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GRAND YORK RITE OF FREEMASONRY  
IN UTAH 2017



107th ANNUAL CONCLAVE GRAND  
COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR



106th ANNUAL CONVOCATION GRAND CHAPTER  
ROYAL ARCH MASONS



88th ANNUAL ASSEMBLY GRAND COUNCIL  
CRYPTIC MASONS



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PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
2017 SESSION  
OF THE  
GRAND YORK RITE  
OF FREEMASONRY  
IN UTAH

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Mr. David Read, Asst. Grand Secretary/Recorder  
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## **JOINT SESSION**

### **MINUTES**

#### **Annual Joint Session**

Embassy Suites Hotel, Salt Lake City, Utah

May 12, 2017

Sessions were opened in form by Malta Commandery #3 with assistance of St George, Price and Ogden.

RE Grand Commander Robert Bennett welcomed all.

Visiting Dignitaries of appendant bodies were introduced and welcomed.

#### Reports:

The following reports were presented (see proceedings for full report):

- **Time and Place**
- **Re: Audit report**, Dean D Rein, Chairman of Finance Committee, indicated that an audit was performed last year but due to the expense involved for an audit, an audit has not been prepared this year. Motion was made and passed to waive an audit of the books for this period. Question was raised that there should at least be a review of the books by an internal committee. It was determined that the Finance Committee will do a review of the books. Recommendation was made to have Trustees appointed. It was suggested that a by-laws revision be submitted for the addition of Trustees. Jurisprudence clarified that the existing Finance Committee is responsible by by-law for reviewing the records, etc.
- **Finance Committee** - Jay Mitchell elected for 4 year member to Finance Committee.
- **Necrology**
- **Grand York Rite Trust** - Trustee position open. Dean D. Rein elected as Trustee for Grand York Rite Trust
- **Regional Conference**



## Grand York Rite Joint Sessions

- **York Rite College**
- **Unfinished Business**
- **Allied Masonic Degrees**
- **Societas Rosicruciana in Civitatibus Foederatis**
- **Secretary's Report** – Charles Warren requested that an “assistant” be named for the Secretary/Recorder position to help with work needed to be done. He recommended David Read who has helped out with many projects over the last year. Request approved by the three Heads of Bodies.

Salute and note of appreciation given to Charles Warren for all of his service.

- **Credentials Report**

The Joint Session was closed at 11:15 a.m.

# Grand York Rite Joint Sessions

## GRAND YORK RITE JOINT COMMITTEES

2016-2017

\*Denotes Chairman

### Appeals and Grievance

Frank C. Baker\*  
William A. Butterfield

### Auditing

Ben Young

### Joint Bylaws

Jurisprudence  
Grand Secretary/Recorder\*  
Grand Heads

### Credentials

Not designated - Chapter  
Not designated - Council  
Not designated – KT

### Finance

Dean D Rein\*  
Gerald J Everett  
Dennis J Hauze  
Charles Persinger  
3 Grand Heads of Bodies  
Grand Treasurer  
Grand Secretary/Recorder

### Fraternal Relations

Grand Presiding Heads  
Grand Secretary/Recorder

### Fraternal Correspondence

Grand Presiding Heads  
Grand Secretary/Recorder

### Grand Sessions

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

### Grand York Rite Ball

Presiding Grand Heads  
Charles E. Warren Sr.  
Robert M. Bennett

### Internet Communications

Jason A. Mitchell - Chapter  
Not designated - Council  
Not designated - KT

### Jurisprudence

Michael D Shipler- Council  
William Butterfield- Chapter  
Brian Hastings- KT  
Dean D Rein– Chairman

### Membership

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

### Necrology

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

### Protocol

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

### Regional Conferences

No appointments made

### Returns of Const. Bodies

Grand Secretary/Recorder\*  
Auditor  
Grand Treasurer

### Time and Place

Jason C. Varner – Chapter  
T.J. Robertson – Council  
Robert M. Bennett – KT

### Triennial Conclave

No appointments made

### Unfinished Business

Grand Secretary/Recorder\*  
Presiding Grand Heads

### Youth

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

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### VISITING DIGNITARIES

Jason Varner, Potentate, El Kalah Shrine

Glen Cook, Intendent General, Red Cross of Constantine

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

Blaine H. Simons, Deputy Grand Govern, York Rite Sovereign College of North America

Mike Shipler, representing P “Marty” Martineau, Grand Governor, Grand York Rite College of Utah

Jason A. Mitchell, RW Chief Adept, Utah College Societas Rosicruciana

Dean D. Rein, Puissant Sovereign, Bonneville Conclave of Red Cross of Constantine

### GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

**\*in attendance  
2016 – 2017**

Grand Jurisdiction	Grand Chapter		Grand Council		Grand Commandery	
	To Utah	From	To Utah	From	To Utah	From
Alabama	Paul R. Drinkard	Kevin Hill	Robert T Crawford	Kevin Hill		Kevin Hill
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 Buchannan	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		

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Grand Jurisdiction	Grand Chapter		Grand Council		Grand Commandery	
	To Utah	From	To Utah	From	To Utah	From
Can Manitoba	J. Heinz	John L. Elwell Jr				
Can New Brunswick	George H R Jones					
Can Nova Scotia	Edward Greenfield					
Can Ontario	Edmund Goldthrop	Owen Orton	John A. Hornell	Richard Yeakey		
Can Quebec	Ronald Rennie					
Can Saskatch	Everet H. Near	Delbert Hansen				
Can Western	No Chapter		P Shillito			
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	Kevin Hill	Gary Lemmons	Kevin Hill	Steven Carter	Kevin Hill
Germany	Wilbur Blair	Michael Busby (nom)	Wilbur Blair			
Greece	Geoge Ivos	Norman A. Smith				
Hawaii	Fred Pendergaft	Frank Harper	James P Malezon	Frank Harper		
Idaho	Larry B. Cram	Raymond White	William Echo	Raymond White	Marvin E. Schein	Raymond White
Illinois		Harry B. Cohn	Perry W. Foltz	Harry B. Cohn	V. Ray Landers	Harry B. Cohn
India		Steven L. Wilkinson				
Indiana	Philip D. Herthel	Harry B. Cohn	Michael C Stoer	Harry B. Cohn	Harold D. Black	Harry B. Cohn
Iowa	Edwon G. Yedlik	Michael Busby	Robert Christensen	Michael Busby	Homer E. Stutters	Michael Busby
Ireland	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
Louisiana	Richard L. James		Richard Tharp		Robert Durham	
Maine	Horton B. Churchill	Daniel Ladig	Randall J. Tyler	Daniel Ladig	Roscoe C. Sunborn	Daniel Ladig
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				

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Grand Jurisdiction	Grand Chapter		Grand Council		Grand Commandery	
	To Utah	From	To Utah	From	To Utah	From
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	Richard Yeakey	Jiles K. Grice	Richard Yeakey	Billy J. McCollum	Richard Yeakey
Missouri	James J. Gibbons	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	Delbert Hansen	Raymond T. Robb	Delbert Hansen	David Lewi	Delbert Hansen
New Jersey	Ronald C. Grealorex	John Liley	Mark S. Enz	John Liley	John R. Margroff	John Liley
New Mexico	Arland Blackburn	M. T. McWilliams	Arlaand 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 Geaary	Loren Rauscher	Michael J. Kleha	Loren Rausher	John G. Kovak Jr	Loren Rauscher
Rhode Island	Russell Scanlon	Jerold Cochran	Russell J. Lorensen	Jerold R. Chchran	D. T. Mass	Jerold Cochran
Philippines	Gregorio A. Vicente	Michael Busby (nom)	Wilfredo Baniqued	Michael Busby (nom)	Samuel P. Fernandez	Michael Busby (nom)
Scotland	John Stewart	Glen Cook	John Stewart	Glen Cook		
South Carolina	James W. Lyle	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	Curtis Laneaster	Kellis D. Moore	Curtis Laneaster	Ronald D. Park	Cutis Laneaster
Vermont	Roger M. Pike	Harry B. Cohn	David H. Bartlett	Harry B. Cohn	William Karstens IV	Harry B. Cohn
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.		William T. Cox	

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Grand Jurisdiction	Grand Chapter		Grand Council		Grand Commandery	
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West Virginia	Charles F. Wimer	J. Guy Johnson	No Council		Donald L. Showalter	J. Guy Johnson
Wisconsin	Stephen J. Conway	Robert B. Coates	Lauren Handeland	Robert B. Coates	Lauren Handeland	Robert B. Coates
Wyoming	Harry W.C. Obert 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 held at Mountain America Credit Union

Checking Balance April 30, 2016: \$ 489.47

Savings Balance April 30, 2016: \$ 7,664.98

Checking Balance April 30, 2017 \$ 995.75

Savings Balance April 30, 2017 \$ 9,435.85

The combined cash flow reports are provided for the above accounts. The accounts are reconciled for May 1, 2015 through April 30, 2017 only. They have not been audited.

The Finance Committee has the responsibility to manage the invested funds of the Grand York Rite. The Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder are ex-officio members of this Committee only, with no vote.

Merrill Lynch Account 424-0419 March 31, 2017 \$71,527.10

Total funds \$80,962.95

Fraternally,  
Glen A. Cook, KCT  
Grand Treasurer

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**REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY/RECORDER**

This past year has been another busy year for Utah York Rite Masonry. Merrill-Lee and I traveled around the Southwest, visiting with Companions and Sir Knights of Sister Jurisdictions. As always, I enjoyed visits to the Four Corners Festival, the Colorado River Fall Festival, and the Southwest Regional Conference.

Our membership numbers continued to diminish, although not at the rapid rate as in recent years. The following table presents the summary of changes in our Utah York Rite membership this past year. More detailed information is available in the Membership Report.

<b>Membership Change</b>				
2016-2017	MM	Chapter	Council	KT

Keystone	0			
SPHC				-1
Ogden		-4	-5	-5
SLC		3	5	2
Midvale		0	0	0
Provo		-1	-1	-1
Price		0	0	0
St. George		1	1	1

<b>Totals</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-3</b>
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Not to be repetitious, I must again make the following statement: For those Secretary/Recorders who have not yet taken the painful step of cleaning up their accounting, I strongly suggest you do so this next year. It is certainly a painful process, but it is beneficial to you and to the Grand York Rite of Utah to have accurate accounting of our membership and, therefore, our financial status.

It is my intention, if reelected to this position, to continue to be responsive and report to the Grand York Rite of Utah, the Grand Heads of the Grand Bodies, and the Constituency of this Jurisdiction. I wish to recommend Sir

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Knight David Read be added as Assistant Recorder of the Grand Commandery which will give him an opportunity to learn the workings of this office and to enable him to "bridge the gap" for my eventual replacement in the Office of Grand Secretary/Recorder.

Fraternally submitted,  
Charles E. Warren, Sr.  
Grand Secretary/Recorder

### **REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

#### **APPEALS AND GRIEVANCES REPORT**

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Frank C. Baker, PHP, PIM, PEC, Acting Chairman  
William A. Butterfield, PGHP, PGIM, PGC

#### **AUDITING COMMITTEE**

No Report Submitted (see minutes for additional information)

#### **JOINT BYLAWS**

Nothing to Report

#### **CREDENTIALS REPORT OF JOINT SESSIONS**

**ONE MAN ONE VOTE- All Only Counted Once**

Date, May 12, 2017

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### **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

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

The Utah Grand York Rite Finance Committee is pleased to report on the condition and performance of its investments for the period of May 1, 2016 through April 30, 2017. Per the recommendations of our financial advisor Mr. Jacob Brown of Merrill Lynch, significant adjustments were made to our investment portfolio just prior to the beginning of the 2016-17 fiscal year. The Finance Committee agreed to sell seven underperforming mutual funds and reinvest the capital along with cash in our money market account into four Exchange Traded Funds and three mutual funds. No additional trades or adjustments were recommended during the year. Total assets grew from \$63,369.30 on May 1, 2016 to \$72,065.25 on April 30, 2016, for a gain of 13.7%. The ending balance of the Mountain America Credit Union checking account on April 30, 2017 was \$995.75 and the Mountain America Credit Union savings account ending balance on April 30, 2017 was \$9,435.85. A nominal \$5.60 savings' interest was realized during the fiscal year. The total funds of the Utah Grand York Rite on April 30, 2017 was \$82,496.85. The budgets for each of the three Utah Grand York Rite bodies will be presented during their respective business sessions.

Fraternally

Dean D. Rein, KYGCH, KCT, Chairman

Gerald J. Everett, KYGCH

Dennis J. Hauze, KYCH

Jason C. Varner, MEGHP

T. J. Robertson, MIGM

Robert M. Bennett, REGC

Charles E. Warren, Sr., KYCH, KCT, Ex Officio

Glen A. Cook, Sr., KYGCH, KCT, Ex Officio

### **FRATERNAL RELATIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE**

The Office of the Grand Secretary/Recorder again this past year maintained frequent correspondence and contact with numerous Constituents, Sister Jurisdictions and other Masonic Family organizations, both National and Foreign. This correspondence was shared with the Utah York Rite community via e-mail, in most cases. I realize some of you did

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not receive these information messages, although some of you received multiple copies. This is due to my attempt to reach the entire York Rite community to establish and maintain communications. If you have an email address change, please notify me so I can maintain accurate contact files for all of you.

