and State Coordinator for SC Grand Encampment Knights Templar USA

RE Howard "Ted" Burgess, Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of SC and Jurisdictional Deputy for SC Grand Encampment Knights Templar USA

The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge AFM of South Carolina

MW D Sam Tennyson, Past Grand Master

MW & Illustrious Michael D Smith, Past Grand Master & SGIG of SC AASR

RW Stephen B Hiott, District Deputy Grand Master 1st District

RW Robert J F Elsner, District Deputy Grand Master 11th District

RW Bobby Joe Albert, District Deputy Grand Master 23rd District

RW Rev. Dr. A Robert Nix, Grand Chaplain

MW Gerald L Carver, Grand Secretary and Past Grand Master

MW Jack A. Marler, Grand Treasurer and Past Grand Master

RW Thomas Watson Junior Grand Warden

RW Steven D Hames, Senior Grand Warden

RW O B Smith, Deputy Grand Master

MW Walter Cal Disher, Grand Master of Masons in South Carolina

MEMORIUM
J C "Mike" Hubbard Jr.
Grand High Priest
1968 – 1969

Julius Clifford "Mike" Hubbard Jr., 98, passed peacefully into eternal rest Sunday, March 10, 2019.

The eldest son of the late Julius Clifford and Adel Hubbard, Mike spent his childhood in Lancaster.

Mike married his high school sweetheart and the love of his life, Margret Hinson, sharing a devotion to each other for 79 years. Together they raised three wonderful children as members of the Clemson United Methodist Church. Mike was an exceptional teacher of the word of God, a prayer warrior and a selfless giver of all he had.

With a strong commitment to God and country, Mike served his country honorably during WWII as a combat officer. He was awarded a Purple Heart, Bronze Star, Combat Infantryman's Badge, four battle stars and an arrowhead. In his community he inspired many with his dedication and giving spirit. As a Scout leader for many years teaching the next generation to "do a good turn daily" in his years on city council as an original member of the "Town and Gown" committee, a charter member of the Lions Club, board member for Clemson Downs.

He was a leader in the Masonic organization, including both the York Rites and Scottish Rites. He served as The Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of South Carolina 1968 – 1969.

A 1942 Clemson graduate and a beloved professor in the College of Textiles, Mike loved Clemson University. As a caring professor. Mike's influence guided thousands of students on a successful journey. Sharing in the spirit of Clemson, he established a legacy of scholarships for undergraduate students. Clemson was family. Sharing his love of the university, all his children are Clemson graduates. Mike rose to professor, appointed alumni professor in 1982 and retired as an Alumni Distinguished Professor Emeritus.

Mike is survived by his wife. Margaret; sons, Cliff (Salley) of Beaufort and Scott (Nene) of Spartanburg; daughter, Anna Smith (Steve) of Spartanburg; three grandchildren, Austin Hubbard and Michael and Drew Smith; sister Adele Williams of Lancaster; and many nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by his brother, Robert Carl Hubbard.

MEMORIUM
William Penn Colvin
Most Illustrious Grand Master
2000 – 2001

William Penn Colvin, 88, died Saturday, March 23, 2019 at Piedmont Medical Center, in Rock Hill, SC. A memorial service will be held 11:00 am Saturday, March 30, 2019 at Chester A.R.P. Church with Rev. Clint Davis, Dr. Dwight Pearson and Rev. Buzzy Elder officiating. Interment will be private. The family will receive friends immediately following the service in the Barron room of Chester A.R.P. church.

He is survived by his wife of over 16 years, Ann Culp Colvin; three children, Jake Stone Colvin III (Susan) of Charleston, SC, John Woche Colvin of Chester, SC and Margaret Anne Colvin of Chester, SC; four grandchildren, Jeneane Colvin, Revaey Colvin Earley (Jacob), Jordan Young (Lance), Andrea Andreu (Marc); eight great-grandchildren, James, Josh, Seth, Penn, Lincoln, Wynter, Rhett and Oscar; numerous nieces and nephews; he was preceded in death by his first wife Anne Woche Colvin; two sisters, and one brother.

Mr. Colvin was born December 19, 1930, in Chester, SC and was a son of the late Jake Stone Colvin and Bernice Barr Colvin. Mr. Colvin was a graduate of Chester High School and the U.S. Naval Academy and Clemson College. He was retired from the U.S. Navy having served during the Korean war and Vietnam war, He was employed with Trident – Tech of Charleston S.C. and was formerly city manager of Chester and later an insurance salesman for Combined Ins Co. Mr. Colvin was a member of Chester A.R.P. church where he was an elder.

He was a former president of the Chester lions club and a member of the American legion.

He was a past district Deputy Grand Master of 23rd Masonic District of SC for Grand Lodge A.F.M. past Master of Chester Masonic Lodge # 18.

He was a member and Past Master of Chester Lodge #18 and member Emeritus of Richburg Masonic Lodge #89. He was a member of Chester York Rite Bodies and served in many offices as well as Secretary Recorder for many years. He served as The Most Illustrious Grand Master of Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of SC 200-2001.

He was a past district Deputy Grand Master of 23rd Masonic District of SC for Grand Lodge A.F.M. past Master of Chester Masonic Lodge # 18.

MEMORIUM
Wilson C Hardee
Most Illustrious Grand Master
1985 – 1986

Wilson “Sonny” Cox Hardee, 84, passed away Monday, March 25, 2019 at the McLeod Hospice House.

Mr. Wilson was born in Hemingway, SC a son of the late Luther W. Hardee, Sr., and the late Nita Cox Hardee. He was a retired from Wellman Industries after 38 years, also served as the Town Administrator for Hemingway for 10 years. He was a graduate of Hemingway High School and attended the University of South Carolina. He was a former Mayor of Johnsonville, Municipal Court Judge, member of the Johnsonville Fire Department and had served as the Chairperson of the Florence County Health Department.

He was a member of the Johnsonville United Methodist Church where he held many positions over the years. He was also a member of the United Methodist Annual Conference for over 40 years and was a member of the United Methodist Men.

He was a member and Past Master of the Johnsonville Masonic Lodge, # 365 and was also a member of the SC Council # 20 Knights Masons, Winyah Commandery # 24 Knights Templar, Georgetown, SC, Palmetto York Rite College # 70, Columbia, SC, All Saints Conclave Order of the Red Cross of Constantine, Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests, Samuel HJ Womack Council # 20, and Eminent Preceptor of Knights Templar. He was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star, Past Patron Chapter # 148 Georgetown, SC and Past Patron Chapter # 156 Hemingway, SC.

MEMORIUM
G. Ray Marsh
Grand High Priest
1980 – 1981

Garland Ray Marsh, 82, of West Columbia, SC, passed away Wednesday, August 21, 2019 at NHC Lexington.

Ray was born on June 1, 1937 in Spindale, North Carolina to the late Charles Garland and Inez Tapley Marsh. He graduated from Slater-Marietta High School, Marietta, SC and from the Institute of Computer Technology, Atlanta, GA. He is a veteran of the United States Air Force and retired from Owens Corning Fiberglas after 24 years of service in the computer technology department.

Ray and his wife of 58 years Mary Ann Walters Marsh, were both active members of Washington Street Methodist Church in Columbia.

He was a member of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free Masons of South Carolina and was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason in Hiram Lodge No. 68, AFM of SC on April 16, 1964. He served his Lodge as Worshipful Master in 1973. Ray had dual membership with Boyleston Lodge #123 in Balentine, SC. He was elected and installed as the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in South Carolina. In June 1995, he was appointed acting Grand Secretary. He was elected to the office of Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of AFM of South Carolina. He was commissioner of the southeast region for the Masonic Service Association and was presented with the Albert Gallatin Mackey Award, which is the highest award given by the Grand Master in South Carolina.

Ray was a member of the Anderson York Rite Bodies and also of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, Valley of Greenville, South Carolina. He was also a member of Hejaz Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S. located in Greenville. Ray served the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of South Carolina as Most Excellent Grand High Priest. The Scottish Rite of Freemasonry invested him with the rank and title of Inspector General Honorary of the 33rd Degree. Ray was an honorary member of several lodges and York Rite bodies too numerous to mention.

In addition to his wife Mary Ann, Ray is survived by several nieces and nephews. Mary Ann would like to express her gratitude to Lexington Medical Center, NHC Lexington and Caris Hospice for their loving care of her husband.

In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his sister Billie Ruth Marsh Chapman.

MEMORIUM
Victor Ronald DuBose
Grand High Priest
1988 – 1989

Victor Ronald "Ronnie" DuBose, Jr., 77, of Charleston, South Carolina, husband of Montye Jean McKenzie DuBose entered eternal rest Wednesday, December 25, 2019. His Funeral Service was held Saturday, December 28, 2019 in J. Henry Stuhr Inc., Downtown Chapel, 232 Calhoun Street at 2:00 p.m., where the family will receive friends from 12:30 p.m. until the time of service. Interment following will be in Riverview Memorial Park with a Masonic Service. Ronnie was born April 9, 1942 in Greenville County, South Carolina, son of the late Victor Ronald DuBose and Elma Lee Laffoday DuBose. He was a graduate of Wofford College and a retired Youth Program Director with the City of Charleston. Ronnie was a member of Hibben United Methodist Church and attended the French Huguenot Church.

Ronnie is survived by his wife of 35 years, Montye; sister, Lillian Howard of Tarboro, NC; brother, Richard DuBose of Summerville, SC; foster brother, Jean Claude DeMontfort; two nephews: Romaine Howard III and Jean Paul DeMontfort; and four nieces: Marsh Howard, Regan Morris, Taryn DuBose and Amy DeMontfort.

He was raised in 1967 in Etiwan Lodge #95 in Mt Pleasant. He became a member of Franklin Lodge #96 where he served as Worshipful Master in 1974 and Secretary from 1978 – 1984. He served the Grand Lodge of SC as Grand Stewart in 1977. He joined the Charleston York Rite bodies in 1968 where he served in many Offices.

He was elected to serve the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of South Carolina as Grand High Priest in 1988.

He was a member of all the Appendant Bodies of York Rite Masonry as well as a member of the Scottish Rite and Omar Shrine.

The Lucius A. and Margret B. Todd Fund, Inc.

