

*The
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Knights Templar



*of
Florida*

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2017

**PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
GRAND COMMANDERY
KNIGHTS TEMPLAR
OF
FLORIDA**

**ONE HUNDRED TWENTY THIRD ANNUAL
GRAND CONCLAVE**

FREDERICK R. GERDOM

Presiding

ANTHONY L. GRIFFON

Grand Commander Elect

Held in Lake Mary, FL

23 May, 2017

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FREDERICK R. GERDOM

**GRAND COMMANDERY OF FLORIDA
Grand Commander
2016 – 2017**



**FREDERICK R. GERDOM
MASONIC RESUME 2016-2017**

Born	November 3, 1963 Los Angeles, CA
Married	Sally Gerdom
2 Daughters	Samantha, Stephanie
2 Grandsons	Devon, Leo
Working for Manager	Harbison Walker International Distribution Center 2003-Current

BLUE LODGE

Golden Ark #595, Taylor, MI:

1964	Grandfather was Master
1991	Raised to Master Mason, November
2005	Elected Master
2006	Appointed Marshal
2007	Demitted to Lakeland Lodge #91 Lakeland, FL Honorary Member of Golden Ark #595

Lakeland Lodge #91 Lakeland, FL:

2011	Elected Master, 125th Anniversary of Lodge
2012	Appointed Marshal
2013	Appointed Chaplain

Haines City #219 Haines City, FL:

2015	Honorary Member
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GRAND LODGE OF FLORIDA:

2013	Membership Development Zone 7 Chairman for MW Danny Griffith
2014	DDGM 24th District for MW James Ford

YORK RITE

Monroe Chapter #1 Detroit MI:

2005	Exalted a Royal Arch Mason
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Lakeland Chapter #29 Lakeland, FL:

2006	Affiliated
2008	Elected High Priest
2010-present	Current Secretary

GRAND CHAPTER OF FLORIDA:

2009	DDGHP District #4 for MEGHP Darryl D'Angina
2014	Committee on work
2015	Committee on work DI for MEGHP Richard Wolfe

Monroe Council #1 Detroit MI:

2005	Greeted a Select Master
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Polk Council #11 Lakeland, FL:

2006	Affiliated
2009	Elected Illustrious Master
2010-present	Recorder

GRAND COUNCIL OF FLORIDA:

2010	DDGM District #4 for MIGM Howard Gardner
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Monroe Commandery, Samaria, MI:

2006	Knighthood
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Lakeland Commandery #21 Lakeland, FL:

2006	Affiliated
2009	Elected Commander
2010-present	Recorder
2011-2016	Committee on work

APPENDANT BODIES:**Imperial Polk Chapter:**

2013	Initiated in Low 12 Riders
2013-present	Secretary

Winter Haven Council #115:

2009	Initiated in Allied Masonic Degrees
2013	Elected Sovereign Master
2014-present	Secretary

Pentagon College #62:

2008	Initiated in York Rite College
2016	Elected Governor
2017	Secretary

Miami Conclave #25:

2008	Initiated in Red Cross of Constantine
2016	Viceroy
2017	Current Puissant Sovereign

Mystic Brotherhood Council #35

2014	Initiated in Knight Masons
2016	Steward

Miami Priory #10:

2010	Initiated in KYCH
2015	Prior 75th Anniversary
2016	Registrar
	King Of Kings #25:
2014	Initiated in Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests
	Current officer 4th pillar

COMMANDERY OF FLORIDA:

2010	Appointed Grand Sentinel by REGC Charles Cicero
2013	Elected Grand Captain General by the Sir Knights
2016	Elected REGC at Lake Mary Convention
2017	May 23- Honor given: Knight Commander of the Temple

ORDER OF THE PURPLE CROSS:

2017	August
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Travelers #390:

Membership
Current Junior Warden

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Committee Name	Name	Position
Advisory	Marvin W. Gerhard	Chair
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	Harry A. Rosenthal Jr.	Member
	Wm. Ronald Taylor	Member
Audit	William Lee Popham Sr.	Chair
	Sheldon R. Arpad	Member
	John E. Drewett	Member
Committee on Work	Adam M. Bryan	Chair
	Marvin W. Gerhard	Member
	Rusty M. Ludlam	Member
	John I. Gray	Member
	Corey D. Kosciuszko	Member
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	Marvin W. Gerhard	Member
	Carl E. Gilmore	Member
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	Benjamin J. Holland	Member
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	Anthony L. Griffon	Chair
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	L. Edward Villiaume III	Member
	Carl E. Gilmore	Member
	Charles C. Cicero	Chair
Grand Commandery History	Marvin W. Gerhard	Member
	Harry A. Rosenthal Jr	Member
	Ronald L. Parks	Chair
Grand Representatives	James T. Mason	Member
	Patrick X. Velasquez	Member
	Anthony L. Griffon	Chair
Grievances	Richard S. Agster	Member
	Anthony L. Griffon	Chair
Holy Land Pilgrimage	David A. Aponte	Member
	James T. Mason	Member
	William Lee Popham Sr.	1 year
Investments	John D. Powell	2 years
	Charles L. Hollinger	3 years

GRAND COMMANDERY COMMITTEES 2016 – 2017 (Continued)

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Jurisprudence	Carl E. Gilmore	Chair
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	Paul W. Friend	Member
	William G. Ellis Jr	Member
	Wm. Ronald Taylor	Member
KT Education, Leadership, Goals & Objection	Patrick X. Velasquez	Chair
	All DI's	
KT Eye Foundation	William H. Schuck	Chair
KT Magazine	David A. Aponte	Chair
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	Adam M. Bryan	Member
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Membership	Henry A. Adams	Chair
	Ronald L. Parks	Member
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	John E. Drewett	3 years
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	James A. Green	Member
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Public Relations	Anthony L. Griffon	Chair
	Ronald L. Parks	Member
	Javier A. Hernandez	Member
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Religious Activities	David A. Aponte	Chair
	John Miller	Member
	Brian R. Poole	Member

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	Patrick X. Velasquez	Member
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	Ricardo Parente	Member
	L. Edward Villiaume III	Member
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	Ronald C. Newton	Member
	John C. St. John	Member
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	James T. Mason	Member
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Youth	Alan Graulich	Chair
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	Harry A. Rosenthal Jr.	Member
	David A. Aponte	Member

ROLL CALL**GRAND COMMANDERY OFFICERS 2016-2017***(X Denotes Absent)*

	R. E. Grand Commander	Frederick R. Gerdom
	V. E. Deputy Grand Commander	Anthony L. Griffon
	E. Grand Generalissimo	James T. Mason
	E. Grand Captain General	Ronald L. Parks
X	E. Grand Recorder	L. Edward Villiaume III
	E. Grand Treasurer	Carl E. Gilmore
	Grand Prelate	David A. Aponte
	E. Grand Senior Warden	Brett A. Gordon
	E. Grand Junior Warden	Adam M. Bryan
X	E. Grand Standard Bearer	Patrick X. Velasquez
	E. Grand Sword Bearer	Sheldon Arpad
X	E. Grand Warder	Javier A. Hernandez

GRAND COMMANDERY OFFICERS 2016-2017 (Continued)
(X Denotes Absent)

	E. Grand Sentinel	Rusty M. Ludlam
	Aide DeCamp	John R. Miller
X	Judge Advocate General	Richard S. Agster
	Drill Master General	Ronald J. Bertie
	Inspector General	John I. Gray

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND COMMANDERS
2016-2017 (X Denotes Absent)

X	No. 1	Joseph R. Fretz	X	No. 6	Wade Atchison
	No. 2	Albert W. Thurman		No. 7	Corey D. Kosciuszko
	No. 3	John E. Drewitt	X	No. 8	Wayne A. Baker
	No. 4	Robert L. T. Phillips	X	No. 9	Douglas G. Knowles
	No. 5	Erik B. Andersen	X	No.10	Charles Cather

DISTRICT INSTRUCTORS 2016-2017 (X Denotes Absent)

	No. 1	James C. Gregory Jr		No. 6	John D. Pickford
	No. 2	John F. Wermann	X	No. 7	Robert Gagnon
X	No. 3	Charles C. Osbourne	X	No. 8	Dana K. Oldenburg
	No. 4	Jeff Jackson		No. 9	Jesse B. Taintor
	No. 5	Daniel L. Hobson	X	No. 10	Adrian Lowndes

LIVING PAST GRAND COMMANDERS (X Denotes Absent)

	1976	Harry A. Rosenthal Jr.		2005	William G Ellis Jr
X	1989	Marvin W. Gerhard	X	2006	Jerry R Morgan
X	1996	Guy E. Waltman	X	2008	Charles Perez
	1997	Carl E. Gilmore	X	2009	Ideal F Baldoni II
X	1998	Wm Ronald Taylor	X	2010	Charles C Cicero
X	1999	Edwin B. Moore III		2011	David A Aponte
X	2000	Daniel L. Bennett		2012	Arthur J LaRose
X	2001	Frederick L. Piasecki		2013	Henry A Adams
	2002	Robert E. Burlison		2014	Paul W. Friend
	2004	William G Ellis Jr	D	2015	Eric B. West

GRAND COMMANDERY OF FLORIDA
GRAND REPRESENTATIVES OF FLORIDA 2016-2017
(X Denotes Absent)

	AL	A. J. LaRose		AK	Henry A. Adams
X	AZ	James F. Robertson		AR	Ronald L. Parks
	Austria			Brazil	
	CA	John Miller	X	CO	Harry V. Eisenberg
	CT	Donald T. Harriott		Croatia	
	DE	Charles L. Hollinger		DC	John F. Wermann
	GA	Carl E. Gilmore		HI	William G. Ellis Jr.
	ID			IL	
	IN			IA	Rusty Ludlam
	Italy		X	KS	Kurt R. Morauer Sr.
	KY	Paul W. Friend		LA	Jesse B. Taintor
X	ME	Wm. Ronald Taylor	X	MD	Richard E. Foreman
X	MA/RI	Larry D. Duff		Mexico	
X	MI	Gerald E. Goacher		MN	
	MS	Steven Q. Steele		MO	Frederick R. Gerdom
X	MT	Garold Michelsen		NE	Darryl A. D'Angina
	NV	Dayle L. Schrock	X	NH	Phillip Mosses
	NJ		X	NM	Anthony J. Marotta
X	NY	George E. Goddard Jr		NC	Robert E. Burleson
X	ND	Donald Butler Jr		OH	Robert Phillips
	OK			OR	Adam Bryan
	Panama			PA	Anthony L. Griffon
	Philippines		X	Portugal	Charles C. Cicero
	Romania	James W. Hogg	X	SC	Edwin B. Moore III
X	SD	Glenn E. Chandler		TN	Corey D. Kosciuszko
X	TX	Patrick X. Velasquez		Togo	
X	UT	Guy E. Waltman		VT	
X	VA	Marvin W. Gerhard		WA	David A. Aponte
	WV	Harry A. Rosenthal Jr	X	WI	Frederick L. Piasecki
X	WY	John P. Paniccia			

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2016-2017 (X Denotes Absent)**

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	Coeur De Leon	1	William R. Paulchak Sr.	EM CDR
			Robert W. Dennard	GEN
X			Daniel Parks	CAPT GEN
X	Damascus	2	Kolen W. Sawyer	EM CDR
			Eric G. Cole	GEN
X			Mark Balester	CAPT GEN
	Olivet	4	William J. Miller	EM CDR
X			Ervin Janssen	GEN
X			Nelson Bonet	CAPT GEN
X	Palatka	5	Exum L. Bardin	EM CDR
X			Christopher Lanham Jr.	GEN
X			Ken Hinton	CAPT GEN
X	Plant City	6	Royce A. Yancy	EM CDR
X			Lewis Mittong II	GEN
			Jeffrey Sklet	CAPT GEN
X	Pilgrim	7	Chris Sapp	EM CDR
X			Steven Persinger	GEN
X			Aldrin Catabay	CAPT GEN
	Tampa-Ivanhoe	8	Scott McAlister	EM CDR
X			Guillermo Carreras	GEN
X			Dwight Hamborsky	CAPT GEN
X	Oriental	9	Daniel E. Kimble	EM CDR
X			Damon S. Sansom	GEN
X			Stephen Morris	CAPT GEN
X	St Augustine	10	Steve Urban	EM CDR
X			Paul J. Mast	GEN
X			Robert L. Owens	CAPT GEN
X	Tallahassee	12	Hector Guillion-Rivera	EM CDR
X			Adrian P. Dillon	GEN
X			Neils H. Hesse	CAPT GEN
X	Miami	13	Solomon M. Goldenberg	EM CDR
X			Richard Reboredo	GEN
X			Abraham S. Metz	CAPT GEN
X	Bartow	15	Kenneth E. Cook	EM CDR
			Ronald C. Newton	GEN
X			Jonathan Remick	CAPT GEN
X	Trinity	16	John D. Powell	EM CDR
X			Arthur J. Ahrens III	GEN
			C. Allen Sorbie	CAPT GEN
X	St. Lucie	17	Robert H. Eisenhardt	EM CDR
X			Gary G. Moore	GEN
X			Thomas Bonaminio	CAPT GEN

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			Clifford Kraft	GEN
X			Alfred Mueller Jr.	CAPT GEN
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			Robert Reynolds	GEN
X			Anthony Marotta	CAPT GEN
X	Sunshine	20	L. Edward Villiaume III	EM CDR
X			Robert G. Kirkpatrick	GEN
			Anthony L. Griffon	CAPT GEN
	Lakeland-Winter Haven	21	Jeff Jackson	EM CDR
			William F. Wyllie	GEN
X			Dennis White	CAPT GEN
	Chipola	22	H. Warren Almand Jr	EM CDR
X			Charles F. Morgan	GEN
X			Randall B. Tyre	CAPT GEN
X	Brevard	24	C. Jerry Walters	EM CDR
X			Scott J. Wise	GEN
			Henry A. Adams	CAPT GEN
X	Crestview	25	James R. McHenry	EM CDR
X			Robert L. Taylor Jr.	GEN
X			Roderic D. Mouer Jr.	CAPT GEN
X	Taylor	28	Thomas L. Turlington	EM CDR
X			David A. Hendrick Sr.	GEN
X			Charles G. Harper II	CAPT GEN
X	St. Johns	29	Richard A. Allen Jr.	EM CDR
			John B. Winfree Jr.	GEN
X			Joseph Hall	CAPT GEN
	Fort Myers	32	Richard Bayly	EM CDR
X			Derek Vaneske	GEN
			Gene F. Sims	CAPT GEN
X	Melita	35	Garry M. Paxinos	EM CDR
X			Stephan Viens	GEN
X			Bradick Joyner	CAPT GEN
X	Triangle	38	Justin Marshall	EM CDR
X			David M. Rosenthal	GEN
			John Haas	CAPT GEN
X	Lake City	39	Paul Matthew Jr.	EM CDR
X			Brian R. Poole	GEN
X			Troy S. Hollinger	CAPT GEN
	Springtime	40	Richard C. Brooks	EM CDR
X			John Wright	GEN
			James T. Mason	CAPT GEN

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X			Thomas L. Moore	CAPT GEN
X	St. Elmo	42	Dennis A. Barbarisi	EM CDR
X			Donald A. Nystrom	GEN
X			Emmitt A. Redding	CAPT GEN
X	Bradford	43	Franklin Doyle Jr.	EM CDR
X			Ronald D. George	GEN
X			Nelson W. Bruce	CAPT GEN
X	Crusader	44	Kevin W. Rentz	EM CDR
X			Herbert L. Ray	GEN
X			Gary M. Orlando	CAPT GEN

**GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR
OF FLORIDA
GRAND COMMANDERS ANNUAL REPORT 2015-2016
Sir Knight Frederick R. Gerdom
Right Eminent Grand Commander**

To our Grand Encampment Representatives, to our distinguished out of state guests if there is anything you may need, please do not hesitate to ask. To the Past Grand Commanders and all Sir Knights of this Grand Commandery of Florida:

I would like to welcome you on this sunny afternoon to the 123rd annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Florida. It does seem appropriate this is the 123rd assembly. Some may think standing up here is as easy as ABC-123. My words are, you cannot take it easy in this position. You gotta keep running for a long time. Many of you might say I march to the beat of a different drum. Most of you, if not all of you, would say not only am I on the crazy train, I am the conductor. I do have a lust for life and will find good in all things, but I am a simple man. It is a long way to the top to be Grand Commander. I will say to those behind me, you are not a solitary man up here. All of us made this year happen, and I thank you. I feel good and I consider myself a lucky man to stand up here and address you.

