The York Rite of Freemasonry
Of South Carolina

Annual Proceedings

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

One Hundred Fifty Seventh Annual Assembly
of
The Grand Council of Royal and Select Master
of South Carolina
Chartered February 15, 1860

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

March 12 - 14, 2017
Landmark Resort Hotel
Myrtle Beach SC

Our Mission
The Mission of the South Carolina Grand York Rite is to support The Grand Lodge AFM of South Carolina, to adapt and develop leadership and education; Inspire charity, fellowship and quality of the craft.
Knights Templar Religious Service  
Monday, March 13, 2017, 8:00 a.m.  
Rev. Dean Strickland, Grand Prelate

PROCESSIONAL MARCH & HYMN  
(Please Stand)  
“Onward Christian Soldiers”  
Song Leader Phillip Russell PMIGM

INVOCATION  
Rev. Robert Nix  
Right Illustrious Grand Chaplain

WORDS of WELCOME  
S.K. John R Marcucci  
Right Eminent Grand Commander

SCRIPTURE LESSON (Matthew 16: 13-18)  
Rev. Haywood Fowler  
Excellent Grand Chaplain

HYMN OF CELEBRATION  
“Soldiers of Christ, Arise”  
Song Leader Phillip Russell PMIGM

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND REMEMBERANCE  
Rev. Haywood Fowler  
Excellent Grand Chaplain

THE LORD’S PRAYER  
IN UNISON  
Lead by Rev Dean Strickland  
Eminent Grand Prelate

THE OFFERING  
Stewards come forward  
Rev. Robert Nix  
Right Illustrious Grand Chaplain

THE MESSAGE  
“Like a Mighty Army”  
Rev. Dean Strickland  
Eminent Grand Prelate

CLOSING AFFIRMATION: (All Read in Unison)  
Lead by Rev. Robert Nix  
Right Illustrious Grand Chaplain

Grand  
Chaplain

“We believe in God, Creator of Life. We accept his calling as Christian Knights, the Source of Faith, and Every Blessing. We live as God’s redeemed People, and as the one who leads us through the valley of Life Ambassadors of Jesus’ Cross and Crown. We Believe in Jesus, the risen Christ”.

BENEDICTION & RECESSINAL  
Rev. Haywood Fowler  
Excellent Grand Chaplain
Joint Session

The Grand Council of Royal Masons of South Carolina was opened in ample form; the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of South Carolina and the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of South Carolina were declared open for reception of Distinguished Guest and Joint Committee Reports.

Distinguished Guests – Out of State

Alabama

ME William J Burfitt, ME Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Alabama & Grand Captain General, Grand Commandery of Alabama

MI Thomas H Nesbit, MI Grand Master, Grand Council of Alabama & Grand Generallissimo of Grand Commandery of Alabama

Arkansas

ME Steven Tiner, General Grand Scribe of General Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons International & Representative of ME General Grand High Priest or the General Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons International, Louis Bartrand

Florida

SK Henry A. Adams, South East Department Commander, Grand Encampment Knights Templar, USA

RE Fredrick Girldom, RE Grand Commander of The Grand Commandery of Florida

SK Ronald Parks, Grand Captain General of the Grand Commandery of Florida

ME John F Wierman, Deputy General Grand High Priest South East Region & General Grand Master of the Third Veil of the General Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons International

ME William R Jacobs, Past ME Grand High Priest & Grand Representative of South Carolina near the Grand Chapter of Florida

ME Charles R “Bob” Cooper, ME Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Florida

Georgia

ME William F Shepard, Most Excellent Grand High Priest of Georgia

RE Doyle Hatfield, RE Grand Commander of The Grand Commandery of Georgia

Indiana

ME James H Hodge, General Grand King and Representative of the Editor of the Royal Arch Magazine, General Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons International

North Carolina

MWW Berry Rigdon, Past Grand Master of North Carolina, Past Grand High Priest, Chancellor General Grand York Rite Sovereign College of North America, Grand Sentinel Convent General KYCH, Grand Director of Ceremonies Grand Council AMD USA

RE James B Steele, Grand Commander of The Grand Commandery of North Carolina

RI Billy W Canupp Jr, Grand Principal Conductor of Work Grand Council of North Carolina

MJ David Cashion, Past Most Illustrious Grand Master, Grand Council of North Carolina

MT Russell Bridges, Past Most Illustrious Grand Master, Grand Council of North Carolina and Grand Sentinel Grand Council Knight Masons, USA

Montana

ME Jeff Bolstad, Most Excellent Grand High Priest of Montana and Northwest Department Commander Grand Encampment Knights Templar, USA
New York

**ME David Dixon Goodwin**, Past Most Eminent Grand Master Representing Most Eminent Grand Master Duane L Vaught, Grand Encampment Knights Templar, USA

Ohio

**RI Thomas F Logan Jr.**, Past Grand Chaplain of Ohio, and Representative of South Carolina near Ohio

Oregon

**MI Lawrence Weaver**, General Grand Master, Genera Grand Council Cryptic Masons International

Distinguished Masonic Leaders in South Carolina

**Allied Masonic Degrees**

**Comp. Grenfell Leonard**, Grand Superintendent of Work in SC  
**MI Doug Knauer**, Grand Tyler, AMD USA; Ambassador GGCRAMI  
**MI Gary B Hinson**, Sovereign Grand Master, Grand Council AMD USA

**General Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons International**

**ME Robert J Bean Sr.**, Royal Arch Research Assistance Eastern Regional Coordinator  
**ME Michael Copeland**, Ambassador  

**Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priest**

**RE Howard “Ted” Burgess**, Very Eminent Preceptor Cana Tabernacle  

**Knight York Cross of Honor**

**ME Robert J Bean Jr.**, Eminent Prior Palmetto Priory No. 54  

**Knight Masons**

**ME Dana Rickards**, Excellent Chief, Samuel H J Womack Council No. 20  

**Knight Crusader of the Cross**

**ME Dana Rickards**, Knight Crusader of the East  

**Order of High Priesthood**

**RE Howard “Ted” Burgess**, Most Excellent President  

**Red Cross of Constantine**

**RE William F “Bill” Martin**, Puissant Sovereign, Saints John Conclave  
**ME Lloyd F Christopher**, Intendent General, Red Cross of Constantine in SC  

**Thrice Illustrious Masters**

**ME Michael Copeland**, Thrice Illustrious Master  

**York Rite College**

**RE Gerald Burton**, Governor, Piedmont York Rite College, No. 84  
**MJ J Gordon Cartrette**, Grand Governor, Grand Colleges in South Carolina  
**ME Michael Copeland**, Very Eminent Deputy Grand Governor York Rite College of North America

The Most Worshipful Grand Lodge AFM of South Carolina

**RW James N Turner**, Grand Standard Bearer  
**RW Rev. Dr. A Robert Nix**, Grand Chaplain  
**MW Jay Adam Pearson**, Past Grand Master  
**MW & ME G Kent Elkins**, Past Grand Master & Past Most Excellent Grand High Priest  
**MW & RE D Sam Tennyson**, Past Grand Master, Past Grand Commander & Past Southeastern Department Commander Grand Encampment Knights Templar USA
Joint Session Committee Reports

Report of the Local Committee

On behalf of the Local Committee, I would like to welcome each of you to Myrtle Beach and the Landmark Resort Hotel. The hospitality room is in the Coquina Room located just around the corner feel free to come in and fellowship with other companions and friends. We have drinks and light snacks. While you are here we hope that you can take in some sights of the Grand Strand and enjoy some of the outstanding seafood restaurants. We hope that your stay is enjoyable and if you need anything, don't hesitate to ask any of our members.
Mike Copeland, Chairman

Report of The Committee on Patriotism and Civic Activates

To: The Grand York Rite Bodies of South Carolina:

Companions and Sir Knights, your committee on Patriotism and Civic Activities in South Carolina is pleased to make the following report:

Companions and Sir Knights, again we did not have any York Rite Bodies that reported to the Committee that they held a Patriotic Night or a Civic program during the past year. Again, this year we had a few Sir Knights that said they wore their Knight Templar uniforms and helped with the “Massing of the Colors” in the Scottish Rite Valley which they belong to. These Sir Knights that are also Scottish Rite Brothers are to be commended on the dual work you do in each of our Masonic Bodies.

Companions and Sir Knights, we encouraged you this coming year to put together a program in your local York Rite Bodies, to show our support to our Military and local Civil Servants. Please keep the committee informed if you have a meeting, so we can show our appreciation in our report.

Let’s HONOR these men and women daily with a thank you and in our prayers.

GOD BLESS AMERICA AND SOUTH CAROLINA

Fraternally submitted: Michael E Copeland, PGHP, Chairman; O Walt Sealy, PMIGM, James J “Jack” Holmes, PGC

Report of Committee on Masonic Youth Organizations

To: The Grand York Rite Bodies of South Carolina:
Companions and Sir Knights, your committee on Masonic Youth Organizations in South Carolina is pleased to make the following report:

Order of DeMolay

At the end of 2016, The Palmetto DeMolay Association ranked in the top 10 on the growth list in 2016. Currently the Palmetto DeMolay Association has seven chapters, of which three are active. There are plans to establish (renew) two chapters this year. One will be in Florence and the other in Greenville.
The leadership of the Palmetto DeMolay Association, adults, and young men, is encouraging to your committee. Under the leadership of Dad Damon Lam and the elected line officers, they have a plan to have at least five active chapters and continue to increase their membership by the end of 2016. These young men need our assistance if they are going to make this possible.

Your committee is also encouraged by the activities these young men have performed over this past year. Although the activities are too numerous to mention, we would like to share a couple of them with you. They have assisted with the Annual Shrine Bowl football game and spoke at the Master’s Workshop as well as the Wardens Workshop.

Along with these activities, they are also selling ads for the Conclave ad book to raise money to help pay for these young men to attend the International Congress Session. This committee encourages each of you to attempt to help fund these young men in some way this coming year. As you can see, there are many Companions and Sir Knights in this room today that has benefitted from DeMolay, and in turn, it has benefitted our Grand York Rite as well. I would like for all past DeMolays to stand. Your committee challenges each of you to do more to pay back DeMolay just part of what it gave you.

International Order of the Rainbow for Girls

The International Order of the Rainbow for Girls in South Carolina is continuing to do well under the leadership of Mom Dedra Hart. Mom Hart is the daughter of Sir Knight Douglas Amyx, Past Grand Commander. Currently they have 10 Assemblies with a total of 80 members. Of the ten Assemblies, 3 of them sponsor Pledge Groups. These Pledge Groups are for girls ages 7-10 years

This committee is of the opinion, from previous experience of course, that as we continue to support our youth organizations they will continue to grow.

This committee challenges our brethren to support these youth groups in all their endeavors. The simple act of visiting one of their meetings shows that we care and by so doing, our support will lead to greater benefits for Masonry and a stronger tomorrow.

Fraternally submitted:

Perpetual life Committee minutes
March 12, 2017

Glenn Greene opened the meeting and passed out minutes from the last meeting. Minutes for last year were approved.

Return for the fund was 8.8%, from the CRE fund that Bill Logan had spearheaded years ago.

Checking account for last year was at Bank of America but Chairman Greene moved to Anderson Brothers bank, where he works.

A few members asked to be replaced. Phillip Russel rotates off, as does Johnnie Morris. Gary Sowell was elected to the Board as Commandery representative, Dean Tollison as Council representative to replace Russell.

Carl asked us to sell this membership harder, especially the bodies with only five or so members. Bill Martin spoke about the reasons he cannot support them now, since the per capita is not being covered. He has had to ask perpetual members to make donations to cover per capita. James Lyle said that at Clemson, the financial strain is because of old life memberships from $75 or $200. Carl Truesdale recommended that when men die we make honorary contributions for those men.

Each of the three bodies needs to pay in per capita on each member, with the caveat of 40 year members in Chapter and Council. Discussions of how to get rid of the per capita
exemptions for 40 year members, possibly with a grandfathering of some. This will be sensitive, especially for local secretaries. Positive and negatives were discussed.

Glenn asked us to focus on this long term, not just in a committee meeting. Some discussion was on the essential elements of the Christian and scriptural components of the York Rite and masonry.

Meeting was closed at 2:30.

A Glenn Greene III

Report of the Committee on Education

To: The Grand York Rite Bodies of South Carolina:

The following report is submitted on behalf of the Education Committee appointed to serve the Grand York Rite Bodies of South Carolina.

The Annual Statewide Education Meeting of the Grand York Rite Bodies scheduled for January 2017 in the Masonic Temple, 1518 Hampton Street, Columbia, SC was canceled so the committee can determine a better strategy to reach more members more effectively, to retain members at the meeting, and to increase participation by all bodies.

It was observed in the past that some of the Companions and Sir Knights departed before the end of the meeting, leaving fewer members attending the Commandery instruction. An attempt was made to change this by reversing the order of instruction, and this worked for a while, but it did not resolve the problem. The result is that Annual Statewide Educational Meeting attendance continues to drop, not all are receiving full instruction, and not all bodies are represented.

The elected Grand Line Officers are considering several options to try to reach more members, and to ensure the participation of all bodies. Some options being considered include:

- Hold district-wide Education Meetings instead of a statewide meeting
- Provide educational content as part of the Official Visits of the Grand Heads
- Tasking the District Deputies to provide district-wide or local education

A final plan for 2017-2018 is forthcoming.

Fraternally submitted,

Chapter: James W Lyle (C), Tony Bizakis, Acy Flora
Council: James Barr (C), Jerry Willard, W Tom Corbin
Commandery: William F Martin (C), Robert J F Elsner, Jeff Hall

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

The Eighteenth (18th) Annual Meeting of the Lucius A. and Margaret B. Todd Fund, Inc. was called to order at 1:00 p.m. on March 12, 2017. by the President; prayer was given by Mike Copeland, pledge of allegiance was given and the President declared the meeting open for the annual business session and welcomed everyone present. The following twenty-one (21) members were present:

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The President asked the Secretary to read the minutes of the meeting held Sunday, March 13, 2016 which the Secretary did. Mike Copeland read the Audit Report which was adopted. The
Treasurer’s Report was read by Ted Burgess and adopted. Copies of all were available to those present. Ted advised that one donation was received during the year and another one had been received today. He moved that $1033.00 be dispersed to each of the three York Rite Charities (RARA, CMMRF and KTEF) – adopted. Ted also recommended that the corpus be allowed to continue to grow. Carl Truesdale urged all to solicit funds for the Todd Fund.

Johnnie T. Morris announced that he was retiring as Secretary of the Board. Sam Tennyson said he was also retiring from the Board. Frank Gilliland had died since last year’s meeting which created a third vacancy. Elections were held with Gary Sowell being re-elected as President. Robert J. Bean, Sr. was elected as Secretary. Carl Truesdale (2020), Ronald Elvis (2019) and Mike Copeland (2018) were elected to fill Board vacancies and J. Gordon Cartrette (2020) was re-elected. Gordon was also elected Vice President.

The Audit Committee consisting of Michael Copeland, Chairman; Doug Knauer and Richard Sealy were appointed to serve again for the ensuing year.

The Treasurer noted that the Form 990 has been filed and accepted, and that the Annual Application for Registration Exemption has been filed with, and accepted by, the South Carolina Secretary of State, Public Charities Division.

Carl R. Truesdale expressed his appreciation to Johnnie and Sam for all their hard work and service on the Board.

J. Gordon Cartrette recommended they be given Emeritus status – approved.

The President opened a discussion for raising funds. Numerous suggestions were made.

There being no further business to come before this Board, the meeting was adjourned with prayer at 1:39 p.m. by D. Samuel Tennyson.