The Twentieth (20th) Annual Meeting of the Lucius A. and Margaret B. Todd Fund, Inc. was called to order at 5:30 p.m. on March 11, 2019. by the President, prayer was given by Robert Elsner, pledge of allegiance was given, and the President declared the meeting open for the annual business session and welcomed everyone present. The following seventeen (17) members were present:

Gary Sowell	President (2019)	Acy Flora (DGHP)	Member
J. Gordon Cartrette	Vice-President (2020)	Dean Tollison	Member
Robert J. Bean Sr.	Secretary (2019)	Scott Goodwin	Member
Howard T. Burgess, Sr.	Treasurer (2019)	Herman Resch	Member
Jerry Owens	Director (2021)		
Mike Copeland	Director (2021)		
John Marcucci	Director (2020)		
Hal Gregory	Director (2021)		
Ron Elvis	Director (2019)		
Tony Bizakis (MEGHP)	Director		
Jerry Willard (MIGM)	Director		
Robert Elsner (REGC)	Director		
G Buck Jolley (G Sec/Rec)	Director		
A Glenn Greene III (G Tr)	Director - Absent		

A motion was made by Ted Burgess to approve the minutes of the meeting on March 11, 2018 as printed. – approved. The Treasurer’s Report was read by Ted Burgess and adopted. Copies of all were available to those present. Mike Copeland read the Audit Report which was adopted. Ted Burgess moved that \$1,107.81 be dispersed to each of the three York Rite Charities (RARA, CMMRF and KTEF) – adopted. Ted also recommended that the corpus be allowed to continue to grow and noted that the Form 990 and Secretary of State forms had been filed.

It was noted that there were three (3) Directors that needed to be filled for the new terms ending in 2022. The Board will recommend to the Members that Gary Sowell, Robert Bean Sr and Ted Burgess be re-elected at the Annual Session meeting.

The business next turned to the election of Officers of the Board of Directors for the ensuing year. Gary Sowell was nominated by Ted Burgess to succeed himself as President. He also nominated Gordon Cartrette as Vice President and Robert J Bean Sr as Secretary. Robert Bean Sr nominated Ted Burgess as Treasurer. There were no further nominations, and all were elected unanimously.

The President appointed Doug Knauer, Mike Copeland and Richard Sealy to serve as the Audit Committee for the ensuing year.

The President opened a discussion for other business. Jerry Willard presented bronze, silver and gold lapel pins that had been designed by Robert Elsner. It was recommended that they be made available for donations of \$50.00, \$100.00 and \$200.00 respectively and that they be made progressive with a total of \$350.00 being the cost to obtain all three. The pins should be presented at a meeting rather than being mailed to the donor. Gary Jolley moved that the plan be adopted. – Carried. There was then a general discussion about other methods to raise funds. There being no further business to come before this Board, the meeting was adjourned with prayer at 6:04 p.m. by Gary Jolley.

Attest:

Robert J. Bean, Sr. Secretary

Gary C. Sowell President

The Lucius A. and Margaret N. Todd Fund, Inc.
Treasurer's Report

The following report of the year 2019 is herewith submitted to the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter; The Most Illustrious Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters; and the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of South Carolina.

Fund Balances

Checking Account – BB&T

Opening Balance – January 1, 2019	\$ 4,707.22	
Deposits – Donations		\$ 770.00
Deposits – Edward Jones Invest.		\$ 4,495.16
Cash on Hand – Donations		\$ 286.81
Check – RARA		\$(1,107.18)
Check – CMMRF		\$(1,107.18)
Check – KTEF		\$(1,107.18)
Check – Edward Jones		\$ 0.00
Ending Balance – December 31, 2018		\$ 6,937.65

Investments – Edward Jones (Mkt Val)

Balance as of January 1, 2019	\$ 154,228.33	
Deposits – Checking		\$ 0.00
Gain/(Loss)		\$15,515.53
Ending Balance – December 31, 2019		\$169,743.86

Total to account for January 1, 2018 \$163,292.25

Total to account for December 31, 2019 \$176,681.51

Respectively submitted,
Howard T Burgess Sr. PGC
Treasurer

The Lucius A. and Margaret N. Todd Fund, Inc.
Audit Report

We the Todd Fund Audit committee certify that we have examined the books and records of the Todd Fund Treasurer and find the neatly and accurately kept. All funds have been accounted for.

Fraternally submitted

Douglas R Knauer, Chairman, Michael E Copeland, Richard Sealy

Report of the Perpetual Membership Fund Committee
December 31, 2019

To: The Grand York Rite Bodies of South Carolina
From: Perpetual Membership Fund Committee

We your Perpetual Membership Fund Committee, submit the following report for the period of January 1, 2019, through December 31, 2019.

Checking Account: Anderson Brothers Bank	
- Cash Beginning Balance January 1, 2018	<u>\$27,851.76</u>
- Income (Deposits):	
o Dues received from Members	\$4,525.00
o CRE Strategic Opp. Fund Earnings	\$2,500.00
o Total Deposits:	<u>\$7,025.00</u>
- Expenses (Checks)	
o 2018 Life Membership Payouts	(\$28,145.12)
o Total Expenses:	<u>(\$21,561.21)</u>
o Checks Not Cleared – Voided and added to	
- Ending Balance December 31, 2019	<u>\$ 7,775.93</u>
2019 Investment Fund Balance:	
- Merrill Lynch Wealth Management (<i>Cost Basis</i>)	\$438,228.01
- 5.0Units CRE Strategic Opportunity Fund(<i>Cost Basis</i>)	\$ 25,000.00
o Total Investment Balance (<i>Cost Basis</i>)	<u>\$463,228.01</u>
Total Fund Asset Balance, December 31, 2019	\$462,003.97

NOTE: Approximately (\$9,706.65) in unrealized losses

Payouts to constituent bodies in January 2019 for 2018 earnings were based on a 5.35% return on cost of funds invested. Also paid in January 2019 were replacement checks for 2016 earnings to Lancaster (Cheraw earnings), Laurens and Newberry and replacement checks for 2017 earnings to Camden, Georgetown, Lancaster, Laurens and Newberry.

We are pleased to report that there are 1,510 participants (214 multiple buy-ins are only counted once) in the program payouts for 2018. We will add five (5) new participants and additional monies from on (1) participant for the 2019 earning year.

Respectively submitted,

Howard T. Burgess, Chairman-Treasurer

PERPETUAL MEMBERSHIP PAYOUTS FOR 2019

PAID JANUARY 2020

BODY	CHAPTER	COUNCIL	COMMANDERY	TOTAL	CK #	INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS
AIKEN	\$301.07	\$312.46	\$473.11	\$1,086.64	1088	70
ANDERSON	\$375.71	\$358.00	\$941.18	\$1,674.89	1089	138
CAMDEN	\$302.34	\$306.13	\$595.46	\$1,203.93	1090	82
CHARLESTON	\$508.58	\$358.10	\$479.54	\$1,346.22	1091	79
CHESTER	\$80.96	\$79.70	\$139.15	\$299.81	1092	28
CLEMSON	\$752.78	\$755.31	\$1,247.34	\$2,755.43	1093	236
COLUMBIA	\$603.46	\$499.73	\$1,300.48	\$2,403.67	1094	209
CONWAY	\$210.85	\$208.32	\$280.63	\$699.80	1095	41
FLORENCE	\$75.90	\$75.90	\$283.36	\$435.16	1096	43
GAFFNEY	\$374.44	\$374.44	\$713.46	\$1,462.34	1097	113
GEORGETOWN	\$9.06	\$7.79	\$19.18	\$36.03	1098	4
GREENVILLE	\$101.20	\$120.18	\$148.01	\$369.39	1099	30
GREENWOOD	\$123.97	\$125.24	\$221.38	\$470.59	1100	24
HAMPTON	\$33.30	\$33.30	\$63.71	\$130.31	1101	10
LANCASTER	\$94.88	\$91.08	\$125.24	\$311.20	1102	25
LAURENS	\$58.19	\$51.87	\$78.43	\$188.49	1103	18
MARION	\$20.24	\$18.98	\$94.88	\$134.10	1104	11
NEWBERRY	\$308.05	\$300.46	\$416.89	\$1,025.40	1105	98
ORANGEBURG	\$452.87	\$423.78	\$590.76	\$1,467.41	1106	98
SPARTANBURG	\$182.16	\$118.91	\$261.86	\$562.93	1107	42
SUMTER	\$392.15	\$393.42	\$764.07	\$1,549.64	1108	135
UNION	\$97.41	\$97.41	\$206.20	\$401.02	1109	27
YORK	\$132.83	\$146.74	\$336.49	\$616.06	1110	47

Report of Finance Committee

To: The Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of South Carolina; The Grand Council Royal and Select Masters of South Carolina; Grand Commandery Knights Templar of South Carolina:

We are pleased to announce that again this year we are not recommending any changes in per capita. The Grand Treasurer, and Grand Secretary have worked to improve accounting and reduce expenses.

We recommend approval of the Annual Reports referred to this Committee by the Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder which can be found in the preliminary reports.

We recommend that the Grand Treasurer, and Grand Secretary be authorized to invest funds at their discretion.

We recommend continued assistance to RARA, CMMRF and KTEF funded as usual through contribution from Local Bodies and/or fund-raising projects.

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

We recommend continued support of the Lucius A. and Margaret B. Todd Fund of South Carolina, Inc., funded as usual through contributions from local bodies, individuals, and/or fund-raising projects.

We recommend the funding of membership cards for the Chapter and Council through MJO data at no cost to constituent Chapters and Councils.