My theme this year has been "from the ground up". We have accomplished so much this year: Working toward having our membership in line with Grand Encampment system, full form openings at the district meetings, and working together to make ourselves and our Commanderies better. We have been supporting our youth groups Rainbow, Jobs Daughters, and Demolay with time and some money. We have been very visible in our local and state meetings: Attending our Blue Lodge meetings for stated meetings and degrees and Traveling around the state following our Grand Master at his district meetings. We have been growing "from the ground up" our great fraternity.

We celebrated the bicentennial with the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar in the United States this year. I spoke of this in my insert in our Knight Templar magazine. Special Malta jewels were presented to all Sir Knights who joined our rolls in 2015 and 2016. I am proud to have been a part of this historic event. We have another milestone for 2017, 300 years of Freemasonry. There should be more celebrations for this year.

I have been a travelin' man this year. Me and my shadow, cheap sunglasses and sandals: Starting out in Jacksonville for Grand Lodge then to Jackson, Mississippi for the Southeast Conference. There is a good story about going to Jackson. All the district meetings, flipping dates because of football games, moving of one from Gainesville to Lake City and moving a district meeting date due to a hurricane. I took a little bit of heat for some of these moves but it was most important to keep everyone safe. I am most proud of our accomplishments in teaching the Sir Knights at the district meetings. The enjoyable time was spent at the practices prior to the meeting. I was able to share my knowledge and they shared with me. I feel we made a breakthrough to the other side of the true value of the district meetings by Fellowship and information.

All told over 20,000 miles this year went under my wheels, and I did not even travel as much as I wanted to. You can't always get what you want I guess. I had the honor to attending many meetings where I saw a lot of Silver, Blue and Gold with our Blue Lodge Brethren. I thank our Grand Master Stan Hudson for allowing me the honor of visiting with his officers and presenting the York Rite as great additional option of our never ending search for light. I even traveled to Key West for a Blue Lodge District meeting. So we have been here, there, everywhere, all over this great state from tip to tip promoting York Rite and our Commandery.

I received honorary membership to Cour De Leon Commandery #1 and Tallahassee Commandery #12. I thank you Sir Knights for this honor. I have the certificates hanging on my office wall and will treasure them.

I was knighted by Nick Rowe Priory Demolay. This was a great honor and I will be back many times to their meetings and cotillions.

STATE OF FLORIDA COMMANDERIES

We are showing progress in education and instruction with our new members. The district meeting format this year helped with that progress. We still have a long way to go to become the premier bodies we would like to be. More Commanderies are taking the initiative to learn the orders to confer these either locally or at festivals.

We continue to lose members due to updating our records. These losses are due to our Recorders becoming more familiar with the YARIS System and Grand Encampment. We are very close to have an accurate count of how many Sir Knights we really have here in Florida. We still have work to do.

We continue to struggle with a quorum of Sir Knights to open some Commanderies. Some have been struggling for many years, but they will not give up. My advice is keep moving towards making the meetings a valuable time. Give the commanderies help, knowledge, instruction and fellowship. This is what we should all be about. We cannot keep living in the past. We could all be heroes to those Sir Knights and Commanderies that are struggling.

One Commandery moved to a new Blue Lodge building closer to their active members, another Commandery is considering a move based on cost. Some Commanderies should look into moving to a location better suited to growing their body. Keep looking for the fertile soil of the Blue Lodges for new active members. We have just about 1 of every ten Masons in Florida. That is a large pool to draw from in our Blue Lodges.

Per capita and election reports are still not being turned in by January 31st. Late reports are by February 15th. It is usually the same 6 or 7 who wait until the last minute to turn in reports. We will bring those Commanderies eligibility to vote later today. The delay in per capita reports does not make it easy on the Deputy Grand Commander to build a budget or have a true record of our accounts before convention. The lateness of the election reports does not enable our Grand Recorder to have all of the proper information in our directory. These two items really put pressure on your Grand Officers that is not necessary. I was real close to telling the Grand York Rite office just leave the Commander's name and the body blank. No information, no record. Or just use last year's information, if he even has that.

The District Deputies and District Instructors were put to task this year. There were a few who did exceptional well. We have a better vision of the status of our local bodies. All the Commanderies that I received reports on have enough money to keep the doors open, but some have investments to keep them going for years and years, but not the Sir Knights to keep going. Given this better vision of the status of the Commanderies, we need to look really hard at merging some bodies. Some Sir Knights still do not have a uniform, years after being knighted. The local bodies should create a uniform fund as required by the Constitution.

We lost 2 REPGC George Chipouras and Eric B. West. The loss of these two Past Grand Commanders was felt early in the year. I ordered the draping of our local Commanderies charters for the passing of these Sir Knights. I really wish you were here to join us at this conclave. You will both be missed from our Conclave for a long time.

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We were able to send 3 ministers to the holy land this year. I thank the members of York Rite District 10 and York Rite District 5 for providing the funds at the local level. We did use some money from the Grand Commandery fund to send the additional minister from District 10. We are in the process of raising more money for our Holy Land Pilgrimage fund right now. One Minister should be speaking today after this session.

We created and purchased new DDGC jewels. Since the removal of the “red neck” cords, we had no designation for the current DDGC. A jewel was designed and this year’s DDGC will be the first to wear them. Replacement costs will be prohibitive, so Sir Knights take care of them for future years.

Name badges for the Sir Knights and their Ladies were purchased by me as the Grand Commandery pin for this year needed to be installed upon them. All received the new badges and the response to them was great.

We purchased pins to sell, not just to the Sir Knights, but to everyone to raise funds for new tactic books for each Commandery. The changes each year to the tactics were minimal, but necessary. The cost to purchase a new tactic book each year became an unneeded expense to place on the Sir Knights. 3 tactic books either 9 man of full form have been provided to all Commanderies who responded. For those who failed to respond, we can accommodate you, but you really must keep your members up to date with changes in our tactics.

It really does not matter if you wear red, enjoy the purple, or now as I am back in black, we all must come together as one, with one vision. It cannot be us and them. I thank our MEGHP C. Robert Cooper, MIGM Benjamin J. Holland for the honor and privilege of serving with them this year. We had a give and take relationship this year. They also understood or at least accepted my reasons for the district meeting and let me run with my plans. I cannot thank you and your officers enough. What a great ride we had this year.

I have to thank REPGC Chic Cicero who appointed me to the bottom of this line. I had to ask myself 3 questions before accepting the position. Would my wife support me? Could I be able to work the travels and commitment into my work schedule? Final question, could I offer something valuable to the Sir Knights? The first two questions were easier to answer than the last one. All the Sir Knights in Florida will have to decide if the last question was answered.

I thank Lakeland Commandery #21 for their support and understanding of my travels and schedule. I have not done as well a job as Recorder as I should have, but I will make up for the delay of my duties this year.

I thank my advisory committee, jurisprudence committee and AT&T. The first two for guiding me on any questions and problems we had along the way. Thank you REPGC Marvin Gerhard, REPGC Bill Ellis, REPGC Ron Taylor, REPGC Paul Friend, and REPGC Carl Gilmore. I believe REPGC Marvin and REPGC Carl were on speed dial. I thank AT&T for this reason. I started the year with over 2500 roll over minutes with more added each month. I ran out of minutes by February and had to change plans. That, Sir Knights, is a lot of conversations and discussions.

I leave my last thank you to my wife Sally. I mentioned this in the Knight Templar magazine. Due to her work schedule she did not accompany as much as she would have liked. However, with Facebook, and text messaging, we got through this year together. She would make sure I had what I needed to travel that week and on Sunday afternoon, we would plan for the next week. I promise her this, my travel schedule will never look like this again.

Now it is time to turn the page. These are my recommendations for upcoming Grand Commandery officers.

Imagine a full asylum, there is no crystal ball and we cannot keep doing the things we did yesterday, but we need to get back to making our members value the time we spend at our meetings and festivals. We must continue our dedication to all Sir Knights and keep pushing to keep our fraters involved.

A resolution needs to be and will be written adding a penalty for late per capita reports. This has been a problem for many years. If you are late with your house payment, there is a fee. The credit card does the same thing. What makes our per capita different? We all know when it is due. The date has not changed in a long time. I will also ask our Grand Recorder to have the forms in the Recorders hands by December 1st. This year was a little different due to the increase per capita, but that will not happen next year.

Redistricting our districts and possible mergers of Commanderies are a thought. I worked out something concerning the redistricting last year to do so, but did not feel the time was right. I believe we need to move forward with that idea, now that some have moved. The mergers of struggling Commanderies are something the individual bodies need to realize and act upon for their future.

Training session to be held in February 2018, with permission of the incoming Grand Commander, conducted by John Palmer of Grand Encampment concerning YRIS. Tentative location is Jacksonville. We need to keep training our Recorders and soon to be Recorders about this system. We also need to assist our Recorders in the award forms, per capita and other necessary paperwork that in part of their responsibilities.

Keep moving towards local Commandery inspections of uniforms. The District Instructors reports that I have received show improvement, but we still need to keep working. I have seen too many different variations of what we should look like. The inspections will ensure we all take pride in our uniforms and our Commanderies.

A bold plan from our REPGC association concerning eligibility of being a Grand Commandery officer will come to vote later today. I believe this is a good start, but I have hopes they will also consider more than just ritual proficiency. A Grand Commandery Officer must also know our Constitution, Grand Encampment Constitution and business management. This is a business, with deadlines, decisions to be made, and budgeting of our money. I encourage this resolution to pass, but it needs to continue to evolve with added responsibilities.

Assist the Grand Recorder in developing a new system, web based, for our new Recorders for recording all information about our Sir Knights. He hopes to have this system ready by December 2017. I have seen the start of this and look forward to helping it continue to grow.

Keep the changes to the tactic books minimal and only changed every 5 or more years. If it is possible to budget the cost of the books, provide each Commandery 3 books to keep them aware of changes.

Continue our interactions with the Grand Lodge of Florida and all of our other appendant bodies. We have built a great relationship with our Grand Lodge and their officers. We need to be involved with any events they have planned for the upcoming years. I will say again 300 years of modern Freemasonry is a fantastic achievement for any organization. We should be proud of our heritage.

My final goal is to see everyone here again and again. I have enjoyed my time up here, but I really look forward to spending my time back on the floor with all of you. It is tough enough standing up here, responsible for making the choices that will benefit all knights and the future of our Commanderies. Some decisions were difficult and not popular. The decisions were made with the information provided and in the best interest of our future. Here's to us I have high hopes for the future.

I will leave you with this quote by John Lennon which I have found very helpful in my life.

"When I was 5 years old, my mother always told me that happiness was the key to life. When I went to school, they asked me what I wanted to be when I grew up. I wrote down 'happy.' They told me I didn't understand the assignment, and I told them they didn't understand life".

This is the end and I will see you all further on up the road.

Respectfully and graciously submitted this 22 day of May 2017

Frederick R. Gedom
Grand Commander of Florida 2016-2017



I will not be reading the report in the packet. It is tough to condense an entire year of activity into just a few pages. This is more of an update since the report was written.

My theme from the ground up goes further than just growing our fraternity. It also means rolling up our sleeves and doing the hard work needed to succeed. I hope you recognize the awards and honors that are given out in the Commandery today. These awards are for Commanderies and Sir Knights who "rolled up their sleeves and put forth extra effort" to make this year and our Grand Commandery better. I have a practice that is use in business and in Masonry, it is this. I will never ask you or your body to do something I will not do myself. I am willing to roll up my sleeves and get to work, side by side with all of you.

"Don't judge each day by the harvest you reap but by the seeds that you plant." - Robert Louis Stevenson we have planted seeds this year and we will all help them grow.

We created a ritual to raise funds for our charities. We used this template at the Grand Commander's homecoming. We will continue to work on this and plan on bringing back next conclave for approval of the Sir Knights. Thanks to Rusty Ludlam, John Miller and Adam Bryan for this format.

We held the first annual 100 knight night in Leesburg this month. Many thanks to Triangle Commandery #38 for their well planned event and thanks to the Sir Knights for their attendance. If you missed this one, plan on attending next year. A thank you REPGC David Aponte for this ritual. I submitted it to Grand Encampment and they were in favor of this rededication of our Knightly vows. This will also be taken to the committee on work and brought back next year for your approval.

We had one of the greatest honor this by installing our Grand Master Stan Hudson at Eminent Commander in St. Lucie Commandery. As I mentioned in my Knight Templar magazine article this was one on the high points of this year.

I will leave you with this quote by John Lennon which I have found very helpful in my life.as it is at the end of my message.

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I thank you all for the honor of serving you as Grand Commander this year.

Respectfully submitted this 22 day of May 2017
Frederick R. Gerdon



APPENDIX A TRAVELS

05-29-16	JACKSONVILLE	GRAND LODGE
06-01-16	LAKELAND	POLK COUNCIL
06-04-16	BARTOW	KNIGHT MASONS
06-10-16	JACKSON, MS	SOUTHEAST CONFERENCE
06-13-16	LAKELAND	LAKELAND #91
06-14-16	LAKELAND	LAKELAND CHAPTER
06-18-16	TAMPA	YORK RITE COLLEGE
06-18-16	WINTER HAVEN	GRAND MASTER VISIT
06-20-16	LAKE ALFRED	TRAVELERS #390
06-22-16	LAKE ALFRED	MASTERS & WARDENS
06-25-16	WINTER PARK	ST. JOHN'S DAY
06-25-16	PALM HARBOR	RAINBOW ASSEMBLY
06-27-16	LAKELAND	LAKELAND #91
06-28-16	LAKELAND	LAKELAND COMMANDERY
06-30-16	LAKELAND	ALLIED MASONIC DEGREES
07-06-16	LAKELAND	POLK COUNCIL
07-08-16	FT WALTON BEACH	GRAND MASTER VISIT #3
07-08-16	PENSACOLA	YORK RITE DISTRICT #10
07-09-16	PENSACOLA	GRAND MASTER VISIT 1 & 2
07-11-16	LAKELAND	LAKELAND #91
07-12-16	LAKELAND	LAKELAND CHAPTER
07-16-16	TAMPA	GRAND MASTER VISIT 22 & 23
07-20-16	KATHLEEN	MASTERS & WARDENS
07-21-16	MULBERRY	DDGM VISIT CORINTHIAN #191
07-23-16	LEESBURG	YORK RITE DISTRICT #5
07-23-16	JACKSONVILLE	DEMOLAY CONCLAVE
07-25-16	LAKELAND	LAKELAND #91
07-26-16	LAKELAND	LAKELAND COMMANDERY
07-30-16	LEESBURG	AMD FESTIVAL