Robert J. Bean, Sr. Secretary

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

Treasurer’s Report

The following report of the year 2016 is herewith submitted to the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of South Carolina, The Most Illustrious Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of South Carolina, and The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of South Carolina:

Fund Balances:
Checking Account - BB&T
- Opening Balance - January 1, 2016: $7,202.92
- Cash on Hand - Donations: $150.00
- Deposits - Edward Jones Investments: $3,873.54
- Check - RARA: $(1,030.00)
- Check - CMMRF: $(1,030.00)
- Check - KTEF: $(1,030.00)
- Check - Edward Jones: $(4,500.00)
Balances December 31, 2016: $3,636.46

Investments - Edward Jones (Cost Basis)
- Balance January 1, 2016: $153,568.11
- Deposits from Checking: $4,500.00
Balances December 31, 2016: $158,068.11

TOTAL TO ACCOUNT FOR: $161,704.57

Howard T Burgess, PGC
Treasurer
The Lucius A. and Margret B. Todd Fund, Inc.
Audit Report

We your Auditing Committee, certify that we have examined the books and records of the Treasurer and find them to be neatly and accurately kept. All Funds have been accounted for. Our report covering the calendar year January 1 through December 31, 2016 is as follows:

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| Total Bank and Investments $161,704.57 |

Fraternally submitted:
Douglas R Knauer, PMIGM, Chairman; Mike E Copeland, PGHP; Richard W Sealy, PGC
Resolution of Appreciation

To: The Grand York Rite Bodies of South Carolina:

WHEREAS, the Companions, Knights and their Ladies of the ANDERSON York Rite Bodies of South Carolina and the Elected line officers from all three bodies, through the zeal and dedication of their several committees, have excelled themselves by ensuring a most comfortable and informative stay for all attendees to the Annual Grand York Rite Functions of 2017.

WHEREAS, the ocean front LANDMARK RESORT HOTEL has provided us with outstanding accommodations and guest services.

WHEREAS, great hospitality was extended to our Families with the opening to breakfast and lunch to all family members to join the men.

NOW THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED that we express our deep appreciation to everyone who has assisted in making our stay in Myrtle Beach a most pleasant and memorable occasion.

Fraternally submitted,
Dana P. Rickards, PGHP, Chairman, Jack Holmes PGC, Jerry Willard, RIGPCW

The Report of Time and Place Committee

To: The Grand York Rite Bodies of South Carolina:

Your time and place committee met on July 15, 2016 and confirmed the 2017 annual meeting will be held at the Landmark Resort Hotel, Myrtle Beach SC. The committee directed the Grand Secretary/Recorder to negotiate a contract with the Landmark Resort Hotel, Myrtle Beach for 2018 and 2019 annual meeting.

Fraternally submitted
James Lyle   James Barr   William F Martin
Tony Bizakis  Jerry Willard   Robert J F Elsner
Acy Flora    W Tom Corbin   Jeff Hall

Motion was made, seconded, and approved, to adopt all Joint committee reports as printed.

The reception of Distinguished Guest and Joint Session Committee Reports having been concluded, The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of South Carolina and the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of South Carolina were declared closed and the Grand Council Royal and Select Masters of South Carolina continued its Annual Assembly.
Annual Proceedings

of

The Most Illustrious Grand Council

Royal and Select Masters

of

South Carolina

One Hundred Fifty Seventh Annual Assembly

of

The Grand Council of Royal and Select Master

of South Carolina

Chartered February 15, 1860

March 12 - 14, 2017

Landmark Resort Hotel

Myrtle Beach SC
The Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of South Carolina was opened in ample form at the Landmark Resort Hotel in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina at 9:00 AM for the Annual Assembly:

**Elected Officers**

Tommy Blackwood .................. M. I. Grand Master  
James Barr .......................... R. I. Deputy Grand Master  
Jerry A Willard .......................... R. I. Grand Principal Conductor of Work  
William T Corbin .......................... R. I. Grand Captain of the Guard  
A Glenn Greene, III .................. R. I. Grand Treasurer  
G Buck Jolley .......................... R. I. Grand Recorder  
Rev Dr. A Robert Nix .................. R. I. Grand Chaplain

**Appointed Officers**

Walter Cal Disher .......................... I. Grand Conductor of the Council  
David J DeChant Sr. PGM .................. I. Grand Marshal  
Dennis Case .......................... I. Grand Steward  
Brian C Campbell .................. I. Grand Sentinel

**R. I. District Deputy Grand Masters**

Ricky Chubb .......................... First District  
James C Clifford .......................... Second District  
George P Latta .......................... Third District  
Billy V Lawrence .......................... Fourth District  
William J Goodenow .................. Fifth District  
George E Graham .......................... Sixth District
M. I. Tommy Blackwood
Most Illustrious Grand Master
2016 – 2017

Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters
of South Carolina
In Memoriam

OF

William Robert Logan Jr.
Of The
Most Illustrious Grand Council
Royal & Select Masters of South Carolina

Funeral service for William R “Bill” Logan, Most Illustrious Grand Master, of Greenwood, SC were held 2:00 p.m., Friday July 1, 2016, at Main Street United Methodist Church, 211 North Main Street Greenwood. Masonic Rites followed in the Sanctuary. Burial with Military Honors was at Travis Park Cemetery, 303 Travis Ave. (Hwy178), Saluda, SC.

Pastor Phil Thrailkill officiating.

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In Memoriam

OF

J Frank Gilliland
Of The
Most Illustrious Grand Council
Royal & Select Masters of South Carolina

Funeral service for J Frank Gilliland, Most Illustrious Grand Master, of Pendleton, SC were held 3:00 p.m., Wednesday October 19, 2016, at Victory Baptist Church, 322 Fretwell Dr. Anderson SC. Internment followed at Iva City Cemetery.

Reverend Herbert Moore officiating.

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Report of Committee on Credentials and Returns
To the Most Illustrious Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of South Carolina:
We find 15 Grand Officer, 12 Most Illustrious Past Grand Masters, 2 Honorary Most Illustrious Past Grand Masters and Representatives of 24 Subordinate Councils present and entitled to vote in this Annually Assembly.
Fraternally submitted
J Gordon Cartette (C) Hal Gregory, Robert J Bean Sr, Robert J Bean Jr

Motion was made, seconded, and approved to admit all Royal and Select Masters in good standing to a seat in this Assembly.

ADDRESS OF THE MOST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND MASTER
THOMAS EDWARD “TOMMY” BLACKWOOD

To: The Most Illustrious Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of South Carolina, To all my Companions, first and foremost, I welcome you to the One Hundred Fifty-Seventh Grand Assembly, and extend to each of you a hearty welcome to the Most Illustrious Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of South Carolina. To our distinguished out of state guests, we are pleased that you have chosen to be here with us, in beautiful Myrtle Beach, S.C. We hope you will enjoy your visit and thank you for attending this Grand Assembly. To our distinguished guests within our state, you honor us with your presence and we hope you also will enjoy your stay with us as we welcome you to this Grand Assembly. To the General Grand Council Officers and Grand Representatives, I personally offer you a heartily welcome to this Grand Assembly and thank you for your continued support while we continue to strive to be united again.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in South Carolina, Most Worshipful Brother William B. Rogers, we are honored with your presence and thank you for your continued support of York Rite Masonry. Companions, last March, here in Myrtle Beach, in this room, you elected me as your Most Illustrious Grand Master. For that I am humble and thank you repeatedly for that honor. It has been with the utmost pleasure serving with Most Excellent High Priest Mike Broom and Right Eminent Grand Commander John Marcucci. Both being past Grand Marshals, their knowledge with visitations, organizing and knowledge of locations of meetings were very useful and I thank you both. Their fellowship will always be remembered.

It has been a very rewarding experience to serve as your Most Illustrious Grand Master and now becomes my duty to deliver you an account of my actions for the past year.

STATE OF THE CRAFT
Companions, as I traveled over this great State I have found peace and harmony prevailing in our York Rite Bodies. I would like to thank all the Councils for the way my Officers and I were received and for all the honorary memberships that my counterparts and I received. It means more to me than words can express. As stated before we do the things we do out of our hearts for the love and passion for York Rite Masonry and not for any gifts or otherwise. Companions, my observations over the past several years in the Elected Line I saw the need to address our leaders and challenged them with setting goals to measure their success in their year. As I delivered my theme “See the Need...Meet the Challenge” to all the Councils I visited this past year, you were very receptive and I received many thanks from you for that message and advice. Each were encouraged to see the “specific” needs of their respective Councils and set goals as part of the challenge to make them better, in return making our Grand Council better. I was pleased to see that most of the Councils with young energetic Companions taking leadership roles in the York Rite. But they still need our guidance and support from our more experience Companions to help them achieve these goals to make York Rite, in general, better than the year we started. I will emphasize the importance that we continue to work hard and take more pride in our Degree Rituals and in our Opening and Closing Rituals so our Councils continue to grow so that we can be more productive and supportive in our efforts in our donations to CMMRF one of our greatest Charity.
BROKEN TRIANGLE

Companions, we are saddened with the loss of so many of our Companions. To the departed whom we know and remember we had 147 Companions pass through the Ninth Arch in the year 2016. Let us remember those Companions, their families, and friends in our daily devotions. We are especially saddened with the loss of Past Most Illustrious Grand Master William R. Logan (1980-1981) who was also our Deputy Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free Masons of South Carolina. Also, Past Most Illustrious Grand Master J. Frank Gilliland (1987-1988). May peace and bliss be granted to them in the world of Eternal Life and their memory be a blessing unto those that cherish it while walking hand to hand with them for a while.

FINANCES

Companions the financial situation of the Most Illustrious Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of South Carolina is shaping up. I commend the Grand Recorder, the Grand Treasurer, and the Finance Committee on doing an outstanding job managing our finances. Expenses have been cut and measures are being taken to reduce our spending in the future to help us financially in keeping our dues to a minimum. But will still need to Recruit, Retain, and be Refocused on our membership in our York Rite. You can review their report in these proceedings.

VISITATIONS WITHIN THE STATE

Companions, I am pleased to report that during this past year it has been my pleasure to visit all but two Councils in this Grand Jurisdiction: Cheraw and Gaffney. A scheduled out of state visit to the Florida Grand York Rite Assembly prevented me to make the Excelsior Council #9 (Cheraw) official visit and a severe fatality on I-77, with a 5-hr. traffic delay prevented my official visit to Potter Council #42 (Gaffney). I want apologized to those Companions and thank my Deputy Grand Master Jim Barr for stepping up in my absence. Many Councils I had the opportunity to visit more than once and was received with warm and friendly reception and with the appropriate Grand York Rite Honors at each visit. I would thank each Companion throughout this State for making me feel so welcomed. To all the Grand Officers of the Most Illustrious Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of South Carolina, I would like to thank each of you for all your support this past year. Your support has meant a lot to me, and I pledge to you my future support. The following is a list of my visits within the state during the year.

March 13-15   SC Grand York Rite
March 15     Enoch #1 (Degree Work)
March 16     Jacob T. Barron # 33
March 23     Enoch #1
March 26     Greenville Scottish Rite
March 28     Kingston # 36 (Degree Work)
April 5      Pickens # 34
April 11     Maxwell # 21
April 12     Seymour # 15
April 13     Omar Shrine Night (M&W)
April 18     Absolom Cody # 8
April 19     Hiram # 38
April 20     Union # 5
April 21     Jacob T. Barron # 33
April 25     Kingston # 36 (Degree Work)
April 26     Enoch #1 (Degree Work)
April 27-29  SC Grand Lodge
May 9        Blake # 19
May 10       Petros # 11
May 17       Enoch #1
May 31       York Rite College # 113
June 2       Orangeburg AMD
June 6    Funeral – RW Leroy “Buddy” Mattox
June 8    Union # 5
June 10   SC/GA Exchange – Greenville, SC
June 13   Cephas # 13
June 16   Jacob T. Barron # 33
June 20   Eastern Star Grand Assembly – Greenville, SC
June 21   Lafayette # 25
June 24   Rainbow Grand Assembly – Columbia, SC
June 28   Wynne # 4, Living Arch #32, Alpha #10, Adoniram #2
July 1    Deputy Grand Master’s Funeral – Greenwood, SC
July 15   Organizational Mtg. Columbia, SC
July 16   DeMolay Grand Assembly – Columbia, SC
July 19   Kingston # 36 (Degree Work)
August 2  Aiken # 23
August 18 Allendale # 28
August 23 Winyah # 24
September 8 Funeral Charlie Synder
September 12 Oriental # 17
September 22 6th District Inspirational
September 23 10th District Inspirational
September 24 15th District Tunnel Degree – Clemson, SC
September 26 Kingston # 36 (Degree Work)
October 10 Pinckney # 27
October 18 Witherspoon # 33
October 24 Kingston # 36 (Degree Work)
November 15 Lafayette # 25

OUT OF STATE VISITS
Companions, I received many invitations to attend other Grand Jurisdictions but due to scheduling and budget restraints I was unable to attend all of them. However, I was fortunate to schedule and attend the following Grand Jurisdictions and was received and treated with the utmost dignity and respect in every visit. It was indeed an honor and a privilege to be in the presence of such august and distinguished Masons while representing the great State of South Carolina.

March 20-22 North Carolina Grand York Rite – Greensboro, NC
May 1-3 Georgia Grand York Rite Macon, GA
May 21-23 Florida Grand York Rite – Orlando, FL
February 24-26 Alabama Grand York Rite – Birmingham, AL

DISPENSATIONS
Companions, Dispensations were of a routine nature, and approved without further discussions. These copies are on file in the Grand Recorder’s office for anyone’s perusal.

BY-LAWS
Companions we had only one By-Law change request made during the year. Living Arch #32 (Clemson) to change their meeting night from the 2nd Tuesday to the 3rd Monday of each month which I approved.

DUAL MEMBERSHIPS
Companions, I had the privilege of approving dual memberships for the following Companions:

Hal Gregory, PIGM Witherspoon #33 and Jacob T. Barron # 22
Gary Sowell, PGC Witherspoon #33 and Jacob T. Barron # 22
John Bowker Union #5 and Jacob T. Barron # 22
V. Joe Hill Petros #11 and Allendale #28
ANNUAL STATEWIDE EDUCATIONAL MEETING

Companions, the Annual statewide educational meeting has always been an important meeting to educate our Companions and prepare them in their new roles as Officers. I would like to thank Most Illustrious Companion Gorgon Cartrette, PIGM for the outstanding job he and his committee members did this past year. However, it has been noted that attendance has been an issue in recent years and during our organizational meetings it has been addressed to take a more moderate approach in conducting this meeting in the future on a District level, in hopes that more Companions will attend to a closer location than a central one. This will be done on trial basis organized by your newly appointed District Deputies and Elected Line Officers, and with the support of all, this could prove to be successful. This will also allow the Grand Heads to be more involved with our educational efforts.

GRAND LODGE AND GRAND MASTER'S BANQUET

Companions, the Grand Master's Banquet was held on April 27, 2016, in Greenville. It was another honor to be invited by Most Worshipful William B. Rogers and a pleasure to attend. The fellowship was great and the entertainment was extraordinary. We are grateful that our Craft in South Carolina to have such Distinguished Masons to have served our Grand Jurisdiction as Grand Masters and their continued support they give the Grand York of South Carolina while they served as our Grand Masters.

SUPER EXCELLENT MASTERS DEGREE

Companions, the Super Excellent Masters Degree were postponed this year due to conflicts with our Grand Lodge ceremonies. I would to extend my thanks the Aiken York Rite Body for their efforts in trying to reschedule. They have in the past done a great job on this degree every year and we certainly missed attending this year. We will look forward to it next year.

GREAT SMOKEY MOUNTAINS SUMMER ASSEMBLY

Companions, I couldn't attend this retreat due to a prior scheduled vacation. I'm sure that everyone enjoyed the fun and fellowship that this assembly offers every year. I understand Most Worshipful Gerald Carver's, PGM, delivered a very interesting message to all.

SOUTHEASTERN YORK RITE CONFERENCE

Companions, I couldn't attend this conference due to attending the Georgia / South Carolina Retreat on Friday followed by a family funeral the following day.

ISH SODI AWARDS

I Am pleased to present the following Ish Sodi Awards.

Grand Elected Officer    James Barr
Grand Appointed Officer    Robert Nix
Hidden Work    Ricky Chubb

CRYTIC MASON OF THE YEAR AWARD

Companions it is an honor to present this year’s award to Companion William Thomas Corbin.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That our Grand Council continues to support the CMMRF.
2. That each subordinate Council open and close in full form at least once each quarter.
3. That the District Deputy of each district organize and conduct at least one Educational Meeting during the year that will replace the Annual Educational Meeting.
4. That the top four Elected Officers continue to organize meetings with other top four Elected Officers of the other Grand Bodies to plan their strategies and goals throughout the year.
5. That we strive to recruit new members and make every effort to retain old members to reduce NPD’s.
6. That our By-Laws are reviewed annually by the By-Laws Committee and reported at the Annual Grand Assembly of the status with any recommendations.