Fraternally  
Charles E. Warren, Sr.  
Grand Secretary/Recorder  
Grand York Rite Bodies of Utah

## **INTERNET COMMUNICATIONS**

No report submitted

## **JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE REPORT**

To the Companions and Sir Knights of the Utah Grand York Rite  
The Utah Grand York Rite Jurisprudence Committee has received no proposed amendments to the constitutions, laws and regulations of the three Utah Grand York Rite bodies during the 2016-17 term. The Committee has reviewed the official acts and decisions of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Most Illustrious Grand Master and Right Eminent Grand Commander and found them to be within their prerogatives and were properly executed.

The Committee will issue their opinions on the reports of the three Grand Heads following their respective addresses.

Fraternally  
Dean D. Rein, KYGCH, Chairman  
William A. Butterfield, KYGCH  
Michael D. Shipler, KYGCH  
Brian J. Hastings, KYGCH

## **MEMBERSHIP**

No report submitted

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### **NECROLOGY REPORT**

The following members passed on during the past year:

#### Utah #1

Gary A. York	May 10, 2016
Robert N. Aupperle	Aug 12, 2016
Bill T Peters	Sept 18, 2016

#### El Monte #2

Harold E Gibbs, Jr	Sept 25, 2016
Harry B. Cohn	Nov 8, 2016

#### Charles Fred Jennings #6

Phillip M. Thompson	Aug. 24, 2016
Bill F. Baker	Oct. 24, 2016
Irvin D. Nightingale	Nov 5, 2016
Nick G. Marvidakis	Feb 19, 2017

#### Golgotha #7

Ervin Crowther	June, 2016
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### **REGIONAL CONFERENCES**

For the Southwest Regional Conference, just as a reminder, all of the elected Grand Commandery Officers are expected to attend, as well as the Grand Recorder. The Grand Chapter and Grand Council officers are expected to attend. Anyone who wants to attend may. This year it will be held in Las Vegas, Nv., November 3-4, 2017 which is Friday and Saturday. The emerging leaders program will be held on Saturday during the Commandery's session. The General Grand Chapter and General Grand Council sessions will be held on Friday. It will be at the Orleans Hotel. Our RE Southwest Department Commander has informed me that the website will be up and running within the next few weeks so that registrations can be completed.

If you haven't been to this conference, this is a good time. There is a banquet on Friday as well as other activities. It is great to get to know all of the Sir Knights and Companions of the other jurisdictions of our Southwest Department.

The Emerging Leaders program, which is a great program started many years ago by the Grand Encampment and the General Grand Chapter and General Grand Council in the last few years has all merged together. It is a

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great program and if we have any emerging leaders that want to go it is free of charge for the program; the participants need to just get there and pay for their hotel and food. Names should be submitted to John Palmer.

Submitted,  
TJ Robertson

### **ANNUAL RETURNS OF CONSTITUENT BODIES**

I am pleased that the Constituent Bodies have submitted their Annual Returns in a timely manner this year. This will enable me to submit my Annual Grand Returns to each of the General Grand Bodies on schedule. Some of the bodies have not yet submitted the funds due, but that does not preclude me reporting my satisfaction with our Constituent Secretaries and Recorders. Their tasks are manifold, and I congratulate them for their efforts and successes.

Fraternally  
Charles E. Warren, Sr  
Grand Secretary/Recorder

REPORT OF RETURNS OF CONTITUENT BODIES (CONTINUED)		
	Total due all	Submitted
SPHC	\$255.00	0
Ogden	\$1,147.50	\$1,147.50
SLC	\$3,613.50	\$3,613.50
Midvale	\$1,363.00	\$1,363.00
Provo	\$617.00	\$617.00
Price	\$1,490.00	\$1,490.00
St. Geo.	\$668.00	\$668.00
Totals	\$8,899.00	\$8,899.00

\*See detailed reports in sections for each body.

## Grand York Rite Joint Sessions

### **TIME AND PLACE**

The committee consists of the three heads of bodies as well as the Grand King, Deputy Grand Master and Deputy Grand Commander. We are currently in some negotiations between hotels trying to get the best bang for our buck. We know that 2018 our Grand Sessions will take place starting on the 11<sup>th</sup> of May 2018 and ending on the 12<sup>th</sup> of May with the Anointed High Priests, Thrice Illustrious Masters and Past Commanders Association meeting the Thursday, which is the 10<sup>th</sup> of May 2018. We are going back and forth between a couple of hotels so it may be here or it may be at the Hotel RL . We will see which one comes in with the best deal. We have a fiduciary responsibility to you. We want to make sure we get the best bang for our buck and put on a great session.

TJ Robertson, Chairman

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS 2017**

An ongoing item of unfinished business is the production of the Annual Proceedings. For the past several years, it has been a struggle to acquire Reports from those responsible to prepare and submit them. The absence of these reports prevents the preparing of an accurate and historical Annual Proceedings document. This dilemma was reported in my Unfinished Business Report last year, but nothing has changed, indeed, it seems to have gotten worse this year. Many reports are still missing. I fervently request your attention to this matter and assistance in overcoming this problem.

Fraternally

Charles E. Warren, Sr.

Grand Secretary/Recorder

Grand York Rite Bodies of Utah

### **VESPERS MESSAGE 2017**

Vespers service was held Thursday, May 11, 2017

### **YOUTH**

No report submitted

## **OTHER REPORTS**

### **GRAND BUDGET**

No budget submitted.

### **GRAND YORK RITE TRUST REPORT**

Companions and Sir Knights,

Herewith is the report of the Board of Trustees of the Grand York Rite of Utah Trust for the period through May 2017.

In October 2016 we ended our relationship with Wells Fargo Advisors due to lack of communication and quite frankly management of our accounts not within the spirit of what was best suited for the Grand York Rite Trust.

We transferred our funds of \$291,800 to our new investment partner RW Baird with an initial \$7,000 worth of transfers to Grand York Rite. Our starting total with RW Baird was then \$284,800.

As of Dec 2016 year end totals were up to \$294,947 or a gain of 3.8% even after the initial disbursement.

In January of this year a \$5,000 disbursement for office expenses and the new membership tracking program from national was made bringing our totals in January to \$289,900.

As of May 2017 year to date totals are roughly \$302,735 as of last week with a gain this year of 4.5%. This total represents both market losses and transfers.

The Board met with RW Baird the fall of 2016 and established a written investment policy like so many of our other statewide Masonic Bodies. This was done so that a clear path would be followed by our investment partner and it quite frankly keeps everyone honest. We have open access and talk to Alex Wheeler our advisor at RW Baird on a weekly basis for guidance and investments.

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Companion Benjamin Young of Stayner, Bates & Jensen, P.C. handled last year's taxes and will do so again for us this year. In my personal meetings with Companion Young we discussed future tax strategies as our investments are structured as a trust and not a foundation and some changes may need to be applied to the manner in which we disburse and invest our monies in the future. This should keep us financially healthy and square with the tax man.

We anticipate costs for the 2017-2018 year will be on par with last year's requests. We ask the incoming presiding officers to determine their funding wants and needs in the near future and that they meet with the elected Board Members as soon as possible to discuss and finalize these requests.

We would like to thank G. Keith Odendahl for his service on the Trust as he retires his term and from the Board. 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  
Frank C. Baker Trustee  
Charles Warren, Sr. GSRec  
T. J. Robertson MIGM

Drew C. Sander Vice Chairman  
G. Keith Odendahl Trustee  
Jason C. Varner MEGHP  
Robert Bennett REGC

### **ALLIED MASONIC DEGREES**

We are one of the newest and one of the last holdouts in the whole country who didn't have an Allied Masonic Degrees. We meet quarterly. Our meetings are posted on the Grand Lodge Calendar. We just had a meeting a week and a half ago which worked out very well. We had an educational on the degrees that are under the auspices of the Allied Masonic Degrees. It is an invitation-only body. If you would like any information please contact me.

Respectfully,  
John Liley

## **SOCIETAS ROSICRUCIANA IN CIVITATIBUS FOEDERATIS**

The Societas Rosicruciana in Civitatibus Foederatis (SRICF) is an interesting Masonic body in that it is explicitly not a degree or system of Masonry that one acquires in normal Masonic invitational bodies or orders; it is not just something to append to your resume. It is billed as an actual operative order of classical Rosicrucianism; that means we deal with the scary, spooky stuff. It is not for those who are too strong in their mind or too weak in their faith. You have to have an open mind; you have to be able to approach things symbolically; you have to be able to approach things in very interesting ways if only for the sake of entertaining the argument. As a college, we are amongst the newest in the nation, but there are a couple that have come along since we started a few years ago. Our membership is small, but we are always looking for recommendations for people to come to us. If there is someone in your bodies that is looking for something a little different than what you can provide; if they have an extreme strength in their faith and they have a willingness to learn ritual and perform ritual in a way that they have never had to work for, please let us know and we can see if possibly save a brother from having to leave Masonry and go somewhere else to find what they are looking for or maybe provide a little more light to keep them from going off in the deep end in some areas.

Presented by  
Jason Mitchell

## **YORK RITE COLLEGE REPORT**

Camp Floyd York Rite College #190 is financially stable.

All bills against the College have been paid and our annual report to the General College will be filed in June along with the per capita tax payment.

We did not induct new members this year. However, we do have 2 candidates waiting to receive the Order of York.

Fraternally,  
Mike Shipler, PGG  
Secretary



Grand York Rite Joint Sessions



**108th ANNUAL  
CONCLAVE  
GRAND COMMANDERY  
KNIGHTS TEMPLAR  
OF UTAH**

**Friday, May 12, 2017**

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



## **GRAND COMMANDERY**

### **COMMANDERY MINUTES**

108th ANNUAL CONCLAVE GRAND COMMANDERY K. T. UTAH

May 12, 2017

Embassy Suites Hotel, Salt Lake City, UT

The 108<sup>th</sup> Conclave of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Utah was reconvened by RE Grand Commander Robert M. Bennett.

A roll call of Grand Commandery Officers, Past Grand Commanders and Commandery Dias officers was conducted. Visiting Dignitaries were introduced and welcomed.

A moment of silence was held for James H. Rixon, ME Grand Commander of New Mexico who passed away from injuries sustained in a recent automobile accident.

Emergent legislation was presented and approved.

The following committee/officer reports were presented:

- **KT Cross of Honor**
- **Holy Land Pilgrimage**
- **Knights Templar Eye Foundation**
- **Credentials**
- **Grand Commander**

A motion was made to suspend the rules to allow that existing elected officers to move up on place with exception of Treasurer and Recorder. Motion approved.

A motion was made to advance all elected positions up one step, with the exception of Secretary and Treasurer which will remain in place. Motion approved.

Election was held and the following officers were elected:

Jeffrey Hamilton, ME Grand Commander

Lawrence “Gunny” Rodriguez, Deputy Grand Commander

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Douglas Backes, Grand Generalissimo  
Jay Mitchell, Grand Captain General  
Glen A Cook, Grand Treasurer  
Charles Warren, Sr, Grand Recorder

Kim Bowman, Peter Dumont, Kenneth Morris, Joe Zito, Kent McCandless, and Mark Young shared remarks from their jurisdictions.

Motion was made for Utah to support Jeff Bolstad for his bid for Grand Captain General of the Grand Encampment Knights Templar. Motion approved.

Dean D Rein reported on the Grand Encampment Easter Observance held in Salt Lake City this year. Thanks were given for all who helped. Utah will also host the 2018 Easter Observance.

Grand Commander elect Jeffrey Hamilton announced his officer appointments as follows:

Jason C Varner, E. Grand Senior Warden  
Reed B. Fanning, E. Grand Junior Warden  
Jason L. Mair, E. Grand Prelate  
Christopher C. Young, E. Grand Standard Bearer  
Timothy L. Stenner, E. Grand Sword Bearer  
Orrin B. Hansen, E Grand Warder  
David R. Brewer, E. Grand Sentinel  
P Marty Martineau, Jr, E Grand Inspector General  
Edward G. Nelson, Aide-de-Camp

William Gerard provided greetings and remarks from the Grand Master, Grand Encampment.

Installation of officers was held.