08-03-16	LAKELAND	POLK COUNCIL
08-08-16	HAINES CITY	RAINBOW #146
08-09-16	LAKELAND	LAKELAND CHAPTER
08-12-16	TALLAHASSEE	YORK RITE DISTRICT #9
08-13-16	PANAMA BEACH	GRAND MASTER VISIT 5 & 6
08-13-16	TALLAHASSEE	GRAND MASTER VISIT 7
08-14-16	LAKELAND	LAKELAND #91
08-17-16	WINTER HAVEN	MASTERS & WARDENS
08-20-16	TAMPA	YORK RITE DISTRICT #3
08-22-16	PLANT CITY	PLANT CITY COMMANDERY
08-23-16	LAKELAND	LAKELAND COMMANDERY
08-27-16	TAMPA	KNIGHT MASONS
08-29-16	LAKELAND	LAKELAND #91
09-03-16	HAINES CITY	JUNIOR GRAND WARDEN HOMECOMING
09-07-16	LAKELAND	POLK COUNCIL
09-09-16	PERRY	GRAND MASTER VISIT #9
09-10-16	LAKE CITY	YORK RITE DISTRICT #8
09-10-16	LAKE CITY	GRAND MASTER VISIT #13
09-13-16	LAKELAND	LAKELAND CHAPTER
09-17-16	TAMPA	YORK RITE COLLEGE
09-17-16	BROOKSVILLE	GRAND MASTER VISIT #19
09-21-16	BARTOW	MASTERS & WARDENS
09-24-16	SARASOTA	REPGC ERIC WEST SERVICE
09-26-16	PLANT CITY	PLANT CITY COMMANDERY
09-27-16	LAKELAND	LAKELAND COMMANDERY
10-01-16	LAKE ALFRED	TRAVELERS #390
10-01-16	VERO BEACH	GRAND MASTER HOMECOMING
10-05-16	LAKELAND	POLK COUNCIL
10-10-16	LAKELAND	LAKELAND #91
10-11-16	LAKELAND	LAKELAND CHAPTER
10-15-16	VENICE	YORK RITE DISTRICT #2
10-15-16	TAMPA	DEMOLAY CONTILLION
10-19-16	LAKELAND	MASTERS & WARDENS
10-22-16	BARTOW	YORK RITE DISTRICT #4
10-25-16	LAKELAND	LAKELAND COMMANDERY
10-29-16	LEESBURG	COMMANDERY ORDERS
10-24-16	LAKELAND	LAKELAND #91



11-02-16	LAKELAND	POLK COUNCIL
11-03-16	KEY WEST	GRAND MASTER VISIT #36
11-07-16	TAMPA	TAMPA CHAPTER
11-08-16	LAKELAND	LAKELAND CHAPTER
11-09-16	BARTOW	LOW 12 ANNUAL MEETING
11-11-16	MELBOURNE	ASSEMBLY OF FLAGS
11-12-16	FT. PIERCE	YORK RITE DISTRICT #6
11-13-16	LAKELAND	GRAND MASTER VISIT # 30
11-14-16	LAKELAND	TABLE LODGE LAKELAND #91
11-16-16	HAINES CITY	MASTERS & WARDENS
11-19-16	JACKSONVILLE	YORK RITE DISTRICT #7
11-22-16	LAKELAND	LAKELAND COMMANDERY
11-28-16	PLANT CITY	PLANT CITY COMMANDERY
12-01-16	MULBERRY	CORINTHIAN #191
12-03-16	ORLANDO	HOLY ROYAL ARCH TEMPLE PREISTS
12-05-16	WINTER HAVEN	WINTER HAVEN #186
12-06-16	GAINESVILLE	GAINVSILLE COMMANDERY #7
12-07-16	LAKELAND	POLK COUNCIL
12-08-16	BARTOW	TUSCAN #6
12-10-16	MIAMI	YORK RITE DISTRICT #1
12-10-16	MIAMI	GRAND MASTER VISIT 34 & 35
		MIAMI COMMANDERY #13
12-11-16	MIAMI	CHRISTMAS OBSERVANCE
12-12-16	LAKELAND	LAKELAND #91
12-13-16	LAKELAND	LAKELAND CHAPTER
		SUNSHINE COMMANDERY
12-14-16	ST. PETERSBURG	CHRISTMAS OBSERVANCE
12-16-16	LAKELAND	ALLIED MASONIC DEGREES
12-17-16	TAMPA	YORK RITE COLLEGE
12-19-16	LAKE ALFRED	TRAVELERS #390
12-21-16	MULBERRY	MASTERS & WARDENS
12-22-16	ORLANDO	OLIVET COMMANDERY #4
		LAKELAND COMMANDERY
12-25-16	LAKELAND	CHRISTMAS OBSERVANCE



01-02-17	WINTER HAVEN	WINTER HAVEN #186 INSTALLATION
01-04-17	LAKELAND	POLK COUNCIL
01-07-17	LAKE ALFRED	TRAVELERS #390 INSTALLTION
01-09-17	LAKELAND	LAKELAND #91
01-10-17	FT PIERCE	INSTALLATION OF GRAND MASTER AS COMMANDER
01-12-17	LAKE ALFRED	TRAVELERS #390
01-14-17	LAKE WALES	LAKE WALES #242 INSTALLATION
01-16-17	LAKE ALFRED	TRAVELERS #390
01-18-17	KATHLEEN	MASTERS & WARDENS
01-21-17	INVERNESS	OCALA #19 INSTALLTION
01-21-17	MULBERRY	CORINTHIAN #191 INSTALLATION
01-22-17	HAINES CITY	RAINBOW INSTALLATION
01-23-17	LAKELAND	LAKELAND #91
01-24-17	LAKELAND	LAKELAND COMMANDERY
01-28-17	LAKELAND	RED CROSS- KYCH
01-30-17	LAKELAND	LAKELAND #91
01-31-17	WINTER PARK	TOWN HALL JUNIOR GRAND WARDEN
02-1-17	LAKELAND	POLK COUNCIL
02-04-17	LAKE ALFRED	TRAVELERS #390
02-06-17	HAINES CITY	RAINBOW MEETING
02-09-17	TAMPA	TOWN HALL JUNIOR GRAND WARDEN
02-11-17	PLANT CITY	PINK DEGREE
02-13-17	LAKELAND	LAKELAND #91
02-14-17	LAKELAND	LAKELAND CHAPTER
02-15-17	MULBERRY	MASTERS & WARDENS
02-18-17	BARTOW	GRAND COMMANDER HOMECOMING
02-24-17	BIRMINGHAM AL	GRAND YORK RITE ALABAMA
02-27-17	HAINES CITY	HAINES CITY #219
02-28-17	LAKELAND	LAKELAND COMMANDERY



03-1-17	LAKELAND	POLK COUNCIL
03-4-17	FT PIERCE	GRAND MASTER OUTDOOR DEGREE
03-04-17	LAKE ALFRED	TRAVELERS #390
03-09-17	LAKE ALFRED	TRAVELERS #390
03-11-17	TAMPA	COMMANDERY ORDERS
03-11-17	BARTOW	MIGM HOMECOMING
03-12-17	MYRTLE BEACH	GRAND YORK RITE SOUTH CAROLINA
03-14-17	LAKELAND	LAKELAND CHAPTER
03-15-17	WINTER HAVEN	MASTERS & WARDENS
03-16-17	LAKELAND	KEITH DEAN COMPETITION
03-18-17	ST. PETE	PILGRIMAGE DAY
03-19-17	TAMPA	COMMANDERY AUDIT
03-20-17	LAKE ALFRED	TRAVELERS #390
03-22-17	TAMPA	OFFICE WORK DAY
03-22-17	LEESBURG	TRIANGLE COMMANDERY #38
03-24-17	LAKELAND	ALLIED MASONIC DEGREES
03-25-17	TAMPA	YORK RITE COLLEGE
03-26-17	LAKELAND	BALL GAME WORK DAY
03-27-17	LAKELAND	LAKELAND #91
03-28-17	LAKELAND	LAKELAND COMMANDERY
03-30-17	TARPON SPRINGS	REPGC CARL GILMORE TREASURER RETIREMENT



**ADDENDUM APRIL – MAY 2017
TRAVELS**

04-01-17	LAKE ALFRED	TRAVELERS LODGE #390
04-01-17	JACKSONVILLE	GHP HOMECOMING
04-02-17	LAKELAND	BALL GAME WORK
04-03-17	PLANT CITY	PLANT CITY COUNCIL #4
04-05-17	LAKELAND	POLK COUNCIL #11
04-08-17	TAMPA	DEMOLAY AWARDS BANQUET
04-10-17	LAKELAND	LAKELAND LODGE #91
04-11-17	LAKELAND	LAKELAND CHAPTER #29
04-12-17	WINTER HAVEN	JGW TOWN HALL
04-13-17	LAKE ALFRED	TRAVELERS LODGE #390
04-14-17	TAMPA	GYR OFFICE
04-16-17	SANFORD	SUNRISE SERVICE
04-17-17	LAKE ALFRED	TRAVELERS LODGE #390
04-19-17	LAKELAND	M & W 24 TH DISTRICT
04-22-17	WINTER HAVEN	DEMOLAY MEETING
04-24-17	HAINES CITY	HAINES CITY LODGE #219
04-25-17	LAKELAND	LAKELAND COMMANDERY #21
04-26-17	LAKE ALFRED	JGW PLANNING MEETING
04-27-17	ORMOND BEACH	ORIENTAL OMMANDERY#9
04-29-17	TAMPA	GYR WORK DAY
04-30-17	MACON, GA	GYR OF GEORGIA
05-02-17	LAKELAND	GYR OF GEORGIA
05-02-17	TAMPA	GYR OFFICE
05-03-17	LAKELAND	POLK COUNCIL #11
05-06-17	ST. AUGUSTINE	ASCENSION SERVICE
05-06-17	LEESBURG	100 KNIGHT NIGHT
05-08-17	LAKELAND	LAKELAND LODGE #91
05-09-17	LAKELAND	LAKELAND CHAPTER #29
05-11-17	LAKE ALFRED	TRAVELERS LODGE #390
05-13-17	TAMPA	GYR OFFICE/ RED CROSS
05-13-17	LAKELAND	BALL GAME WORK
05-15-17	LAKE ALFRED	TRAVELERS LODGE #390
05-17-17	HAINES CITY	M & W 24 TH DISTRICT
05-18-17	ALTAMONTE SPRINGS	GRAND AMARANTH
05-20-17	LAKE MARY	RED CROSS/ KYCH



APPENDIX B AWARDS

8 Meritorious Ribbons awarded:

Fred Pryor (Missed last year)	John R. Miller
Adam Bryan	Ron Naumowicz
Jeff Jackson	Robert L.T. Phillips
Rusty Ludlum	A.W. "Butch" Thurman

Knight Templar Cross of Honor

Robert Hubbard	Lakeland Commandery #21
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Ramsdell Trophy

St. Lucie Commandery #17

Carr Trophy

Taylor Commandery #28

Sir Francis Drake Award

St. Elmo Commandery #42

6 Beauceant awards:

Cour de Leon	# 1
Crusader	#44
Lake City	#39
Lakeland	#21
Pilgrim	# 7
Taylor	#28

Commanderies I will say I am disappointed I did not award more.



APPENDIX C
DISPENSATIONS, WARRANTS, BY-LAWS, EXECUTIVE
ORDERS/DIRECTIVES and RESOLUTIONS

DISPENSATIONS: 12 dispensations 1 rejected:

08-15-16	Brevard Commandery #24	Special Election
11-01-16	Lakeland Commandery #21	Massing of Flags with full uniform
11-21-16	Olivet Commandery #4	Special Election
10-26-16	Springtime Commandery #40	Public Christmas Observance at Masonic Home
12-05-16	Taylor Commandery #28	Christmas Parade to wear uniforms
01-05-17	Bradford Commandery #43	Installation location move to different Blue Lodge
01-16-17	Bradford Commandery #43	Temporary Charter move, REJECTED
02-07-17	Bradford Commandery #43	Temporary moving of Charter
03-03-17	St. Lucie Commandery #17	Temporary charter move for Commandery Orders
03-07-17	Damascus Commandery #2	Special Election
04-01-17	Taylor Commandery #28	Easter Sunrise Service wear uniforms
04-15-17	Tampa-Ivanhoe #8	Easter Sunrise assembly at church

WARRANTS: 20 warrants at the time of this writing

2016-01	Grand Office	1st quarter draw
2016-02	Fred Gerdom	pin invoice
2016-03	Fred Gerdom	Southeast Conference
2016-04	Grand Encampment	Per Capita
2016-05	Demolay	Donation
2016-06	Grand York Rite North Carolina	Donation
2016-07	Band Shoppe	Red Cordons
2016-08	USA Military	Ribbons
2016-09	USA Military	Ribbon bars
2016-10	Grand Office	2nd quarter draw
2016-11	Grand Encampment	Holy land Pilgrimage
2016-12	Auto Owners Insurance	Insurance
2016-13	Grand Office	3rd quarter draw
2016-14	Fred Gerdom	DDGC jewels
2016-15	Grand Office	4th quarter draw
2016-16	Annual Insurance	
2017-17	David Aponte	Triannual reimbursement
2016-18	John Gray	Inspector General Stipend
2016-19	Fred Gerdom	Grand Commander Stipend
2016-20	Grand Office	4th quarter draw officers

BY LAW CHANGES: 6 by law changes, 1 rejected

08-16-16	Palatka Commandery #5	Updated By-laws. Signed in 2002, but no copy available with signature.
12-01-16	St. Augustine Commandery #10	Dues change
01-20-17	Brevard Commandery #24	Dues change
03-12-17	Bradford Commandery #43	By-law change missing committees, added information not needed or required. REJECTED
03-22-17	Triangle Commandery #38	Meeting time change
04-23-17	Bradford Commandery #43	By-Laws approved

EXECUTIVE ORDERS/DIRECTIVES: 5 executive orders and 2 directives and 2 edicts

Executive Order #1	Red/White cordons
Executive Order #2	Investments: Life/ Perpetual
Executive Order #3	Change in investments
Executive Order #4	Transfer of Youth coin sales to Grand Chapter
Executive Order #5	Printing of missing proceedings
Directive #1	Draping of Charter for REPGC Eric B. West
Directive #2	Draping of Charter for REPGC George Chipouras
Edict #1	Wearing of “non-regulation” accoutrements
Edict #2	Per Capita returns
Edict #3	Red/ white cordons cost
Edict #4	Holding office in two different Commanderies

RESOLUTIONS: 7 resolutions, 5 passed and 1 failed, 1 withdrawn

2016-1: Grand Commandery Constitution,
Fred Gedom Lakeland Commandery #21,
27.07 9 (c) Dual Membership

Passed

AMEND: **27.079 (c) Dual Membership.** Plural Membership refers to being a member of two Commanderies within the Grand Jurisdiction of Florida. A Commandery authorizing such Dual or Plural Membership must incorporate the same in its Bylaws.

NEW LANGUAGE: **27.079 (c) Dual Membership.** Plural Membership refers to being a member of two Commanderies within the Grand Jurisdiction of Florida. A Commandery authorizing such Dual or Plural Membership must incorporate the same in its Bylaws. **A Plural Member with primal membership in a Commandery in Florida may nothold office in more than one Constituent Commandery at one and the same time.**

JUSTIFICATION: To follow the practices of the Grand Lodge of Florida and the other York Rite bodies of Florida.

2016-2: Grand Commandery Constitution,
Fred Gerdom LakelandCommandery #21,
Appendix B

Passed

AMEND: Appendix B

NEW LANGUAGE:

Bylaws proposed date _____

Bylaws adopted date _____

(Commandery Seal)

Eminent Commander

Attest: _____
Commandery Recorder

(Grand Commandery Seal)

_____ **Right Eminent Grand Commander**

_____ **Date**

Attest: _____ **Date Filed** _____
Grand Recorder

Each Subordinate Commandery shall use this form to send to the Right Eminent Grand Commander, four (4) copies of all their present Bylaws. One copy will be returned to the Subordinate Commandery after approval and the other three copies kept on file by the Grand Recorder, Right Eminent Grand Commander and Jurisprudence Committee.