7. That we continue to strive to commit ourselves back into membership of the General Grand Council.

CONCLUSION

Companions it has been an honor and a privilege to represent you as I traveled through our Grand Jurisdiction and around the United States during the past year. The past 9 years serving this Grand Council in appointed and elected positions have been very rewarding to me in terms of meeting new brethren and Companions that I will forever treasure for years to come. I am very excited that the idea of Mike, John, and I to see that we go to joint District visits and educational programs are coming to fruition. The seed was planted and the in-coming officers are to be commended for taking on this challenge in planning and organizing this task. I hope their efforts and their leadership prove them worthy of your decision to elect them as your next leaders and continue the great work our Grand York Rite in South Carolina is doing.

Companions, I must admit the Grand Heads were immediately met with a challenge on our first Official Visit in Chester, S.C. On our arrival, the day after our Grand Assembly we learned no officers were elected or installed. Not looking for fault or blame but a solution was immediately found and action was taken. By this action of the Grand Heads and the Companions and Sir Knights, in attendance, Officers were elected, installed and goals made. I must say that with much outside support this Council, Chapter and Commandery is in better shape than it has been in recent years. They have increased their membership, conducted degree work, and routinely meeting without any troubles. Many thanks to Most Excellent High Priest Mike Broom, the Columbia York Rite Companions, and the Lancaster York Rite Companions. It goes to show how we as Masons can accomplished all things when we apply our resources and jewels of a Master Mason; Friendship, Morality, and Brotherly Love.

Companions, I have enjoyed the degree work that I attended throughout the state. Many thanks go to the Conway York Rite, in their efforts to keep the class of 14 Companions on track in a slow class throughout the year to be knighted all at once. There’re many others to be congratulated in accomplishing their goals. Many thanks go to Most Illustrious G. Buck Jolley for his dedication and hard work. His support has been second to none. His challenges to move Grand York Rite files, and archives, in a limited time with limited help and keep on track with his duties as the newly Elected Grand Recorder was an amazing task to say the least. Thank you, Buck, for all you do and for your love of the craft and your continued support to make our Grand York Rite prosper. You have made things easy for Mike, John and I and it’s been an eye-opening experience of the work you as our Recorder are up against.

Companions your continued support to CMMRF has made me see the good in the world of Masonry and how we make a difference when we exemplify ourselves to our number one virtue, Charity. With your generous donations during our visits the Grand Council collected $2,000. Thank You Companions!! I thank my mentors Lloyd “Curly” Christopher, PGHP and Phillip Russell, PIGM, for their support, wisdom, knowledge, and direction. Many thanks to Gordon Cartrette, PIGM for his wisdom and support. To my traveling, Companions: Bill Martin, Tom Corbin, Ricky Chubb, Dale Usery and Rev. Dr. Robert Nix thank you taking time from your families and the conversations during our long visits. They were most enjoyable, especially the many religious interpretations and education provided by our beloved Grand Chaplain.

In closing my congratulations to my Deputy Grand Master R. Illustrious Companion Jim Barr and his incoming Officers, wishing them success for the ensuing year. I hope you receive as much admiration, fun, and fellowship that my counterparts and I received this past year.

“I wish above things that thou mayest prosper and be in health even as thy soul prospereth” 3 John 1:2

Fraternally and with much respect for predecessors,
Thomas E. “Tommy” Blackwood
Most Illustrious Grand Master
2016-2017
Motion was made, seconded, and approved to adopt all reports as printed in the Preliminary Reports.

Report of the Committee on Distribution of Work
To: The Most Illustrious Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of South Carolina:

The Committee on Distribution of Work wishes to submit the following report:

Congratulations to the Most Illustrious Grand Master, Companion E. “Tommy” Blackwood for his dedication, and leadership during the past year. We commend him on his many visits within the state, as well as his many visits out of state. The Super Excellent Masters Degree was not conferred due to conflicts and communication problems. It is hoped this has been corrected, and Aiken York Rite Bodies will look forward to conferring the Degree.

The state of the Craft continues to be in good condition, and we encourage the Subordinate Councils to open the Council in full form several times during the year. Degree work continues to be very good. The harmony which exists among our Companions of this state is great, no decisions were required.

We recommend approval of all matters not specifically assigned to Committees:

Matters relating to:
- Broke Triangle – To the Committee on Broke Triangle.
- Grand Representatives and Out of State Visitations – To the committee on Fraternal Relations
- Finance and Recommendations – To the Committee on Finance.
- By-Laws, Decisions, Recommendations, and York Rite Unity – To the Committee on Jurisprudence.
- Dispensations – To the Committee on Dispensations and Warrants.

Fraternally submitted,
Robert D. Yonce, PIGM Chairman, Gary B. Hinson, PIGM   Jim Barr, RIDGM

Report of Committee on Fraternal Relations
To: The Most Illustrious Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of South Carolina:

Your Committee would like to commend Most Illustrious Grand Master Tommy Blackwood on his leadership for 2015-2016. He has represented South Carolina Cryptic Masonry well in all his visits, and endeavors.

We regret to report that NPD's are still a major concern for the Grand Jurisdiction.

The Most Illustrious Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of South Carolina is in peace and harmony with the world of Cryptic Masonry.

Fraternally submitted,
Gary B. Hinson, PIGM, Chairman, Ronald T Elvis Sr, PIGM

Report of Committee on By-Laws
To: The Most Illustrious Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of South Carolina:

The Committee on By-Laws makes the following report, A review of the current Constitution and By-Laws of the Grand Council requires a clarification of the below referenced ARTICLE ARTICLE XIX Council Fees and Dues

SECTION II, as it now reads
Every Council under this Jurisdiction shall pay Ten dollars and fifty cents ($10.50) for every regular member upon its roll, except in the case of members who are Ministers of God, who may be exempt from fees and dues by its By-Laws.

SECTION II, revise to read as follows
Every Council under this Jurisdiction shall pay Eleven dollars and fifty cents ($11.50) for every regular and “Perpetual Life Member” upon its roll, except in the case of members who are Ministers of God, who may be exempt from fees and dues by its By-Laws.

Fraternally submitted
Gary B. Hinson, PIGM, Chairman, J. Gordon Cartrette, PIGM, Robert D. Yonce, PIGM, Ronald T Elvis Sr PIGM

Report of Committee on Charters and Dispensations
To: The Most Illustrious Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of South Carolina:

Your committee reports that there were no Warrants issued for the formation of new Councils in 2016.

All Dispensations were of a routine nature; copies being on file in the Grand Recorder’s Office.

Fraternally submitted,
Gary Hinson, PIGM, Chairman, Larry Dempsey Sr, PIGM, George R Peters, PIGM

Report of Committee on Appeals and Grievances
To: The Most Illustrious Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of South Carolina:

Your Committee wishes to report that no action was taken or received by this committee during the past year and that peace and harmony prevail in our Grand Council.
On behalf of the Grand York Rite Bodies of South Carolina we remain,
Respectfully submitted,
Lloyd F Christopher, PGHP, Chairman, Don S. Blair, PGC, Robert D Yonce PIGM

Report of Committee on Membership
To: The Most Illustrious Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of South Carolina:

We had a total of 3 Councils, Kingston #36, Winyah #24 and Jacob T Barron #22 with an increase in 2016. These Councils have a lot to be proud of and the rest of us have a lot of work to do.

Our NPDs, are still a major concern for all of us. Brothers, what we have done in the past is not working. We need to look at new ideas and methods for turning this problem around. A personal contact with an NPD member maybe something we could do to help. If he is having a financial problem the Council may vote to pay his dues. If we work at this, we may be able to turn this around for those who follow us.

Fraternally submitted,
John T. Dickson, PIGM, Chairman, James Barr, DGM, Jerry Willard, GPCW, W Tom Corbin, G Capt. of Guard

Report of Committee on Broken Triangle
To: The Most Illustrious Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of South Carolina:

Let us take a moment to pause during these proceedings of our great fraternity and remember our 147 companions who have answered that heavenly call by their Great Creator. They have laid down the tools of their profession. We rejoice with all their families and keep them in our prayers as they pass on to their eternal award. Let us especially remember Companion William R Logan Jr and J Frank Gilliland, Past Illustrious Grand Masters of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of South Carolina.

Let each of us remember them and continue praying for their families as well as each other as we press on with our labors. That we may also enter the joys of our heavenly father and hear those affirming words, “Well done thy good and faithful servants.”

I leave you with these wonderful words from Reverend Suggs:

“For we know full well that, while autumn brings the storm and fallen leaves and winter strikes the killing frost, as certainly in spring the branch buds, leaf out and brings forth fruit, only to make their memories sweeter to us.”
Fraternally submitted,
Rev. Dr. A Robert Nix, Grand Chaplain

Grand Recorder Report
To: The Most Illustrious Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of South Carolina:
I hereby submit my annual report covering the period March 1, 2016 through February 28, 2017.

RECEIPTS

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Total Receipts               $26,305.87  
Total Amount Deposited to General Fund $26,305.87  

CONDENSED STATISTICAL STATEMENT  
INCREASE  
Members, 1/1/2016     3,352  
Greeted        100  
Affiliated       1  
File Corrections +     9  
Reinstated        11  
Total Increase     121  
3,473  
DECREASE  
Died       147  
Demitted         10  
N. P. D.       127  
File Corrections -     0  
Suspended or Expelled       1  
Total Decrease       285  
Members, 12/31/2016      3,188  
Net Loss        164  
Fraternally submitted,  
G Buck Jolley, Grand Recorder  

GRAND COUNCIL ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS OF SOUTH CAROLINA  
GRAND TREASURER’S REPORT     February 28, 2017  

To: The Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of South Carolina, I hereby submit  
my annual report covering the period March 1, 2016 through February 28, 2017.  

March 1, 2016 - BALANCES - Cost Basis  
Wells Fargo Checking $  4,469.95  
Wells Fargo Money Market $  7,896.62  
AGLIC Annuity $  100,000.00  
ACCOUNTS TOTAL $ 112,365.57  

RECEIPTS  
From the Grand Recorder $  26,305.87  
TD Bank Closeout of Sec/Rec Petty Cash $  3,886.55  
Wells Fargo Money Market Interest $      12.21  
AGLIC Annuity $  5,830.10  
RECEIPT TOTALS $  36,034.73  
TOTAL ACCOUNTS + RECEIPTS $ 148,400.30  

DISBURSEMENTS  
Budgeted Expenditures $  24,552.88  
DISBURSEMENTS TOTAL $  24,552.88  

TOTAL TO ACCOUNT FOR (Accounts + Receipts + Disbursements) $ 123,847.42
February 28, 2017 - BALANCES - Cost Basis

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**ACCOUNTS TOTAL**  $123,847.42

This report reflects changes in our accounting practices as follows:
Separation and distribution of funds for the KCC chair degree, the Holy Land Pilgrimage fund and the KT Educational Foundation Funds from the Grand Secretary/Recorder's petty cash account; consolidation of the petty cash account into the general fund; and the elimination of the Grand Secretary/Recorder's petty cash account. All deposits and withdrawals into the General Fund are spread to the appropriate body when they occur.

These changes should provide for improved accounting and a more transparent view of all our funds by body.

I appreciate the cooperation received, from our Right Excellent Grand Secretary, Most Illustrious Companion G Buck Jolley as we worked through these changes.

Fraternally Submitted,
A Glenn Greene III, Grand Treasurer

Report of Finance Committee

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

We are pleased to announce that again this year we do not recommend any Per Capita increase. The Grand Treasurer, and Grand Recorder are working to improve accounting and reduce expenses and balance the budget.

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

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

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

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

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

We recommend approval of the 2017 – 2018 annual budget as printed below:

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## Audit Committee Report

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

We herewith submit our report.

We have examined the books of the Grand Treasurer and the Grand Recorder and find them neatly and correctly kept and all funds accounted for.

Fraternally submitted,
Dean Tollison, PIGM, Chairman, Lee Roy Bruce, Sr., PGC, Dana Rickards PGHP

## Honorary Past M.I. Grand Masters Committee

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

At this time, we do not recommend anyone for this honor. The committee request written recommendations be sent to the Chairman of this committee with ample time to consider each recommendation.
Report of Committee on Cryptic Masons Medical Research

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

Your committee on CMMRF hereby submits their report for the period of January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016.

We commend M. I. Grand Master Tommy Blackwood for his support and promotion of the Cryptic Mason Medical Foundation Program.

The total contributions from South Carolina for the past year were $3662.00. This amount was credited to 12 Councils, 2 York Rite College, 3 Companions and The Todd Fund.

The Top Councils were Blake #19, Allendale #28, Witherspoon #33, Wynne #4, Lafayette #25.

Fraternally submitted,
Joe Parnell, PIGM, Chairman, Tommy Blackwood, MIGM
Hal Gregory, PIGM                   Jim Barr, RIDGM

Report of Committee on Jurisprudence

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

Your Jurisprudence Committee has not received any questions about Cryptic Law from the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters or the Most Illustrious Grand Master.

We approve of the Most Illustrious Grand Master, Thomas Blackwood’s actions in approving the By-Laws Changes for the following:
Living Arch #32 were properly submitted and approved by our Most Illustrious Grand Master.
We also approve of the granting of dual memberships to the following Companions which was proper and in accordance with the Constitution and Statutes of our Grand Council:
   Sir Knights Hal Gregory, Witherspoon #33, and Jacob T Barron #22
   Gary Sowell, Witherspoon #33, and Jacob T Barron #22
   John Bowker, Witherspoon #33, and Jacob T Barron #22
   Joe Hill, Petros #11, and Allendale #28.

Respectfully submitted,
J. Gordon Cartrette, PIGM, Chairman, Douglas G. Lee, PIGM, Ronald T Elvis Sr, PIGM

Report of the Nominating Committee

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

Your Nominating committee nominates the following for 2017-2018:

Most Illustrious Grand Master    James W “Jim” Barr
Right Illustrious Deputy Grand Master    Jerry Arnold Willard
Right Illustrious Grand P.C.W.    William T “Tom” Corbin
Right Illustrious Grand Treasurer    A. Glenn Greene III
Right Illustrious Grand Recorder    G Buck Jolley
Right Illustrious Grand Chaplain    Rev. A Robert Nix
Right Illustrious Grand C. of G.    Open for nominations from the floor
Fraternally submitted
James Lyle    James Barr    William F Martin
Tony Bizakis    Jerry Willard    Robert J F Elsner
Acy Flora    W Tom Corbin    Jeff Hall
James Whitney Barr
Most Illustrious Grand Master Elect

James Whitney Barr was born in Parma, Ohio on December 29, 1965 to John and Kathleen Barr, and is the youngest of four sons. He lived in Brecksville, Ohio, a small rural town until he was twelve. In 1977, Jim’s family relocated to the suburbs of Chicago, and in 1984, Jim graduated from Glenbrook North High School.

Following his father’s and brother’s footsteps, Jim was very active in the Boy Scouts where he earned the rank of Eagle Scout. He was also a Brotherhood member of the Order of the Arrow, an honorary service organization in the Boy Scouts.

Jim attended Loras College in Dubuque, IA, and graduated in 1988 with a Bachelor’s Degree in Psychology with a minor in English Writing. While in college, Jim became a member of the Alpha Phi Omega national service fraternity. His first job after college was in the computer field. Jim has been a computer geek since High School, and worked several IT jobs including the Handi-Foil Corporation, Siemens Building Technologies, and IBM. Jim currently provides IT support for Orian Rugs, a rug manufacturer in Anderson, SC. He continues to tinker with gadgets, software, and designs and manages several Web sites.

In 1989, Jim had the honor of marrying his High School sweetheart, Stephanie. In 2004, they moved from Chicago to Anderson South Carolina, where they spent the next 10 years reaching out to the community and learning Southern ways. In 2013, they purchased some farmland in Iva, SC, where they enjoy country life.

Jim’s father, a WWII veteran, was a Master Mason, a Scottish Rite Mason, and a Shriner. Jim never really gave Freemasonry much thought, but some prompting and inquiries to several church friends who were Masons sparked his interest. In April 2007, Jim petitioned Divver Lodge #349, and was raised a Master Mason on November 17 that same year.

Jim was appointed Steward in 2008, and due to an opening in the line, was elected Junior Warden in 2009. He served as Master of Divver Lodge #349 AFM in 2011 and Chaplain in 2012, 2015, 2016, and 2017.

