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95th ANNUAL ASSEMBLY GRAND COUNCIL CRYPTIC MASONS



**114th ANNUAL CONCLAVE GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS
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2024 SESSIONS
OF THE
GRAND YORK RITE
OF FREEMASONRY
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JOINT SESSION GRAND YORK RITE JOINT COMMITTEES 2023-2024

*Denotes Chairman

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<p><u>Regional Conferences</u> Jeffrey Hamilton – Chapter Jeffrey Hamilton – Council Jeffrey Hamilton - KT</p>	<p><u>Returns of Const. Bodies</u> Grand Secretary/ Recorder* Auditor Grand Treasurer</p>	<p><u>Time and Place</u> Three Grand Presiding Heads Grand Secretary/Recorder</p>
<p><u>Triennial Conclave</u> Three Grand Presiding Heads</p>	<p><u>Unfinished Business</u> Grand Secretary/ Recorder* Presiding Grand Heads</p>	<p><u>Youth</u> Daniel Drew* William McCraw – Chapter Allen Record - Council Daniel Hamilton– KT</p>

**REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY/RECORDER
2024 Annual Returns Summary
Utah Constituent York Rite Bodies
CHANGE IN MEMBERSHIP**

2023 REPORT OF RETURNS as of Dec 31, 2023				
	RAM	2022	2023	Change
SLC	Ch. #1	66	62	-4
Ogden	Ch. #2	42	42	0
Midvale	Ch. #3	43	40	-3
Provo	Ch. #4	27	29	2
Price	Ch. #6	38	34	-4
St. Geo.	Ch. #10	25	28	3
Totals		241	235	-6
	CM	2022	2023	Change
SLC	Co. #1	64	61	-3
Provo	Co. #2	25	26	1
Ogden	Co. #3	42	42	0
Price	Co. #4	37	34	-3
Midvale	Co. #5	43	40	-3
St. Geo.	Co. #7	24	27	3
Totals		235	230	-5
	KT	2022	2023	Change
SPHC	Cm. #0	20	19	-1
SLC	Cm. #1	66	59	-7
Ogden	Cm. #2	42	42	0
Midvale	Cm. #3	41	40	-1
Provo	Cm. #5	25	26	1
Price	Cm. #6	36	33	-3
St. Geo.	Cm. #7	26	29	3

Totals		256	248	-8
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2023 CONSOLIDATED REPORT OF RETURNS				
as of Dec 31, 2023				
BODY	PER CAPITA DUE	PER CAPITA PAID	FEES	TOTAL PER CAPITA/FEES PD
SLC	\$944.00		\$7.00	
Ogden	\$672.00		\$5.00	
Midvale	\$640.00		\$8.00	
Provo	\$416.00		\$3.00	
Price	\$528.00		\$2.50	
St. Geo.	\$464.00		\$7.50	
SPH	\$304.00		\$2.50	
Totals	\$3968.00		\$35.50	

Companions and Sir Knights I have very much appreciated your support in all the offices I have held. I did not seek the office of Grand Secretary/Recorder. However, because the office was to become vacant, I was asked if I would take the position temporarily until another qualified candidate could be elected and installed. I therefore do not wish to continue in the office.

I did not know much about the position, so it has been a learning on the job experience. Fortunately, I had a great Assistant Secretary/Recorder, Jason Carlson, who did an excellent job in assisting me. I also had assistance from several others to whom I am incredibly grateful. Since I had assistance from others, I did not feel right in keeping all the stipend for myself and helped pay some of the expenses of my assistants. I also will contribute to the York Rite Charities.

Visitations:

- Job’s Daughters Pageant in Price, UT
- Miss Job’s Daughter, Salt Lake City, UT
- Grand Order of the Eastern Star installation, Salt Lake City, UT
- Ogden York Rite meeting representing Most Illustrious Grand Master Lawrence Gunny Rodriguez of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Utah
- Midvale York Rite meeting representing Most Illustrious Grand Master Lawrence Gunny Rodriguez of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Utah
- Price York meeting representing Most Illustrious Grand Master Lawrence Gunny Rodriguez of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Utah

Chaired the Time and Place Committee for the 2024 Grand Sessions, including the meetings venue, meals, and the hotel agreement. Regarding the changes this year from holding all the meetings at a hotel, we received suggestions that we try holding the meetings in the Salt Lake Masonic Temple. This was to keep the cost down and meet in an actual Masonic Lodge building. The meals were to be catered and keep the cost down for the members. It was hoped that we would get more participation from members by making it more affordable. If this is generally accepted by most members as a success, then it could be repeated. However, if most members would prefer to go back to having all meetings at a hotel, then whoever becomes the new Grand Secretary/Recorder should consider this with the new time and place committee.

My understanding of management is to get things done through and with people. As a result, I collaborated closely with the assistant Grand Secretary/Recorder, Jayson Carlson to take care of the various duties of the Grand Secretary/Recorder: Filed reports for the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons Filed reports for the General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons Filed reports for the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar Ordered rituals & jewels for subordinate bodies.

I collaborated with the Assistant Grand Secretary/Recorder, Jayson Carlson, in preparing a Grand Secretary/Recorder manual of duties. This will be a road map of what needs to be done and how to do it in the future. When issues arose then we learned from the issues and notes were made to the manual. This was started by our previous Grand Secretary/Recorder David Read. When I have made errors in the process of being the Grand Secretary/Recorder I sincerely apologize and have tried to learn from these errors. I wrote a letter to Grand Chapter RAM in Italy to be read at their Grand Sessions. **See Appendix D.**

In conclusion, it has been my honor and pleasure to serve the Utah Grand York Rite as Secretary/Recorder this past year. I hope I have done at least some good. For any errors I have made I apologize. 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. Thanks to all of you.

Respectfully submitted,

Jay N Mitchell
Grand Secretary/Recorder

GRAND TREASURER REPORT

Overall:

Overall the financial health of the Grand York Rite of Utah is healthy. The body is able to keep operating expenses within operating income and has therefore not had to draw from investment accounts in order to cover operating expenses. The investment

accounts are being managed by Baird and appear to have a reasonable asset allocation and have had the opportunity to grow in the current year.

Statement of Financial Position (Balance Sheet):

Please refer to the following Statement of Financial Position.

The Statement of Financial Position shows the assets and liabilities of the Grand York Rite of Utah as of year-end as well as a comparison to the year-end balance of the previous year. The assets include a Baird investment account, a MACU Checking and Savings account, and a Paypal account. There is a net increase of \$7,413.34 in assets, mostly based on an increase in the investment account balance. The investment account asset allocation is 63.22% Equities, 36.35% Fixed Income, and 0.42% Cash. The liabilities include funds received for Fiscal Year 2025 income that was received in Fiscal Year 2024 and is therefore deferred until the following year when the income will be recognized. During May 2024 we received FY25 Per Capita of \$1,018 and FY25 Sessions Income of \$2,569.50.

BALANCE SHEET					
As of March 31, 2024					
		Mar 31,24	Mar 31, 23	\$ Change	%Change
ASSETS					
Current Assets					
Checking/Savings					
Baird		68,992.13	59,414.92	9,577.21	16.1%
Checking		5,991.30	5,598.47	392.83	7.0%
Paypal Account		4,633.92	2,729.27	1,904.65	69.8%
Savings		1.02	4,462.37	-4,461.35	-100%
Total Checking/Savings		79,618.37	72,205.03	7,413.34	10.3%
Total Current Assets		79,618.37	72,205.03	7,413.34	10.3%
LIABILITIES & EQUITY					
Liabilities					

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Current Liabilities					
Other Current Liabilities					
Deferred Registration		2,569.50	2,835.60	-266.10	-9.4%
Total Current Liabilities		3,587.50	2,835.60	751.90	26.5
Total Liabilities		3,587.50	2,835,60	751.90	26.5%
Equity					
Unrestricted Net Assets		69,369.43	89,192.44	-19,823.01	-22.2%
Net Income		6,661.44	-19823.01	26,484.45	133.6%
Total Equity		76,030.87	69,369.43	6,661.44	9.6%
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY		79,618.37	72,205.03	7,413.34	10.3%
PROFIT & LOSS					
April 2023 through March 2024					
Ordinary Income/Expense					
Income					
Annual Returns				8,954.50	
Investments					
Interest-Savings, Short-term CD			0.43		
Investments – Other			9,577.21		
Total Investments				9,577.64	
Total Income				5,577.64	
Gross Profit				13,102.33	
Expense					
Fee Expense				0.00	
Operations					
Bank Fees			25.00		
Books, Subscriptions, References			353.35		
PayPal Fee			290.44		
Supplies			19.26		

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Total Operations		775.19	
Other Types of Expenses			
Insurance – Liability, D and O	1,746.32		
Total Other Types of Expenses		1,746.32	
Payroll Expenses			
GSR Stipend	3,000.00		
Total Payroll Expenses		3,000.00	
Per Capita Expense			
Chapter Per Capita	702.00		
Commandery Per Capita	2,310.00		
Council Per Capita	547.50		
Total Per Capita Expense		3,559.50	
Rituals, Etc.			
Award Expense & Rituals	2,092.02		
Total Rituals, etc.		2,092.02	
Total Expense		12,018.53	
Net Ordinary Income		1,063.80	
Other Income/Expense Other Income			
Other Expense			
Holy Land Pilgrimage		-4,000.00	
Total Other Expense		-4,000.00	
Net Other Income		5,577.64	
Net Income		6,661.44	

Taxes:

There are 3 entities (23-7177133 ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF UTAH MOST EXCELLENT GRAND CHAPTER, 23-7618802 KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, 87-6124160 ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS OF UTAH GRAND COUNCIL) those 3 entities file an independent 990 (technically 990-Ns because they are below the income thresholds). RAM's fiscal year is 3/31; KT's fiscal year is 6/30; and R&S is 4/30. The 990s for their fiscal year ended in 2023 have all been filed. Those 3 entities are not registered with the state of Utah as not-for-profit entities (note that there is an entity matching the KT name if you do a business search, however, that is

Utah #1's which was set up so that Utah #1 could open a bank account with America First and now that registration is expired).

In 2020 another entity was organized, 85-1736317 GRAND YORK RITE OF UTAH. Per David Reed, this entity was set up as required by Baird, which only required an entity to be registered with Utah to open the account. Baird did not require them to file for a tax-exempt status and this was not completed. I filed the form 1023 on February 16, 2024, to apply for a tax-exempt status. As of April 17, 2024, the IRS has processed requests submitted on and before July 20, 2023, so I don't anticipate a response until the end of the year. Once that is approved then that entity will be required to file 990-Ns each year.

