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IN UTAH 2019



90th ANNUAL ASSEMBLY GRAND COUNCIL
CRYPTIC MASONS



109th ANNUAL CONCLAVE GRAND
COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR



108th ANNUAL CONVOCATION GRAND CHAPTER
ROYAL ARCH MASONS

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JOINT SESSION

MINUTES

Annual Joint Session

Embassy Suites Hotel, Salt Lake City, Utah

May 10, 2019

The Annual York Rite Sessions were declared open by Douglas J. Backes, Most Illustrious Grand Master, Cryptic Masons of Utah.

Dignitaries were introduced and given a hearty welcome.

Various reports were presented including:

Dean Rein reported on Southwest Conference 2018 held in Las Vegas. We had very good attendance. All three bodies had wonderful programs and we expect the same this year.

P Marty Martineau provided information on the upcoming York Rite Sovereign College of North America sessions being held in Salt Lake City the first weekend of August.

Trust Report was presented by John Liley, Jr. Drew Sanders term as trustee has expired. Motion was made that he succeed himself for an additional term. No other nominations were received and Companion Sanders was elected as a Trustee.

T.J. Robertson provided the Treasurer's report.

Words of greeting were received from Grand Master of Free and Accepted Masons of Utah, Jeffrey Hamilton.

Joint Grand York Rite Sessions

GRAND YORK RITE JOINT COMMITTEES

2018-2019

*Denotes Chairman

Appeals and Grievance

Drew Sanders – Chapter*
Frank C. Baker - Council
David W. Barron – KT

Credentials

Timothy Stenner - Chapter
John H. McCurdy - Council
David J. Read – KT*

Fraternal Correspondence

Grand Presiding Heads
Grand Secretary/Recorder

Jurisprudence

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

Protocol

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

Time and Place

Christopher Young – Chapter
Douglas J Backes – Council
Lawrence Rodriguez – KT
Grand Secretary/Recorder

Youth

Norman A. Smith- Chairman
N/A – Chapter
Allen W. Record - Council
Jason L. Mair– KT

Auditing

Ben Young

Finance

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

Grand Sessions

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

Membership

N/A – Chapter
John C. Liley, Jr – Council
David J. Read - KT

Regional Conferences

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

Triennial Conclave

Christopher Young – Chapter
Douglas J Backes – Council
Lawrence Rodriguez - KT

York Rite Annual Sessions

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

Joint Bylaws

Jurisprudence
Grand Secretary/Recorder*
Grand Heads

Fraternal Relations

Grand Presiding Heads
Grand Secretary/Recorder

Internet Communications

Not Designated - Chapter
Jason A. Mitchell - Council
Jeffrey E. Hamilton – KT

Necrology

N/A Prelate*
Grand Chaplain (Chapter)
Grand Chaplain (Council)

Returns of Const. Bodies

Grand Secretary/Recorder*
Auditor
Grand Treasurer

Unfinished Business

Grand Secretary/Recorder*
Presiding Grand Heads

VISITING DIGNITARIES

Stephen A Balke, General Grand Recorder, representing MP General Grand Master David A Grindle, General Grand Council Cryptic Masons International

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

Chadwick Burks, RE District Deputy General Grand High Priest, Southwest Region, General Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons International

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

John Huth, representing MI Grand Master Joe Zito, Cryptic Masons, Arizona

Kevin McCanns, RE Grand Commander, Grand Commandery, Nevada

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

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

Leland G. Routt, Grand King, representing Grand High Priest Tony Yuson, Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons, California

Robert Loflin, Past Grand Commander, Grand Commandery of Knights Templar, Texas

Paul Erickson, Deputy Grand Prelate, Grand Encampment of Knights Templar

Chris Larsen, MI Grand Master, Grand Council Cryptic Masons, New Mexico

P Marty Martineau, Grand Governor York Rite Sovereign College in Utah

Blaine Simons, Governor General, York Rite Sovereign College North America and Grand Preceptor, Grand College of America Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests

Jeff Hamilton, Most Worshipful Grand Master, Free and Accepted Masons of Utah

Joint Grand York Rite Sessions

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES 2018 - 2019

Grand Jurisdiction	Grand Chapter		Grand Council		Grand Commandery	
	To Utah	From	To Utah	From	To Utah	From
Alabama	Paul R. Drinkard		Robert T Crawford			
Alaska		Brian J Hastings		Brian J. Hastings		Brian J. Hastings
Argentina		Michael Busby				
Arizona	Peter N. Johnson	Brian Hastings	John A. Prather	Brian Hastings	Peter N. Johnson, Jr	Brian Hastings
Arkansas	Ed Buchanan	Blaine H. Simons	Thomas R. Mason	Blaine H. Simons	George A. Nunnally	Blaine H. Simons
Austr NS Wales	Robert J. Parker	Brian J. Hasting (nom)				
Austr Queensland	Gibson W Miller	Kelly Hansel (nom)	Announced cessation of Participation in GR Program 3 February 2016			
Austr South	A.C. Massingham	Preston Martineau, Jr (nom)				
Austr Victoria	John I. Ives	Norman A. Smith				
Austr Western	Frank W. Frimston	Norman A. Smith		Michael Busby		
Belgium	S. Papastohopolos	Kenneth Morris				
California	Gordon G. Warder	William A. Butterfield	Dalton A. Noland	William A. Butterfield	Malcolm G. Mill	William A. Butterfield
Can Alberta	Jerry W Kopp	Steven L. Wilkinson				
Can BC Yukon	Brian Hemmingway	Richard H. Simons				
Can Eastern	No Chapter		Ian Murray	Norman Smith		
Can Manitoba	J. Heinz	John L. Elwell Jr				
Can New Brunswick	George H R Jones					
Can Nova Scotia	Edward Greenfield					
Can Ontario	Edmund Goldthorp		John A. Hornell			
Can Quebec	Ronald Rennie					
Can Saskatch	Everet H. Near					
Can Western	No Chapter		P Shillito	Michael L. Busby		
Colorado	James F. Norris	Michael Busby	Albert T. Herring	Michael L. Busby	Robert C. Haas	Michael Busby
Connecticut	Andrew Wilmann	Reed B. Fanning	Michael L. Castroll		William L. Green	
Delaware	John B. Dorsey	William Westbrook	Robert Lomas	William Westbrook	John D. Hiott	William Westbrook
England & Wales			Arthur Craddock			
Finland	Yrjo Lahde	Norman A. Smith				
Florida	William H. Schreiber	M.T. McWilliams	Edwin B. Moore III	M.T. McWilliams	Guy E. Waltman	M.T. McWilliams
France		Brian Hastings				
Georgia	Michael Sosebee		Gary Lemmons		Steven Carter	
Germany	Wilbur Blair	Michael Busby (nom)	Wilbur Blair			
Greece	Geoge Ivos	Norman A. Smith				
Hawaii	Fred Pendergaft		James P Malezon			
Idaho	Larry B. Cram		William Echo		Marvin E. Schein	
Illinois			Ferry W. Foltz		V. Ray Landers	
India		Steven L. Wilkinson				
Indiana	Philip D. Herthel		Michael C Stoer		Harold D. Black	
Iowa	Edwon G. Yedlik	Michael Busby	Robert Christensen	Michael Busby	Homer E. Stutters	Michael Busby
Ireland	Henry S. Harding	Michael Busby				
Isreal	Josef Hasky	Kelly Hansel				
Italy		Jay Mitchell	Sabatino Bencivenga			
Kansas	LeRoy Loggins	Timothy Fellows (NR)	Harold L. Buick	Timothy Fellows (NR)	Jay M. Sheldon	Timothy Fellows (N)
Kentucky	Donald McHone	Brian Hastings	Larry B. Ledbetter	Brian Hastings	William F. Lile	Brian Hastings

Joint Grand York Rite Sessions

Grand Jurisdiction	Grand Chapter		Grand Council		Grand Commandery	
	To Utah	From	To Utah	From	To Utah	From
Louisiana	Richard L. James		Richard Tharp		Robert Durham	
Maine	Horton B. Churchill		Randall J. Tyler		Roscoe C. Sunborn	
Maryland	William C. Eppig	J.C. McLaughlin	Carl Wisner	J.C. McLaughlin	Richard Naegele	J.C. McLaughlin
Massachusetts	Robert H. Brown	Lee M. Rogers	Robert H. Brown	Lee M. Rogers	William Elliot	Lee M. Rogers
Mexico	Javier Flores y Flores	Michael Busby				
Michigan	Leslie Dopen	T.J. Robertson	William H. Ford	T.J. Robertson	Donald Wilson	T.J. Robertson
Minnesota	Bruce F. Mogensen	Michael Busby	Douglas Nygard	Michael Busby	Nicholas R. Johnson	Michael Busby
Mississippi	Micky McMahan		Jiles K. Grice		Billy J. McCollum	
Missouri	James J. Nobbs	Charles Sipes	P. Vincent Kinkead	Charles Sipes	Robert L. Hudson	Charles Sipes
Montana	Floyd T. Nobbs	K. Neuschwander	Floyd T. Nobbs	K. Neuschwander	Gorden Sorenson	K. Neuschwander
Nebraska	Edward Wehrbein	Brian J. Hastings	James P. Franson	Brian J. Hastings	Gerald E. Verbeck	Brian J. Hastings
Netherlands		Michael Busby				
Nevada	Jerry B. Evans	David Nelson	Frank Woodruff	David Nelson	Reed R. Mosley	David Nelson
New Foundland	Donald E.J. Kelland	K. Neuschwander				
New Hampshire	Raymond T. Robb		Raymond T. Robb		David Lewis	
New Jersey	Ronald C. Grealorex	John Liley	Mark S. Enz	John Liley	John R. Margroff	John Liley
New Mexico	Arland Blackburn	M. T. McWilliams	Arland Blackburn	M.T McWilliams	Arland Blackburn	M.T. McWilliams
New York	Michael E. Driver	Brian J. Hastings	Paul T. Henry Sr	Brian J. Hastings	Michael E. Driver	Brian J. Hastings
New Zealand	R. M. Cresswell	Clayton Frayser				
North Carolina	Tommy Jones	Steve L. Wilkinson	W. Berry Rigdon	Steve L. Wilkinson	Fred Whitty	Steve L. Wilkinson
North Dakota	Ivan H. Hamilton	Michael Cannon	Ivan H. Hamilton	Michael Cannon	Charles Richter	Michael Cannon
Ohio	James B. Parker, IV	Michael Busby	Michael R. Scheiderer	Michael Busby	Ken Crouch	Michael Busby
Oklahoma	Daniel Christopher	John L. Elwell Jr	L. Erik Stuckey	John L. Elwell Jr	William R. Phillips	John L. Elwell Jr
Oregon	Ralph R. Patterson	Gerald Everett	Ronald Wright	Gerald Everett	Ronald Wright	Gerald Everett
Pennsylvania	Kenneth Geary	Loren Rauscher	Michael J. Kleha	Loren Rauscher	John G. Kovak Jr	Loren Rauscher
Rhode Island	Russell Scanlon	Jerold Cochran	Russell J. Lorensen	Jerold R. Chchran	D. T. Mass	Jerold Cochran
Philippines	Gregorio A. Vicente	Michael Busby (nom)	Willfredo Baniqued	Michael Busby (nom)	Samuel P. Fernandez	Michael Busby (nom)
Scotland	John Stewart	Glen Cook	John Stewart	Glen Cook		
South Carolina	James W. Lyle	David Nelson	Douglas D. Lee	David Nelson	Gary C. Sowell	David Nelson
South Dakota	Jerry K. Thomas	Duane Carpenter		Duane Carpenter	Reed Hutchison	Duane Carpenter
Tennessee	Bobby G.P ollard	Brian J. Hastings	Billy R. Miller	Brian J. Hastings	H.K. Jack Akard	Brian J. Hastings
Texas	R.R. Ryan		Kellis D. Moore		Ronald D. Park	
Vermont	Roger M. Pike		David H. Bartlett		William Karstens IV	
Virginia	Arthur Dechent	Michael L. Busby (RAM/CM Combined)			Cameron Caffee	Michael Busby
Washington	Fred C. Lang	Charles G. Sipes	Fred C. Lang	Charles G. Sipes	Fred C. Lang	Charles G. Sipes
Washington DC	David B. Akopian		Robert K. Yaasi		William T. Cox	
West Virginia	Charles F. Wimer		No Council		Donald L. Showalter	
Wisconsin	Stephen J. Conway	Robert B. Coates	Lauren Handeland	Robert B. Coates	Lauren Handeland	Robert B. Coates
Wyoming	Harry W.C. Oberg III	Peter N. Doelfs	Robert O. Finley	Peter N. Doelfs	Don Allen	Peter N. Doelfs

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT

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

The checking and savings accounts are currently held at Mountain America Credit Union.

