

PROCEEDINGS  
GRAND YORK RITE OF FREEMASONRY  
IN UTAH 2023



113th ANNUAL CONCLAVE GRAND  
COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR



112th ANNUAL CONVOCATION GRAND CHAPTER  
ROYAL ARCH MASONS



94th ANNUAL ASSEMBLY GRAND COUNCIL  
CRYPTIC MASONS

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PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
2023 SESSIONS  
OF THE  
GRAND YORK RITE  
OF FREEMASONRY  
IN UTAH



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## **JOINT SESSION**

### **MINUTES**

#### **Annual Joint Session**

Held at the Salt Lake DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel,  
Salt Lake City, Utah  
May 12, 2023

The Annual Joint Session was declared open by Most Eminent Grand Commander Charles Warren, Sr.

The prayer and pledge of allegiance was given.

Visitors and Distinguished Dignitaries were introduced. Words of welcome were received from Companion Frank C. Baker.

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

SK Warren announced that David Read, Grand Secretary/Recorder, is unable to attend due to urgent family business out of state. He also announced that SK Companion Read has submitted notice that he does not wish to continue on as Grand Secretary/Recorder.

It was announced that SK Companion Lawrence “Gunny” Rodriguez was on his way to Sessions, however fell ill and was not able to complete the trip from his home in St. George.

It was also announced that SK Companion William “Bill” Butterfield has been ill and is currently at Saint Joseph’s Villa undergoing care.

Joint Sessions were continued by RE Grand Commander Warren.

Unfinished Business: Companion SK Danny Drew did a review of the Grand Representative program. His findings and recommendations were presented.

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Motion was made and seconded to put the Grand Representative program in abeyance and not pursue it actively. The motion was approved. SK Warren appointed Companion SK Drew as Administrator of the program to continue monitoring what is left of our participation in the program.

Companion SK Reed Fanning announced that he is currently serving in the second position in 2 of the 3 Grand York Rite bodies. He asks the Sir Knight Companions to consider that he would like to remain in place as the Deputy Grand Commander at this time.

Joint sessions were put into recess. The College of Preservation (Order of the Secret Vault) and Companion John McCurdy and Companion Dan Hamilton were made a member of the Order.

Joint Session was continued.

The Grand Treasurer Report was presented by Companion SK Ben Young: which was approved to be spread upon the minutes.

Sir Knight Thomas Collins, RE Grand Commander from Nevada, offered words of greeting from Nevada.

The Joint Session was closed.



# Grand York Rite of Utah Joint Session

## GRAND YORK RITE JOINT COMMITTEES

2022-2023

\*Denotes Chairman

### Appeals and Grievance

Jeffrey Hamilton – Chapter\*  
Charles E Warren, Sr - Council  
Lorenzo Tibbitts – KT

### Joint Bylaws

Jurisprudence  
Grand Secretary/Recorder\*  
Grand Heads

### Credentials

David Hutchinson - Chapter  
Daniel Drew – Council  
Charles Persinger – KT

### Finance

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

### Fraternal Relations

Grand Presiding Heads  
Grand Secretary/Recorder

### Fraternal Correspondence

Grand Presiding Heads  
Grand Secretary/Recorder

### Grand Sessions

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

### Internet Communications

Treavor Wilkinson\*  
Daniel Drew  
Dave Newsom

### Jurisprudence

Jason Varner- Council  
Dean D. Rein - Chapter  
Blaine Simons- KT  
Brian Hastings– Chairman

### Membership

William McCraw – Chapter  
Blake Hansen – Council  
Jay Mitchell - KT

### Necrology

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

### Protocol

Preston Martineau - Chapter  
Preston Martineau - Council  
Preston Martineau – KT

### Regional Conferences

Daniel A. Drew – Chapter  
TJ Robertson – Council  
Daniel Lyons- KT

### Returns of Const. Bodies

Grand Secretary/Recorder\*  
Auditor  
Grand Treasurer

### Time and Place

Three Grand Presiding Heads  
Grand Secretary/Recorder

### Triennial Conclave

Three Grand Presiding Heads

### Unfinished Business

Grand Secretary/Recorder\*  
Presiding Grand Heads

### Youth

Lorenzo Tibbitts – Chapter  
Charles Warren Sr. - Council  
Daniel Drew\*– KT

## VISITING DIGNITARIES

**Reed B. Fanning**, Grand Herald, St. Thomas of Acon, Grand superintendent, Rocky Mtn., AMD

**Jay N. Mitchell**, Grand Governor York Rite Sovereign College of North America

**Frank Baker**, Sovereign Grand Inspector General, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite Southern Masonic Jurisdiction

**GRAND REPRESENTATIVES  
2022 – 2023**

The Grand Representatives list is currently being revised and will be available for publication at a later date.

**GRAND TREASURER’S REPORT**

**BALANCE SHEET**

As of March 31, 2023

	Mar 31,23	Mar 31, 22	\$ Change	%Change
<b>ASSETS</b>				
Current Assets				
Checking/Savings				
Baird	59,414.92	75,000.00	15,585.08	-20.8%
Checking	5,598.47	10,257.67	-4,659.20	-45.4%
Paypal Account	2,729.27	541.01	2,188.26	404.5%
Savings	4,462.37	4,460.10	2.27	0.1%
Total Checking/Savings	72,205.03	90,258.78	-15,585.08	-20.8%
Total Current Assets	<u>72,205.03</u>	<u>90,258.78</u>	<u>-15,585.08</u>	<u>-20.8%</u>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>				
Liabilities				
Current Liabilities				
Other Current Liabilities				
Deferred Registration	2,835.60	1,066.34	1,769.26	165.9%
Total Current Liabilities	2,835.60	1,066.34	1,769.26	165.9%
Total Liabilities	2,835.60	1,066.34	1,769.26	165.9%
Equity				
Unrestricted Net Assets	89,192.44	89,873.46	-681.02	-0.8%
Net Income	-19,823.01	-681.02	-19,141.99	-2,810.8%
Total Equity	69,369.43	89,192.44	-19,823.01	-22.2%
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<u>72,205.03</u>	<u>90,258.78</u>	<u>18,053.75</u>	<u>-20.0%</u>

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## PROFIT & LOSS

April 2022 through March 2023

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Ordinary Income/Expense		
Income		
Annual Returns		4,850.68
Investments		
Interest-Savings, Short-term CD	2.27	
Investments – Other	<u>-8624.64</u>	
Total Investments		-8,622.37
Total Income		-3,771.69
Gross Profit		-3,771.69
Expense		
Fee Expense		237.10
Operations		
Bank Fees	60.09	
Books, Subscriptions, References	210.57	
PayPal Fee	147.95	
Supplies	<u>160.16</u>	
Total Operations		578.77
Other Types of Expenses		
Insurance – Liability, D and O	<u>1,602.36</u>	
Total Other Types of Expenses		1,602.36
Payroll Expenses		
GSR Stipend	<u>3,000.00</u>	
Total Payroll Expenses		3,000.00
Per Capita Expense		
Chapter Per Capita	654.00	
Commandery Per Capita	2,265.00	
Council Per Capita	<u>515.00</u>	
Total Per Capita Expense		3,434.00
Rituals, Etc.		
Award Expense	<u>658.50</u>	
Total Rituals, etc.		658.50
Travel and Meetings		
SWRYC	<u>4,460.44</u>	

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Total Travel and Meetings	4,460.44
Total Expense	13,971.17
Net Ordinary Income	-17,742.86
Other Inome/Expense Other Income	
Other Income	
Annual Sessions Income	7,806.25
Total Other Income	7,806.25
Other Expense	
Annual Sessions Expense	9,886.44
Total Other Expense	9,886.44
Net Other Income	-2,080.15
Net Income	-19,823.01

**REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY/RECORDER**

**2022 Annual Returns Summary  
Utah Constituent York Rite Bodies**

CHANGE IN MEMBERSHIP

**2022 REPORT OF RETURNS as of Dec 31, 2022**

	<b>RAM</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>Change</b>
SLC	Ch. #1	62	66	4
Ogden	Ch. #2	37	42	5
Midvale	Ch. #3	46	44	-2
Provo	Ch. #4	29	27	-2
Price	Ch. #6	27	38	11
St. Geo.	Ch. #10	25	25	0
<b>Totals</b>		<b>226</b>	<b>242</b>	<b>16</b>

	<b>CM</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>Change</b>
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**2022 REPORT OF RETURNS as of Dec 31, 2022**

SLC	Co. #1	61	64	3
Provo	Co. #2	28	25	-3
Ogden	Co. #3	37	42	5
Price	Co. #4	27	37	10
Midvale	Co. #5	46	43	-3
St. Geo.	Co. #7	23	24	1
<b>Totals</b>		<b>222</b>	<b>235</b>	<b>13</b>

	<b>KT</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>Change</b>
SPHC	Cm. #0	21	20	-1
SLC	Cm. #1	62	66	4
Ogden	Cm. #2	35	42	7
Midvale	Cm. #3	44	41	-3
Provo	Cm. #5	28	25	-3
Price	Cm. #6	27	36	9
St. Geo.	Cm. #7	25	26	1
<b>Totals</b>		<b>242</b>	<b>256</b>	<b>14</b>

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**2022 CONSOLIDATED REPORT OF RETURNS  
as of Dec 31, 2022**

BODY	PER CAPITA DUE		PER CAPITA PAID	FEEES		TOTAL PER CAPITA/FEEES PD
SLC	\$2,324.00		\$2,324.00	\$2.50		\$2,326.50
Ogden	\$1,491.00		\$1,491.00	\$77.50		\$1,568.50
Midvale	\$1,504.50		\$1,504.50	\$10.00		\$1,514.50
Provo	\$907.50		\$907.50	\$10.00		\$917.50
Price	\$1,307.50		\$1,307.50	\$75.00		\$1382.50
St. Geo.	\$894.00		\$894.00	\$15.00		\$909.00
SPH	\$320.00		\$320.00			\$320.00
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$8,748.50</b>		<b>\$8,748.50</b>	<b>\$190.00</b>		<b>\$8,938.50</b>

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

**APPEALS AND GRIEVANCES REPORT**

The Committee for Appeals and Grievances did not receive any issues which needed to be acted upon,

Yours in Service,  
Jeffrey Hamilton, Chairman

**AUDITING COMMITTEE**

Under Finance Committee. Report is in Commandery section.

**JOINT BYLAWS**

Nothing to report.

**CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE**

See reports in body sections.

**FRATERNAL RELATIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE**

Nothing to report.

## **INTERNET COMMUNICATIONS**

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

The Committee has transferred the domain and web hosting services to InMotion. This move will save the Grand York Rite of Utah \$511 over the next 3 years.

We have refreshed the Website and are continually making improvements and changes.

We are also excited to announce that with our new hosting we can also now offer individual sub domain hosting for the individual local bodies. What this means is that if your local body does not currently have a website and would like something more than just the generic informational page currently provided, that could be accommodated. If that interests your local body, please have someone reach out to the Committee or the Grand Secretary/Recorder.

Recommendations:

Move costs for the domain and website hosting to be paid directly by the Grand York Rite of Utah via Credit Card so no Companions are paying for this directly out of pocket.

Get the Grand Secretary/Recorder a copy of the login information for access in case of emergency.

Set up Mailboxes/forwarders for the local body Secretary/Recorders for easier access and contacts if that is wanted.

Respectfully submitted on this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of May 2023,  
Treavor John Wilkinson  
Chairman, Internet Communications Committee

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## JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

See individual body sections for reports.

## MEMBERSHIP

Please see the attached membership plan. This plan was presented at each constituent York Rite Body in Utah during this Masonic Year.