Commandery was recessed at 16:15

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**GRAND COMMANDERY OFFICERS FOR 2016- 2017**

(\* denotes present, e denotes excused)

- \*Robert M. Bennett.....Right Eminent Grand Commander
- \*Jeffrey E. Hamilton.....Very E. Deputy Grand Commander
- \*Lawrence R. Rodriguez.....E. Grand Generalissimo
- e Douglas J. Backes.....E. Grand Captain General
- \*Jay N. Mitchell.....E. Grand Senior Warden
- \*Jason C. Varner.....E. Grand Junior Warden
- \*Jason L. Mair.....E. Grand Prelate
- \*Glen A. Cook.....E. Grand Treasurer
- \*Charles E. Warren, Sr.....E. Grand Recorder
- e John C. Liley, Jr.....E. Grand Standard Bearer
- \*Reed B. Fanning.....E Grand Sword Bearer
- \*Timothy L. Stenner.....E Grand Warden
- e Christopher C. Young.....E. Grand Sentinel
- e P Marty Martineau, Jr.....E Grand Inspector General

**K.T. COMMITTEES 2016 – 2017**

\*denotes chairman

**KT CROSS OF HONOR**

Howard L. Hastings\*  
TJ Robertson

**KT EDUCATIONAL  
FOUNDATION**

Brian J. Hastings\*  
Grand Heads of York Rite Bodies

**KT EYE FOUNDATION**

Lawrence R. Rodriguez\*  
All Constituent Commanders

**KT HOLY LAND  
PILGRIMAGE**

Jay N. Mitchell\*  
All Constituent Commanders

**KT MAGAZINE SUPPLEMENT**

Jeffrey E. Hamilton\*  
Charles E. Warren, Sr  
Constituent Commanders &  
Recorders

**VESPER SERVICES**

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

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### PAST GRAND COMMANDERS

Charles Prisk	1978	Carl Lairson	2005
Kenneth Neuschwander*	1986	Michael D. Shipler*	2006
John L. Elwell Jr.	1995	Michael L. Busby*	2007
J. C. McLaughlin	1996	William A. Butterfield	2008
William J. Westbrook*	1997	Brian J. Hastings*	2009
Richard H. Simons	1999	Charles Sipes*	2010
Blaine H. Simons*	2000	Dean D. Rein*	2012
Norman A. Smith	2001	Preston Martineau Jr	2013
Terry L. Nay	2003	James A Robertson	2014
Gerald Everett*	2004	TJ Robertson*	2015
		Robert M Bennett*	2016

\*denotes in attendance

\*\*denotes excused

### GRAND COMMANDERY VISITING DIGNITARIES

Kim M Bowman, representing RE Grand Commander Daniel E Koch, Jr,  
Montana

Peter D Dumont, representing RE Commander Robert D Elsloo, Colorado

Joe Zito, PGC Arizona

Ted D Bendure, Past Grand Commander, Nevada

Kenny Morris, Past Grand Commander, Nevada

Mark S. Young, Grand Commander, Wyoming

Kent McCandless, ME Grand Commander, Idaho

William A Gerard, Southwest Department Commander, representing ME

Duane L. Vaught, Grand Master

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**DIAS OFFICERS**

Utah #1			
	Commander	Mont Anderson	X
	Generalissimo	Jason L. Mair	X
	Captain General	Charles Persinger	X
El Monte #2			
	Commander	David Smith	Proxy
	Generalissimo	Ben Johnson	Proxy
	Captain General	Jim Lee	A
Malta #3			
	Commander	Jay Mitchell	X
	Generalissimo	David Read	X
	Captain General	Joseph Radloff	X
Ivanhoe #5			
	Commander	Art Nifong	A
	Generalissimo	Kelly Allred	X
	Captain General	Craig Call	A
Charles Fred Jennings #6			
	Commander	John McCurdy	X
	Generalissimo	Bradley Shaw	X
	Captain General	David R. Brewer	A
St George (#7)			
	Commander	Lawrence Rodriguez	X
	Generalissimo	Dean D Rein	X
	Captain General	Travis Christiansen	Proxy

(X Denotes present)



## **REPORTS OF OFFICERS**

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

This has been an amazing year and I am honored you have given me the opportunity to lead you as the Grand Commander. I would like to thank my Grand Officers for a great job this year. We have some great, hardworking and energetic leaders coming up through the line and I am excited to see what the future holds for the Grand Commandery in Utah.

I had the pleasure of traveling to the local Commanderies this year building new friendships. I recommend that you all visit at least one Commandery this year. The Commanderies are in great shape and we have some eager officers ready to work and continue to build their Commanderies.

### ***Recommendations***

- 1) I recommend we bring back a spring festival to help some of the York Rite bodies that are having a hard time getting enough people to do the degrees;
- 2) The local bodies practice the Ten Man opening and perform the Ten Man opening at least once a year; and
- 3) Keep the Inspector General in the Grand Commandery line and that position be filled by a past Grand Commander.

The following Special Meetings were approved this year:

June 16, Utah #1: meeting changed to Special meeting (date change to accommodate calendar of candidates for the degrees)

Aug 16, Malta #3: September meeting changed to Special meeting (date changed to accommodate Beauceant meeting date change)

September 16, Golgotha #7: meeting changed to Special meeting (date change to accommodate Four Corners Festival)

January 17, Golgotha #7: meeting changed to Special meeting (date change to avoid conflict with Grand Lodge visit); and

February 17, Malta #3: meeting changed to Special meeting (date change to accommodate Grand Beauceant visit)

I would like to thank you all again for this amazing opportunity you have granted me this past year.

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Yours in service,  
Robert M. Bennett  
Grand Commander

### ***Grand Commander visits:***

May 19, 2016 visited Ivanhoe #5

June 18, 2016 assisted Utah#1 in the orders of the temple

June 24, 2016 judged awarded the grand commanders cup at Jobs Daughters Rally

October 29, 2016: South West Conference

December 3, 2016 Golgotha #7 meeting and installation of officers

December 3, 2016 Malta #3 installation of officers

December 5, 2016 El Monte # 2 meeting and installation of officers

January 13, 2017 Shiner's installation of officers

February 2, 2017. Grand Masters head of bodies banquet

February 4, 2017. Grand Lodge installation of officers

February 6, 2017 Grand visitation El Monte # 2

February 16, 2017 Grand visitation Ivanhoe #5

February 18, 2017 Attended the orders of the temple Charles Fred Jennings # 6

March 4, 2017. Grand visitation Golgotha #7

March 16, 2017 Visited Ivanhoe #5 preformed passing of the cup

March 18, 2017 Grand visitation of Malta #3

March 28, 2017 Grand visitation Utah #1 and order of the Red Cross preformed

April 1, 2017 Golgotha meeting

April 5, 2017 Grand visitation Charles Fred Jennings # 6

April 15, 2017 Western States Easter observance banquet

April 16, 2017 Western States Easter observance

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

To the Officers and Sir Knights of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Utah:

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

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Over the course of the year I was able to visit each Commandery at least once. I accompanied the Grand Commander on four of his six official visitations. I had to miss two due to work commitments.

The Grand Commander afforded me the honor of representing him on three occasions. First at the official opening of the Job's Daughters rally in June. My Second opportunity came at the joint installation of Carbon Lodge 316 and the Price York Rite bodies in December, and also in December at the installation of the Provo York Rite bodies where I served as installing officer.

This year the Grand Commandery of Utah played host to the Western States Easter Observance. I had the pleasure of helping Sir Knight Dean Rein and his committee put on a wonderful event.

The Grand Commander appointed me as Editor of the Utah Supplement. Through that appointment and some of the material presented in the supplement I was asked to speak and deliver educationals to three blue lodges in the State.

Finally I would like to thank all of the Commanderies for their warm welcomes, and the kindness showed me during my visits; it means more than you could possibly know.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jeff Hamilton  
Deputy Grand Commander

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### **EMINENT GRAND GENERALISSIMO OF GRAND COMMANDERY**

When this year started I had planned on visiting each Commandery at least twice.

#### ***Local Visitations:***

Ogden  
Salt Lake  
Midvale  
St. George  
Provo  
Price

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

Utah 12-14 May  
California 21 - 25 May  
Nevada 12-14 June  
Arizona 11 - 13 August  
New Mexico 13 -- 16 April 2016  
In some instants I represented the Grand Commander

#### ***Other Activities included***

Western Easter Observance in Salt Lake City 13-16 Apr 2017  
Red Cross of Constantine in Albuquerque, New Mexico 9 July 2016  
The York Rite Sovereign College of North America in Vancouver, Canada  
28 - 30 July  
Vista, CA to see my son receive the Mason of the Year award. 10 Sept  
2016  
Red Cross of Constantine in Santa Ynez, Ca 18 Sept 2016  
S/W York Rite Department Conference in Las Vegas 25-30 Oct 2016  
Four Corners Festival in Price UT 10 Oct 2016 The Price Chapter did an  
outstanding job of opening the Royal Arch  
Colorado River Fall Festival 16-18 Oct 2016  
Officers Installation of the St. Albans York Rite College #130 23 April  
2016  
Hiram Award Presentation Hesperian Lodge 264 24 May 2017  
Easter Observance in Sara lake City 13-16 April 2017

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### ***Recommendations:***

At this time the only recommendations I have are:

Start sooner that I might visit each of the Commanderies two or more times during the year.

But because of the different schedules each Commandery has it makes it hard to schedule each one.

### ***Summary:***

If I am again elected for Office I will attempt to visit each of the Commanderies at least twice during the year.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lawrence Rodriguez

Grand Generalissimo

Knights Templar of the Grand Commandery of Utah

### **EMINENT GRAND CAPTAIN GENERAL**

I am honored to have served as Grand Captain General for the previous year. I assisted the Eminent Grand Commander in his endeavors and worked for the betterment of Knights Templar Masonry in Utah. 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 look forward to serving this jurisdiction for the upcoming year.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

Douglas J. Backes

Grand Captain General

Grand Commandery Knights Templar

**2017 ANNUAL RETURNS SUMMARY – KT**

	<b>KT</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>Per capita (\$15)</b>	<b>Fees (\$2.50)</b>	<b>KTEF</b>	<b>HLP</b>	<b>Total</b>
SPHC	Cm. #00	17	255.00				255.00
Ogden	Cm. #2	38	570.00		1.00		571.00
SLC	Cm. #1	114	1,710.00	10.00	114.00		1,834.00
Midvale	Cm. #3	47	705.00				705.00
Provo	Cm. #5	19	285.00	10.00	19.00		314.00
Price	Cm. #6	45	675.00	5.00	14.00	165.00	694.00
St. Geo.	Cm. #7	24	360.00				360.00
<b>Totals</b>			<b>\$4,560.00</b>	<b>\$25.00</b>	<b>\$148.00</b>	<b>\$165.00</b>	<b>\$4,733.00</b>

**STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY**

April 1, 2016 to March 31, 2017

	TOTA LS	Utah #1	EI Monte #2	Malta #3	Ivanhoe #5	C F J #6	Golgotha #7	SPHC #00
As of 3/31/16	290	112	43	47	20	45	23	18
Knighthood	10	4	0	0	4	2	0	1
Omitted	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Affiliated	4	0	1	0	0	0	3	0
Restored	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Total Gain	15	4	1	0	4	3	3	1
Error								
Deceased	6	0	3	0	0	2	1	0
Demitted	4	0	1	0	1	1	1	1
Suspended	8	2	2	0	4	0	0	1
Total Loss	18	2	6	0	5	3	2	2
As of 03/31/17	287	114	38	47	19	45	24	17
Net Gain (Loss)	-3	2	-5	0	-1	0	1	-1

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

**CREDENTIALS REPORT**

Date May 12, 2017

TOTAL (including proxies).....42

**HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE REPORT**

A major survey of more than 35,000 Americans by the Pew Research Center finds that the percentage of adults who describe themselves as Christians has dropped by nearly eight percentage points in just seven years, from 78.4% in an equally massive Pew Research survey in 2007 to 70.6% in 2014. Over the same period, the percentage of Americans who are religiously unaffiliated – describing themselves as atheist, agnostic or “nothing in particular” – has jumped more than six points. And the share of Americans who identify with non-Christian faiths also has inched up, rising 1.2 percentage points. Growth has been especially great among Muslims and Hindus.

***Holy Land Pilgrimage Presentation***

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 but now we have to get the program up and running again. Each Commandery in Utah is requested to contribute \$350 per year by fundraisers or donations. In this manner we can send a qualified minister from Utah once every two years. 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

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qualifications, we will try to have each Commandery have a turn in sending a minister from their area.

In person presentations of the Holy Land Pilgrimage Program during the Grand Commanders visitation were made to five of Utah's Constituent Commanders. Reverend Trace Browning of All Saints Episcopal Church in Salt Lake who was sent by Knights Templar of Massachusetts on the Holy Land Pilgrimage when he was a minister there. Reverend Browning spoke at our Vespers Service last year and said how much it positively affected him as a Minister being in person at many of the places in the Bible and where Jesus had his ministry. He has agreed to allow us to make a presentation in a church service and receive the plate offerings on that day for the Holy Land Pilgrimage.

The Commanders in Price, St. George and Midvale have made contributions and the current balance in the account is \$1,013.

Please support this important program. Checks should be made payable to Grand York Rite and sent to the Grand Recorder Chuck Warren. Mark the check "Holy Land Pilgrimage".

I welcome your questions and your support.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jay N Mitchell, Grand Sr. Warden

### **JURISPRUDENCE**

RE Grand Commander,

The Jurisprudence committee has reviewed your report of activities and action taken during the 2016-2017 year, and has the following to report:

The granting constituent Commanderies to hold special meetings, due to scheduling conflicts with regular meeting dates was proper and in accordance with the powers of the RE Grand Commander.

The activities of the RE Grand Commander of the past year are to be commended for the attendance to the constituent Commanderies for their installations, regular meetings and conferring of the Orders.