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CHECKING

Beginning balance of checking as of May 1, 2018	\$ 1,231.66
Ending Balance of Checking as of April 30, 2019	\$ 831.70

SAVINGS

Beginning Balance of Savings as of May 21, 2018	\$12,396.51
Ending Balance of Savings as of April 30, 2019	\$ 6,715.55

Total Bank Funds \$ 7,547.25

Submitted by,
TJ Robertson, Grand Treasurer

REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY/RECORDER

I am pleased to report that this has been another interesting and challenging year, which, thanks to the support and cooperation of you, my dear Companions/Sir Knights, has been completed without any major dilemmas. Merrill-Lee and I have attended a number of York Rite functions – 4 Corners, Colorado River Fall Festival, Grand Encampment Triennial, and SW Regional, among others. The friendship and hospitality we encountered was astounding and appreciated.

I have enjoyed working with Sir Knight David Read, Grand Recorder, Knights Templar, as we went through the transition of him assuming the duties of that office. I have determined that I need to relinquish the other two Secretary/Recorder Offices, now. My Masonic duties have multiplied over the years, and it is time for me to step down and move on to other ventures. I sincerely thank all of you who have been so supportive of me the past 7 years. When I took over this task from Companion/Sir Knight Owen Orton, I knew I had a big set of boots to fill. I hope I have served you adequately, and I wish my successor the best of luck. I will be available to assist him as he deems necessary.

Fraternally,
Charles E. Warren, Sr.
Grand Secretary, Grand Chapter RAM
Grand Recorder, Grand Council CM

Joint Grand York Rite Sessions

Membership Change		2018	2019	Change
SLC	Keystone #0	45	41	-4
RAM				
Ogden	Ch. #2	38	40	2
SLC	Ch. #1	112	109	-3
Midvale	Ch. #3	50	46	-4
Provo	Ch. #4	22	24	2
Price	Ch. #6	43	36	-7
St. George	Ch. #10	25	27	2
Totals		290	282	-8
CM				
Ogden	Co. #3	38	40	2
SLC	Co. #1	123	123	0
Midvale	Co. #5	51	48	-3
Provo	Co. #2	22	24	2
Price	Co. #4	43	36	-7
St. George	Co. #7	22	25	3
Totals		299	296	-3
KT				
SPHC	Cm. #0	23	20	-3
Ogden	Cm. #2	37	37	0
SLC	Cm. #1	110	115	5
Midvale	Cm. #3	45	46	1
Provo	Cm. #5	15	20	5
Price	Cm. #6	42	36	-6
St. George	Cm. #7	25	27	2
Totals		274	281	7

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

APPEALS AND GRIEVANCES REPORT

Nothing to report.

AUDITING COMMITTEE

No report submitted.

JOINT BYLAWS

Nothing to report.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

No report submitted.

FRATERNAL RELATIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE

No report submitted

INTERNET COMMUNICATIONS

No report submitted

JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

See individual Sessions for final report

MEMBERSHIP

No report submitted.

Joint Grand York Rite Sessions

NECROLOGY REPORT

Sir Knights who have passed in the last year:

In Utah Commanderies:

Billy Carl Lairson, April 4, 2019

Buddy Ross Pilling, December 16, 2018

Harold Glenn Mischler, June 29, 2018

Henry Scorzato, November 29, 2018

Past Grand Commanders of Utah:

James Anthony Robertson, November 20, 2018

William Jackson Westbrook, September 5, 2018

Past Grand Master – Grand Encampment

Donald Hinslea Smith, February 27, 2019

Respectfully submitted

Necrology Committee

REGIONAL CONFERENCES

The Southwest Regional Conference 2018 was held in Las Vegas at the Orleans Hotel. We had very good attendance. All three York Rite bodies had wonderful programs and educationals. We expect the same this coming year. It will be at the same location, the Orleans Hotel, November 1-2, 2019. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

ANNUAL RETURNS OF CONSTITUENT BODIES

REPORT OF RETURNS OF CONTITUENT BODIES (CONTINUED)		
	Total due all	Submitted
KMMM	\$1,000.00	
SPHC	\$300.00	
Ogden	\$1,137.50	\$1,137.50
SLC	\$3,361.50	\$3,418.57
Midvale	\$1,369.00	\$1,403.00
Provo	\$673.00	\$693.00
Price	\$1,051.50	\$1,051.50
St. Geo.	\$1,931.68	\$2,220.24
Totals	\$9,622.68	\$8,786.81

*See detailed reports in sections for each body.

TIME AND PLACE

The 2020 Annual Sessions will take place on May 7 – 9, 2020 tentatively scheduled to be held at the Embassy Suites Hotel, Salt Lake City, Utah.

TRIENNIAL CONCLAVE

No report submitted.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Nothing to report.

VESPERS MESSAGE

Vespers service was held Thursday, May 9, 2019

YOUTH

No report submitted.

OTHER REPORTS

GRAND YORK RITE TRUST REPORT

Herewith is the report of the Board of Trustees of the Grand York Rite of Utah Trust for the period since the last Grand York Rite Sessions 2018

Last year 2018 was not the best year we ended at \$291,314 having started at \$336,602. The loss was approximately 12.86% including \$2000.00 worth of disbursements. This was due to a failing market which many of us I'm sure felt in our own personal investments, 401k's etc. not to mention the Board working with our investment advisor in untangling the previous Wells Fargo advisor's investments.

However, thanks to the expertise of Alex Wheeler of RW Baird and the invest strategy adopted by this Board we have nearly recovered all of those losses. We started 2019 at \$291,314 and we are currently at \$333,926 or an increase of 14.64%

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

As a reminder once again, we started our account with RW Baird in October of 2016 with \$283,848 and \$1210.88 in the checking account for a total of \$285,058.88. We are up and more secure.

Alex Wheeler of RW Baird has worked diligently as previously mentioned in this report to remove us as surgically as possible from a one type of investment as Wells Fargo Advisors had us in to the spread risk investment we now follow.

Alex Wheeler whom many of you know already is a trusted financial advisor of the Grand Lodge of Utah, the AASR of Utah and many Blue Lodges. We attribute the professional management of our funds in general, the personal relationship we have established with our advisor and the investment strategy this board adopted the reason our monies are safe today. We continue to assert that no matter how long or who serves as a trustee we can and will have a consistent and proper vehicle in place ensuring the safe guard of our Trust funds for future generations of York Rite Masons.

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We continue to work with Companion Benjamin Young of Stayner, Bates & Jensen, P.C. to handle our tax returns, etc. All tax returns, etc. have been filed to the IRS and are up to date.

We anticipate costs for the 2019-2020 year will be similar with previous requests and we again urge the incoming presiding officers to determine their funding wants and needs following these Sessions and that they meet with the elected Board Members as soon as possible to discuss and finalize these requests.

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

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

Fraternally Submitted,
John C. Liley, Jr. Chairman
Drew C. Sander Vice Chairman
Frank C. Baker Trustee
Dean D. Rein Trustee
Charles Warren, Sr. GSRec
Chris Young MEGHP
Doug Backes MIGM
Lawrence Rodriguez REGC

YORK RITE COLLEGE REPORT

York Rite Sovereign College of North America will be holding their annual sessions this year in Salt Lake City at the Sheraton Hotel the first weekend of August. We will need some volunteers for this event. This will be a great opportunity for us to show our hospitality to a lot of people coming in from all over the United States and Canada. We look forward to seeing everyone.

Fraternally,
P Marty Martineau, Grand Governor of Utah



**90th ANNUAL
ASSEMBLY
GRAND COUNCIL
CRYPTIC MASONS
OF UTAH**

Friday, May 10, 2019

**Embassy Suites Hotel
Salt Lake City, Utah**

GRAND COUNCIL

GRAND COUNCIL MINUTES

May 10, 2019

Embassy Suites Hotel, Salt Lake City, UT

Convocation was opened by MI Grand Master Douglas Backes.

Visitors and dignitaries were introduced and given a hearty welcome.

It was determined that there were no pieces of legislation to be presented.

Motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the pre-printed reports that pertain to this Council Convocation as printed.

MI Grand Master Douglas Backes presented his report which was approved as presented.

Jurisprudence report was given and approved with noted corrections.

Credentials reported that there are 44 eligible voting members.

Chuck Warren announced that he is stepping down as Recorder.

Elections were conducted with the following results:

MI Grand Master: P. Marty Martineau

RI Deputy Grand Master: Jeffrey Hamilton

RI Grand PCOW: Reed B Fanning

RI Gran Treasurer: T.J. Robertson

RI Grand Recorded: David J. Read Sr

During the election process, words of greeting were received from:

John Huth

Christopher Larsen

James Baum

MI Grand Master Elect P. Marty Martineau announced the appointed officers,

Grand Council Cryptic Masons

Steven Balke brought greetings and words from General Grand Council.

Motion was made, seconded and approved for the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Utah to support the candidacy of Steven Balke for the office of General Grand Principal Conductor of the Work for the General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons International.

Installation of officers was held with the following officers being installed:

P. Marty Martineau.....	M. I. Grand Master
Jeffrey E. Hamilton.....	R. I. Deputy Grand Master
Reed B. Fanning.....	R. I. Grand Principal Conductor of Work
T.J. Robertson.....	R.I. Grand Treasurer
David J. Read, Sr.....	R. I. Grand Recorder
Jay N. Mitchell.....	I. Grand Captain of Guard
Lawrence R. Rodriguez.....	I. Grand Conductor of Council
Chuck Warren Sr.....	I. Grand Senior Steward
Monte Andersen.....	I. Grand Junior Steward
Daniel Drew.....	I. Grand Marshal
Trevor Wilkinson.....	I. Grand Lecturer
O. Blake Hansen.....	I. Grand Chaplain
Tim Stenner.....	I. Grand Sentinel

Installing Officers:

- MI Companion Dean D Rein
- MI Companion Brian J. Hastings
- MI Companion Charles Sipes
- MI Companion Michael Shipler

Convocation was closed by MI P. Marty Martineau.