Fraternally,  
Jay Mitchell  
Blake Hansen  
William McCraw

**York Rite Membership is our highest priority especially in this trying time:**

**" Every Grand, Subordinate and Constituent York Rite Body must have a membership committee that is active and held accountable for results. "What gets measured gets done." The three dais officers and secretary are your committee.**

**" Must focus on the three R's - Recruitment, Retention and Restoration. Some York Rite Bodies focus all of their efforts on recruitment and neglect retention and restoration.**

**" Make meetings interesting and educational.**

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

**" If we do lose someone, conduct an EXIT INTERVIEW. Let them know they are valued members. Why they are planning to leave and what we can do to keep them as members.**

**RECRUITMENT: The lifeline of any organization is built upon new members. Without a new base of membership, we cannot reach the heights that our fraternity so richly deserves. We are all Blue Lodge Masons so let us help our Blue Lodges with recruitment then recruit for York Rite from our Blue Lodges.**

**RETENTION: Often, the only thing a wavering brother needs is encouragement. Be a true friend to your fellow Companions. Let them know we appreciate them and value them. We can turn the tide of NPD's with a friendly call or visit, informing the member of the importance of his remaining with the York Rite. A phone tree can do wonders in keeping members informed and teaching them that York Rite is still relevant and has value for them.**

**RESTORATION (or Reactivation) is involved with reaching out to those fraters who we have lost. Find out why they left and what we can do while encouraging them to rejoin York Rite. And let's add a fourth "R" and call it "Masonic and Public Relations", how we should conduct ourselves in public to present a better picture to all who look upon our proud organization.**

**More suggestions for each local York Rite Body:**

- 1. Establish a phone tree to call members. Divide your membership among officers to make calls. Do a wellness check "how are you doing and can we help with anything"? Inform them of meetings and activities.**
- 2. Contact a newly raised mason telling them about the benefits of York Rite. Royal Arch Masons recover the long lost Master's Word and further Masonic Knowledge.**
- 3. Appoint ambassadors to Blue Lodges. We want to work with Blue Lodge membership so Blue Lodges and York Rite both benefit. Help your Blue Lodge with membership then recruit from them. We want to make it simple but effective.**



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### **NECROLOGY REPORT**

Sir Knights who have passed in the last year:

#### **Salt Lake YR**

Michael J. Holt                      June 11, 2022

#### **Ogden YR**

Duane Claude Carpenter              November 12, 2022

J. C. McLaughlin                      October 26, 2022

Kyle Dean Walker                      May 22, 2022

#### **Midvale YR**

Joseph Clinton Matson, Sr              November 13, 2022

#### **Price YR**

Dean Arthur Nosek                      January 9, 2022

Norman A. Smith                      November 1, 2022

#### **Golgotha # 7**

Marion T. McWilliams                  June 10, 2022

Respectfully submitted,  
Necrology Committee

### **REGIONAL CONFERENCES**

The Utah Grand York Rite participated in one Regional Conference this year; Southwest Conference here in Salt Lake.

Southwest Conference was held Friday and Saturday October 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> in Salt Lake City. Where members of Utah Grand Chapter, Grand Council and Grand Commandery and the helped run the various events of the conference.

Respectfully,  
Danny Drew, Chairman

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### **TIME AND PLACE**

No report.

### **TRIENNIAL CONCLAVE**

Nothing to report

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

See special report on Grand Representative program.

### **VESPERS MESSAGE**

See Necrology

### **YOUTH**

The Commandery itself did not utilize any of the youth groups this year. Though we recognize both the Jobs Daughters and the DeMolay.

Respectfully submitted,  
Danny Drew

## **OTHER REPORTS**

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

Herewith is the report of the Board of Trustees of the Grand York Rite of Utah Trust for the period since the last Grand York Rite Sessions 2022.

We finished 2022 at \$373,627.38.

As of last year, this time, we were at \$436,962.

We are down about \$63,335 due to market conditions and disbursements.

We started October of 2016 with Baird with only \$279,377. We are still up.

Breakdown as follows:

Cash/Equ	141,76237.94 %
Stocks/Options	204,94754.86 %
Stock Funds	014,72903.94 %
Prf Stocks	008,29502.22 %
Bond Funds	003,89401.04 %
Totals	373,627100 %

I again thank the expertise of Alex Wheeler of RW Baird, and the investment strategy adopted by this Board. None of us knows what is coming in these times of unprecedented inflation and irresponsible fiscal policy but I still feel better with Alex at the controls.

We have granted disbursements for administrative tallies against the trust such as Secretaries stipend, supplies and the accounting firm. Additionally, we assisted in the payment of the deficit in the bill to Little America for the Southwest Regional Conference hosted by Utah. As we will again be hosting such an event we would ask the presiding officers and your finance committee to meet and proactively crunch the numbers and budget accordingly so as not to have to spend monies from this Trust on short falls but for the promotion of York Rite in Utah as is our mandate.

Alex Wheeler of RW Baird has made changes as per our investment strategy throughout the year to deal with our fluctuating markets.

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We also continue to work with Companion Benjamin Young to handle our tax returns, etc. All tax returns, etc. are currently being prepared yet not filed as of this date for 2023.

We anticipate costs for the 2023-2024 year will be similar to previous requests.

We continue to be willing to help aide and assist The Grand York Rite and would please ask again that the Grand Bodies prepare their budgets accordingly before asking for disbursements from the trust.

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

Fraternally Submitted,  
John C. Liley, Jr. Chairman / MEGHP  
Drew C. Sander Vice Chairman  
Frank C. Baker Trustee  
Dean D. Rein Trustee  
David Reed GSRec  
Jay Mitchell MIGM  
Charles Warren REGC

### **SPECIAL REPORT ON THE REPRESENTATIVES BETWEEN JURISDICTIONS**

The Representative Between Jurisdiction Contact Committee this year has spent substantial time contacting all 50 states, D.C. and Puerto Rico's Grand Chapter, Council, and Commandery to determine if they still had a Representative to Utah's Grand: Chapter, Council, and Commandery. All the data received was acquired through contacting the respective states' grand secretary/recorder of each body. This was done at the request of Utah's Right Eminent Grand Commander Charles E. Warren, Sr. and with the assistance of the Utah Grand York Rite Grand Secretary/Recorder David J. Read, Sr.

Contacting each of the Grand York Rite bodies in all 50 states, D.C. and Puerto Rico was a laborious act. Though a few Grand Recorders

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responded quickly, and some within a few days, most either took many weeks, many months or failed to respond.

The response time, and the responses of the Grand Secretary/Recorders of the various bodies indicated an important trend. That trend was that most jurisdictions no longer care about having representatives from their state to Utah, or from Utah to their state. In fact, many who replied stated as much. They said, before email and the internet age, Representatives were important, but that having a Representative presently is no longer needed.

A few states did respond back with names of Representatives from Utah, these were past Grand York Rite leaders, who have passed on. A few states did respond with a few living active members of Utah York Rite.

### Recommendations:

1. Assign No New Representatives to Any Other Jurisdiction Worldwide
2. Accept No New Representatives from Any Other Jurisdictions Worldwide
3. Allow those who are known Representatives from other Jurisdictions to serve out their term, and end representation with those jurisdictions.
4. Allow our own Representatives who are serving in other jurisdictions to serve until they retire or until such time as their term is done and assign no replacement.
5. Once all remaining Representatives' times have been served, end ALL Representative Programs to and from other Jurisdictions.

Yours in Service,  
Daniel Drew, Chairman



**113th ANNUAL  
CONCLAVE  
GRAND COMMANDERY  
KNIGHTS TEMPLAR  
OF UTAH**

**Friday, May 12, 2023**

**DoubleTree by Hilton Salt Lake  
City Airport  
Salt Lake City, Utah**

## **GRAND COMMANDERY**

### **COMMANDERY MINUTES**

113th ANNUAL CONCLAVE GRAND COMMANDERY K. T. UTAH

May 12, 2023

DoubleTree by Hilton Salt Lake City Airport,  
Salt Lake City, UT

The 113<sup>th</sup> Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Utah was declared open by RE Grand Commander Charles E Warren, Sr.

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

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

SK Daniel Drew provided an initial Credentials report showing 45 eligible votes present. (11 Grand Officers, 8 Past Grand Officers, 14 Dias Officers, 12 Past Eminent Commanders)

It was moved and seconded to accept the minutes of the last Conclave as printed. The motion was approved. It was moved and seconded to accept the reports in the pre-printed packet pertaining to the Grand Commandery. The motion was approved.

RE Grand Commander Warren presented his report, which was followed by the report of Jurisprudence. Both reports were approved to be spread upon the minutes.

The final credentials report was called for. It was reported that the count remains at 45.

One item of legislation was proposed to change eliminate the Joint Sessions. SK Brian Hastings reported that the proposal was reviewed and was deemed in due order for presentation. The proposal was moved and seconded. There was no discussion and the final vote was in favor of the legislation change.

SK Hastings noted that an item in the Constitution has been found to be in conflict with the Grand Encampment. A motion was made to suspend the rules to allow for the presentation of emergent legislation to correct this section. The motion was seconded and the vote was in favor of suspending the rules. The emergent legislation to correct Rule #8 was presented and motion was made and seconded to accept the changes. The motion was voted on and was approved.

RE Warren requested the report and budget presentation from Finance Committee which was given by SK Preston Martineau.

SK TJ Robertson reported that a worthy Pastor from Ogden has been selected to be sent on the Holy Land Pilgrimage in February 2024. A couple of years ago, SK Sid LeLuan and SK Gerald Everett had pledged airline miles to assist in getting the chosen participant to the US city where the Pilgrimage would begin. The program requires that a travel agent be used to arrange for the airfare to the departing city and using the third party “miles” for the ticket has become exceedingly difficult, if not impossible. SK Robertson made a motion that the Grand York Rite of Utah cover this air travel cost to and from Newark, NJ. The motion was seconded, voted on and approved.

RE Grand Commander Warren announced that the Credentials Committee has reported a revised number of 44 eligible votes.

RE Grand Commander Warren called elections open.

A motion was made by SK Preston Martineau to accept nominations for the elected seats. The matter was referred to Jurisprudence for a decision and the election of officers was continued pending the decision. After two rounds of balloting, Jurisprudence reported that the motion was permissible per the Grand Encampment regulations.

Nomination was made for Monte Anderson for Grand Generalissimo. Motion was made and seconded to cease nominations for Grand Generalissimo and cast a unanimous ballot for the nominee. The motion was approved.



Nomination was made for O. Blake Hansen and Treavor Wilkinson for the office of Grand Captain General. Balloting was opened and by majority vote O. Blake Hansen was elected.

Nomination was made for Benjamin Young for Grand Treasurer. Motion was made and seconded to close nominations for Grand Treasurer and cast a unanimous ballot for the nominee. The motion was approved.

Nomination was made for Jay N. Mitchell for Grand Recorder. Motion was made and seconded to close nominations for Grand Recorder and have the Treasurer cast a unanimous ballot for the nominee. The motion was approved.

The final election results were as follows:

Timothy L. Stenner.....Right Eminent Grand Commander  
Reed B. Fanning.....Very E. Deputy Grand Commander  
Monte Anderson.....E. Grand Generalissimo  
O. Blake Hansen .....E. Grand Captain General  
Benjamin L. Young.....E. Grand Treasurer  
Jay N. Mitchell.....E. Grand Recorder

Sir Knight Timothy L. Stenner, the newly elected Grand Commander, announced his appointments as follows:

Treavor Wilkinson.....E. Grand Senior Warden  
Daniel A Drew.....E. Grand Junior Warden  
Paul D. Erickson.....E. Grand Prelate  
David S. Hutchinson.....E. Grand Standard Bearer  
Kevin E. Betterton.....E Grand Sword Bearer  
Daniel L. Hamilton.....E Grand Warder  
William E. McCraw.....E. Grand Sentinel  
Jayson C. Carlson.....E. Grand Aide de Camp

During breaks in the election process, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Utah, Daniel Lawes, was introduced.

SK Robertson provided words of encouragement from Grand Encampment for support of the various programs sponsored by Grand Encampment

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

Officers were installed by Past Grand Commander Preston Martineau. Past Grand Commander TJ Robertson was the installing Marshall.

The Conclave was put into recess by ME Grand Commander Stenner.

It was noted later in the weekend that William Mullins was awarded the Grand Commandery of Utah Meritorious Service Award.