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

Submitted

Dean D. Rein, PGC – Chairman

Brian J. Hastings, PGC

Michael Shipler, PGC

William Butterfield, PGC

### **LEGISLATION**

WHEREAS: Grand Encampment Statues Section 43 – The Officers of a Grand Commandery shall be:

A Grand Commander,

A Deputy Grand Commander,

A Grand Generalissimo,

A Grand Captain General,

A Grand Senior Warden,

A Grand Junior Warden,

A Grand Prelate,

A Grand Treasurer,

A Grand Recorder,

A Grand Standard Bearer,

A Grand Sword Bearer,

A Grand Warder, and

A Grand Sentinel,

The first four of whom, and the Grand Treasurer and the Grand Recorder, shall be elected, and the remaining ones shall be elected or appointed as each Grand Commandery may determine.

Any Grand Commandery may, by its Laws, provide for the appointment by its Grand Commander of administrative officers for the performance of such administrative duties as may be prescribed in such Laws. Such administrative officers may be installed, may have rank and may after serving for a period of three years or more retire from office being entitled only to the honors of the office. No Grand Commandery shall have any constitutional officers other than those enumerated in this section.

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The Grand Commandery has the power to create administrative offices to assist the conduct of the work of the Grand Commandery, such as Inspector General in accordance with Section 43, and provided such administrative offices are confined solely to the administrative work of the Grand Commandery.

WHEREAS: Title II – Laws relating to the Grand Commandery, Section 2-7 The Grand Commander, (I) already allows for the appointment of a Grand Inspector General.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE FOLLOWING SECTION OF TITLE II - THE LAWS RELATING TO THE GRAND COMMANDERY BE AMENDED.

### **SECTION 2-7 (I). THE GRAND COMMANDER**

(I) He may appoint a Grand Inspector General, who shall perform all the duties implied in and pertaining to said office.

#### **TO READ:**

(I) He may appoint a Grand Inspector General, who shall perform all duties implied in and pertaining to said office. He may also appoint up to three Aide-de-Camps, to help with administrative duties he deems necessary to fulfill the duties of Grand Commander.

Jeffrey E. Hamilton  
Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander  
Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Utah

(Legislation approved.)

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### **KNIGHTS TEMPLAR CROSS OF HONOR COMMITTEE**

This Committee received a total of three nominations one of which was after the February 15<sup>th</sup> deadline. After much consideration we made our decision, and the name of Sir Knight Christopher Young was submitted to the Right Eminent Grand Commander.

After numerous email reminders this Committee had hoped that we would have received a nomination from each of the Commanderies in this jurisdiction.

It has been an honor and privilege to serve on this committee and it is our hope that 2017-2018 will have more nominations.

Fraternally,  
SK Howard L. Hastings PC, Chairman  
SK T.J. Robertson PEGC

### **KNIGHT'S TEMPLAR EDUCATION FOUNDATION**

This is the report of the Knight Templar Education Foundation for the York Rite year, 2016-2017. This is a report of no activity, as this committee discontinued operating in any capacity several years ago. The funds were returned to the Grand Encampment, until such time as the Grand Commandery chooses to continue the activities of the Education Foundation.

Submitted:  
Brian J. Hastings, PGC  
Committee Chairman

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**KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EYE FOUNDATION**

As chairman of the 49th Voluntary Campaign for the Knights Templar Eye Foundation (Utah), I provide the following report of donations as of April 2017.

Commandery	
Corinne Chapter #11 OES	\$25.00
Masonic Foundation of Utah	\$1,000.00
Ogden York Rite Bodies	\$15.00
Honored Queen Bethel #9 JDI	\$20.00
Miriam Chapter #14 OES	\$25.00
Deposit	\$14.00
Deposit	\$1.00
St. George Commandery	\$402.42
Samuel Paul Honors Commandery #00	\$360.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1862.42</b>

This report does not contain the final totals due to all Commanderies having not yet made their reports.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lawrence R. Rodriguez  
KTEF Chairman

**KNIGHTS TEMPLAR MAGAZINE UTAH SUPPLEMENT, EDITOR**

To the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Utah now in Session:

We, your committee for the Utah supplement in the Knight Templar Magazine beg to report the following. 2016/2017 was another good year for the Utah Supplement. We were able to have an article submitted and published in each month of the Knight Templar Magazine. The committee has worked hard to try and find topics and write articles that we hope the Sir Knights of Utah have found interesting and entertaining.

The committee would like to encourage all of the Commanderies in Utah to participate actively in supplying ideas for topics and even writing articles that can be used in the Utah supplement.

## Grand Commandery Knights Templar

We would like to thank the Right Eminent Grand Commander, Robert Bennett for appointing us and allowing us to serve the Sir Knights of Utah in this capacity.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sir Knight Jeff Hamilton,  
Deputy Grand Commander, Chairman  
Sir Knight Charles E. Warren Sr.,  
Eminent Grand Recorder

## **OTHER REPORTS**

### **SAMUEL PAUL HONORS COMMANDERY**

Samuel Paul Honors Commandery #00 members met at the Doubletree Suites Hotel on 14 May 2016 at approximately 1700 hours, following the closing of the Annual Grand York Rite Sessions and the Installation of the newly elected and appointed Grand York Rite Officers. In attendance were the following members:

T.J. Robertson  
William A. Butterfield, PGC  
Lawrence R. Rodriguez  
Charles E. Warren, Sr.  
Dean D. Rein, PGC  
Jason C. Varner  
P. "Marty" Martineau, PGC  
Jeffrey Hamilton  
Kim M. Bowman, Sr  
Robert M. Bennett

Eminent Commander Lawrence R. Rodriguez called the meeting to order. Candidate for Membership Sir Knight Jay N. Mitchell was duly elected. The rules for Officer elections were suspended, and elections were then conducted. The Samuel Paul Honors Commandery #00 Officers elected and appointed for the ensuing 2016 - 2017 year are as follows:

Commander – William A. Butterfield - PGC  
Generalissimo - John C. Liley, Jr.  
Captain General -- James Robertson - PGC  
Recorder - Charles E. Warren. Sr.  
Treasurer - Dean D. Rein - PGC  
Senior Warden - Jason C. Varner  
Junior Warden - Robert M. Bennett  
Standard Bearer - Norman A. Smith – PGC  
Sword Bearer – Jeffrey N. Nelson (R.E. Grand Generalissimo, GEKT)  
Warder – Jeffrey E. Hamilton  
Sentinel -- Benjamin L. Young  
Prelate - Jay Mitchell

## Grand Commandery Knights Templar

All the newly elected and appointed officers of SPHC #00 were declared installed. The meeting then adjourned at 1715 hours.

Fraternally submitted,  
Sir Knight Charles E. Warren, Sr.  
Recorder  
Samuel Paul Honors Commandery #00

### **PAST COMMANDERS ASSOCIATION**

On May 11, 2016 the Annual Conclave Past Commanders Association of Utah was opened at 11:00 a.m. in due form by Eminent President Brian J. Hastings. He directed the names of those to be inducted be read:

Timothy Fellows #2

Jay N. Mitchell #3

Benjamin L. Young #1

Charles S. Lamb #5

They were inducted in due form.

Deceased Members:

Delbert F. Hansen 01/12/2016

Donald D. Jones 03/23/2016

Owen C. Orton 03/23/2016

A moment of silence was held for our deceased companions.

The year concluded with 68 members.

The following officers were elected and installed into office:

E. P. James A. Robertson

S. W. Jason Varner



**106th ANNUAL  
CONVOCATION  
GRAND CHAPTER  
ROYAL ARCH MASONS  
OF UTAH**

**Saturday, May 13, 2017**

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





## **GRAND CHAPTER**

### **CHAPTER MINUTES 2017**

May 13, 2017

Embassy Suites Hotel, Salt Lake City, Utah

Session was opened by M.E. Grand High Priest Jason Varner.

Roll call of Grand Officers, Past Grand High Priests and Dias Officers was conducted.

Visiting dignitaries and Past Grand High Priests were introduced and welcomed.

The following reports were presented:

- Royal Arch Research Assistance
- 4-Corners Festival
- Keystone Mark Mason Lodge #00
- Report of the M.E. Grand High Priest
- Bronze Medal Award Committee

Remarks were received from:

- Glen Cook, regional representative of KYCH
- Peter Dumont
- Kim Bowman
- Kent McCandless
- Jeff Orton
- Robert M. Wolfarth

Elections were held resulting in the following:

- T.J. Robertson, Grand High Priest
- Lawrence “Gunny” Rodriguez, Grand King
- Christopher Young, Grand Scribe

Motion to suspend the rules and allow Secretary and Treasurer to be elected by acclamation. Approved

Motion to re-elect Glen A Cook as Treasurer and Charles Warren, Sr as Secretary. Approved

Ted Bendure delivered remarks from General Grand Chapter.

Officers were duly installed as follows:

- T.J. Robertson, M.E. Grand High Priest
- Lawrence “Gunny” Rodriguez, R.E. Grand King
- Christopher E Young, R.E. Grand Scribe
- Glen A. Cook, R.E. Treasurer
- Charles Warren, Sr, R.E. Secretary
- Jeffrey E. Hamilton, E. Grand Captain of the Host
- Douglas J. Backes, E Grand Principal Sojourner
- John C. Liley, Jr, E. Grand Royal Arch Captain
- Reed B. Fanning, E. Grand Master 3<sup>rd</sup> Veil
- Daniel A. Drew, E. Grand Master 2<sup>nd</sup> Veil
- David R. Brewer, E. Grand Master 1<sup>st</sup> Veil
- Jay N. Mitchel, E. Grand Chaplain
- Edward G. Nelson, E. Grand Lecturer
- Timothy L. Stenner, E. Grand Sentinel

**GRAND CHAPTER OFFICERS**

2016- 2017

\*In Attendance

- \* Jason C. Varner.....Grand High Priest
- \* T.J. Robertson.....E. Grand King
- \* Lawrence R. Rodriguez.....R. E. Grand Scribe
- \* Glen A. Cook.....R.E. Grand Treasurer
- \* Charles E. Warren, Sr.....R. E. Grand Secretary
- e Christopher C. Young.....E. Grand Captain of Host
- \* Douglas J. Backes.....E. Grand Principal Sojourner
- \* Robert M. Bennett.....E. Grand Royal Arch Captain
- \* Jeffrey E. Hamilton.....E. Grand Master 3rd Veil
- \* Edward G. Nelson.....E. Grand Master 2nd Veil
- John C. Liley, Jr.....E. Grand Master 1st Veil
- \* Jay N. Mitchell.....E. Grand Chaplain
- \* Jason L. Mair.....Excellent Grand Lecturer
- \* Reed B. Fanning.....E. Grand Sentinel

**GRAND CHAPTER COMMITTEES 2016-17**

\*Denotes Chairman

**4 Corners Royal Arch Festival**

T.J. Robertson\*  
John McCurdy  
Lawrence R. Rodriguez

**General Grand Bronze Metal**

Brian J. Hasting  
John C. Liley, Jr  
Douglas J. Backes

**Royal Arch Reaffirmation Day**

Jay N. Mitchell\*  
Constituent Chaplains

**Royal Arch Research Assistance**

Reed Fanning\*  
Constituent High Priests and  
Recorders

**PAST GRAND HIGH PRIESTS**

Kenneth Neuschwander*	1970	B. Carl Lairson	2007
Charles Prisk	1985	Michael D. Shipler*	2008
Richard H. Simons	1987	Michael L. Busby*	2009
Blaine H. Simons	1994	William Butterfield	2010
Moffet E Felkner	1995	Charles Sipes*	2011
William J. Westbrook	1999	Brian J. Hastings*	2012
John L. Elwell Jr	2001	Marion T McWilliams	2013
Norman A. Smith	2004	P “Marty” Martineau*	2014
Kelly A. Hansel	2005	Dean D. Rein*	2015
Loren H. Rausher	2006	Jason C. Varner*	2016

\*denotes in attendance

\*\*denotes excused

**CHAPTER DAIS OFFICERS**

2016-2017

<b>Utah #1</b>				<b>Provo #4</b>		
High Priest	Monte K. Andersen	X		High Priest	Daniel Drew	X
King	Jason L. Mair	X		King	Chris Kingsley	A*
Scribe	Charles Persinger	X		Scribe	Scott Lamb	A*
<b>Ogden #2</b>				<b>Price #6</b>		
High Priest	Ben Johnson	A*		High Priest	David R. Brewer	A*
King	Jean-Marie Pijuan	A*		King	Bradley S. Shaw	A*
Scribe	Jim Lee	A		Scribe	Elvin D. Anderson	A*
<b>Ontario #3</b>				<b>St. George #10</b>		
High Priest	W. Paul Albertson	A*		High Priest	Ed Nelson	X
King	Jay N. Mitchell	X		King	Charles I. Young	A*
Scribe	Joseph Mann	X		Scribe	Christopher Young	A*

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

**VISITING DIGNITARIES – 2017**

Mark S. Young PGHP,

representing James Sturdevant M.E. Grand High Priest, Wyoming

Kim M. Bowman, Sr,

representing Jeff Bolstad M.E. Grand High Priest, Montana

Gary LaBruyerer, M.E. Grand High Priest, Idaho

Kent M McCandless, R.E. Grand Scribe, Idaho

Peter M. Dumont, PGHP,

representing Alfred C. Ulibarri, M.E. Grand High Priest, Colorado

Jeff Orton, M.E. Grand High Priest, Arizona

Kenneth Morris, PGHP, Nevada

Sid Leluan, PGHP, Arizona, 2009

William A Gerard, PGHP, Arizona

Ten Bendure, Deputy General Grand High Priest South West region

representing Louis E Bertrand, General Grand High Priest

Robert M. Wolfarth, M.W. Grand Master, Utah

## OFFICERS REPORTS

### REPORT OF THE MOST EXCELLENT GRAND HIGH PRIEST

Good morning and welcome to the 106th Annual Convocation of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Utah. I would like to thank you all for coming. Over the last year it has been a pleasure to serve as your Grand High Priest. The companions within this jurisdiction have been kind and hospitable throughout the year. There have been no issues which have caused me to act in my official capacity where the outcome was contrary to the request made by the chapter who requested it, nor did I have to settle any disputes between companions within this jurisdiction. I wish to thank you all for the professional and brotherly manner with which you conducted yourselves during this year.