Grand Council Cryptic Masons

**GRAND COUNCIL CRYPTIC MASONS UTAH OFFICERS
2018 – 2019**

- * Douglas J. Backes.....M. I. Grand Master
 - * P. Marty Martineau.....R. I. Deputy Grand Master
 - * Jeffrey E. Hamilton.....R. I. Grand Principal Conductor of Work
 - * T.J. Robertson.....R.I. Grand Treasurer
 - * Charles E. Warren, Sr.....R. I. Grand Recorder
 - * Reed B. Fanning.....I. Grand Captain of Guard
 - * Jay N. Mitchell.....I. Grand Conductor of Council
 - * Lawrence R. Rodriguez.....I. Grand Senior Steward
 - * Monte K. Andersen.....I. Grand Junior Steward
 - a James L. Sweet.....I. Grand Marshal
 - * Daniel A. Drew.....I. Grand Lecturer
 - * Treavor J. Wilkinson.....I. Grand Chaplain
 - * Orrin B. Hansen.....I. Grand Sentinel
- *In Attendance

**GRAND COUNCIL COMMITTEES
2018-2019**

* Denotes Chairman

Cryptic Mason of Year

Jason C. Varner*
Subordinate Council
Recorders

**Youth Award
Committee**

Jason C. Varner*
Subordinate Council
Recorders

**Cryptic Mason
Medical Research**

Reed Fanning*
Jay N. Mitchell
Lawrence R. Rodriguez

PAST GRAND ILLUSTRIOUS MASTERS

*Denotes in attendance

Kenneth Neuschwander	1973	Loren H. Rausher*	2007
Charles Prisk	1982	William A. Butterfield*	2009
Blaine H. Simons*	1989	Michael Busby*	2010
Richard H. Simons	1992	Brian J. Hastings*	2011
J. C. McLaughlin	1999	Charles G. Sipes*	2012
John Elwell Jr	1997	Dean D. Rein*	2014
Norman A. Smith	2003	Jason A. Mitchell*	2015
Joseph C. Matson	2004	T.J. Robertson*	2016
Michael D. Shipler*	2005	Jason C. Varner*	2017
Kelly A. Hansel	2006	Douglas J. Backes*	2018

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COUNCIL DAIS OFFICERS - UPDATE

Utah #1			
	Illustrious Master	Charles Persinger	Proxy
	Deputy Master	William Brotherson	X
	Prin Cond of Work	Lonnie McCulloch	X
Ogden #3			
	Illustrious Master	Monte Anderson	X
	Deputy Master	Jim Lee	X
	Prin Cond of Work	David Hutchinson	X
Daly #5			
	Illustrious Master	David Read	X
	Deputy Master	William Mullins	X
	Prin Cond of Work	Andrew Baldwin	Proxy
Provo #2			
	Illustrious Master	Matthew Montano	X
	Deputy Master	Nick Cleghorn	X
	Prin Cond of Work	Jayson Carlson	Proxy
Solomon #4			
	Illustrious Master	Howard L. Hastings	X
	Deputy Master	John H. McCurdy	Proxy
	Prin Cond of Work	Daniel G. Lyons	X
Zion #7			
	Illustrious Master	Dean D. Rein	X
	Deputy Master	Charles I. Young	X
	Prin Cond of Work	Travis Christiansen	Proxy

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

VISITING DIGNITARIES

Chadwick Burks, Deputy General Grand High Priest, Southwest Region

Kenneth Morris, Past Illustrious Grand Master, Nevada

Kevin McCanns, Grand Steward, Grand Council of Nevada

John W. Huth, representing MI Grand Master Joseph Zito, Grand Council of Arizona

Christopher A. Larsen II, MI Grand Master, Grand Council of New Mexico

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

Stephen A. Balke, MP General Grand Recorder, General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons International

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

OFFICER REPORTS

REPORT OF THE MOST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND MASTER

Good morning and welcome to the 90th Annual Convocation of the Most Illustrious Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Utah. Thank you all for attending this important annual event. Over this past year, it has been an honor serving as Illustrious Grand Master for this esteemed body. I want to thank the Brethren and Officers of this Jurisdiction for the support they have given me during my tenure. I made several decisions and had no disputes to settle between companions.

Bylaw Changes:

During my 2018-2019 term there was two request for a By-law Change: Zion #7 Cryptic Masons of St. George passed a change of their by-laws. Before, three York Rite Bodies met on the first Saturday of the month with the Council meeting at 10:00 am. This was changed to have the three York Rite bodies rotate their meetings each month and having the meeting start at 9:00 am. This change was presented to me on February 9, 2019. After reviewing the change, I approved the by-law change.

Solomon #4 Cryptic Masons of Price passed a change of their by-laws increasing the annual dues. This change was presented to me on March 14, 2019. After reviewing the change, I approved the by-law change.

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Dispensations:

During the course of 2017-2018 I issued the following dispensations:

June 1, 2018: St. George York Rite Bodies requested to move their June meeting from June 2 to June 9 to accommodate those members who could not participate. The dispensation was granted.

October 5, 2018: St. George York Rite Bodies requested to move their October meeting from October 6 to October 13 to accommodate those members who participated in the Four Corners Festival. The dispensation was granted.

November 7, 2018: St. George York Rite Bodies requested to move their November meeting from November 3 to November 10 to accommodate those members who participated in the South West Regional York Rite Conference. The dispensation was granted.

December 31, 2018: Price York Rite Bodies requested to move their January meeting from January 2 to January 9 to accommodate those members who were traveling and observing the holidays. The dispensation was granted.

Special Convocations:

The Grand Council was not opened in the interim between the 89th convocation in May, 2018 and the 90th convocation in May, 2019.

Visitations:

I had an official visitation with every Council within the State of Utah this year. They were as follows: Midvale October 24th, Ogden February 4th, Provo February 21st, Price March 6th, St. George April 6th, and Salt Lake City April 23rd. I appreciated the hospitality shown me on each visit.

Beyond the regular visitations, I visited Midvale on December 1 for the installation of the officers for both the Midvale York Rite Bodies and the Social Order of the Beauceant. I also participated in the York Rite Mini festivals put on by the various York Rite Bodies on February 16th in Bountiful (Chapter), March 30th in Ogden (Council/Red Cross/Malta) and May 4th in Provo (Order of the Temple).

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Unfortunately, I was unable to attend the Ogden Council #3 fund raising dinner for the Cryptic Mason Medical Research Foundation as I was traveling. However, Grand Council Officers did attend in my absence. I am very grateful for the invitation and the funds raised by the Ogden York Rite Bodies.

Awards:

The Cryptic Mason of the Year and Adult Youth Leadership awards were authorized and will be presented at this convocation.

Recommendations:

The following recommendations are as follows:

As in previous years, many of the Councils in this state have not had the requisite number of members to open their Council. On more than one occasion, the Council was only able to open because the Grand Council officers were visiting. This is a disturbing fact and underlies the fundamental issue facing the York Rite in this state: lack of membership and lack of participation. We have spent much time discussing ways to increase the number of York Rite Masons and I will not repeat them here. But I do want to focus on the lack of participation which feeds into the problem we have with retention. Retaining members is of vital importance to the health of these bodies. As we all know, we lose more members to NPD and demits than to passing away. This is a failure on our part because these brothers had made a decision to join our bodies and then found no reason to stay. Whatever they were looking for, we didn't provide. Many of them found that the York Rite was just another monthly business meeting where we went over budgets and read regrets. We need to focus on what the Brethren want when they come through our door. We need to focus on education and comradery. We need to give them a reason to leave their homes and travel to the nearest York Rite meeting. We need to communicate with our new Brothers and understand what they want. We also need to increase participation of our new Brothers, either in educationals, ritual, our charities and in dinners or other social events. If York Rite is to survive, we must transform ourselves from being just another meeting where minutes are kept and hours are lost.

I also recommend here that we reinstitute the statewide Festival. While it is the ideal that individual bodies do their own work, it is increasingly

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apparent that this is not always feasible. Many bodies lack in members and participation and it has become difficult for individual bodies to perform all the degrees. I propose that while we still encourage individual bodies to perform the degrees, the Grand York Bodies conduct a Chapter/Council festival one weekend and the Commandery degrees on another weekend (not necessarily consecutive). This would help Bodies that are struggling to get new members through.

Finally, I want to express my gratitude to the York Rite Masons of Utah for bestowing me with the honor and responsibility to serve as your Illustrious Grand Master for the preceding year. I also thank the Companions who faithfully served as officers during this last year. I finally want to thank all the members of Councils throughout this state for their hard work and dedication to the York Rite of this state. I hope to continue to serve the Grand Council and the York Rite of the State of Utah and work to make York Rite Masonry strong.

Sincerely and Fraternally,
Douglas J. Backes
Most Illustrious Grand Master
Cryptic Masons of Utah

RIGHT ILLUSTRIOUS DEPUTY GRAND MASTER

I was excited to be your Deputy Grand Master this year and enjoyed working with our Grand Master of Cryptic Masons of Utah, Most Illustrious Companion Doug Backes and the other officers.

As I traveled to the various Councils in our jurisdiction I was very pleased to see a resurgence of Cryptic Masonry this year. I was present at the conferral of the degrees in Provo and the joint degrees held in Ogden, where we created 8 new Royal and Select Masters.

I hope that we can continue to see this renewed interest in York Rite through the coming years and I would also encourage the Councils in this jurisdiction to continue helping and supporting each other with their ritual work.

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Again, it was a pleasure to serve you as the Deputy Grand Master of Cryptic Masons of Utah this year, thank you for your kindness and support.

Fraternally yours,
Preston “Marty” Martineau Jr
Deputy Grand Master

REPORT OF THE GRAND PRINCIPAL CONDUCTOR OF WORK

Companions, I cannot express enough my sincere gratitude for the honor you have given me by allowing me to serve you this year as Grand Principal Conductor Of The Work. I wish to thank all of you for your kindness and hospitality whenever I was able to visit or attend a sponsored event; the genuine feeling of brotherly love is one of my favorite things our Fraternity offers its members. As most, if not all of you are aware; I was also honored this year to serve the Fraternity in the Grand Lodge line as Deputy Grand Master during the first half of the year and as Grand Master the second half. Serving in two Grand Lines has created some problems, but also some opportunities. It definitely impacted my ability to attend all of the events I would like to have been able to, but it also allowed me the opportunity to talk about my role in the Grand Council to people who wouldn't normally hear someone converse on the subject.

In November I was part of the Utah contingent that traveled to Las Vegas to attend the Southwest Conference. The Conference was both entertaining and informative and I enjoyed it very much. I was able to make the Most Illustrious Grand Master's visits to Provo and Midvale. This year I was asked to participate in various rolls at the Installation Ceremonies of Price, Provo, and Midvale York Rite Bodies. I am always humbled by the invitation to help, and there is nothing better than watching Companions step into new offices for the first time. Their spirit of everything is possible is intoxicating. Finally, I would like to congratulate the three Grand Heads on what I believe was a successful year. All three have served the York Rite for many years and their love for the institutions is well known. I am

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excited about all of the work going on around the state by the various York Rite Bodies. It is wonderful to see the cooperation between them, to come together to put on good and timely ritual for the benefit of our new members. The bond of Brotherly Love and Friendship this creates is the strength and support now and for the future.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeffrey E. Hamilton, R. I. Grand Principal Conductor Of The Work

ANNUAL RETURNS SUMMARY –CM

	CM	#	Per capita (\$7)	Fees (\$5)	CMMRF	Total
Ogden	Co. #3	40	\$280.00	\$15.00	\$101.00	\$396.00
SLC	Co. #1	123	\$861.00			\$861.00
Midvale	Co. #5	48	\$336.00	\$10.00		\$346.00
Provo	Co. #2	24	\$168.00	\$15.00		\$183.00
Price	Co. #4	36	4252.00	\$5.00		\$257.00
St. Geo.	Co. #7	25	4175.00	\$20.00	\$288.56	\$483.56
Totals		296	\$2,072.00	\$65.00	\$389.56	\$2,526.56

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STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY

April 1, 2018 to March 31, 2019

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	TOTALS	Utah #1	Provo #2	Ogden #3	Solomon #4	Daly #5	St G #7
as of 03/31/18	299	123	22	38	43	51	22
Greeted	13	0	3	3	1	2	4
Omitted	0	0	0	0	0		0
Affiliated	2	0	1	0	0		1
Restored	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
Total Gain	16	0	4	3	1	3	5
Error	4	0	0	0	0	4	0
Deceased	2	0	0	0	2	0	0
Demitted	5	0	1	0	2	0	2
Suspended	8	0	1	1	4	2	0
Total Loss	19	0	2	1	8	6	2
as of 03/31/19	296	123	24	40	36	48	25
Net Gain (Loss)	-3	0	2	2	-7	-3	3

GRAND LECTURER

It has been my great pleasure to serve the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons in the State of Utah as Illustrious Grand Lecturer. I started the year by travelling to Salt Lake Council, Midvale and followed by my home Council in Provo where was able to observe and talk with each Council and their membership. I was able to attend all Councils with MI Grand Master Douglas Backes. All the Councils in the state reported many of their membership absent on the date of our visitation, but most of the Councils were able to open, some of them with our help and most of the Councils on our days of visitation voted on new memberships for their Councils. I was very impressed with the Councils' ability to open without help. I did notice that use of the book was required in all cases and proper signs were not always used but both were always used to make the meeting educational as mistakes were used for a teaching moment.