**GRAND COMMANDERY OFFICERS**

(\* denotes present, e denotes excused)

- \* Charles Warren, Sr.....Right Eminent Grand Commander
- \* Reed B. Fanning.....Very E. Deputy Grand Commander
- \* Timothy L. Stenner.....E. Grand Generalissimo
- \*Monte Anderson.....E. Grand Captain General
- \*O. Blake Hansen.....E. Grand Senior Warden
- \*Treavor Wilkinson... ..E. Grand Junior Warden
- \*Daniel A. Drew.. ..E. Grand Prelate
- \*Benjamin Young.....E. Grand Treasurer
- \*David J. Read Sr.....E. Grand Recorder
- e Lorenzo Tibbitts.....E. Grand Standard Bearer
- eDaniel Lyons.....E Grand Sword Bearer
- \* Lorenzo Tibbitts .....E Grand Warden
- \* Daniel Lyons.....E. Grand Sentinel
- \* John C. Liley, Jr.....E. Grand Aide de Camp
- .....E Grand Inspector General

**K.T. COMMITTEES**

\*denotes chairman

**KT CROSS OF HONOR**

Brian. Hastings\*  
TJ Robertson

**KT EDUCATIONAL  
FOUNDATION**

Jason C. Varner\*  
Grand Heads of York Rite Bodies

**KT EYE FOUNDATION**

Daniel Hamilton\*  
Charles E. Warren, Sr.  
All Constituent Commanders

**KT HOLY LAND  
PILGRIMAGE**

TJ Robertson\*  
Charles E. Warren, Sr.  
All Constituent Commanders

**KT MAGAZINE SUPPLEMENT**

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

**VESPER SERVICES**

Daniel Drew\*  
David J. Read, Sr  
All Constituent Prelates

**PAST GRAND COMMANDERS**

Blaine H. Simons	2000-01		TJ Robertson*	2015-16
Terry L. Nay	2003-04		Robert M Bennett	2016-17
Gerald Everett*	2004-05		Jeffrey E Hamilton*	2017-18
Michael L. Busby	2007-08		Lawrence R. Rodriguez	2018-19
William A. Butterfield	2008-09		Douglas Backes	2019-20
Brian J. Hastings*	2009-10		Jay N Mitchell *	2020-21
Charles G. Sipes	2010-11		Jason C. Varner*	2021-22
Dean D. Rein*	2012-13		Charles E Warren, Sr*	2022-23
Preston Martineau Jr*	2013-14			

\*denotes in attendance

**VISITING DIGNITARIES**

**John Huth**, Grand Captain General, Grand Commandery of Arizona

**Steven Balke**, RE Past Grand Commander, Grand Commandery of New Mexico

**Kim Bowman, Sr.**, RE Past Grand Commander, representing SK Preston P. Goulette, RE Grand Commander of Wyoming

**Craig Phillips**, RE Past Grand Commander, Grand Commandery of Nevada

**William Greenen, Sr.**, RE Past Grand Commander, representing Dan Koch Sr., RE Grand Commander, Grand Commandery of Arizona

**Thomas Collins**, RE Grand Commander, Grand Commandery of Nevada

**Paul Erickson**, RE Grand Prelate, Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of America

**Dean D. Rein**, RE Past Southwest Department Commander, Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of America

**TJ Robertson**, RE Southwest Department Commander, representing SK David Kussman, ME Grand Master, Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of America

**DIAS OFFICERS**

<b>Utah #1</b>			
	Commander	Rudolph Zamora Jr	X
	Generalissimo	Ederaldo Belini De Oliveira	X
	Captain General	Keith McGoldrick	X
<b>El Monte #2</b>			
	Commander	William McCraw	X
	Generalissimo	Kenneth Palmer	X
	Captain General	Gary T. Roberts	X
<b>Malta #3</b>			
	Commander	Blair D. Hope	X
	Generalissimo	Joseph Mann	X
	Captain General	Jeffrey C. Hunt	E
<b>Ivanhoe #5</b>			
	Commander	Granville Schmidt	Proxy
	Generalissimo	Jayson Carlson	X
	Captain General	Daniel J. Lawes	X
<b>Charles Fred Jennings #6</b>			
	Commander	John H. McCurdy	X
	Generalissimo	Sean Carmichael	X
	Captain General	Mitchell Graham	X
<b>Golgotha (#7)</b>			
	Commander	Paul D. Erickson	X
	Generalissimo	Treavor Wilkinson	X
	Captain General	Billy H. Borger	Proxy

(X Denotes present)

## **REPORTS OF OFFICERS**

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

Right Eminent Past Grand Commanders, Grand Commandery Officers, Distinguished Guests and Sir Knights, Good Afternoon. It is my honor and pleasure to welcome all of you to the 113<sup>th</sup> Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Utah. It is with much personal pleasure I greet each of you and I sincerely hope you enjoy the activities with us.

I am humbled and honored to be chosen by the Sir Knights of Utah to represent them and our Grand Commandery. I know I have fallen short of the accomplishments of some of my predecessors, for which I am saddened. As many of you are aware, I encountered an unexpected detour in my life last September, undergoing open-heart triple bypass surgery. This limited my travel and participation to some extent, much to my regret. I only hope and pray my successors will improve upon my efforts.

During my term in office, we continued to recover from the COVID pandemic. I believe all of us were challenged in some way to resume some semblance of normalcy. Our Grand Commandery and those Commanderies within our jurisdiction were no exception. I, personally, believe the pandemic induced a level of complacency from which many of us continue to struggle to escape. Regardless, I believe as Sir Knights and Masons we shall succeed. It is my fervent hope and prayer that we will not only recover, but excel and grow. Each of us is a missionary of sorts for our beloved Order and we should ensure that we not only participate in the activities of our constituent Commanderies, but also do our best to live our daily lives in such a manner as to demonstrate our Chivalric principles to the profane.

At our Southwest Regional Conference this past October, I was privileged to present my views on the state of Templary in Utah. I stated that it is my belief that focusing on growth and new membership alone is not adequate to sustain the health of our organizations. I believe we also need to pay more and better attention to those faithful servants who already are members but may have become jaded in their perspectives regarding Knights Templar. Improving our meeting content is certainly one step we all can take. I know all of us have sat through a cursory “short form” opening, brief reading of minutes/financial report, maybe old and new business, perhaps sickness and

distress and out the door we go. That is surely a good way to discourage attendance at the next meeting. I have seen the fruits of those who have taken the extra step and expended the effort to include an educational feature and that, alone, has increased participation and interest. I suggest we all should strive to ensure an improved quality in our meeting content.

### **HONORS PROVIDED**

The Grand Commandery was requested to provide a Knights Templar Honor Guard at the memorial services of three of our departed and beloved Sir Knights: Past Commander and Past Grand Master Duane C. Carpenter, Past Grand Commander and Past Grand Master J. C. McLaughlin, and Past Grand Commander Norman D. Smith. Farewell, and Rest in Peace, Sir Knights and dear friends.

PGC William A. Butterfield assisted in the presentation of the colors at the opening of the Grand Chapter Order of Eastern Star of Utah.

We provided an Honor Guard for the Reception of the Supreme Worthy President Social Order Of Beauceant, (Mrs. Jon) Melissa Spann during her visit to Midvale, UT. A special thanks to the Sir Knights of Malta Commandery #3.

We also served with an Arch of Steel for the Installation of the Grand Master of Masons in Utah, Most Worshipful Travis M. McGuire.

### **ACTIVITIES**

My travels were a bit limited due to restrictions levied by my cardiologist, but I was able to attend several functions which are very important to me. I regret those that I missed but intend to attend as many as possible this year as a “has-been.”

I thoroughly enjoyed our Southwest Regional Conference at the Little America Hotel. It was a magnificent event and I was humbled by the reception and welcome I received and the well-wishers’ comments. It was heartwarming.

The Sir Knights in Price excelled once again as they conferred the Orders at my request for our new Sir Knights who had been in the queue for a while. Their presentation was precise and executed with perfection. I know the new Sir Knights were as impressed as I was. Well done, Charles Fred Jennings Commandery #6.

It was a very enjoyable evening as Lady Merrill-Lee and I joined the Provo York Rite Bodies in their holiday celebration at the Harvest Restaurant in Thanksgiving Point. We appreciate the opportunity to celebrate with those Sir Knights and their Ladies.

We joined with the Malta Commandery #3 Sir Knights in their Christmas Celebration. As always, it was an impressive ceremony followed by a sumptuous feast.

We attended the Utah #1 Commandery Sir Knights Christmas & Epiphany Celebration. This was another enjoyable event and we were pleased by the camaraderie exhibited.

We attended the New Mexico Grand York Rite Annual Sessions in April this year in Albuquerque, NM. I was received and welcomed as the Right Eminent Grand Commander of Utah, and as the Representative of our Most Illustrious Grand Master Jay N. Mitchell and Most Excellent Grand High Priest John C. Liley, Jr. As always, it was most enjoyable to spend quality time with our many old friends from the Southwest.

### **DISPENSATIONS**

I received one request for Dispensation this year from El Monte Commandery #2. The need arose to replace their Commander and a request to proceed with their succession plan and hold a Special Election to elect a Captain General was submitted. Following discussion with the Jurisprudence Committee Chairman this plan was approved.

### **CONSTITUENT BODIES VISITED:**

I visited the following Commanderies:



- Utah #1 in Salt Lake City
- El Monte #2 in Ogden
- Malta #3 in Midvale,
- Ivanhoe #5 in Provo
- Charles Fred Jennings #6 in Price

Unfortunately, I was unable to visit my dear Sir Knights in Southern Utah due to my health issues but rest assured you are highly valued and I hope my successor will give you the attention you deserve during his term of office.

### **APPRECIATION**

I wish to thank those of my predecessors who have been so helpful throughout my term. I have learned much from you and I am in your debt. A special thanks to the Jurisprudence Committee who helped prevent me from disaster on numerous occasions. Your wisdom and guidance are priceless.

Finally, I could not have performed the functions of this office without the support and assistance of my Dear Lady Merrill-Lee. You have been at my side throughout and I cannot begin to thank you adequately. I love you and our life together.

Respectfully submitted,  
Charles E. Warren, Sr.  
Right Eminent Grand Commander  
Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Utah

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

This year was a chaotic one for me. I was handfast, my father passes and I was on the road with work and various Freemasonry events throughout the term.

I attended Grand Sessions of Arizona. I attended Convent General. I picked up a new Companion from the Colorado River Fall Festival but was unable to attend the degrees. I was able to make it to Southwest York Rite Conference. I enjoyed the events at Masonic Week.

I attended local Utah Commandery meetings in person and via zoom but was unable to visit all Commanderies due to travel. I hope my work travels aren't as extensive next year so I can make more local events.

Yours in Service,  
Reed B Fanning, Deputy Grand Commander

**EMINENT GRAND GENERALISSIMO**

To the Right Eminent Grand Commander, Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Utah, Grand Commandery Officers, and sir knights of Utah. This is my report for the past Grand York Rite year.

One of the things I love about York Rite in general and Commandery in specific is the brotherly love that I feel when visiting each body. I was able to visit all 6 commanderies spread throughout the state of Utah this year and each commandery has made me feel very much at home.

Respectfully submitted,  
Timothy L. Stenner, Grand Generalissimo  
Grand Commander of Utah

**EMINENT GRAND CAPTAIN GENERAL**

I started my Journeys about the state in July of 2023 when I attended the Provo York Rite's Summer BBQ on July 30<sup>th</sup>. It was a great time and I was accompanied by Sir Knight Keith McGoldrick. The food was good and the companionship was top shelf.

In October, over the 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> I was happy to have the opportunity to attend the SouthWest Conference held in Historic Salt Lake City. It was a great experience to hear from experienced Companions and Sir Knights and to reacquaint with old Friends and Brothers.

The first weekend in November was another opportunity to head down to the Eastern Marches and attend the Templar Orders as performed by the

Knights of Charles F. Jennings Commandery. Once again, I was joined by Sir Knight Keith McGoldrick, PhD. In my travels. These Orders, which are becoming a yearly event are a great opportunity so see our Fellow Knights from Eastern Utah as the travel distance often prevents our frequent association.

I was able to visit El Monte Commandery No.2 in November for my last meeting as a Sir Knight of this Commandery.

Health issues made it such that I could not attend multiple Christmas Observances but I was able to attend Utah No.1's Epiphany Feast to start the New Year. The Knights of Utah No.1 always make for an amazingly wonderful get together. For those that don't know, Utah No.1 has done an Epiphany Feast for several years in order to avoid conflict with the many things going on in December. It also gives us something to look forward to after the main Holidays.

March provided more chances to travel a bit more. Around St. Patrick's Day I was able to travel down to the Carlson Woodshop to visit Provo York Rite. They were holding a BBQ before their meeting which was amazing. In order to avoid traffic, I arrived about an hour or so early and was able to just relax and enjoy the comradery of the small group before everyone else arrived. The meeting was simple and enjoyable, especially surrounded by the smell of cut wood.