We recommend approval of the 2020 – 2021 annual budget as printed below

	Grand Chapter Budget 19-20	Actual 19-20	Budget 20-21
	Income		
Per Capita Assessments	20,900.00	20,033.50	18,500.00
Surety Bond Assessment	230.00	230.00	230.00
Ritual Sales + Shipping		379.14	
Ann Mtg. Meals	1,700.00	846.67	1,000.00
Web Fees	100.00	185.00	150.00
Magazine Ads & Misc.		446.00	
Total Income	22,930.00	22,120.31	19,880.00
	Expenses		
Salaries & Related Expenses			
Grand Secretary (Net)	4,450.00	4,449.62	4,500.00
Grand Treasurer (Net)	1,150.00	1,142.70	1,200.00
Payroll Taxes / Withholdings	2,800.00	2,780.26	2,800.00
Employment Taxes	60.00	54.46	55.00
Contract Services			
Accounting Fees (CPA)	423.00	422.00	425.00
Annual MMS Maint. Fees	265.00	349.58	1,900.00
Non-Personnel			
Office Consumables	300.00	274.61	300.00
Telephone & Web host fees	400.00	404.41	410.00

PO Box /Postage	110.00	83.74	110.00
Bank Svcs / Fees	50.00	63.58	70.00
SC Business Filings/Fees		53.50	55.00
Reimbursements			
MEGHP Travel & Misc.	1,900.00	1,900.00	1,900.00
MEGHP Apron	350.00	350.00	350.00
Grand Recorder Travel & Misc.	400.00	400.00	400.00
Meeting Expenses			
Printing & Copying	500.00	120.96	150.00
Annual Meeting Expenses	5,000.00	7,730.07	1,500.00
Other			
Surety Bond	135.00	133.33	135.00
General Grand Chapter Per Capita	5,100.00	5,295.00	0.00
Contingency Fund	700.00	0.00	1,000.00
DeMolay	150.00	150.00	200.00
Rainbow	150.00	150.00	200.00
Replenish Savings	0.00	0.00	2,000.00
Total Expenses	24,367.24	26,737.82	19,634.24

Grand Council

	Budget 19-20	Actual 19-20	Budget 20-21
Income			
Per Capita Assessments + Bond	20,900.00	19,614.35	18,500.00
Surety Bond Assessment	230.00	230.00	230.00
Ritual Sales + Shipping		256.62	
Ann Mtg. Meals	1,700.00	846.67	1,000.00
Web Fees	100.00	185.00	150.00
Magazine Ads & Misc.		446.00	
Total Income	22,930.00	21,578.64	19,880.00
Expenses			
Salaries & Related Expenses			
Grand Recorder (Net)	4,450.00	4,449.62	4,500.00
Grand Treasurer (Net)	1,150.00	1,142.70	1,200.00
Payroll Taxes / Withholdings	2,800.00	2,780.26	2,800.00
Employment Taxes	55.00	56.46	55.00
Contract Services			
Accounting Fees (CPA)	423.00	422.00	425.00
Annual MMS Maint. Fees	265.00	346.32	1,900.00
Non-Personnel			
Office Consumables	300.00	274.61	300.00
Telephone & Web host fees	400.00	404.41	410.00
PO Box /Postage	110.00	83.73	110.00
Bank Svcs / Fees	50.00	63.58	70.00
SC Business Filings/Fees		53.50	55.00

Reimbursements			
MEGHP Travel & Misc.	1,900.00	1,900.00	1,900.00
MEGHP Apron	350.00	350.00	350.00
Grand Recorder Travel & Misc.	400.00	400.00	400.00
Meeting Expenses			
Printing & Copying	500.00	120.96	150.00
Annual Meeting Expenses	5,000.00	7,730.07	1,500.00
Other			
Surety Bond	135.00	133.33	135.00
General Grand Council Per Capita	0.00	0.00	0.00
Contingency Fund	700.00	0.00	1,000.00
DeMolay	150.00	150.00	200.00
Rainbow	150.00	150.00	200.00
Replenish Savings	3,000.00	0.00	2,000.00
Total Expenses	22,267.24	21,009.64	19,634.24

Grand Commandery

	Budget 19-20	Actual 19-20	Budget 20-21
Income			
Holy land Pilgrimage Fund	3,000.00	14,595.00	2,000.00
Per Capita Assessments	46,400.00	42,004.00	41,000.00
Surety Bond Assessment	230.00	230.00	230.00
Ritual Sales + Shipping		(1,095.21)	
Ann Mtg. Meals	1,700.00	1,336.30	1,000.00
Web Fees	100.00	188.33	150.00
.00			
Magazine Ads & Misc.		1,366.60	
Total Income	51,430.00	73,872.05	45,380.00
Expenses			
Salaries & Related Expenses			
Grand Recorder (Net)	5,950.00	5,932.83	6,000.00
Grand Treasurer (Net)	1,150.00	1,142.79	1,200.00
Payroll Taxes / Withholdings	3,700.00	3,638.18	3,700.00
Employment Taxes	57.00	56.42	60.00
Contract Services			
Accounting Fees (CPA)	1,120.00	1,117.00	1,120.00
Non-Personnel			
Office Consumables	300.00	274.61	300.00
Telephone & Web host fees	400.00	404.41	410.00
PO Box /Postage	110.00	77.98	110.00
Bank Svcs. / Fees	50.00	63.58	70.00
SC Business Filings/Fees		54.00	55.00
Reimbursements			
REGC Travel & Misc.	1,900.00	1,900.00	1,900.00

PGC Regalia	350.00	350.00	350.00
Grand Recorder Travel & Misc.	400.00	400.00	400.00
Meeting Expenses			
Printing & Copying	500.00	120.96	150.00
Annual Meeting Expenses	5,000.00	7,730.07	1,500.00
Other			
Surety Bond	135.00	133.33	135.00
Grand Encampment Per Capita	26,600.00	24,998.00	22,400.00
Contingency Fund	700.00	0.00	1,000.00
DeMolay	150.00	150.00	200.00
Rainbow	150.00	150.00	200.00
Holy land Pilgrimage Expenses	0,668.31	24,469.20	
Total Expenses	59,367.53	73,163.36	45,234.22

Fraternally submitted,
H. Ted Burgess, PGC, Marcus Burdette, PGHP, Ron Elvis, PIGM

Audit Committee Report

To: The Grand Chapter, Grand Council and Grand Commandery of South Carolina:
We herewith submit our report.

We have examined the Records and Accounts of the Grand Treasurer and the Grand Secretary-Recorder and find them neatly and correctly kept and all funds accounted for.

Fraternally submitted,
Dana Rickards PGHP, Dean Tollison, PIGM, Jack Holmes PGC

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**Annual Proceedings
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Grand Royal Arch Chapter
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South Carolina**

**Two Hundred Ninth Annual Convocation
of
The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of South Carolina
Chartered April 20, 1811**

**March 8 - 10, 2020
Columbia Scottish Rite
7230 Garners Ferry Rd
Columbia, SC**

MOST EXCELLENT GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Elected Officers

Abram Cline Flora M. E. Grand High Priest
Ricky C Freeman R. E. Deputy Grand High Priest
James Dean Strickland R. E. Grand King
James Humphrey Jr R. E. Grand Scribe
A Glenn Greene, III R. E. Grand Treasurer
G Buck Jolley R. E. Grand Secretary

Appointed Officers 2019 – 2020

Richard T S Valentine E. Grand Captain of the Host
Robert L Wessinger ... E. Grand Principal Sojourner
James L Chubb..... E. Grand Royal Arch Captain
Stanley B Cheek E. Grand Master of Third Veil
Donnie E Richards .. E. Grand Master of Second Veil
H Wallace Hudson E. Grand Master of First Veil
Charles Daniel Welch E. Grand Sentinel
Haywood Fowler E. Grand Chaplain

R. E. District Deputy Grand High Priest

K Joe Hill First District
George Walker Moore Second District
Scott David Goodwin Third District
Kenneth Miles Fourth District
William Larry Holloman Fifth District
Michael Dee Keen Sixth District

M. E. Acy Flora
Most Excellent Grand High Priest
2019 - 2020



Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons
of South Carolina
Officers ~ 2019 – 2020



Report on Credentials

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

There are 17 of 19 Grand Officers, 14 of 26 Living Past Grand High Priest and Representatives of 23 of 23 Subordinate Chapters registered. A total of 88 Companions were registered and entitled to vote in this 2020 Annual Convocation.

Fraternally Submitted

G Buck Jolley, Grand Secretary

Address of the Grand High Priest of South Carolina M.E. Abram (Acy) Cline Flora, IV

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Most Excellent Sirs, Most Illustrious Sirs, Right Eminent Sirs, Right Worshipful Sirs, Distinguished Guests, and Companions all,

I would like to welcome each of you to our Two Hundred and Ninth Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of South Carolina here at the Columbia Scottish Rite. If there is anything that the Grand Chapter Officers or I can assist you with during your visit, please do not hesitate to ask.

To our Distinguished Guests, I thank you for honoring us with your presence, and trust your stay will be an enjoyable one.

To my Grand Officers, elected, appointed, and to my committeemen, thank you for all that you have done this year. You have been a hard-working group of men and I appreciate everything that you have done for each of your Chapters, Districts and for our Grand Chapter.

To Right Excellent Brother Ricky C. Freeman, I cannot express how appreciative I am of your friendship and support this year. Companions this year got off to a rocky start with the death of my Grandmother and I was unable to attend the North Carolina Grand York Rite Session because of her funeral. Ricky without hesitation went on my behalf and for this my brother I can never say thank you enough.

To Right Excellent Dean Strickland, our friendship goes back to the night of your Entered Apprentice Degree. We have been traveling this great state since then. Thank you so much for all that you do and for letting me ramble as we go down the road. Our friendship is truly a blessing.

To all Past Excellent Grand High Priests, Past Most Illustrious Grand Masters and Past Right Eminent Grand Commanders, thank you for all that you have done and continue to do for our craft.

To our Grand Secretary, Gary B. "Buck" Jolley, thank you for your support this year. I really do appreciate all your support and guidance. Your dedication to our Grand York Rite really does show. Words cannot describe how thankful I am for everything you do.

To our Most Illustrious Grand Master Tom Corbin. Most Illustrious Sir thank you for bringing the importance of education to our Companions and not just being a meet and eat organization. It has been a pleasure to travel the roads with you this year. I cherish our friendship and I'm proud to call you my brother.

To our Grand Commander, Right Eminent Sir Knight Jeff Hall, it seems like just yesterday we met early on a Saturday morning to receive our York Rite Degrees. Little did we know what our Masonic future held for us. We have worked together through numerous bodies of the craft and I'm proud to call you my brother and look forward to working with you in the future. You've done a wonderful job this year speaking about our charities and leading our Grand Commandery. Thank you for your hard work and more especially for your friendship.

To all the Chapters across the state, Thank you for everything you have done this year. During our visits we have been received well. We truly have some of the best men in our Fraternity.

To my home Bodies, Columbia No. 5 and Signet Chapter No. 18, Thank you for your support this year. I know I have not been able to attend as much as I used to, but I appreciate your patience and understanding. I look forward to being able to attend a little more in the future.

To our Grand Lodge officer's past and present, thank you for your support of the York Rite Bodies. Your past and current service has set the bar high for the rest of us.

To the Grand Master of all Masons in South Carolina, Most Worshipful Walter C. Disher, II, it was an honor and pleasure to serve as Grand High Priest during your term as Grand Master. As my time as Grand High Priest will be over soon, I wish you good luck and safe travels for the remainder of your term as Grand Master. Thank you for being there to offer advice and support throughout my term. Our friendship is something that I will always cherish.