#### *Bylaws Changes:*

During the course of the 2016-2017 I authorized two changes to the ByLaws of Price Chapter. The first of which would allow them to hold their elections in conjunction with the Solomon Council No.4 and Charles Fred Jennings Commandery No.6. The second was an authorization of a dues increase.

#### *Dispensations:*

During the course of the 2016-2017 term I granted and issued five dispensations they are listed below:

Provo Chapter 4 Dated May 20th: As per their request a dispensation was granted to open the Chapter at 7 pm rather than the stated time of 7:30 at their June 17th 2016 Stated Meeting for the purposes of conferring the Past Master and Most Excellent Master Degree and ensuring the companions return home at a reasonable hour. Due and timely notice was given to notify the members of this change. This dispensation though granted went unused.

Utah Chapter 1 Dated June 2nd: As per their request, a dispensation was granted to change the date of the Regularly Scheduled Meeting of Utah Chapter No.1 located in Salt Lake City, Utah from Tuesday 28 June to Tuesday 11 June in order to accommodate the personal calendars of the candidates for progression in the York Rite degrees, Notice was given to notify the members and the candidates of this change. This dispensation was granted due to building closing for the summer on June 15th.

Ontario Chapter 3 Dated August 29th: As per their request a dispensation was granted to change the Midvale Park City 21 September meeting date to

28 September in order to accommodate the meeting change of the Social Order of Beauceant. Notice was given to notify the members in a due and timely manner of this change

St George Chapter 10 Dated September 16th As per their request, a dispensation was granted to change the St. George York Rite Chapter/Council October meeting date to 8 October in order to accommodate the participation and attendance of their Companions at the Annual 4 Corners Festival scheduled for Saturday, 1 October 2016 in Price, UT. Notice was given to notify the members in a timely manner of this change.

St. George Chapter 10 Dated January 30th As per their request, a dispensation was granted to change Golgotha Chapter February stated meeting date to 11 February in order to avoid the conflict with companions attending the Grand Lodge of Utah Annual Communication 2 - 4 February. Notice was given to notify the members in a timely manner of this change.

***Special Convocations:***

The Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Utah was declared open on September 27th at the Salt Lake Masonic Temple for the purpose of installing Excellent Companion John C Liley, Jr into the office of the Grand Master of the First Veil. The Grand Chapter was declared closed after the installation had taken place. The Grand Chapter was also declared opened and closed on October 1st for the purpose of holding the Four Corners Royal Arch Festival.

***Travel:***

I have been fortunate enough to represent the Royal Arch Companions of Utah all over the english speaking world. Everywhere I traveled I was treated with great respect and genuine hospitality that comes from being associated with the Capitular Masons of Utah. I traveled as far West as Vancouver British Columbia to attend the York Rite College of North America Annual Session. To the East I represented you at the Supreme Grand Chapter of England and Wales. On this journey I was accompanied by Right Excellent Companion Glen Cook. To the South I travelled to Houston Texas to attend the Annual Session of Convent General KYCH. To the North you were represented at the Supreme Grand Chapter of Ireland held in the city of Dublin. I was accompanied on this journey by one of Utah's newest Companions Steven Angell.

I was also able to make the annual sessions of Colorado, Arizona, Nevada, and Idaho. I also represented you at several other Masonic events and bodies throughout the state and the country. Including the Order of the Eastern Star, Job's Daughters, Commemorative Order of St Thomas of Acon, Masonic Order of Athelstan, The Operatives, The Imperial Sessions of Shriners International, The North West York Rite Conference, and Masonic Week. This Grand Chapter was represented by Lawrence Rodriguez at the Grand Session of New Mexico, by T.J. Robertson at the Grand Sessions of California, by Kim Bowman Sr. at the Grand Sessions of Montana and by Reed Fanning at the reception of the Grand Master of Washington by the York Rite Bodies of Washington. A complete list of my Masonic travels over the course of this term are attached. It is accurate as best as my memory will allow.

I attended two very special events this year. The first was the 100th anniversary of Price Chapter No.6 and the second was the Four Corners Royal Arch Festival, both of these events will always hold special meaning for me as they were held in my home town and hosted by my Mother Chapter. A special thank you goes out to the members of Price Chapter No. 6 for making these events so memorable.

I would like to thank Right Excellent Grand King Companion T.J. Robertson who most likely spent more time as acting Grand High Priest than any other companion in the history of this Grand Chapter while I travelled outside of the jurisdiction, It was a great sense of relief knowing that this Grand Chapter was in the capable hands of my longtime friend and brother. Without him my travels would not had been possible.

***Visitations:***

I was able to make official visitations to all but one of the chapters in this jurisdiction. My apologies to the companions of Ogden Chapter No.2. I tried very hard to make this official visitation happen however the largest snowstorm in a decade at SeaTac airport had different ideas. I was however able to make a few of their meetings as well as their installation of officers.

A listing of my official visitations along with their dates are as follows:  
Salt Lake City Sept 27th,  
Midvale October 26th,  
Provo Feb 16th,



St George March 4,  
Price April 5.

***Awards:***

I had the pleasure of presenting three Keystone Awards this year. Congratulations to Companions Edward Nelson, James Robertson and Reed Fanning. It is through the continued efforts and service to Capitular Masonry by companions such as these that the York Rite is still alive in Utah Masonry. A Bronze Medal award was also authorized. The details are contained within the Bronze Medal committee report.

***Recommendations:***

As I leave this office I wish to make some recommendations to the Royal Arch Masons of Utah.

Firstly we need to learn to communicate better. First that we continue to support the Four Corners Royal Arch Festival. I will admit that in the past I have not been a fan. However when this event is done to the high standard that I experienced this year it can be a great time and a wonderful experience for all involved.

As I visited the various chapters this year there were times when the requisite number to open was not available. On other occasions it was only due to me stopping in that evening that the requisite number was met. This has to stop. Chapters within this state have to give their members a reason to come and they need to communicate to them on several different platforms when they are meeting and what they will be doing that evening. It costs nothing to make a phone call, send an email and post an event on Facebook and I highly recommend you use all three. If a companion has not been seen for a month or two please give him a call. Even Solomon sent out a search party after a day.

If your chapter is struggling pick a direction to go and stick with it. If you as a group decide that your chapter is going to focus on ritual then meet and practice often. If your chapter is going to focus on education then make sure that every meeting an education of value and interest is presented bring in members from other chapters or even the public to present a lecture or better yet buy and adopt the capitular development course and study it as a group. The direction can even be as simple as food. Ensure that an excellent meal is provide before or after each meeting

making it a special time for fellowship and relaxation for the members of your chapter. The focus of your chapter isn't really important the fact that you as group have chosen one and have decided to do it well is what is important. Regardless of what you choose you will attract the attention of like-minded companions and have a better turnout.

We also need to be better at attending the Royal Arch Reaffirmation day in October. This day is meant to be set aside to recommit ourselves to Royal Arch Masonry, a day to come together with our companions and celebrate the experiences we get to have as Royal Arch Masons. As the reports came in from around the state I was very disappointed in our performance. Invite the brethren from your lodge to come along. Host a brunch at your temple that day. Invite the members of the congregation you visit back to that brunch and converse with the people in your community.

I personally feel that as Capitular and York Rite Masons we need to become a larger presence in all aspects of masonry with which we are involved. We need to take on mentorships roles for the younger member of our fraternity.. In this time when so many men come to us from broken homes and are looking for positive masculine role models we need to ensure that they are exposed to men of character and worth. Men that exemplify the tenets we espouse in this Rite. Always respecting their views and opinions. Remember their views are not invalid they are just different and come from the a perspective of the life they have lived thus far. Continue to remember that they have not yet had the opportunities and experiences we have. It is our responsibility to ensure they have a positive experience that will make them better men and productive members of our society. I am certain that this investment in our brethren will make them desirous of joining our ranks and learning what sets us apart as York Rite Masons.

I would like to thank the Royal Arch Masons of Utah for affording me this opportunity to serve you. Special thanks to my friend, personal assistant, and chauffeur Companion Reed Fanning thank you for all the miles and the laughs. To the best secretary and friend a man can have Chuck Warren who has always been helpful even to the point of being blunt. I want to thank the Robertson family for all their support and help this year they have made this amazingly easy for me and I am truly grateful. To the members of my various lodges, chapters and other masonic bodies I belong

to, thank you for all your understanding and support while I have been running around the world in a red coat.

Fraternally submitted,  
Jason C Varner  
Most Excellent Grand High Priest  
R.A.M. of Utah

***Travel Calendar Of The Grand High Priest***

Meeting Date Place  
Provo Chapter 4 5/19/2016 Provo Utah  
KYCH 5/21/2016 SLC Utah  
Operatives 5/21/2016 SLC Utah  
Utah Chapter 1 5/24/2016 SLC Utah  
Ontario Chapter 3 5/25/2016 Midvale Utah  
St Thomas of Acon 5/28/2016 Boise ID  
Price Chapter 6 6/1/2016 Price Utah  
Wasatch Lodge 1 6/3/2016 SLC Utah  
Ogden Chapter 2 6/6/2016 Ogden, UT  
AASR 6/9/2016 SLC Utah  
Utah Chapter 1 6/11/2016 SLC Utah  
Nevada York Rite 6/12/2016 Las Vegas NV  
Nevada York Rite 6/13/2016 Las Vegas NV  
Nevada York Rite 6/14/2016 Las Vegas NV  
El Kalah Shrine 6/15/2016 SLC Utah  
Provo Chapter 4 6/16/2016 Provo Utah  
Price Chapter 6 6/18/2016 Price Utah 100 year celebration  
JDI Formal opening 6/23/2016 Provo Utah  
SRICF 6/24/2016 SLC Utah  
Shrine Imperial Session 7/3/2016 Tampa Florida  
Shrine Imperial Session 7/4/2016 Tampa Florida  
Shrine Imperial Session 7/5/2016 Tampa Florida  
Shrine Imperial Session 7/6/2016 Tampa Florida  
Shrine Imperial Session 7/7/2016 Tampa Florida  
Salish Court 96 Athelstan 07/29/2016 Seattle WA  
YRSCNA 07/30/2016 Vancouver BC  
Lodge Alba 08/06/2016 Seattle WA  
Arizona York Rite 08/11/2016 Mesa AZ  
Arizona York Rite 08/12/2016 Mesa AZ  
Arizona York Rite 08/13/2016 Mesa AZ  
KYCH 8/25 Houston, TX  
KYCH 8/26/2016 Houston, TX  
KYCH 8/27/2016 Houston, TX

## Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons

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St Thomas of Acon 09/03/2016 Twin Falls ID  
Colorado York Rite 09/08/2016 Denver CO  
Colorado York Rite 09/09/2016 Denver CO  
Colorado York Rite 09/10/2016 Denver CO  
SRICF 09/17/2016 SLC Utah  
Supreme Grand Chapter 9/21/2016 Dublin, Ireland  
Utah Chapter 1 9/27/2016 SLC Utah OV  
Ontario Chapter 3 9/28/2016 Midvale Utah  
Four Corners RA Festival 10/1/2016 Price Utah  
O.E.S. Public Opening 10/12/2016 SLC Utah  
North West York Rite 10/13 Boise ID  
North West York Rite 10/14/2016 Boise ID  
North West York Rite 10/15/2016 Boise ID  
Allied Masonic Degrees 10/20/2016 SLC Utah  
Wasatch Lodge 1 10/22/2016 SLC Utah 150th Bday  
Price Chapter 6 10/23/2016 Price Utah reaffirmation day  
Utah Chapter 1 10/25/2016 SLC Utah  
Ontario Chapter 3 10/26/2016 Midvale Utah OV  
SRICF 10/28/2016 SLC Utah  
SRICF 11/3/2016 Louisville KY  
SRICF 11/4/2016 Louisville KY  
SRICF 11/6/2016 Louisville KY  
Supreme Grand Chapter 11/9/2016 London, UK  
SRICF 11/11/2016 SLC Utah  
El Kalah Shrine 11/16/2016 SLC Utah  
AASR 11/17/2016 SLC Utah reunion  
AASR 11/18/2016 SLC Utah reunion  
AASR 11/19/2016 SLC Utah reunion  
YRSCNA 11/30/2016 SLC Utah Stated  
Midvale York Rite 12/3/2016 Midvale Utah Installation  
Ogden York Rite 12/5/2016 Ogden, UT Installation  
AASR 12/8/2016 SLC Utah  
Wasatch Lodge 12/9/2016 SLC Utah Installation  
KYCH 12/10/2016 SLC Utah Annual Meeting  
Salish Court 96 Athelstan 12/19/2016 Seattle WA Stated  
Utah Chapter 1 12/27/2016 SLC Utah Annual Meeting  
El Kalah Shrine 1/8/2017 SLC Utah Memorial Service  
AASR 1/12/2017 SLC Utah  
EL Kalah Shrine 1/13/2017 SLC Utah Installation  
El Kalah Shrine 1/18/2017 SLC Utah Stated  
Allied Masonic Degrees 1/19/2017 SLC Utah Stated  
Red Cross of Constantine 1/21/2017 SLC Utah Annual Meeting  
Utah Chapter 1 1/24/2017 SLC Utah Stated

## Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons

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Ontario Chapter 1/25/2017 Midvale Utah  
Keystone Mark Lodge 1/25/2017 Midvale Utah Stated  
Grand Masters Banquet 2/2/2017 SLC Utah  
Lodge Alba 2/4/2017 Seattle WA Stated  
All Masonic Week 2/9/2017 Washington DC  
All Masonic Week 2/10/2017 Washington DC  
All Masonic Week 2/11/2017 Washington DC  
All Masonic Week 2/12/2017 Washington DC  
El Kalah Shrine 2/15/2017 SLC Utah Stated  
Provo Chapter 4 2/16/2017 Provo Utah OV  
SRICF 2/17/2017 SLC  
Idaho Priory 13 KYCH 2/18/2017 Boise ID  
St Thomas of Acon 2/18/2017 Boise ID  
Utah Chapter 2/28/2017 SLC Utah  
St George Chapter 3/3/2017 St George UT  
Ontario Chapter 3/11/2017 Midvale UT  
Camp Floyd YRSC 3/17/2017 Midvale UT  
SRICF 3/17/2017 SLC Utah  
Keystone Mark Lodge 3/23/2017 SLC Utah  
Utah Chapter 1 3/28/2017 SLC Utah  
Salish Court 96 Athelstan 3/31/2017 Seattle WA  
Price Chapter 6 4/5/2017 Price Utah OV  
Western States Easter 4/15/2017 SLC Utah Banquet  
Western States Easter 4/16/2017 SLC Utah Easter Service  
Idaho Grand York Rite 4/20/2017 Boise ID Annual Sessions  
Idaho Grand York Rite 4/21/2017 Boise ID Annual Sessions  
Idaho Grand York Rite 4/22/2017 Boise ID Annual Sessions  
Price Chapter 6 5/3/2017 Price Utah

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

Companions, it was my pleasure to serve you this year as The Right Excellent Grand King for the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Utah. I wish to thank the companions of Utah for your support over the past year. Royal Arch Masonry is the foundation of the York Rite and I do love the ritual and teachings it provides us.

It was my pleasure to serve as Grand King with my lifelong friend, Most Excellent Companion Jason Varner. I was able to travel a bit with him in the office of Grand King, but I was also busy this year in other capacities within the Grand York Rite of Utah. I was able to represent Utah and The Most Excellent Grand High Priest at the annual convocation of California Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, where I was afforded great

hospitality from all. The Nevada Grand York Rite Sessions were attended by myself and Most Excellent Companion Varner.

It was also my honor to serve as the committee chairman for the 52<sup>nd</sup> Annual 4-Corners Royal Arch Festival, hosted by Utah this past year. As many of you know this event draws Companions from Arizona, New Mexico, Colorado and Utah as well as other Western States. We had a great event, and I hope the Grand Chapter of Utah as well as the Grand Chapters of the other participating states will continue to support this endeavor.

I enjoyed my travel with the Grand Chapter of Utah, and I look forward to spending many years serving you, The Royal Arch Masons of Utah.

Thank You,  
TJ Robertson  
Right Excellent Grand King  
The Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Utah

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

When I started this year I had planned on visiting each of the Chapters at least twice during this year. During this year I visited the following states for their Grand Sessions:

Utah 12-14 May

California 21 - 25 May

Nevada 1 2-1 4 June

Arizona 1 1 - 13 August

New Mexico 1 3 -- 1 6 April 201 6

In some instants I represented the Grand High Priest.

Other Activities included:

Western Easter Observance in Salt Lake City 1 3 -1 6 Apr 2017

Red Cross of Constantine in Albuquerque, New Mexico 9 July 2016

The York Rite Sovereign College of North America in Vancouver, Canada 28 - 30 July

Vista, CA to see my son receive the Mason of the Year award. 10 Sept 2016

Red Cross of Constantine in Santa Ynez, Ca 18 Sept 2016

S/W York Rite Department Conference in Las Vegas 25-30 Oct 201 6

Four Corners Festival in Price UTI 1 0 Oct 201 6 The Price Chapter did an outstanding job of opening the Royal Arch..

Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons

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Colorado River Fall Festival 16 - 18 Oct 2016

Officers Installation of the St. Albans York Rite College #130 23 April 2016

Hiram Award Presentation Hesperian Lodge 264 24 May 2017

Easter Observance in Salt Lake City 13 - 16 April 2017

**Recommendations:**

At this time the only recommendations I have are:

Start sooner that I might visit each of the Chapters two or more times during the year. But because of the different schedules each Chapter has it makes it hard to schedule each one

**Summary:**

If I am again elected for Office I will attempt to visit each of the Chapters at least twice during the year.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Lawrence Rodriguez  
Grand Scribe  
Grand Royal Arch Masons  
Grand York Rite of Utah

**2017 REPORT OF RETURNS - RAM**

	<b>Mark Master</b>				
	<b>RAM</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>Per capita (\$7)</b>	<b>Fees (\$2.50)</b>	<b>Total</b>
SLC	Keystone #0				
Ogden	Ch. #2	42	294.00	2.50	296.50
SLC	Ch. #1	121	847.00	22.50	869.50
Midvale	Ch. #3	47	329.00		329.00
Provo	Ch. #4	20	140.00	10.00	150.00
Price	Ch. #6	44	308.00	5.00	313.00
St. Geo.	Ch. #10	24	168.00		168.00
<b>Totals</b>		<b>298</b>	<b>\$2,086.00</b>	<b>\$40.00</b>	<b>\$2,126.00</b>

**STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY**

April 1, 2016 to March 31, 2017

	MM #0	Totals	Utah #1	Ogden #2	Ontario #3	Provo #4	Price #6	Golgotha #10
as of 03/31/16	50	292	112	45	47	21	44	23
Exalted	2	16	9	1	0	4	2	0
Omitted		2	1	0	0	0	0	0
Affiliated		4	0	1	0	0	0	3
Restored		1	0	0	0	0	1	0
Total gain	2	21	10	2	0	4	3	3
Error		0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Deceased		8	1	4	0	0	2	1
Demitted		9	5	1	0	1	1	1
Suspended	2	6	1	1	0	4	0	0
Total Loss	2	23	7	6	0	5	3	2
as of 03/31/17	50	292	115	42	47	20	44	24
Net Gain (Loss)		0	3	-3	0	-1	0	1

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

**4 CORNERS ROYAL ARCH FESTIVAL**

The 52<sup>nd</sup> annual, 4-Corners Royal Arch Festival was hosted by The Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Utah, and Price Chapter Number 6, Royal Arch Masons of Utah. The festival was held in Price, on October 1, 2016 at the Carbon Masonic Temple.

The Excellent High Priest of Price Chapter Number 6 opened the convocation in form with the following officers taking their places:

Excellent High Priest – John McCurdy

King – Charles E. Warren Sr.

Scribe – Dan Lyons

Captain of the Host – Jim Robertson

Principal Sojourner – Richard Justesen



## Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons

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Royal Arch Captain – David Brewer

Master of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Veil – Jason Varner, Most Excellent High Priest of Utah

Master of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Veil – Jeffrey A. Smith

Master of the 1<sup>st</sup> Veil – Howard Hastings

Sentinel – Joe Radloff

Excellent High Priest John McCurdy welcomed all to this momentous occasion. He then handed the gavel to the Most Excellent High Priests of the 4- Corners States, Most Excellent Companion Jason Varner – Utah, Most Excellent Companion Alfred C. Uliberri – Colorado, Most Excellent Companion Jeffrey Horton – Arizona, Most Excellent Companion Fred Kellogg – New Mexico.

4 candidates for the capitular degrees were presented. 3 candidates from Utah, and 1 from Colorado. The Festival Degrees kicked off with the Mark Master Degree being conferred by the Arizona Delegation, The Past Master Degree was conferred by the New Mexico Delegation, The Most Excellent Master Degree was conferred by the Colorado Delegation, and the apex of the Capitular Degrees, The Royal Arch Degree was conferred by the Utah Delegation. All the work was done in fine form and there was a great impression made on the candidates.

Lunch was prepared for over 70 Companions and their Ladies by Lady Jen Robertson who was assisted by Merrill Lee (Warren) Lady of Companion Chuck Warren. Lady Debbie Marvadakis, the wife of one of the candidates, assisted in escorting the ladies of the several jurisdictions to tours of the Eastern Utah Prehistoric Museum and the Helper Western Mining and Railroad Museum. A special thank you to the Colorado Companions for the use of the tour bus to transport the ladies to the events and back to the hotel. The host hotel for the festival was The Ramada Inn of Price. A banquet was held at the Ramada on Saturday evening, where great food and companionship was had by all.

The proceeds of the lunch and banquet in the amount of \$550.00 were donated to The Royal Arch Research Assistance.

Special Thanks for Companion Jim Robertson, Secretary of Price Chapter No. 6 for setting up and taking the registration.

It is your committee's recommendation that the 4-Corners Royal Arch Festival continue to be supported by The Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Utah, and Utah continue to be the host for this every 4<sup>th</sup> year.

Thank You for the opportunity to serve the Grand Chapter of Utah, as well as The Grand Chapters of Arizona, New Mexico, and Colorado.

Companions,

TJ Robertson, Right Excellent Grand King

Lawrence "Gunny" Rodriguez, Right Excellent Grand Scribe

John McCurdy PHP, Excellent High Priest – Price Chapter #6

### **BRONZE MEDAL AWARD**

Your Committee for the Bronze Medal Award, reports the selection and recommendation based on the response from the Constituent bodies. The Committee requested timely submission of nominations in the approved format, as has been done in the past. Upon reviewing those nominations submitted to the Committee, it is the recommendation that Christopher Charles Young be awarded the Bronze Medal Award for his continued service above and beyond the typical call of duty to the fraternity. Companion Young constantly looks for ways to improve the attendance of the regular meetings, and increase the donations made to Royal Arch Research Assistance. As High Priest of St. George Chapter #10, Companion Young implemented a coin jar program that has continued years after his term of office. These coin jars that were handed out to the Companions make it possible to substantially increase the donations made every year to Royal Arch Research Assistance than would otherwise be possible. We, your committee for the Bronze Medal Award are pleased and honored to put forth the name of Christopher Charles Young to receive the Award and be recognized for his achievements.

Fraternally submitted,

Brian J. Hastings - KYGCH Chairman

John C. Liley, Jr. - KYGCH

Douglas J. Backes - KYCH

**CREDENTIALS REPORT ROYAL ARCH SESSIONS**

Date May 13, 2017

Past Grand Elected Officers.....7  
Constituent Delegates (current Excellent HP, KING, SCRIBE)  
including proxies.....17  
Past High Priests..... 30  
  
TOTAL (including proxies).....54

**JURISPRUDENCE**

Report on the Representation and Activities of Jason C. Varner, Most Excellent Grand High Priest of R.A.M. of Utah.

Having read and witnessed the activities of our Most Excellent Grand High Priest this committee agrees:

The By-Law changes to be appropriate as were the Dispensations granted being justified and prudent.

Our Grand High Priest’s representations and visitations fairly display Utah’s interest, commitment, support of Royal Arch Masonry not only to the Jurisdictions of Utah but the nation and a goodly portion of our world.

It is with gratitude and thanks that I submit the report and say “Most Excellent work, Most Excellent Grand High Priest.”

Respectfully Submitted,  
William a. Butterfield

**LEGISLATION**

No legislation was presented this session.

**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.”

I visited five Constituent RAM Chapters and gave a presentation to each explaining Reaffirmation Day and requested the Chapters, wearing their red coats if possible, to attend the religious service of their choice on Reaffirmation Sunday which was October 23rd 2016. The reports that I did receive indicated that Ontario Chapter No. 3 was represented at All Saints Episcopal Church in Salt Lake City and Price Chapter No.6 RAM held their Reaffirmation Day in Price, UT.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jay N. Mitchell, Grand Chaplain

### **ROYAL ARCH RESEARCH ASSISTANCE**

Since the last Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Utah, a total amount of \$2970.83 was donated to the RARA. Thank you to Keystone Mark Masters Lodge No.00 and the Masonic Foundation of Utah who each donated \$1000.00 and the St George York Rite Bodies who donated \$350.83.

I designed a Mark Lodge tie, and with funding from Keystone Mark Masters Lodge No.00 we were able to buy a limited run of 50 ties. Over the course of the last year, I was able to sell 31 ties in my Masonic travels this year which translated into another \$620.00 in funding to RARA.