A week later I journeyed a bit closer to home physically but very close Spiritually. Having spent many years as a kid in both places, I was very happy to join Midvale/Park City York Rite. We started out with a very nice dinner and then provided an Arch of Steel for the Social Order of Beauceant. It was simple but a pleasure to have been a part of. We then went in to the meeting and I was very happy to join these Sir Knights for an evening.

Mid-April I will be attending the last day of Idaho's Grand Sessions.

Due to weather and a rotating schedule, I am very much looking forward to travelling to the Eastern and Southern Marches to visit our Brother Knights of Charles Fred Jennings and Golgotha Commanderies. These are the men who keep us safe from Raiders riding out of Colorado and Arizona. I will be

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making a four-day trip to visit and I am very excited to be doing so. Being a Grand Officer has forced me out of my comfort zones and compelled me to have experiences I have very much enjoyed having.

Respectfully submitted,  
Monte Anderson

### GRAND RECORDER

#### *ANNUAL RETURNS SUMMARY – KT*

	<b>KT</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>Per capita (\$16)</b>	<b>Fees (\$2.50)</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>KTEF</b>	<b>HLP</b>
SPHC	Cm. #0	20	\$320.00	0	\$320.00	\$1.00	
SLC	Cm. #1	66	\$1,056.00	\$2.50	\$1,058.50	\$1.00	
Ogden	Cm. #2	42	\$672.00	\$30.00	\$702.00		
Midvale	Cm #3	41	\$656.00	\$2.50	\$658.50	\$2.00	
Provo	Cm. #5	25	\$400.00	\$2.50	\$402.50		
Price	Cm. #6	36	\$576.00	\$22.50	\$598.50	\$4.00	
St. Geo.	Cm. #7	26	\$416.00	\$5.00	\$421.00		
<b>Totals</b>		<b>256</b>	<b>\$4,096.00</b>	<b>\$65.00</b>	<b>\$4,161.00</b>	<b>\$8.00</b>	

**STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE GRAND RECORDER**

January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022

	TOTALS	Utah #1	El Monte #2	Malta #3	Ivanhoe #5	C F J #6	Golgotha #7	SPHC #00
As of 12/31/2021	242	62	35	44	28	27	25	21
Knighthood	26	1	12	1	1	9	2	0
Affiliated	10	5	1	0	0	2	1	1
Restored	6	5	0	1	0	0	0	0
Adjustment	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Gain	42	11	13	2	1	11	3	1
Demitted	4	0	2	0	1	1	0	0
Suspended	10	4	0	2	3	0	0	1
Deceased	14	3	4	3	0	1	2	1
Adjustments	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Loss	28	7	6	5	4	2	2	2
As of 12/31/22	256	66	42	41	25	36	26	20
Life Sponsors	248	65	42	39	25	32	26	19
Net Gain (Loss)	14	4	7	-3	-3	9	1	-1

\*As reported to Grand Encampment

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

**CREDENTIALS REPORT**

Date May 12, 2023

Grand Officers.....	11
Past Grand Officers.....	8
Dias Officers.....	14
Past Eminent Commanders.....	11
 TOTAL (including proxies).....	 44

## FINANCE

First, I would like to thank the Companions and Sir Knights for the honor of serving the Grand York Rite as the chair of the Finance committee this year.

The purpose of the committee is to manage the funds of the Grand York Rite Bodies. They shall reinvest the interest and dividends or deposit to the General Fund amounts needed as circumstances warrant. They shall make a complete and detailed report of all assets and funds in their possession at each Annual Sessions and shall annually audit the books of the Grand Recorder and Grand Treasurer, and shall certify their findings at the Annual Grand York Rite Sessions. They will also prepare and submit a budget for the ensuing year for each Grand York Rite body for action at the annual sessions.

At the sessions last year there was no budget proposed, so we started the year with no financial direction. I had every intention of having meetings throughout the year, but as we did not receive any financial information from the Secretary/Recorder or Treasurer when requested, there was no reason to hold a meeting.

There was one reimbursement request for \$4,460.93 for expenses incurred at the Southwest Regional York Rite Conference. This reimbursement was paid out by the approval of the Grand Heads.

We requested an audit of the books from the Treasurer, as per the By-laws, but had no response until yesterday. Since there was not enough time to do a thorough audit, we recommend that the finance committee complete the audit as soon as possible after this weekend. We also requested financial statements to complete a budget for the ensuing year and were told that the Treasurer was working on one and would have one for sessions, which was received yesterday morning and will be presented for approval after this report.

The report of our investment account is as follows:

Baird Investment Group		
Beginning Balance Jan 1, 2023		\$60,377.23
Cash Withdrawals	\$4,460.44	
Income and Distributions	\$ 305.70	

Change in Value	\$3,635.00	
Ending Balance Apr 30, 2023		\$59,414.92

We have a diversified investment strategy with 37% Taxable Bonds, 62% Stocks, and 1% Cash and Cash Equivalents.

The Statement of the account from Apr 1, 2023, to Apr 30, 2023 is attached.

In closing it is my recommendation that the Secretary/Recorder and/or Treasurer submit the Investment Statements to the Finance Committee as soon as they are received. That the Secretary/ Recorder and Treasurer make monthly financial reports to the Finance Committee. That the Treasurer and Grand heads submit items for a budget in a timely manner. That a thorough audit of both the Secretary/Recorder's and Treasurer's books be audited as soon as possible.

Faternally Submitted,

P. Marty Martineau Jr (Chair)

Lon Tibbetts (2yr), Jay N. Mitchell (3yr), Jayson Carlson (4yr)

### **HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE REPORT**

Sir Knights, it has been a pleasure to serve at the Committee Chairman for The Knights Templar Holy Land Pilgrimage Committee for the past several years. We have had funds available since 2017 to send a worthy minister on this very prestigious experience. For the past several years, we have not been able to find a worthy minister. This year, it is my pleasure to report, we have received an application to send Jon Paul Draskovic. We will send Pastor Draskovic on the 2024 Holy Land Pilgrimage in February.

Thank You to the Sir Knights of Utah for fulfilling this obligation!  
Thank You to Sir Knight Charles Warren Sr. Grand Commander of Utah for appointing me to this committee, and looking forward to serving The Grand Commandery of Utah in whatever capacity they choose.

TJ Robertson, Chairman

## **JURISPRUDENCE**

The Jurisprudence Committee has reviewed the report on the actions and activities of the Right Eminent Grand Commander during the 2022-2023 year and have the following to report:

One dispensation was granted to El Monte Commandery #2 to hold a special election as the Eminent Commander had been removed from office and the successive line was advanced and a new Captain General needed to be elected. The action of the Grand Commander are proper and within the scope of his authority.

The Jurisprudence Committee commends the Right Eminent Grand Commander for his representation of the Grand Commandery of Utah over the past year considering the health concerns that he experienced.

The actions of the Right Eminent Grand Commander to provide an Honor Guard to the Memorial Services of the three Right Eminent Past Grand Commanders of Utah was proper and to be commended for the services that these Sir Knights rendered to the Grand Commandery of Utah.

No other actions by the Right Eminent Grand Commander required review by the Jurisprudence Committee and commend him for his faithful service to the Grand Commandery of Utah.

Respectfully submitted,  
Brian J. Hasting, REPGM, Chairman  
Dean D. Rein, REPGM  
Jason Varner, REPGM  
Blaine H. Simons, REPGM

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

SK Treavor Wilkinson was named the recipient of the KT Cross of Honor.



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

At some point in the past the funds of the Knight Templar Education Committee of Utah was transferred to the Grand Encampment due to lack of interest in the program. At this time the Sir Knights were urged to take advantage of the Masonic Foundation of Utah which continues to offer scholarships to students in Utah that wish to pursue higher education at Universities.

The money that was transferred to the Grand Encampment is invested by them and at the end of the 2019 fiscal year Utah's portion stands at \$9,100.29.

If an interest in this program reemerges then the funds can be returned and used for the benefit of students for the purpose of educating students at the university level. However, a minimum balance must be maintained at all times. The amount available due to this restriction would, in my opinion, be minimal and ineffective. Fundraising for donations would be necessary for many years for it to be viable.

Courteously submitted,  
Jason C. Varner

### **KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EYE FOUNDATION**

Sir Knights all,

As Chairman of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation (Utah) I am pleased to provide the following report as of May 4, 2023

Below is the current breakdown for Utah Commanderies, realizing there were some discrepancies in both Charles Fred Jennings as well as Samuel Paul Honors. However, those discrepancies will be corrected by the end of this campaign ending May 15<sup>th</sup> bringing both commanderies to 100% but are not reflected on the report below.

The donations are broken down per Commandery as such:

<b>Commandery</b>	<b>Per Capita Average</b>	<b>Cumulative Total</b>	<b>Rank</b>
Charles Fred Jennings No. 6	\$7.14	\$250.00	4
El Monte No. 2	\$7.93	\$325.00	3
Golgotha No. 7	\$178.27	\$4,635.00	1
Ivanhoe No. 5	\$4.00	\$100.00	6

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Malta No. 3	\$4.50	\$180.00	5
Samuel Paul Honors No. 0	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Utah No. 1	\$34.55	\$2,280.00	2
Grand Commandery of Utah			
Total	\$31.06	\$7,795.00	40th of 55

I want to thank Right Eminent Grand Commander Charles E. Warren, Sr. KYGCH for entrusting me as the 2022/2023 Utah Knights Templar Eye Foundation Chairman. Though I have not made it out to all the Utah Commanderies, I appreciate all those who continue to promote within to continue the success and to those Sir Knights who have reached deep and continue to contribute to our cause.

Fraternally Submitted  
Daniel L. Hamilton  
KTEF Campaign Chairman (Utah)

### **KNIGHTS TEMPLAR MAGAZINE UTAH SUPPLEMENT, EDITOR**

This year I wrote 12 articles for the supplement, All articles can be found here: <https://www.knightstemplar.org/KTnews/2022.html>

Yours in Service,  
Danny Drew, Chairman

### **LEGISLATION**

Proposed Change to the “CONSTITUTION, LAWS & REGULATIONS of the GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR of the STATE OF UTAH”

Whereas Section 2-9 (b) Finance was amended to move the election of the Finance Committee “to be held in the first body to open per Section 2-3 Convocation (B) where a credentials report and roll call is taken to establish the eligible delegates.”

And whereas no business takes place in the Joint Grand York Rite Sessions except the introduction of dignitaries.

And whereas the Grand York Rite Assembly schedule is already very tight.

Be it moved that the Joint Session of Grand York Rite of Utah be eliminated, and Section 2-3 be amended as follows.

Currently reads:

Section 2-3 CONCLAVES      APPROVED MAY 2006

(A) The Annual Conclave of this Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Utah shall be held during the Annual Sessions of the Grand York Rite Bodies of Utah who convene on the Second Friday and the following Saturday in May. The Time and Place of the Annual Conclave shall be determined during these sessions.

(B) There will be a Joint Session held with the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Utah, and Grand Council Cryptic Masons of Utah. The Sessions will be opened by the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Utah (starting in 2006) then rotated each year in turn with the Grand Chapter, Grand Council and Grand Commandery.

(C) The Joint Sessions will be opened at 9:00 am on Friday to conduct joint business.

To read:

Section 2-3 CONCLAVES      APPROVED MAY 2023

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Respectfully submitted,  
Preston “Marty” Martineau Jr, KCT, KYGCH  
Past Grand Commander

## EMERGENT LEGISLATION

PROPOSAL: Rule 8 states: Whenever the Commander, Generalissimo or Captain General of a Constituent Commandery is unable to be present at the Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery, each of them may appoint a member of such Commandery to represent them at the Annual Conclave and the proxy so appointed shall be entitled to all privileges of the Officer who so appoints him. Such Proxies shall on or before the first session of the day of the Conclave at which the proxy is to be used, file the same with the Grand Recorder or with the Committee on Credentials. If any one of the three officers first mentioned is present, he may, without a written proxy, vote for the absentees. If two are present, the highest ranking officer shall vote for the absentee.

The voting by proxy shall conform to Section 38 of the Constitution and Statues of the Grand Encampment and the decision of John Quincy Adams Fallon, GM (1874).