JUSTIFICATION: There is no date of record of when a Constituent Commanderies By-Laws were filed and signed, or received by the Grand Recorder. This will remedy that.

2016-3: Grand Commandery Constitution,
Fred Gerdom LakelandCommandery #21,
26.06 Indigent Emeritus Member

Passed

AMEND: **26.06 Indigent Emeritus Members.** Constituent Commanderies may, by a two-thirds vote at a regular Stated Conclave, create as an Indigent Emeritus Member such Sir Knights as from age, infirmity, or misfortune have been incapacitated and unable to pay dues, thereby exempting such members from

payment of annual dues to his Commandery and the Grand Commandery. The Commandery shall file with the Grand Recorder at least 60 days before the Annual Conclave a Petition setting forth the full names and addresses of such members and a complete statement of the reasons for creating such Emeritus Memberships, whereupon the Grand Commander shall appoint a committee of three which shall conduct an investigation and report to the Grand Commandery at the forthcoming Annual Conclave, at which time action shall be taken upon the said petition. The Commandery shall not be required to pay Grand Commandery per capita tax for Emeritus Members created under this Section, but shall pay the Grand Encampment assessments of \$1.00 a year for the Knights Templar Eye Foundation for such members unless the same shall have purchased a Life Sponsor Certificate in the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc. A Commandery shall not carry a total roll of Emeritus Members in excess of 2% of its total membership reported at the end of the last year preceding the Annual Conclave at which such action is taken.

NEW LANGUAGE: 26.06 Indigent Emeritus Members. Constituent Commanderies may, by a two-thirds vote at a regular Stated Conclave, create as an Indigent Emeritus Member such Sir Knights as from age, infirmity, or misfortune have been incapacitated and unable to pay dues, thereby exempting such members from payment of annual dues to his Commandery and the Grand Commandery. The Commandery shall file with the Grand Recorder at least 60 days before the Annual Conclave a Petition setting forth the full names and addresses of such members and a complete statement of the reasons for creating such Emeritus Memberships, whereupon the Grand Commander shall appoint a committee of three which shall conduct an investigation and report to the Grand Commandery at the forthcoming Annual Conclave, at which time action shall be taken upon the said petition. **A Sir Knight who is admitted to the Florida Masonic home under the life care plan is granted Indigent Emeritus Membership, but still must be listed on the Petition.** The Commandery shall not be required to pay Grand Commandery per capita tax for Emeritus Members created under this Section, but shall pay the Grand Encampment assessments of \$1.00 a year for the Knights Templar Eye Foundation for such members unless the same shall have purchased a Life Sponsor Certificate in the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc. A Commandery shall not carry a total roll of Emeritus Members in excess of 2% of its total membership reported at the end of the last year preceding the Annual Conclave at which such action is taken. **An Indigent Emeritus Member of a Constituent Commandery who is admitted to the Florida Masonic home under the life care plan does not count against the 2% limit of total membership.**

JUSTIFICATION: A Sir Knight admitted to the Florida Masonic Home under the life care plan is exempt from Florida Grand Lodge dues and should also be exempt in Commandery. He will not count against a Constituent Commanderies 2% limit. These exemptions will be very limited in number.

APPLICATION FOR EMERITUS STATUS

_____ Commandery # _____ Knights Templar
COMMANDERY

of _____ Florida after due investigation
LOCATION

Voted on _____ to place on the EMERITUS ROLL
DATE

SIR KNIGHT _____
FULL NAME

Who is a member of this Commandery, and whodesiresto remain a member of the organization but is nonlongerfinancially able to pay dues.

REASONS: _____

We respectfully request the GrandCommandery K.T. of Florida to approve this action at its next Annual Conclave.

_____ RECORDER
COMMANDERY SEAL _____, No. _____
COMMANDERY
of _____ Florida
LOCATION

NOTE:
Voting to place a Sir Knighton theEmeritus Roll should be doneonly after a thorough investigation and with the understanding that the Constitution permits nomore than 2% of the members of a Constituent Commanderyto be placed on the Emeritus Roll.

To be submitted in DUPLICATE at least 60 days prior to Grand Conclave

Investigating Committee _____, _____, _____
NAME NAME NAME

Approved/Disapproved on _____ 20 __ by the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Florida.

GRAND RECORDER

2016-4: Grand Commandery Constitution,
Fred Gerdom Lakeland Commandery #21,
37.302 (g) Gloves

Passed

AMEND: **37.302 (g) Gloves.** Gloves of buff-colored lisle thread shall be worn in full dress. Provided, however, that white gloves shall be worn for funeral or Divine Services, and during conferral of the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross.

NEW LANGUAGE: **37.302 (g) Gloves.** Gloves of buff-colored lisle thread or leather shall be worn in full dress. Provided, however, that white gloves shall be worn for funeral or Divine Services, and during conferral of the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross.

JUSTIFICATION: Buff-colored leather gloves are authorized by the Grand Encampment Constitution to be worn in place of Lisle Thread gloves. This adds an alternate option for the Sir Knights.

2016-5: Grand Commandery Constitution,
Fred Gerdom Lakeland Commandery #21,
46.03 Investment Strategy

Passed

AMEND: **46.03 Investment Strategy.** Maximization of income to augment per capita revenue shall be achieved by investment of the available funds of the Grand Commandery. The funds shall be invested in instruments, which mitigate excessive risk, yet provides an opportunity to obtain a yield equal to or greater than the current standard market indices over a market cycle of three (3) or more years. Investment recommendations of the Grand Commandery Investments Committee, together with the Grand Treasurer and the Grand Recorder, shall be taken under consideration by the current Grand Commander on a quarterly basis. Asset allocation strategy which places forty (40) percent available funds in minimum risk, principle retaining fixed income accounts, (e.g., annuity mutual funds, bonds, or similar vehicles) and sixty (60) percent of available funds placed in moderate risk, maximum yield return on investment equities (e.g., blue chip stocks and/or high performance stock funds or similar vehicles) shall be a baseline investment position to be reviewed/revised on a quarterly basis.

NEW LANGUAGE: **46.03 Investment Strategy.** Maximization of income to augment per capita revenue shall be achieved by investment of the available funds of the Grand Commandery. The funds shall be invested in instruments, which mitigate excessive risk, yet provides an opportunity to obtain a yield equal to or greater than the current standard market indices over a market cycle of three (3) or more years. Investment recommendations of the Grand Commandery Investments Committee, together with the Grand Treasurer and the Grand Recorder, shall be taken under consideration by the current Grand Commander on a quarterly basis. Asset allocation strategy which places **thirty (30) percent** available funds in minimum risk, principle retaining fixed income accounts, (e.g., annuity mutual funds, bonds, or similar vehicles) and **seventy (70) percent** of available funds placed in moderate risk, maximum yield return on investment equities (e.g., blue chip stocks and/or high performance stock funds or similar

vehicles) shall be a baseline investment position to be reviewed/ revised on a quarterly basis.

JUSTIFICATION: Our investments in our General fund and Perpetual/Life funds have not produced the results needed for long term growth. With the restrictions of a 60/40 split we have lost principle in both funds and need to improve our base principle to succeed.

2016-6: Grand Commandery Constitution,
Carl Gilmore on behalf of the Past Grand Commanders Assn.
13.01 (n) Standing Committees, Committee on Work

Withdrawn

AMEND: **13.01 (n) Standing Committees, Committee on Work.** This committee shall consist of no less than five members. The Grand Commander may appoint additional members as required. The Grand Commander may, at his discretion, designate members of this committee (other than the chairman) as District Instructors - one for each of the Grand Commandery districts. This committee shall see that all Constituent Commanderies of this Grand Commandery are uniform in the use and interpretation of the Ritual and Asylum Tactics, and to recommend revisions to the Grand Commandery for review and approval.

NEW LANGUAGE: **13.01 (n) Standing Committees, Committee on Work.** This committee shall consist of no less than five members. The Grand Commander may appoint additional members as required. The Grand Commander may, at his discretion, designate members of this committee (other than the chairman) as District Instructors - one for each of the Grand Commandery districts. This committee shall see that all Constituent Commanderies of this Grand Commandery are uniform in the use and interpretation of the Ritual and Asylum Tactics, and to recommend revisions to the Grand Commandery for review and approval.

The Committee shall recommend what parts of the several Orders performed in Capitular Commanderies constitute “Major Parts” for the purposes of Qualifications for Grand Office, as required in Article IV Section 1. Such recommendation shall be submitted to the Grand Commander in the year following the approval of the Resolution. The Grand Commander may then either approve such recommendation; or substitute his own recommendation for approval at the next convention.

JUSTIFICATION:

2016-7: Grand Commandery Constitution,
Carl Gilmore on behalf of the Past Grand Commanders Assn.
Article IV, Grand Officers; Election and Qualifications, Section 1

Failed

AMEND: **Section 1. Qualifications for Grand Office.** No Knight Templar shall be eligible to any office in the Grand Commandery, save that of Grand Prelate, unless he shall be at that time a permanent member thereof; moreover, before assuming the duties of such office, he must be willing to assume the “Vow of Office,” as prescribed by the Grand Encampment.

NEW LANGUAGE: **Section 1. Qualifications for Grand Office.** No Knight Templar shall be eligible to any office in the Grand Commandery, save that of Grand Prelate, unless he shall be at that time a permanent member thereof; moreover, before assuming the duties of such office, he must be willing to assume the “Vow of Office,” as prescribed by the Grand Encampment.

In order to be eligible for the Office of Grand Commander, Deputy Grand Commander, Grand Generalissimo or Grand Captain General, the Knight Templar must have shown proficiency in at least one “Major Part” of the ritual, as defined by the Committee on Work. This requirement shall become effective in the second Grand Commandery Fiscal Year following adoption.

JUSTIFICATION:



APPENDIX DKnight Templar Eye Foundation awards from Grand Encampment 48th campaign**\$10.00 PER MEMBER**

Palm Beach Commandery	#18
Sunshine Commandery	#20
Fort Myers Commandery	#32
Bradford Commandery	#43

\$5.00 PLUS

Plant City Commandery	#6
Oriental Commandery	#9
St. Augustine Commandery	#10
Lakeland Commandery	#21
Crestview Commandery	#25
Taylor Commandery	#28
Triangle Commandery	#38
Springtime Commandery	#40

GRAND REP APPOINTMENTS TO OTHER JURISDICTIONS

California	John R. Miller
Iowa	Rusty Ludlum
Montana	Garold Michaelson
Ohio	Robert Phillips
Oregon	Adam Bryan



REPORT OF THE GRAND TREASURER JUNE 2016 THROUGH MAY 2017

TO: The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Florida

For the Fraternal year of 2016-17 the following report is submitted:

Budget; The Expenses of the Fiscal Year were less than anticipated by some 17%, leaving a surplus of over \$12,000. Further the operation of the Grand Office also was accomplished for less than budgeted, returning some \$1,800 to the Grand Commandery.

This was the second year for Carl Gilmore as Grand Treasurer and thus, it was determined that several new procedures would be of benefit. These include:

- A. The conversion of the Life and Perpetual Membership program in a modern database program called "Access". This allows more automatic information searches and reports.
- B. The above allowed the Life/Perpetual payouts to be accomplished early in January and thus, of more immediate use by the Local Bodies in paying per capita tax.
- C. In the coming year the chart of past per capita rates will be published with the payout report to the Local Body. This will make filling out the per capita tax report handier for the Secretary/Recorder.

The Investment Committee has been both active and informed monthly of the two Investment Account's activity and market impacts. There has been both group and individual communication regarding the investments. The Investment Committee will have its own report for the Craft, but I can say that the Committee has been attentive to achieving the goals of the two investment vehicles. The Administrative Fund gained over \$25,000 in value and the Life/Perpetual Fund over \$12,000 in spite of making the annual payout of over \$14,000.

I'm pleased to announce that the Perpetual Fund has in 2016 gained 7 new members for a total of 383 members and, at the end of 2016, the fund is valued at 6% less than the total member investment. (This is actually 4% better than last year, when it was -10%, and represents good stewardship for the last few years, starting in R.:E.: Paul Friend's year.)

I thank the Craft for this opportunity to serve as Grand Treasurer. Copies of the Balance Sheet, Profit and Loss Statements to date and Perpetual Membership Investment and Payout for this year are attached herewith.

Fraternally Submitted,
Carl Gilmore, REPGC & MIPGM
Grand Treasurer

GRAND COMMANDERY OF FLORIDA**FINAL BALANCE SHEET****31 MAY 2017**

ASSETS	
CASH & BANK ACCOUNTS	
GRAND COMMANDERY MMXX 8778	\$ 27,286.10
GRAND COMMANDERY XX0325	\$ 55,526.54
LIFE/PERPETUAL CHECKING ACCT	\$ 4,715.52
TOTAL CHECKING/SAVINGS	\$ 87,528.16
OTHER ASSETS	
ADMIN FUND INVESTMENT ACCT (5/31/2017)	\$255,756.08
LIFE/PERP INVESTMENT ACCT (5/31/2017)	\$254,637.44
TOTAL OTHER ASSETS	\$510,393.52
TOTAL ASSETS	\$597,921.68
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
LIABILITIES	
OTHER LIABILITIES	
40040- TRIENNIAL FUND	\$ 2,899.99
40050- CARRY OVER FUNDS	\$ 1,878.45
40051- COLLECTED ADVANCE PER CAPITA	\$ 62,223.40
40059- EQUIP. REPLACEMENT FUND	\$ 628.19
40060- KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EDUCATION FUND	\$ 503.00
40070- ENDOWMENT FUND	\$ 1,615.68
40071- GRAND COMMANDERY EDU FUND	\$ 130.00
4008- DRILL TEAM	\$ 1,000.00
40080- HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE FUND (HLPF)	\$ 11,232.21
40081- HLPF- PIN SALES	\$ 5,453.00
40082- PINS 2016	\$ 1,305.00
40083- COINS 2016	\$ 65.00
INV ACCT 31 MAY 2017 ADMIN	\$255,756.08
INV ACCT 31 MAY 2015 LIFE/PERP	\$242,034.80
INV ADMIN-UNREALIZED GAIN	\$ 0.00
INV LIFE/PERP-UNREALIZED GAIN	\$ 0.00
LIFE/PERP FUND	\$ 4,715.52
TOTAL OTHER LIABILITIES	\$591,440.32
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$591,440.32
EQUITY	\$ 6,481.36
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	\$597,921.68

**GRAND COMMANDERY OF FLORIDA BUDGET
2016-2017**

	1 JUN 2016 ACTUAL	BUDGET	31 MAY 2017 DIFFERENCE
EXPENSES	\$ 62,390.27	\$ 75,035.00	\$ 12,644.73
30010- ALLOWANCES	\$ 9,552.90	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 447.00
30011- GRAND COMMANDER	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 0.00
30012- DEPUTY GRAND CDR	\$ 0.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
30013- INSPECTOR GENERAL	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 0.00
30014- JEWEL & ACCOUTREMENT	\$ 552.90	\$ 500.00	\$ -52.90
30015- GRAND RECORDER	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 0.00
30016- GRAND TREASURER	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 0.00
30020- CHARITIES	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 0.00
30022- YOUTH CHARITIES	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 0.00
30023- MASONIC CHARITIES	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
30030- MEETINGS	\$ 725.00	\$ 1,125.00	\$ 400.00
30031- TRIENNIAL	\$ 500.00	\$ 525.00	\$ 25.00
30032- DISTRICT MEETINGS	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
30033- SUMMER ASSEMBLY	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 0.00
30034- REGC SE CONFERENCE	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 0.00
30035- VEGC SE CONFERENCE	\$ 0.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
30036- EGG SE CONFERENCE	\$ 0.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
30037- GR RECORDER SE CONF	\$ 0.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
30038- GR CAPT GEN SE CONF	\$ 0.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
30039- EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
30040- CONV EXPENSES	\$ -219.73	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 9,219.73
30044- DISTINGUISHED GUEST	\$ -219.73	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,719.73
OTHER 30040 CONVENTION	\$ 0.00	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 6,500.00