Fraternally Submitted,  
Reed B Fanning  
RARA Chairman

## **OTHER REPORTS**

### **ANNOINTED HIGH PRIESTS**

Most Excellent President Dean D. Rein opened the annual meeting on May 12, 2016. He directed the names of the eligible candidates be read:

Timothy Clark Fellows #2

Timothy Lee Stenners #2

Benjamin Logan Young #1

The candidates were inducted in due form.

The minutes were read and business and annual meeting was conducted.

Three companions died during the year:

Delbert F. Hanson 01/12/2016

Donald D. Jones 03/23/2016

Owen C. Orton 03/23/2016

A moment of silence was held for our deceased companions.

The year concluded with 68 companions in Membership.

The following Officers were elected and installed into office:

M.E.P. - James L. Sweet

Vice President - James A. Robertson

Chaplain - Jason Varner

Recorder – Lawrence R. Rodriguez

Master of Ceremonies - Charles E. Warren

Conductor - T. J. Robertson

Herald - Mike Slaughter

Steward - Reed B. Fanning

Sentinel -

The meeting was closed at 10:55 a.m.

The next annual meeting would be held Thursday, May 11th 2017 at 9:00 a.m.

### **KEYSTONE MARK MASTER LODGE**

Keystone Mark Master Mason Lodge has continued to have success. In the period of May 2016 through April 2017, Keystone had four quarterly meetings in June, September, January and March. As we are a traveling Lodge, two meetings were held in Salt Lake City and two were held in Midvale. Keystone held its elections in September and the following

officers were elected: Marty Martineau, Right Worshipful Master; Glen Cook, Senior Warden; Jason Mair, Junior Warden; Jason Varner, Treasurer; and Douglas Backes PRWM, Secretary. RWM Marty Martineau replaced PRWM Gavin Wardrope who served from September 2014 to September 2015. Currently, our membership stands at 50 brothers with two suspensions and two new members.

Respectively submitted  
Doug J. Backes. KYCH  
Secretary

**REPRESENTATIVE TO THE GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL  
ARCH MASONS OF ITALY**

As the representative to the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons 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 Mason in Utah to the 53rd York Rite Grand Assembly in Rimini Italy. This usually takes place during the first Part of May.

Sincerely and Fraternally

*R. E. Companion*

***Gianluca Mosca***

*Deputy Grand Secretary*

*for relations with Grand Chapters of the York Rite*

*Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Italy*

I responded by sending invitations and details for the Western State Easter Observance and also our Grand York Rite Sessions.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Jay N Mitchell, Grand Prelate





**88<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL  
ASSEMBLY  
GRAND COUNCIL  
CRYPTIC MASONS  
OF UTAH**

**Saturday, May 13, 2017**

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





## **GRAND COUNCIL**

### **GRAND COUNCIL MINUTES**

May 13, 2017

Embassy Suites Hotel, Salt Lake City, UT

The Assembly was declared open by Most Illustrious Grand Master T.J. Robertson.

Roll Call of Grand Council Officers, Past Grand Masters and Dias Officers was conducted.

Visiting dignitaries and Past Illustrious Grand Masters were introduced and welcomed by M.I. Grand Master Robertson.

Grand Secretary remarked on issues with the Grand Representatives to other jurisdictions. Has been a challenge to keep and maintain data on the various representatives. Many jurisdictions have stopped participating in the Grand Representative program or are not responding to our communications. However, many still participate and there is need for some of the representative positions to be filled. Asked for members interested in being a Grand Representative to send your information to the Grand Secretary for processing.

The following reports were presented:

- Cryptic Masons Medical Research Foundation
- Credentials
- Illustrious Grand Master Report

Remarks were given by the following visitors:

- William Gerard
- William Price
- Kim M. Bowman
- Thomas C. Harmon

Two members were inducted as companions of the Secret Vault.

Elections were held with the following results:

Jason C. Varner, Illustrious Grand Master

Douglas J. Backes, Illustrious Deputy Grand Master

Robert M Bennett, Grand Principal Conductor of the Work

Motion made to suspend rules to allow election of Recorder and Treasurer by acclamation. Motion approved.

Motion made to elect the Glen A Cook as Treasurer and Charles E. Warren, Sr as Recorder. Motion approved.

Illustrious Grand Master elect announced the following appointments:

P. Marty Martineau, I. Grand Captain of Guard

Jeffrey Hamilton, I. Grand Conductor of Council

Reed B. Fanning, I. Grand Senior Steward

Jay N. Mitchell, I. Grand Junior Steward

Lawrence “Gunny” Rodriguez, I. Grand Marshal

Monte Andersen, I. Grand Lecturer

David Brewer, I. Grand Chaplain

Edward Nelson, I. Grand Sentinel

Sid Leluan delivered remarks from General Grand Council.

Motion was made for the Utah Grand Council support Sid Leluan in his candidacy for MP General Grand Master of General Grand Council. Motion approved.

Elected and appointed officers were installed.

Grand Council closed by M.I. Grand Master Jason C. Varner.

**GRAND COUNCIL CRYPTIC MASONS UTAH OFFICERS**

**2016 – 2017**

\*In Attendance

- \* T.J. Robertson.....M. I. Grand Master
- \* Jason C. Varner.....R. I. Deputy Grand Master
- \* Douglas J. Backes.....R. I. Grand Principal Conductor of Work
- \* Glen A. Cook.....R.I. Grand Treasurer
- \* Charles E. Warren, Sr.....R. I. Grand Recorder
- \* Robert M. Bennett.....I. Grand Captain of Guard
- \* P. Marty Martineau.....I. Grand Conductor of Council
- \* Jeffery E. Hamilton.....I. Grand Senior Steward
- \* Reed B. Fanning.....I. Grand Junior Steward
- \* Jay N. Mitchell.....I. Grand Marshal
- \* Lawrence R. Rodriguez.....I. Grand Lecturer
- \* Monte K. Andersen.....I. Grand Chaplain
- \* Edward G. Nelson.....I. Grand Sentinel

**GRAND COUNCIL COMMITTEES**

2016-2017

\* Denotes Chairman

**Cryptic Mason of Year**

Not Assigned

**Youth Award**

**Committee**

Not Assigned

**Cryptic Mason**

**Medical Research**

Jay N. Mitchell\*

Michael D. Shipler

**PAST GRAND ILLUSTRIOUS MASTERS**

\*Denotes in attendance

Kenneth Neuschwander*	1973	Kelly A. Hansel	2006
Charles Prisk	1982	Loren H. Rausher	2007
Charles H. Smith	1988	B. Carl Lairson	2008
Blaine H. Simons	1989	William A. Butterfield	2009
Richard H. Simons	1992	Michael Busby*	2010
William J Westbrook	1998	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		

**COUNCIL DAIS OFFICERS**

<b>Utah #1</b>			
	Illustrious Master	Monte K. Andersen	X
	Deputy Master	Jason L. Mair	X
	Prin Cond of Work	Charles Persinger	X
<b>Ogden #3</b>			
	Illustrious Master	Jean-Marie Pijuan	A*
	Deputy Master	Tim Stenner	X
	Prin Cond of Work	Benjamin Johnson	A*
<b>Daley #5</b>			
	Illustrious Master	Dennis Hauze	A*
	Deputy Master	Treavor Wilkinson	A*
	Prin Cond of Work	Joe Mann	X
<b>Provo #2</b>			
	Illustrious Master	Craig Call	A*
	Deputy Master	Daniel Drew	X
	Prin Cond of Work	Chris Kingsley	A*
<b>Solomon #4</b>			
	Illustrious Master	Elvin D. Anderson	A*
	Deputy Master	David R. Brewer	A*
	Prin Cond of Work	Daniel G. Lyons	A*
<b>Zion #7</b>			
	Illustrious Master	Lawrence R. Rodriguez	X
	Deputy Master	Dean D. Rein	X
	Prin Cond of Work	Charles I Young	A*

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

**VISITING DIGNITARIES**

Kim M. Bowman, Sr, I Captain of the Guard  
 representing M.I. Grand Master John O. Baber. Montana  
 Thomas C. Harmon, Deputy Grand Master  
 representing M.I. Grand Master Donald L. York, Wyoming  
 William A. Gerard, M..I Grand Master, Arizona  
 William E. Price, M.I. Grand Master, California  
 Sid Leluan III, R.P. Deputy Grand Master of the General Grand Council of  
 Cryptic Masons International

## **OFFICER REPORTS**

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

Companions, it has been an honor and a privilege to serve you for the past year as *your* Illustrious Grand Master. I am pleased to report that Cryptic Masonry is alive and well in the Grand Jurisdiction of Utah. All councils are doing good work, and passing candidates through the degrees of Cryptic Masons. I want to thank the Officers of The Grand Council of Utah, who served with me, as well as each of the Companions of Utah for your friendship and support. Your support and love of the Cryptic Orders, as well as the York Rite in general will ensure our continued success for many years.

### ***GENERAL ORDERS -***

General Orders were not issued this year. I left it up to the constituent councils of this jurisdiction to seek guidance if needed, but to run their own councils as they see fit, as long as they are operating under their By-Laws, rules and regulations, as well as the Grand Council Constitution and Laws pertaining to the constituent councils. This experiment has, I believe, benefited the councils in Utah, because they are at the helm, so to speak, and they are the ones that reap the benefits for guiding themselves.

### ***BY-LAWS -***

The By-Laws of the Councils of this Grand Jurisdiction need to be kept up-to date and available. This is a very important matter, and needs to be looked at by future Illustrious Grand Masters. A copy of the By-Laws needs to be in each of the member's hands. These are the rules of which each of us can do business. I would recommend to all the recorders of the various councils in Utah, to make sure each of their By-Laws are up to date, and accessible to all companions who hold membership in their council.

### ***BY-LAW CHANGES APPROVED -***

I approved the By-Law change of Solomon Council Number 4 in Price, to allow the Council to hold The Installation of Officers at any date and time, between the regular meeting in November and St. Johns Day in December.

### ***BY-LAW CHANGES DENIED -***

There were no By-Law Changes denied.

***GRAND REPRESENTATIVES –***

The Grand Representatives to other jurisdictions from Utah appointed over the past 12 months for The Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Utah were as follows; Companion Reed Fanning to the Grand Jurisdiction of Connecticut, and Most Illustrious Companion, Brian Hastings to the Grand Jurisdiction of Arizona.

***REPRESENTATION TO OTHER JURISDICTIONS ANNUAL ASSEMBLIES –***

I had the opportunities to represent The Cryptic Masons of Utah at several Jurisdictions within the United States. I attended the Grand Council Assemblies of California, and Nevada this past year, and was afforded great hospitality from each of these jurisdictions. The Grand Council of Utah was well represented throughout the Southwest Conference and others by Deputy Grand Master, Jason Varner. Right Illustrious Companion Varner attended the assemblies of Arizona, Nevada, Colorado, and Idaho, where he was the Representative of The Illustrious Grand Master at Arizona, Colorado and Idaho. I want to thank Jason for representing Utah in such a great manner.

Illustrious Companion Lawrence “Gunny” Rodriguez attended many other Grand Jurisdictions Assemblies as well, and represented The Illustrious Grand Master at the Grand Assembly of New Mexico.

***DISPENSATIONS APPROVED –***

- **Utah Council #1** – Dispensation to move the stated assembly from June 28, 2016 to June 11, 2016 to accommodate the personal calendars of the Candidates for the Degrees.
- **Daly Council #5** – Dispensation to move the stated assembly from September 21, 2016 to September 28, 2016 to accommodate the schedule for The Social Order of The Beauceant Supreme Sessions.
- **Zion Council #7** – Dispensation to move the stated assembly from October 1, 2016 to October 8, 2016 to avoid conflict with The 4-Corners Royal Arch Festival held in Price, Utah.
- **Zion Council #7** – Dispensation to move the stated assembly from February 4, 2017 to February 11, 2016 to avoid conflict with The Grand Lodge F.& A.M. of Utah, Annual Communication held in Salt Lake City, Utah.

- **Daly Council #5** – Dispensation to move the stated assembly from March 22, 2017 to March 11, 2016 in order to accommodate the visitation of The Supreme Worthy President, Social Order of The Beauceant.
- **Ogden Council #3** – Dispensation to open the stated assembly at 6:30 PM on May 1, 2017 in order to confer The Degree of Royal Master prior to the business of the council.

***DISPENSATIONS DENIED –***

There were no Dispensations presented that were denied.

***VISITATIONS OF CONSTITUENT COUNCILS –***

I was able to attend Official Visitations to Daly Council #5 in Midvale, Provo Council #2 in Provo, Zion Council #7 in St. George, and Solomon Council #4 in Price. I apologize scheduling conflicts prohibited my attendance in an official capacity to Ogden Council #3, and Utah Council #1. I regret not being able to spend the time with the Companions of these great Councils, but representatives of the Grand Council of Utah frequently attend these councils and report these councils are doing well.

***OTHER MASONIC VISITATIONS –***

I was able to attend many of the Utah Masonic families functions this year as a representative of The Grand Council of Utah. My Lady Jen and I attended the Jobs Daughters Rally held in Provo this year and were able to offer congratulations to the newly elected and appointed officers of Jobs Daughters of Utah. This is an event we really enjoy attending. Many other events were attended including the Grand Lodge of Utah Installation, where it was my privilege to offer the response from the Masonic Family of Utah.