Change to read:

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Presented by Brian Hastings, REPGM

## NECROLOGY

See report in Joint Sessions section.

## OTHER REPORTS

### **SAMUEL PAUL HONORS COMMANDERY #00**

11 May 2023

The Annual Conclave of Samuel Paul Honors Commandery N<sup>o</sup>. 0 was convened by Generalissimo SK Paul Erickson at the Airport Doubletree Hilton Hotel in Salt Lake City, UT on 11 May 2023. The attendance sheet is attached.

The opening prayer was given by Acting Prelate Jay N. Mitchell. And the Pledge to the flag was conducted.

Meeting minutes were read and approved. It was noted that our bylaws still need to be revised and updated to bring into compliance with GEKT. It was agreed that the Recorder would send out the minutes from this meeting to all members as well as the financial reports.

SK William E. McCraw was elected unanimously and accepted into Samuel Paul Honors Commandery.

The financial report was presented by SK Dean D. Rein and approved. No bills are due other than our annual submittal to KT Eye Foundation.

SK William A. Butterfield recently had a urinary tract infection which damaged his kidneys and he is hospitalized and undergoing dialysis.

SK Lawrence Rodriguez was enroute to the GYR Annual Sessions but had to return home due to sickness.

Elections were conducted. SK Robertson moved that the line progress one position, excepting the Recorder and Treasurer who would remain in place. All voted to accept the suggested Officer Line. Election results are as follows:

Commander	Paul D. Erickson
Generalissimo	William A. Garrard*

## Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Utah

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Captain General	Daniel A. Drew
Senior Warden	David J. Read*
Junior Warden	Jeffrey N. Nelson*
Treasurer	Dean D. Rein
Recorder	Charles E. Warren, Sr.
Standard Bearer	William R. Mullins
Sword Bearer	P. Marty Martineau
Warder	William E. McCraw

\*not present

Right Eminent Grand Commander Charles E. Warren, Sr. installed those officers present.

SK McCraw asked if we had a banner. Response being negative, he will provide a design for approval.

Past Commander Ben Young arrived late due to traffic, but had nothing further to offer the conclave.

Commander Erickson closed the Conclave. Annual dues were paid by SKs Mullins, Hamilton, Erickson, Rein, Young, and Martineau.

Charles E. Warren, Sr.

Recorder

### **PAST COMMANDER'S ASSOCIATION**

Report not available.



**111th ANNUAL  
CONVOCATION  
GRAND CHAPTER  
ROYAL ARCH MASONS  
OF UTAH**

**Saturday, May 13, 2023**

**DoubleTree by Hilton Salt Lake  
City Airport  
Salt Lake City, Utah**

## **GRAND CHAPTER**

### **CHAPTER MINUTES**

May 13, 2023

DoubleTree by Hilton Salt Lake City Airport, Salt Lake City, Utah

The 111<sup>th</sup> Annual Conclave was declared open by ME Grand High John Liley, Jr.

Roll call was conducted, and a quorum was confirmed.

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

A preliminary Credentials Report was provided by Companion David Hutchinson indicating a total of 46 votes present.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes from the previous session as printed. The motion was approved. A motion was made and seconded to accept the pre-printed reports be accepted as printed. The motion was approved.

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

Companion John Huth provided words of greeting from Arizona.

ME Grand High Priest Liley presented the Keystone Award to Companion Joseph Radloff, Ontario #3.

Companion Brian Hastings, Jurisprudence Committee Chairman, clarified Section 3-4 regarding opening and closing requires that a Chapter be open and closed for each meeting.

Companion Douglas Backes announced that the Mark Master Lodge donated \$3,000 to the RARA this past year. They received a special diamond



pin and certificate from the RARA, which they presented to the ME Grand High Priest.

Final credentials report was presented by David Hutchinson indicating we still have 46 eligible voters in attendance.

Companion Stephen Balke provided greetings from New Mexico.

Companion Preston Martineau presented proposed legislation to eliminate the Joint Sessions. Motion was made and seconded to change the appropriate sections of the Constitution. With no discussion, the motion was approved.

Companion Benjamin Young made the motion to approve the budget for the coming year. The motion was seconded and approved.

Companion TJ Roberts provided information concerning the 4-Corners Festival.

Companion David Hutchinson reported that there was a change in eligible voters which is now 47.

ME Grand High Priest opened elections of officers.

Election of Officers was conducted with the following results:

- Reed B. Fanning ..... Grand High Priest
- Daniel A. Drew ..... Grand King
- Timothy L. Stenner .....Grand Scribe
- Benjamin L. Young.....Grand Treasurer
- Jay N. Mitchell.....Grand Secretary

During the election process greetings were received from Companion Kim Bowman, Sr, representing the ME Grand High Priest of Montana and Companion Craig Phillips, Grand High Priest of Nevada.

The appointed officers were:

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

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

Travis McGuire, MW Grand Master, Free and Accepted Masons of Utah, provided greetings.

Companion Jeffrey Hamilton presented the Past Grand High Priest apron, which was donated by Gunny Rodriguez, to ME Grand High Priest John Liley, Jr.

The elected and appointed officers were installed:

Grand Installing Officer.....Jason C Varner

The Assembly was closed by newly installed Grand High Priest Reed B. Fanning.

**GRAND CHAPTER OFFICERS**

2022- 2023

\*In Attendance

- \*John C. Liley, Jr .....M.E. Grand High Priest
- \*Reed B. Fanning.....R.E. Grand King
- \*Daniel A. Drew.....R. E. Grand Scribe
- \* Benjamin Young.....E Grand Treasurer
- \* David J. Read, Sr.....R. E. Grand Secretary
- \*Timothy L. Stenner.....E. Grand Captain of Host
- \*Trevor J. Wilkinson.....E. Grand Principal Sojourner
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- \*David S. Hutchinson.....E. Grand Master 2nd Veil
- \*O. Blake Hansen.....E. Grand Master 1st Veil
- \*Paul D. Erickson. ....E. Grand Chaplain
- \*Lorenzo Tibbitts.....Excellent Grand Lecturer
- \* Daniel L. Hamilton.....E. Grand Sentinel

**GRAND CHAPTER COMMITTEES**

\*Denotes Chairman

**4 Corners Royal Arch Festival**

T.J. Robertson\*

**General Grand Bronze Metal**

Jason C. Varner\*

**Royal Arch Reaffirmation Day**

Paul Erickson\*

Constituent Chaplains

**Royal Arch Research Assistance**

Jason C. Varner\*

Constituent High Priests and  
Recorders

**PAST GRAND HIGH PRIESTS**

Blaine H. Simons	1994-95	Jason C. Varner*	2016-17
Loren H. Rausher	2006-07	T. J. Robertson*	2017-18
Michael L. Busby	2009-10	Christopher C. Young	2018-19
William Butterfield	2010-11	Lawrence R Rodriguez	2019-20
Charles Sipes	2011-12	Jeffrey Hamilton*	2020-21
Brian J. Hastings*	2012-13	Jay N. Mitchell*	2021-22
P “Marty” Martineau*	2014-15	John C. Liley, Jr*	2022-23
Dean D. Rein*	2015-16		

\*denotes in attendance  
 (e) denotes excused

**CHAPTER DAIS OFFICERS**

2022-2023

<b>Utah #1</b>				<b>Provo #4</b>			
High Priest	Alex Hill	<b>P</b>		High Priest	Jayson Carlson		*
King	Rudolph Zamora Jr	*		King	Kendall Carlson		<b>P</b>
Scribe	Christopher Wright	<b>P</b>		Scribe	Daniel Lawes		*
<b>Ogden #2</b>				<b>Price #6</b>			
High Priest	Timothy Fellows	<b>P</b>		High Priest	Sean Carmichael		*
King	Gary Roberts	*		King	Jeffrey Smith		<b>P</b>
Scribe	Kenneth Palmer	*		Scribe	Aaron Weyant		*
<b>Ontario #3</b>				<b>St. George #10</b>			
High Priest	Joseph Mann	*		High Priest	Christopher Mitchell		<b>P</b>
King	Joseph Radloff	*		King	James Etling		<b>P</b>
Scribe	Jeffrey C Hunt	<b>P</b>		Scribe	Victor Price		<b>P</b>

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

## VISITING DIGNITARIES

**Glen A. Cook**, Intendant General, Red Cross of Constantine

**Thomas Collins**, Grand Principal Sojourner, Grand Chapter of Nevada

**Stephen A. Balke**, ME Past Grand High Priest, Grand Chapter of New Mexico

**Craig Phillips**, ME Grand High Priest, Grand Chapter of Nevada

**William Greenen, Sr.**, ME Grand High Priest, Grand Chapter of Arizona

**John Huth**, ME Grand Scribe, Grand Chapter of Arizona, representing Companion Russel R. Sayre, ME Grand High Priest, Grand Chapter of Arizona

**Kim Bowman, Sr**, RE Grand King, representing Companion Keith A. Head, ME Grand High Priest, Grand High Priest of Montana

**TJ Robertson**, ME Past Grand High Priest, Ambassador to Utah, General Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons International

**Jeffrey E. Hamilton**, ME Past Grand High Priest, Deputy General Grand High Priest Southwest Division, representing Companion Steven G. Tiner, ME General Grand High Priest, General Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons International

**Travis A. McGuire**, Most Worshipful Grand Master, Free and Accepted Masons of Utah

## OFFICER'S REPORTS

### REPORT OF THE MOST EXCELLENT GRAND HIGH PRIEST

I bid you welcome to the 112<sup>th</sup> Annual Convocation of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Utah. I thank you all for your attendance and well wishes. The Companions throughout Utah have been most hospitable, willing to help aide and assist when needed and most kind to me in this office during my term.

During my time in this office, it would seem the companions all behaved and conducted themselves as Masons which required nothing of this office and for that I am grateful for. I will note one Most Excellent Companion was suspended as was the result of his trial in his Blue Lodge. It is hoped once his sentence is completed this Companion will return quietly and productively to the fold in 2024.

Additionally, a Dias officer in Ogden was suspended from Masonry by the Grand Master for good and sufficient cause. His fate will be determined at the next Communication of the Grand Lodge of Utah by his brethren in February of 2024.

No by-laws changes were presented to me through the Grand Recorders office this term.

No Dispensations were presented to me through the Grand Recorders office this term.

No Special Convocations of this Grand Chapter were held during this term.

I did attend all the Chapters save one and the Mark Lodge twice during my term. My apologies to St. George as it was my intention to attend but weather this year and time were a factor. No excuses just how it was. My personal apologies to ME Gunny Rodriguez as this is his chapter and he has been a great friend and mentor to me these past few years and this is his home chapter.

I did not travel to any sister jurisdictions during this term, but I do know ME Companion Jeffrey Hamilton, RE Excellent Reed Fanning and others did extend my well wishes.

I was scheduled to attend the Four Corners Festival this past October in Grand Junction. I had my room reserved and expressed to those hosting that I would be in attendance. Unfortunately, the week of I developed bronchitis or the flu and was quite ill. I was hell bent and determined to attend and was quite disappointed which I communicated in a call to ME Jeff Hamilton all the while coughing my lungs out. I do wish I was in attendance as the brothers of Keystone Mark Mason's Lodge Number 0 and Companions from our Provo Chapter made the trek and from what I was told presented the degree flawlessly. I would like to thank RE Danny Drew who

represented me at the last moment. Top tip is to call and cancel your hotel reservation when your wife tells you you are too sick to go or like me you get to pay for your room anyway. Again, thanks to the Companions who drove out super early and then flipped back the same day to attend a Companion's wedding. Well done.

I also attended the Southwest Regional York Rite Conference held at the Little America here in Salt Lake City on the 29<sup>th</sup> of October. I was there for the Chapter sections of the conference and was with the brethren for an address by our General Grand High Priest and an educational given by ME Adam Hathaway a dear friend from New Mexico.

A Bronze award was authorized and will be presented to William McGraw a worthy and hard-working companion. My thanks to ME Jason Varner for his assistance. The Keystone award was given to Gunny Rodriguez PGHP and Joseph Radloff by their respective lodges. The Ephraim Kirby was given to Brian Hastings PGHP.