To my daughter Margaret Raye, thank you for supporting Daddy and for always making sure I had my apron case even if he wasn't going to a meeting that night.

To my wife Blair, Thank you for your patience, encouragement, support and love throughout this who year. There were times when I came home and said I didn't want to go to a meeting that night, it was you who said you know you need to go and once you get there you will be glad you went. You know what you were right. Thank you. It is because of your strong support for me that I am able to go and serve the Masonic Fraternity. I am so blessed to have you and Margaret Raye. I love you both very much.

State of the Craft

During many of my visits around the state ty were having degree work. I was able to be present for the Exaltation of 50+ Companions. I congratulate the Companions on their ability to confer the degrees. As our membership continues to decline mainly because of death. I encourage each Chapter to focus on the membership. Our numbers show that we have exalted almost as many as we have lost to NPD. That means our negative numbers come from death which we can do nothing about. We can do something about NPDs though. Please make every attempt to get in touch with a Companion before you drop him. With this decline in numbers our membership is shrinking but

the Companions in this state are working very hard. I am excited about what I have seen during our visits and look forward to seeing what happens in the very near future.

Necrology

Companions, I am saddened to report that 110 companions have laid down their working tools in 2019. Please continue to remember their families and loved ones in your prayers.

By Law Changes Approved

Columbia #5 - Change to Dues and Fees
Delta #20 - Change location of meetings
Signet #18 - Change to local life membership criteria
Beulah #25 - Change location of meetings
Mackey #15 - Change to Dues and Fees

Dispensations

There were no dispensations granted this year.

Edicts

After withdrawal from the General Grand Chapter International and the revisions to the Grand Chapter Constitution it was necessary to issue the following edict to update the SC Grand Chapter Ritual.

EDICT NO. 1

The ritual of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of South Carolina is to be amended as follows:

On page 82 of the 2010 edition section 3 of the obligation the words *“also the constitution, rules, and regulations of the Most Excellent General Grand Royal Arch Chapter, International”* are to be stricken out and not used as a part of the obligation in this Grand Jurisdiction.

Decisions of the Grand High Priest

I am pleased to announce that peace and harmony reigned throughout the Grand Chapter this year and all decisions were of routine matters.

The Burger Ring

It was an honor for me to receive the Burger Ring and the substitute from Most Excellent Companion Tony Bizakis after I was installed. I did not wear this ring during my term as some have done in the past. I kept it and the substitute under lock and key during the past year. I am however wearing the ring as I preside over this Grand Convocation. With pleasure I will hand it over to the incoming Grand High Priest upon election and installation.

Royal Arch Research Assistance

Royal Arch Research Assistance supports research on Central Auditory Processing Disorder. CAPD is a hearing disorder where the brain does not properly translate the signals it receives from the ear.

We were very fortunate this year to have the Executive Director of RARA, ME Bob Bean, travel with us on many of our visits this year. I would like to thank ME Bob for his hard work and support of RARA not only in this state but across our great nation.

This year I continued the tradition of carrying the “P” pot on our official visits to each of my visits. I am happy to report \$1887 was collected this year. Each philanthropy chairman received \$629. I would like to thank all the contributing Companions for their donations.

The Grand Chapter Education Program

We continued again this year to provide a statewide education on the Sunday before our Grand Session. I would like to thank our Grand Scribe Jim Humphries for conducting this effort.

Visits

It was a pleasure for me to travel this year and represent the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of South Carolina. I visited all twenty-three (23) Chapters in our Grand Jurisdiction as well as many of the Appendant Bodies.

Below is the list of my in state and out of state visits as well as visits to Degrees and Appendant Bodies.

2019

March 10-12, South Carolina Grand York Rite, Myrtle Beach
March 25, Official Visit, Conway
March 26, Official Visit, Georgetown
March 27, Royal Arch Mason Degree, Columbia
March 31, Massing of the Colors, Columbia Scottish Rite
April 8, Official Visit, Florence
April 16, Official Visit, Latta
April 17, Council Degrees, Columbia
April 18, Visit, Chester
April 20, Chair Degrees, Columbia
April 23, Visit, Laurens
April 24-26, Grand Lodge of Ancient Freemasons of South Carolina, Spartanburg
May 4, Palmetto York Rite College
May 5-7, George Grand York Rite, Macon, GA
May 11, Super Excellent Master’s Degree, Aiken
May 13, Mark Master’s Degree, Union
May 14, Official Visit, Sumter
May 16, Ladies Night, Hampton
May 27, Royal Arch Mason Degree, Conway
May 28, Visit, Laurens
June 8, South Carolina College Societas Rosicruciana in Civitatibus Foederatis
June 10, Royal Arch Mason Degree, Florence
June 15, Unity Dinner, Aiken
June 18, Official Visit, Camden
June 20, Meeting, Greenwood
June 28, Rainbow Girls Grand Assembly, Columbia Scottish Rite
July 8, Royal Arch Mason Degree, Union
July 16, Royal Arch Mason Degree, Charleston
August 6, Official Visit, Aiken
August 12, Visit, Greenwood

August 13, Official Visit, Orangeburg
August 15, Official Visit, Hampton
September 9, Official Visit Greenwood and Newberry, Greenwood
September 11, Official Visit, Columbia
September 17, Official Visit, Lancaster
October 2, Visit, Gaffney
October 14, Official Visit, 4th District
October 15, Official Visit, Charleston
October 17, Visit, Hampton
October 21, Official Visit, 3rd District
November 11, Visit, Spartanburg
November 18, Most Excellent Master's Degree, Clemson
November 26, Royal Arch Mason Degree, Anderson
December 9, Visit, Newberry
December 16, Christmas Observance, York
December 17, Royal Arch Mason Degree, Lancaster

2020

February 10, Visit, Greenville

Grand Lodge of Ancient Free Masons of South Carolina

It was my honor on April 25-26, 2019 to represent our Grand Chapter at the 282nd Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Freemasons of South Carolina. We were received with honors and I was humbled to be with our Grand Lodge for this Annual Communication. Blair and I attended the Grand Masters Banquet the night of April 24, 2019. I would like to thank Most Worshipful and Illustrious Brother Michael D. Smith and his wife Lynn for the invitation and for the hospitality that we were extended. It truly was a great evening.

Honorary memberships

I was presented with honorary memberships and chapter pennies from many chapters throughout our grand jurisdiction. This is such an honor and I will cherish them for the rest of my life. Thank you.

I recommend:

Recommendations

1. That the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of South Carolina continue To Support RARA.
2. That each Chapter open and close in due-form four times yearly and that Chapters do not go dark during the year.
3. That the Grand Royal Arch Chapter continues to support the Rainbow Girls and DeMolay.
4. That we strive to improve education for the local Chapters either at a State or Local level.
5. That we focus on minimizing or eliminating NPDs.
6. That we continue to use the MMS system of Membership tracking.
7. That the Grand Secretary maintains a "Virtual Office" at or near his residence.
8. That every Chapter have the same dues cards and individual cards for each body.
9. That we consider rejoining General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons International when it is financially appropriate.

Conclusion

Companions, Wow! Has it been a year already? It seems like just yesterday that we were in Myrtle Beach and I was just getting installed as Grand Scribe. These last four years have flown by. I truly have had a wonderful journey as I have progressed through the elected line. This past year has been one of the highlights of my Masonic journey. It has been an honor to serve you this past year as your Grand High Priest.

I would like to thank God for blessing me with such a wonderful year and for allowing us to have safe travels as we traveled all over the state. I pray for blessings for you, your families, our fraternity and our nation.

To Blair and Margaret Raye. Thank you and I love you.

To Mike Broom, James Lyle and Tony Bizakis. Thank you so much for the example you set that allowed me to prepare for this past year. I hope you and the other Past Grand High Priests have a spot for me in the Past section.

To Ricky Freeman, Dean Strickland and Jim Humphries. Thank you for all your support this year. Continue to work hard for our Grand Chapter. Great things are happening! I wish you luck in the upcoming years.

To Jeff Hall and Tom Corbin. Thank you for your friendship and your love of Masonry. This past year has been wonderful, but it is now someone else's turn.

Companions my goal this year has been to serve you and be there, if possible, when needed.

Working with each Chapter to help where assistance was needed because that's what this thing is really about. Thank you again to all the Companions for everything you have done and will continue to do. May God bless every one of you.

Respectfully Submitted,
Abram (Acy) Cline Flora, IV
Most Excellent Grand High Priest
Grand Royal Arch Chapter of South Carolina

Grand Secretary's Report

To: The Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of South Carolina:
 I hereby submit my annual report covering the period March 1, 2019 through February 28, 2020.

RECEIPTS

Annual per capita	\$ 20,033.50	
Surety Bond Assessment	\$ 230.00	
Ritual sales + Postage	\$ 379.14	
Banquet/Meal Ticket Sales	\$ 846.67	
Web Fees	\$ 185.00	
Magazine Ad Sales & Misc.	\$ 446.00	
William H Burdette Estate	\$ 59,000.00	
Total Receipts		\$81,792.64

DISBURSEMENTS

Deposits to General Fund Wells Fargo		\$ 22,792.64
Deposit to Edward Jones Charity Account		\$ 59,000.00
Total Disbursements		\$81,792.64

Annual Statistical Report Start: 1/1/2019 End: 12/31/2020 Grand Chapter of SC

Total Working Chapters 23

Total number members last return =	<u>2,912</u>	
Exalted =	97	
Affiliated =	8	
Reinstated =	47	
Add Adjustment =	<u>0</u>	
Total Gain (+)		<u>152</u>

Demitted =	13	
Suspended =	197	
Deceased =	223	
Expelled =	0	
Delete Adjustment =	<u>0</u>	
Total Loss (-)		<u>433</u>

Net Gain (Net Loss) (281)

Total number of members (including Dual on this report) = 2,631

Fraternally submitted,
 G Buck Jolley, Grand Secretary

**GRAND CHAPTER ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF SOUTH CAROLINA
GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT February 28, 2020**

To: The Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of South Carolina, I hereby submit my annual report covering the period March 1, 2019 through February 28, 2020

March 1, 2019 Balances

Wells Fargo Checking	\$ 27,613.89	
Wells Fargo Savings	\$ 26,031.29	
Edward Jones Investments	\$ 60,024.11	
Merrill Lynch WCMA	\$100,000.00	
Total Accounts		\$213,669.29

RECEIPTS

Grand Secretary	\$ 81,729.64
Wells Fargo Savings (Interest)	\$ 43.85
Edward Jones Invest income	\$ 1,269.90
Ed Jones Investment Charity Account- RARA	\$ 1,052.80
Total Receipts	\$ 87,969.19

Total Accounts + Receipts **\$301,668.48**

DISBURSEMENTS

Budgeted Expenditures	\$ 22,120.31
Total	\$ 26,307.91

Total to Account For **\$275,360.57**
(Accounts + Receipts – Disbursements)

February 28, 2020 Balances

Wells Fargo Checking	\$ 23,151.56	
Wells Fargo Savings	\$ 28,425.57	
Edward Jones Investments	\$ 60,043.78	
Edward Jones Charity Account	\$ 63,739.66	
Merrill Lynch WCMA	\$100,000.00	
Total Accounts		\$275,360.57

Fraternally Submitted
A, Glenn Greene III, Grand Treasurer

**Report of the Committee on
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, 2019 through January 31, 2020.

Royal Arch Research Assistance (RARA) is a not for profit 501c-3 tax exempt organization incorporated in the state of Kentucky in 1974. It is the philanthropy of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons International. Eight 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 Arizona 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 pamphlet on RARA has been updated which explains more fully the new direction our charity has taken in its support of research into CAPD. There is an updated power point presentation on RARA available that can be made available to any chapter for use as an educational program. Another program is being developed and should be available on You Tube soon.