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I want to thank the MI Grand Master for this opportunity to serve.

Respectfully submitted,
Daniel Drew, Grand Lecturer

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CREDENTIALS REPORT CRYPTIC MASONS SESSIONS

Date May 10, 2019

Grand Council Officers (current) & Past Illustrious Masters.....	26
Constituent Delegates (current Illustrious M, Dep. M, PCW).....	18
TOTAL (including proxies).....	44

CMMRF COMMITTEE

The Cryptic Masons Medical Research Foundation is the Philanthropy of the General Grand Council, Cryptic Masons International. While sponsored by Cryptic Masons International, we promote research that improves the quality of life and provides benefits for all mankind; in particular the adverse physical conditions that seem to appear with age. We consider ourselves the best philanthropy that Freemasonry has to offer!

CMMRF supports the Indiana Center for Vascular Biology and Medicine (ICVBM) located at the Indiana University School of Medicine and the Richard Roudebush Veteran’s Administration Medical Center, both located in Indianapolis Indiana.

Because blood vessels are important in maintaining the health or repairing almost all tissues, practically all diseases turn out to have a vascular component connected to their origin or remediation. Diabetes, stroke, poor circulation, wound healing, and many other diseases share the common denominator of blood vessels. Centering our contributions to an organization that addresses so many different health concerns, both nationally and internationally, allows our supporters to share in the medical advancements, regardless of geography.

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Through the basic and clinical research conducted by ICVBM and supported by CMMRF advancements are currently being made to discover cures for many of today's health problems, prevent major diseases, and finally, to save lives. We have the opportunity to improve the human condition and the quality of life for those most dear to us and for ourselves.

This program was presented to all six of Utah Constituent Councils. The contributions thus far are still being tallied at the time this report was filed.

We invite you to join the efforts in supporting cutting-edge discovery research targeted to develop novel therapeutics and diagnostics for patient care. Won't you become a part of this team and join our partnership in discovery. Let's do something great together!

Respectfully submitted,
Jay N.Mitchell, Chairman

CRYPTIC MASON OF THE YEAR AWARD

Cryptic Mason of the Year was awarded to Howard Hastings.

CRYPTIC MASON YOUTH AWARD

The Cryptic Mason Youth Award was given to Jane Heriem for her work and service with various youth groups.

JURISPRUDENCE

Most Illustrious Grand Master,

The Jurisprudence Committee has reviewed your report of activities and actions taken during the 2018-19 term and has the following to report:

The granting of By-Law Changes of constituent Councils to change meeting dates due to scheduling conflicts with regular meeting dates was in proper order and in accordance with the powers of the Most Illustrious Grand Master.

The activities of the Most Illustrious Grand Master for the past year, including official visitations to constituent Councils and their various installations are to be commended.

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No other actions taken by the Most Illustrious Grand Master required review by the Jurisprudence Committee.

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

LEGISLATION

No legislation for consideration this year.

OTHER REPORTS

THRICE ILLUSTRIOUS MASTERS

Thrice Illustrious Master Charles E. Warren Sr. opened the annual meeting in form at 10:10 AM for the purpose of inducting new members into the Order of Silver Trowel, as well as holding a regular and annual meeting along with election and installation of officers for the Masonic Year 2019.

The members present are as per sentinel's register.

The officers present are as follows:

TIM: Charles E. Warren, Sr. **TISW: Reed B. Fanning**
TIJW: Jay N. Mitchell **Recorder: Lawrence R. Rodriguez**
Steward: Brian Hastings **Sentinel: Timothy Stenner**

The Thrice Illustrious Master directed that the names of those who had applied and had met that portion of their obligation as Illustrious Master be read. It was moved and seconded that they were elected to be inducted into the Thrice Illustrious Masters. The motion passed. The following were inducted:

Kelly Allred
Daniel G. Lyons

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Each new member was presented with a Silver Trowel, life membership card, and Ritual.

The new members were congratulated.

Regular meeting

The minutes of the regular and annual meeting held on May 10, 2018 were approved as distributed.

Correspondence:

None.

Bills:

None

Receipts:

Kelly Allred	\$30.00
Daniel G. Lyons	\$30.00
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	\$60.00

FINANCIAL REPORT

5/10/2018 TO 5/9/2019

The Preferred Business Money Market Acct will remain as it is.

US Bank

Preferred Business Money Market Acct. # Ending 9080

As of 03/18/19 \$3442.53

US bank

Checking Acct. # Ending 7311

as of 04/23/19 \$3,277.73

STATISTICAL REPORT

5/10/2018/ TO 5/9/2019

May 10, 2018 Regular members	71
Decreased by review of membership	0
Lost by death	1

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Lost by demit	0
Lost by NPD	0
Lost by suspension (NPD from York Rite)	0
Gain by Anointing May 9, 2019	2
Gain by Affiliation	0
Membership May 9, 2019	72

There was a Moment of Silence for companion Jim Robertson.

Demitted Members from York Rite:

None

Decreased by review:

None

Deceased Members:

None

Sickness and Distress:

David Read Dental problem

Old Business:

None

New Business:

None

Introductions:

Most Illustrious Grand Master Douglas Backes, Most Illustrious Grand Master of Cryptic Masons in Utah, was escorted to the West, and introduced and given Grand Honors and a hearty welcome.

Past Most Illustrious Grand Masters of Utah

Mike Shipler

Bill Butterfield

Brian J. Hastings

T.J. Robertson

Jason Varner

were escorted West of the altar, introduced and given Public Grand Honors and a hearty welcome..

The Most Worshipful Grand Master Jeff Hamilton Most Grand Master of Masons in Utah, was escorted to the West, and introduced and given Grand Honors and a hearty welcome.

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Election:

A motion was made by Marty Martineau and seconded by Mike Slaughter that all Officers be advanced one station and that the Recorder remain in place and a treasurer be elected. The motion passed. Jason Varner was elected Treasurer and the Thrice Illustrious Master appointed as Sentinel.

2019-2020 Officers are as follows:

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

Installing Officer: Charles E. Warren Sr.

The New T. I. M. thanked the installing officers

Meeting was adjourned at 1100 am after the announcement that the next TIM meeting would follow at 10:00 am and the next annual meeting would be held on Thursday May 8 during the annual Grand York Rite sessions in 2020.

Reed Fanning
Thrice Illustrious Master

Lawrence Rodriguez
Recorder

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**109th ANNUAL
CONCLAVE
GRAND COMMANDERY
KNIGHTS TEMPLAR
OF UTAH**

Saturday, May 11, 2019

**Embassy Suites Hotel
Salt Lake City, Utah**

GRAND COMMANDERY

COMMANDERY MINUTES

109th ANNUAL CONCLAVE GRAND COMMANDERY K. T. UTAH

May 11, 2019

Embassy Suites Hotel, Salt Lake City, UT

The 109th Annual Conclave was convened by RE Grand Commander Lawrence “Gunny” Rodriguez.

Visiting Dignitaries were introduced and given warm greetings.

Roll Call of Constituent Commanderies

Preliminary Credentials Report given: 42

Legislation proposal pertaining to Grand Commandery Laws Title III, Section 3-5: Quorum was presented, amended and approved.

Concern was expressed that an audit has not occurred since the auditor is on military duty at this time. It was suggested that we reach out to another member of the Masonic body to conduct an audit during the current change in the Secretary/Recorder position.

Reports:

Motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the pre-printed reports as provided.

The following reports were presented:

Holy Land Pilgrimage Report – It was announced that a donation received at the banquet Friday night has put us close to being able to send a qualified minister. We should be able to send someone next year. SK Sid LeLuan offered to donate the frequent flyer miles needed to get the minister from Salt Lake City to New York. SK Gerald Everett volunteered to get provide the air fare to get the minister back home.

Knights Templar Eye Foundation

Grand Commander’s Report

Jurisprudence Report

Final Credentials Report was given and elections were held with the following results:

Douglas J. Backes.....Right Eminent Grand Commander
Jay N. MitchellVery E. Deputy Grand Commander
Jason C. VarnerE. Grand Generalissimo
Charles Warren, Sr.....E. Grand Captain General
T. J. Robertson.....E. Grand Treasurer
David J. Read Sr.....E. Grand Recorder

During the elections, words of greeting were received from:

Leland Routt, representing the RE Grand Commander of California
Kevin McCanns, RE Grand Commander of Nevada
Robert Loflin, representing Richard D. Doss, RE Grand Commander of Texas
Dean D. Rein, Southwest Department Commander, Grand Encampment of Knights Templar

It was proposed that the Grand Commandery of Utah endorse Jack Harper in his candidacy for RE Grand Captain General of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar, USA. The proposal was approved. SK Rein will prepare the endorsement and send it to the Grand Recorder.

SK TJ Robertson announced that with donations received during this Conclave we have now surpassed the sum needed in the Holy Land Pilgrimage Fund to send a qualifying candidate to the Holy Land (we now have \$3,667). A proposal was made that we start the process of selecting a candidate to send to the Holy Land. The proposal was approved.

Jeffrey Nelson, Most Eminent Grand Master, Grand Encampment of Knights Templar, U.S.A., provided words of wisdom and encouragement.

Grand Commandery Knights Templar

Grand Commander elect Backes announced his appointed officers as follows:

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Reed B. Fanning.....E. Grand Senior Warden
Timothy L. Stenner.....E. Grand Junior Warden
Christopher C. YoungE. Grand Prelate
Monte Anderson.....E. Grand Standard Bearer
O Blake HansenE Grand Sword Bearer
Charles I. Young.....E Grand Warder
Treavor Wilkinson.....E. Grand Sentinel
Danny Drew.....E. Grand Aide de Camp
P Marty Martineau, Jr.....E Grand Inspector General

SK Jeffrey N. Nelson, ME Grand Master, Grand Encampment of Knights Templar, U.S.A. provided words of wisdom and insight.

Jeffery Hamilton, MW Grand Master, Free and Accepted Masons of Utah, delivered words on the importance of the Masonic family.

The Grand Officers were installed by installing officers:

SK Dean D. Rein, PGC
SK Brian Hastings, PGC

The Conclave was put into recess by RE Commander Douglas Backes.