In 2008, Jim joined the Anderson York Rite Bodies, and remains active, having served as Excellent High Priest of Burning Bush Chapter #7 RAM, Illustrious Master of Wynne Council #4, and Eminent Commander of Anderson Commandery #11. He served as Secretary/Recorder for the Anderson York Rite Bodies for two years.

Along his Masonic journey, Jim was invited to join several affiliated and appendant bodies including the S. J. Womack Council of Knight Masons, and the Piedmont York Rite College he currently serves as Noble Sentinel. He is a past Sovereign Master of S.A. Bannister Council of the Allied Masonic Degrees, a member of the South Carolina Masonic Research Society, and a member of The Masonic Society.

In 2012, Jim was invited to attend the York Rite Leadership session at the Southeastern
York Rite Conference. After the conference, he worked with a committee to launch a resource Website for the session. In 2013, he was invited back to attend the “Year two” session, and in 2014, he completed the third and final session, graduating with the charter class.

In March of 2013, Jim was knighted a Knight of the York Cross of Honor in the Palmetto Priory. In 2014, Jim became a member of the Royal Order of Scotland. Jim is also a 32nd degree Scottish Rite Mason in the Greenville Valley, and has helped with the lighting and technical assistance at several reunions.

Jim, strives to focus on the “Preservation” aspects of Cryptic Masonry to help to expand and increase the Grand Council by bringing us back to our roots, to concentrate on that mystique and drive that brought each of us into Freemasonry.

**Election of Officers**

The Business of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters having been concluded the chair was turned over to MW & RE D Sam Tennyson to conduct the elections of Officers. The floor was opened for nomination of Officers. The slate of Officers presented by the nominating committee were elected as follows:

- Most Illustrious Grand Master: James W “Jim” Barr
- Right Illustrious Deputy Grand Master: Jerry Arnold Willard
- Right Illustrious Grand Treasurer: A. Glenn Greene III
- Right Illustrious Grand Recorder: G Buck Jolley
- Right Illustrious Grand Chaplain: Rev. A Robert Nix

The floor was then opened for nominations for the Office of Right Illustrious Grand Captain of the Guard. There were two nominees, Mike Ferguson, and Ronnie P Richards. There being no further nominations, nominations were declared closed, and the ballot was spread. Ronnie P Richards was elected to serve as the Right Illustrious Grand Captain of the Guard.

**MIGM Appointments for 2017 - 2018**

**Appointed Officers 2017 - 2018**

- Jim Scott ..................... I. Grand Conductor of the Council
- Brian C Campbell ................................. I. Grand Marshal
- Ted C Thomas ................................. I. Grand Steward
- L Joe Granger ................................. I. Grand Sentinel

**R. I. District Deputy Grand Masters**

- Charles Daniel Welch ..................... First District
- John Robert Bowker ..................... Second District
- Dennis Case ................................. Third District
- Judson N Seay III ..................... Fourth District
- Thomas H Gordon ..................... Fifth District
- Thomas R Knotts ..................... Sixth District

**Grand Council Committees & Members for 2017 – 2018**

- Appeals & Grievance: Dean Tollison
- Audit: Dean Tollison
- Broken Triangle: Robert Nix
- By-Laws: Gary Hinson (C), J Gordon Cartrette, Ron Elvis
- Charters & Dispensations: Gary Hinson (C), Larry Dempsey Sr, George R Peters
- Credentials & Returns: J Gordon Cartrette (C), Hal Gregory
To: The Most Illustrious Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of South Carolina:

Your Committee on Unfinished Business reports that all matters properly coming before this Assembly have received consideration.

Fraternally Submitted

J Gordon Cartrette (C), George Peters, Robert Norton

Adjournment

The Grand Council closed at 11:50 a.m. on Monday March 13, 2017 with prayer by Rev. Robert Nix until the Next Annual Assembly to be held in the City of Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, Monday March 12, 2018.
Annual Proceedings

of

The Grand Commandery

Knights Templar

of

South Carolina

One Hundred Tenth Annual Conclave

of

The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar

of South Carolina

Chartered March 25, 1907

March 12 - 14, 2017

Landmark Resort Hotel

Myrtle Beach SC
GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR
OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Elected Officers
John R Marcucci ....................... R. E. Grand Commander
William F Martin .......... V. E. Deputy Grand Commander
Robert J F Elsner .................... E. Grand Generalissimo
Jeff Hall .............................. E. Grand Captain General
A Glenn Greene, III ..................... E. Grand Treasurer
G Buck Jolley ......................... E. Grand Recorder

Appointed Officers
Tom Lee .............................. E. Grand Senior Warden
Christopher Mark McDonald .... E. Grand Senior Warden
Dean Strickland ........................ E. Grand Prelate
V Joe Hill ............................. E. Grand Standard Bearer
Dale Usery ............................. E. Grand Sword Bearer
Ronald L Broome ...................... E. Grand Warder
Brian C Campbell ..................... E. Grand Sentinel

District Deputy Grand Commanders
Larry J Nicodin ........................... First District
G. R. “Mike” Harmon .................... Second District
Gerry L Morgan ............................ Third District
Thomas E Watson ........................ Fourth District
Thomas R Gordon ........................ Fifth District
Mike Kirk ................................. Sixth District
S.K. John R. Marcucci
R.E. Grand Commander
2016 - 2017

Grand Commandery Knights Templar of South Carolina Officers ~ 2016 - 2017
In Memoriam

OF

Ridgeway “R.B.” Butler Satterfield

Of The
Grand Commandery Knights Templar
of South Carolina

Funeral service was conducted Wednesday August 24, 2016 at 11:00 AM at Greenpond United Methodist Church followed by burial in the Church cemetery with Masonic Rites.

Born Died
Tuesday, December 11, 1923 Wednesday, August 21, 2016
Owings, South Carolina Laurens, South Carolina
Report of Committee on Credentials and Returns
To the Grand Commandery of Knights of South Carolina
We find 10 Grand Officers 17 Past Right Eminent Grand Commanders and Representatives
of 24 Subordinate Commanderies present and entitled to vote in this Annual Conclave
Fraternally Submitted
Howard T Burgess (C) Johnnie T Morris

Motion was made, seconded, and approved to admit all Sir Knights in good standing to seats during
this Annual Conclave.

Address of the Right Eminent Grand Commander
John R Marcucci
To the Grand Encampment of The United States of America, The Grand Commandery of South
Carolina distinguished out of state guest, and to all Sir Knights present, I welcome you to the 110th
Annual Concave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of South Carolina being held here
in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. Please do not hesitate to call me or any member of the local
committee if we can do anything to make your stay here more enjoyable.

I extend a special welcome to Most Excellent Companion Michael J. Broom, the Most Excellent
Grand High Priest of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of South Carolina,
Most Illustrious Companion Tommy Blackwood the Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand
Council of Royal and Select Masters of South Carolina and the Grand Encampment Officers
present.

I would take this opportunity to thank all the Past Grand Commanders for their help, advice,
and shared wisdom as I have tried to accomplish my duties as your Grand Commander this year.
Most of all I thank my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ for being with my Companions and myself as
we traveled this year and for giving us protection, and safety; also for bringing us to this point today
as we open our Grand York Rite Session.

STATE OF THE ORDER
I am pleased to announce that Peace and Harmony prevails within this Grand Jurisdiction and
this Grand Commandery. The three Grand Bodies have worked closely with each other this year
and unity is strong between all three bodies. We are trying to attract Brethren from all walks of life
and put their individual talents to work for the good of our great fraternity. There are a few
Commanderies that are not quite functioning as prescribed by the Grand Encampment. I want to
encourage each constituent Commandery to open and close in the manner that the Grand
Encampment ritual prescribes.

MEMBERSHIP
I was fortunate to attend the Templar Orders for Conway Commandery #25 and was granted the
highest honor it is in my power to bestow as I dubbed 13 new Knights into out Order. Thank you for
this high honor. I encouraged the Sir Knights on every official visit to promote York Rite Masonry
in their Blue Lodges. Although the NPD’s and deaths are more numerous than the new members
coming in I am encouraged with the new commitment I see in our local bodies. I encourage each
Commandery to take the time to contact those who are going NPD. If a member is going NPD,
then there must be a reason he is doing this. I feel that we must have failed them in some way for
them to go NPD.

DUAL MEMBERSHIP
I approved dual memberships for Sir Knights Hal Gregory, Lancaster #9, and Chester #7; Gary
Sowell Lancaster #9 and Chester #7; John Bowker Columbia #2 and Chester #7; Joe Hill
Orangeburg #9 and Hampton #23.

CHARTERS AND DISPENSATIONS
During the past year, no charters for new Commanderies were issued. All dispensations were of
a routine nature and are on file in the Grand Recorder’s office.
BY LAWS CHANGE

I encourage each Commandery to review their by-laws on an annual basis and submit changes. The following Commandery requested by-law changes and I was pleased to approve them: S. Maner Martin Commandery No. 17 to change their meeting night from the 2nd Tuesday to the 3rd Monday each month.

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE

I would like to express my thanks for all the donations made to the Holy Land Pilgrimage program. I feel that the Holy Land Pilgrimage is one of the best programs we have for showing Masonry in a positive light to non-masons. We had 300 hundred challenge coins made for the Grand Commandery to sell as a fundraiser for the Holy Land Pilgrimage Program. That generated $3,000.00 that was put into the Holy Land Pilgrimage fund this year. I also commend Eminent Sir Knight Dean Strickland and his committee for the work they do in support of this program. Through these efforts, we sent three ministers to the Holy Land this year. They were Rev. David Dinkins recommended by Winyah Commandery #24; Rev. David D McManus Jr. recommended by Rock Hill # 15 and Rev. Phillip David Howle sponsored by Aiken #14.

CHRISTMAS DAY OBSERVANCE

I had the pleasure of visiting several Commanderies for their Christmas Observances. Thank you for the invitations. I encourage all Commanderies to hold these observances annually and open them to the public. This is another positive way to let non-masons see the true picture of our fraternity. We as Christian Masons should take advantage of this opportunity to put Christ before the public and let them know who it is we serve.

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EYE FOUNDATION

I am promoting 100% participation in this program. The Knights Templar Eye Foundation has changed somewhat over the past several years with our contributions going totally toward research. This is a worthy Philanthropy. I thank each Commandery for your support and look forward to seeing all bodies at 100% participation soon. This year the Grand Commandery sold a challenge coin to raise money for the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. Because of those sales, we raised $1,800.00 for the Knight Templar Eye Foundation. I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank my good friend Right Eminent Sir Knight Richard W. Sealy and his committee for the work they do in support of this wonderful philanthropy.

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

My wife and I had the pleasure of traveling to Washington D.C. to attend the Easter Sunrise Services at the George Washington Masonic Memorial in Alexandria, Virginia. As I marched up Shooters Hill on a sunny Easter morning, it made a terrific impression on me. It was really a great experience for me to be a part of this service. I would encourage each Sir Knight to make the trip to Washington D.C. and participate in the Easter Sunrise Service. It is an experience you will never forget.

SOUTHEASTERN YORK RITE CONFERENCE

The Southeastern York Rite Conference was held in Jackson, Mississippi this past year. This was the fourth of these that I have attended. These meeting provide an opportunity to many leaders of York Rite in the Southeast and in the Grand Encampment. This meeting is very educational, informative and provides an opportunity to exchange ideas on way to improve York Rite Masonry. All elected Officers of the Grand York Rite are required to attend this meeting. I would encourage all Sir Knights to attend this meeting and to learn ways to improve yourself to lead your local bodies and your State.

GRAND LODGE

Sir Knights I had the privilege of representing our Grand Commandery at the 279th Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free Masons of South Carolina. Martha and I Attended the Grand Master’s Banquet on Wednesday evening and enjoyed the fellowship and great entertainment. I congratulate Most Worshipful Brother William B. Rogers for a job well done and thank you for the invitation to your banquet.
VISITATIONS IN SOUTH CAROLINA

March 17, 2016        Chester # 7, Richburg
April 5, 2016         Easley # 21, Pickens
April 11, 2016        Greenwood # 5, Greenwood
April 12, 2016        Sumter # 10, Sumter
April 18, 2016        Rock Hill # 15, York
April 19, 2016        Delphi # 8, Latta
May 9, 2016           Spartanburg # 3, Spartanburg
May 10, 2016          Orangeburg # 9, Orangeburg
May 17, 2016          South Carolina @ 1, Charleston
May 19, 2016          Hampton @23, Hampton
June 8, 2016          Columbia # 2, Columbia
June 13, 2016         Florence # 10, Florence
June 21, 2016         Camden # 12, Camden
June 23-26, 2016      Rainbow Girls Grand Assembly, Columbia
June 28, 2016         Joint Official Visit in Anderson with Anderson # 11,
                      S. Maner Martin, Clemson
                      Greenville # 4, Laurens # 13,
August 8, 2016        Spartanburg # 3, Spartanburg
August 18, 2016       Hampton # 23, Hampton
August 28, 2016       Winyah # 23, Georgetown
September 1, 2016     Gaffney # 18, Gaffney
September 9-11, 2016  Rainbow Girls Grand Family
                      Retreat, Monks Corner
September 12, 2016    Newberry # 6, Newberry
October 10, 2016      Union # 16, Union
October 18, 2016      Lancaster # 19, Lancaster
October 24, 2016      Conway # 25 Conway
December 19, 2016     Rock Hill #15
February 14, 2017     Orangeburg # 9, Orangeburg

OUT OF STATE VISITATIONS

March 20-22, 2016     North Carolina Grand York Rite, Greensboro, NC
May 1-3, 2016         Georgia Grand York Rite, Macon GA
May 21-24, 2016       Florida Grand York Rite. Lake Mary, FL
June 15-19, 2016      National Sojourners Convention, Greenville, SC
July 30 thru August 3, 2016 Supreme Assembly IORG, Providence, RI

AWARDS PRESENTED

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR CROSS OF HONOR
The Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America awards this singular Honor to one Sir Knight each year. Every Commandery is responsible to nominate one Sir Knight for this honor each year. This year I received only three nominations for this great honor. All three nominees were equally qualified for this award and it was extremely difficult decision to make. It is my pleasure to present the Knights Templar Cross of Honor to Sir Knight Albert Wyatt.

KNIGHT COMMANDER OF THE TEMPLE
It is my pleasure to present the Knight Commander of the Temple award to Sir Knight William F Martin III and Sir Knight Robert J F Elsner.
EDUCATION PROGRAMS

As you know the State-Wide Education normally held in January of each year was canceled this 2017. During the meetings held by the elected line Officers of all three bodies it was decided that we should go back to District Instructional meetings. The heads of all three bodies along with their District Deputies will schedule an Educational meeting within each of their Districts. These instructional meetings will be setup in a manner to provide the officers and members the tools to be able to open and close their respective bodies and instruct them the various signs of the Orders.

RECOMMENDATIONS

I strongly urge that the recommendations of my predecessors be honored and followed. In addition, I make the following recommendations:

1. That the Grand Recorder and the elected line of all three Grand York Rite Bodies continue to hold quarterly meeting and look at way to improve the way business is conducted. The meetings this year were very informative and resulted in several changes being made.

2. That the Elected line of all three bodies continue to work on consolidating the Official Visits. A consolidated Official Visit for District 3 was held in Anderson this year and it was very successful and they plan schedule again this year. Also, I understand that District 4 has agreed to hold a joint Official Visit and are working on the details.

3. That a committee be formed to consider restructuring of the Districts. District may need to be restructured to put York Rite bodies that are close to each other in the same District to facilitate sharing of Official Visitation and work.

4. That we continue to contact those Sir Knights that are in danger of suspension for NPD. We need to find out why they are not paying their dues and what we can do to help or keep their interest in York Rite alive.

CONCLUSION

I want to thank you for giving me the honor and privilege to serve as your Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of South Carolina for 2016-2017. It has truly been an honor that I will never forget and it is one of the high lights of my Masonic career. I want to thank all the Sir Knights for the friendship and brotherly love that you have shown me during my visits.

To Most Excellent Companion Michael J. Broom and Most Illustrious Companion Tommy Blackwood I have enjoyed our travels this year and look forward to our continued friendship through the coming years.