Personal:

As I will be attending military training at Redstone Arsenal during the Annual Sessions and not there physically to give this report I wanted to add a personal comment to the end of this report. It has been an honor to serve the Grand York Rite of Utah as the Grand Treasurer this past year. I am happy to continue to serve at the pleasure of the body, and if elected, will continue to serve. I've been informed that there is another Sir Knight interested in serving as Grand Treasurer and if it is the will of the body that someone else be Grand Treasurer I have no problem with that. I will continue to help ensure that tax-exempt status is received for the entity formed in 2020 (mentioned above) and am happy to assist with the review and preparation of financials if that is needed.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

APPEALS AND GRIEVANCES REPORT

To the Companions and Sir Knights of Utah. We, your committee on Grievance and Appeals, are happy to report no action was taken nor required this past year, peace and harmony prevailed throughout our Grand Jurisdiction.

The Committee would like to thank the three presiding Grand Heads for the honor and privilege to serve.

We would also like to acknowledge Companion and Sir Knight Charles Warren, who was a member of this committee and who passed away prior to the writing of this report.

Brother Warren was an active member of this committee. His wise counsel was always welcome, his passing will leave a huge void!

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Hamilton, Chairman

Lorenzo Tibbitts

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.

We are continually making improvements and changes and encourage anyone that has suggestions or corrections they see that are needed to reach out to us and we will promptly address them.

We would like to remind you that with our 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:

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

Respectfully submitted on this 3rd day of April 2024,

Treavor John Wilkinson
Chairman, Internet Communications Committee

JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

See individual body sections for reports.

MEMBERSHIP

The Grand York Rite of Utah this year was able to Exalt and Greet 14 new Companions and Knighted 13 Sir Knights. We did, however, experience a net loss of membership in 2023. 7 companions in the Chapter, 5 companions in the Council and 7 Sir Knights in the Commandery. The largest reason for membership loss was suspension.

Your Committee on Membership wishes to recognize and report the following. Continuing efforts to promote and invigorate the York Rite Bodies in Utah have been made through the several constituent York Rite Bodies within this Grand Jurisdiction. This committee actively studies the trends in fraternal membership and the challenges we, as a fraternal order, face currently. The matter of membership should be properly denominated in a fluid, four-pronged approach:

Attraction:

This committee recommends that all York Rite Masons regularly attend Blue Lodge and be a shining example of what the York Rite is about. Attend Lodge in your uniform, provide an educational about the intriguing aspects of the York Rite and why they should join, have the Keystone Mark Master Lodge come and perform the Mark Master degree for the Master Masons in your lodge are just a few examples of things we can do as York Rite masons to attract new members to our Rite.

Attainment:

Invite brothers out to events being hosted by your York Rite body so they can get to know the members. If you are not holding any public events such as meetups and breakfasts/dinners etc. we would recommend you start doing something. Ensure that you are personally inviting your lodges to installations as well as Easter and Christmas Observances. Some York Rite bodies have had great success in coupling these with other Blue Lodge events such as installations etc.

Retention:

Retention is a matter of fulfilling the needs of the Members present on our rolls/ roster and added value to their experience. Below are some reasons why members may not attend and actions we can take to retain membership.

1. Personality Conflict – Members and officers should be educated in conflict resolution. An offending member must be counseled, and his negative behavior, actions, speech, and attitude must be corrected. Peace and Harmony should prevail in every group or body of Freemasonry.
2. Connection – We must remind each other of the reason we are called companions. When we act in sincerity and treat each other like Brothers, Companions, and Sir Knights – then we create a supportive environment of mutual respect, Brotherly Love, and Affection. We must show in our actions that every member adds value to the Masonic experience. Reach out to companions that have not attended a couple meetings to check up on them.
3. Communication – Platforms such as Constant Contact, Google Calendar, Signal App, X (formerly Twitter), Facebook, and quality Websites should be employed and constantly maintained and updated. All efforts of communication – including a personal phone call are necessary to create open and clear communication between the membership.
4. Education – Of course, it must be said, that our greatest resource for education and esotericism is our ritual. Ritual programs should be developed to encourage the study and contemplation of our ritual. Educational topics that provoke thought and discussion should be presented at every event possible.

Restoration:

Masons exit the south gate for many reasons, some of which are well within our ability to solve. Our biggest loss of membership this year was due to Suspension. Over the past several years leaders within the fraternity have addressed this matter in meaningful ways. Each York Rite body should be encouraged to do whatever it can to help a companion restore their membership and return to the Rite.

Recommendations:

It is a requirement that every York Rite body have a membership committee however, it should be the focus of every member to participate in membership. It should be the sole purpose of the membership committee to approach membership from this Four-pronged approach.

Do not let something like money come between your York Rite body and restoring a brother who may be in arrears. Each York Rite body is admonished to work with and come up with a solution that works best for them and their members.

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Each York Rite body is encouraged to perform their own ritual or at the very least participate in a Mini festival.

“Miniature” York Rite Festivals continue to be held at least twice a year and hold them around the state to encourage members from all around the jurisdiction to participate.

Mentors and Lodge Ambassador programs should be further developed within the several York Rite Bodies of this Grand Jurisdiction.

Robust Educational programs should be created at each York Rite body.
Create legislation to codify the membership committee into our bylaws.

Fraternally submitted,

Companion William E. McCraw
Illustrious Companion O. Blake Hansen, KYCH
Eminent Sir Knight Treavor J. Wilkinson, KYCH-KTCH

REGIONAL CONFERENCES

The Utah Grand York Rite participated in one Regional Conference this year: the Northwest and Southwest Conference here in Salt Lake.

The combined Northwest/Southwest Conference was held Friday and Saturday October 20th and 21st in Salt Lake City with Registration starting Thursday October 19th. Where members of Utah Grand Chapter, Grand Council and Grand Commandery and the helped run the various events of the conference. Much was learned.

Respectfully,

Danny Drew, Chairman

YOUTH

On April 20th members of Utah York Rite Spoke to the Jobs Daughters about the York Rite. It was well received.

Communication by the body heads was also maintained between the leaders of Jobs Daughters and DeMolay. Members of the Youth Committee also maintained communication with the leadership with both Jobs Daughters and DeMolay. There were no joint events with either Jobs Daughters or DeMolay.

Respectfully submitted,

Danny Drew

OTHER REPORTS

GRAND YORK RITE TRUST REPORT

Companions and Sir Knights,

Herewith is the report of the Board of Trustees of the Grand York Rite of Utah Trust for the period since the last Grand York Rite Sessions 2023.

Beginning value of 2023, we were at \$373,627.

We ended the year at \$412,678.

We increased by \$39,051 and continue YTD another \$19,552 to

As of May 09, 2024 we are at \$432,230.

We started October of 2016 with Baird with only \$271,093. We are still up. \$161,137 roughly 6 years

Breakdown as follows:

Cash/Equ	056,971	13.18 %
US Stocks	262,663	60.77 %
Non-US Stocks	013,335	03.09 %
Bond Funds	099,262	22.97 %
Totals	432,230	100 %

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 not granted any disbursements this year as none were requested. We have had administrative tallies against the trust such as supplies and the accounting firm. We remind the members the monies from this Trust are for the promotion of York Rite in Utah. This 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. We also continue to work with Companion Benjamin Young to handle our tax returns, etc. All tax returns, etc. are currently being prepared.

We anticipate costs for the 2024-2025 year will be similar to previous requests.

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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
Drew C. Sander Vice Chairman
Frank C. Baker Trustee
Dean D. Rein Trustee
Jay Mitchell GSRec
Reed Fanning MEGHP
Lawrence Rodriguez MIGM
Timothy Stenner REGC

KYCH UTAH PRIORY #47

Utah Priory #47 had its annual meeting on May 11, 2023. At that meeting 4 new members were added and our total membership to 49. Knight Reed Fanning was elected Eminent Prior and Timothy Stenner was elected Deputy Prior. The Priory was saddened by the death of our Treasurer, Charles E. Warren, on March 31, 2024. Our next meeting will be held on May 10, 2024 in the Salt Lake Masonic Temple.

S&F

Douglas Backes
Knight Registrar

CAMP FLOYD YORK RITE COLLEGE

Companions and Sir Knights,

Camp Floyd No. 190 has experience tremendous growth in the 2023-2024 year! Over the past 12 months we have inducted 6 new companions, with at least 5 more companions joining our number this year. As of this writing, our membership currently stand at 43 members. We'd like to acknowledge the passing of Past Preeminent Governor Charles E. "Chuck" Warren Sr., who served this college in 2020-2021. His untimely death is one that we have all felt tremendously.

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The York Rite College is an excellent resource for this jurisdiction to help with both degree work and mentoring, not just for York Rite Masonry, but for Masonry in general. We are here to serve you and to promote our ancient and honorable craft.

Respectfully & Fraternaly,
Matthew Benavidez, Secretary



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CONVOCATION
GRAND CHAPTER
ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF
UTAH**

Friday, May 10, 2024

**Salt Lake Masonic Temple
Salt Lake City, Utah**

GRAND CHAPTER CHAPTER MINUTES

May 10, 2024
Salt Lake Masonic Temple,
Salt Lake City, Utah

The 113th Annual Conclave was declared open by ME Grand High Reed B. Fanning.

Roll call was conducted, and a quorum was confirmed.

ME Grand High Priest Fanning asked Companion P. Marty Martineau for the introduction of the visiting dignitaries, distinguished guests, and Past Grand High.

A preliminary Credentials Report was provided by Companion Matthew Benavidez indicating a total of 54 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.

A moment of silence was held for Charles E. Warren, Sr. and Charles Sipes

Companion John C. Liley Jr., gave a report on the Trust. A motion was made and approved to spread the report on the minutes.

Companion Liley made a motion that Frank C. Baker succeed himself as a member of the trust. Companion TJ Robertson was also nominated as a trustee. TJ Roberston was elected to succeed Frank C. Baker as a trustee.

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

Companion Jason C. Varner, PGHP, made a motion that Charles E. Warren Sr. be granted the office of honorary Past Grand High Priest of Utah.

Final credentials report was presented by Companion Matthew Benavidez indicating we still have 54 eligible voters in attendance.

ME Grand High Priest Fanning turned the time over to Companion Treavor Wilkinson for his proposed legislation. Jurisprudence found the legislation to be in proper form and moved that the legislation be approved as presented. The motion was passed unanimously.