For the current Triennial the RARA Board of Directors consists of James H. Hodge, GGHP, President, Steven Tyner, GGK, Vice President, Teko Foley, G Scribe, Larry Gray, PGGHP, G Sec, Bryce Hildreth, PGHP (IA), C David Williams, PGHP (KS) and William Riggs, PGHP (KY) Secretary. Robert J Bean, Sr. (SC) is now the Executive Director and the Regional Coordinators for the Eastern, Central and Western Regions are Henry Adams (FL), Ron Newton (FL) and Jack Zeller (ID).

The Autism Speaks Royal Arch Mason's Fellowship, which was established three years ago, supports the dissertation research project of Sophie Schwartz and her training as an autism researcher. Her doctoral research training has been devoted to the study of how children and adolescents with and without autism develop the ability to organize sounds in their environment as "auditory objects." We know that infants and young children need to be able to hear one clear source of speech in order to learn the rules and patterns of the language around them. For some children with autism, difficulties in learning to speak may arise because of difficulties they have in filtering and segregation sounds. This is where Sophie's next project, funded by the Royal Arch Masons and Autism Speaks, comes in.

A new joint effort between Autism Speaks and RARA has been initiated at the Cincinnati Children's Hospital into CAPD as related to premature birth. There is also a new joint project at the University of California at San Francisco.

Many chapters have experienced benefits from public exposure and have exalted new companions as a result of participation in their fund-raising walks. This year there was a walk in Columbia South Carolina in which some of our companions participated. Why doesn't your chapter organize one for your area? There is now a banner available for use at these walks proclaiming support of Royal Arch Masons for Autism Speaks.

Dr. Musiek of the University of Arizona is retiring and has not requested further funding for research. RARA is currently looking for other researchers to fill this gap.

The Hearing Health Foundation publicly recognizes Royal Arch Masons for supporting their research efforts on behalf of CAPD. Each year there are four (4) emerging research grants for CAPD research funded by RARA through this foundation.

Companions, we would like to once again 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.

Donations are even easier to make than before. A new web site has been established where you can use PayPal or your credit card. Just go to GiveToRARA.org. Also, a portion of everything you buy from Amazon will be donated by utilizing Amazon Smile for the purchase and selecting RARA as the charity.

It is of great concern that donations are down internationally. Our Grand High Priest recommended in his address that each Chapter continue to support R. A. R. A. and, in addition, hold a fundraiser for our charity. Your committee highly approves these recommendations and implores your aid in supporting this worthy charity.

We would also like to announce that the Southeastern Region led the world for donations to Royal Arch Research Assistance. Further, the jurisdiction of Florida has moved up to second worldwide. South Carolina continues to rank eighth.

During the year the number of South Carolina chapters donating through your committee chairman increased by two (2) to a total sixteen (16).

During the year, two memorials totaling \$45.00 (up 225%) was received in memory of Companions Mike Hubbard and Denny Hartzog. Companions, Memorials are an excellent way to honor our companions that have passed on to that undiscovered country from whose borne no traveler ever returns and we urge all chapters to join the Orangeburg Bodies in adopting this practice. South Carolina continues to rank fourteenth internationally in total memorials.

Total donations recorded during the year decreased by 0.85% to a total of \$6,108.18. The P-Pot donations for 2019 were \$629, an increase of 115%. Your committee thanks the Grand Heads for their efforts.

Certificates are available for donations of \$25 or more. However, they cost money to RARA so, please specify when sending your donations whether certificates are being requested.

There were nine (9) chapters (down 2) that earned Gold certificates for giving at the \$100 or more level: Columbia No. 5, Burning Bush No. 7, Franklin No. 9, Mackey No. 15, Keystone No. 19, Delta No. 20, Campbell No. 31, Chicora No. 33, and Gaffney No. 55.

Nine (9) chapters qualified for 100% certificates (increase of 1) with donations totaling at least \$1 per member: Burning Bush No. 7, Franklin No. 9, Delta No. 20, Campbell No. 31, Chicora No. 33, Marion No. 35, Horry No. 48, Winyah No. 45 and Gaffney No. 55.

Chicora No. 33 once again earned one of the distinctive R.A.R.A. Lapel Pins with one diamond added for making a single contribution of \$500.00 or more. Additional diamonds may be added to an existing pin by returning the pins to RARA.

Chicora Chapter No. 33 in York led the way in total contributions with \$500.00. The top chapter in donations per member was also Delta No. 20 with \$3.97 per member.

The Lucius and Margaret Todd Fund donated \$1,107.18. Other donations were received from the Chicora York Rite College, Palmetto York Rite College, the South Carolina Convention of Anointed High Priests and Piedmont York Rite College.

Thanks to the efforts of Becky Bean though her sale of bibs, \$2000 has been raised this year. They are available in red/purple, black/green, Masonic, Eastern Star, Carolina, Clemson, many other colleges, The line has been expanded to include the five branches of the military, first responders, EMTs and police as well as NFL and MLB teams and the York Rite Unity emblem. The committee wishes to extend they're thanks to her for her continued hard work on behalf of Royal Arch Research Assistance.

Your committee would like to advise all chapters that, due to deadlines for filing of this report, the reporting period is being changed to the calendar year. Please have all your donations in prior to December 31, 2020 to be included in the 2020 totals in March of 2021. Donations received after that will be reported as 2021 donations in March of 2022.

Faternally submitted:

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

Ricky C Freeman (31) DGHP Dean Strickland (5) GK James R Humphreys Jr GS

Election of Officers

The Business of the Grand Chapter having been concluded the chair was turned over to MW & RE D Sam Tennyson to conduct the elections of Officers. The floor will be opened for nomination of Officers and the following will be nominated by an elected line officer:

M.E Grand High Priest	Ricky C Freeman
R.E. Deputy Grand High Priest	James Dean Strickland
R.E. Grand King	James Ralph Humphreys Jr
R.E. Grand Treasurer	A. Glenn Greene III
R.E. Grand Recorder	G Buck Jolley

The floor will be opened for nominations for the Office of R.E. Grand Scribe. George Walker Moore, V Joe Hill and T J Martin were nominated.

George Walker Moore was elected to serve the Grand Chapter as Grand Scribe for 2020-2021.

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**MOST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND COUNCIL OF ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS
OF
SOUTH CAROLINA**

The Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of South Carolina was opened in ample form at the DoubleTree Hotel in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina for the Annual Assembly:

Elected Officers

William Thomas Corbin..... M. I. Grand Master
Ronnie Paul Richards R. I. Deputy Grand Master
John R Bowker... R. I. Gr Principal Conductor of Work
Robert M Saverance R. I. Grand Captain of the Guard
A Glenn Greene, III R. I. Grand Treasurer
G Buck Jolley R. I. Grand Recorder
Rev Dr. A Robert Nix R. I. Grand Chaplain

Appointed Officers 2019 – 2020

Dale Wayne Usery I. Grand Conductor of the Council
Michael Dee Keen I. Grand Marshal
Bobby Earl Pennington Jr I. Grand Steward
Charles Daniel Welch I. Grand Sentinel

R. I. District Deputy Grand Masters

Ronald Wayne Quattlebaum First District
Edward Eugene Smith Jr Second District
Scott David Goodwin Third District
Michael O’Neil Troutman Fourth District
John Douglas Broadway..... Fifth District
Jimmie Truluck Graham..... Sixth District

M. I. William Thomas Corbin
Most Illustrious Grand Master
2019 – 2020



**Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters
of South Carolina
Officers**



Report on Credentials

There are 11 of 17 Grand Officers 6 of 28 Living Past Grand Illustrious Masters and Representatives of 23 of 23 Subordinate Councils registered. At total of 83 Companions were registered and entitled to vote in this 2020 Annual Assembly.

Fraternally Submitted

G Buck Jolley, Grand Recorder

Address of Most Illustrious Grand Master of South Carolina M.I. William Thomas Corbin

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

I would like to welcome all my Companions to the one Hundred Sixtieth Grand Assembly of The Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters and to each of you I extend a hearty welcome.

To our distinguished out of state guest, I hope your stay with us has been a good one and I thank you for your support.

To our Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons of South Carolina, Walter C. Disher II, thank you for your support to the York Rite and we are honored with your presence with us.

To the Most Excellent Grand High Priest "Acy" Flora and Right Eminent Grand Commander Jeffrey Hall, I would like to Thank You for your support, guidance, and friendship, traveling with you I had a great time.

State of the Craft

As I traveled over this great state of South Carolina, I have found peace and harmony throughout all our York Rite Bodies. I would like to thank all the Councils for the way they received me and for all the Honorary Memberships and Council Coins that I received they means more to me then I can state with words, all I can say is, Thank You. As stated during our official visits I feel in today's world with so much information out there on the web, we need to take advantage of it by having a program to bring value to our meetings, new or younger members are always look for something, they just don't want to greet, eat and meet, and by having an education or history program during our meeting connects all with our past and helps spreads your knowledge to our new members. During our official visits I did a different education program at each meeting, so it can be done.

Broken Triangle

Companions, it's with deep sadness I report that during 2019 110 Companions passed through the ninth arch. Let us all remember that someday we will to will enter the ninth arch and be united with our Companions. Also, we need to remember their families and friend during these hard times.