To Sir Knight Gary “Buck” Jolley our Grand Recorder I want to thank you for all your hard work this year. This is your first year as our Grand Recorder and you have accomplished so much in a short time in this position. The four meeting you have held with the elected line of the three Grand York Rite bodies have been very informative and productive. I wish we would have had meetings like this when I first got elected into the Commandery line. These meeting have led us to establish a Mission Statement and to make changes in the way we do business that will benefit Grand York Rite in the years to come.

To all the elected and appointed officers of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of South Carolina who served with me this year, I want to take this opportunity to thank you for the support and guidance you have provided me during the year.

To Columbia Commandery No. 2. I am grateful to you for your support throughout my year as Grand Commander and for your support of the Grand Commandery Charities.

To my wife, Martha, who has support me with everything I’ve been involved with to include my military career and my Masonic Career. Without her moral support, guidance, encouragement and love I could not have accomplished the things I have done over the years. You have been the love of my life for over 52 years.

Respectfully Submitted

John R. Marcucci
R. E. Grand Commander
Motion was made, seconded, and approved to adopt all reports as printed in the Preliminary Reports.

Committee on Doings of Grand Officers
To: The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of South Carolina
Your Committee on Doings of Grand Officers presents the following report:

The Address of our Right Eminent Grand Commander, Sir Knight John R. Marcucci reveals the superb leadership he has rendered to this Grand Jurisdiction during the past year. He has demonstrated a sincere desire and commitment to promote York Rite Masonry, Templary both in and out of state. He has well maintained the dignity of the office of Grand Commander and has represented us as he made official visits to every constituent Commandery in this Grand Jurisdiction as well as numerous in state visits and out of state visits. We commend the Grand Commander for his efforts with the Most Excellent Grand High Priest and the Most Illustrious Grand Master to improve our system of education and visitation within the jurisdiction. We feel that a genuine improvement in interest and morale of the Companions and Sir Knights in this jurisdiction will result.

We commend our Grand Commander for representing our Grand Jurisdiction at the Southeastern York Rite Conference in Jackson, Mississippi, as well as the Grand Encampment Easter Sunrise Service in Washington, D. C. and we urge all Sir Knights who can to attend this beautiful and meaningful service. His emphasis on our philanthropy and the Holy Land Pilgrimage with the sale of coins generated impressive amounts for the support of those activities. We should all support these worthy causes.

We are pleased that peace and harmony continues to prevail among all Masonic Bodies in this Grand Jurisdiction and recommend that the Templar Order continue to cooperate to that end.

We approve all matters contained in the Grand Commanders Address. We endorse his recommendations especially recommendations one and two.

We approve the Address of the Grand Commander and commend him for his tireless and dedicated efforts to promote York Rite Masonry and Templary both in and out of state.
Respectfully and Fraternally Submitted,
Richard W. Sealy PGC, Chairman
Lee Roy Bruce, PGC, Jerry Owens, PGC

Report of Committee on Christian Relations
To: The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of South Carolina:
As a Knight Templar, we vow to defend the Christian religion. With our swords by our sides, we stand ready as soldiers of Christ. We visualize being on the battlefield, shoulder to shoulder with our brothers. Ready to give all we have to fight, even to death. RIGHT? The enemies of Christ come at us in many shapes and forms. The enemy is not always a visual foe that you can see and wield your sword against. He is often stealth and in disguise. We must be prepared to meet him on all fronts. The best way to be prepared for battle, to sharpen your sword, strengthen your faith and to keep yourself fit is to be an active member of your local church. Training and practice are vital components in becoming a mighty warrior for Christ.

I want to thank all Sir Knights for their work within our Asylums; especially our Christmas Observances. I was blessed to be able to attend many across the state. The turnouts were wonderful. It was great to not only see fellow Sir Knights, but their wives, family and friends come to celebrate the birth of our Savior. I encourage each Commandery to put forth an effort to improve their observances and to make Christ the center of your programs
Respectfully Submitted,
Rev. Dean Strickland, Grand Prelate, Chairman
Rev. Haywood Fowler, Excellent Grand Chaplain
Rev. Robert Nix Right Illustrious Grand Chaplain
Report of Committee on By-Laws
To: The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of South Carolina:

The Committee on By-Laws makes the following report. This Committee was not called upon to review or make any revisions to the Grand Commandery By-Laws during the past year.

Fraternally submitted
J Sam Burton, PGC, Chairman, G Ray Marsh, PIGM, H Ted Burgess PGC

Report of Committee on Charters and Dispensations
To: The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of South Carolina:

We report that there have been no requests for dispensations to form new Commanderies, therefore, no petitions for charters.

All dispensations were of a routine nature and are on file in the Grand Recorder's Office.

Fraternally submitted,
Jack Holmes, PGC, Chairman, Richard A Wesner, PGC, Don S Blair, PGC

Report of Committee on Appeals and Grievances
To: The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of South Carolina:

Your Committee wishes to report that no action was taken or received by this committee during the past year and that peace and harmony prevail in our Grand Commandery.

On behalf of the Grand York Rite Bodies of South Carolina we remain,
Respectfully submitted,
Lloyd F Christopher Chairman, Don S. Blair, Robert D Yonce

Report of Committee on Membership
To: The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of South Carolina:

Your committee would like to recognize the Commanderies that had a gain in membership this year, Conway #25, and Chester #7.

Sir Knights, as our membership continues to decline, we encourage every Commandery to make every effort to decrease their NPDs.

Fraternally submitted,
Lee Roy Bruce, Sr., PGC, Chairman, William F Martin, DGC, Robert JF Elsner, GG

Report of Committee on Necrology
To: The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of South Carolina:

This past year 144 of our fellow Sir Knights have answered the call home and left our ranks. As we recall the memories of each of them we are saddened, realizing they are no longer with us and serving alongside us in our great fraternity. Their swords are in their scabbards never to be drawn again. But let us pause and remember those encouraging words that our Blessed Savior spoke to his followers before He departed this earth to return to his heavenly home, “Let not your fears be troubled…and if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive unto myself: that where I am, there ye may be also.” We can rejoice that this is not the end of the story: this is not the final Chapter. We have that Great Hope, that Blessed Assurance of a heavenly home. Hallelujah!! What a wonderful thought!! To know that our brothers have answered that call, their labors are over and are now resting with our savior. And that we to, shall see them again!!

It would be remising if I didn’t make a special mention of Most Illustrious William (Bill) R Logan, Right Eminent Ridgeway (RB) B Satterfield and Most Illustrious J Frank Gilliland. These great companions served our Grand York Rite honorably for many years. You will surely be missed but your memory will remain with us forever!

I close with this prayer by Rev. Bob Blackwell (Past Grand Prelate) once prayed:

“Almighty God, with whom the Spirits of faithful soldiers of the cross are in joy and felicity, we give you our humble and grateful thanks for their service among us. We put them in your everlasting care and pray that they may continue to go from strength to strength in the world of light, life, and love where you forever reign. Amen”.

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Respectfully Submitted,  
Rev. Dean Strickland, Grand Prelate, Chairman, Rev. Haywood Fowler, Excellent Grand Chaplain,  
Rev. Robert Nix Right Illustrious Grand Chaplain, G Buck Jolley, Grand Recorder

Report of Committee on Holy Land Pilgrimage
To: The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of South Carolina:
   One of the most exciting things we do as Knight Templars is send a worthy clergyman on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land: to allow them, without financial worries, to travel and study where our Savior walked and taught. Our prayer is that they will be inspired and bring back home an improved perspective to inspire their congregation. Sir Knights, we can rejoice in this mission, understanding, just as our original “Poor Fellow Soldiers” did, the importance of Christians to be able to make this pilgrimage.

   We are blessed to have been able to send three ministers, Rev. David D McManus Jr. of Adnah UMC in Rock Hill, Rev. David Dinkins of Center Baptist Church in Hemingway, and Rev. Phillip Howle of Antioch Baptist Church in Edgefield on their pilgrimage this past February. We pray that their journey was an inspiration to them and through them will be to others.

   We thank each one who contributed this past year. We ask that you continue to keep our mission in mind and lend your support and funds for this most important project as Knight Templars.

Fraternally Submitted, Rev. Dean Strickland Grand Prelate, Chairman; Rev. Haywood Fowler, Excellent Grand Chaplain; Rev. Robert Nix, Right Illustrious Grand Chaplain

Grand Recorder Report
To: The Grand Commandery Knights Templar of South Carolina:
I hereby submit my annual report covering the period March 1, 2016 through February 28, 2017.

RECEIPTS
2016  Annual per capita       $ 52,081.03
      Ritual sales              $  270.00
      Surety Bonds              $  250.00
      Banquet/Meal Ticket Sales $ 2058.00
      Web Fees                  $   56.67
Total Receipts                           $54,715.69

DISBURSEMENTS
Paid to the Grand Treasurer             $54,715.69
Total Disbursements                     $54,715.69

CONDENSED STATISTICAL STATEMENT
INCREASE
Members, 1/1/2016                        3,141
Knighted                                107
Affiliated                              9
File Corrections +                      0
Reinstated                              8
Total Increase                          124

DECREASE
Died                                    144
Demitted                                10
N. P. D.                                 162
File Corrections -                      0
GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF SOUTH CAROLINA
GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT   February 28, 2017

To: The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of South Carolina, I hereby submit my annual report covering the period March 1, 2016 through February 28, 2017.

March 1, 2016 - BALANCES - Cost Basis

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**ACCOUNTS TOTAL** $473,092.34

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**RECEIPT TOTALS** $65,313.96

TOTAL ACCOUNTS + RECEIPTS $538,406.30

DISBURSEMENTS

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**DISBURSEMENTS TOTAL** $50,892.34

TOTAL TO ACCOUNT FOR $487,513.96

(Accounts + Receipts + Disbursements)

February 28, 2017 - BALANCES - Cost Basis

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**ACCOUNTS TOTAL** $487,513.96
This report reflects change in our accounting practices as follows:
Separation and distribution of funds for the KCC chair degree, the Holy Land Pilgrimage fund and the KT Educational Foundation Funds from the Grand Secretary/Recorder's petty cash account; consolidation of the petty cash account into the general fund; and the elimination of the Grand Secretary/Recorder's petty cash account. All deposits and withdrawals into the General Fund are spread to the appropriate body when they occur.
These changes should provide for improved accounting and a more transparent view of all our funds by body.
I appreciate the cooperation received, from our Right Excellent Grand Secretary, Most Illustrious Companion G Buck Jolley as we worked through these changes.

Fraternally Submitted,
A. Glenn Greene, III, Grand Treasurer

Report of Finance Committee
To: The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of South Carolina:
We are pleased to announce that again this year we are not recommending any changes in per capita, our income has exceeded our expenses. The Grand Treasurer, and Grand Recorder are working to improve accounting and reduce expenses and balance the budget.
We recommend approval of the Annual Reports referred to this Committee by the Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder which can be found in the preliminary reports.
We recommend that the Grand Treasurer, and Grand Secretary be authorized to invest funds at their discretion.
We recommend continued assistance to Knight Templar Eye Foundation, funded as usual through contribution from Local Commandery and/or fund-raising projects.
We recommend the continued support of youth groups as contained in the Grand Commandery budget.
We recommend continued support of the Lucius A. and Margaret B. Todd Fund of South Carolina, Inc., funded as usual through contributions from local bodies, individuals, and/or fund-raising projects.
We recommend approval of the 2017 – 2018 annual budget as printed below

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PO Box / Postage  -  80.87  100.00
Bank Services / Fees  -  51.73  55.00
Printing & Copying  400.00  38.88  400.00

| SUB TOTAL | 1,200.00 | 753.20 | 1,155.00 |

Facility & Equipment
Rent  250.00  500.00  -
Off Furniture Equip Maint  150.00  34.27  -

| SUB TOTAL | 400.00 | 534.27 | - |

Travel Expenses
MIGM Travel & Miscellaneous  1,900.00  1,893.96  1,900.00
G Sec Travel & Miscellaneous  400.00  351.71  400.00

| SUB TOTAL | 2,300.00 | 2,245.67 | 2,300.00 |

Meeting Expenses
Annual Communication Expense (Guest)  800.00  736.57  800.00
Banquet  1,691.57  1,700.00  -
Monday Breakfast  392.12  400.00  -
Tuesday Breakfast  308.09  325.00  -
Hospitality Room  -  100.00  -
Monday Lunch  300.00  247.41  300.00

| SUB TOTAL | 1,100.00 | 3,375.76 | 3,625.00 |

Other Expenses
Surety Bond  150.00  133.33  140.00
Grand Encampment  29,232.00  29,126.00  28,000.00  -
Contingency Fund  650.00  572.13  650.00
DeMolay  150.00  150.00  150.00
Rainbow  150.00  150.00  150.00
RARA Chair Post  50.00  -  -
Regalia & Repair  1,056.00  425.52  50.00
Apron & Case MIGM  350.00  225.00  350.00
Replenish Savings  -  -  2,500.00

| SUB TOTAL | 31,788.00 | 30,781.99 | 31,990.00 |

TOTAL EXPENSES  50,852.43  50,866.56  51,270.30

Projected Net Gain / (Loss)  2,437.57  3,849.13  105.71

Fraternally submitted,
H. Ted Burgess, PGC, Chairman, Michael Copeland, PGHP, John T Dickson, PIGM

Motion was made, seconded, and approved to adopt the budget for 2017-2018.

Audit Committee Report
To: The Grand Commandery Knights Templar of South Carolina:
We herewith submit our report.
We have examined the books of the Grand Treasurer and the Grand Recorder and find them neatly and correctly kept and all funds accounted for.
Fraternally submitted,
Lee Roy Bruce, Sr., PGC, Chairman, Dana Rickards PGHP, Dean Tollison, PIGM

Honorary Past Right Eminent Commanders Committee
To: The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of South Carolina:
We, the undersigned members of the committee on Honorary Past Grand Commanders have considered all business before it. We do not recommend that anyone be elevated to the rank of Honorary Past Grand Commander.
Fraternally submitted,
Rev. Haywood Fowler, PGC, Chairman, D. Samuel Tennyson, PGC. Jack Holmes, PGC
Report of Committee on Knights Templar Eye Foundation

To: The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of South Carolina

Your Committee on the Knights Templar Eye Foundation submits the following report:

Based on the latest information from the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, South Carolina has donated a total of $13,621.00 which ranks us 17th in the Nation. With 3,106 active members this amount equals $4.39 average per member which places us 39th in the Nation.

The cost to become a life sponsor remains at $30.00 per member. Our goal is to have 100% life sponsors. Most constituent Commanderies add the $30 to the fees for a candidate to become a York Rite Mason. My suggestion would be if your Commandery is not at 100% and you usually donate, you could include the names of Sir Knights who are not currently listed as sponsors.

Thank you for your continued support of this worthwhile philanthropy.

Respectfully submitted,
Richard W. Sealy, PGC, Chairman, Ted Burgess, PGC, Dick Wesner, PGC

Report of Committee on Tactics & Uniforms

To: The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of South Carolina:

The committee wishes to commend each of the constituent Commanderies for improvements in their Commandery work. We especially want to encourage each Commandery to continue to improve by applying proper tactics, wearing the proper uniform, and wearing only approved jewels and medals.

Fraternally submitted,
Robert JF Elsner, GG, Chairman, William F Martin, DGC, Robert JF Elsner, GG, Jeff Hall, G. Capt. Of Guard, J Sam Burton, PGC, C Bud Turner, PGC, C Todd Schofield, PGC, Richard A. Wesner, PGC

Report of Committee on Jurisprudence

To: The Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of South Carolina:

This Committee was not called upon for any decisions during the past year.

All dispensations signed by our Right Eminent Grand Commander were of a routine nature and in compliance with Templar Law. Copies of these dispensations are available in the Grand Recorder’s office for review.

Changes to the By-Laws of S. Manor Martin Commandery No. 17 were properly submitted and approved by our Right Eminent Grand Commander.

The granting of dual memberships to the following Sir Knights was proper and in accordance with the Constitution and Statutes of our Grand Commandery:

Sir Knights Hal Gregory, Lancaster #19, and Chester #7
Gary Sowell Lancaster #19 and Chester #7
John Bowker Columbia #2 and Chester #7
Joe Hill Orangeburg #9 and Hampton #23.