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GRAND COMMANDERY OFFICERS

(* denotes present, e denotes excused)

- *Lawrence R. Rodriguez.....Right Eminent Grand Commander
- *Douglas J. Backes.....Very E. Deputy Grand Commander
- *Jay N. Mitchell.....E. Grand Generalissimo
- *Jason C. Varner.....E. Grand Captain General
- *Charles E. Warren, Sr.....E. Grand Senior Warden
- *Reed B. Fanning.....E. Grand Junior Warden
- Jason L. Mair.....E. Grand Prelate
- *T. J. Robertson.....E. Grand Treasurer
- *David J. Read Sr.....E. Grand Recorder
- *Christopher C. Young.....E. Grand Standard Bearer
- *Timothy L. Stenner.....E Grand Sword Bearer
- *O Blake Hansen.....E Grand Warden
- *Charles I. Young.....E. Grand Sentinel
- *Edward G. Nelson.....E. Grand Aide de Camp
- *P Marty Martineau, Jr.....E Grand Inspector General

K.T. COMMITTEES

*denotes chairman

KT CROSS OF HONOR

Howard L. Hastings*
TJ Robertson

**KT EDUCATIONAL
FOUNDATION**

Jason C. Varner*
Grand Heads of York Rite Bodies

KT EYE FOUNDATION

Jason C. Varner*
All Constituent Commanders

**KT HOLY LAND
PILGRIMAGE**

Jay N. Mitchell*
All Constituent Commanders

KT MAGAZINE SUPPLEMENT

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

VESPER SERVICES

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

PAST GRAND COMMANDERS

Charles Prisk	1978	Michael L. Busby*	2007
Kenneth Neuschwander	1986	William A. Butterfield*	2008
John L. Elwell Jr.	1995	Brian J. Hastings*	2009
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Richard H. Simons*	1999	Dean D. Rein*	2012
Blaine H. Simons	2000	Preston Martineau Jr*	2013
Norman A. Smith	2001	TJ Robertson*	2015
Terry L. Nay	2003	Robert M Bennett	2016
Gerald Everett*	2004	Jeffrey E Hamilton*	2017
Michael D. Shipler*	2006	Lawrence R. Rodriguez*	2018

*denotes in attendance

**denotes excused

VISITING DIGNITARIES

Stephen A. Balke, Past Grand Commander, New Mexico

Kenneth L. Morris, Past Grand Commander, Nevada

Chris Larsen, Past Grand Commander, New Mexico

Kevin McCanns, RE Grand Commander, Grand Commandery of Nevada

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

Leland G. Rutt, representing Greg A. Hall, RE Grand Commander, Grand Commandery of California

Robert Loflin, Past Grand Commander, Texas, representing Richard D. Doss, RE Grand Commander of Texas

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

Sid LeLuan, ME Department Commander, Latin Americans/Caribbean

Dean D. Rein, ME Department Commander, Southwest Department

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

Jeffrey Hamilton, MW Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Utah, Free and Accepted Masons

Grand Commandery Knights Templar

DIAS OFFICERS

Utah #1			
	Commander	William Brotherson	X
	Generalissimo	Kevin Betterton	Absent
	Captain General	Lonnie McCulloch	X
El Monte #2			
	Commander	Tim Stenner	X
	Generalissimo	David Hutchinson	X
	Captain General	Jim Lee	Absent
Malta #3			
	Commander	Treavor Wilkinson	X
	Generalissimo	P. Marty Martineau	Proxy
	Captain General	Bill Mullins	X
Ivanhoe #5			
	Commander	Craig Call	X
	Generalissimo	Danny Drew	X
	Captain General	Lon Tibbets	Proxy
Charles Fred Jennings #6			
	Commander	John McCurdy	Proxy
	Generalissimo	Dan Lyons	X
	Captain General	Howard Hastings	X
Golgotha (#7)			
	Commander	Dean D. Rein	X
	Generalissimo	Charles Young	X
	Captain General	Christopher Young	X

(X Denotes present)

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

REPORT OF THE GRAND COMMANDER

Right Eminent Past Grand Commanders, Grand Commandery Officers, Distinguished Guests and Sir Knights, I welcome you to the 108th Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Utah. I hope that your stay so far has been a pleasant one. It has been an honor for me to serve this Grand Commandery. I always tell folks when you're a Mason, you can go anywhere in the world and always have family near. And you all have made that statement a true one for me. I was made to feel like I've lived here all my life. I wish to thank the Sir Knights of Utah for making me feel at home.

I'd especially like to thank the Past Grand Commanders. They promised to help out during my year, and they kept their promise. Whenever asked this year, you guys stepped right up. The ones I'd really like to thank are Jeff Hamilton, Mike Shipler, Marty Martineau, Brian Hastings, Dean Rein, and especially TJ Robertson, even though he was going through hard times in his personal life, he still stepped right up. And, behind the scenes, we have that Great Magician, Sir Knight Bill Butterfield. We arrive in the morning and just like magic, the room is already set up, thanks to Bill.

The Grand Commandery was asked to provide honor guards for many different activities, including several memorial services during this year. I would like to thank the officers and Sir Knights of the local Commanderies for their hard work and dedication in providing the Sir Knights for these events.

I want to thank Sir Knight Jay Mitchell, who served as the Holy Land Pilgrimage Chair and the Editor for the Utah supplement in the Knight Templar Magazine. He is to be commended for his time, effort and talent in writing for the supplement. At the time of this report, our Prelate reported he could not make our Grand Sessions. Sir Knight Jay again stepped right up to take charge of our Vespers Service. Thank you, Sir Knight Jay.

During the Grand Encampment Triennial in Indiana, we had more officers and Past Grand Commanders attend than most of the larger states. Also,

during the Grand Encampment our Past Grand Commander Dean Rein was appointed as the Southwestern Department Commander. Not only is he responsible to Utah, but five other states also. Boy, he thought he travelled when Edie was Supreme Worthy President of the Beauceant. Knowing Dean, he'll do an outstanding job.

Dispensations

On June 6th, 2018 a dispensation to St. George's Golgotha Commandery No. 7, to change their meeting to the 9th of June, in order to accommodate the members who were otherwise engaged and unable to attend the regularly scheduled meeting.

On Oct. 11th, 2018 a dispensation to St. George's Golgotha Commandery No. 7, to change their meeting to the 13th in order to accommodate the members who were attending the 4 Corners Royal Arch Festival in Farmington N.M. and otherwise engaged and unable to attend the regularly scheduled meeting.

On Nov. 7th, 2018 a dispensation to St. George's Golgotha Commandery No. 7, to change their meeting to the 13th in order to accommodate the members who were attending the South West Regional York Rite Conference and otherwise engaged and unable to attend the regularly scheduled meeting.

On Dec. 31st a dispensation to Charles Fred Jennings Commandery No. 6 to change their meeting to the 9th of Jan., in order to accommodate the members who were observing the holidays and traveling might therefore be unable to attend the regularly scheduled meeting.

By-Law Changes

During the year, Golgotha Commandery #7, Submitted a proposal to change their meeting to every third month as presiding Body, which was granted.

Visitations

During the year, I visited the following states for their Grand Sessions to improve our relationship with the States in the South West Department. In some instances, I represented the Grand High Priest and/or the Grand

Illustrious Master. I would like to thank Jay Mitchell, Jason Varner, Reed Fanning, and Charles Warren who represented me in those states I was unable to attend. And thanks especially Ed Nelson who drove with me to most of my visitations in and out of state.

California 18-22 May, 2018

Arizona 9-11 August 2018

Nevada 9-12 June 2018

New Mexico April 2019

Almost made it to Hawaii, but due to misunderstanding didn't make it.

Other Activities included:

-Scheduling Meeting with Grand Lodge 2 Jun. 2018

-Jobs Daughters in Grand Conclave Price, Utah 20-23 Jun 2018

-Presented Knight Templar Eye Foundation on 5 Jun. 2018

-Red Cross of Constantine in Salt Lake City, Utah 21 Jul. 2018

-I attended the Grand Encampment Triennial in Indianapolis, Indiana along with ten other Officers and Past Grand Commanders. 18-23 Aug. 2018.

-50 Year Presentation Hesperian Lodge 264 19 Sept. 2018

-Four Corners Festival in Farmington, N.M. 6 Oct. 2018

-Colorado River Fall Festival Laughlin, Nevada 21-23 Oct. 2018

-S/W York Rite Department Conference in Las Vegas 2-3 Nov. 2018

-San Diego Commandery Dec. 11, 2018 where I had the privilege to install my son as Sentinel

-Western Easter Observance in Denver Colorado

State of the Grand Commandery

My Plan for this year was to visit each of the Commanderies twice; once in the fall and once in the spring. My visit was to find out what the Grand Commandery could do to assist each of the Commanderies. During my visits to each of our Commanderies, I found that we were continuing with Past Grand Commander T. J. Robertson's challenge to continue the growth in our Commanderies.

I found that our numbers continue to grow, but I feel our biggest problem is attendance at our meetings. It's hard to get the new Sir Knights to attend our Conclaves when the officers don't even come. In one instance, a

commander had only attended three conclaves out of six and this has been addressed. We must work on our commitment to our Commanderies.

Summary:

To continue with T.J.'s challenge to continue the growth of our Commanderies. Work with and look to the Blue Lodges for those most committed members. We must work on getting our officers to attend our conclaves.

I would once again like to thank the Past Grand Commanders, the officers and sir Knights of this Grand Commandery for their help through this year. It would not have been a success without your help.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lawrence Rodriguez, Grand Commander

V. E. DEPUTY GRAND COMMANDER

I am honored to have served as Deputy Grand Commander for the previous year. I assisted the Eminent Grand Commander in his endeavors and worked for the betterment of Knights Templar Masonry in Utah. I attended the Grand Encampment Triennial in August 2018 in Indianapolis and the Northwest Regional Conference in Boise in October, 2018. There are many challenges facing York Rite Masonry in this state, especially declining membership. I have worked as a member of the Grand York Rite in its endeavors to improve this situation including promoting local bodies to do their own work. I also assisted in the conferring of the three orders.

Sincerely and Fraternaly
Douglas J. Backes
Deputy Grand Eminent Commander

EMINENT GRAND GENERALISSIMO

I attended Grand York Rite visitations and made presentations to all six of the Utah Commanderies regarding the Holy Land Pilgrimage of which a separate report is provided.

Respectfully submitted,
SK Jay N. Mitchell, Grand Generalissimo

EMINENT GRAND CAPTAIN GENERAL

As Grand Captain General of the Grand Commandery of Utah, I attended all York Rite Constituent bodies during the 2018-2019 Grand Commandery year. I was fortunate enough to attend the triennial sessions of the Grand Encampment in Indianapolis Indiana, the Northwest Department Conference in Boise, Idaho, and the Western States Easter Observance in Denver Colorado.

I also visited other jurisdictions on numerous occasions but not as a representative of the Grand Commander.

As has been my custom, I maintained a rigorous masonic schedule over the last masonic year and will continue to serve the fraternity within the means I have.

Courteously,
SK Jason C. Varner, Grand Captain General

ANNUAL RETURNS SUMMARY – KT

	KT	#	Per capita (\$15)	Fees (\$2.50)	Total	KTEF	HLP
SPHC	Cm. #0	20	\$300.00		\$300.00		
Ogden	Cm. #2	37	\$555.00		\$555.00	\$101.00	
SLC	Cm. #1	115	\$1,725.00	\$12.50	\$1,737.50		\$115.00
Midvale	Cm #3	46	\$690.00	\$5.00	\$695.00	\$335.00	
Provo	Cm. #5	20	\$300.00	\$15.00	\$315.00		
Price	Cm. #6	36	\$540.00		\$540.00		
St. Geo.	Cm. #7	27	\$405.00	\$10.00	\$415.00	\$69.56	\$754.56
Totals		281	\$4,215.00	\$42.50	\$5,642.62	\$505.56	\$879.56

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY

April 1, 2018 to March 31, 2019

	TOTALS	Utah #1	El Monte #2	Malta #3	Ivanhoe #5	C F J #6	Golgotha #7	SPHC #00
As of 3/31/18	299	110	37	45	15	44	25	23
Knighthood	17	5	0	2	6	0	4	0
Omitted	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
Affiliated	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	2
Restored	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Gain	22	5	0	4	7	0	4	2
Error	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Deceased	3	0	0	0	0	2	0	1
Demitted	8	0	0	1	1	2	2	2
Suspended	8	0	1	2	1	4	0	0
Total Loss	20	0	0	3	2	8	2	5
As of 03/31/19	301	115	37	46	20	36	27	20
Net Gain (Loss)	2	5	0	1	5	-8	2	-3

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

CREDENTIALS REPORT

Date May 11, 2019

TOTAL (including proxies).....41

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE REPORT

This presentation was made to all six Utah York Rite Bodies this year:

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

The program for many years was directed by Past Eminent Grand Commander Ray White who passed away. Sir Knight White did an excellent job for many years. We started up the program again last year and we need to raise about \$4,000 to cover the cost to send a minister. Some Commanderies have made some contributions already but we are at most half way. When we get to our goal we can send a qualified minister from Utah. Each Commandery may nominate a minister from their area who will be evaluated by the Holy Land Pilgrimage Committee. As much as possible, depending on qualifications, we will try to have each Commandery have a turn in sending a minister from their area.