GRAND COMMANDERY OF FLORIDA BUDGET 2016-2017 (Continued)

	1 JUN 2016 ACTUAL	BUDGET	31 MAY 2017 DIFFERENCE
30050 · OFFICE EXPENSES	\$ 6,610.00	\$ 6,610.00	\$ 0.00
30051 · OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$ 0.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00
30052 · POSTAGE	\$ 0.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00
30053 · RENT	\$ 0.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
30054 · TELEPHONE	\$ 0.00	\$ 800.00	\$ 800.00
30055 · UTILITIES	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
30056 · COMPUTER EXPENSES	\$ 0.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00
30057 · COMPUTER MAINTENANCE	\$ 0.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00
30058 · COMPUTER STORAGE RENTAL	\$ 0.00	\$ 460.00	\$ 460.00
30058A · FUTURE MOVING EXPENSE	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
30059 · EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT	\$ 0.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
OTHER 30050 OFFICE EXPENSES	\$ 6,610.00	\$ 0.00	\$ -6,610.00
30060 · PRINTING	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,350.00	\$ 1,350.00
30061 · GENERAL PRINTING EXPENSES	\$ 0.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00
30062 · PROCEEDINGS	\$ 0.00	\$ 900.00	\$ 900.00
30063 · RITUALS	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
30065 · COPIER MAINTENANCE	\$ 0.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
30066 · PRINTING EXPENSES	\$ 0.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00
30067 · YR DISC	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
30070 · SALARIES/PAYROLL TAXES	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 0.00
30073 · OFFICE MANAGER	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 0.00
30074 · OFFICE TEMPORARY HELP	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 0.00
30080 · TAXES	\$ 32,860.25	\$ 30,660.00	\$ -2,200.25
30081 · FLORIDA CORP TAX	\$ 61.25	\$ 62.00	\$ 0.75
30082 · GRAND ENCAMPMENT PER CAPITA	\$ 31,050.00	\$ 28,998.00	\$ -2,052.00
30083 · KTEF ASSESSMENT	\$ 1,749.00	\$ 1,600.00	\$ - 149.00

GRAND COMMANDERY OF FLORIDA BUDGET 2016-2017 (Continued)

	1 JUN 2016 ACTUAL	BUDGET	31 MAY 2017 DIFFERENCE
30090 · SUNDRY	\$ 2,361.85	\$ 5,740.00	\$ 3,378.15
30091 · EDUCATION & TRAINING	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,440.00	\$ 1,440.00
30092 · AWARDS	\$ 1,405.85	\$ 1,100.00	\$ - 305.85
30093 · PLAQUES & MARKERS	\$ 0.00	\$ 350.00	\$ 350.00
30095 · INSURANCE	\$ 956.00	\$ 1,750.00	\$ 794.00
30096 · CONTINGENCIES	\$ 0.00	\$ 575.00	\$ 575.00
30097 · GRAND OFFICERS JEWELS & CORDS	\$ 0.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00
30099 · WEB HOSTING & DEV	\$ 0.00	\$ 225.00	\$ 225.00
30102 · BANK SERVICE CHARGES	\$ 0.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00
NET DIFFERENCE	\$ -62,390.27	\$ -75,035.00	\$ 12,644.73

**GRAND COMMANDERY OF FLORIDA
LIFE AND PERPETUAL MEMBERSHIP PAYOUT 2016**

COM #	LIFE RETURN		PERPETUAL RETURN		TOTAL	
	INV AMT	PAYOUT	INV AMT	PAYOUT	INV AMT	PAYOUT
1	\$ 7,439.86	\$ 371.99	\$ 9,480.00	\$ 474.00	\$ 16,919.86	\$ 845.99
2	\$ 6,512.10	\$ 325.61	\$ 13,640.00	\$ 720.66	\$ 20,152.10	\$ 1,046.27
4	\$ 5,044.36	\$ 330.12	\$ 4,260.00	\$ 213.00	\$ 9,304.36	\$ 543.12
5	\$ 2,159.75	\$ 107.99	\$ 600.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 2,759.75	\$ 137.99
6	\$ 691.51	\$ 34.58	\$ 2,368.00	\$ 118.40	\$ 3,059.51	\$ 152.98
7			\$ 3,510.00	\$ 175.50	\$ 3,510.00	\$ 175.50
8	\$12,637.72	\$ 631.89	\$11,557.50	\$ 577.88	\$ 24,195.22	\$ 1,209.77
9	\$ 577.20	\$ 28.86	\$ 2,220.00	\$ 111.00	\$ 2,797.20	\$ 139.86
10	\$ 529.00	\$ 26.45	\$ 2,699.00	\$ 134.95	\$ 3,228.00	\$ 161.40
12	\$ 2,778.60	\$ 138.93	\$ 6,140.00	\$ 307.00	\$ 8,918.60	\$ 445.93
13			\$78,100.00	\$3,905.00	\$ 78,100.00	\$ 3,905.00
15	\$ 319.25	\$ 15.96			\$ 319.25	\$ 15.96
16	\$ 1,832.50	\$ 91.63	\$ 4,440.00	\$ 222.00	\$ 6,272.50	\$ 313.63
17	\$ 546.00	\$ 27.30	\$11,600.00	\$ 601.95	\$ 12,146.00	\$ 629.25
18	\$ 2,066.20	\$ 103.31	\$ 4,428.40	\$ 221.42	\$ 6,494.60	\$ 324.73
19			\$ 4,376.00	\$ 218.80	\$ 4,376.00	\$ 218.80
20	\$ 6,547.34	\$ 320.77	\$ 5,293.20	\$ 264.66	\$ 11,840.54	\$ 585.43
21	\$ 8,629.61	\$ 431.48	\$ 3,960.00	\$ 198.00	\$ 12,589.61	\$ 629.48
22	\$ 66.00	\$ 3.30	\$ 1,750.00	\$ 87.50	\$ 1,816.00	\$ 90.80
24	\$ 1,617.44	\$ 80.87	\$ 2,610.34	\$ 130.52	\$ 4,227.78	\$ 211.39
25	\$ 776.90	\$ 38.85	\$ 3,880.00	\$ 194.00	\$ 4,656.90	\$ 232.85
28			\$ 4,300.00	\$ 215.00	\$ 4,300.00	\$ 215.00
29			\$ 1,184.00	\$ 59.20	\$ 1,184.00	\$ 59.20
32	\$ 3,350.30	\$ 167.52	\$ 560.00	\$ 28.00	\$ 3,910.30	\$ 195.52
35	\$ 1,181.90	\$ 59.10	\$12,220.00	\$ 560.00	\$ 13,401.90	\$ 670.10
38	\$ 408.12	\$ 20.41	\$ 2,888.80	\$ 200.44	\$ 3,296.92	\$ 220.85
39	\$ 513.10	\$ 25.66			\$ 513.10	\$ 25.66
40	\$ 2,695.04	\$ 134.75	\$ 6,120.00	\$ 306.00	\$ 8,815.04	\$ 440.75
41	\$ 1,448.40	\$ 72.42	\$ 3,560.00	\$ 178.00	\$ 5,008.40	\$ 250.42
42			\$ 400.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 20.00
43	\$ 463.00	\$ 23.15	\$ 900.00	\$ 45.00	\$ 1,363.00	\$ 68.15
TOTAL	\$66,315.14	\$ 3,612.90	\$210,257.44	\$10,568.88	\$ 276,572.58	\$14,181.78
Fund Am't 12/31/2015 before payout			\$259,372.20			6% LOSS

GRAND COMMANDERY OF THE STATE OF FL GRAND RECORDERS REPORT 2016-2017

This year continues to be a busy year at the Grand Office. The requests for certificates and special requests are coming in at a constant rate. Book sales out of the Grand Office has increased greatly making it necessary to reorder ritual books three times during the year. The sales, reprinting, and mailing of ritual books is being handled out of the Grand Office account instead of each individual body making the bookkeeping of monies easier to handle.

During the year I have obtained an Access membership database from the Grand York Rite of Georgia. The database has been modified for Florida use and data conversion from our present database to the new Access database is now in process. When this is database conversion is completed and the system put on line the monthly reports will no longer be necessary because each Secretary will be able to enter all information directly into the database. Hopefully this conversion and beta testing will be done shortly and the system should be up and running by this time next year.

Monthly reports are still an ongoing issue. While we appreciate those that do send in their reports, there are still a few constituent bodies that do not consistently send their reports in. These reports help the Grand Office to keep all membership records up to date and in line with the General Grand Bodies. It is imperative that these reports be submitted on time, and in the format provided. We continue to make strides with our web site – www.flgyr.org – as we move into another great year. The addition of fillable forms, as well as the communication, has been an asset. The web site will be continually updated and old information removed. All requests for information to be placed on the web site will continue to be made through the Grand Office for approval. It was decided by the Grand Presiding Officers that the only information on the web site will be directly related to the York Rite only. The web site will continue to provide links to other bodies but no information on these other organizations will be put on the web site.

The following census information for the year as taken from the annual reports is as follows:

Total Active Commanderies					32
Total Active Membership					3,583
Gain in Membership		Loss In Membership			
Knighted	116		Demitted	29	
Affiliated	22		Suspended	120	
Reinstated	18		Deceased	109	
			Expelled	0	
Adjustments	0		Adjustments		
Gain		156	Loss		-262
Gain/Loss					-106
Active as of 12/31/16					3,477

**REPORT OF THE JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERAL
2016-2017**

NO REPORT SUBMITTED



**GRAND INSPECTOR GENERAL'S REPORT
2016 - 2017**



TO: Right Eminent, Sir Knight, Fred Gerdomb, Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knight Templar of Florida.

There were three Commanderies that scheduled for the Jesse E. Ramsdell Trophy Competition this year; Couer De Lion Commandery No. 1, St. Lucie Commandery No. 17 and Damascus No. 2. Only two competed this year Couer De Lion Commandery No. 1 and St. Lucie Commandery No. 17 Both Commandery's had good performances; however, upon scoring both competitors, I suggest that the Jesse E. Ramsdell Trophy be awarded to St. Lucie Commandery No. 17.

There was only two Commanderies that applied for Competition dates, for the Richard John Carr Trophy this year; however only one Commandery Competed, Taylor Commandery No. 28. I do feel that Taylor Commandery is deserving, as their performance was close to excellent. I suggest that the Richard John Carr Trophy, be awarded to Taylor Commandery No. 28.

It has been a pleasure and honor to serve the Grand Commandery of Florida as Inspector General, for this year.

Fraternally

John I. Gray
Inspector General

**GRAND COMMANDERY, KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF FL
DRILL MASTER GENERAL REPORT 2016-2017**

To: Right Eminent Grand Commander, Grand Commandery Officers and Past Grand Commanders of Florida.

The Drill Master General has been working with three commanderies developing further work on the marching drills. We will be doing more concentrated drill work in the coming months. The Sir Knights are becoming proficient in use of swords, drill and floor work. The current drill teams are interested in further development of drill floor work, that can be used at masonic and public functions.

Fraternally,

Ronald J. Bertie, PGC, KCT
Drill Master General, Grand Commandery KT Florida

GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF FLORIDA COMMITTEE REPORTS

GRAND COMMANDERY ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT 2016-2017

The committee was put to work quickly this year. Some of the wording in the material being decimated to the Sir Knights conflicted with Masonic practices. We advised the Grand Commander of the irregularity and he graciously accepted the portion corrected that were in conflict.

During the summer the Grand Commander called the committee for advice. This communication prevented the possibility of any Masonic - Templar infractions.

In August of 2016 the Grand Recorder informed this committee the Knights Templar proceedings are ready to go to the printer and should be in the hands of the Sir Knights by October 10, 2016.

In early November 2016, we were informed the proceedings have been delayed because another Grand York Rite Body was delinquent. We advised the Grand Commander to abide by the constitution and have the Commandery proceedings printed separately. Peace and harmony must prevail but when another body holds up the Grand Recorders office schedule, it's wrong. Subsequently, the Grand Recorders office schedule could not play catch up on the proceedings that are delinquent from 2008, 2010 and 2011. Those proceedings were delayed due to the illness and death of the previous Grand Recorder.

The committee advised the Grand Recorder that the correct title of the Inspector General is as follows: "Inspector General of the Grand Commandery", not "Grand Inspector General".

Right Eminent Grand Commander we thank you for your allowing us to serve Templar and move the adoption of this report.

Fraternally,
REPGC Marvin W. Gerhard – Chairman
REPGC Carl E. Gilmore
REPGC Harry Rosenthal
REPGC William Ronal Taylor

AWARDS

GRAND COMMANDERY MERITORIOUS SERVICE RIBBON 2016 – 2017

<i>2016-2017</i>	<i>Frederick R. Gerdon, REGC</i>
Fred Pryor (Missed last year)	John R. Miller
Adam Bryan	Ron Naumowicz
Jeff Jackson	Robert L.T. Phillips
Rusty Ludlum	A.W. "Butch" Thurman

GRAND COMMANDERY MERITORIOUS SERVICE RIBBON

2015-2016	<i>Eric B. West, REGC</i>
Henry A. Adams	John I.Gray
David A. Aponte	Anthony L. Griffon
Frederick R. Gerdom	J. Michael Hartman
Carl E. Gilmore	L. Edward Villiaume III
2014-2015	<i>Paul W. Friend, REGC</i>
Mark Balster	James A. Green
Adam M. Bryan	Richard Jones
Charles Cather	Jonathan Macedon
Robert H. Eisenhardt	John D. Pickford
2013-2014	<i>Henry A. Adams, REGC</i>
Jonny Gaither	Robert F. Ramieh
William C. Horacio	Kolen W. Sawyer
Paul J. Mast	Dayle L. Schrock
Frederick L. Pryor	John F. Wermann
2012-2013	<i>Arthur J. LaRose, REGC</i>
A.J. Ahrens III	Carl G. Kirtley
Lowel D. Crane	Jack C. Maulden
Frederick R. Gerdom	Ronald L. Parks
Anthony L. Griffon	John F. Wermann
2011 – 2012	<i>David A. Aponte, REGC</i>
Larry D. Duff	Bobby J. Rains Jr
Harry V. Eisenburg	Jesse B. Taintor
Gerald E. Goacher	James B. Vanders Jr
Paul J Mast	Patrick X. Velasquez
2010 – 2011	<i>Charles C. Cicero, REGC</i>
Lynn F. Coleman	Scott McAlister
Corbin P. Elliott	John D. Pickford
Gerald E. Goacher	James Schmidt
Robert E. Hubbard	Eric B. West
2009 – 2010	<i>Ideal F. Baldoni, REGC</i>
John G. Allen	John I. Gray
Ronald Blaisdell	Wayne Y. Thigpen
Charles R. (Bob) Cooper	Phillip S. Ware
David E. DeMent	Daniel (Lyn) Williams
2007 – 2008	<i>LeRoy Fackler, REGC</i>
2008 – 2009	<i>Charles Perez, REGC</i>
William G. Ellis Jr	Francisco
Stephen Henwood	Harry W. Seibert
Arthur J. LaRose	Dencel R. Smith
Michael A. Padron Jr	Steven Q. Steele
2006 – 2007	<i>Jerry R. Morgan, REGC</i>
David A. Aponte	Burt F. Maguire
Edward E. Bush	Stanley E. Steinhaus
Billy Collier	Tom Thurman
Bruce L. Davis	Pete Trent

GRAND COMMANDERY MERITORIOUS SERVICE RIBBON
(Continued)

2005 – 2006	William G. Ellis Jr, REGC
Robert Gurney Atwell	Charles Perez
Charles L. Hollinger	Dayle L. Schrock
Leonard “Leo” Lupo	Leland E. Stanford, III
Milledge Murphy	Duane Blondell Young
2004 – 2005	William R. McKee, REGC (William G. Ellis Jr),
Henry A. Adams	Anthony J. Marotta
Robert L. Blackwell	James L. Rudman
Robert E. Burlison	William H. Schuck
Glynn L. Hickox	Richard A. Wolfe
2003 – 2004	Gordon L. Anderson, REGC
Robert E. Burlison	Alan J. Graulich
Lowell D. Crane	Walter M. Hammond
Richard E. Foreman	Joe Kenneth West
Paul W. Friend	Frederick R. Young
2002 – 2003 (Inaugural Year)	Robert E. Burlison, REGC
Wilbur R. Allen	Glen E. (Jack) Hankinson
Gordon L. Anderson	Coleman L. Hill
Ideal F. Baldoni	Jacob J. Krawiec
Ernest E. Beeman	Fred M. Morris
Charles C. Cicero	Robert G. Stearns
Darryl A. D’Angina	Ralph H. Swanker
Marvin W. Gerhard	

KNIGHT TEMPLAR CROSS OF HONOR

Robert Hubbard	Lakeland Commandery #21
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RAMSDELL TROPHY

St. Lucie Commandery #17

CARR TROPHY

Taylor Commandery #28

SIR FRANCIS DRAKE AWARD

St. Elmo Commandery #42

BEAUCEANT AWARD

Cour de Leon	# 1
Crusader	#44
Lake City	#39
Lakeland	#21
Pilgrim	# 7
Taylor	#28

AUDIT COMMITTEE REPORT 2016-2017

The Pro-Temps and members of the Audit Committee met at the offices of the Florida Grand York Rite Secretary-Recorder, located at Tampa-Ivanhoe Commandery No. 8, K.T. building, 4210 W. Oklahoma Avenue, Tampa, Florida 33616 on Saturday, 19 March 2017, for the purpose of reviewing the Grand Commandery Treasurer/Recorder's books and records for the fiscal year 1 June 2015 to 31 May 2016.