I have some observations and comments I'd like to make. Royal Arch Freemasonry is a beautiful thing. I have always loved the degrees. I find the degrees if not more beautiful than competing rites somewhat more easy to follow on your path as you venture outside the Blue Lodge. During my interactions with the Companions of the Chapters and Brethren of the Mark Lodge that I have witnessed some unhealthy habits have crept into our Chapters and Lodge. Some of this I attribute to Covid and some I contribute to the excuse of Covid if not just old-fashioned laziness. I do not say this to be negative but just to state the obvious Companions. We have at the last count I was given only about 243 Royal Arch Masons in Utah. Yet whilst I attended Chapters on at least two occasions one chapter was going to open on short form and one by proclamation. Companions I understand that if we follow the 80/20 rule the 20% of Royal Arch Masons of Utah are here today and you are the Companions I met with this year. Our Ritual is beautiful, and I know you can open with as little as 5 Companions

present but if you have enough men in the room and you do not have a memorization requirement I urge you that you should open in full form. It was obvious to me that most of the Chapters were not familiar with the ritual even when reading it and Companions that's just not cool. I know in my day nearly 20 years ago we made it an effort to memorize the openings and closings and I would say doing so enriches your chapters and to the new royal arch members joining shows them what actually binds us together as Companions of the Royal Arch. Think of the new Companions just made in Salt Lake last weekend. Will you bring them in to your chapters only for them to see short form ritual and the paying of the bills? Royal Arch ritual is beautiful. Be more beautiful and less given to ease. Oh, and additionally Companions after a long call with our JP Chair ME Brian Hastings no chapter has the authority to open by proclamation just so you know. I'm not certain according to the code a Grand High Priest does just saying. Bring your books and read them and memorize them make us all proud.

As stated by my predecessor and friend ME Jason Varner we need to be better at attending Royal Arch Reaffirmation Day in October. I know I am bad having never attended a service and I listened to an impassioned conversation by ME John McCurdy while attending the Price Chapter. It's not fun being the only fellow at a church service in a uniform even though ME John was talking about Easter services, but his comments do apply here.

I'll state once again that I feel Royal Arch Masonry is a beautiful and necessary thing in the overall family of Utah Freemasonry. I need to thank so many of you for your support not to forget my wife who would look at the calendar once again to see me gone another night and the smiles and welcome I received when I arrived at a local meeting or hours away from my home. Thank you to everyone but especially to ME's Jason, Marty, Gunny, Dean, Brian, TJ, Uncle Charles and anyone else I forgot so here's the all-inclusive "thank you". Oh, and do yourself a favor and have your red coat tailored



because after all these years I myself finally found myself quite comfortable in it.

That's all.

Fraternally Submitted,

John C. Liley, Jr.  
Most Excellent Grand High Priest  
R.A.M. of Utah

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

This year was a chaotic one for me. I was handfast, my father passes and I was on the road with work and various Freemasonry events throughout the term.

I attended Grand Sessions of Arizona. I attended Convent General. I picked up a new Companion from the Colorado River Fall Festival but was unable to attend the degrees. I was able to make it to Southwest York Rite Conference. I enjoyed the events at Masonic Week.

I attended local Utah Chapter and our Mark Lodge meetings in person and via zoom but was unable to visit all Chapters do to travel. I hope my work travels aren't as extensive next year so I can make more local events.

Respectfully submitted,  
Reed B. Fanning, Grand King

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

My year as Utah Grand Chapter Scribe for 2022-2023 was one that was a blessing and a distraction for me from the death of my mother in early December 2022. I feel blessed to be able to serve as the Utah Grand Chapter Scribe this year as it allowed me many opportunities to serve and do the work that many local chapters needed.

I was able to make the York Rite meeting out of Provo. Where I was also able to meet up with Jay Mitchell, Chuck Warren, and John Liley at various meetings throughout the year. Including Provo York Rite's Installation of Officers at Harvest Restaurant in December.

In October of 2022, Utah's Grand High Priest John Liley was very ill and couldn't make it to the Annual 4-Corners Festival, this time in Grand Junction Colorado. He asked if I could represent him and Utah's Grand Chapter in Grand Junction at the 4-Corners Festival. So, I was able to travel to Grand Junction and watch Utah's Keystone Lodge 0 put on the Mark Master's Degree for the 4-Corners Festival. I must say that Utah's Keystone Lodge 0 did the very best degree for the festival.

I was also able to help represent Utah Grand York Rite and as its Grand Scribe by helping with Registration and technical issues at the Southwest York Rite Conference. This was a great time to show the States in the Southwest all the great things happening in Utah and especially Utah's Grand Chapter.

I was unable to attend Price or St. George York Rite bodies this year, for this I apologize to both these great bodies and beg them for their forgiveness. I was able to visit Ogden's York Rite Bodies, Midvale's York Rite Bodies, Utah 1's York Rite Bodies, and Provo's York Rite Bodies.

May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023, I was able to attend and help assist in a mini festival of all 4 Chapter Degrees at the Salt Lake Masonic Temple. Provo Chapter #4 put on the degrees had a candidate, Utah 1 paid for the room and had 3 candidates, and Ontario Chapter #3 attended and had 2 candidates. All 4 degrees were beautiful, and the candidates enjoyed their experiences.

Recommendations:

1. All Chapters need to be able to do the normal opening, no declared openings.
2. Have a goal of attendance at your meetings (contact those who have been less/not active)
3. Make meetings and degree's fun!
4. Let those in blue lodge know how enjoyable and fun York Rite is.
5. Set a goal of \$500 per Chapter per year for Royal Arch Research Assistance Charitable Contributions

Respectfully submitted,  
 Daniel Drew, Grand Scribe

**GRAND SECRETARY**

***REPORT OF RETURNS - RAM***

	<b>Mark Master</b>					
SLC	Keystone #0		N/A			
	<b>RAM</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>Per capita (\$10)</b>	<b>Fees (\$2.50)</b>	<b>RARA</b>	<b>Total</b>
SLC	Ch. #1	66	\$660.00	0		\$660.00
Ogden	Ch. #2	42	\$420.00	\$25.00		\$445.00
Midvale	Ch. #3	44	\$440.00	\$5.00		\$445.00
Provo	Ch. #4	27	\$270.00	\$5.00		\$275.00
Price	Ch. #6	38	\$380.00	\$27.50		\$407.50
St. Geo.	Ch. #10	25	\$250.00	\$5.00		\$255.00
<b>Totals</b>		<b>242</b>	<b>\$2,420.00</b>	<b>\$67.50</b>		<b>\$2,487.50</b>

**STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY**

January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022

	MM #0	Totals	Utah #1	Ogden #2	Ontario #3	Provo #4	Price #6	Golgotha #10
as of 12/31/21		<b>226</b>	62	37	46	29	27	25
Exalted		<b>27</b>	0	10	2	2	11	2
Affiliated		<b>9</b>	5	1	0	0	2	1
Restored		<b>5</b>	4	0	1	0	0	0
Adjustments		<b>0</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total gain		<b>41</b>	9	11	3	2	13	3
Demitted		<b>4</b>	0	2	0	1	1	0
Suspended		<b>7</b>	2	0	2	3	0	0
Deceased		<b>14</b>	3	4	3	0	1	3
Error		<b>0</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Loss		<b>25</b>	5	6	5	4	2	3
as of 12/31/22		<b>242</b>	66	42	44	27	38	25
Net Gain (Loss)		<b>16</b>	4	5	-2	-2	11	0

## **REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

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

The 57<sup>th</sup> annual Four-Corners Royal Arch Festival was hosted by The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Colorado in 2022.

The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Colorado hosted the festival at The Grand Junction Masonic Center in Grand Junction, Colorado on September 30 and October 1, 2022.

The host hotel for the event was The Grand Vista Hotel in Grand Junction. A room block was secured with the guest rooms at a discounted rate of \$89.00 per room.

The festival kicked off at 8:00 AM at The Grand Junction Masonic Center, beginning with the Mark Master Degree conferred by the companions of Keystone, Mark Master Lodge of Utah followed by the Past Master Degree, conferred by the companions of Arizona, and then the Most Excellent Master Degree, conferred by the companions of New Mexico. A lunch was provided by the ladies of The Eastern Star of Colorado, which consisted of various soups, sandwiches and desserts. Following lunch, the companions of Colorado conferred The Royal Arch Degree upon 17 candidates from all of the Four-Corners States. The evening brought a wonderful banquet which consisted of baron of beef prepared by Scott Wilson assisted by Colorado DeMolay and Eastern Star.

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to Most Excellent Companion John C. Liley Jr. for appointing me to this committee and trusting me to coordinate such an event and to the Companions of Keystone Mark Master Lodge for the degree conferral. I would also like to express gratitude to the committees of each of the Four-Corners states; Arizona, New Mexico, and especially Colorado, for hosting this festival. The festival could not go on without the tireless efforts of such men. Most Excellent Companion Scott Wilson, Past Grand High Priest of Colorado, is also owed a specific thank you, for all of the work he did in making the 57<sup>th</sup> annual Four-Corners Royal Arch Festival such a successful event.

The 58<sup>th</sup> Annual Four-Corners Royal Arch Festival will be hosted by The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of New Mexico, and will be held in Farmington, New Mexico on October 6 -7, 2023. Farmington is a wonderful festival, as all the Degrees are conferred outdoors in a beautiful setting.

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

Yours in Service,  
TJ Robertson – Chairman

**BRONZE MEDAL AWARD**

The Bronze Medal Award was given to Companion William McCraw during the banquet Friday evening.

**CREDENTIALS REPORT ROYAL ARCH SESSIONS**

Date May 13, 2023

Grand Officers (exc. Grand Sentinel and Grand Chaplain).....	10
Past Grand Elected Officers.....	6
Constituent Delegates (current Excellent HP, KING, SCRIBE) including proxies.....	18
Past High Priests.....	12

TOTAL (including proxies).....46

**JURISPRUDENCE**

Jurisprudence Committee has reviewed the report of the actions and activities of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest during the 2022-2023 year and have the following report:

There were no dispensations granted or by-law amendments approved by the Grand High Priest for this committee to review. His reporting of activities was thorough and accurate. The committee notes that his observations and assessments of the state Royal Arch Masonry in Utah were poignant and appreciated.

The Grand High Priest is to be commended for successfully executing the duties of his office with alacrity . The committee recognizes that the challenges encountered during his term were effectively mitigated for the good of the order.

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Dean D. Rein, MEPGHP  
Brian J. Hastings, MEPGHP  
Blaine H. Simons, MEPGHP  
Jason C. Varner, MEPGHP

### **LEGISLATION**

Proposed change to the “CONSTITUTION, LAWS & REGULATIONS of the MOST EXCELLENT GRAND CHAPTER of ROYAL ARCH MASONS of the STATE OF UTAH”

Whereas Section 2-9 (b) Finance was amended to move the election of the Finance Committee “to be held in the first body to open per Section 2-3 Convocation (B) where a credentials report and roll call is taken to establish the eligible delegates.”

Whereas no business takes place in the Joint Grand York Rite Sessions except the introduction of dignitaries.

And Whereas the Grand York Rite Assembly schedule is already very tight.

Be it moved the Grand York Rite Joint Session be eliminated and Section 2-3 Convocation be amended as follows.

### **Currently reads:**

Section 2-3 Convocation Amended May 2006

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York Rite Bodies of Utah who convene on the Second Friday and the following Saturday in May. The Time and Place of the next Annual Convocation shall be determined during these sessions.

(B) There will be a Joint Session held with the Grand Council Cryptite Masons of Utah, and the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Utah. The Sessions will be opened by the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Utah (starting in 2006) then rotated each year in turn with the Grand Chapter, Grand Council and Grand Commandery.

(C) The Joint Sessions will be opened at 9:00 am on Friday to conduct joint business.

**To Read:**

Section 2-3 Convocation Amended May 2023

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Respectfully submitted,  
Preston “Marty” Martineau Jr, KYGCH  
Past Grand High Priest

**ROYAL ARCH REAFFIRMATION**

Reaffirmation Day, is an opportunity for us, the members of the Grand Chapter of Utah, to gather together as individual Chapters and reflect on our membership in Capitular Masonry as memorialized in the ritual of the General Grand Chapter International. It is also an opportunity



for us to renew the vows we owe to God by reflecting on the oaths we took in the several degrees of that body.

Reaffirmation Day was originally observed in the Grand Chapter of Ohio as a way to celebrate its formation on October 24, 1816, and should not be viewed as a requirement but a joyous occasion of fellowship and celebration of our beloved Capitular Rite.