***CRYPTIC MASONS MEDICAL RESEARCH FOUNDATION –***

I appointed Companion Jay Mitchell to head the fundraising campaign this past year for the Cryptic Masons Philanthropy, The Cryptic Masons Medical Research Foundation. I was very pleased with the work he did for this worthwhile endeavor. I will defer to his report for the specifics regarding the funds raised.



**AWARDS –**

It was my pleasure to present the Cryptic Mason of the Year Award to Companion Lawrence “Gunny” Rodriguez of Zion Council #7. Companion Gunny’s work with the Councils in Utah, as well as The Grand Council has not gone un-noticed. He supports us in any way he can, and is very deserving of this prestigious award.

The General Grand Council Youth Leader Award recipient is Dawn Marshall of Price, Utah. Dawn has been dedicated to serving Jobs Daughters Bethel Number 3 in Price. She makes sure the details are taken care of within the Bethel and travels with the Bethel to many of the various activities the daughters attend. Dawn is always there for the Bethel, and spends many hours in support of them. It is The Grand Council of Utah’s pleasure to present her with this award.

In the 2015-16 term, The Grand Council of Utah developed an award called the “Ish Sodi” award. Ish Sodi means select man. This award is intended for each of the constituent councils within Utah, to be able to recognize one of their own, for the service rendered to that council. This past year this prestigious award was presented to the following deserving companions; Jeff Hamilton from Provo Council #2, Lawrence “Gunny” Rodriguez from Zion Council #7, and Howard Hastings from Solomon Council #4. I congratulate each of these Companions on these well-deserved awards. I hope to see in the future each Council in Utah have an award recipient each year.

**RECOMMENDATIONS –**

I recommend the following for the Grand Council of Utah:

- The Grand Council of Utah, along with the Grand Chapter and the Grand Commandery schedule joint visitations with each of the Constituent Chapters, Councils and Commanderies. These visitations should include some type of leadership training with the officers and members of these bodies prior to a social event, such as a barbeque, lunch or dinner, and then jointly hold the visitation with the bodies.
- Continue to support the General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons International, and the philanthropy of The General Grand Council, The Cryptic Masons Medical Research Foundation, by each Council in Utah raising at least \$150.00 to go to this philanthropy.

- Support the General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons International by as many Companions that can, attend The Triennial Assembly held in Portland, Oregon August 23 – 29, 2017.
- Continue to support the Emerging Leaders Program held at the Regional Conference, by providing the Councils in Utah with the required information well in advance of the conference.
- All Grand Council Elected Officers attend the Southwest Regional Conference.
- Support each of the Councils in Utah with leadership training to make sure the Councils are able to maintain the leadership qualities needed to become an elected officer in the Council.
- Maintain a proficiency data-base detailing the various parts for each of the Degrees of the Council. This will aid the Councils in setting up their Degrees, and if need be, they will be able to contact the Companions to fill in the desired parts.
- The Grand Council of Utah, put on a conferring of The Royal and Select Master Degrees at least once during the term, to aid the Constituent Councils in getting their candidates through both of these degrees.
- Each Council in Utah to submit one name of a deserving Companion for the General Grand Council Award of Cryptic Mason of the Year
- Each Council to award one “Ish Sodi” award during the term.

These recommendations should be considered by the incoming Illustrious Grand Master, as well as the Grand Council of Utah Officers and Past Illustrious Grand Masters.

***IN MEMORIAM –***

The Grand Council of Utah lost a long-time member and supporter this past year with the passing of Most Illustrious Companion Harry Cohn, Past Illustrious Grand Master, who served this Grand Jurisdiction for the 2013 – 2014 year. Past Illustrious Grand Master Cohn laid his working tools to rest and reached the Grand Council above on November 8, 2016. He will be missed by all of the Companions of Utah.

***CONCLUSION –***

I wish to thank all of the Most Illustrious Grand Masters of Utah, who have attained this office before me. Those Most Illustrious Companions have

given the time to make the Grand Council what it is today. I especially want to Thank Past Illustrious Grand Masters, Most Illustrious Companions; Norman Smith who served in 2003 – 2004, William A. Butterfield who served in 2009 – 2010, Brian Hastings who served in 2011 – 2012, Charles Sipes who served in 2012 – 2013, and Dean Rein who served in 2014 – 2015. These recent Past Illustrious Grand Masters have given me guidance and directions through the years, and have been very supportive in my endeavors. Thank You Again.

I also want to thank our Grand Recorder, Illustrious Companion Charles (Chuck) E. Warren Sr. Illustrious Companion Chuck, as he is always taking care of The Cryptic Masons as well as The Grand York Rite of Utah. Without Chuck, I am pretty sure we would not be able to function. Thank You Amigo! I know you always have “got my 6.”

Thank You to all the Companions of Utah for allowing me to lead you for the past year. Thank You All for your support! Thank You especially to the Companions of Solomon Council Number 4 for your support and encouragement. I want to thank especially Illustrious Companion John McCurdy. John has been a long-time family friend and mentor throughout everything I have done.

I wish to thank my Father, Right Illustrious Companion, Jim Robertson. Without him I obviously would not be here, but more importantly I would not have had the honor of serving as your Most Illustrious Grand Master. My Dad has been the supportive pillar throughout my Masonic Journey, we have traveled many miles together and solved many of the world’s problems while sitting in the car, or out on the deck enjoying a fine glass of something. Thank You for the support you and Mom have given me in everything I have done.

I want to publicly thank my Lady Jen. She has supported the Companions and Sir Knights of The Grand York Rite of Utah as well as me, throughout these years. Anytime travel needs to be made, she is either there traveling with me, or says “honey, have a great time!” Anytime hospitality needs to be taken care of she is right there leading the way. Anytime I need to sound things off, she is there for me. Jen, you have given me much support, and love during this journey, I will forever cherish it! Thank You!

Finally, Companions let us remember the symbols of Cryptic Masonry and what they stand for: The sword designates us as Guardians, which it is our duty to preserve those Sacred Treasures which are OURS through Masonic Heritage. The Trowel represents that we are builders, and that our lives should be constructive in their influence upon our Brotherhood and the World. The Broken Triangle speaks to us of mortality – of the uncertainty of our tenure of life – of the importance of an industrious use of our time, as well as the important lesson Hiram Abiff left for us, that important lesson of Integrity. The Un-broken Triangle, is emblematic of The Deity, whose love encompasses us all.

Let us use these symbols in our daily lives to remind us to preserve all of those treasures, and pass this great fraternity on in better shape than we found it, remembering what we do, and how we do it represents us to the world, and we should all strive to represent well. We should never forget what the Triangles remind us to do. They remind us to live life and not worry so much about the small things but when we are called to the Grand Council Above to arrive knowing we did our best.

Thank You,  
Fraternally,  
TJ Robertson, Most Illustrious Grand Master  
The Grand Council of  
Cryptic Masons of Utah

**RIGHT ILLUSTRIOUS DEPUTY GRAND MASTER**

During the 2016-2017 Grand Council year I spent much of my time traveling in the office of Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Utah. A complete list of my travel is attached to the Grand High Priest report that was delivered earlier this morning. I was asked to represent the Grand Council at the Grand Sessions of Arizona, Colorado and Idaho. On the occasions that the Most Illustrious Grand Master was without the jurisdiction I took no official action on his behalf.

Fraternally Submitted  
Jason C. Varner, Deputy Grand Master

**REPORT OF THE GRAND PRINCIPAL CONDUCTOR OF WORK**

I am honored to have served as Grand Principal Conductor of the Work for the previous year. I assisted the Grand Illustrious Master in his endeavors and worked for the betterment of Cryptic Masonry in Utah. 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 look forward to serving this jurisdiction for the upcoming year.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,  
Douglas J. Backes  
Grand Principal Conductor of the Work

**GRAND LECTURER'S REPORT**

When this year started I had planned on visiting each Council at least twice.

***Local Visitations:***

Ogden  
Salt Lake  
Midvale  
St. George  
Provo  
Price

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

Utah 12-14 May  
California 21 - 25 May  
Nevada 12-14 June  
Arizona 11 - 13 August  
New Mexico 13 - 16 April 2016  
In some instants I represented the Grand Illustrious Master.

***Other Activities included***

Western Easter Observance in Salt Lake City 13-16 Apr 2017  
Red Cross of Constantine in Albuquerque, New Mexico 9 July 2016

The York Rite Sovereign College of North America in Vancouver, Canada  
28 - 30 July

Vista, CA to see my son receive the Mason of the Year award. 10 Sept  
2016

Red Cross of Constantine in Santa Ynez, Ca 18 Sept 2016

S/W York Rite Department Conference in Las Vegas 25-30 Oct 2016

Four Corners Festival in Price UT 10 Oct 2016 The Price Chapter did an  
outstanding job of opening the Royal Arch

Colorado River Fall Festival 16-18 Oct 2016

Officers Installation of the St. Albans York Rite College #130 23 April  
2016

Hiram Award Presentation Hesperian Lodge 264 24 May 2017

Easter Observance in Salt Lake City 13-16 April 2017

***Recommendations:***

At this time the only recommendations I have are:

Have all Councils print the New Ritual and to continue working on  
opening and closing without the ritual open.

‘Second, work on getting our members to meetings.

***Summary:***

If I am again selected as Grand Lecturer I will attempt to visit each of the  
York Rite Bodies at least twice during the year and work on ways to get  
better attendance.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Lawrence Rodriguez  
Grand Cryptic Masons  
Grand York Rite of Utah

**2017 ANNUAL RETURNS SUMMARY –CM**

	<b>CM</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>Per capita (\$7)</b>	<b>Fees (\$5)</b>	<b>Total</b>
Ogden	Co. #3	40	280.00		280.00
SLC	Co. #1	125	875.00	35.00	910.00
Midvale	Co. #5	47	329.00		329.00
Provo	Co. #2	19	133.00	20.00	153.00
Price	Co. #4	44	308.00	10.00	318.00
St. Geo.	Co. #7	20	140.00		140.00
<b>Totals</b>		<b>295</b>	<b>\$ 2,065.00</b>	<b>\$ 65.00</b>	<b>\$ 2,130.00</b>

**STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY**

April 1, 2016 to March 31, 2017

Cryptic Masons

	<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>Utah #1</b>	<b>Provo #2</b>	<b>Ogden #3</b>	<b>Solomon #4</b>	<b>Daly #5</b>	<b>St G #7</b>
as of 03/31/16	295	120	20	45	44	47	19
Greeted	9	7	0	0	2	0	0
Omitted	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Affiliated	4	0	0	1	0	0	3
Restored	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
Total Gain	14	7	0	1	2	1	3
Error	11	10	0	0	0	0	0
Deceased	7	0	0	4	2	0	1
Demitted	3	0	0	1	1	0	1
Suspended	3	2	0	1	0	0	0
Total Loss	24	12	1	6	3	0	2
as of 03/31/17	285	115	19	40	44	47	20
Net Gain (Loss)	-10	-5	-1	-5	0	0	1

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**CREDENTIALS REPORT CRYPTIC MASONS SESSIONS**

Date May 13, 2017

Grand Council Officers (current) & Past Illustrious Masters.....37  
Constituent Delegates (current Illustrious M, Dep. M, PCW).....18  
TOTAL (including proxies).....55

**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE FOR CMMRF**

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.

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 five of Utah Constituent Councils. The contributions thus far are about \$1,307 from St. George and Price Councils.



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, Grand Marshal.

**CRYPTIC MASON OF THE YEAR AWARD**

See the Grand Master's report for award information.

**CRYPTIC MASON YOUTH AWARD**

See the Grand Master's report for award information

**JURISPRUDENCE**

Response to the Illustrious Grand Master's report 2017:

After reviewing the report we find that all his actions and decisions are in proper form and in accordance with Bylaws of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Utah. We would like to congratulate Most Illustrious Grand Master T.J. Robertson for an extremely fine year and a very successful term.

We recommend that this report be approved.

Fraternally submitted:  
Dean D. Rein, Chairman  
Brian J. Hastings  
Michael Shipler  
William A. Butterfield

**LEGISLATION**

There was no legislation presented this year.

## **OTHER REPORTS**

### **THRICE ILLUSTRIOUS MASTERS**

Thrice Illustrious Master Jason Varner opened the annual meeting on May 12, 2016 at 11:00 a.m.

The names of the Companions to be inducted were read:

David Smith #3

Jay N. Mitchell #5

Benjamin L. Young #1

The Candidates were inducted in due form.

The minutes were read and business and annual meeting was conducted.

Deceased Members

Delbert F. Hanson 01/12/2016

Donald D. Jones 03/23/2016

Owen C. Orton 03/23/2016

A moment of silence was held for our deceased companions.

The year concluded with 64 companions in membership.

The following Officers were elected and installed in office:

TIM: Preston Martineau

TISW: T. J. Robertson

TIJW: Charles E. Warren

Recorder: Lawrence R. Rodriguez

Steward: Reed B. Fanning

Sentinel: Jay N. Mitchell

The next annual meeting was announced as Thursday, May 11th, 2017 at 1100 a.m.

The meeting was closed at 11:59 a.m.