Fundraising suggestions: Dinners, go to churches wear your Commandery uniform (no sword or chapeau) to explain the program and ask for donations. I did a presentation at All Saints Episcopal Church and raised over \$500. I was fortunate because the Minister there had been sent to the Holy Land Knights Templar in Massachusetts when he was serving there. I am providing a contribution form for the three charities presented. I know money is sometimes tight and there are 10 places that every dollar

could go. Any contribution to these charities would be great. \$100, \$50 even \$25 would be very helpful. At your next meeting please consider what you can contribute. As a convenience I am providing stamped envelope addressed to our Grand Secretary/Recorder Chuck Warren. Thank for your time and consideration.

Respectfully submitted,
Jay Mitchell, Chairman, Holy Land Pilgrimage Committee

JURISPRUDENCE

The Jurisprudence Committee has reviewed the report, actions and activities of the Grand Commander during the 2018-2019 year and has the following to report:

In his concessions granted to constituent Commanderies to hold special conclaves to conduct business due to scheduling conflicts we proper and within his authority to grant.

The approval of the amended by-laws of constituent Commanderies was proper and within the authority of the Grand Commander.

The Grand Commander is to be commended for his extensive travels to the constituent Commanderies to conduct his official visits, attend stated and special conclaves and installation of officers. He is also to be commended for his travels to several neighboring Grand Commanderies during their Grand Conclaves and represented our Grand Commandery very well.

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

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

LEGISLATION

Whereas the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America has passed legislation at its Triennial Conclave in regards to the quorum needed to open a Conclave; and

Whereas the Grand Encampment omitted the following section of the Grand Encampment laws Section 66 “A quorum of a commandery consists of nine (9) members entitled to vote therein, including an officer authorized to open the same. The Grand Commandery may, by law, provide a lesser number for quorum purposes provided that such a number shall not be less than five (5).”

I now therefore resolve that the Grand Commandery of Utah laws, Title III, Section 3-5, Quorum, be amended to read as follows: “A quorum of a Commandery consists of nine (9) members, including an officer authorized to open the same, however, of these nine (9) members, five (5) must be entitled to vote therein.”

Courteously submitted by,
TJ Robertson, Charles Freed Jennings Commandery

Amendment proposed by SK Robertson based on additional information obtained from Grand Encampment as follows:

“A quorum of a Commandery consists of nine (9) members, including an officer authorized to open the same, however, five (5) members entitled to vote therein consists of a quorum to open and conduct business.”

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR CROSS OF HONOR COMMITTEE

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

Your committee made effort to contact the Grand Recorder and the Recorders of the Constituent Commanderies to ensure that all were aware of the requirements and the deadlines to make nominations for the award. After reviewing the nominations submitted, it became very clear that the Sir Knight nominated embodied the characteristics and morals of this high Honor. As it has been customary in the State of Utah to withhold the name of the nominated Sir Knight from the report of this committee, as the Sir Knight will be presented the award during the Banquet, the name of the Sir Knight is withheld from this report.

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

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

KNIGHT'S TEMPLAR EDUCATION FOUNDATION

Nothing to report.

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EYE FOUNDATION

During my term as Chairman of the Utah KTEF I was proud to present a check for forty-five thousand dollars to the Moran Eye Center to further research that will someday prevent blindness in young people. Since its inception, the Foundation has expended over \$148 million on research, patient care, and education. Research grants totaling in excess of \$24 million have been awarded to researchers working in the fields of pediatric ophthalmology and ophthalmic genetics.

As of the 28th week of this, the 51st campaign, Utah as donated Three thousand forty two dollars. This is two thousand one hundred dollars shy of matching what we as a Grand Commandery contributed last year. We have 24 weeks left. Please reach deep and continue to contribute to our cause.

I would like to thank all the Sir Knights who have contributed to this worthy cause. I would like to congratulate Charles Fred Jennings Commandery #6 for achieving 100 percent of their Sir Knights being a permanent contributing member. They have also taken measures through bylaws changes that affect their joining fees to ensure that it will always remain this way. Please consider taking measures to make your commandery a 100 percent contributing commandery and ensuring that it stays that way.

Courteously,
SK Jason C. Varner, Chairman of KTEF of Utah

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR MAGAZINE UTAH SUPPLEMENT, EDITOR

I submitted articles each month on various topics for the Utah Supplement of the Knight Templar Magazine.

Respectfully submitted,
Jay N. Mitchell, Chairman

OTHER REPORTS

REPRESENTATIVE TO THE GRAND YORK RITE OF ITALY

As the representative to the Grand York Rite of Italy I am in contact to our corresponding representative in Italy about four times per year. Recently I received the following invitation:

The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Italy has cordially invited York Rite Masons in Utah to the 55th York Rite Grand Assembly in Rome Italy. This usually takes place during the first part of May.

PAST COMMANDERS ASSOCIATION

Eminent Prior T.J. Robertson opened the Conclave in form at 1:05 PM for the purpose of inducting new members, a well as holding a regular and annual meeting along with election and installation of Officers for the Masonic Year 2019. The members present are as per sentinel’s register. The officers present are as follows.

E.P: T.J. Robertson S.W: Charles Warren
J.W. Preston Martineau Recorder: Lawrence Rodriguez
Warder: Reed Fanning Prelate: Jay Mitchell
Sentinel: Tim Stenner

The Eminent Prior ordered that the names of those who had applied and were eligible, be read. They were accepted by unanimous ballot. The induction ceremony was performed for those present .

Kelly Allred
William C. Brotherson
Fary Larkin Lee Jr. (Jim)

The new members were presented with a Utah PCA Jewel, and Life Membership Card, and Ritual books were presented.

Regular meeting

Minutes:

The minutes of the annual meeting held on May 10, 2018 were approved as distributed

Correspondence:

None

Bills:

None

Receipts:

Kelly Allred	\$25.00
William C. Brotherson	\$25.00
Fary Larkin Lee Jr. (Jim)	\$25.00
Total	\$75.00

**FINANCIAL REPORT
5/10/2018 TO 5/9/2019**

US Bank
Preferred Business Money Market Acct. # Ending 9080
As of 03/18/19 \$3442.53

US bank
Checking Acct. # Ending 7311
as of 04/23/19 \$3,277.73

**STATISTICAL REPORT
5/10/2018 TO 5/09/2019**

May 11, 2017 regular members	70
Increased by review of membership	0
Lost by death	1
Lost by demit	0
Lost by Suspension Due to NPD	0
Lost by Suspension	0
Gain by Anointing May 9, 2019	3
Gain by Affiliation May 9, 2019	0
Membership May 9, 2019	72
Honorary Members	4
Total Members and Honorary Members May 9, 2019	75

There was a Moment of Silence for companion Jim Robertson.

Deceased Members:

Jim Robertson

Old Business:

None

New Business:

None

Introductions:

Past Priors

Marty Martineau
Michael F. Slaughter

Michael D Shipler
were escorted to the West, introduced and given a hearty welcome.

Past Grand Commanders:

Brian J. Hastings
William Butterfield
Dean D Rein
Michael D Shipler
Preston Martineau
T. J. Robertson

were escorted West of the Altar and introduced and given a hearty welcome.

Right Eminent Grand Commander Lawrence Rodriguez was escorted West of the Altar and introduced and given a hearty welcome.

Jeff Hamilton was escorted West of the Altar and introduced and given a hearty welcome.

Election:

A motion was made by Marty Martineau and seconded by Mike Slaughter that all Officers be advanced one station and that the Recorder remain in place and a treasurer be elected. The motion passed. Jason Varner was elected Treasurer and the Eminent Prior appointed a Sentinel.

2019-2020 Officers are as follows:

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

Meeting was adjourned at 2:00 PM after the announcement that the next PCA annual meeting would be held on Thursday May 8 during the annual Grand York Rite sessions in 2020.

Charles Warren Sr.
Eminent Prior

Lawrence Rodriguez
Recorder



**108th ANNUAL
CONVOCATION
GRAND CHAPTER
ROYAL ARCH MASONS
OF UTAH**

Saturday, May 11, 2019

**Embassy Suites Hotel
Salt Lake City, Utah**

GRAND CHAPTER

CHAPTER MINUTES

May 11, 2019

Embassy Suites Hotel, Salt Lake City, Utah

The 108th Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Utah was opened by ME Grand High Priest Christopher Young.

A moment of silence was called in honor of the recent passing of ME Richard A. Lochner, GGCRAM, Chaplin, PGHP IN.

Roll call of officers, past grand officers and constituent body officers was conducted and visitors and dignitaries were introduced and welcomed.

Jurisprudence Committee noted that no Legislation had been submitted for consideration.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the pre-printed reports as submitted.

Reports Presented:

--RARA and Affirmation Day report/updates were given by Chairman Jay Mitchell.

--Grand High Priest Report was given by ME Grand High Priest Young.

--Jurisprudence Committee Report was presented by Charles Sipes

--Credentials Report = 42 ballots issued.

Elections were held with the following results:

Lawrence R. Rodriguez....ME Grand High Priest

Jeffrey E. Hamilton....RE Grand King

Jay Mitchell....RE Scribe

T. J. Robertson....RE Treasurer

David J. Read, Sr....RE Secretary

During the balloting words of greeting were received from:

Grand Royal Arch Masons

- Steven A. Balke, Grand High Priest, Grand Chapter of New Mexico
- Leland Routt, Grand King, representing ME Grand High Priest Anthony T. Yuson, Grand Chapter of California
- John Huth, Grand Lecturer, representing ME Grand High Priest Bob Richards, Grand Chapter of Arizona
- Kevin McCans, Grand Scribe, Grand Chapter of Nevada
- Chadwick Burks, Deputy General Grand High Priest, Southwest Region

Motion was made, seconded and approved to support Chadwick Burks for General Grand Scribe in the 2020 Triennial elections.

ME Grand High Priest Rodriguez announced his appointments as follows:

John C. Liley, Jr	E. Grand Captain of Host
Reed B. Fanning.....	E. Grand Principal Sojourner
Daniel A. Drew.....	E. Grand Royal Arch Captain
Timothy L. Stenner	E. Grand Master 3rd Veil
Charles I. Young.....	E. Grand Master 2nd Veil
Douglas J. Backes.....	E. Grand Master 1st Veil
Lon Tibbits.....	E. Grand Chaplain
William Brotherson.....	Excellent Grand Lecturer
Blake Hansen	E. Grand Sentinel

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

Jeffery Hamilton, MW Grand Master, Grand Lodge Free and Accepted Masons of Utah greeted the convocation with words of thanks and a challenge to all to be part of the process to move things forward.

The newly elected and appointed officers were installed in public ceremony.

The Convocation was closed by ME Grand High Priest Rodriguez.