Fraternally Submitted,
Zebulon V Morgan, PGC, Chairman, Lee Roy Bruce, PGC, J. Sam Burton, PGC

Knights Templar Educational Foundation

Minutes – 2017

The Education Committee met at 3:00 pm on March 12, 2017 in Myrtle Beach South Carolina. The meeting was opened with Prayer by Ted Burgess.

Board Members:
Present: Johnnie T Morris Chairman, Ted Burgess, Harvie B Bailey and G Buck Jolley Secretary-Treasurer
Absent: Don S Blair

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Other S.K.’s present were:
The minutes of the March 13, 2016 were read and approved.

The Secretary-Treasurer reported that Two scholarships were given in 2016 to Miss Lindsey Rector and Miss Laura Elizabeth Tsuboi for $1,000.00 each.

Knights Templar Educational Foundation Financial Report
January 1, 2016 – December 31, 2016

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Officers election – Johnnie reminded us that the composition of this committee must be a Past and/or Current Grand Commandery officer. Johnnie Morris announced he is resigning; Ted Burgess’ term is expiring, and Don Blair has not been present for two years and needs to be replaced for the remainder of his term (2 years) which expires 2019.
Johnnie nominated Ted Burgess to be reelected to a (5) five-year term and to be Chairman term expiring 2022. John Marcucci was elected to replace Don Blair, term expiring 2019; Gary Sowell was elected as a new member for four-year term expiring 2021. Ted Burgess nominated Johnnie Morris to be an emeritus member, and the vote agreed.
Ted Burgess made a motion that we award two more scholarships once the money is cleared. $1000.00 each should be awarded.
Buck Jolley made a motion to move this annual meeting to July each year, at which time we will also select scholarship recipients. Motion was approved. Meeting notice, with time and location, will be sent to Board members and posted on the SC Grand York Rite Website for anyone else who would like to attend.
Johnnie commented that we get lots of applications, but few qualify since we get applications from high school students. Awards to be made to juniors or seniors in college (4-year), or second year of 2-year programs. Johnnie also commented on the history of the program and the loans that had been offered for many years. Stories of problems...
Move to adjourn. Closed with prayer at 3:45 pm.

G Buck Jolley
Secretary-Treasurer
Report of the Nominating Committee

To: The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of South Carolina:

Your Nominating committee nominates the following for 2017 -2018:

Right Eminent Grand Commander             William F Martin
V.E. Deputy Grand Commander                   Robert JF Elsner
Eminent Grand Generalissimo         Jeffery L Hall
Eminent Grand Treasurer                                A Glenn Greene III
Eminent Grand Recorder                               G Buck Jolley
Eminent Grand Captain General

Fraternally submitted

Right Eminent Grand Commander Elect

William “Bill” Frederick Martin II

William Frederick Martin, II was born on April 29, 1943 in Ashland, Kentucky to the late William F. and Maxine P. Martin. He was educated in the Louisa Public School System where he graduated from Louisa High School in 1961.

Bill is married to Karen R. Fields and they have one daughter, Melissa Sue and two grandsons, Will and Tristan. They reside in Goose Creek, SC where they will be celebrating thirty-four years of marriage this September. Bill and Karen are also members of College Park Baptist Church in Ladson, SC.

Bill joined the United States Navy in September 1962. He attended MT A & C Schools and served on submarines throughout his career. He retired from the US Navy on March 31, 1987 as a Senior Chief Missile Technician (Submarine). He then started a career with Alltel where he retired from in 2001.

Bill started his Masonic Journey in Apperson Lodge #195 FAM in Louisa, KY and was raised to sublime Degree of Master Mason on May 1965. Chicora Lodge #366 AFM did the courtesy work for Apperson Lodge #195 because he was on active duty and stationed in Charleston. He transferred his membership to Strict Observance Lodge #73 AFM in May 1983. He served as Worshipful Master in 1991 and as Treasurer from 1993 to 2000 when Strict Observance Lodge merged with four other Lodges to become Mariner Lodge #2 AFM in December 2000. Bill served Most Worshipful Grand Lodge as District Deputy Grand Master from April 2000 to April 2002.

He joined the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite in July 1976. He received the Knight Commander Court of Honor in November 1981 and Inspector General Honorary 33° in November 1997. He served on the stage crew from 1976 to November 2004; as Venerable Master of Delta...
Lodge of Perfection in 1997; Administrative Assistant from Nov. 2003 to February 2005; and General Secretary from Feb. 2005 to February 2013.

Bill was exalted as a Royal Arch Mason in Carolina Chapter 1 in Charleston, SC. where he served as High Priest in 2012. He was greeted as a Select Master in Enoch Council 1, where he served as Illustrious Master in 2010. Bill was knighted in South Commandery 1, where he served as Eminent Commander in 2007 and was appointed Grand Wader in 2008, Grand Senior Warden in 2012, and District Representative of the First District in 2013. Bill was elected as Grand Captain General in 2014, Grand Generalissimo in 2015 and Deputy Grand Commander in 2016.

He received The Order of High Priesthood of SC in 2012; Trice Illustrious Master Council in 2010 and Knight Crusaders of Cross of SC in 2007. He has also received the Super Excellent Master’s Degree.

Bill is a member of Knight Masons Council #20 and #85, and a member of Charles Towne Council #195. He is a past Sovereign Master, as well as a member of Charles Towne York Rite College and a Past Governor. Bill received the Order of the Purple Cross in July 2008. He is a member of the Order of Red Cross Constantine Saints John Conclave and is serving as Puissant Sovereign. He became a member of Palmetto Priory No. 54 Knights of the York Cross of Honor in 2014. Bill is also a member of the Royal Order of Scotland.

Election of Officers

The Business of the Grand Commandery having been concluded the chair was turned over to MW & RE D Sam Tennyson to conduct the elections of Officers. The floor was opened for nomination of Officers. The slate of Officers presented by the nominating committee were elected as follows:

- Right Eminent Grand Commander: William F Martin
- V.E. Deputy Grand Commander: Robert JF Elsner
- Eminent Grand Generalissimo: Jeffery L Hall
- Eminent Grand Treasurer: A Glenn Greene III
- Eminent Grand Recorder: G Buck Jolley

The floor was then opened for nominations for the Office of Eminent Grand Captain General. There were two nominees, Dale Usery, and Mike Kirk. There being no further nominations, nominations were declared closed, and the ballot was spread. Mike Kirk was elected to serve as the Eminent Grand Captain General.

REGC Elect Appointments for 2017-2018

Appointed Officers 2017 – 2018

Larry J Nicodin .......................... E. Grand Senior Warden
George E Graham ....................... E. Grand Junior Warden
Dean Strickland ............................ E. Grand Prelate
Herman L Resch ......................... E. Grand Standard Bearer
David J DeChant Sr ...................... E. Grand Sword Bearer
Ronald W Quattlebaum .................... E. Grand Warden
L Joe Granger .............................. E. Grand Sentinel

District Deputy Grand Commanders

James E Johnson ........................... First District
Brian A. Armstrong ........................ Second District
Terry S Pruitt .............................. Third District
Billy V Lawrence .......................... Fourth District
Jack L Davis Jr ......................... Fifth District
John A Johnson ............................ Sixth District
Grand Commandery Committees & Members for 2017 – 2018

Appeals & Grievance  Gerald Burton
Audit  Lee Roy Bruce
Necrology  Dean Strickland
By-Laws  J Sam Burton (C), H Ted Burgess
Charters & Dispensations  J Sam Burton (C), Richard A Wesner
Credentials & Returns  Howard T Burgess (C), Education William F Martin (C), Robert J F Elsner, Jeff Hall
Finance  H Ted Burgess
Christian Relations  Dean Strickland (C), Hugh J Bickley Emeritus
Honorary Past Grands  H Haywood Fowler (C), D Samuel Tennyson, Jack Holmes
Jurisprudence  Zebulon V Morgan (C), Lee Roy Bruce, J Sam Burton
Life Membership Fund  Johnnie Morris, Howard T Burgess
Masonic Youth Organizations  John R Marcucci
Membership  Lee Roy Bruce (C), Robert J F Elsner
Patriotism & Civic Activities  Jack Holmes
KTEF  Richard Sealy (C), H Ted Burgess,
Resolution of Appreciation  Jack Holmes
Time and Place  William F Martin, Robert J F Elsner, Jeff Hall
Doings of Grand Officers  Richard W Sealy (C), Jerry M Owens, Lee Roy Bruce
Unfinished Business  Lee Roy Bruce Sr (C), Richard Wesner, J Sam Burton
Holy Land Pilgrimage  Dean Strickland (C), Haywood Fowler, Robert Nix,
Tactics & Uniforms  Robert J F Elsner, Jeff Hall, J Sam Burton, C Todd Schofield

Report of Committee on Unfinished Business

To: The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of South Carolina:
Your Committee on Unfinished Business reports that all matters properly coming before this Conclave have received consideration.
Fraternally Submitted
Lee Roy Bruce (C), Richard Wesner, J Sam Burton

Adjournment

The Grand Commandery closed at 2:40 p.m. on Monday March 13, 2017 with prayer by Rev. Dean Strickland until the Next Annual Conclave to be held in the City of Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, Monday March 12, 2018.
MOST EXCELLENT GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Elected Officers
Michael J Broom ......................... M. E. Grand High Priest
James W Lyle......................... R. E. Deputy Grand High Priest
Tony Bizakis .............................. R. E. Grand King
Acy Flora ..................................... R. E. Grand Scribe
A Glenn Greene, III ............ R. E. Grand Treasurer
G Buck Jolley .............................. R. E. Grand Secretary

Appointed Officers
Brian A. Armstrong .......... E. Grand Captain of the Host
Ronnie Pickle Richards ...... E. Grand Principal Sojourner
Jimmy Hayes .................... E. Grand Royal Arch Captain
L Joe Granger .................... E. Grand Master of Third Veil
Ronald L Dodson .......... E. Grand Master of Second Veil
Tommy E Hayes Jr .......... E. Grand Master of First Veil
Brian C Campbell ............. E. Grand Sentinel
Haywood Fowler .................. E. Grand Chaplain

R. E. District Deputy Grand High Priest
David C Axson ............................. First District
John Robert Bowker ............ Second District
Patrick J Mulligan Jr ............ Third District
Steven D Hames ..................... Fourth District
David A Faile ......................... Fifth District
Ricky C Freeman ................... Sixth District
M. E. Michael James Broom
Most Excellent Grand High Priest
2016 - 2017

Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons
of South Carolina
Officers ~ 2016 – 2017
Report of Committee on Credentials and Returns
To the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of South Carolina
We find 17 Grand Officers 16 Most Excellent Past Grand High Priest, 2 Honorary Most
Excellent Past Grand High Priest and Representatives of 24 Subordinate Chapters present and
entitled to vote in this Annual Assembly.
Fraternally Submitted
Robert J Bean Jr (C) Robert J Bean Sr, J Gordon Cartrette

Motion was made, seconded, and approved to admit all Royal Arch Masons in good standing to seats
during this Annual Convocation.

ADDRESS OF THE GRAND HIGH PRIEST
OF SOUTH CAROLINA
M. E. MICHAEL J. BROOM
Most Worshipful Grand Master, Officers, Companions, Sir Knights, and Distinguished Guests:
What an honor it has been to serve as your Most Excellent Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal
Arch Chapter of South Carolina and to be able to greet each of you and thank you for your
attendance today at the Two Hundred and Sixth Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch
Chapter of South Carolina.
To our Distinguished Guests, thank you for attending this year’s event, and we hope you find
your stay at the Landmark Resort in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina an enjoyable stay. Please enjoy
the beaches, the sunshine and the seafood that is offered throughout Myrtle Beach.
Most Worshipful Grand Master, William B. Rogers, it has been a pleasure to serve with you
this year. Our friendship goes back many years to our days as District Deputy Grand Masters. I
was honored to have served with you during my years as Grand Marshal. Thank you for your hard
work as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of South Carolina.
To our Grand Secretary/Recorder, Most Illustrious Buck Jolley. Thank you for all your hard
work this year. Your understanding of all that is necessary to do as Grand High Priest during the
year was of tremendous assistance to me. Your leadership, expertise and guidance throughout my
year was extremely helpful. I will always be grateful to you for your service to the Grand Chapter of
South Carolina.
To my Grand Officers, appointed, elected and my committeemen, I thank each of you for
taking the offices which you so graciously served this year. As we started this year, I told each of
you that I would do everything I could to make my year an enjoyable year for me and for you. Each
of you served the Chapter well, and I appreciate your hard work and dedication.
To the Chapters located in the state of South Carolina, I was truly honored to serve as your
Most Excellent Grand High Priest, and I would like to take a moment to thank each of you for your
hospitality, friendship, and support throughout this year. I was always treated with respect and
greeted with kind words throughout my travels.
To Right Eminent Grand Commander, Sir Knight John Marcucci, and Most Illustrious
Grand Master Tommy Blackwood, we have been friends for many years, and I am truly grateful for
all you have done for me and all the many miles and hours we have shared together as Masons and
members of South Carolina York Rite. We have shared many meals and Official Visits, and the
memories of these times with each of you will always have a special place in my heart.
To Columbia Chapter #5, my Chapter, I thank each of you for your warm welcome each
month, your introductions, and your words of encouragement. I am honored to be a member of this
Chapter, and I am grateful for the leadership it offers to our Fraternity.
I would like to thank three Masons in my life, who showed me the path to walk throughout my
travels, Brother Claude James Broom, my grandfather, Brother Billy E. Broom, Sr., my father, and
Brother Earl Wesner, Jr., my father-in-law. These three men formed me into the Mason I am today.
I want to take a moment to thank my wife, Susan, and my daughter, Amy, for allowing me to serve
our great fraternity for many years without ever complaining or being upset with me for being gone
from home so many days and nights traveling throughout the state. I am blessed to have a wife and
daughter that understand my love for the Masonic Fraternity and show me that they are proud of all things that I do to bring honor to our organization. Amy and Susan, I love you very much. As each of you know, we are Christians and none of this would be possible without our love of God. God has blessed us with safe travels over the years and with good friends. Today, as I step down, I ask each of you to pray for our leaders, our President, our military and, especially, our family members.

STATE OF THE CRAFT
Companions, I am pleased to announce that I have found the State of the Craft in South Carolina well and growing. I was pleased to attend several degree classes across the state of South Carolina and found great attendance for the degree work, along with several strong classes of new members. Throughout my travels this year, I was treated with the respect and honor that all men should have an opportunity to enjoy.

Though we continue to lose Brothers to death, I feel we continue to grow and soon shall see improvement in our numbers, as well as our attendance.

I have asked each Chapter to continue to work on their members, who are behind in their dues, with personal phone calls by the membership and not just calls by the secretaries. I have recommended you do not ride alone to a meeting, but ask someone to come with you. I reminded the Brothers it was important to welcome new members to our Chapter by showing them Brotherly Love and how much we enjoy being a part of the Grand Chapter of South Carolina. Only by mentoring our Brothers will they ever have a love for our fraternity.

THE GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER AWARD
Each year, the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of South Carolina presents the General Grand Chapter Medal, issued by the General Grand Chapter International, to one Companion who has been recognized for his outstanding service to his Chapter in South Carolina. Recommendations are received by the DDGHP, Grand King and Grand Scribe of South Carolina. This year, the committee consisted of James Lyle, Tony Bizakis and Acy Flora. Companion Marshall would you please escort this year's recipient to the East. This year's recipient is Companion L Joe Granger.

GRAND CHAPTER EDUCATION PROGRAM
This year, the officers decided to end the one day class of education each January. Though, in some ways, I hate to see these sessions end, I do feel that the current format needs to be replaced. I hope that the Grand Heads will put in place a District educational meeting with emphasis on a stronger education of our degree work. The Grand Lodge of Ancient Free Masons has an excellent educational format that we could follow to form our own system.

ROYAL ARCH RESEARCH ASSISTANCE
The Royal Arch Research Assistance is a non-profit 501(c)(3) tax exempt foundation incorporated in the state of Kentucky in 1974. The R.A.R.A. Board of Directors is committed to identifying and supporting those scientists who are searching for treatment regimens and eventually a cure for C.A.P.D. Central Auditory Processing Disorder is a hearing deficiency that does not allow those afflicted to distinguish sounds that can be heard by those with regular hearing. This year, with the Grand Chapter coin sales, the passing of the pot of fraternally giving during our Official Visits, and the generous donations of the Chapters in South Carolina, we could make a substantial donation to this worthy cause. I would like to thank Most Excellent Bob Bean for his hard work with the R.A.R.A. foundation.