Companion P. Marty Martineau, PGHP, made the motion to approve the budget for the coming year. The motion was seconded and approved.

Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Utah

ME Grand High Priest Fanning opened elections of officers.

A motion was made by Companion P. Marty Martineau, PGHP, to accept nominations for the elected seats. The matter was referred to Jurisprudence for a decision, and Jurisprudence reported that the motion was permissible per the regulations.

Nomination was made for Danial A. Drew for Grand High Priest. A motion was made and seconded to cease nominations for Grand High Priest and cast a unanimous ballot for the nominee. The motion was approved.

Nomination was made for Treavor J. Wilkinson for Grand King. A motion was made and seconded to cease nominations for Grand King and cast a unanimous ballot for the nominee. The motion was approved.

Nomination was made for Douglas J. Backes for Grand Scribe. A motion was made and seconded to cease nominations for Grand Scribe and cast a unanimous ballot for the nominee. The motion was approved.

Nomination was made for Lonnie McCulloch for Grand Treasurer. A motion was made and seconded to cease nominations for Grand Treasurer and cast a unanimous ballot for the nominee. The motion was approved.

Nomination was made for Jayson S. Carlson for Grand Secretary. A motion was made and seconded to cease nominations for Grand Secretary and cast a unanimous ballot for the nominee. The motion was approved.

Election of Officers was conducted with the following results:

Daniel A. Drew	M.E. Grand Hight Priest
Treavor J. Wilkinson	R. E. Grand King
Douglas J. Backes	R. E. Grand Scribe
Lonnie McCulloch	R. E. Grand Treasurer
Jayson S. Carlson	R. E. Grand Secretary

The appointed officers were:

David S. Hutchinson	E. Grand Captain of Host
O. Bake Hansen	E. Grand Principal Sojourner
Paul D. Erickson	E. Grand Royal Arch Captain
Matthew P. Benavidez	E. Grand Master 3 rd Veil
Daniel L. Hamilton	E. Grand Master 2 nd Veil

Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Utah

Monte K. Anderson	E. Grand Master 1 st Veil
Lorenzon E. Tibbitts	E. Grand Chaplain
Daniel J. Lawes	E. Grand Lecturer
Christopher Mitchell	E. Grand Sentinel
Sean Carmichael	Aide

The elected and appointed officers were installed:
 Grand Installing Officer.....Jason C. Varner

The Assembly was closed by newly installed Grand High Priest Daniel A. Drew.

GRAND CHAPTER OFFICERS

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(* Denotes Attendance e Denotes Excused)

Reed B Fanning*	M.E. Grand High Priest
Daniel A. Drew*	R. E. Grand King
Timothy L. Stenner*	R. E. Grand Scribe
Benjamin Young (e)	R. E. Grand Treasurer
Jay Mitchell*	R. E. Grand Secretary
Treavor J. Wilkinson*	E. Grand Captain of Host
Douglas J. Backes*	E. Grand Principal Sojourner
David S. Hutchinson*	E. Grand Master 3 rd Veil
O. Bake Hansen*	E. Grand Master 2 nd Veil
Paul D. Erickson*	E. Grand Master 1 st Veil
Lorenzon E. Tibbitts (e)	E. Grand Chaplain
Daniel L. Hamilton*	E. Grand Lecturer
Monte Anderson*	E. Grand Sentinel

GRAND CHAPTER COMMITTEES

*Denotes Chairman

<u>4 Corners Royal Arch Festival</u> T.J. Robertson*	<u>General Grand Bronze Metal</u> Jason C. Varner*
<u>Royal Arch Reaffirmation Day</u> Paul Erickson* Constituent Chaplains	<u>Royal Arch Research Assistance</u> Jason C. Varner* Constituent High Priests and Recorders

PAST GRAND HIGH PRIESTS

(* Denotes Attendance e Denotes Excused)

Blaine H. Simons(e)	1994-95	Jason C. Varner*	2016-17
Loren H. Rausher	2006-07	T. J. Robertson*	2017-18
Michael Shipler•	2008-09	Christopher C. Young	2018-19
Michael L. Busby	2009-10	Lawrence Rodriguez(e)	2019-20
William Butterfield(e)	2010-11	Jeffrey Hamilton(e)	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		

CHAPTER DAIS OFFICERS

2023-2024

Utah #1			Provo #4		
High Priest	Keith McGoldrick	*	High Priest	Daniel Lawes	*
King	Ederaldo Belini De Oliveira	*	King	Kendall Carlson	P
Scribe	Alexander Castro	P	Scribe	David Newsom	*
Ogden #2			Price #6		
High Priest	Gary Roberts	*	High Priest	Aaron Weyant	*
King	Kenneth Palmer	*	King	Jeffrey Smith	P
Scribe	Matthew Harris	*	Scribe	Benjamin Martinez	P

Ontario #3			St. George #10		
High Priest	Joseph Radloff	*	High Priest	Brandon Cole	*
King	Jeffrey C Hunt	*	King	James Etling	*
Scribe	Erick Christiansen	*	Scribe	Victor Price	P

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

VISITING DIGNITARIES

Teko A. Foley, General Grand High Priest, General Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons International.

OFFICER'S REPORTS

REPORT OF THE MOST EXCELLENT GRAND HIGH PRIEST

To The Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Utah,

I am pleased and honored to extend to each of you a most cordial and fraternal welcome to the One Hundred and Thirteenth Annual Convocation of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Utah. I sincerely hope your attendance will be enjoyable and productive as we conduct the business of this Grand Chapter. To our guests from our Sister Grand Jurisdictions, we welcome you. If there is anything we can do to make your stay with us more enjoyable, please let us know.

STATE OF THE CRAFT

We have to get our York Rite Bodies active and visible if we are to recruit new members and maintain our present membership. We need to focus on degree work. I would be remiss if I did not mention something that is very important to me; that is our presentation of the work. Masonry is full of memory work, and the York Rite is no different. If a degree is present from memory, the presenter is able to put feeling and meaning into his words. This also helps the individuals receiving the degree to understand what is being presented. Let us all strive to learn our parts to a level where our presentation is well done and a joy to observe.

ACTIONS TAKEN

Jan 7th Approved St. George Chapter #10 RAM - Bylaw change
 Arp 25th Approved Ontario Chapter #3 Bylaw change

DISPENSATIONS

Dec 26th Approved Ontario Chapter #3 meeting date to be moved to January

Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Utah

Apr 4th Approved Ontario Chapter #3 Special meeting date to be held in April

VISITATIONS

11-13 May Utah Grand York Rite Sessions - Elected GPH and DGC
14-17 May California Grand York Rite - Jeff Hamilton represented me
22 Jun SLC, UT Behle-Simmons Council #544 AMD
8 July North Texas 589 AMD constitution
22-23 July Las Vegas NV SRICF Regional Conference
4 Aug Colorado College SRICF
11-16 Aug GGCRAMI/GGCMI Triennial Branson Missouri
12 Aug Branson MO Trinity Chapel #3 St. Thomas of Acon
15 Aug Elected General Grand Scribe GGCRAMI
17-19 Aug Arizona Grand York Rite Sessions
19 Aug AZ Christ's Chapel #39 Acon
31 Aug Provo UT, Jezreel Council #570 AMD
6 Sept Price Chapter #6 Official Visitation
8-9 Sept Colorado Grand York Rite Sessions
11 Sept Ogden Chapter#2 Official Visitation
13 Sept Keystone Mark Master Masons Lodge #00 Official Visitation, Elected Right
Worshipful Master
14 Sept AASR SLC
15 Sept Colorado SRICF
16 Sept Las Vegas AMD #591 Constitution
17-20 Sept Lexington KY, Kentucky Grand York Rite Sessions
18 Sept Kentucky Priory #25 KYCH
21 Sept Provo Chapter #4 Official Visitation
22 Sept Massachusetts Chapter of Research Zoom Educational
23 Sept Camp Floyd #190 York Rite College
26 Sept Utah Chapter #1 Official Visitation
27 Sept Ontario Chapter #3 Official Visitation
28 Sept SLC, UT Behle-Simmons Council #544 AMD
29 Sept Seattle WA, Salish Court #96 Athelstan
Oct 6-8th 4 Corners Royal Arch Festival
12 Oct AASR Feast of Tishri
14 Oct SLC UT, Utah Grand OES Installation
20 Oct NW, SW Regional Conference GG Chapter, GG Council
21 Oct NW, SW Regional Conference Grand Encampment
Oct 22-24 Laughlin NV, Colorado River Fall Festival York Rite Regional
Oct 26-28 North Central Regional York Rite Conference, So. Dakota
Nov 3 SLC UT, Mt Nebo Chapel #34 St. Thomas of Acon
Nov 4 SLC UT, Samuel G. Wilkeson Quarry Assemblage Operatives
9-12 Nov Louisville KY, High Council SRICF
Nov 30 Provo UT, Jezreel Council #570 AMD
Dec 2 Tri-Valley York Rite College #178 Idaho
Dec 2 Boise, ID Redemption Tabernacle #XL HRAKTP

Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Utah

Dec 8-10 Texas Grand Chapter and Council Sessions in Waco, TX
Dec 15 Seattle, WA Salish Court #96 Athelstan
Jan 25 SLC, UT Behle-Simmons Council #544 AMD
Jan 30 Keystone Mark Master Masons Lodge #00
Feb 6-11 Masonic Week DC
Mar 7-10 Delaware Grand York Rite Sessions
Mar 11 SLC UT, Mt. Moriah Lodge #2 Grand Lodge Visititan
Mar 29 SLC UT, Behle-Simmons Council #544 AMD
Apr 5-6 Framing the Future Leadership Regional Conference, AASR, SLC UT
Apr 11 Nebraska AMD, KYCH, and HRAKTP
Apr 12-13 Kearney NE, Nebraska Grand York Rite Sessions
Apr 18 Burley ID, Sword of Bunker Hill, Knights Preceptor, YRC, KYCH
Apr 19-20 Burley ID, Idaho Grand York Rite Sessions
Apr 20 Burley ID, Intermountain Chapel #27 St. Thomas of Acon
Apr 26-27 Oklahoma City OK, Oklahoma Grand York Rite Sessions

AWARDS

Keystone Award:

Utah Chapter #1 - Charles Persinger
Ogden Chapter #2 - Tim Fellows
Oterio Chapter #3 - Blair Hope
Provo Chapter #4 - Matthew Benavidez
Price Chapter #6 - Sean Camichael
St. George Chapter #10 - Chris Mitchell

Distinguished Service Medal (Bronze):

Trevor J. Wilkinson

CONCLUSION

During this past year, it has been my distinct honor to serve you as the Grand High Priest of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Utah. I thank each and every one of you for this honor and for allowing me to serve you in this office. I would like to extend my thanks to the Grand Chapter Officers and to all of the companions who served on a committee this year. To all of the past grand high priests, thank you for your support and guidance this year and for all you have done in the past. I would like to thank my wife, Melissa. I could have never accomplished so much without her. She has been so understanding and loving this year, and I could not have made it through this year without her support and care. Thank you once again for allowing me to serve you this past year as your Grand High Priest.