Finances

The finances for the Grand Council are in good shape and the Grand Treasurer, will give a full report later.

Visitations Within State

It is my pleasure to report that I attended all Councils at least once this year, the following is a list of my visits:

March 10-12 SC Grand York Rite, Myrtle Beach, SC
March 19 Meeting, Charleston, SC
March 25 OV and Degrees, Conway, SC
March 26 OV Georgetown, SC
March 28 Degrees, Charleston, SC
April 8 OV Florence, SC
April 16 OV Latta, SC
April 20 SCGYR Chair Degrees, Columbia, SC
April 25-27 SC Grand Lodge, Spartanburg, SC
May 11 Super Excellent Master's Degrees, Aiken, SC
May 14 OV Sumter, SC
May 16 Meeting, Hampton, SC
May 21 Meeting Charleston, SC
June 15 Unity Dinner, Aiken, SC
June 16-19 OES Grand Session Greenville, SC
June 18 OV Camden, SC
June 20 Meeting Hampton, SC
June 22 GYR, Elected Officers Planning Meeting, Columbia, SC
June 29 Rainbow Girls Grand Assembly, Columbia, SC
July 18 Meeting Hampton, SC
August 6 OV Aiken, SC
August 11 OV Orangeburg, SC
August 15 OV Hampton, SC
September 6 OV Greenwood/Newberry, SC
September 11 OV Columbia, SC

September 17 OV Lancaster, SC
 October 14 OV District 4
 October 15 OV Charleston, SC
 October 19 GYR Elected Grand Officers Planning Meeting, Columbia, SC
 October 21 OV District 3
 October 28 Meeting Conway, SC
 November 19 Meeting Charleston, SC
 November 21 Meeting Ridgeville, SC
 December 6 Meeting and Installation of Officers, Conway, SC
 December 10 Meeting and Installation of Officers, Orangeburg, SC
 December 17 Meeting and Installation of Officers, Charleston, SC

Out of State Visits and Triennial

I was unable to attend any out of state Councils or the Triennial, I felt it was important to concentrate on our state of the craft, and our Councils within South Carolina. I hope I will be able to attend in the future.

Dispensations

There were no Dispensations requiring my approval during this year.

By-Laws

I received and approved by-laws changes from the following Councils:

- Union #5
- Allendale #28
- Oriental #17
- Seymour #15
- Absolom Cody #8

Super Excellent Master's Degree

I would like to thank the Aiken York Rite Body for a great day these Companions always do a great job, it was at least my 10th time, and I have to say you need to attend if you haven't been, you will enjoy the dinner and degree.

Unity Dinner at Aiken

I had the honor to attend the unity dinner with the members from all masonic bodies throughout our state. It was a very enjoyable night and to the Aiken Body and those who organized this event, thank you for allowing me to be there, I had a great time.

OES Grand Chapter and Rainbow Girls Grand Assemble

I attended both Order of the Eastern Star and Rainbow Girls Grand Assemble and gave greeting on behalf of the Grand Council.

Grand Master's Banquet Grand Lodge

I attended Grand Lodge in Spartanburg, I would like to thank the Grand Master for inventing me to his Grand Master's Banquet, and receiving me during Grand Lodge, thank you, it was an honor.

Cryptic Mason of the Year Award

There were no nominations submitted this year.

ISH SODI Awards

- Grand Elected Officer..... _____
- Grand Appointed Officer..... _____
- Hidden Work..... _____

Recommendations

1. That we continue to support the CMMRF Foundation.
2. That we continue to strive to recruit new members, and work on bringing back those that went NPD or find the reason why.
3. That each York Rite Body start an Education program during their meeting.

Conclusion

It has been my honor and privilege to serve you as the Most Illustrious Grand Mater of the Grand Council of South Carolina this year. I would like to thank all the Companions for their support, and I hope I served you well. Our journey started strong then I had my Stroke on March 9th just before Grand York Rite, I thank you for keeping my seat warm and allowing me to continue. I couldn't have done it without your support. I would like to thank Charleston York Rite Body for their support and friendship. I always talk about my Dad, Bill Corbin, he was a York Rite member for 52 years, he loved the York Rite. When I final got raised a Master Mason, the next day, he asked me, are you a Master Mason, I said yes I am, than he asked, are you a Christian, and I said yes I am, then he told me to feel this out, it was my York Rite petition, he always felt as I do, that Master Masons who are Christians should think about becoming a York Rite member this was the first thing I did after I was raised. I would like to Most Worshipful Grand Master and my State DeMolay Dad, G. Kent Elkins, for his leadership to a young DeMolay as he learned what it means to be a State Officers, thank you. I would like to thank all those who got me started on this journey, there are so many of you, I know I will forget someone so all I can say is thank you. To my Grand Officers, thank you for you serve this year, to the new set of Grand Officers, I pledge my support and if the is anything I can do all you have to do is ask. There is one person I could not have done this, that is our Grand Recorder, PMIGM Buck Jolley, sir I could not have done this job without your support, guidance and leadership, thank you for what you do for our York Rite as a whole. Again, I want to thank you, the membership, for your support this year, it was a journey that I will keep close to my heart, and I pray that you of stay safe during your journey in life, all we can ask in life is did we do our work well, and I hope I did my work well, and thank you.

Fraternally Submitted
William T. Corbin – Tom
Most Illustrious Grand Master

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, 2019 to
December 31, 2019.

It is my pleasure to report on South Carolina's continued participation in our support of the
Cryptic Masons Medical Research Foundation (CMMRF) in 2019.

- South Carolina contributed \$2,796.18 ranking 21st out of 69 contributing bodies. This is down
from 20th in 2018.
- For overall contributions, South Carolina has contributed \$252,819.00 ranking us 7th. We
retain our ranking from 2018.
- Of note are Wynne Council No. 4 and Blake Council No. 19 for each earning 1 bar.

I encourage all Companions to continue to contribute to the CMMRF, and I recommend that the
incoming Most Illustrious Grand Master continue to encourage donations and participation.

Fraternally submitted,

Jim Barr, KYGCH

CMMRF Chairman
Grand Council Royal & Select Masters
South Carolina

Grand Recorder's Report

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, 2019 through February 28, 2020.

RECEIPTS

Annual per capita		\$ 19,644.52
Surety Bond Assessment		\$ 230.00
Ritual sales + Postage		\$ 256.62
Banquet/Meal Ticket Sales		\$ 593.33
Web Fees		\$ 188.33
Magazine Ad Sales & Misc.		\$ 446.00
William H Burdette Estate		\$ 59,000.00
Total Receipts		\$ 80,358.80

DISBURSEMENTS

Deposits to General Fund Wells Fargo		\$ 21,358.54
Deposit to Edward Jones Charity Account		\$ 59,000.00
Total Disbursements		\$80,845.58

Annual Statistical Report Start: 1/1/2019 End: 12/31/2020

Grand Council of SC

Total Working Councils 23

Total number members last return =	<u>2,902</u>	
Greeted =	81	
Affiliated =	8	
Reinstated =	46	
Add Adjustment =	<u>0</u>	
Total Gain (+)		<u>135</u>
Demitted =	12	
Suspended =	195	
Deceased =	222	
Expelled =	0	
Delete Adjustment =	<u>0</u>	
Total Loss (-)		<u>429</u>
Net Gain (Net Loss)		<u>(294)</u>

Total number of members (including Dual on this report) = 2,608
Fraternally submitted,
G Buck Jolley, Grand Recorder

**GRAND COUNCIL ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS OF SOUTH CAROLINA
GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT February 28, 2020**

To: The Grand Council Royal and Select Masters of South Carolina, I hereby submit my annual report covering the period March 1, 2019 through February 28, 2020

March 1, 2019 Balances

Wells Fargo Checking	\$ 21,865.81	
Wells Fargo Savings	\$ 22,306.03	
Merrill Lynch WCMA	\$100,000.00	
Total Accounts		\$143,171.84

RECEIPTS

Grand Recorder	\$ 80,358.80
Wells Fargo Interest	\$ 41.57
Edward Jones to WF Savings CMMRF	\$ 722.28
Edward Jones Charity Acct Gains (Loss)	\$ 1,422.22
Total Receipts	\$ 82,544.91

Total Accounts + Receipts		\$225,716.75
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DISBURSEMENTS

Budgeted Expenditures	\$ 21,038.68
Total	\$ 21,038.68

Total to Account For		\$204,678.07
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(Accounts + Receipts – Disbursements)

February 28, 2020 Balances

Wells Fargo Checking	\$ 22,185.97	
Wells Fargo Savings	\$ 22,069.88	
Edward Jones Charity Account	\$ 60,422.12	
Merrill Lynch	\$100,000.00	
Total Accounts		\$204,678.07

Fraternally Submitted

A, Glenn Greene III, Grand Treasurer

Election of Officers

The Business of the Grand Council having been concluded the chair was turned over to MW & RE D Sam Tennyson to conduct the elections of Officers. The floor will be opened for nomination of Officers and the following will be nominated by an elected line officer:

M.I. Grand Master	Ronnie Paul Richards
R.I. Deputy Grand Master	John R Bowker
R.I. Grand Principal Conductor of Work	Robert Myrl Saverance
R.I. Grand Treasurer	A. Glenn Greene III
R.I. Grand Recorder	G Buck Jolley
R.I. Grand Chaplin	Rev Dr A Robert Nix

The floor will be open for nominations for the Office of R.I. Grand Captain of the Guard. Terry Pruitt and Ed Smith were nominated

Edward Eugene Smith was elected to serve the Grand Council as R.I. Grand Captain of the Guard 2020-2021.