At the time this celebration was originated, Constituent Chapters were requested to attend the religious service of their choice on Reaffirmation Sunday October 24, 1816. To that end, the shining stars of the Grand Chapter of Utah were Ogden No. 2, and Price No. 6, both attending a church of their choice together on Reaffirmation Sunday October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2022, dressed in their red coats. A great example for other Chapters to follow.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul D. Erickson  
Grand Chaplain  
Reaffirmation Committee Chair  
Members: Constituent Chaplains

### **ROYAL ARCH RESEARCH ASSISTANCE**

Throughout the Utah Grand Capitular year, RARA was promoted at visitations by Grand Chapter officers. Contributions were made by several chapters and other masonic bodies. The largest of which was \$3,000.00 from Keystone Mark Masters Lodge 0.

The Royal Arch Research Assistance primary focus is to better understand and mitigate the difficulties associated with Central processing disorder Central Auditory Processing Disorder (CAPD) is a hearing deficiency that does not allow those afflicted to distinguish sounds that can be heard by those with regular hearing. When a sound occurs, the sound is taken into the inner ear and delivered to the brain and the brain translates what is being heard. When a person is deaf, the part of the ear that delivers the sound to

the brain does not function. When a person has central auditory processing Disorder (CAPD), the part of the brain that translates what the ear delivers does not function properly. The person with CAPD can hear sounds, but how the brain translates the sound is incorrect, and the end result is a garbled message. People who have CAPD have normal hearing, so they are not considered hearing impaired. The neurological processing of the sounds they hear is impaired, which is why it's called a processing disorder. Research is developing paths of opportunity to correct this problem, and your Royal Arch Research Assistance (R.A.R.A.) contributions support these efforts.

**Please consider donating to this wonderful charity that help improve the lives of so many.**

**Fraternally,  
Jason C Varner**

## **OTHER REPORTS**

### **ANNOINTED HIGH PRIESTS**

Report not available.



**94<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL  
ASSEMBLY  
GRAND COUNCIL  
CRYPTIC MASON'S  
OF UTAH**

**Saturday, May 13, 2023**

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

## **GRAND COUNCIL**

### **GRAND COUNCIL MINUTES**

May 13, 2023

DoubleTree by Marriott Salt Lake City Airport,  
Salt Lake City, UT

The 94<sup>th</sup> Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Utah was opened by M.I. Jay Mitchell. Prayer was given and the Pledge of Allegiance was made.

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

A preliminary report from the Credentials Committee given by Daniel Drew indicated 10 Grand Officers, 7 Past Illustrious Masters, 16 Constituent Body Delegates, 5 Past Illustrious Grand Masters for a total of 38.

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

Illustrious Grand Master Mitchell presented his report which was followed by the report of Jurisprudence. Both reports were approved to be spread upon the minutes.

A final report from the Credentials Committee, given by Daniel Drew, indicated 10 Grand Officers, 7 Past Illustrious Masters, 18 Constituent Body Delegates, 5 Past Illustrious Grand Masters for a total of 40.

Illustrious Grand Master Mitchell presented William Mullins with the Grand Chapter of Utah Ish Sodi award.

Proposed legislation was presented by Companion Preston “Marty” Martineau to remove references to Joint Sessions from the Constitution/ByLaws. Motion was made and seconded. The motion was approved.

The Grand Treasurer, Companion Benjamin Young, proposed the budget. Motion was made and seconded to approve the budget. The budget was approved.

Companion Paul Erickson reported on the illness that befell companion Gunny Rodriguez on the trip to the Sessions. He began experiencing a low oxygen level, and felt need to remain at home. He is recovering well.

News about Companion William Butterfield was given. He is improving and is currently at St. Joseph Villa.

MI Mitchell opened elections. The results of the elections are as follows:  
Lawrence R. Rodriguez.....M. I. Grand Master  
Charles E. Warren Sr.....R. I. Deputy Grand Master  
Monte K. Andersen .....R. I. Grand Principal Conductor of Works  
Benjamin Young.....R.I. Grand Treasurer  
Jay N. Mitchell .....R. I. Grand Recorder

During the election process, words of greetings were received from Companions Kim Bowman, Sr., Thomas Collins, Craig Phillips, and William Greenen.

Companion Jason C. Varner, VP SouthWest Regional Deputy General Grand Master, General Grand Council Cryptic Masons International, provided information concerning the available awards from General Grand Council.

Companion Steven Balke, MI Past Grand Master, RP General Grand Recorder, General Grand Council Cryptic Masons International, representing Monty Glover, MP General Grand Master, General Grand Council Cryptic Masons International provided news from General Grand Council.

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

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

Installation of the elected and appointed officers (with the exception of the MI Grand Master and RI Grand Recorder who will be installed at a later date) was conducted.

- Installing Illustrious Grand Master.....Steven Balke
- Installing Grand Marshall.....Preston “Marty” Martineau
- Installing Grand Chaplain.....

The Assembly was closed by Most Illustrious Grand Master Mitchell.

**GRAND COUNCIL CRYPTIC MASONS UTAH OFFICERS  
2022 – 2023**

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- \*In Attendance

**GRAND COUNCIL COMMITTEES  
2022-2023**

\* Denotes Chairman

**Cryptic Mason of Year**

Reed Fanning\*  
Subordinate Council  
Recorders

**Youth Award  
Committee**

Charles E. Warren\*  
Subordinate Council  
Recorders

**Cryptic Mason  
Medical Research**

Lawrence Rodriguez\*  
Timothy L. Stenner

**PAST GRAND ILLUSTRIOUS MASTERS**

\*Denotes in attendance e denotes

Blaine H. Simons	1989-90	Jason A. Mitchell	2015-16
		T.J. Robertson e	2016-17
Loren H. Rausher	2007-08	Jason C. Varner*	2017-18
William A. Butterfield	2009-10	Douglas J. Backes*	2018-19
Michael L. Busby	2010-11	P. Marty Martineau*	2019-20
Brian J. Hastings*	2011-12	Reed B. Fanning, Jr*	2020-21
Charles G. Sipes	2012-13	Jeffrey E. Hamilton e	2021-22
Dean D. Rein*	2014-15	Jay N. Mitchell	2022-23

**COUNCIL DAIS OFFICERS**

Utah #1	(X Denotes Present A Denotes Absent)		
	Illustrious Master	Michael Clark	X
	Deputy Master	Alex Hill	X
	Prin Cond of Work	Rudolph Zamora Jr.	X
Provo #2			
	Illustrious Master	Lorenzo Tibbitts	X
	Deputy Master	Ryder Wright	P
	Prin Cond of Work	Kendall V Carlson	P
Ogden #3			
	Illustrious Master	William E McCraw	X
	Deputy Master	Kenneth Palmer	X
	Prin Cond of Work	Gary Roberts	X
Solomon #4			
	Illustrious Master	Daniel Hamilton	P
	Deputy Master	Sean Carmichael	X
	Prin Cond of Work	Jeffrey Smith	P
Daly #5			
	Illustrious Master	Blair D. Hope	X
	Deputy Master	Joseph Mann Jr	X
	Prin Cond of Work	Joseph Radloff	X
Zion #7			
	Illustrious Master	Rulon Olsen	X
	Deputy Master	Victor Price	P
	Prin Cond of Work	Billy Borger	P



## VISITING DIGNITARIES

**Thomas Collins**, Grand Chaplain, Grand Council Cryptic Masons of Nevada

**Kim Bowman, Sr**, MI Past Grand Master, representing M. Guy Mayberry, MI Grand Master, Grand Council Cryptic Masons of Wyoming

**William Greenen**, VP General Grand Past Ambassador representing John Lervold, MI Grand Master, Grand Council Cryptic Masons of Arizona

**Craig Phillips**, VP General Grand Ambassador to Nevada, General Grand Council Cryptic Masons International, representing Robert Peterson, MI Grand Master, Grand Council Cryptic Masons of Nevada

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## OFFICER REPORTS

### REPORT OF THE MOST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND MASTER

#### **Dispensations:**

I granted a dispensation to Daly Council #5 in Midvale, Utah to cancel the February regular meeting due to a severe snowstorm which made travel hazardous. The next meeting would be on their regular meeting in March.

#### **Visitations:**

-In September of 2022 I attended the Miss Utah Job's Daughter Pageant & Spirit Ambassador Competition. It is important to support our youth groups and other Masonic bodies.

-I Attended the South West Dept York Rite Conference in Salt Lake City Utah in November 2022

-I Attended the North West Dept York Rite Conference in Boise Idaho, October 2022.

At these Department conferences we were presented with information about increasing membership, about our charities and many other topics important to the success of York Rite Masonry. I encourage all members to attend the Department Conferences as it will make you a better York Rite Mason and a better leader.

-I made my official visitations to the six York Rite Cryptic Mason constituent Councils of Utah. At each visitation I made a presentation of:

1. Membership and suggestions. A summary consists of the three “R”s. Recruitment, Retention and Restoration.
  - a. Recruitment: We are all Blue Lodge Masons and should assist our Blue Lodges with recruitment then recruit from them for York Rite. That way both bodies benefit, and we will have a sense of cooperation with our Blue Lodges. Let Master Masons know they will receive the lost Masters Word and continuing knowledge in Masonry.
  - b. Retention: Make meetings short, interesting and have fun. Establish a phone tree with the officers of local York Rite Bodies. Divide the membership among officers and make phone calls to members. Do a wellness check “how are you doing and is there anything we can help with?” Inform members of meetings and activities. “We would love to see you if you can make it.” If we are losing a member do an “exit interview” to let them know they are valued members. Ask why they are leaving and what we can do to keep them as members.
  - c. Restoration: Is involved with reaching out to members we have lost. Let them know we care about them, and they are important to us. Find out why they left and what we can do to help them rejoin York Rite. You may not get everyone to rejoin but some may rejoin. Every member counts.

A copy of my full presentation is attached.

Charity: At each visitation I did a presentation of the Cryptic Mason Medical Research Foundation.

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8. PANCREATITIS is inflammation of the pancreas. The pancreas is a large gland behind the stomach, close to the first part of the small intestine. The pancreas has two main functions—to make insulin and to make digestive juices, or enzymes, to help you digest food. When the pancreas is inflamed, the powerful digestive enzymes it makes can damage its tissue. The inflamed pancreas can cause the release of inflammatory cells and toxins that may harm your lungs, kidneys and heart.

In conclusion, the CMMRF is one of the most important charities that we as Masons support. And it affects the greatest number of people with the health issues above. Please do what you can to support this important charity. A copy of my complete CMMRF presentation is attached.

Awards: A presentation for Cryptic Mason awards was made at each visitation. I do not believe in giving out awards just to give out awards. However, if a member is doing a great job in your council, then he should be rewarded. This will not only reward him but encourage him to continue his exemplary efforts. This may also be an incentive and example for other members to step up their efforts for the good of your council.

A few of the awards are:

Ish Sodi. Which may be defined as “man of my choice” or “select man”.  
10% Council Membership Gain Certificate.

First Responders Award. Firefighters, Police etc. This can be for members or non-members. The non-members receive a pin and certificate.

Veterans Service Award. This award can be for a member or non-member to recognize military service to our country.

Lady of the Council. If your lady or any lady has given a great deal of support to Cryptic Masonry, then consider giving her this award. It is a nice jewel, and the cost is \$125.

Adult Youth Leadership Award. The youth are a big part of our Masonic future. Youth leaders are critical in helping our youth organizations be successful.

Cryptic Mason of the year award. This is a special award for exemplary service to Cryptic Masonry.

There are some additional awards that I will not go into detail now but information on the additional and the above awards can be found in the Award Booklet that is available on the Utah York Rite website. The Award Booklet was prepared by Companion Danny Drew.

The Cryptic Mason Award Booklet can be found at <https://utahyorkrite.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/Grand-Council-Cryptic-Masons-of-the-State-of-Utah-Awards-Booklets-1.pdf>.

In conclusion, it has been my honor and pleasure to serve Utah Cryptic Masonry this past year as the Most Illustrious Grand Master. I hope I have done at least some good. I sincerely appreciate all of your confidence and support. Even though my term is ending I will continue to support York Rite Masonry in Utah to the best of my ability.