Respectfully submitted,

Reed B. Fanning Jr.
Most Excellent Grand High Priest 2023-2024
R.A.M. of Utah

REPORT OF THE GRAND KING

My year as Utah Grand Chapter King for 2023-2024 was one of much work. I feel blessed to be able to serve as the Utah Grand Chapter King 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 Reed Fanning at various meetings throughout the year. Including Provo York Rite's Installation of Officers at Harvest Restaurant in December. In October of 2023, Utah's Grand High Priest Reed Fanning and I attended the Annual 4-Corners Festival, this time in New Mexico. Provo York Rite put on the degree at the 4 corners and did a great degree. Utah Grand High Priest and I also attended the Colorado Fall Festival along with the brothers of St. George York Rite.

I was also able to help represent Utah Grand York Rite and as its Grand King 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 will have visited all York Rite Bodies twice, except St. George which I will have only been able to visit in May. I was able to visit Ogden's York Rite Bodies, Midvale's York Rite Bodies, Utah 1's York Rite Bodies, Price York Rite Bodies and Provo's York Rite Bodies. The first time I visited the bodies was with Utah Grand High Priest Reed Fanning in September. The second time I was able to visit the different York Rite Bodies was in April and May, in an effort to encourage all members, not just leaders, to come to Utah's Grand York Rite Sessions.

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 degrees 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 King

REPORT OF THE R. E. GRAND SCRIBE

This is my end of year report as the Grand Scribe of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Utah. This year I was able to visit all 6 chapters within the state and promote York Rite, sometimes on more than one occasion. Many of my messages embodied brotherly love and friendship. I attended the Triennium for General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons International held in Branson, Missouri in August where our very own Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Reed Fanning was elected General Grand Scribe for the ensuing Triennium. It was a very informative experience and worth the trip.

On October 7, 2023, I was able to attend the Four Corners Royal Arch Festival in Farmington, New Mexico, where we saw several candidates exalted to royal arch masons, at least one of which was from Utah. I congratulate the companions from Utah for the degree they put on; it was outstanding work.

On October 21-22, 2023, I attended the combined Southwest/Northwest Department Conference in Salt Lake City. The information received about the Royal Arch Research Assistance was very informative. I really enjoyed interacting with my counterparts in the other jurisdictions. On April 19 and 20, 2024, I attended the Idaho's Grand York Rite Sessions in Burley, Idaho, along with our Grand High Priest.

Respectfully submitted,

Timothy L. Stenner
Grand Scribe

GRAND SECRETARY

REPORT OF RETURNS - RAM

	Mark Master					
SLC	Keystone #0		N/A			
	RAM	#	Per capita (\$10)	Fees (\$2.50)	RARA	Total
SLC	Ch. #1	62	\$620.00	\$5.00		\$625.00
Ogden	Ch. #2	42	\$420.00	\$5.00	\$38.75	\$463.75
Midvale	Ch. #3	40	\$400.00	\$2.50		\$402.50
Provo	Ch. #4	29	\$290.00	\$10.00	\$30.00	\$330.00
Price	Ch. #6	34	\$340.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$440.00
St. Geo.	Ch. #10	28	\$280.00	\$5.00	\$1351.50	\$1636.50
Totals			\$2350.00	\$27.50	\$1520.25	\$3897.75

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY

January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023

	Totals	Utah #1	Ogden #2	Ontario #3	Provo #4	Price #6	Golgotha #10
as of 12/31/22	241	66	42	43	27	38	25
Exalted	14	5	2	1	4	0	2
Affiliated	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Restored	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Adjustments	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total gain	15	5	2	1	4	0	3
Demitted	6	2	0	3	1	0	0
Suspended	10	6	1	1	0	2	0
Deceased	5	1	1	0	1	2	0
Error	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Loss	-21	9	2	4	2	4	0
as of 12/31/23	235	62	42	40	29	34	28
Net Gain (Loss)	6	-4	0	-3	2	-4	3

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

CREDENTIALS REPORT ROYAL ARCH SESSIONS

Date May 10, 2024

Grand Officers	11
Past Grand Elected Officers	8
Constituent Delegates	18
Past High Priests	17
TOTAL	54

JURISPRUDENCE

Companions,

The Jurisprudence Committee has reviewed the report of actions and activities of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest during the 2023-2024 year and has the following to report.

There were two dispensations granted and two bylaw amendments approved by the Grand High Priest. This Committee determined that these actions were appropriate and within his authority. His reporting of activities were thorough and accurate. This Committee notes that his observations and assessment of the state of Royal Arch Masonry in Utah ought to be well received and considered by the craft for the good of the order.

The Grand High Priest should be commended for successfully executing the duties of his office with competency and enthusiasm. On behalf of the Royal Arch Masons of Utah, we wish him much success as he advances in the General Grand Chapter officer line.

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
Jason C. Varner, MEPGHP
Jeffrey E. Hamilton, MEPGHP

LEGISLATION

Proposed change to the “Constitution, Laws & Regulations of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of the State of Utah”

Whereas Section 3-5 of the By-Laws for the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Utah states that a Quorum shall consist of 5 members of a constituent body to conduct business

And whereas the ritual book from the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons International that has been adopted as the official ritual for the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Utah does not contain a short form opening for the Royal Arch Degree

And whereas there exists no provision to declare a body open in the By-Laws for the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Utah

And whereas there exists no short form opening to allow for the opening of a Chapter to conduct business

Be it therefore resolved to accept the following Ritual as the official Short Form Opening to be used when there are at least 5 regular members of the constituent chapter present for the purpose of conducting business.

Royal Arch Short Form Opening

H.P.: (Standing) * Companions, I am about to open a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons and shall require your attention and assistance. (H.P. seated.) * Comp. R.A.C, you will see that the Sentinel is at his post, invite in all R.A.Ms. and close the door. (Done.)

R.A.C.: E.H.P., that duty is performed.

H.P.: * Comp. C. of H., are all present R.A.Ms.?

C. of H.: I will ascertain and report. *Comp. R.A.C., you will ascertain if all present are R.A.Ms.

R.A.C.: (Makes necessary examinations) Comp. C. of H., all present are R.A.Ms.

C. of H.: E.H.P., all present are R.A.Ms.

H.P.: Comp. C. of H. you will see that the outer courts of the Tabernacle are duly guarded and inform the Sentinel that I am about to open _____ Chapter, No._____, R.A.Ms., and direct him to guard accordingly.

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C. of H.: Comp. R.A.C., you will see that the outer courts of the Tabernacle are duly guarded and inform the Sentinel that the H.P. is about to open _____ Chapter, No. _____, R.A.Ms., and direct him to guard accordingly.

(Walks to door, opens it and informs the sentinel, closes door, gives battery of *** _ *** _ *, which is returned by sentinel. R.A.C. returns to station)

R.A.C.: Comp. C of H.: the outer courts of the Tabernacle are duly guarded.

C. of H.: E.H.P., the outer courts of the Tabernacle are duly guarded.

H.P. ***(stands everyone) Companions let us pray.

Prayer

Supreme High Priest of Heaven and Earth, we humbly beseech thy blessing upon the purposes of our present assembly. Grant us wisdom to contrive, strength to support and the beauty of harmony to so administer the affairs of this chapter that all our doings may be acceptable in the sight. Amen

Response: So Mote It Be

H.P.: Companions, it is my order that _____ Chapter, No. _____, R.A.M., be now opened for the transaction of such business as may regularly come before it. Take due notice and govern yourself accordingly.

H.P.: Together, Companions

(The D.G. and P.S. of the Royal Arch are Given)

Battery:

H.P.: *** _ *** _ *

K.: *** _ *** _ *

S.: *** _ *** _ *

H.P.: C. of H., attend the alter. (Done.) I now declare _____ Chapter, No. _____, R.A.Ms., erected to God and dedicated to Zerubbabel, opened for business. Comp. R.A.C., inform the Sentinel.

(Great Lights should be displayed as in Master Mason Degree. R.A.C. goes to door, gives *** _ *** _ *, answered by sentinel in same manner. R.A.C. opens door, informs sentinel, and returns to his station.)

Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Utah

H.P.: All Citizens of the United States of America please join in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Pledge

H.P.: *

Respectfully Submitted,
Treavor Wilkinson KYCH

Cosigners:

Brian J. Hasting, PGHP, KYGCH

P. "Marty" Martineau, PGHP, KYGCH

OTHER REPORTS

ROYAL ARCH RESEARCH ASSISTANCE

Throughout this Capitular year, all Chapters were encouraged to donate to the Royal Arch Research Assistance and come up with ideas to generate donations for this amazing and important Charity. Information was also sent for Chapters to use as education to help promote the RARA. Several Chapters were able to donate to the RARA this year and I commend their efforts in supporting this cause. In total, we were able to donate \$3,145. I would like to especially recognize the hard work of Companion Chris Mitchell and the companions of St. George Chapter No. 10 for raising \$1351.50 and the Companions of Keystone Mark Master Lodge No. 00 for raising \$1625 for the RARA charity this year. Great work!

The Royal Arch Research Assistance's 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 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 helps improve the lives of so many.

Fraternally,
Treavor J. Wilkinson

KEYSTONE MARK MASTER MASONS LODGE

Companions and Sir Knights,

Keystone Mark Master Masons Lodge No. 00 has had a very productive 2023-2024 year. Since our last Grand Sessions Keystone has met in three different locations across the state: Provo, Bountiful, and Salt Lake. Exemplifying the Mark Master Degree at two of those three meetings We are scheduled to exemplify the Mark Master Degree again in June down in St. George, marking a season of work not seen since the pandemic!

While we are more than happy to continue to provide this service for the State, there are many that still feel like Keystone is an underutilized aspect of York Rite Masonry in Utah. As time goes on and Keystone becomes more and more active in putting on the Mark Master Degree, it is our hope that this unique experience becomes, as our name indicates, a 'keystone' to the success of Utah York Rite Masonry.