NECROLOGY
Companions, I am saddened to report that 101Companions have laid down their working tools and joined our Savior, Jesus Christ, in that House not made with hands, but eternal in the heavens. Many of us this year have also lost members of our family and Masonic Brothers and Sisters that were dear to us. My condolences and prayers go out to each of you and your family members, and I ask each of you to pray for those of us who are saddened by the death of our loved ones.
DUAL MEMBERSHIP
It was my pleasure to approve dual memberships to the following Companions:
Hal Gregory, Keystone #19, and Franklin #9
Gary Sowell, Keystone #9, and Franklin #9
John Bowker, Columbia #5, and Keystone #19
Joe Hill, Eureka #13, and Delta #20

DISPENSATIONS
All dispensations presented to me this year were of a routine nature and were issued by our Grand Secretary in accordance with the standard procedures of the Grand Chapter by-laws and the approval of the Grand High Priest. Copies of the dispensations are on file with our Grand Secretary.

DECISIONS OF THE GRAND HIGH PRIEST
I am pleased to announce that peace and harmony reigned throughout the Grand Chapter this year and all decisions were of routine matters.

BY-LAW CHANGES
The following Chapters were approved for a by-law change.
Living Arch #21, Clemson, S.C. to change their meeting night from the 2nd Tuesday to the 3rd Monday of each month.

IN STATE VISITS
March 13-15, 2016 SC Grand York Rite Myrtle Beach SC
March 16, 2016 Columbia #5 Degree Work
March 17, 2016 Franklin #9, Richburg
March 23, 2016 Columbia #5, Degree Work
March 26, 2016 Palmetto Priory #54 KYCH
April 5, 2016 Pickens #47, Easley
April 9, 2016 Burning Bush #7 Degree Work, Anderson
April 11, 2016 Greenwood #37, Greenwood
April 12, 2016 Beulah #25, Sumter
April 18, 2016 Mackey #15, York
April 19, 2016 Marion #35, Latta
April 21, 2016 Franklin #9, Richburg
April 28-29, 2016 Grand Lodge of SC Greenville
May 7, 2016 Palmetto York Rite College Columbia
May 9, 2016 Chicora #33 Spartanburg
May 10, 2016 Eureka #13 Orangeburg
May 14, 2016 Cornerstone Laying Hermon Lodge Starr
May 17, 2016 Carolina #1 Charleston
May 19, 2016 Franklin #9 Richburg
June 8, 2016 Columbia #5 Columbia
June 10, 2016 SC/GA Exchange Greenville
June 13, 2016 Franklin #9 Richburg
June 20, 2016 SC Grand Chapter OES Greenville
June 21, 2016 Rising Star #4 Camden
June 22, 2016 Columbia #2 Degree Work
June 24, 2016 SC Grand Assembly IORG
June 25, 2016 Unity Dinner Aiken
June 28, 2016 Official Visit with Anderson, Greenville, Laurens, Clemson in Anderson
June 30, 2016 Square & Compass Club of the Midlands
August 2, 2016 Kadoshlayah #41 Aiken
HONORARY MEMBERSHIPS
This year, I was presented with honorary memberships and Chapter Pennies from the Chapters that I attended throughout our Grand Jurisdiction. I would like to thank each of the Chapters for thinking enough of me to present me with these memberships and pennies. I will always cherish the memories I have had during our official visits over the last four years.

Burning Bush #7 Kadoshlayah #41 Franklin #9 Rising Star #4 Living Arch # 21
Greenwood #37 Gaffney #55 Keystone #19 Keowee #79 Signet #18
Chicora #33 Beulah #25 Cyrus #22 Carolina #1 Poinsett #16
Horry #48 Laurens # 6 Delta #20 Mackey #15 Marion #35
Campbell # 31

OUT OF STATE VISITS
March 20-22, 2016 Grand York Rite of North Carolina Greensboro, NC
May 1-3, 2016 Grand York Rite of Georgia Macon GA
May 23-25, 2016 Grand York Rite of Florida Lake Mary FL
February 24-26, 2017 Grand York Rite of Alabama Birmingham AL

GRAND LODGE OF ANCIENT FREE MASONS
OF SOUTH CAROLINA
Companions, it was, indeed, an honor as Grand High Priest to represent the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of South Carolina at the Annual Communication of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Ancient Free Masons of South Carolina held in Greenville, S.C. on April 28-29, 2016. The Grand Master, Most Worshipful Brother William B. Rogers, and the Grand Secretary, Most Worshipful Brother Gerald L. Carver, provided the Grand Chapter and the Grand High Priest with
hospitality and a very warm welcome. I would like to thank the local committee for all they did to
make my stay at the Convention a pleasant experience and a great memory.
Our Grand Master, Most Worshipful William B. Rogers, and his wife, Jeanne B. Rogers, invited my
wife, Susan, and I to attend his Grand Banquet and provided us with a fantastic evening of great
food, fellowship and entertainment, and I was truly honored to share the evening with these two
generous friends. Thank you, Jeanne, for welcoming my wife and making her stay in Greenville an
enjoyable experience.

SOUTHEASTERN YORK RITE CONFERENCE
Due to a conflict in my schedule, I was unable to attend this conference, but I feel it is very
important for our Fraternity to continue attending the York Rite Conference, not for socializing, but,
for continuing our education in York Rite and understanding the challenges that face the General
Grand Chapter and the other Grand Chapters across the United States.

THE GREAT SMOKEY MOUNTAIN RETREAT
This year, I was unable to attend the retreat, but I understand the Grand Chapter was well
represented at this North Carolina event. If this North Carolina event is to continue, it would be
my suggestion to their Grand Heads in North Carolina to send an invitation to the Grand Heads in
South Carolina and communicate to South Carolina members their plans and agenda for the event.

RECOMMENDATIONS
I recommend:
1. That the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of South Carolina continue to support the Royal Arch
Research Society and that each Chapter in South Carolina do some type of fundraiser to help
support this charity.
2. That each Royal Arch Chapter continue opening in full form whenever possible throughout the
year.
3. That the Grand Royal Arch Chapter take a larger role in their support of the International Order
of the Rainbow for Girls and DeMolay in South Carolina. You can do this by opening the doors of
your Chapter and assisting them with fundraising.
4. That we set up working district-wide educational programs across the state and encourage all
officers to attend these educational events.
5. That each elected officer continues to set up a schedule of Visits of his own so that each of the
Chapters in South Carolina may receive additional education, improve attendance, and develop
their leadership.

CONCLUSION
I have been truly blessed this year as your Grand High Priest, and I have enjoyed the
opportunities I have had to share friendship and Brotherly Love with each of you. I have received
many gifts, cards, and great meals, and I cannot thank each of you enough for the memories.
To my officers, I thank each of you for sharing your time with me this year and making my
year so memorable and pleasant. The members of the Grand Chapter have traveled many miles
and shared meals with our Brothers throughout the state, and we were always received with a
warm welcome. I hope James, Tony and Acy have safe travels over the next few years and will
continue to make positive changes to the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of South Carolina.
Companions, what an honor it has been to serve this year as your Grand High Priest. Thank
you, Marcus Burdette, and Charlie Scofield for having the confidence in me as a selection for this
office. I would like to thank each of the Past Grand High Priests in South Carolina for their support
and their leadership to our organization.
May God bless each one of you.
Travel safe, my Brothers, until we meet again.
Michael J. Broom, MEGHP

Motion was made, seconded, and approved to adopt all reports as printed in the Preliminary
Reports.
Report of the Committee on Topical Reference
To the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of South Carolina: Your Committee on Topical Reference makes the following report.
We have reviewed the Address of the Grand High Priest and note with appreciation his dedication, fidelity, and zeal for the craft.
We recommend the following matters be referred to the committees named:
1. To the Committee on Necrology, all matters pertaining to Necrology.
2. To the Committee on Membership, all matters pertaining to Membership.
3. To the Committee on Fraternal Relations, all matters pertaining to the appointments of Representatives to other Grand Jurisdictions, visitations both in and out of state.
4. To the Committee on Jurisprudence, all matters pertaining to By-laws, Dual Memberships, Decisions, and Dispensations.
5. To the Committee on Royal Arch Research, all matters pertaining to Royal Arch Research Assistance and Recommendation No. 1.
6. To the Committee on Education, all matters pertaining to education and Recommendations No. 2 and 4.
7. To the Committee on Finance, Recommendations No. 1, 3 and 4 and the remarks about the Great Smokey Mountain Summer Assembly and the Southeastern York Rite Conference.
8. To the Committee on Masonic Youth Organizations all matters pertaining to our youth and Recommendation No. 3.
9. To the Elected Grand Officers, Recommendation No. 5.
Fraternally submitted,
Robert J. Bean Sr. PGHP Chairman, Carl R. Truesdale PGHP, Charles M. Schofield, PGHP

Report of the Committee on Fraternal Relations
To: The Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of South Carolina:
Your Committee would like to commend Most Excellent Companion Michael J. Broom, Grand High Priest on his leadership for 2016-2017. He has represented South Carolina Royal Arch Masonry with dignity and honor in all visits both in and out of state.
Your committee approves and recommends recommendations #3 of the M.E. Grand High Priest Address
We approve of dual membership issued by the Grand High Priest.
We commend his efforts in showing Brotherly Love and Affection by encouraging each Companion to welcome visitors and members to their meetings. He has set an outstanding example, we all need to follow.
Fraternally submitted,
Rawl Scheibler PGHP Chairman, Albert Wyatt PGHP, Floyd Golf PGHP

Report of Committee on By-Laws
To: The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of South Carolina
The Committee on By-Laws makes the following report. This Committee was not called upon to review or make any revisions to the Grand Chapter Law during the past year.

Fraternally Submitted,
D Sam Tennyson, PGC, Chairman, Albert Wyatt, PGHP, Floyd Goff, PGHP, Marcus Burdette, PGHP

Report of Committee on Charters and Dispensations
To: The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of South Carolina:
Your committee reports that there were no Warrants issued for the formation of new Chapters 2016.
All Dispensations were of a routine nature; copies being on file in the Grand Recorder’s Office.
Report of Committee on Appeals and Grievances

To: The Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of South Carolina:

Your Committee wishes to report that no action was taken or received by this committee during the past year and that peace and harmony prevail in our Grand Chapter.

On behalf of the Grand York Rite Bodies of South Carolina we remain,

Respectfully submitted,

Lloyd F Christopher, PGHP, Chairman, Don S. Blair, PGC, Robert D Yonce, PIGM

Report of Committee on Membership

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

Your committee on membership submits the following report for the year 2016:

We congratulate the following Chapters for having a net gain: Horry #48, Franklin #9

Your membership Committee again reports that the Grand Chapter has a decline in membership. Many of the Chapters exalted new members this year, which is great. Now we need to educate them, put them to work, let them know that it is very important that they be at every meeting. If each companion enjoys their work and fellowship, then we believe they will look forward to coming to the meetings. If we continue this, we may see an end to the decline in membership.

Fraternally submitted:

Floyd W. Goff, PHP. Chairman, Michael J. Broom, MEGHP, James W. Lyle, DGHP, Tony Bizakis G King

Report of Committee on Necrology

To: The Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of South Carolina:

During the past 12 months, God in His divine plan has chosen to call from this transitory life to the Celestial life above 128 of our companions. We mourn the passing of our brothers and companions, and our sympathies are extended to their families and friends as we consider our loss.

We pray that they look to our heavenly Father for strength, guidance, and comfort in times of need. We give thanks to God for the work they have accomplished, the influenced they have exerted, and the contributions they made to the world as they served God and man.

For those of us who remain, let us carefully improve the various scenes of life through which we pass. Let us humbly ask for guidance to improve the time remaining to us, so that when our labors on earth are ended that we shall have cause to thank God, that grace which has enabled us to do His blessed will.

Let us earnestly seek that spiritual life, which cannot be destroyed by death. Let us remember that the man, who is spiritually alive, may look at death with boldness, and bid defiance to its utmost rage. He has nothing to fear for God is with him. Angels wait to conduct him to regions of immortality. And even this perishing body will rise again, to die no more.

So, Companions with a strong faith, let us stand together to remember our brothers and call upon the Name that is above every name. Love one another.

Fraternally submitted,

Haywood Fowler, Excellent Grand Chaplain, Chairman, Robert A Nix, Right Illustrious Grand Chaplain,
Dean Strickland, Eminent Grand Prelate

Grand Recorder Report

To: The Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of South Carolina:
I hereby submit my annual report covering the period March 1, 2016 through February 28, 2017.

RECEIPTS

2016 Annual per capita $24,216.13
Ritual sales $ 220.00
Surety Bonds $ 250.00
Banquet/Meal Ticket Sales $ 2,058.00
Web Fees $ 56.67

Total Receipts $ 26,800.80

DISBURSEMENTS
Paid to the Grand Treasurer $ 26,800.80
Total Disbursements $ 26,800.80

CONDENSED STATISTICAL STATEMENT

INCREASE
Members, 1/1/2016 3,311
Exalted 96
Affiliated 8
File Corrections + 0
Reinstated 11
Total Increase 115

3,426

DECREASE
Died 101
Demitted 9
N. P. D. 110
File Corrections - 0
Suspended or Expelled 1
Total Decrease 221

Members, 12/31/2016 3,205

Net Loss 106

Fraternally submitted,
G Buck Jolley, Grand Recorder

GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF SOUTH CAROLINA
GRAND TREASURER’S REPORT February 28, 2017

March 1, 2016 - BALANCES - Cost basis
Wells Fargo Checking $ 4,469.00
Wells Fargo Money Market $ 34,709.33
Edward Jones - Investments $ 60,000.00
Merrill Lynch WCMA $ 100,000.00

ACCOUNTS TOTAL $ 199,178.39

RECEIPTS
From Grand Secretary $ 26,800.80
TD Bank Closeout of Sec/Rec Petty Cash $ 795.79
Wells Fargo Money Market Interest $ 23.70
Merrill Lynch WCMA $ 2,926.06
Edward Jones - Investments $ 852.38

RECEIPT TOTALS $ 31,398.73

TOTAL ACCOUNTS + RECEIPTS $ 230,577.12
DISBURSEMENTS
Budgeted Expenditures $ 24,547.75

DISBURSEMENTS TOTAL $ 24,547.75

TOTAL TO ACCOUNT FOR $ 206,029.37
(Accounts + Receipts + Disbursements)

February 28, 2017 - BALANCES - Cost basis
Wells Fargo Checking $ 21,615.41
Wells Fargo Money Market $ 24,413.96
Edward Jones - Investments $ 60,000.00
Merrill Lynch WCMA $ 100,000.00

ACCOUNTS TOTAL $ 206,029.37
Hesperian #17 Escrow Held in Money Market until 2023 = $168.01

This report reflects change in our accounting practices as follows:
Separation and distribution of funds for the AHP chair degree, the Holy Land Pilgrimage fund and
the KT Educational Foundation Funds from the Grand Secretary/Recorder's petty cash account;
consolidation of the petty cash account into the general fund; and the elimination of the Grand
Secretary/Recorder's petty cash account.
All deposits and withdrawals into the General Fund are spread to the appropriate body when they
occur.
These changes should provide for improved accounting and a more transparent view of all our
funds by body.
I appreciate the cooperation received, from our Right Excellent Grand Secretary, Most Illustrious
Companion G Buck Jolley as we worked through these changes.