**Annual Proceedings
of
The Grand Commandery
Knights Templar
of
South Carolina**

**One Hundred Thirteenth
Annual Conclave
of
The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar
of South Carolina
Chartered March 25,1907**

**March 8 - 10, 2020
Columbia Scottish Rite
7230 Garners Ferry Rd
Columbia, SC**

**GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR
OF SOUTH CAROLINA**

Elected Officers

Jeffrey Lee Hall R. E. Grand Commander
Michael W Kirk..... V. E. Deputy Grand Commander
Christopher Mark McDonald E. Grand Generalissimo
Daniel Lee Brock E. Grand Captain General
A Glenn Greene, III E. Grand Treasurer
G Buck Jolley E. Grand Recorder

Appointed Officers

Victor Dewey Phillips E. Grand Senior Warden
David Lee Watkins E. Grand Junior Warden
Horace Haywood Fowler E. Grand Prelate
Garland Ray Harmon E. Grand Standard Bearer
Emerson Randall Couch..... E. Grand Sword Bearer
John Andrew Martin E. Grand Warder
Charles Daniel Welch E. Grand Sentinel

District Deputy Grand Commanders

K Joe Hill First District
Michael James Broom Second District
Ted Cox Thomas Third District
Thomas Henry Martin Jr Fourth District
William Spencer Ghent Fifth District
George Edwin Graham Sixth District

S.K. Jeffrey Lee Hall
R.E. Grand Commander
2019 – 2020



Grand Commandery Officers



**Grand Commandery Knights Templar of South Carolina
Officers ~ 2019 – 2020**

Report of Committee on Credentials and Returns

To the Grand Commandery of Knights of South Carolina

There are 13 of 19 Grand Officers 13 of 28 Living Past Grand Commanders and Representatives of 23 of 23 Subordinate Commanderies registered. At total of 125 Sir Knights are registered and entitled to vote in this 2020 Annual Conclave

Fraternally Submitted

G Buck Jolley Grand Recorder

ADDRESS OF THE RIGHT EMINENT GRAND COMMANDER

S.K. Jeffrey Lee Hall

To: The Grand Commandery Knights Templar of South Carolina, honored out-of-state guests, Companions and Sir Knights all, it is my honor to welcome you to the 113th Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of South Carolina. We earnestly hope you enjoy your stay here in the Capital City of Columbia. It is also my distinct pleasure to welcome Most Excellent Companion Abram C. “Acy” Flora, the Most Excellent Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in South Carolina, Most Illustrious Companion Tom Corbin, the Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of South Carolina, Sir Knight David J. Kussman, the Right Eminent Grand Generalissimo of The Grand Encampment of Knights Templar USA and all other distinguished guests present. If there is anything that we can do to make your stay more enjoyable, please feel free to reach out to any of the Grand York Rite

Officers. You all honor us with your presence here today. I would like to thank my Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ for His many Blessings over the past year as I traveled within the borders of our Great State of South Carolina and beyond. It is by His Grace alone, that I serve this wonderful Fraternity. Sed Nomine Tuo Da Gloriam! I also want to express my sincere thanks to all our Past Grand Commanders for your advice and counsel and to all the Sir Knights in this Grand Jurisdiction for allowing me to be your servant over the past Templar year.

SATE OF THE ORDER

It is with great pleasure that I announce that Peace and Harmony continues to prevail in our Grand Jurisdiction! Commanderies across the State are knightng new members, performing outstanding ritual work and representing Templar Masonry with dignity and respect. I am very pleased at the unity that is being demonstrated throughout our York Rite Bodies. Your Grand Heads continue to meet as a group on a quarterly basis and this has served us well over the past several years. My prayer is that these highly productive meetings will continue and that your elected officers continue to be active participants. It has been a distinct honor to have been asked to attend the conferral of the Temple Orders and to Knight our newest members as your Grand Commander. I can't thank you all enough for this high honor!

MEMBERSHIP

While we all continue to find ways to increase the rolls of our membership, the Great Leveler of Time continues to take its toll on our most senior members. NPD's continue to reduce our ranks and here is where we need your help. I would ask that each of the Commanderies form a committee to contact those that are in jeopardy of being dropped. It may be a simple matter of having a brief conversation with these Sir Knights, to let them know that they are missed and that their participation is tantamount to our success as a Christian Organization. There is a place for each one of you whether it be serving as an officer in your local Commandery, being a part of a Degree Team or promoting one of our great charities. I have noticed the excitement among some of our newest Sir Knights and this can be contagious. I encourage us all to embrace this excitement and involve these new Christian Knights in the business of your Commanderies. We all work hard to bring in these new members and we should be just as diligent in keeping them.

DUAL MEMBERSHIP

I received no requests for dual membership this year.

CHARTERS AND DISPENSATIONS

No requests were received for Charters for new Commanderies this year. There were no Dispensations requiring approval. A replacement Charter was issued for The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of South Carolina as the original could not be located. The original was subsequently found at the Grand Lodge Office where it will remain in the archives of the Grand York Rite and is on display in the York Rite Museum located within the new Grand Lodge Museum. I encourage all York Rite Masons to visit your museum. Most Worshipful Gerald L. Carver has overseen the creation of a beautiful new museum at our Grand Lodge. Take a few minutes to see the wonderful history that has been preserved there. While you are there, thank MW Jerry for his tremendous effort in preserving our history!

BY LAWS CHANGES

I encourage each Commandery to continue to review your By Laws on an annual basis to reflect any changes or updates. These should be submitted to the Office of The Grand Recorder. The following By Laws changes were approved this year:

Columbia #2
Hampton #23
Newberry #6
Sumter #20
Rock Hill #15

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE

It is with the utmost pride that I announce that South Carolina sent seven (7) Ministers of God on the most remarkable spiritual journey to The Holy Land during this year! This is the largest contingent of Ministers that we have ever sent, and I can't express my gratitude enough! To the individual Sir Knights, the local Commanderies and every single Sir Knight in this Grand Jurisdiction who made this possible, THANK YOU! I am proud to have been able to present several of the Pastors with their Commissions. It has been an overwhelmingly humbling experience. To be able to walk in the footsteps of our Lord and Saviour, stand in the Garden of Gethsemane and to receive the Blessed Sacrament on the Via Dolorosa enroute to the Church of The Holy Sepulcher has to be one of the most moving experiences to these Men of God. Sir Knights, each one of you had a part in making this possible. I can't express my pride and gratitude enough. Many thanks to our Grand Prelate, SK Haywood Fowler who chairs this committee. Well done Sir Knight!

CHRISTMAS OBSERVANCES

I had the honor of being asked to be the guest speaker at two of these beautiful ceremonies. Unfortunately, time did not allow me to make all of them, but I encourage you to continue this beautiful ceremony. It is an opportunity to put Templar Masonry in front of the public and celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ. It is also a time to remember all Christian Knights wherever so dispersed around the globe.

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EYE FOUNDATION

I encourage each of our Commanderies to continue to support this wonderful charity. Like my most recent predecessors, I am also promoting 100% participation in the Eye Foundation. I have had the opportunity to meet with a few of the researchers who have received grants from KTEF, and I can tell you that some very promising research is being accomplished in your name. These starter grants are extremely beneficial to the young researchers just starting out in the field of Ophthalmology and we are making a difference in people's lives.

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

My wife Tanya and I had the honor of attending the Grand Encampment Easter Sunrise Service at the George Washington Memorial this past year. We enjoyed a wonderful banquet and fellowship with many Sir Knights from across the world. The weather on that Sunday morning was perfect. The temperatures were very moderate for this time of year in D.C. The honor of representing South Carolina in the march up Shooters Hill on that Glorious Day, standing in front of that beautiful edifice while overlooking our nation's Capital is something that will remain with me always. The

feeling of celebrating the Risen Christ on that perfect day, not a cloud in the beautiful blue sky and God's light shining on my face was a very emotional experience. I encourage you all to attend at least one of these in your lifetime. I promise you it will move you to tears of Thanksgiving for all of God's promises fulfilled.

SOUTHEASTERN YORK RITE CONFERENCE

The SEYRC was held in Melbourne, Florida last year and was, yet again, a wonderful educational opportunity for York Rite Masons. The Leadership Program is constantly being updated and refined and comments from those in attendance were very favorable. I strongly recommend this program to any York Rite Mason regardless of whether you have any desire in obtaining a leadership role. All Elected Officers are required to attend these meetings. They are open to anyone that would like to attend. If you have an interest in attending the Emerging Leaders Program, reach out to our Grand Recorder or to SK Jim McGee who is the R.E Southeast Department Commander to register. To the newly elected officers attending this year, there will be a venue change. I believe it will be held in Mobile, Alabama for 2020. RE Jim McGee can be reached through the Grand Encampments' website.

GRAND LODGE

Sir Knights, I regret that I was unable to attend the Annual Communication of our Grand Lodge as my trip to Washington D.C was extended with a visit to the Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland. The Grand Commandery was well represented during the Opening Ceremonies by our V.E. Deputy Grand Commander, S.K Mike Kirk.

IN-STATE VISITATIONS

It was an honor to be able to attend all the Official Visits of the Grand Commandery. We all enjoyed a great deal of fellowship and some great meals with our fellow Sir Knights. I would like to express my thanks to each of you for the love, friendship and support that was shown to us on every occasion. We were received with great dignity and appreciation and I was honored to have spoken on all the various York Rite Charities. My prayer is that you all found some benefit to these visits and our mission to support these worthy charitable organizations. The combined District meetings have continued to gain in popularity and continues to promote unity in all our York Rite Bodies. I highly encourage you to continue to hold these District meetings.

OUT-OF-STATE VISITATIONS

It was an honor to represent the Great State of South Carolina at the North Carolina York Rite Session in Denton, NC, The Georgia York Rite Session in Macon, The Southeastern York Rite Conference in Melbourne, Florida, The Easter Sunrise Service in Washington, DC and a visit to the Grand Lodge of Tennessee in Nashville where I was able to exchange pins with the Grand Master of Tennessee. HONORS

KNIGHT TEMPLAR CROSS OF HONOR

No nominations were received for this honor this year

KNIGHT COMMANDER OF THE TEMPLE

We have five who were nominated for this award and accepted this Templar Year. As I call your names please come forwarded.

I recommend that you review your membership to see if there is a worthy Sir Knight in your Commandery that is deserving of the honor of KTCH.

EDUCATION

Educational programs were presented at the Grand Session this past year and were well received. They were continued again this year on Sunday afternoon and it's my hope is that these continue in the future, and you encourage attendance from your members. A couple of District Educational programs were presented and were found to be beneficial. I would like to see these expand to every District and a formal education program be developed in coordination with the District Deputies and a statewide education coordinator.

RECOMMENDATIONS

To continue the path that my predecessors have set forth, I would extend their recommendations to include.

- 1) The Elected Line Officers in conjunction with the Grand Recorder, continue to hold the quarterly planning meetings. These have proven to be very beneficial and continues to promote the unity we enjoy in our craft.
- 2) The Grand Heads continue to work towards consolidating the Official Visits into District meetings where possible.
- 3) Continue to work with our local Secretary/Recorders to minimize NPD's and investigate forming a committee to contact those in jeopardy of being dropped.
- 4) Work with the District Deputies and Education Committee to expand educational programs across this Grand Jurisdiction.
- 5) Encourage participation in out-of-state events such as the Maggie Valley Assembly, York Rite Conferences and the Easter Sunrise Service.
- 6) Work with the Holy Land Pilgrimage Committee to develop a formal presentation program for Ministers traveling to the Holy Land.