As of this writing, our membership stands at 65, including 7 new companions petitioning membership in our Lodge. With that said, our annual contribution to RARA this year will total \$1,625. Keystone Mark Master Masons Lodge continues to be a very unique experience for anyone interested in York Rite Masonry, and we look forward to serving this jurisdiction and York Rite in any way we can.

Respectfully & Fraternaly,

Matthew Benavidez, Secretary



**95th ANNUAL
ASSEMBLY
GRAND COUNCIL CRYPTIC
MASONS
OF UTAH**

Friday, May 10, 2024

**Salt Lake Masonic Temple
Salt Lake City, Utah**

GRAND COUNCIL GRAND COUNCIL MINUTES

May 10, 2024
Salt Lake Masonic Temple
Salt Lake City, UT

The 95th Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Utah was opened by R.I. Monte Andersen.

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.

A preliminary report from the Credentials Committee given by Matthew Benavidez indicated 9 Grand Officers, 8 Past Illustrious Masters, 18 Constituent Body Delegates, 11 Past Illustrious Grand Masters for a total of 46.

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.

RI Monte Andersen held a moment of silence for Charles Sipes, PIGM and Chareles E. Warren Sr.

RI Monte Andersen presented the Illustrious Grand Master's report on behalf of MI Lawrence Rodriquez 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 Matthew Benavidez, indicated 9 Grand Officers, 8 Past Illustrious Masters, 18 Constituent Body Delegates, 11 Past Illustrious Grand Masters for a total of 40.

Proposed legislation was presented by Companion Treavor Wilkinson. Motion was made and seconded. The motion was approved.

Companion P. Marty Martineau proposed the budget. Motion was made and seconded to approve the budget. The budget was approved.

RI Monte Andersen opened elections.

A motion was made by Companion P. Marty Martineau, PIGM, to accept nominations for the elected seats. The matter was referred to Jurisprudence for a decision, and Jurisprudence reported that the motion was permissible per the regulations.

Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Utah

Nomination was made for Monte K. Andersen for Illustrious Grand Master. A motion was made and seconded to cease nominations for Illustrious Grand Master and cast a unanimous ballot for the nominee. The motion was approved.

Nomination was made for Daniel A. Drew for Illustrious Deputy Grand Master. A motion was made and seconded to cease nominations for Illustrious Deputy Grand Master and cast a unanimous ballot for the nominee. The motion was approved.

Nomination was made for Treavor J. Wilkinson for Illustrious Grand Principal Conductor of Works. A motion was made and seconded to cease nominations for Illustrious Grand Principal Conductor of Works and cast a unanimous ballot for the nominee. The motion was approved.

Nomination was made for Lonnie McCulloch for Grand Treasurer. A motion was made and seconded to cease nominations for Grand Treasurer and cast a unanimous ballot for the nominee. The motion was approved.

Nomination was made for Jayson S. Carlson for Grand Secretary. A motion was made and seconded to cease nominations for Grand Secretary and cast a unanimous ballot for the nominee. The motion was approved.

The results of the elections are as follows:

Monte K. Andersen	Most Illustrious Grand Master
Daniel A. Drew	Right Illustrious Deputy Grand Master
Treavor J. Wilkinson	Right Illustrious Grand Principal Conductor of Works
Lonnie McCullough	Right Illustrious Grand Treasuter
Jayson S. Carlson	Right Illustrious Grand Recorder

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

O. Blake Hansen	Illustrious Grand Captain of Guard
Paul D. Erickson	Illustrious Grand Conductor of Council
David S. Hutchinson	Illustrious Grand Senior Steward
Matthew P. Benavidez	Illustrious Grand Junior Steward
Daniel L. Hamilton	Illustrious Grand Marshal
Lorenzo E. Tibbitts	Illustrious Grand Lecturer
Christopher Mitchell	Illustrious Grand Chaplain
Charles Persinger	Illustrious Grand Sentinel

Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Utah

Installation of the elected and appointed officers was conducted.

Installing Illustrious Grand Master.....Jayson Varner

Installing Grand Marshall.....Preston “Marty” Martineau

The Assembly was closed by Most Illustrious Grand Master Monte Andersen.

GRAND COUNCIL CRYPTIC MASONS UTAH OFFICERS

2023 – 2024

(* Denotes Attendance e Denotes Excused)

Lawrence R. Rodriguez (e)	Most Illustrious Grand Master
Charles E. Warren, Sr. (e)	Right Illustrious Deputy Grand Master
Monte K. Anderson*	Right Illustrious Grand Principal Conductor of Works
Benjamin Young (e)	Right Illustrious Grand Treasurer
Jay Mitchell*	Right Illustrious Grand Recorder
Daniel A. Drew*	Illustrious Grand Captain of Guard
Treavor Wilkinson*	Illustrious Grand Conductor of Council
O. Blake Hansen*	Illustrious Grand Senior Steward
Timothy L. Stenner*	Illustrious Grand Junior Steward
Paul D. Erickson*	Illustrious Grand Marshal
Lorenzo E. Tibbitts (e)	Illustrious Grand Lecturer
David S. Hutchinson*	Illustrious Grand Chaplain
Matthew P. Benavidez*	Illustrious Grand Sentinel

GRAND COUNCIL COMMITTEES

2022-2023

* Denotes Chairman

<p><u>Cryptic Mason of Year</u> Reed Fanning* Subordinate Council Recorders</p>	<p><u>Youth Award Committee</u> Charles E. Warren* Subordinate Council Recorders</p>	<p><u>Cryptic Mason Medical Research</u> Lawrence Rodriguez* Timothy L. Stenner</p>
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PAST GRAND ILLUSTRIOUS MASTERS

(* Denotes Attendance e Denotes Excused)

Blaine H. Simonse	1989-90	Jason A. Mitchell	2015-16
Michael Shippler*	2006-07	T.J. Robertson*	2016-17
Loren H. Rausher	2007-08	Jason C. Varner*	2017-18
William A. Butterfield	2009-10	Douglas J. Backes e	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

(X Denotes Attendance P Denotes Proxy)

Utah #1			
	Illustrious Master	Alex Hill	X
	Deputy Master	Keith McGoldrick	X
	Prin Cond of Work	Ederaldo Belini De Oliveira	X
Provo #2			
	Illustrious Master	Kendall Carlson	P
	Deputy Master	David Newsom	X
	Prin Cond of Work	Nicholas Nelson	P
Ogden #3			
	Illustrious Master	Kenneth Palmer	X
	Deputy Master	Gary Roberts	X
	Prin Cond of Work	Omar Abdual	P
Solomon #4			
	Illustrious Master	Benjamin Martinez	P
	Deputy Master	Sean Carmichael	X
	Prin Cond of Work	Aaron Weyant	X
Daly #5			
	Illustrious Master	Joseph Mann Jr	X

	Deputy Master	Joseph Radloff	P
	Prin Cond of Work	Erick Christiansan	X
Zion #7			
	Illustrious Master	Victor Price	P
	Deputy Master	Billy Borger	P
	Prin Cond of Work	Brawn Weyar	P

VISITING DIGNITARIES

William G. Snyder, General Grand Master, General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons, International.

OFFICER REPORTS

REPORT OF THE MOST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND MASTER

For my official visitations to Midvale, Ogden and Price York Rite Cryptic Mason constituent Councils of Utah MIPGM, Jay Mitchell, was my representative. For my official visitations to Ogden and Salt Lake my representative was Right Illustrious Deputy Grand Master, Charles Warren, Sr. I personally visited St. George. At each visitation I or through my representatives, I caused to be made presentations of: Membership and suggestions. A summary consists of the three “R”s, Recruitment, Retention and Restoration.

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.

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.

Restoration:

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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.

Charity:

At each visitation a presentation of the Cryptic Mason Medical Research Foundation was made.

Currently, the CMMRF is supporting medical research into eight critical areas through the Indiana University School of Medicine. Each of the eight research fields are medical conditions that afflict millions of people on an annual basis. Each of you will undoubtedly have multiple relatives and friends; if not yourselves, that are afflicted by these conditions.

ABDOMINAL AORTIC ANEURYSM (AAA) is an enlargement of the aorta which is the main vessel from the heart to the rest of the body. The enlargement of the aorta many times leads to rupture and death. Research is being done with stem cells to prevent enlargement and save lives.

PERIPHERAL ARTERIAL DISEASE (PAD) is a restriction in blood flow sometimes leading to amputation of the leg. Dr. Michael Murphy is now doing experimental foot ulcer treatments on humans restoring blood flow with amazing results.

HEART FAILURE occurs when the heart muscle doesn't pump blood as well as it should and can be fatal. 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.

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. Research is under way on this condition.

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.

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. Research is underway to treat this condition.

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. Research is underway to treat this condition.

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.

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.

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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.

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,

Lawrence "Gunny" Rodriguez, Most Illustrious Grand Master,
Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Utah

GRAND PRINCIPAL CONDUCTOR OF THE WORK

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I was able to visit Provo Council No.2 in February. I was again joined by my trusted friend, Dr. Keith McGoldrick, Principal Conductor of the Work of Utah Council No.1

I am quite the procrastinator so I will be visiting Provo and Park City/Midvale/Tooele York Rite in April and Ogden and St. George in May, just prior to Sessions.

As I continue in the Grand Council, I very much look forward to traveling to the Eastern and Southern Counties to visit our Brother Knights of Solomon and Zion Councils. These are the men who hold a sword along with their trowels to defend

against Raiders riding out of Colorado and Arizona. Thank you to all Councils for your continued confidence in me as an Officer of this Beloved Body.