GRAND CHAPTER OFFICERS

2018- 2019

*In Attendance

- * Christopher C. Young.....,M.E. Grand High Priest
- * Lawrence R. Rodriguez.....R.E. Grand King
- * Jeffrey E. Hamilton.....R. E. Grand Scribe
- * T.J. Robertson.....R.E. Grand Treasurer
- * Charles E. Warren, Sr.....R. E. Grand Secretary
- * Jay N. Mitchell.....E. Grand Captain of Host
- * John C. Liley, Jr.....E. Grand Principal Sojourner
- * Reed B. Fanning.....E. Grand Royal Arch Captain
- * Daniel A. Drew.....E. Grand Master 3rd Veil
- * Timothy L. Stenner.....E. Grand Master 2nd Veil
- * Charles I. Young.....E. Grand Master 1st Veil
- * David J. Read, Jr.....E. Grand Chaplain
- * Edward Nelson.....Excellent Grand Lecturer
- * Douglas J. Backes.....E. Grand Sentinel

GRAND CHAPTER COMMITTEES

*Denotes Chairman

4 Corners Royal Arch Festival

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

General Grand Bronze Metal

Dean D Rein*
John McCurdy
P Marty Martineau

Royal Arch Reaffirmation Day

Jay N. Mitchell*
Constituent Chaplains

Royal Arch Research Assistance

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

PAST GRAND HIGH PRIESTS

Kenneth Neuschwander	1970	William Butterfield*	2010
Charles Prisk	1985	Charles Sipes*	2011
Richard H. Simons	1987	Brian J. Hastings*	2012
Blaine H. Simons*	1994	Marion T McWilliams	2013
John L. Elwell Jr	2001	P “Marty” Martineau*	2014
Norman A. Smith	2004	Dean D. Rein*	2015
Kelly A. Hansel	2005	Jason C. Varner*	2016
Loren H. Rausher	2006	T. J. Robertson*	2017
Michael D. Shipler*	2008	Christopher C. Young*	2018
Michael L. Busby*	2009		

*denotes in attendance

**denotes excused

CHAPTER DAIS OFFICERS

2018-2019

Utah #1				Provo #4			
High Priest	Charles Persinger	*		High Priest	Nick Cleghorn		X
King	Lonnie McColloch	X		King	Craig Call		X
Scribe	Kevin Betterton	*		Scribe	Roy Schmidt		X
Ogden #2				Price #6			
High Priest	Jim Lee	X		High Priest	Daniel G. Lyons		X
King	Monte Anderson	X		King	Howard L. Hastings		X
Scribe	Kevin Bailey	*		Scribe	Daniel L. Hamilton		X
Ontario #3				St. George #10			
High Priest	David Read	X		High Priest	Christopher Young		X
King	William Mullins	X		King	Travis Christiansen		*
Scribe	Treavor Wilkinson	X		Scribe	Lawrence Rodriguez		X

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

VISITING DIGNITARIES

- Kevin McCanns**, Grand Scribe, Grand Chapter of Nevada
- John Huth**, Grand Lecturer, representing ME Grand High Priest Bob Richards, Grand Chapter of Arizona
- Leland Routt**, Grand King, representing ME Grand High Priest Anthony T. Yuson, Grand Chapter of California
- Steven A. Balke**, Grand High Priest, Grand Chapter of New Mexico
- Kenny Morris**, Past Grand High Priest, Grand Chapter of Nevada
- Teddy G. Hammack**, Past Grand High Priest, Grand Chapter of California and Past Deputy Southwest Region
- Jeffrey Nelson**, Past Grand High Priest, Grand Chapter of North Dakota
- Sid LeLuan**, ME Past Grand High Priest, Arizona
- Kenneth Morris**, ME Past Grand High Priest, Nevada
- Chadwick Burks**, Past Grand High Priest, Grand Chapter of Arizona, Deputy General Grand High Priest, Southwest Region
- James H. Hodge**, General Grand High Priest, General Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons International
- Jeffery Hamilton**, MW Grand Master, Grand Lodge Free and Accepted Masons of Utah

OFFICERS REPORTS

REPORT OF THE MOST EXCELLENT GRAND HIGH PRIEST

Distinguished guests, Past Grand High Priest, Grand Chapter Officer, and Companions all, I would like to thank you all for attending our 108th Annual Convocation it has been great honor and privilege to serve you, the Royal Arch of Masons of Utah this past year. This has been such a great experience for me and I could not have done it without the support of the Grand Officers and the Companions throughout the State. I could not express the gratitude and friendship I have made throughout the years with all of you. With being such a small Jurisdiction our numbers definitely do not reflect the dedication and commitment, Utah has in York Rite Masonry.

General Orders:

There were no General Orders given this year. I left it up to the Chapters to seek guidance if needed as long as they operate under their By-Laws, rules, and regulations, as well as the Grand Chapter Constitution and Laws. I felt confidence in the Chapter's throughout the state and the many experience companions to help guide there current high priest and Chapters. This was an experiment our Junior Past Grand High Priest TJ Robertson started and I thought it was a great idea to empower them, our individual Chapters and as Companion TJ would say, they could reap the benefits for guiding themselves.

Bylaws:

The By-Laws of the Chapters in this Jurisdiction needs to be kept up to date and available to each Companion. These are the rules in which we do our business and it is necessary to be familiar with them. There is a digital copy available through our Secretaries. I recommend that all the heads of bodies reach out to their Companions in their individual Chapters and make sure they each have the most current version available.

By-Law Changes Approved:

January 5th, 2019 St George Chapter #10 By-Laws regarding Meetings: Name and Time of Meeting, Article 1, Section 1.2, it is proposed that the Chapter rotates the months of the year it opens to conduct business with the Council and Commandery.

March 14, 2019, Price Chapter #6 By-Law pertaining to Dues Article 7, Section 1 shall be changed from \$15.00 to \$33.00 per annum, plus the current Grand Chapter per-capita fee and assessments.

I would like to commend St George and Price Chapters for making the changes necessary in their By-Laws for the needs of their individual Chapters

By-Law Change Denied:

There were no By-Law Changes denied

Representation to Other Grand Jurisdictions Annual Convocation:

I had the great privilege to attend the 128th Annual Grand Convocation for the Most Excellent Grand High Priest Joseph F. Zito in Mesa Arizona. This was such a great experience to attend another Jurisdiction and I could not express the gratitude in the hospitality that was given. I, unfortunately, was not able to attend other Grand Convocation throughout the year, due to scheduling conflicts. I would like to thank our Right Excellent Grand King, Lawrence "Gunny" Rodriguez for representing Utah in my absence. Refer to the Right Excellent Grand Kings report.

Dispensation Approved:

June 2, 2018, St George requested to change their regular meeting date to June 9th to accommodate the membership.

October 6th, 2018 St George York Rite requested to change their meeting date to October 13 to accommodate the Companions going to the Four Corner Festival in Farmington, NM.

November 3, 2018, St George York Rite, requested to change their meeting date to November 13, 2018, to accommodate the Companions going to the South West Regional York Rite Conference held in Las Vegas, NV.

December 31, 2018, Price York Rite requested to move their regular meeting from January 2nd to the 9th to accommodate the membership, who are observing holidays and traveling.

February 7, 2019, Utah Chapter No. 1 requested a dispensation to hold elections for Candidates to receive the Chapter Degrees at a Special Meeting/Mini Festival at the Bountiful Masonic Temple Saturday, February 16th at 10 am.

Dispensation Denied:

There were no Dispensations Denied

Visitation of the Constituent Chapters:

I was unfortunately not able to attend all the Constituent Chapters throughout the state. My goal this year was to visit the Stated

Convocations of the individual Chapters. March 2nd I was able to make my official visitation to St George Chapter #10.

Four Corner Royal Arch Festival:

As the Co-Chairman of the Committee, for more detailed information refer to the Four Corners Committee report.

Colorado River Fall Festival:

This past October I had the privilege of representing Utah at the Colorado River Fall Festival held at the Riverside Hotel in Laughlin, Nevada. What made this special for me personally, we had four Candidates from my home Chapter attend; one of those new Companions was the son of our very own Past Grand High Priest Brian Hastings. It was a great honor to be recognized, along with so many dignitaries from other Jurisdiction.

Mini Festivals:

Unfortunately I was not able to attend the Mini Festival held at the Bountiful Masonic Temple on February 16th. I would like to commend Ontario Chapter, Ogden Chapter and the Keystone Mark Master Lodge for pulling together and putting on the Royal Arch Degrees and bringing in 6 new Companions, Well Done Companions!

Masonic Lodge Representation:

December 13, I was asked to be the installing officer for Cedar City Lodge #35 this was a great opportunity to represent York Rite Masonry during this public event December 15, I had the privilege of representing the Grand York Rite at the St George Masonic Installation of officers. This was a great opportunity to talk about the Grand York Rite and what charitable institutions we support.

February 1-2, I attended the 147th Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge F&AM of Utah. I would like to thank our Junior MW Past Grand Master Lon Tibbitts for the recognition and to congratulate our new MW Grand Master Jeff Hamilton

I felt it important to add our Masonic Lodges to my report because without support our local lodges, York Rite Masonry would not flourish.

Southwest York Rite Conference:

The Southwest York Rite Conference was held at the Orleans Casino, in Las Vegas, Nevada November 2-3. Utah had a great representation of 11 Companions. The Southwest Regional Deputy General Grand High Priest Chadwick Burks conducted the General Grand Chapter Session. The Educational topics presented were, Ridiculously Obvious Ways to increase Membership by Steven Balke, Five Critical Keys to Event Success by Harry Jenkins, The Royal Arch Education Solution by Rob Wagoner and how to give an Amazing Presentation by Chadwick Burks. I thought all these were well presented and what resources are available to all of us. There is a lot of work the General Grand Chapter is doing to make sure York Rite Masonry continues to grow, we just need to utilize that resource Given to us.

Royal Arch Research Assistance:

I appointed Companion Jay Mitchell to continue his efforts on the RARA and the Royal Arch Reaffirmation Day. I would like to commend Companion Jay on what he has done and getting to not just individual Chapters but also the Councils and Commanderies throughout the state. The educational information he has shared with the individual bodies have been excellent. For more details refer to the Royal Arch Research and Reaffirmation Report.

Awards:

The General Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons International Meritorious Service Award (The Bronze Medal) the recipient will be presented with the award at the Banquet. This is awarded to only one Companion throughout the state. A committee was formed to review the applicants throughout the state and to see who is worthy to receive such a prestigious award.

The General Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons International also has a Veterans Jewel to recognize those who have served our country, and I had the honor to present it to my father Charles Young and had all those Veterans who served stand up and be recognized. I encourage all Chapters to recognize there Veterans with this special recognition.

The Keystone Award, this award is really similar to the Hiram Award presented in our Blue Lodges. Each Chapter throughout the state of Utah can recognize one Companion who has gone above and beyond the expectations of his Chapter.

I will have the pleasure to present both of these awards to the recipients that are well deserved of it, at our Banquet or in this Convocation.

I would like to give a huge thank you to the committee involved in the selection of the Awards presented.

I would encourage the Chapters to continue to recognize those who deserve the recognition for all their hard work. I know we can do better, let's keep pushing forward.

Recommendation:

My recommendations for the Grand Chapter and for the Grand York Rite of Utah:

- Each Constituent Chapter throughout the state submits one worthy Companion for the consideration for the General Grand Chapter Meritorious Service Award and the local Keystone Award.
- We have a unique opportunity to get with our local Masonic Lodges and open the doors to the York Rite by performing the Mark Masters Degree as a courtesy to our Master Mason.
- The Grand Chapter and Grand Council along with the Grand Commandery look at doing combined visitations to the Constituent York Rite Bodies. These visitations could be a regional visit and held on weekends, to accommodate those who are traveling.

Closing Remarks:

I would like to thank all the Companions throughout the state, and those who I have met along the way. It has been an honor and a privilege to have been elected into a position that I know so many great Past Grand High Priests have gone before me. I am so grateful to call them not just my Companions by my Brothers. I really wish I could have done more this year. It has been a challenge to schedule time and commitments due to my work-related schedule. Even though my year is coming to a close I still feel

I have a commitment to represent the Grand Chapter and I will still do my best to represent, of course when I can. Not just our local bodies but also other Jurisdictions.

I would also like to give huge gratitude for our Secretary Chuck Warren, he has been an invaluable asset to the Grand Chapter and we are lucky to have him. He doesn't just do his secretarial duties but much more and represents the Grand Chapter Of Utah in other Jurisdiction and Constituent Bodies throughout Masonry, thank you, Chuck!

Another great opportunity this year was to travel and share many experiences with my father. Both my grandfather Excell Young and my dad Charles Young both have been such a huge inspiration in Masonry for me, even though my grandfather has passed to that celestial lodge above I know he would have been happy about the man and Mason I have become today. I know there are many Companions here today that can say the same thing, I know this because I know you.

Sincerely and Fraternally
Chris Young
Most Excellent Grand High Priest
The Grand Chapter Of Royal Arch Masons Of Utah

REPORT OF THE GRAND KING

Local Visitations: I visited each of the Chapters on three different occasions during the year.

Ogden
Salt Lake
Midvale
St. George
Provo
Price

During this year I visited the following States for their Grand Sessions:

Utah

California
Nevada
Arizona
New Mexico

In some instances I represented the Grand High Priest.