CONCLUSION

Sir Knights, I give thanks to my Creator for the many traveling mercies given me over this past year. It has been a rewarding and humbling experience to serve you as your Grand Commander. Together, we have enjoyed many successes this year. You have given of your time, talents and hard-earned money to support our charities. We sent seven Ministers on the journey of a lifetime walking in the footsteps of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. You have all shown so much love, support and friendship to me during my term and I will cherish those memories forever. To my counterparts, Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Acy Flora, Most Illustrious Grand Master, Tom Corbin, our Secretary/Recorder, Buck Jolley, from the bottom of my heart, thank you for all you have done for a successful year. To our Past Grand Commanders, thank you for your timely advice, your support and most importantly, your friendship. To the elected and appointed Officers who served with me this past year, thank you for all you do to advance Templary in South Carolina. Finally, to all Sir Knights in this Grand Jurisdiction, thank you for your kind words of support, your comments on the Knight Templar magazine articles and especially for allowing me the honor of serving you as your Grand Commander for 2019-2020. May our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, be with you and remain with you always. I make this my prayer, in His name, Amen!

I look forward to seeing each of you around the Asylum! In my native Cajun, Que Le Bon Dieu Vous Benisse!

May The Good Lord Bless You!
Respectfully and Fraternaly submitted,
S.K. Jeffrey L. Hall
R.E. Grand Commander

Knights Templar Eye Foundation

To the Grand Commandery of South Carolina. I hereby submit my report for 2019 contributions.

Grand Total – January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019 = \$ 44,522.06

Other Bodies	\$ 2,265.18
# 1 – South Carolina	\$ 935.00
* 2 – Columbia	\$ 22,932.00
# 3 – Spartanburg	\$ 2,020.00
4 – Greenville	\$ 593.00
5 – Greenwood	\$ 1,395.38
6 – Newberry	\$ 430.00
7 – Chester	\$ 190.00
8 – Delphi	\$ 220.00
9 – Orangeburg	\$ 570.00
10 – Florence	\$ 789.00
*11 – Anderson	\$ 1,665.00
12 – Camden	\$ 122.00
13 – Laurens	\$ 265.00
*14 – Aiken	\$ 475.00
15 – Rock Hill	\$ 1,800.00
16 – Union	\$ 320.00
#17 – S Maner Martin	\$ 3,017.50
#18 – Gaffney	\$ 100.00
19 – Lancaster	\$ 1,825.00
*20 – Sumter	\$ 1,505.00
#23 – Hampton	\$ 515.00
24 – Winyah	\$ 145.00
*25 – Conway	\$ 353.00

NOTE: Report based on Calendar Year, not Campaign No.

Respectively submitted,
Howard T. “Ted” Burgess, Chairman

Grand Recorder's Report

To: The Grand Commandery Knights Templar of South Carolina:

I hereby submit my annual report covering the period March 1, 2019 through February 28, 2020.

RECEIPTS

Annual per capita	\$ 42,145.17
Surety Bond Assessment	\$ 230.00
Holy Land Pilgrimage Fund	\$ 14,595.00
Ritual sales + Postage	\$ (994.61)
Banquet/Meal Ticket Sales	\$ 593.33
Web Fees	\$ 188.33
Magazine Ad Sales & Misc.	\$,3866.60
William H Burdette Estate	\$ 59,000.00
Total Receipts	\$117,023.22

DISBURSEMENTS

Deposits to General Fund Wells Fargo	\$ 116,993.82
Deposit to Edward Jones Charity Account	\$ 59,000.00
Total Disbursements	\$116,993.82

Annual Statistical Report Start: 1/1/2019 End: 12/31/2020

Grand Commandery of SC

Total Working Commanderies 23		
Total number members last return =		<u>2,694</u>
Knights =	87	
Affiliated =	7	
Reinstated =	48	
Add Adjustment =	<u>0</u>	
Total Gain (+)		<u>142</u>
Demitted =	15	
Suspended =	213	
Deceased =	196	
Expelled =	0	
Delete Adjustment =	<u>2</u>	
Total Loss (-)		<u>426</u>
Net Gain (Net Loss)		<u>(284)</u>
Total number of members (including Dual on this report) =		<u>2,410</u>
Knights Templar Eye Foundation		
Living/Active Life Sponsors =	<u>1688</u>	

Fraternally submitted,
G Buck Jolley, Grand Recorder

**GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF SOUTH CAROLINA
GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT**

February 28, 2020

To: The Grand Commandery Knights Templar of South Carolina, I hereby submit my annual report covering the period March 1, 2019 through February 28, 2020

March 1, 2019 Balances

Wells Fargo Checking	\$ 67,846.13	
Wells Fargo Savings	\$151,662.43	
Edward Jones Investments	\$397,048.79	
Total All Accounts		\$616,557.35

RECEIPTS

Grand Recorder	\$ 117,023.22	
Wells Fargo Interest	\$ 41.57	
Edward Jones Investment Income	\$ 8,093.09	
Edward Jones to WF Savings KTEF/HLP	\$ 1,099.60	
Edward Jones Charity Acct Gains (Loss)	\$ 6,569.26	
Total Receipts	\$147,323.83	
Total Accounts + Receipts		\$763,881.18

DISBURSEMENTS

Budgeted Expenditures	\$ 71,163.36	
Total	\$ 71,163.36	

Total to Account For **\$690,717.82**

(Accounts + Receipts – Disbursements)

February 28, 2020 Balances

Wells Fargo Checking	\$ 52,605.99	
Wells Fargo Savings	\$160,896.69	
Edward Jones Investments	\$416,798.25	
Edward Jones Charity Account	\$ 60,416.89	
Total Accounts		\$690,717.82

Fraternally Submitted

A, Glenn Greene III, Grand Treasurer

**Knights Templar Holy Land Pilgrimage Committee
Minutes September 13, 2019**

The HLP Committee met at 10:00 am on September 13, 2019 at the Grand Lodge of SC in Lexington, South Carolina. The meeting was called to order and opened with Prayer.

Committee Members:

Present: Rev. Haywood Fowler, Chairman
Rev. Harvie B Bailey
Rev. Robert Nix
Jeffrey Hall REGC
G Buck Jolley Secretary-Treasurer

The Secretary-Treasurer reported that a total of Seven (7) applications had been received. Each application was reviewed, and it was determined all were qualified. The question then became can we fund all of them.

Funds Needed	
7 Ministers @ 3400 each =	\$23,000.00
Available Funds	
2018-2019 carryover balance	\$ 2,168.31
KT Budget 2019-2020	\$ 8,500.00
Collection from KT Religious Service	\$ 700.00
Sponsoring YRB Bodies (3)	\$10,200.00
John Marcucci for his minister	\$ 1,500.00
Misc. Contributions 2019-2020	\$ 2,026.31
TOTAL	\$25,094.62

After a review of the funds needed and available funds the Committee decided we should all seven ministers. They are:

Dwight M Easler	Gaffney
Gregory Hyler	Myrtle Beach
Jason Pittman	Columbia
Clinton Bartlett	Aiken
Cristopher Browder	Andrews
Bradley Ramey	Pelzer
Justin Eshleman	Cayce

There being no further business to come before this Committee a motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn.

The meeting was closed with prayer.

G Buck Jolley

G Buck Jolley
Secretary-Treasurer

**Educational Foundation Committee
Division of the Grand Commandery of South Carolina
Minutes June 28, 2019**

The Education Committee met at 10:00 am on June 28, 2019 at the Grand Lodge of SC in Lexington, South Carolina was called to order by Ted Burgess Chairman. The meeting was opened with Prayer by Jack Holmes.

Board Members Present: Ted Burgess, Chairman, (2022) .Harvie B Bailey (2020), John Marcucci (2019)

James J Holmes (2023), G Buck Jolley Secretary-Treasurer

Absent: Gary Sowell (2021)

Others Present: Jeffrey Lee Hall, RE Grand Commander

Minutes from June 22, 2018 were read and approved.

The Secretary-Treasurer reported that Two scholarship were given in 2018 to: Grayson Lancaster and Samuel Elsner \$1,000.00 each. Also, that all funds had been dispersed as indicated in the following financial report.

SC Knights Templar Educational Foundation Financial Report

January 1, 2018 – March 20, 2018

Beginning Balances

Wells Fargo – Money Mkt	\$ 58,735.46	
	Total	\$58,735.46

Disbursements

Grand Encampment		
Educational Foundation	\$ 58,000.00	
Grand Commandery General Fund	\$ 735.46	
	Total	\$58,735.46

Ending Balances

Wells Fargo – Money Market	\$ 0.00	
		Total Assets \$ 0.00

Grand Encampment Educational Foundation

Beginning Balances

March 31, 2018		
GE Educational Foundation	\$ 58,000.00	
	Total	\$58,000.00

Investment Income (Loss)

Income (market loss)	\$ (420.43)	
	Total	\$57,579.57

Disbursements

Annual Fee	\$ 262.96	
Scholarships (Lancaster & Elsner)	\$ 2,000.00	
	Total	\$ 2,262.96

Ending Balances 3/31/2019

Grand Encampment		
Educational Foundation	\$ 55,316.61	
		Total Assets \$55,316.61

The Right Eminent Grand Commander Jeffrey Lee Hall re-appointed John Marcucci for a five -year term (2024) Four scholarship applications were reviewed two of which were incomplete or did not have required information provided. The 2019 scholarships were awarded to Taylor Steven Foulds and Carolyn Faith Humphries in the amount of \$1,000.00 each.

There being no further business to come before this Committee a motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn.

The meeting was closed with prayer by John Marcucci.

G Buck Jolley

G Buck Jolley Secretary-Treasurer

Election of Officers

The Business of the Grand Commandery having been concluded the chair was turned over to MW & RE D Sam Tennyson to conduct the elections of Officers. The floor will be opened for nomination of Officers and the following will be nominated by an elected line officer:

Right Eminent Grand Commander	Michael W Kirk
V.E. Deputy Grand Commander	Christopher Mark McDonald
Eminent Grand Generalissimo	Christopher Mark McDonald
Eminent Grand Treasurer	A. Glenn Greene III
Eminent Grand Recorder	G Buck Jolley

The floor will be opened for nominations for the Office of Eminent Grand Captain General. Victor Phillips and Dale Usery were nominated.

Victor Dewy Phillips was elected to serve the Grand Commandery as Grand Captain General 2020-2021.