Monte Anderson
Grand Principal Conductor of Works

GRAND RECORDER

ANNUAL RETURNS SUMMARY –CM

2023 REPORT OF RETURNS as of Dec 31, 2023

	CM	#	Per capita (\$9.50)	Fees (\$2.50)	CMMRF	Total
SLC	1	61	\$579.50	\$5.00		\$584.50
Provo	2	26	\$247.00	\$7.50	\$30.00	\$284.50
Ogden	3	42	\$399.00	\$5.00	\$38.75	\$442.75
Price	4	34	\$323.00	\$2.50	\$100.00	\$425.50
Midvale	5	40	\$380.00	\$2.50		\$382.50
St. Geo.	7	27	\$256.50	\$5.00	\$600.00	\$861.50
Totals						\$2,981.25

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE GRAND RECORDER

January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023

Cryptic Masons

	TOTAL	Utah #1	Provo #2	Ogden #3	Solomon #4	Daly #5	St G #7
As of 12/31/22	235	64	25	42	37	43	24
Greeted	14	5	3	2	1	1	2
Affiliated	3	2	0	0	0	0	1
Restored	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Omitted	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Gain	16	6	3	2	1	1	3
Demitted	6	2	1	0	0	3	0
Suspended	10	6	0	1	2	1	0
Deceased	5	1	1	1	2	0	0
Error	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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Total Loss	21	9	2	2	4	4	0
as of 12/31/23	230	61	26	42	34	40	27
NetGain (Loss)	5	-3	1	0	-3	-3	3

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CREDENTIALS REPORT CRYPTIC MASONS SESSIONS

Date May 10, 2024

Grand Officers	9
Past Grand Elected Officers	11
Constituent Delegates	18
Past Illustrious Masters	8
TOTAL	46

LEGISLATION

Proposed change to the “Constitution, Laws & Regulations of the Grand Council Cryptic Masons of the State of Utah”

Whereas Section 3-5 of the By-Laws for the Grand Council Cryptic Masons of Utah states that a Quorum shall consist of 5 members of a constituent body to conduct business

And whereas the ritual book from the General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons International that has been adopted as the official ritual for the Grand Council Cryptic Masons of Utah does not contain a short form opening

And whereas there exists no short form opening to allow for the opening of a Council with less than 9 members

And whereas there exists no provision to declare a body open in the By-Laws for the Grand Council Cryptic Masons of Utah

Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Utah

Be it therefore resolved to accept the following Ritual as the official Short Form Opening to be used when there are at least 5 regular members of the constituent council present for the purpose of conducting business.

Select Master Short Form Opening

I.M.: (Standing) * (Officers take their respective Stations, all are seated.)

I.M.: Companion Captain of the Guard, are all Present Cryptic Masons?

(C.G. may ascertain through the Stew.)

C.G.:(After inspecting the Companions) Illustrious Master, all present are Cryptic Masons.

I.M.: See that the Companions are in order as Cryptic Masons.

C.G. ***

C.G.: Companions, be in order as Cryptic Masons
(All rise, except I.M. and give the Select Master Preparatory Sign –
plck ot eys – ct of hnds.)

C.G.: Illustrious Master, the Companions are in order.

I.M.: * (All seated except C.G.)

I.M.: Companion Captain of the Guard, you will see that the Secret Vault is Securely Guarded.

*** (If no Steward, C.G. performs this duty) ***

C.G.: Companion Steward, see that the Secret Vault is securely guarded, and inform the Sentinel that the Illustrious Master is about to open a Council of Cryptic Masons. Direct him to take due notice and guard accordingly.

Stew.: (Leaves his station, secures all entrances, then proceeds to and opens the Outer Door.)

Stew.: Companion Sentinel, the Illustrious Master is about to open a Council of Cryptic Masons. Take due notice thereof and guard accordingly.

(Closes the Outer Door) *** *** ***

Sent. *** *** ***

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Stew.: (Returns to station) Companion Captain of the Guard, the Sentinel is at his post and the Secret Vault is duly guarded.

C.G.: Illustrious Master, the Secret Vault is securely guarded.

I.M.: *** Companions attend to giving the signs.

ALL: (Sign of a Royal Master – ntrlc fngrs bv hd – then Select Master Preperatory Sign -plck ot eys – ct of hnds – then the Grand Hailing Sign – bdy qrtrd a twn 2 lft mng t rbbs.)

BATTERY

I.M.: *** *** ***

D.M.: *** *** ***

P.C.W.: *** *** ***

PRAYER

I.M.: Companions let us pray.

May the Supreme Grand Master graciously preside over all our councils and direct us in all such things as He will be pleased to approve and bless. May our profession as Masons be the rule of our conduct as men. May our secret retreat ever continue to be the resort of the just and merciful; the seat of the mortal virtues, and the home of the Select. Amen.

All: So Mote It Be

I.M.: Companion Conductor of the Council, attend the Altar. (Done.)

I.M.: I now declare _____ Council No. _____ of Cryptic Masons duly opened. Companion Captain of the Guard, you will inform the Sentinel. (If no Stew. C.G. will perform this duty)

C.G.: Companion Steward, inform the sentinel.

Stew.: *** *** *** (answered by the same from Sentinel, opens door) Companion Sentinel, this Council is duly opened. (closes door, returns to station)

Stew.: Companion Captain of the Guard, the Sentinel is informed.

C.G.: Illustrious Master, your order has been obeyed.

I.M.: Please join me in saluting our country and pledging allegiance to it.

PLEDGE

Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Utah

I.M.: *

Respectfully Submitted,

Treavor Wilkinson KYCH

Brian J. Hasting, PGHP, KYGCH

P. "Marty" Martineau, PGHP, KYGCH



**114th ANNUAL
CONCLAVE
GRAND COMMANDERY
KNIGHTS TEMPLAR
OF UTAH**

Saturday, May 11, 2024

**Salt Lake Masonic Temple
Salt Lake City, Utah**

GRAND COMMANDERY COMMANDERY MINUTES

May 11, 2024
Salt Lake Masonic Temple,
Salt Lake City, UT

The 115th Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Utah was declared open by RE Grand Commander Timothy L Stenner.

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 Past Grand Commander Martineau.

SK Matthew Benavidez provided an initial Credentials report showing 41 eligible votes present. (12 Grand Officers, 6 Past Grand Officers, 13 Dias Officers, 10 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 Stenner presented his report, which was followed by the report of Jurisprudence. Both reports were approved to be spread upon the minutes.

RE Grand Commander Stenner presented SK Joe Radloff with the meritorious service medal.

RE Grand Commander Stenner called upon SK TJ Robertson, PGC, to present his piece of legislation to approve additional jewels to be worn on the Commandery Uniform. This motion was moved, seconded, and passed unanimously.

RE Grand Commander Stenner called upon SK Brian J. Hastings, PGC, to present his piece of legislation to approve a contemporary or traditional apron to be worn with the Commandery Uniform. This motion was moved, seconded, and passed unanimously.

SK TJ Robertson, PGC, discussed the purpose of Samuel Paul Honors Commandery.

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

The final credentials report was called for. It was reported that the count remains at 41.

RE Grand Commander Stenner called elections open.

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RE Grand Commander Stenner announced that the Credentials Committee has reported a revised number of 43 eligible votes.

The Jurisprudence Committee reported that nomination from the floor were acceptable, and nomination were made as follows:

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

Nomination was made for O. Blake Hansen for Grand Generalissimo. A 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 Treavor Wilkinson for Grand Captain General. A motion was made and seconded to cease nominations for Grand Captain General and cast a unanimous ballot for the nominee. The motion was approved.

Nomination was made for Lonnie McCulloch for Grand Treasurer. A motion was made and seconded to cease nominations for Grand Treasurer and cast a unanimous ballot for the nominee. The motion was approved.

Nomination was made for Jayson Carlson for Grand Recorder. A motion was made and seconded to cease nominations for Grand Recorder and cast a unanimous ballot for the nominee. The motion was approved.

The final election results were as follows:

Reed B. Fanning	Right Eminent Grand Commander
Monte K. Anderson	Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander
O. Blake Hansen	Eminent Grand Generalissimo
Treavor J. Wilkinson	Eminent Grand Captain General
Lonnie McCulloch	Eminent Grand Treasurer
Jayson S. Carlson	Eminent Grand Recorder

Sir Knight Reed B. Fanning, the newly elected Grand Commander, announced his appointments as follows:

Daniel A. Drew	Eminent Grand Senior Warden
Paul D. Erickson	Eminent Grand Junior Warden

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David S. Hutchinson	Eminent Grand Prelate
Kevin E. Betterton	Eminent Grand Standard Bearer
Daniel L. Hamilton	Eminent Grand Sword Bearer
William E. McCraw	Eminent Grand Warder
Christopher Mitchell	Eminent Grand Sentinel
Matthew P. Benavidez	Eminent Grand Aide de Camp

Installation of the elected and appointed officers was conducted.
 Installing Eminent Grand Commander.....TJ Robertson
 Installing Grand Marshall.....Preston “Marty” Martineau

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

GRAND COMMANDERY OFFICERS

2023-2024

(* Denotes Attendance e Denotes Excused)

Timothy L. Stenner*	Right Eminent Grand Commander
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O. Blake Hansen*	Eminent Grand Captain General
Benjamin Young (e)	Eminent Grand Treasurer
Jay Mitchell*	Eminent Grand Recorder
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K.T. COMMITTEES

*denotes chairman

<p><u>KT CROSS OF HONOR</u> Brian. Hastings* TJ Robertson</p>	<p><u>KT EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION</u> Jason C. Varner* Grand Heads of York Rite Bodies</p>
<p><u>KT EYE FOUNDATION</u> Daniel Hamilton* Charles E. Warren, Sr. All Constituent Commanders</p>	<p><u>KT HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE</u> TJ Robertson* Charles E. Warren, Sr. All Constituent Commanders</p>
<p><u>KT MAGAZINE SUPPLEMENT</u> Daniel A. Drew* Charles E. Warren, Sr. David J. Read, Sr Constituent Commanders & Recorders</p>	<p><u>VESPER SERVICES</u> Daniel Drew* David J. Read, Sr All Constituent Prelates</p>

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VISITING DIGNITARIES

SK Jeffrey A. Bolstad, R.E. Deputy Grand Master, Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America.

DIAS OFFICERS

(X Denotes Present P Denotes Proxy)

Utah #1			
	Commander	Ederaldo Belini De Oliveira	X
	Generalissimo	Keith McGoldrick	X
	Captain General	Alexandar Castro	X
El Monte #2			
	Commander	William McCraw	X
	Generalissimo	Kenneth Palmer	X
	Captain General	Gary T. Roberts	X
Malta #3			
	Commander	Joseph Mann	X
	Generalissimo	Jeffrey C. Hunt	X
	Captain General	Andrew Stetts	X
Ivanhoe #5			
	Commander	Jayson Carlson	X
	Generalissimo	Matthew Benavidez	X
	Captain General	Daniel J. Lawes	X
Charles Fred Jennings #6			
	Commander	Sean Carmichael	X
	Generalissimo	Aaron Weyant	X
	Captain General	Jeffery Allen	P
Golgotha (#7)			
	Commander	Treavor Wilkinson	X
	Generalissimo	Billy H. Borger	P
	Captain General	Victor Pricy	P

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

REPORT OF THE GRAND COMMANDER

Right Eminent Past Grand Commanders, Grand Commandery Officers, Distinguished Guests and Sir Knights, Good Afternoon. This is my report of my actions and decisions for the last year.