Thank you and respectfully submitted,  
Jay N Mitchell, Most Illustrious Grand Master, Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Utah

## ATTACHMENTS:

York Rite Membership is our highest priority especially in this trying time:

" Every Grand, Subordinate and Constituent York Rite Body must have a membership committee that is active and held accountable for results. "What gets measured gets done." The three dais officers and secretary are your committee.

" Must focus on the three R's - Recruitment, Retention and Restoration. Some York Rite Bodies focus all of their efforts on recruitment and neglect retention and restoration.

" Make meetings interesting and educational.

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

" If we do lose someone, conduct an EXIT INTERVIEW. Let them know they are valued members. Why they are planning to leave and what we can do to keep them as members.

**RECRUITMENT:** The lifeline of any organization is built upon new members. Without a new base of membership, we cannot reach the heights that our fraternity so richly deserves. We are all Blue Lodge Masons so let us help our Blue Lodges with recruitment then recruit for York Rite from our Blue Lodges.

**RETENTION:** Often, the only thing a wavering brother needs is encouragement. Be a true friend to your fellow Companions. Let them know we appreciate them and value them. We can turn the tide of NPD's with a friendly call or visit, informing the member of the importance of his remaining with the York Rite. A phone tree can do wonders in keeping members informed and teaching them that York Rite is still relevant and has value for them.

**RESTORATION (or Reactivation)** is involved with reaching out to those fraters who we have lost. Find out why they left and what we can do while encouraging them to rejoin York Rite. And let's add a fourth "R" and call it "Masonic and Public Relations", how we should conduct ourselves in public to present a better picture to all who look upon our proud organization.

More suggestions for each local York Rite Body:

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**RIGHT ILLUSTRIOUS DEPUTY GRAND MASTER**

No report submitted.

**GRAND PRINCIPAL CONDUCTOR OF THE WORK**

Most Illustrious Grand Master, Most Illustrious Past Grand Masters, Grand Council Officers, Distinguished Guests and Companions, Good Afternoon. It is my honor and pleasure to address each of you at this 94<sup>th</sup> Annual Assembly of our Grand Council of Utah. I hope you have enjoyed your participation in our activities this week and I invite you to visit us more frequently.

It has been a challenging but enjoyable term for me this past year. My health issues in the month of September and October and the subsequent recovery period have limited the activities I had planned, but, thanks to the advantages of telecommunication I have mostly been able to stay informed and to participate in local Cryptic Masonry events to a smaller extent.

As I stated in my previous report as Grand Commander Knights Templar, I believe we should place a bit more emphasis on the attention given to our existing members. To summarize my previous comments, I agree that there is a problem with the diminishing numbers in our membership, but I do not think the entire focus should be on acquiring new members. I believe we should also ensure the experience of our existing members is taken into consideration and we should strive to learn why we have as many departing through non-payment of dues. Numerous of our Masonic Family have shared with us that the quality of our meetings needs our attention. Merely fulfilling the demands of the Constitution and/or By-laws is not adequate to maintain the interest and enthusiasm of our Companions. We must improve or I believe the exodus will continue.

**ACTIVITIES**

As I stated previously, my activities were somewhat limited this year but I thoroughly enjoyed those I was able to attend.

Our Southwest Regional Conference was a terrific event and I totally enjoyed meeting up once again with all my old friends and Companions. Kudos to TJ Robertson and his staff for producing such a grand experience for all of us.



As always, I received the warmth and companionship always extended by the Companions of the Ogden, Salt Lake City, Provo, and Price constituent bodies. I regret I was unable to extend my travels further South, but rest assured those Companions resided in my thoughts and prayers.

I attended the New Mexico Annual Grand Sessions where I represented our Most Illustrious Grand

Master, Jay N. Mitchell. As always, I was received and welcomed by a number of old friends and Companions. The New Mexico Sessions were held in the Ballut Abyad Shrine Temple, a magnificent facility in Albuquerque. If you ever have the opportunity to visit this Temple, I highly recommend you do so. I wish we all had access to such beautiful and accommodating facilities for our events.

### **APPRECIATION**

As is customary, I was accompanied on all my travels by my Dear Lady, Merrill-Lee, for which I am most thankful.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles E. Warren Sr.

Right Illustrious Grand Principal Conductor of the Work  
Grand Council, Cryptic Masons of Utah

### **GRAND RECORDER**

#### ***ANNUAL RETURNS SUMMARY –CM***

#### **2022 REPORT OF RETURNS as of Dec 31, 2022**

	<b>CM</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>Per capita (\$9.50)</b>	<b>Fees (\$2.50)</b>	<b>CMMRF</b>	<b>Total</b>
SLC	Co. #1	64	\$608.00	0		\$608.00
Provo	Co. #2	25	\$237.50	\$2.50		\$240.00
Ogden	Co. #3	42	\$399.00	\$22.50		\$421.50
Price	Co. #4	37	\$351.50	\$25.00		\$376.50
Midvale	Co. #5	43	\$408.50	\$2.50		\$411.00
St. Geo.	Co. #7	24	\$228.00	\$5.00		\$233.00
<b>Totals</b>		<b>235</b>	<b>\$2,232.50</b>	<b>\$57.50</b>		<b>\$2,290.00</b>

**STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE GRAND RECORDER**

January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022

Cryptic Masons

	TOTALS	Utah #1	Provo #2	Ogden #3	Solomon #4	Daly #5	St G #7
as of 12/31/21	222	61	28	37	27	46	23
Greeted	23	0	1	9	10	1	2
Affiliated	8	4	0	1	2	0	1
Restored	5	4	0	0	0	1	0
Omitted	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Gain	36	8	1	10	12	2	3
Demitted	4	0	1	2	1	0	0
Suspended	7	2	3	0	0	2	0
Deceased	12	3	0	3	1	3	2
Error	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Loss	23	5	4	5	2	5	2
as of 12/31/22	235	64	25	42	37	43	24
Net Gain (Loss)	13	3	-3	5	10	-3	1

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**CREDENTIALS REPORT CRYPTIC MASONS SESSIONS**

Date May 13, 2023

Grand Council Officers (current).....	10
Past Illustrious Masters.....	7
Constituent Delegates (current Illustrious M, Dep. M, PCW).....	18
Past Illustrious Grand Masters.....	5
TOTAL (including proxies).....	40

## **CMMRF COMMITTEE**

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Description - (AAA) is an enlarging of the aorta which is the main blood vessel from the heart to the rest of the body. The enlargement of the aorta many times leads to rupture and death. AAA is the 13th leading cause of death in the U.S. but its incidence is probably much higher as it has no symptoms until it ruptures. Of those patients who do rupture, half will die before reaching the hospital. Of the ones who do reach a hospital, half will die after emergency surgery. In total, 70% or more diagnosed with AAA will succumb to the condition, with only 30% or less surviving. Research is being done with stem cells and preliminary results show a significant reduction of inflammatory cells and AAA enlargement, Dr. Michael Murphy, a leading researcher for CMMRF, is now researching on injection an covering that grows around the aorta to prevent enlargement.
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3. Condition Under Study – HEART FAILURE Description – Heart failure occurs when the heart muscle doesn't pump blood as well as it should. Blood often backs up and causes fluid to build up in the lungs and in the legs. Ultimately, heart failure can be terminal as it leads to heart attacks and organ failure. Update: Research is assessing the ability of stem cells to improve

heart function and actually grow new heart muscle in patients with heart failure after a heart attack.

4. Condition Under Study – DIABETES Description - Diabetes is a chronic, metabolic disease characterized by elevated levels of blood glucose (or blood sugar), which leads over time to serious damage to the heart, blood vessels, eyes, kidneys, and nerves. The main types of diabetes: Type 1 diabetes and Type 2 diabetes, Type 2 being the most common in US society, mainly due to diet and weight issues.
5. Condition Under Study – CANCER Description - Cancer is the uncontrolled growth of abnormal cells in the body. Cancer develops when the body's normal control mechanism stops working. Old cells do not die and instead grow out of control, forming new, abnormal cells. These extra cells may form a mass of tissue, commonly known as a tumor. Current Research is underway in modulating the patient's immune system to fight this disease.
6. Condition Under Study – STROKE Description - A stroke is defined as a loss of blood flow to part of the brain, which damages brain tissue. Strokes are caused by blood clots and broken blood vessels in the brain. Symptoms include dizziness, numbness, weakness, paralysis, on one side of the body, and problems with talking, writing, or understanding language.
7. Condition Under Study – ARTHRITIS Description - Arthritis is the swelling and tenderness of one or more joints. The main symptoms of arthritis are joint pain and stiffness, which typically worsen with age. The most common types of arthritis are osteoarthritis and rheumatoid arthritis. Other types are • Psoriatic Arthritis. • Gout. • Lupus.
8. Condition Under Study – PANCREATITIS Description - Pancreatitis is inflammation of the pancreas. The pancreas is a large gland behind the stomach, close to the first part of the small intestine. The pancreas has two main functions—to make insulin and to make digestive juices, or enzymes, to help you digest food. When the pancreas is inflamed, the powerful digestive enzymes it makes can damage its tissue. The inflamed pancreas can cause release of inflammatory cells and toxins that may harm your lungs, kidneys and heart.

**In conclusion, the CMMRF is one of the most important charities that we as Masons support. And it affects the greatest number of people with the health issues above. Please do what you can to support this important charity.**

**Faternally,  
Jay Mitchell**

**CRYPTIC MASON OF THE YEAR AWARD**

The Cryptic Mason of the Year award was given to Howard L. Hastings.

**CRYPTIC MASON YOUTH AWARD**

Kelly Maynes was awarded the Cryptic Mason Youth Leadership Award.

**JURISPRUDENCE**

We the Committee on Jurisprudence having carefully reviewed the report of the Most Illustrious Grand Master Cryptic Masons of Utah beg leave to report:

That we have found it to be a true and accurate summary of his actions and travels. Further that the only dispensation he granted was not only within his power but was also prudent.

Most Illustrious Companion Mitchell is to be commended for his travel to and participation in the masonic events within the state and region. He is also to be commended for his representation of the Grand Council at masonic activities without the York Rite.

His dedication to retention and recruitment this year and over the last decade to York Masonry is highly appreciated.

We wish him well in all his further masonic endeavors.

We further move that his report be accepted and spread upon the minutes of this session of this Grand Council.

Fraternally submitted,  
Jason C. Varner Council  
Brian J. Hastings Chairman  
Dean D. Rein Chapter  
Blaine H. Simons KT

**LEGISLATION**

Proposed change to the “CONSTITUTION, LAWS & REGULATIONS of the GRAND COUNCIL CRYPTIC MASONS of the STATE OF UTAH”

Whereas Section 2-9 (b) Finance was amended to move the election of the Finance Committee “to be held in the first body to open per Section 2-3 Convocation (B) where a credentials report and roll call is taken to establish the eligible delegates.”

And whereas no business takes place in the Joint Grand York Rite Sessions except the introduction of dignitaries.

And whereas the Grand York Rite Assembly schedule is already very tight.

Be it moved the Grand York Rite Joint Session be eliminated and Section 2-3 Assembly be amended as follows.

**Currently reads:**

Section 2-3 ASSEMBLY Amended May 2006

(A) The Annual Assembly of this Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of Utah shall be held during the Annual Sessions of the Grand York Rite Bodies of Utah who convene on the Second Friday and the following Saturday in May. The Time and Place of the next Annual Assembly shall be determined during these sessions.

(B) There will be a Joint Session held with the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Utah, and Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Utah. The Sessions will be opened by the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Utah (starting in 2006) then rotated each year in turn with the Grand Chapter, Grand Council and Grand Commandery.

(C) The Joint Session will be opened at 9:00 am on Friday to conduct joint business.

**To read:**

Section 2-3 ASSEMBLY Amended May 2023

(A) The Annual Assembly of this Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of Utah shall be held during the Annual Sessions of the Grand York Rite

Bodies of Utah who convene on the Second Friday and the following Saturday in May. The Time and Place of the next Annual Assembly shall be determined during these sessions.

(B) The Sessions will be opened by the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Utah (starting in 2024) then rotated each year in turn with the Grand Chapter, Grand Council and Grand Commandery.

Respectfully submitted,  
Preston “Marty” Martineau Jr. CSV, KYGCH  
Past Grand Illustrious Master

### **OTHER REPORTS**

#### **THRICE ILLUSTRIOUS MASTERS**

Report not available.