Due to illness, the Grand Secretary/Recorder was unable to attend, but the Grand Treasurer was very helpful in assisting the Audit Committee members in attendance in locating and spot-checking financial documents.

The Books and Records were examined, and found to be in good order. A sampling of Warrants were checked for proper signature authority, tied to checks, and then traced to the cash disbursements listed in the bank statements. Receipts were tied into the appropriate bank statements. Bank statements were reconciled for two random, non-consecutive months, within the fiscal year. All Deposits-in-transit and outstanding checks were accounted for during the sample months.

The Income and Gains earned in the Administrative Investment Account are reflected in the Balance Sheet, but not in the Income Statement. The Balance Sheet includes the increases in Equity and Income from both the Administrative Investment Account and the Life/Perpetual Investment Account. While this accurately reflects the Income Earned from the increases in value of both Investment Accounts during the year, it should be noted that the earnings in the Life/Perpetual Investment Account are Restricted for the exclusive use of the Life/Perpetual annual payments to the appropriate Commandery(s).

The Audit Committee applauds the Grand Treasurer and the Grand Recorder on a job well done.

I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of myself and the other committeemen to thank the Right Eminent Frederick R. Gerdorn, REGC, for allowing us to serve the Grand Commandery this past year.

Courteously and Fraternally,

Sir Knight Wm. Lee Popham Sr., Chairman
 PEC Robert C. St. John, Jr. – Pro-Temps
 PEC John E. Drewett

GRAND COMMANDERY OF FLORIDA BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE 2017 - 2018

R.E. Grand Commander and Sir Knights

The Budget and Finance Committee met on March 19, 2017 to discuss the Grand Commandery's 2017 - 2018 budget. Present at the meeting were: Sir Knights Anthony L. Griffon, James Mason, Frederick Gerdom, Wm Lee Popham and Carl Gilmore (Treasurer). The Committee based the Grand Commandery's income and expenses on our current realities. The budget that accompanies this report reflects those realities.

Even though the Committee agreed on a conservative budget, we did express our concerns on the expenses we have as Line Officers and other expenses that serves our Commanderies. We have seen increases to food, utilities costs, shelter, fuel, hotel costs, and vehicle maintenance. We understand our responsibilities as Grand Line Officers and the need to share the financial expenses associated with our positions. However, the prices of today are not the same as five or ten years ago. We also have an obligation to serve our Commanderies. But how can we serve them if we do not have the financial infrastructure to assist them. We again recommend the incoming Committee to analyze and recommend how we can increase our budgetary income. We may have to go to the well again and ask for an additional sum. All Sir Knights need to contribute ideas and see how creative we can be with this solution. This is one of the challenges we have now and not in the near future. I know if we put our ideas together, we can achieve anything.

Last the Committee thanks our Grand Commander, S.K. Fred Gerdom, for letting us serve the Grand Commandery and the Sir Knights in this Committee. Right Eminent Grand Commander and Sir Knights, we present the 2017-2018 Budget for your consideration.

Fraternally

S.K. Anthony L Griffon, Chairman
S.K. James Mason
S.K. Carl Gilmore
S.K. Wm Lee Popham

COMMITTEE ON WORK REPORT 2016-2017

The Committee on Work has created a floor work manual for the 9-man and Full Form opening. This manual was created to support the current 9-man and full form tactics books and not as a replacement for them. The manuals cover the movements for the tactics with references to the section of the tactic book that they correspond to. A copy of the manual, 9-man or Full Form will be supplied to each Commandery.

On a second task, the Committee has also begun work on a public ceremony template similar to the Festive boards held in other bodies. A form of this was used as the program for the Grand Commanders' Homecoming. This is an ongoing project that we hope to continue pressing forward on.

This Committee was requested by the Grand Commander to make a recommendation concerning the tactics. There were insufficient supplies of the tactics and more needed to be printed. The Grand Commander asked this Committee for their recommendations on a wording change in the Full Form tactics to include a command of "Officers POST" where there had previously been no command and the Sir Knights made their movements without the command. This Committee recommended that if a change were to be made it could clear up some confusion that some Commanderies may be having with the Full Form opening.

A suggested Ritual Progression Chart for Grand Line Officers was created and sent to the Past Grand Commanders Association for their consideration.

We wish to thank our REGC Fred Gerdom and the Grand Commandery for the opportunity and honor to serve on this important committee.

Respectfully Submitted,

Adam Bryan, Chairman
Rusty Ludlam
Marvin Gerhard
Corey Kosciuszko
John Gray

CONSTITUTION, LAWS & REGULATIONS COMMITTEE 2016-2017

The Committee met at 8am, 21 May 2017. All members of the committee were present. We reviewed the proposals given us for review and action.

We found the proposals all in proper form and correct. The Committee forwarded the report to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

Fraternally and Sincerely,

Bill Ellis

CONVENTION BOARD 2016-2017

We would like to thank all those who attended this Convention. We had a very successful Convention and hope all who attended found it enjoyable.

Respectfully submitted,

Frederick R. Gerdom
Benjamin J. Holland
C. Robert Cooper

DISPENSATIONS AND CHARTERS 2016-2017

It has been a pleasure and honor to serve the Grand Commandery of Florida as the Chairman for the Dispensations & Charters Committee.

During the Grand Commandery 2016 – 2017 year there were no Charters issued or revoked by the Grand Commander, and all Dispensations were sent to the appropriate Committee for review and approval.

Respectfully submitted,

Brett A. Gordon, Chairman
Grand Senior Warden

DISTINGUISHED VISITORS 2016-2017

We, your committee on Distinguished Guests are happy to report the Distinguished Guest of the Grand Commandery were extended a warm welcome, introduced and personally greeted by the leaders of the Grand York Rite Bodies.

Those following distinguished Guests were all properly received.

PAST GRAND COMMANDERS OF FLORIDA

1976	Harry A Rosenthal Jr	2011	David A Aponte
1997	Carl E Gilmore	2012	A J LaRose
2001	Frederick L Piasecki	2013	Henry A Adams
2002	Robert E Burleson	2014	Paul W Friend
2005	William G Ellis Jr		

GRAND COMMANDERS AND PAST GRAND COMMANDERS FROM OTHER JURISDICTIONS.

SK Steven Q. Steele	REPGC	AK
SK Kenneth Dyer	REPGC	MS
SK Ronald J. Bertie	REPGC	NY
SK L. Alvin Hill	REPGC	TN

OTHER DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

Darryl D'Angina	SUP	Knight Masons of Florida
Dale E. Goehrig	SGIG	Scottish Rite- S. Jurisdiction
Randy Spradling	SEC	St Thomas of Acon
Steven Q. Steele	PGMG	Convent General

PAST GRAND MASTER OF GRAND LODGE OF FLORIDA

SK Michael A. Padron Jr
Dale E. Goehrig
Richard Lynn

GRAND ENCAMPMENT OFFICERS AND DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

SK Henry A. Adams	SE Department Commander, GEKT USA
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All Distinguished Guests not previously made Honorary Members were so accorded that Honor.

We thank the Right Eminent Grand Commander for the opportunity to serve him and this Grand Commandery.

Courteously and Fraternally submitted,

DISTINGUISHED GUESTS COMMITTEE

Marvin W. Gerhard, Chairman, REPGC

Steven Q. Steele, REPGC

GRAND REPRESENTATIVE REPORT 2016-2017

The Grand Representative Committee reviewed the roster of representatives to Florida and from Florida to other jurisdictions. Five Sir Knights were appointed to California, Iowa, Montana, Ohio and the other to Oregon. Six Sir Knights were removed from the roster. I would like to thank the Grand Commander for the appointment to this important committee.

Fraternally,

Ronald Parks, Chairman

Patrick Velasquez, Member

James Mason, Member

AL	A. J. LaRose	AK	Henry A. Adams
AZ	James F. Robertson	AR	Ronald L. Parks
Austria		Brazil	
CA	John Miller	CO	Harry V. Eisenberg
CT	Donald T. Harriott	Croatia	
DE	Charles L. Hollinger	DC	John F. Wermann
GA	Carl E. Gilmore	HI	William G. Ellis Jr.
ID		IL	
IN		IA	Rusty Ludlam
Italy		KS	Kurt R. Morauer Sr
KY	Paul W. Friend	LA	Jesse B. Taintor
ME	Wm. Ronald Taylor	MD	Richard E. Foreman
MA/RI	Larry D. Duff	Mexico	
MI	Gerald E. Goacher	MN	

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES OF FLORIDA 2016-2017 (Continued)

MS	Steven Q. Steele	MO	Frederick R. Gerdorn
MT	Garold Michelson	NE	Darryl A D'Angina
NV	Dayle L. Schrock	NH	Phillip Moffses
NJ		NM	Anthony J Marotta
NY	George E. Goddard Jr.	NC	Robert E. Burseson
ND	Donald J Butler	OH	Robert Phillips
OK		OR	Adam Bryan
Panama		PA	Anthony L. Griffon
Philippines	Tony C. Gagarin	Portugal	Charles C. Cicero
Romania	James W. Hogg	SC	Edwin B. Moore III
SD	Glenn E. Chandler	TN	Corey D. Kosciuszko
TX	Patrick X. Velasquez	Togo	
UT	Guy E. Waltman	VT	
VA	Marvin W. Gerhard	WA	David A Aponte
WV	Harry A. Rosenthal Jr.	WI	Frederick L. Piasecki
WY	John P. Paniccia		

GRAND RECORDERS AND GRAND REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER JURISDICTIONS 2016-2017

ST	GR REC/ THEIR	ADDRESS	PHONE
AL	Hiram O Williams Jr	PO Box 100333 Birmingham AL 35210 -0333	205/951-0111 205/951-0144
THEIR	Joe D Lee	5058 Nicholas Dr Birmingham, AL 35173	
AK	Dale S Cain	518 E 14th Suite 1 Anchorage AK 99501	907/440-6835
THEIR			
AZ	Geroge E Weil	PO Box 26684 Prescott Valley, AZ 86312	928/277-6326
THEIR	Joseph F. Zito	9310 E. Main St #172 Meza, AZ 85207	
AR	Robert L Jackson	PO Box 1207 Pine Bluff, AR 71613	501/580-4438 501/758-4941
THEIR	H. Mark Kalkbrenner	2421 Meadow Pond Trl White Hall, AR 71602	870/247-2394
CA	Kenneth G. Hope	11428 E. Artesia Blvd #13 Artesia, CA 90701-3872	562/924-6500 562/924-6534
THEIR	Richard T. Cooper	25892 N Frenda Way Valencia, CA 91355	661/259-4350

GRAND RECORDERS AND GRAND REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER JURISDICTIONS 2016-2017 (Continued)

CO	Matthew A. Raia	1614 Welton St, #503 Denver, CO 80202-4222	303/623-5825
THEIR	John A Wilkinson	749 S Lemay Ave #199 Fort Collins, CO 80524	970/214-6953
CT	Vincent A. Cowie	1 Inverness Sq Middletown CT 06457-1627	860/635-6566
THEIR	David C Abrames	PO Box 185 Windsor, CT 06095	860/265-2000
DE	Mark E. Irwin	6420 Shutt Rd Spring Grove, PA 17360	443/750-0842
THEIR			
DC	Gerald A Peeters	1153 Snowdon Pond Rd Laurel, MD 20708-3046	301/725-4943
THEIR			
FL	L. Edward Villiaume, III	PO Box 13496 Tampa, FL 33681-3496	813/837-8400
GA	Wade C. Smith	811 Mulberry St Macon, GA 31201	478/742-2557 866/803-5137
THEIR			
HI	Keith N Isaacson	1227 Makiki St Honolulu, HI 96814	808/525-8888
THEIR			
ID	Norman Lane	PO Box 332 Meridian, ID 83680-0332	208/304-9051
THEIR	James A Davidson	1674 Baker Ln Payette, ID 83661	
IL	H Wayne Hoffman	107 Sherman St Delavan, IL 61734	309/267-1055 815/865-5357
THEIR	F David Marc Wilson	3220 Huntington Woods Apt H Springfield, IL 32704	
IN	George A. Ingles Jr	3601 N Vienna Woods Dr Muncie, IN 47304-2071	317/417-2952 765/284-1557
THEIR	Robert J. Frazier	3208 NW C St Richmond, IN 47374	765/966-5684
IA	Rusty L. Hill	1937 Deer Ave Perry, IA 50220-7567	515/419-6528
THEIR	Keith A Myhre	100 Monroe St Rockwell, IA 50469	
KS	Wayne H Rollf	320 SW 8 th Ave Topeka, KS 66601-1217	785/865-6737 785/232-2871
THEIR	Dennis L Reed	6429 SW27th St Topeka, KS 66614-4306	
KY	Jim H. King, Jr.	400 N 4th St Danville, KY 40422-1616	859/209-4120
THEIR	Ryan Engle		

GRAND RECORDERS AND GRAND REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER JURISDICTIONS 2016-2017 (Continued)