My year started off really well. In June, I attended Grand Rally for Job's Daughters in Price and awarded the Grand Commander's Trophy as well as attended several Job's Daughter installations.

In October, I attended the combined Northwest/Southwest Department Conference held in Salt Lake City. The information received is always interesting and enlightening.

I visited all 6 commanderies throughout the state during the year. I always receive a very warm reception whether it is an official visit or just attending a meeting. Everybody always made me feel very welcome.. I am pleased to say I was able to attend 5 of the 6 Christmas Observances held throughout the state. I attended a combined Malta/El Monte's, Ivanhoe's, and Golgotha's observances in December and Utah 1's observance in January. The only one I didn't attend was Charles Fred Jennings'.

This year I challenged the 6 constituent commanderies in the state to raise at least \$400 each for the Holy Land Pilgrimage so we can try to send another ordained minister to the Holy Land in a couple of years. We ended up raising about \$570 which is a start towards sending another pastor to the holy land.

We had a net loss of 7 sir knights over the last year. We knighted 14, affiliated 1 and reinstated 1. There were 7 demits and 10 suspended along with 6 deceased. As has been observed before, knighting new members is great, but we need to focus on retention and reinstatement.

I feel getting sir knights to come to meetings and keeping them engaged can be tricky. I would like to point out El Monte Commandery #2 in Ogden. Before and after Covid, they were having trouble getting enough people to come to meetings to even open. They added new members and got them involved. They started a pot luck before each meeting and invited the families. Now, they are averaging about a dozen members for each meeting with some coming from as far away as Utah County. They try to keep the meetings to no more than about an hour including educational features. Sometimes the educational is as simple as going over signs and grips from degrees that we don't use except for when degrees and orders are conferred. Other times the educational features delve into more esoteric parts of Freemasonry. That is just one example of something we, as a group, can do.

Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Utah

I was hoping to travel to other jurisdictions and represent the Grand Commandery of Utah but with work changing my schedule then then out losing my job in September, my travel plans changed drastically. It turned out easier for me to make my visitations throughout Utah though. My very eminent deputy grand commander represented me at some jurisdictions and I am very grateful for him to do that. I was able to attend Idaho's grand sessions on 19 and 20 April.

I approved two dispensations this year. One dispensation for Malta Commandery to hold a special meeting to propose by-law changes. The other one was for Golgotha Commander to hold a special meeting in Cedar City.

I approved a by-law change for Malta Commandery to move their meetings to the Tooele Masonic Temple.

I approved Meritorious Service Medals for the following individuals: Monte Anderson of Utah 1; William McCraw of El Monte #2, Joseph Radloff of Malta #3, Jayson Carlson of Ivanhoe #5, Aaron Weyant of Charles Fred Jennings #6, and Paul Erickson of Golgotha #7.

Recommendations:

First, before issuing a demit, conduct an exit interview to find out why they want to demit. Chances are that if they have lost interest in the York Rite because all they do is come to a meeting and discuss business, there is nothing of value added to the meeting. Think about adding an educational to each meeting that goes more in-depth.

I wish to thank Sir Knight Brian Hastings and the Jurisprudence Committee for their hard work this year; your advice was always welcome and very much appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

Timothy L. Stenner, KYGCH-KCT
Right Eminent Grand Commander
Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Utah

V. E. DEPUTY GRAND COMMANDER

Most Eminent Grand Commander, Past Grand Commanders, Grand Commandery officers, distinguished guests, Companions and, Sir Knights,

It is with great joy that I report that I faithfully performed the duties of my office to the best of my ability and with fidelity. Serving as the Deputy Grand Commander over the last Grand Commandery year has been my honor. Due to scheduling conflicts, I visited all our constituent Commanderies, except for Golgotha Commandery No. 7. I also attended many other York Rite Sessions representing Utah. I also had the opportunity to participate in National York Rite events, such as Chapter and Council Triennials. I enjoyed serving our Grand Commandery. I look forward to continued service to our Sir Knights in Utah.

Yours in Service,

Reed B Fanning
Deputy Grand Commander

EMINENT GRAND GENERALISSIMO

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The first weekend in November is always a wonderful opportunity to head down to the Eastern Marches and attend the Templar Orders as performed by the Knights of Charles F. Jennings Commandery. However, due to a promotion and new schedule I was unable to attend. This is unfortunate because Price is one of my favorite places to visit. These Orders, which are becoming a yearly event are a great opportunity so see our Fellow Knights from Eastern and Southern Utah as the travel distance often prevents our frequent association. However, I was again able to join my dear friends on November 1st, enjoying a cigar and making an evening of it, heading home the next morning.

Health issues (which I remember having last year as well) 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.

I was able to visit Ivanhoe Commandery No.2 in February. I was again joined by my trusted friend, Dr. Keith McGoldrick, Generalissimo of Utah Commandery No.1

I am quite the procrastinator so I will be visiting Provo and Park City/Midvale/Tooele York Rite in April and Ogden and St. George in May, just prior to Sessions.

As I continue in the Grand Commandery, I very much look 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. Thank you to all Commanderies for your continued confidence in me as an Officer of this Beloved Body.

Respectfully submitted,

Monte Anderson
Grand Generalissimo

EMINENT GRAND CAPTAIN GENERAL

Right off the bat, the newly elected Grand Commander appointed me to be the Chairman of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. Along with a Sir Knight proposing a way to raise money. See my report for the State Eye Foundation for further details on the proposal and results for fundraising for the foundation this year.

The fall of 2023 I accompanied the Grand Commander and Grand High Priest on four of their grand visitations, for Price, Provo, Midvale, and Salt Lake. I apologize for missing out on visiting St George and Ogden. Plans are in place to begin next year's visit to St. George.

In these visits I noticed that all bodies had the minimum number or more to open the bodies. Showing that the local bodies are getting / staying strong and growing to be a well-supported local group of York Rite bodies. May I suggest if Companions or Sir Knights are not showing up, use a calling tree or similar contact methods and reminders. Hunt those brothers down and find out what you can do to help them back to York Rite Masonry. Show them caring fellowship.

Another point seen at the visitations, is that each group was at a different level of ritual performance. Most were reliant on the ritual book. While fewer were proficient or getting proficient with opening the body without reliance on the books. I challenge each body to get the opening and closing, along with a degree from one of the bodies memorized. This will bring more interest and excitement back to your meetings. Thanks for letting me serve and supporting me as your Grand Captain General.

Sincerely & Fraternaly,

O. Blake Hansen
Grand Captain General

GRAND RECORDER

ANNUAL RETURNS SUMMARY – KT

	KT	#	Per capita (\$16)	Fees (\$2.50)	Total	KTEF	HLP
SPHC	Cm. #0	19	\$304.00	\$2.50	\$306.50		
SLC	Cm. #1	59	\$944.00	\$7.00	\$951.00		
Ogden	Cm. #2	42	\$672.00	\$5.00	\$894.50	\$38.75	\$178.75
Midvale	Cm #3	40	\$640.00	\$8.00	\$738.00	\$90.00	
Provo	Cm. #5	26	\$416.00	\$3.00	\$609.00	\$90.00	\$100.00
Price	Cm. #6	33	\$528.00	\$2.50	\$2740.50	\$2110.00	\$100.00
St. Geo.	Cm. #7	29	\$464.00	\$7.50	\$2113.50	\$1450.00	\$192.00
Totals			\$3968.00	\$35.50	\$8353.00	\$3778.75	\$570.75

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE GRAND RECORDER

	TOTALS	Utah #1	El Monte #2	Malta #3	Ivanhoe #5	C F J #6	Golgotha #7	SPHC #00
As of 12/31/2022	256	66	42	41	25	36	26	20
Knighthood	13	2	2	2	3	1	3	0
Affiliated	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Restored	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Adjustment	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Gain	14	2	2	2	2	1	3	1
Demitted	6	2	0	3	1	0	0	0
Suspended	11	6	1	0	0	2	0	2
Deceased	5	1	1	0	1	2	0	0
Adjustments	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Loss	22	9	2	3	2	4	0	2
As of 12/31/23	248	59	42	40	26	33	29	19
Life Sponsors	240	57	42	37	23	33	29	19
Net Gain (Loss)		-7		-1	1	-3	3	-1

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

CREDENTIALS REPORT

May 11, 20234

Grand Officers	12
Past Grand Elected Officers	6
Constituent Delegates	15
Past Eminent Commanders	10
TOTAL	43

JURISPRUDENCE

The Jurisprudence Committee has reviewed the report of actions and activities of the Grand Commander during the 2023-2024 year, and has the following to report.

The dispensations granted to Malta and Golgotha Commanderies to hold special Conclaves were proper and within the authority of the Grand Commander. The approval of the amended by-law of Malta Commandery was proper and within the authority of the Grand Commander.

The Grand Commander is to be commended for his travels to the Constituent Commanderies for their Christmas Observances and his official visits.

The Jurisprudence Committee agrees with the Grand Commander's remarks, conducting an exit interview if possible can provide insight to help improve their respective Commanderies.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Hamilton

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR CROSS OF HONOR COMMITTEE

Right Eminent Grand Commander Stenner, it was a pleasure to serve you on your committee for the Knight Templar Cross of Honor. The Knight Templar Cross of Honor award is the highest Honor that can be bestowed upon a Sir Knight by a Grand Commandery, and the nomination and selection of a Sir Knight to receive this Honor is of utmost importance. Those Sir Knights that have been nominated to receive this High Honor in the past are a testament to the caliber of this award, and how important it is for every constituent Commandery to make nominations to the committee for worthy Sir Knights in their Commandery.

Your committee made an effort to contact the Grand Recorder and the Recorders of the Constituent Commanderies to ensure that all were aware of the requirements and the deadlines to make nominations for the award. The Knights Templar Cross of Honor committee was very pleased to submit Sir Knight Paul D. Erickson to you for this prestigious award. Sir Knight Paul D. Erickson has been a great benefit to his Commandery, to the State and to the Grand Encampment as a whole.

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

Yours in Faith,

Brain J. Hastings, PGC, KCT, Chairman
TJ Robertson, PGC, KCT, KTCH

KNIGHT'S TEMPLAR EDUCATION FOUNDATION

There has not been any activity and there is nothing to report.