Other Activities included:

Red Cross of Constantine in Santa Ynez, Ca
S/W York Rite Department Conference in Las Vegas
Four Corners Festival in Grand Junction, CO
Hiram Award Presentation Hesperian Lodge 264 24 May 2018
Western Easter Observance in Salta Lake City April 2018

Recommendations:

At this time the only recommendation I have is:

ATTENDANCE: I think attendance is the most important item that we need to improve on. It's hard to have our member to attend the meetings when Our Officers don't show up.

Summary:

I had another great year. I was warmly greeted everywhere I went. I enjoy visiting all the York Rite bodies in the state.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lawrence Rodriguez, Grand King

REPORT OF THE R. E. GRAND SCRIBE

Companions, I cannot express enough my sincere gratitude for the honor you have given me by allowing me to serve you this year as Grand Scribe. I wish to thank all of you for your kindness and hospitality whenever I was able to visit or attend a sponsored event; the genuine feeling of brotherly love is one of my favorite things our Fraternity offers its members. As most, if not all of you are aware; I was also honored to serve the Fraternity in the Grand Lodge line as Deputy Grand Master during the first half of the year and as Grand Master the second half. Serving in two Grand Lines has created some problems, but also some opportunities. It definitely impacted my ability to attend all of the events I would like to have been able to, but it also allowed me the opportunity to talk about my role in the Grand Chapter to people who wouldn't normally hear someone converse on the subject.

I did have the honor this past year to participate in the 4 Corners Festival held in Farmington New Mexico. The Companions from New Mexico did their usual great job in hosting this event and the bonds which unite these four states were indeed strengthened. In November I was part of the Utah contingent that traveled to Las Vegas to attend the Southwest Conference. The Conference was both entertaining and informative and I enjoyed it very much. This year I was asked to participate in various rolls at the Installation Ceremonies of the Price, Provo, and Midvale York Rite Bodies. I am always humbled by the invitation to help and there is nothing better than watching companions step into new offices for the first time. Their spirit of everything is possible is intoxicating.

Finally, I would like to congratulate the three Grand Heads on what I believe was a successful year. All three have served the York Rite for many years and their love for the institutions is well known. I am excited about all of the work going on around the state by the various York Rite Bodies. It is wonderful to see the cooperation

between them to come together to put on good and timely ritual for the benefit of our new members. The bond of Brotherly Love and Friendship this creates is the strength and support now and for the future.

Respectfully Submitted,
 Jeffrey E. Hamilton, R.E. Grand Scribe

REPORT OF RETURNS - RAM

	Mark Master					
SLC	Keystone #0	41			\$1,000.00	
	RAM	#	Per capita (\$7)	Fees (\$2.50)	RARA	Total
Ogden	Ch. #2	40	\$280.00	\$7.50		\$287.50
SLC	Ch. #1	109	\$763.00			\$763.00
Midvale	Ch. #3	46	\$322.00	\$5.00	\$180.00	\$507.00
Provo	Ch. #4	24	\$168.00	\$7.50		\$175.50
Price	Ch. #6	36	\$252.00	\$2.50		\$254.50
St. Geo.	Ch. #10	27	\$189.00	\$10.00	\$288.56	\$487.56
Totals		282	\$1,974.00	\$32.50	\$468.56	\$2,475.06

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY

April 1, 2018 to March 31, 2019

	MM #0	Totals	Utah #1	Ogden #2	Ontario #3	Provo #4	Price #6	Golgotha #10
as of 03/31/18	50	290	112	38	50	22	43	25
Exalted		13	0	3	2	3	1	4
Omitted		0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Affiliated		2	0	0	0	1	0	1
Restored		0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total gain		15	0	3	2	4	1	5
Error		3	0	0	3	0	0	0
Deceased		3	0	0	0	0	2	1
Demitted		6	0	0	1	1	2	2
Suspended		8	0	1	2	1	4	0
Total Loss		20	0	1	6	2	8	3
as of 03/31/19	45	285	112	40	46	24	36	27
Net Gain (Loss)	-5	-5	0	2	-4	2	-7	2

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

4 CORNERS ROYAL ARCH FESTIVAL

The 54th Annual Four Corners Festival was held on Saturday, October 6, 2018 in Farmington NM, at the San Juan Shrine Park.

The Chapter was opened by Basin Chapter #19 of Farmington NM. The Four Corners Royal Arch Festival was declared open by the four Grand High Priest of their Jurisdiction, Most Excellent, Erick VanEckhoutte of New Mexico, Most Excellent, Karl Hinkle of Colorado, Most Excellent, Robert Richard of Arizona and Most Excellent Chris Young of Utah.

The different states were each responsible for a degree. Colorado the Mark Master Degree, Utah the Past Masters Degree, Arizona the Most Excellent

Master Degree and New Mexico the Royal Arch Degree. Each degree team did a fantastic job.

I would like to thank the cast from Utah for their support in making this happen we had a great turn out and it was nice to have our very own candidate from Utah that was able to experience these out door degrees.

There was a great dinner prepared at the park by the Companions of Basin Chapter #19 and the Ladies of the Social Order of the Beauceant Assembly #241.

I would like to thank Most Excellent Grand Erick VanEckhoutte and the New Mexico Four Corners Royal Arch Festival Committee PGHP's, Robert Hauptert, Dennis Herman and Arland Blackburn for their hospitality and making sure we had all the props needed.

For those who have never been to the Four Corners Festival, it is a great time and opportunity to meet Companions and see the different states do such great degree work. This year's Four Corners Festival will be held in Winslow Arizona and I am looking forward to be a part of that.

Sincerely and Fraternally
MEGHP, Chris Young, Co Chairman

BRONZE MEDAL AWARD

Charles I Young was awarded the Bronze Medal Award

CREDENTIALS REPORT ROYAL ARCH SESSIONS

Date May 11, 2019

Past Grand Elected Officers.....10
Constituent Delegates (current Excellent HP, KING, SCRIBE)
including proxies.....18
Past High Priests.....16

TOTAL (including proxies).....42

JURISPRUDENCE

We the committee of Jurisprudence have received the report of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest regarding his actions and activities during the year 2018-2019. We report the following:

There were five (5) decisions issued and they were within the power and prerogatives of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest in compliance with the Constitution, By-laws and Regulations of the General Grand Chapter.

The Most Excellent Grand High Priest presided over the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons throughout the year. He traveled for the Four Corners Festival and the activities governed by the Grand High Priest are within the power granted to him by constitutional law and regulations and we find he has not erred in his judgement.

Respectfully submitted,
Charles Sipes, PGHP
Brian Hastings, PGHP
Mike Shipler, PGHP
Dean D. Rein, PGHP

LEGISLATION

No legislation presented.

ROYAL ARCH REAFFIRMATION

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

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

Constituent Chapters were requested to attend the religious services of their choice, as a group if possible, on Reaffirmation Sunday on the closest Sunday to October 24th as practical. This presentation was made to all six Chapters in Utah.

Members of various Chapters did attend Royal Arch Reaffirmation Day.

Respectfully submitted,
Jay N. Mitchell, Chairman

ROYAL ARCH RESEARCH ASSISTANCE

This presentation was made to five Utah Royal Arch Chapters in 2019:
Central Auditory Processing Disorder

Central Auditory Processing Disorder (or CAPD) is a hearing deficiency that usually affects younger people and does not allow them to distinguish sounds as would be heard by those with regular hearing. Background noises and other speakers disturb and confuse people with CAPD making it difficult to concentrate. This results in misunderstanding and/or frustrations leading to students being accused of being dysfunctional. Often students with satisfactory IQ's produce substandard work because they

cannot hear messages or a teacher's delivery clearly. Research is developing paths of opportunity to correct this problem and RARA contributions support these research efforts. Our activities go back over 30 years and much progress has been achieved through these efforts. More needs to be done and that is why RARA has expanded their efforts.

Autism Speaks

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

A contribution form was provided to each Chapter with a stamped, addressed envelope to our Grand Secretary/Recorder. It was requested that each Chapter contribute what they deemed an appropriate amount.

Respectfully submitted,
Jay Mitchell, Chairman, RARA Committee

OTHER REPORTS

ANNOINTED HIGH PRIESTS

Eminent Prior Charles Warren Sr., opened the Conclave in form at 8:15 AM for the purpose of inducting new members, as well as holding a regular and annual meeting along with election and installation of Officers for the Masonic Year 2019. The members present are as per sentinel's register. The officers present are as follows.

M.E.P: Chuck Warren	Vice President: T. J. Robertson
Chaplain: Michael E. Slaughter	Recorder: Lawrence Rodriguez
Master Of Ceremonies: Reed Fanning	Conductor: Jay Mitchell
Herald: Timothy Stenner	Steward: Dennis Hauze
Sentinel: William A. Brotherson	

The Eminent Prior ordered that the names of those who had applied and were eligible, be read.

They were accepted by unanimous ballot. The induction ceremony was performed for those present:

Kelly Allred
Jim Lee
Daniel G. Lyons

The new member was presented with a Utah PCA Jewel, and Life Membership Card, and Ritual books were presented.

Regular meeting

Minutes:

The minutes of the annual meeting held on May 10, 2018 were approved as distributed

Correspondence:

None

Bills:

None

Receipts:

Kelly Allred	\$25.00
Jim Lee	\$25.00
Daniel G. Lyons	<u>\$25.00</u>
Total	\$75.00

**FINANCIAL REPORT
5/10/2018 TO 5/9/2019**

The Preferred Business Money Market Acct will remain as it is.

US Bank

Preferred Business Money Market Acct. # Ending 9080

As of 03/18/19 \$3442.53

US bank

Checking Acct. # Ending 7311

as of 04/23/19 \$3,277.73

**STATISTICAL REPORT
5/10/2018 TO 5/09/2019**

May 10, 2016 regular members,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,	76
Increased by review of membership	0
Lost by death	1

Lost by demit	0
Lost by Suspension Due to NPD	0
Lost by Suspension	0
Gain by Anointing May 9, 2019	3
Gain by Affiliation May 9, 2019	0
Membership May 9, 2019	78

Sickness and distress:

David Read Dental problem

Old Business:

None

New Business:

None

Introductions:

John Huth visiting from Arizona was introduced and given a hearty welcome.

Past Priors

Marty Martineau
Michael D Shipler
Bill Butterfield
Brian Hastings

were escorted to the West, introduced and given a hearty welcome.

Past Grand High Priests:

William Butterfield
Michael D Shipler
Preston Martineau
T. J. Robertson
Jason Varner
Mike Shipler

were escorted west of the Altar and introduced and given Masonic Honors and a hearty welcome.

Grand High Priest Chris Young was escorted west of the altar and introduced and given Masonic Honors and a hearty welcome.

Most Worshipful Jeff Hamilton was escorted west of the Altar and introduced and given Masonic Honors and a hearty welcome.

Election:

It was moved by and seconded that all Officers be advanced one station and that Lawrence Rodriguez remain in place as Recorder and a treasurer be elected. The motion passed. Jason Varner was elected Treasurer and the Eminent Prior Appointed a Sentinel.

2018-2019 Officers are as follows:

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

Installing Officer: Charles E. Warren Sr.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:45 AM after the announcement that the next AHP annual meeting would be held on Thursday May 3 during the annual Grand York Rite sessions in 2020.

T.J. Robertson
Eminent Prior

Lawrence Rodriguez
Recorder

KEYSTONE MARK MASTER MASON LODGE

To the Grand Secretary of the Utah Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons:

Keystone Mark Master Mason Lodge has continued to have success. In the period from May 2017 through April 2018, Keystone had four quarterly meetings in June, September, January and March. Three meetings were held in Salt Lake City and one in Provo. Keystone participated in the Chapter Festival held at the Bountiful Temple in February 2019. Keystone held its elections in September Jason Mair was elected Right Worshipful Master. RWM Jason Mair replaced PRWM Glen Cook who served from September 2017 to September 2018. Currently, our

Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons

membership stands at 41 brothers with three suspensions and one demit. Keystone Lodge presented a check to RARA for \$1300.

Respectively submitted,
Doug J. Backes, KYCH, Secretary