LA	Robert E Durham Jr	15297 Carlou Dr Ponchtoula, LA 70454	985/373-4150
THEIR	Timothy J. Riley	171 Beckhams Camp Rd Riggold, LA 71068	985/386-9498
ME	Thomas A. Emery	9 Loring Ave Auburn, ME 04210-6616	207/782-9791
THEIR			
MD	Thomas G. Heimiller	12702 Lee Ben Rd Kingsville, MD 21087	410/817-4654
THEIR			
MA/RI	Robert C. Corr	186 Tremont St Boston, MA 02111	617/426-1973
THEIR	John C. Sutterley	249 Rainbow Dr #14958 Livingston, TX 77399	781/447-1785
MI	Loren A. Winn	P O Box 822 Pickney, MI 48169-0822	734/878-1714
THEIR	Richard Erspamer	3610 Bonaire Ct Punta Gorda, FL 33950	
MN	Harland Thomesen	1037 W. County Rd D Shoreview, MN 55126-3745	651/484-1646
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MS	Floyd Tomas Jones	PO Box 1030 Meridian, MS 39302-1030	601/483-6399 601/482-2914
THEIR	Robert L Earnest	5527 Chesterville Rd Tupelo, MS 38801	662/844-4583
MO	Russell S. Hanson	107 S. Williams St Fayette, MO 65248-1017	660/248-5100 660/248-5102
THEIR			
MT	Roger E. Cathel	821 Central Ave Great Falls, MT 59401	406/899-3777
THEIR	J. Clark McColly	PO Box 898 Lewistown, MT 59044	
NE	Bruce T. Anderson	PO Box 22988 Lincoln, NE 68542-2988	402/476-1560
THEIR	Marshall D. Grant	806 ½ E. 7 th St McCook, NE 69001	308/345-5716
NV	James E Denney	4036 Spring Leaf Dr Las Vegas, NV 98701-4414	702/343-0474
THEIR	Harry D. Christopher	4537 E Lk Meade Blvd Las Vegas, NV 89110	
NH	Dennis A. Sheridan	PO Box 621 Littleton, NH 03561	603/444-7195
THEIR	Charles J. Kennedy	8 Pine St Northwood, NH 03261	603/942-5523

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NJ	Dennis L Stewart	1421 Longboat Ave Beachwood, NJ 08722-4305	848/333-2542
THEIR	Lee Grimes		
NM	Dennis R. Detrow	PO Box 25004 Albuquerque, NM 87125-0004	505/243-4931
THEIR			
NY	Steven Wing	4689 Route 39 Bliss, NY 14024-9712	585/493-2386
THEIR	Dale Tynan	71 Ackerly Ln Lk Ronkonkoma, NY 11779	631/467-2673
NC	D Allen Surratt	6328 Surratt Country Rd Denton, NC 27239-9080	336/857-2394 336/857-2690
THEIR	Mike M Hoff	31 Pickett Dr Wilmington, NC 28412	
ND	Chris A Christianson	2614 S Bay Dr S Fargo, ND 58103-5062	701/238-5386
THEIR	John B Bridewell	7551 25 th St Grand Forks, ND 58201	
OH	Alfred Johnson	4373 Bump Rd Cable, OH 43009-9721	937/465-3202
THEIR	Paul R. Jellison Jr.	2605 Casso Ct The Villages, FL 32162	
OK	Gary A. Davis	PO Box 1223 Drumright, OK 74030-1223	918/352-4622
THEIR	Lewis A. Hullum	10 Dennis Blvd Shawnee, OK 74804	
OR	Dalvin L. Hollaway	PO Box 767 Canyonville, OR 97417-0767	541/839-4326
THEIR	Peter Stidd		
PA	Douglas M. Rowe	One N Broad St Philadelphia, PA 19107	215/567-5836
THEIR	Leslie J. Loomis	27 Brandywyn Dr Mountain Top, PA 18707	570/885-0572
SC	Gary B "Buck" Jolley	PO Box 219 Gaffney, SC 29342-0219	864/649-1644
THEIR	James J. Holmes	105 Redbud Ln Gaffney, SC 29340	
SD	George Bauder	8020 Alfalfa Ct Rapid City, SD 57702-8977	605/430-2725 605/348-4153
THEIR			
TN	Rick Hoover	100 7th Ave N Suite 3 Nashville, TN 37203-3726	615/254-6601
THEIR	William Buck Hooper		

GRAND RECORDERS AND GRAND REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER JURISDICTIONS 2016-2017 (Continued)

TX	Jerry N. Kirby	PO Box 354 Red Oak, TX 75154	972/576-3116
THEIR	Nikolaus Fehrenbach	1614 Lake Bluff Garland, TX 75043	214/850-2721
UT	Charles E. Warren	3787 E. 1200 S Heber City, UT 84032-3558	435/503-0549
THEIR	Patrick F. Bailey		
VT	Bruce R. Howard	17 Turtle Meadow Dr Rutland, VT 05701	802/747-3957
THEIR	James R. Winter III	PO Box 161 Middlebury, VT 05753	
VA	Jay L Cotner	3031 Colonial Dr Charlottesville, VA	434/960-3158
THEIR	Daniel H. Surface Jr.	PO Box 1127 Marion, VA 24354	
WA	Steven L. Guffy	811 N Chelan Ave Wenatchee WA 98801-2027	509/662-7607
THEIR	Fred Noyes		
WV	James K. Coleman	365 Echols Ln Lewisburg WV 24901	304/ 646-1570
THEIR	George J Gruber	667 Gruber Rd Kearneysville, WV	
WI	Brian Hurdy	36275 Sunset Dr Dousman, WI 53118	262/965-2200
THEIR	Owen Nieson	195 Robert St Clintonville, WI 54929	715/823-6373
WY	James Lee Sturdevant	200 Rice Ave Sheridan, WY 82801-5634	307/672-8391
THEIR	Gregory K. Shiek	1807 Paintbrush Dr Sheridan, WY 82801	307/672-3599
AUSTRIA	Gunter G Steurer		
THEIR			
BRAZIL	Christian Farias Santos	Rua Sua Joao Batista 380 Campos NovosSC 89620 BRAZIL	55 49 99766803
THEIR			
CROATIA	Bojan Sober	Buleceva 5 Zagreb, Croatia	
THEIR			
ITALY	Tiziano Casellino	V Pietro Micca 3 28069 Trecate NO 10137 ITALY	38 598 236 869
THEIR	Gaimpiero Trovalusci	Via degli Spagnoli 29 00186 Roma, Italy	

GRAND RECORDERS AND GRAND REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER JURISDICTIONS 2016-2017 (Continued)

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THEIR			
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THEIR			
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THEIR	Rueben Roy G Azarcon	Esda Shangri-La Hotel, Ortigas Center Mandaluyong City, Philippines	
PORTUGAL	Jose Rafael Jesuita	Rua Goncalves Zarco, 7, 2.esq	351 91 99 57 547
THEIR			
ROMANIA	Marius Catalin Stanescu	176,123, Lacul Tel Ave Bucaresti, ROMANIA 020383	40.722.620.03 0
THEIR			
TOGO	Kao Pitassa		
THEIR			
USA	Lawrence E. Tucker	5909 West Loop S Suite 495, Bellaire, TX 77401-2497	

GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE 2016-2017

There were no grievances that were brought to my attention for the year 2016-2017. It is my pleasure to have served as chairman of this committee for the Grand Commandery of Florida.

Fraternally,

Chairman - Anthony L. Griffon KTCH, VEDGC
Richard Agster

HISTORY COMMITTEE 2016-2017

In the year 2000 the History Committee printed a book entitled *The Knights Templar of Florida Grand Commanders: A Comprehensive Survey of the Knights Templar of Florida*. This was a complete study of the Grand Commanders of Florida from Sir Knight William A. McLean who served in

1895 as the first Grand Commander of our state, up through Grand Commander Edwin B. Moore, who served from 1999–2000, covering 105 years of Chivalry Masonry in Florida.

In this report I would like to add the following Grand Commanders, who have served our magnanimous Order from 2001 – 2016. These fine Sir Knights include:

SK Daniel L. Bennett, Grand Commander, 2000 - 2001

Born March 2, 1946 in Chicago, Illinois, graduated from Chicago Vocational School in 1964. He enlisted in the Air Force in 1964 and served as a turbo-propeller repairman on the C-130 aircraft. In 1968 he worked for Delta Airlines as an FAA licensed airframe and power plant mechanic. He graduated in 1976 from the Georgia Institute of Technology with a Bachelor's Degree in Aerospace Engineering. In 1994 he transferred to Jacksonville in the Naval Air

System Command Program Management Office. SK Bennett served as Program Manager for the Royal Thai Navy A-7 aircraft program, and retired in 1996.

SK Frederick L. Piasecki, Grand Commander, 2001 - 2002

Born November 26, 1938, Chicago Illinois. He married Sonja Svenson. He has two daughters and two grandchildren. He was knighted in Pilgrim Commandery #7 Gainesville in 1986, and entered the Grand Line in 1993. SK Piasecki is a KYCH and a KYGCH, as well as a member of several Appendant bodies.

SK Robert E. Burleson, Grand Commander, 2002 - 2003

Born a 3rd generation Floridian in Rockledge, Florida. He grew up in Winter Park and Orlando and graduated in 1969 from the University of Florida with a Bachelor of Science degree in Advertising. In 1972 he became an Education Officer with the Florida Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission in Miami and promoted in 1977 to regional supervisor responsible for managing a 10-county public information program.

SK Gordon L. Anderson, Grand Commander, 2003 - 2004

The Grand Commander's Report by SK Anderson was particularly insightful as evident from this excerpt: "I am aware that all the preparation in the world cannot ready you for this job. There are so many aspects to being Grand Commander that you cannot prepare for them all. Being Grand Commander can best be described as riding a roller coaster; it is a never-ending wave of highs and lows...There is an element of the unknown to this position. None of us can see into the future, and none of us can know what surprises will happen during the year. All that a Grand Commander can do is make the best decisions that he can...One of the most important lessons I learned was that there is a difference between what we think, what we believe and what we actually know. Often the lines between these three become blurred. We feel that we actually know, what we only believe. In some cases we do not seek out the truth about a question confronting us because we believe we know the answer. We must never be afraid to seek the truth."

SK William R. McKee, Grand Commander, 2004

Born February 10, 1927 in Logan County, West Virginia. He enlisted in the US Navy and spent several years in the South Pacific. After getting out of the service, he graduated from college and married Authelia Davidson from Wayne, West Virginia. He joined the York Rite Bodies of St. Petersburg in 1980 and entered the Grand Line in 1996. He was elected Grand Commander in May of 2004 and began that year full of ideas and enthusiasm. SK McKee left this world for that heavenly asylum on December 13, 2004.

SK William G. Ellis Jr, Grand Commander, 2004 - 2006

In the *2004 Proceedings*, SK Ellis writes: "It is with a heavy heart that I have to write this. However, it was the Lord's will that Grand Commander William R. McKee was called to be with his Savior and his wife on December 13, 2004. As Deputy Grand Commander, it became my duty to succeed him as Grand Commander." His report continues on the state of the world in 2004:

"The United States has found itself with its allies involved in a battle for freedom in Southwest Asia. Our armed forces, regular, reserve and National Guard have been fighting the terrorists in Iraq...Freedom to exercise our right to vote continues in this republic. He ends his Report with "I am not Bill McKee, I am Bill Ellis. I have my dreams for what Florida Templary could be. I thank you for all you have done to assist me." SK Ellis was re-elected Grand Commander in 2005.

SK Jerry R. Morgan, Grand Commander, 2006 - 2007

In the *2007 Proceedings*, SK Morgan writes: 2006-2007 were years of enjoyable travel and increasing costs. After having been installed as REGC, I departed for Parkersburg, West Virginia as (a guest) of the West Virginia Grand Commandery...The next trip was a long drive; over 800 miles to Houston, Texas and the 63rd Triennial, Grand Encampment...In mid January, Crusader Commandery in Ferandina Beach was instituted. Their Floor work was most impressive. The Easter service was very impressive...Gasoline prices affected travel as prices fluctuated from two thirty to two ninety per gallon.

SK Leroy E. Fackler, Grand Commander, 2007 - 2008

In the April 2008 edition of *The Florida York Rite Mason* magazine, SK Fackler wrote: I truly enjoyed my year as your Grand Commander. My visits around our jurisdiction reaffirms the belief of the work and dedication the Sir Knights have towards Freemasonry, York Rite Masonry and York Rite Templary. It has been a year of challenges, accomplishments and changes. We have come a long way but the journey continues. Let us renew our commitment as Knights Templar to better ourselves and our Order in Florida for the glory of our Lord and Saviour." (Since this report was written, REPGC Leroy Fackler passed away on May 23, 2012.)

SK Charles Perez, Grand Commander, 2008 - 2009

Born, February 5, 1925 in Tampa, Florida. He graduated from the University of Tampa with a Bachelor of Science degree in 1950. He attended the US Border Patrol Academy and was graduated a Border Patrol Agent in 1957. He worked for the UN Immigration Service from 1957 to 1987, serving in every Branch in various places. In the *2009 Proceedings*, SK Perez wrote: "The Grand Commander only steers the ship; it is all of us working together that provided the propulsion. Thorough the year we have stressed the point that all things are possible if we all pull in the same direction and not worry about who gets the credit....If you fail to plan--plan to fail...the *Florida York Rite Mason* electronic magazine under the able direction of SK's Charles C. Cicero, David A. Aponte and Ronald Blaisdell is now reaching a large segment of our membership. Up to date Laws, Rules, and Regulations of the Grand Commandery as well as the Grand Encampment are now available on line."

SK Ideal F. Baldoni, Grand Commander, 2009 - 2010

SK Baldoni's program for his year stressed the return to the study of the Greater Light, the Holy Bible as the place to seek the Light and unveil the mysteries hidden in the Three Degrees of Freemasonry. The Light found in this search forms the cornerstone of all Masonic Education.

SK Charles C. Cicero, Grand Commander, 2010 - 2011

SK Cicero's year as Grand Commander focused on the theme of Wisdom and Understanding: "Knowledge without understanding is an Achilles' heel has caused mankind no end of grief. As Knights Templar, we take on an obligation to be better men, to uphold a higher code of ethics. In addition, we should seek to truly understand that which we profess to know. This means educating ourselves on the various aspects of Templary. With the recent surge of public interest in Freemasonry and the Knights Templar due to recent bestselling novels and popular movies, Templar education is more crucial than ever. We have a great opportunity to educate the public about Templary—separating the truth from the fiction. Therefore we have a great responsibility to use the sword of knowledge wisely. And we can only do this if we have knowledge bolstered by understanding. This will lead to Wisdom."

SK David Aponte, Grand Commander, 2011 - 2012

Our current Grand Commander has focused on the mission statement **PRIDE**, specifically "*Have Pride as a Knights Templar*." The letters of PRIDE were spelled out in the Grand Commander's Message printed in the June 2011 issue of the *Knights Templar Magazine*: **P** - Be Pro-active in our Commanderies, Grand Commandery and Community. **R** - Responsibility to the Commitment we made as a Knight Templar in our Obligation. **I** - Innovative in the way we do business inside and outside of our Asylums. **D** - Determination to be the best we can be. **E** -Be energetic. We are a team. As a team player, we need to assist, work and reach our common goals.

SK Arthur J. LaRose, Grand Commander, 2012 – 2013

SK Arthur LaRose' theme for this year was to learn and have fun. He was successful, in improving the attitude of our York Rite Bodies throughout the jurisdiction. He was very instrumental in the development of our Youth Groups in the Panhandle and especially Rainbow for Girls throughout the state. He spread the word of York Rite to all the adult programs and appendent bodies and represented Florida at the Grand Conclaves of the Southeastern Regional States. He worked tirelessly in rebuilding two of our York Rite Bodies, which are now up and running.

SK Henry A. Adams, Grand Commander, 2013 – 2014

SK Adams' year as Grand Commander was focused on the mission of **Unity in Service**. Through 30 years of military service, he learned to lead, utilize, staff and subordinates to effectively grow the organizations, bring in new ideas and to listen. He strived to continue to develop a close relationship with Grand Chapter and Grand Council, as an effective working Body and continued to improve our partnership with Grand Lodge of Florida. Through effective committees, he further developed a better relationship with our three youth groups with new programs, funding and participation.