Fraternal Regards,

Sir Knight Reed Fanning

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EYE FOUNDATION

Grand Commander, Sir Knights & All,

As the newly assigned KTEF chairman, I hit the ground running with a plan I had been recommended. This plan was recommended to have local commanderies approach local sponsors to donate to the foundation. Quickly I found this will take more planning locally and coordination with the foundation board. I would recommend that a group of Sir Knights be formed as a committee to plan and launch this fundraiser. I will pass this plan on to be pursued by future State Eye Foundation Chairman.

I received further direction and recommendations from the Director of the Eye foundation on the fundraising that is already in place. The first fundraiser that was started at the founding of this foundation. Was for Sir Knights to set aside money that would be used for a daily coffee or soda amounting to \$10-15 a year by a Sir Knight. This money would then be donated to the charity. A few commanderies have donated this amount this year and in past years. Thanks to those Sir Knights and their continued donation to the Eye Foundation. If your commandery has not started this fundraiser. Please might your body put in the effort to start doing so now.

Recently Utah became one of 18 States that are at 100% Life Membership. A very commendable accomplishment. I admonish each Commandery to be diligent when adding new Sir Knights to their respective commanderies to shore up this change by making them Life Member with usual \$30 to continue to keep this status for our Grand Commandery. As a further charge to the Commanderies of this state is to not stop at 100% and donate to get our Grand Commandery to 200%, only 2 other states are at this status to date. This would be a greater accomplishment.

I would like to recognize that we have 6 members from our commanderies that belong to the Grand Commanders Club and 18 in the Grand Masters club. Thanks for your contributions and may you continue to build on your accomplishments.

Every Sir Knight may participate in these clubs by making a check in the amount of \$100 to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. This initial payment makes you a member in the Grand Commanders Club. From there you will need to continue to pledge a contribution monthly to the club. Upon payment of \$1000 (this can be cumulative as mentioned) you will be enrolled in the Grand Masters Club and receive a jewel for your Class A uniform. One Commandery makes a contribution of the amount of \$100 in the name of their current Grand Commander. A nice way to get Sir Knights started on this path.

Sincerely & Fraternaly,

O. Blake Hansen, Grand Captain General 2023-2024
KTEF Campaign Chairman (Utah)

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR MAGAZINE UTAH SUPPLEMENT, EDITOR

This year I wrote 11 articles for the supplement, and the Grand Commander of Utah Tim Stenner wrote 1.

All articles can be found here: <https://knightstemplar.org/wp/kt-news-archive/>

It has been my pleasure to be the writer and editor of this supplement over the last 4 years. I am hopeful that the new writer and editor will do a fantastic job, as I believe this is his specialty.

I look forward to continuing to serve the General Grand Commandery in many other ways this year and for years to come.

Yours in Service,

Danny Drew, Chairman

LEGISLATION

Legislation to approve additional jewels to be worn on The Commandery Uniform

Whereas: The Jewels which can be worn on The Commandery Uniform are set by The Grand Commandery of Utah, Uniform Regulations;

Whereas: The addition of meritorious jewels and other Templar Jewels should be considered in The Grand Commandery of Utah, Uniform Regulations in order to reflect service to The Grand Commandery, Constituent Commanderies as well as All Sir Knights of Utah;

Whereas: The Uniform Regulations of The Grand Commandery of Utah, Regulation Jewelry, Ornamentation and Adornment of Uniforms would need to reflect definition of Meritorious Jewels;

The current Grand Commandery of Utah, Uniform Regulations, Regulation Jewelry, Ornamentation or Adornment of Uniforms states the following:

REGULATION JEWELRY, ORNAMENTATION OR ADORNMENT OF UNIFORMS
The ONLY authorized equipment other than previously described to be worn on any Knights Templar Uniform of the State of Utah consists of the following, worn with the top of the medal or jewel aligned with the top of the wearers left breast pocket. No Lapel Pins or jewels may be worn on the lapels of Templar Uniforms.

Jewels from the wearer's right to left are as follows. Jewel of Office, Meritorious Jewels, and Malta Jewel. A jewel of the Past Commanders Association or Past Prior of the Past Commanders Association is considered a meritorious jewel. A maximum of 4 jewels may be worn on the Templar Uniform and one of those jewels must be the Malta Jewel.

The jewels authorized for wear in the State of Utah are: 1. Order of Malta, 2. Past Commander Association or Past Prior of Past Commanders Association, 3. Past Eminent Commander, 4. Jewel of Office of Constituent Commandery, 5. Jewel of Office of Grand Commandery 6. Jewel of Past Grand Commander. Awards of the Knight Templar Cross of Honor can also be worn on the left breast or suspended from a red ribbon from the neck. Only one jewel of office shall be worn at one time.

The State name (UTAH), gold in color, one-half (1/2) inch in height shall be worn one (1) inch above the left pocket and centered above the jewels.

The following uniform bars are authorized, and wear is optional. If authorized to wear the Veteran Service bar by virtue of service in The Armed Forces, it may be worn one-half (1/2) inch above the left pocket and centered above the jewels. If authorized to

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wear the Meritorious Service (KYCH) uniform bar by virtue of membership in the Knights of York Cross of Honor (KYCH), it may be worn one-half (1/2) inch above the left pocket and centered.

Therefore, let the following resolution be entered for consideration;

The section concerning Regulation Jewelry, Ornamentation or Adornment of Uniforms be changed to read: (The Additions are highlighted in ***Bold italics and underlined***)

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Awards of the Knight Templar Cross of Honor can also be worn on the left breast or suspended from a red ribbon from the neck. Only one jewel of office shall be worn at one time.

The Meritorious Jewels presented by The Grand Commandery of Utah consist of the following: The Grand Commandery of Utah Meritorious Service Jewel, The Grand Encampment Meritorious Service Jewel, and any Meritorious Jewels developed at a later date by The Grand Commandery of Utah or The Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of The U.S.A.

The State name (UTAH), gold in color, one-half (1/2) inch in height shall be worn one (1) inch above the left pocket and centered above the jewels.

The following uniform bars are authorized, and wear is optional. If authorized to wear the Veteran Service bar by virtue of service in The Armed Forces, it may be worn

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one-half (1/2) inch above the left pocket and centered above the jewels. If authorized to wear the Meritorious Service (KYCH) uniform bar by virtue of membership in the Knights of York Cross of Honor (KYCH), it may be worn one-half (1/2) inch above the left pocket and centered.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sir Knight TJ Robertson, PGC
Sir Knight Daniel Hamilton, PC
Sir Knight Jason Varner, PGC

Grand Commandery of Utah – Uniform Regulations (Aprons) Proposal

Whereas, the Grand Encampment of the United States of America adopted a resolution at the Grand Encampment triennial in 2021 to permit the use of Aprons of traditional and contemporary appearance.

Let it now be proposed that the Grand Commandery of Utah, adopt a uniform regulation similar to the Grand Encampment, regarding the use of Aprons.

Excerpt from the Grand Encampment Constitution and Statutes;

CHAPTER XXII APRONS Section 261.

It is permissible for Grand Encampment officers and members of Grand, Constituent and Subordinate Commanderies to wear an apron with Templar Uniforms as described in Sections 247, 248, 250, 250a, 251, and 259 as follows:

- A. Traditional Apron. A Traditional Templar Apron shall conform substantially in design to the images below. It shall be trimmed in gold for Sir Knights of the rank of Commander or Past Commander and above, and in silver for Sir Knights below the rank of Commander. A Traditional Templar Apron may only be worn in an asylum or other private setting where only Knights Templar are present.
- B. Contemporary Apron. A Contemporary Templar Apron shall conform substantially in design to the image below. It shall be trimmed in gold for Sir Knights of the rank of Commander or Past Commander and above, and in silver for Sir Knights below the rank of Commander. A Contemporary Templar Apron may be worn in both private and public settings. It is permissible to manufacturer an apron so that it is reversible with the Traditional Apron on one side and the Contemporary Apron on the other.
- C. Grand Encampment Officers may wear such aprons and others, as deemed appropriate, from time to time, by the Grand Master and in accordance with his directions.
- D. If a Sir Knight appears in uniform in a Tyled, Masonic Lodge, he shall wear such apron as in accord with local Masonic custom or approved by the presiding officer. (2021, p unspecified) Section 262. A Grand Commandery may provide for the wearing of a Templar Apron in its uniform regulations similar to those in Sections 261 A, B and C.

A Grand Commandery may specify with which of its authorized uniforms a Templar Apron may be worn. (2021, p unspecified)

Upon approval by the Grand Commandery of Utah, the regulation shall appear as follows in the Grand Commandery of Utah Uniform Regulations:

CHAPTER XXII APRONS

It is permissible for Grand Commandery officers and members of Constituent Commanderies to wear an apron with Templar Uniforms as described below:

A) Traditional Apron. A Traditional Templar Apron shall conform substantially in design to the images below. It shall be trimmed in gold for Sir Knights of the rank of Commander or Past Commander and above, and in silver for Sir Knights below the rank of Commander. A Traditional Templar Apron may only be worn in an asylum or other private setting where only Knights Templar are present.

B) Contemporary Apron. A Contemporary Templar Apron shall conform substantially in design to the image below. It shall be trimmed in gold for Sir Knights of the rank of Commander or Past Commander and above, and in silver for Sir Knights below the rank of Commander. A Contemporary Templar Apron may be worn in both private and public settings. It is permissible to manufacturer an apron so that it is reversible

with the Traditional Apron on one side and the Contemporary Apron on the other.

C) Grand Commandery Officers may wear such aprons and others, as deemed appropriate, from time to time, by the Grand Commander and in accordance with his directions.

D) If a Sir Knight appears in uniform in a Tyled, Masonic Lodge, he shall wear such apron as in accord with local Masonic custom or approved by the presiding officer. A Commandery may provide for the wearing of a Templar Apron in its uniform regulations similar to the approved regulations of the Grand Commandery of Utah.

E) The Aprons may be worn with approved uniforms as outlined in the Grand Commandery of Utah Uniform Regulations. As is typical, with other articles of the uniform, all Sir Knights should be matching. When Sir Knights are assembled in uniform, all must wear the same uniform.

Adoption of this addition to the Uniform Regulations of the Grand Commandery of Utah, shall take effect upon approval of the Grand Commandery of Utah during its annual Conclave in May of 2024.

Sincerely & fraternally submitted,
Brian J. Hastings, REPGC, KCT, KYGCH
Treavor J. Wilkinson, KTCH, KYCH