Fraternally Submitted,
A. Glenn Greene, III, Grand Treasurer

Report of Finance Committee
To: The Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of South Carolina:
We are pleased to announce that again this year we are not recommending any changes in per capita,
our income has exceeded our expenses. The Grand Treasurer, and Grand Recorder are working to improve
accounting and reduce expenses and balance the budget.
We recommend approval of the Annual Reports referred to this Committee by the Grand Treasurer and
Grand Recorder which can be found in the preliminary reports.
We recommend that the Grand Treasurer, and Grand Secretary be authorized to invest funds at their
discretion.
We recommend continued assistance to RARA, funded as usual through contribution from Local
Chapters and/or fund-raising projects.
We recommend the continued support of youth groups as contained in the Grand Chapter budget.
We recommend continued support of the Lucius A. and Margaret B. Todd Fund of South Carolina, Inc.,
funded as usual through contributions from local bodies, individuals, and/or fund-raising projects.
We recommend approval of the 2017 – 2018 annual budget as printed below:

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**TOTAL INCOME**

| 23,058.00 | 26,305.87 | 22,910.00 |

### EXPENSES

#### Salaries & Related Expenses

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**SUB TOTAL**

| 11,803.78 | 11,809.65 | 8,958.13 |

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**SUB TOTAL**

| - | 214.00 | 405.00 |

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**SUB TOTAL**

| 1,200.00 | 753.20 | 1,155.00 |

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**SUB TOTAL**

| 400.00 | 534.27 | - |

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**SUB TOTAL**

| 2,300.00 | 2,249.53 | 2,300.00 |

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**SUB TOTAL**

| 1,100.00 | 3,375.76 | 3,625.00 |

#### Other Expenses

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**SUB TOTAL**

| 6,140.00 | 5,610.34 | 5,990.00 |

**TOTAL EXPENSES**

| 22,943.78 | 24,547.75 | 22,698.37 |

**Projected Net Gain / (Loss)**

| 114.22 | 2,253.05 | 271.63 |

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Fraternally submitted,
Michael Copeland, PGHP, Chairman, John T Dickson, PIGM, H. Ted Burgess, PGC

**Motion was made, seconded, and approved to adopt the proposed budget for 2017-2018.**
Audit Committee Report

To: The Grand Chapter of South Carolina:

We herewith submit our report.

We have examined the books of the Grand Treasurer and the Grand Recorder and find them neatly and correctly kept and all funds accounted for.

Fraternally submitted,
Dana Rickards PGHP, PGC, Chairman, Dean Tollison, PIGM, Lee Roy Bruce, Sr.

Motion

To: The Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of South Carolina

To bring us in compliance with what we have been doing for years I purpose the following change to Section IX (Petitions): Paragraph 1. & 2.

Paragraph 1 reads:
All receptions of petitions, reports on same, and all balloting must be had at stated Convocations and none are stated Convocations except those designated as such in the By-Laws of the Chapter.

Change to read: All reception of petitions, reports on same, and balloting must be had at stated Convocations, and none are stated Convocations except those designated as such in the By-Laws of the Chapter. This may be waived by dispensation from the M.E. Grand High Priest

Paragraph 2. Reads: All petitions for degrees or membership must lie over one lunar month.

Change to read: All petitions for degrees or membership must lie over one lunar month. This may be waived by dispensation from the M.E. Grand High Priest.

Fraternally Submitted
Rawl J Scheibler, Charles M Schofield, Lloyd F Christopher
The Motion requiring 5 signatures it was returned and 2 more were added
Marcus L Burdette, Johnnie T Morris and an additional signature that is unreadable

ME Grand High Priest ask if there was unanimous consent
There being an objection to give jurisprudence committee time to review the Motion will lay over until 2018

Motions having laid over from 2016 Annual Convocation

At our last Annual Convocation, a Motion was made for the Grand Chapter RAM of SC to withdraw membership from the General Grand Chapter RAMI. The motion having laid over from our last Annual Convocation, we will now decide the question. The Grand Secretary reported that he did not have a copy of the motion, did not know who and how many signed it and stated it was an invalid motion and that it be removed from consideration. Which was done.
Several members of the General Grand Chapter present and several of SC Grand Chapter members spoke against withdrawal.
General Grand Chapter RAMI Officers presented the Ephraim Kirby Award to Albert J Wyatt.

Report of Committee on Honorary Past Grand High Priest

To: The Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of South Carolina:

Your committee on Honorary Past Grand High Priests, after careful consideration, has determined that no recommendations for this high honor will be made in 2017.

Anyone wishing to make recommendations to this committee is urged to submit your nominations as far in advance of the annual communication as possible. This request is made to give the committee members ample time to distribute the material and properly consider the information.

The committee moves that this report be accepted.

Fraternally submitted,
G. Kent Elkins, PGHP, Chairman, G. Ray Marsh, PGHP, Lloyd F. Christopher, PGHP
Report of the Committee on Royal Arch Research Assistance

To: The Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of South Carolina:

Your Committee on Royal Arch Research Assistance makes the following report for the period of March 1, 2016 through January 31, 2017.

Royal Arch Research Assistance (RARA) is a not for profit 501c-3 tax exempt organization incorporated in the state of Kentucky in 1974. It is the philanthropy of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons International. Five years ago, the charity moved from support of one researcher and one office working on Central Auditory Processing Disorder (CAPD) to support of three organizations, all working on CAPD research with direct researchers at the University of Arizona together with Autism Speaks and The Hearing Health Foundation offering national services and with opportunities for local involvement. RARA is expanding its research service to our country and indeed, the world. A pamphlet on RARA has been produced which explains more fully the new direction our charity has taken in its support of research into CAPD. Copies of this pamphlet are available from your chairman. There is also an updated power point presentation on RARA, a DVD on Hearing Health research and a DVD on Autism Speaks available that can be made available to any chapter for use as an educational program.

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

Many chapters have experienced benefits from public exposure and have exalted new companions because of participation in their fund-raising walks. Currently there are not any walks set for South Carolina, so why doesn’t your chapter organize one for your area? There is now a banner available for use at these walks proclaiming support of Royal Arch Masons for Autism Speaks.

Dr. Musiek of the University of Arizona, the fifth largest research university in the country, is one of the leading authorities in the field of CAPD and is the author of several medical texts which are considered the Bible of CAPD by many in the medical profession. He is now working on research in conjunction with the University of Louisville and the University of Kentucky.

The Hearing Health Foundation publicly recognizes Royal Arch Masons for supporting their research efforts on behalf of CAPD. One of the Hearing Health Foundation Grant scientists is Kenneth Vaden, Ph. D. at the Medical University of South Carolina. An information sheet on Dr. Vaden is available from your Chairman. Hearing Health is also supporting the research of Richard A. Felix, II at Washington State University, Nathan Higgins at Vanderbilt University, Elizabeth McCullagh at the University of Colorado, and Nirmal Kumar Srinivasan at Towson University with funds provided by RARA.

Companions, we would like to take this opportunity once again to thank you for the support you have shown for our philanthropy since our last Annual Convocation. As well as commending your Grand High Priest in promoting our charity.

During the year, the number of chapters donating through your committee chairman decreased by two for a total of seventeen (17). South Carolina continues to rank eighth internationally and third in the region in total contributions.

During the year, memorials totaling $40.00 (down 60%) were received in memory of Companions William J. Meyers and Marian Perry Rucker Sr. Companions, Memorials are an excellent way to honor our companions that have passed on to that undiscovered country from whose borne no traveler ever returns and we urge all chapters to join the Orangeburg Bodies in adopting this practice. South Carolina continues to rank fourteenth internationally in total memorials.
Total donations recorded during the year decreased by 1% to a total of $4,510.00. The P-Pot and Coin Sale donations for the year totaled $840.00. Your committee thanks you for your efforts.

There were eleven (11) chapters (an 8% decrease) that earned Gold certificates for giving at the $100 or more level: Carolina No. 1, Columbia No. 5, Burning Bush No. 7, Mackey No. 15, Poinsett No. 16, Keystone No. 19, Delta No. 20, Living Arch No. 21, Campbell No. 31, Chicora No. 33, and Gaffney No. 55.

Nine (9) chapters qualified for 100% certificates (an 18% decrease) with donations totaling at least $1 per member: Carolina No. 1, Burning Bush No. 7, Delta No. 20, Campbell No. 31, Chicora No. 33, Marion No. 35, Winyah No. 45, Horry No. 48, and Gaffney No.55.

Chicora No. 33 once again earned one of the distinctive R.A.R.A. Lapel Pins with one diamond for making a single contribution of $500.00 or more.

Chicora Chapter No. 33 in Spartanburg also led the way in total contributions with $500.00. The top chapter in donations per member was once again Delta No. 20 with $3.04 per member.

The Lucius and Margaret Todd Fund donated $1,030.00. Other donations were received from the Square & Compass Club of the Midlands, Piedmont York Rite College No. 84, and Chicora York Rite College No. 200.

It should be noted that lower donations may be attributable to the shortened period caused by the decision to submit committee reports earlier than in the past. Another contributing factor might be the combining of official visits which resulted in fewer opportunities to pass the P-Pot for donations.

Fraternally submitted:
Robert J. Bean, Sr., PGHP Chairman, James W Lyle, DGHP, Tony Bizakis, GK,
Acy Flora, GS, Carl R Truesdale, PGHP, Gary N Martin, PGHP, Floyd W Goff, PGHP

**Report of Jurisprudence**

To: The Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of South Carolina

Your Committee on Jurisprudence has studied the Grand High Priest’s address on topics related to Jurisprudence and is pleased to make the following report:

We congratulate ME Companion Michael James Broom on the way he has conducted the business of this Grand Chapter of Royal Arch masons. He is to be commended on his leadership abilities.

ME Companion Broom has been a very able representative of this Grand Chapter as he has traveled over this great state of ours as well as other jurisdictions representing this Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Mason in a very professional manner. He is to be congratulated on a job well done!

ME Companion Broom has done an excellent job in informing subordinate Chapters that he expected them to do likewise.

We also approve of the Grand High Priest’s actions in approving the By-Law changes for the following Chapters:

*Living Arch No. 21, Clemson*

This Chapter is to be congratulated for taking this step to help insure the future of their Chapters.

Your Committee on Jurisprudence approves of Most Excellent Companion Broom granting dual memberships to the following Companions:

*Companion Hal Gregory – Keystone Chapter No. 19 with Franklin Chapter No. 9*  
*Companion Gary Sowell – Keystone Chapter No. 19 with Franklin Chapter No. 9*  
*Companion John Bowker – Columbia Chapter No. 5 with Franklin Chapter No. 9*  
*Companion Joe Hill – Eureka Chapter No. 13 with Delta Chapter No. 20.*

It is our hope that these Companions will prove productive as dual members in these Chapters.

All dispensations of the Grand High Priest were of a routine nature and issued in accordance with standard procedures and are on file in the office of the Grand Secretary.

We can find nothing in the Grand High Priest’s recommendations that requires the attention of this committee now.
In closing, on behalf of the Jurisprudence Committee, we extend our heartfelt gratitude to ME Companion Michael James Broom for all his hard work and dedication which made not only this Grand Chapter but Freemasonry a better Fraternity!

Fraternally submitted,
Robert J. Bean Jr. PGHP Chairman; Robert J. Bean Sr. PGHP
Carl Truesdale PGHP; J. Gordon Cartrette PIGM; Richard A. Wesner PGC

Nominating Committee Report

To: The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of South Carolina:

Your Nominating committee nominates the following for 2017-2018:

Most Excellent Grand High Priest                     James W Lyle
Right Excellent Deputy Grand High Priest           Tony Bizakis
Right Excellent Grand King                          Acy Flora
Right Excellent Grand Treasurer                 A. Glenn Greene III
Right Excellent Grand Secretary                         G Buck Jolley
Right Excellent Grand Scribe Open for nominations from the floor

Fraternally submitted
James Lyle                James Barr                William F Martin
Tony Bizakis              Jerry Willard             Robert J F Elsner
Acy Flora                 W Tom Corbin             Jeff Hall

MEGHP Elect

James W Lyle

James Waylon Lyle was born in Seneca South Carolina on February 13th, 1973. He is the only child of the late Edwin and Mary Lou Lyle. James grew up in Westminster South Carolina where he attended West Oak High School and graduated in 1991. During his school years, he was very active in Boy Scouts where he obtained the rank of Life Scout, Beta Club, National Art Honor Society, and played and lettered in football and track.

James started working in his family’s business and later worked on various other manufacturing plants before ending up at B.M.W. He worked there for 10 years before having to leave due to health problems.

In August of 1998 the pride of his life MacKenzie Lyle was born. His greatest achievement is raising her as a single parent and watching her succeed. She is currently a freshman attending Lander University, and he is very proud of her.
James was raised to the sublime degree of master mason January 9th, 1999, became master of his lodge in 2011, and has served as treasurer from 2014 until present day. James also served the grand lodge of South Carolina in 2015-2016 as grand pursuivant. James joined the Clemson York Rite in 2003 and is also a member of Hejaz Shrine, Greenville Scottish Rite, Eastern Star, Tall Cedars of Lebanon, and is also a member of several invitational appendant bodies.

James has served the Grand York Rite of S.C as Grand Captain of the host, Grand Scribe, Grand King, and Deputy Grand High Priest. James strives to be the best Mason he can possibly be every day, and is here to serve the craft to the best of his ability.

**Election of Officers**

The Business of the Grand Commandery having been concluded the chair was turned over to MW & RE D Sam Tennyson to conduct the elections of Officers. The floor was opened for nomination of Officers. The slate of Officers presented by the nominating committee were elected as follows:

- Most Excellent Grand High Priest: James W Lyle
- Right Excellent Deputy Grand High Priest: Tony Bizakis
- Right Excellent Grand King: Acy Flora
- Right Excellent Grand Treasurer: A. Glenn Greene III
- Right Excellent Grand Secretary: G Buck Jolley

The floor was then opened for nominations for the Office of Excellent Grand Scribe. There was one nomination of Ricky C Freeman. There being no further nominations, nominations were declared closed, and Ricky C Freeman was elected to serve as the Excellent Grand Scribe.

**MEGHP Elect Appointments for 2017 – 2018**

**Appointed Officers 2017 - 2018**

- Ricky Chubb .......................  E. Grand Captain of the Host
- K Joe Hill ...........................  E. Grand Principal Sojourner
- George Latta ........................ E. Grand Royal Arch Captain
- Ronald L Dodson.................. E. Grand Master of Third Veil
- Doyle Black ........................ E. Grand Master of Second Veil
- R Steve Fields ........................ E. Grand Master of First Veil
- L Joe Granger ........................ E. Grand Sentinel
- Haywood Fowler ..................... E. Grand Chaplain

**R. E. District Deputy Grand High Priest**

- V Joe Hill ...........................................  First District
- G Walker Moore ......................  Second District
- Gerry L Morgan ..................  Third District
- William Lee Summerville Sr. .......  Fourth District
- Stanley B Cheek ...................  Fifth District
- Tom Lee ..............................................  Sixth District

**Grand Chapter Committees & Members for 2017 – 2018**

- Appeals & Grievance: L Joe Granger, Nelson Horton
- Audit: Dana Rickards
- Necrology: Haywood Fowler
- By-Laws: D Samuel Tennyson (C), Albert Wyatt, Floyd Goff, Marcus Burdette
- Charters & Dispensations: Mike Broom, Floyd Goff, Gary N Martin
- Credentials & Returns: Robert J Bean Sr. (C), Robert J Bean Jr
Education (C), Acy Flora, G Scribe  
Finance  
Acy Flora, G Scribe elect  
Fraternal Relations  
Nelson Horton(C), Albert Wyatt, Floyd Goff  
Golf  
Honorary Past Grand  
Jurisprudence  
Robert J Bean Jr. (C), Michael J Broom, Nelson Horton  
Life Membership Fund  
A. Glenn Greene III, (C), Floyd Goff, Albert Wyatt  
Masonic Youth Organizations  
Robert J Bean Jr. (C), Michael J Broom  
Membership  
Floyd W Goff (C), Tony Bizakis, Acy Flora elect  
Patriotism & Civic Activities  
Mike Copeland  
RARA  
Robert J Bean Sr (C), Michael J Broom, Carl R Truesdale, Gary N Martin, Tony Bizakis, Acy Flora, G Scribe elect  
Resolution of Appreciation  
Dana P Rickards  
Time and Place  
Tony Bizakis (C), Acy Flora, G Scribe elect  
Distribution of Work  
Robert J Bean Sr (C), Carl Truesdale, Charles M Schofield  
Unfinished Business  
Robert J Bean Sr (C), Charles Schofield, Dana P Rickards  

Report of Committee on Unfinished Business  
To: The Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of South Carolina  
Your Committee reports that all matters properly coming before this Annual Grand Convocation have received consideration.  
Robert J Bean Sr. (C) Dana P Rickards, Charles M Schofield  

Adjournment  
The Grand Chapter closed at 4:40 p.m. on Monday March 13, 2017 with prayer by Rev. Haywood Fowler until the Next Annual Convocation to be held in the City of Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, Monday March 12, 2018.