SK Paul W. Friend, Grand Commander, 2014 – 2015

The motto for this year is **"ATTITUDE IS EVERYTHING"**. I believe if we set goals and objectives, there is nothing we can't accomplish. The goals are Membership: Knighting two hundred and fifty new members, Holy Land Pilgrimage: Sending ten ministers to Israel, District Festival: holding festivals instead of District meetings, and Perpetual Membership: signing up fifty new members. With prayer and a positive mental attitude, this can be achieved.

SK Eric B. West, Grand Commander, 2015 – 2016

The motto for this year is "TAKE THE SHOT". REGC Eric B. West began his year with great plans and hopes. His health did not allow him to complete some of his programs. Togetherness was his theme this year. We must continue to spread the brotherly love and fellowship we joined together for, if we are to continue to be together. The reasons we all came here together today and the reasons we came together so many years ago. The reasons our forefathers came together to create this great fraternity we now belong. They also must have worked together so they could survive together. If we work together, we must survive together. If we are to survive together, we must work together. We are all part of the greatest fraternity in the world. We all volunteered to be here, together to improve ourselves and our community. It was our choice. We must continue to grow our fraternity, and work together. **"Growing together is a beginning. Keeping together is progress. Working together is success."**

SK Frederick R. Gerdom, Grand Commander, 2016 – 2017

The motto for this year is “**FROM THE GROUND UP**”. We are building up ourselves **FROM THE GROUND UP**. We are also responsible for building our fraternity from the ground up. We start with young men in De Molay. They are interested in the chivalric ideals and growing up with civil feelings and civic duty towards all mankind. We all started our masonic journey as a young Entered Apprentice. The lecture states our Mother Earth will accept our mortal remains. We continue our Masonic travels through Fellowcraft degree to reach the summit of Masonry as a Master Mason. There we are deposited into our Mother Earth representing one of our ancient Grand Masters. In the Chapter we search underground for the secrets of the Temple and the Ark. In the Cryptic degrees we work in the vault to preserve the treasures under King Solomon’s apartment. We reach the peak of the York Rite in the Commandery. We should never stop building from the ground up.

Where there is nothing to lose by trying and a great deal to gain if successful, by all means TRY!

From The Ground Up

W. CLEMENT STONE

The effectual, fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much. James 5:16.
The information contained the book *The Knights Templar of Florida Grand Commanders* was compiled by the History Committee from existing records of Grand Lodge of Florida, the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Florida, the Grand Council of Florida, and the Grand Commandery of Florida. It contains the history of the Grand Commandery from 1895 through 2000. Approximately 95% of the history is from the *Proceedings of the Grand Commandery of Florida* from 1895 through 2000—covering the last century. We are now at the 121st Grand Conclave.

This report covers the beginning of a new century from 2000 to 2017. It is up to you to continue working in the new century. Perhaps the results of your work and dedication will be the next chapter in a new volume covering the Grand Commandery of Florida. We have been the custodians of the fraternity in the past; you Sir Knights are the stewards of the future.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles "Chic" Cicero, REPGC
History Committee Chairman

HOLYLAND PILGRIMAGE 2016-2017

The projection of ten ministers being sent to the Holy Land was what all of us wished. However, only three made the realistic number. District Five (5) sent Jeff Bell of North Land Church in Longwood, Florida, being paid solely by their district. District Ten (10) had the opportunity of sending two ministers; one was completely paid by the district and the other partially paid and the rest supplemented by the Grand Commandery of Florida. The two Ministers were:

Riley Richardson of Myrtle Grove Methodist Church and Jamie Sanders of the Unity Church of Pensacola.

As chairman of this committee I am very proud of the Knights that were involved with the sending of the Ministers to the Holy Land. This is always a thrill when they return with the perception of seeing the Bible in color rather than just black and white. These Ministers become our good will ambassadors of the Knight Templar organization and perpetuates a reason for others to join our organization.

Respected submitted.

Anthony L. Griffon, KTCH Chairman
David Aponte
James Mason

INVESTMENT COMMITTEE REPORT 2016-2017

The investments under the oversight of the Investment Committee are maintained by our investment advisers at Riazzi Asset Management, and presently total \$504,958 as of 31 March 2017, up from \$454,920 a year ago. This represents an 11.0% NET increase in Grand Commandery invested assets, even after the required 5.00% payout on Perpetual membership funds. These dollars are broken up into two major portfolios:

Administrative Account - The first portfolio is the Administrative Account, also sometimes referred to as the General Fund. As of 31 March 2017, the total value was \$253,693 – vs. \$222,075 a year earlier, for an increase of \$31,618. This account has a target investment mix of 60% equities and 40% bonds and other fixed instruments.

At 31 December 2016, the total value of this account was \$242,581, vs. \$224,591 at 31 December 2015, for an increase of \$17,990, or an 8.0% investment return. It is significant to note that our governing documents allow 75% of this annual increase to be included in the Budget for the following year, which could currently increase our available funds for charitable and necessary operating expenditures by \$13,492.

The original primary goal of the Administrative Account was to put the Grand Commandery in a position to be able to place less reliance upon Per Capita increases in the future, as this Fund grew. Instead of using these funds as originally intended, the funds have been allowed to accumulate over the years, while significant Per Capita increases have been recommended and approved in recent years.

During this past year, a total of \$Zero was paid out of this Fund account, as there was no investment income available from the preceding investment year (under the prior Investment Manager).

Life and Perpetual Account – The second portfolio is the Life and Perpetual Account, often referred to as the Sacred Fund. As of 31 March 2017, the total value was \$252,365 – vs. \$233,981 a year earlier, for an increase of \$18,384, or 7.9%, even after the payout of the 5.0% annual perpetual payments to each subordinate Commandery having Perpetual members. This account had a target investment mix of 50% equities and 50% bonds and other fixed instruments, which was adjusted to 60% equities and 40% fixed rate maturities during the year.

At 31 December 2016, the total value of this account was \$252,165, vs. \$237,417 at 31 December 2015, for an increase of \$14,748, or a 6.2% NET investment return, after the required 5% perpetual fund payout.

We would like to take this opportunity on behalf of myself and the other members of the Investment Committee to thank the REGC Frederick R. Gerdom for allowing us to serve.

Courteously and Fraternally,

Wm. Lee Popham Sr., Chairman
Charles L. Hollinger
John “Jud” Powell

JURISPRUDENCE REPORT on Actions of the Right Eminent Grand Commander 2016-2017

TO: The Grand Commander of Knights Templar of Florida: **May 2017**

The Grand Commandery Jurisprudence Committee met on Sunday, May 21, 2017 to review the actions pertaining to the Warrants, Directives, Edicts, Executive Orders, By-Law Revisions, Dispensations and Special Circumstances acted upon by the Right Eminent Grand Commander, Frederick Gerdom.

The below committee members closely examined the actions taken by our Grand Commander and determined that all of his actions were within the purview of his office. Further, the Grand Commander worked within his Budget constraints and caused the long overdue past Proceedings to be completed and printed. In addition, he provided substantial Ritualistic Instruction in each of his District Meetings and through that effort continued the improvement of the Grand Commanderies ritualistic skill started by REPGC Paul Friend.

20 Warrants, 12 requests for dispensation and 6 requests for bylaw amendment were reviewed; also 5 Executive Orders, 4 Edicts, 2 Directives and 2 Special Circumstance Actions were reviewed and it was determined that all were acted upon properly and within his authority.

The committee determined that all actions taken by the Grand Commander

were acted upon in a timely manner, each properly received and bearing official stamps of the Grand Recorder and Grand Commander.

The Grand Commander's report was properly received by the committee chairman thirty days prior to the Jurisprudence meeting.

The committee would liketo commend the Grand Commander for having the stamina to complete his term and having faithfully discharged the office of Right Eminent Grand Commander. We thank him for the honor and privilege he has provided us to serve the Grand Commandery.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carl E. Gilmore, Chairman, REPGC
Paul W. Friend, REPGC
William G. Ellis, Jr, REPGC

**KNIGHT TEMPLAR EDUCATION, LEADERSHIP
GOALS & OBJECTION 2016-2017
NO REPORT SUBMITTED**

**KNIGHTS TEMPLAR 49TH ANNUAL
EYE FOUNDATION CAMPAIGN
1 JULY 2016 – 15 MAY 2017**

The 49th Annual Voluntary Campaign Final Report shows each State Cumulative Totals, Rankings and Foreign Countries listed.

FLORIDA RANKING:

Florida is now the 3rd largest populated state in the United States per active Masonic members in donations. Yet, in donations we are rated 20th. Our total donations were \$17,641.00 with active members of 3,413 as of May 15th. The average active member donation was \$5.17, ranking us 44th per capita for the active members.

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EYE FOUNDATION	
LIVING/ACTIVE LIFE SPONSORS	1,597
LIVING/ACTIVE ASSOCIATE PATRONS	25
LIVING/ACTIVE PATRONS	24

**FLORIDA COMMANDERIES DONATIONS
TOP 10 DONATING FLORIDA COMMANDERIES:**

No. 1	Damascus	# 2	\$ 1,501.00
No. 2	Coeur de Lion	# 1	\$ 1,122.00
No. 3	Lakeland/Winter Haven	#21	\$ 1,073.33
No. 4	Tampa/Ivanhoe	# 8	\$ 1,040.00
No. 5	St. Lucie	#17	\$ 1,020.00
No. 6	Palm Beach	#18	\$ 895.00

No. 7	Sunshine	#20	\$ 865.00
No. 8	Ft. Myers	#32	\$ 850.00
No. 9	Olivet	# 4	\$ 790.00
No. 10	Springtime	#40	\$ 701.67

All Florida Commanderies contributed in the campaign.

NOTE: The quantity to ratio of donations, does not relate to size of the Commandery, but to quality of donations per Commandery.

William Schuck PC

#	COMMANDERY	TOT FOR WK: 34	CUM	RANK	ACTIVE MEMBER: 5/15/17	ACTIVE PER CAPITA AVG	RANK
1	Coeur de Lion	\$ 0	\$ 1,122.00	2	243	\$ 4.62	16
2	Damascus	\$ 0	\$ 1,501.00	1	254	\$ 5.91	10
4	Olivet	\$ 0	\$ 790.00	9	180	\$ 4.39	17
5	Palatka	\$ 0	\$ 215.00	24	58	\$ 3.71	22
6	Plant City	\$ 0	\$ 630.00	13	80	\$ 7.88	6
7	Pilgrim	\$ 0	\$ 540.00	15	114	\$ 4.74	14
8	Tampa-Ivanhoe	\$ 0	\$ 1,040.00	4	244	\$ 4.26	18
9	Oriental	\$ 0	\$ 218.00	23	71	\$ 3.07	24
10	St. Augustine	\$ 30	\$ 180.00	27	60	\$ 3.00	26
12	Tallahassee	\$ 0	\$ 520.00	17	162	\$ 3.21	23
13	Miami	\$ 0	\$ 480.00	18	184	\$ 2.61	27
15	Bartow	\$ 0	\$ 30.00	32	34	\$ 0.88	32
16	Trinity	\$ 0	\$ 655.00	11	100	\$ 6.55	9
17	St. Lucie	\$ 100	\$ 1,020.00	5	191	\$ 5.34	13
18	Palm Beach	\$ 0	\$ 895.00	6	86	\$ 10.41	2
19	Ocala	\$ 0	\$ 135.00	30	57	\$ 2.37	28
20	Sunshine	\$ 0	\$ 865.00	7	93	\$ 9.30	3
21	Lakeland/Winter Haven	\$ 0	\$ 1,073.33	3	97	\$ 11.07	1
22	Chipola	\$ 0	\$ 170.00	28	44	\$ 3.86	21
24	Brevard	\$ 0	\$ 191.00	26	94	\$ 2.03	30
25	Crestview	\$ 0	\$ 595.00	14	80	\$ 7.44	7
28	Taylor	\$ 25	\$ 644.00	12	72	\$ 8.94	4
29	St. Johns	\$ 0	\$ 85.00	31	90	\$ 0.94	31
32	Ft. Myers	\$ 0	\$ 850.00	8	144	\$ 5.90	11
35	Melita	\$ 0	\$ 265.00	22	114	\$ 2.32	29
38	Triangle	\$ 30	\$ 160.00	29	53	\$ 3.02	25
39	Lake City	\$ 0	\$ 270.00	21	48	\$ 5.63	12
40	Springtime	\$ 0	\$ 701.67	10	98	\$ 7.16	8
41	Melbourne	\$ 0	\$ 315.00	20	78	\$ 4.04	20
42	St. Elmo	\$ 0	\$ 355.00	19	84	\$ 4.23	19
43	Bradford	\$ 0	\$ 535.00	16	62	\$ 8.63	5
44	Crusader	\$ 0	\$ 205.00	25	44	\$ 4.66	15
	FL TOTAL	\$ 185	\$17,641.00		3,413	\$ 5.17	
	GR COMMAND	\$ 0	\$ 390.00			\$ 5.05	

49th ANNUAL VOLUNTARY CAMPAIGN AWARDS FOR FLORIDA 2016-2017

Those Florida Commanderies receiving Seals for achieving \$10.00 or more per member:

Palm Beach # 18	Lakeland/Winter Haven #21
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Florida Appreciation Certificates for achieving \$5.00-\$9.99 per member:

Damascus	# 2	Taylor	#28
Plant City	# 6	Fort Myers	#32
Trinity	#16	Lake City	#39
St. Lucie	#17	Springtime	#40
Sunshine	#20	Bradford	#43
Crestview	#25		

49th ANNUAL VOLUNTARY CAMPAIGN FINAL REPORT

STATE	CUM TOTAL	TOTAL \$ RANK	ACTIVE MEMBERS AS OF 5/15/ 2017	ACTIVE MEMBER PER CAPITA AVG.	PER CAPITA \$ RANK
TOTAL	\$1,759,795.51		87,075		
KT	\$ 17,491.78				
AL	\$ 9,285.00	30	1,227	\$ 7.57	33
AK	\$ 2,525.00	47	369	\$ 6.84	38
AZ	\$ 10,753.83	28	638	\$ 16.86	13
AR	\$ 171,948.54	3	1,039	\$ 165.49	2
AUSTRIA	\$ 0.00		13	\$ 0.00	
BRASIL	\$ 0.00		646	\$ 0.00	
CA	\$ 34,047.85	11	2,948	\$ 11.55	21
CO	\$ 14,679.00	25	815	\$ 18.01	12
CT	\$ 43,974.00	8	776	\$ 56.67	4
CROATIA	\$ 0.00		48	\$ 0.00	
DE	\$ 1,620.00	49	261	\$ 6.21	41
DC	\$ 409,271.90	1	256	\$ 1,580.20	1
FL	\$ 17,641.00	20	3,413	\$ 5.17	44
GE SUB	\$ 1,270.00	51	709	\$ 1.79	52
GA	\$ 18,631.00	19	2,525	\$ 7.38	34
HI	\$ 525.00	52	362	\$ 1.45	53
ID	\$ 21,478.72	14	283	\$ 75.90	3
IL	\$ 21,091.00	15	3,710	\$ 5.68	43
IN	\$ 29,249.26	13	3,147	\$ 9.29	29
IA	\$ 19,902.25	17	1,457	\$ 13.66	18
ITALY	\$ 0.00		612	\$ 0.00	
KS	\$ 4,726.00	40	1,227	\$ 3.85	47

49th ANNUAL VOLUNTARY CAMPAIGN FINAL REPORT (Continued)

STATE	CUM TOTAL	TOTAL \$ RANK	ACTIVE MEMBERS AS OF 5/15/2017	ACTIVE MEMBER PER CAPITA AVG.	PER CAPITA \$ RANK
KY	\$ 31,807.49	12	2,547	\$ 12.49	19
LA	\$ 8,166.00	34	1,327	\$ 6.15	42
ME	\$ 10,512.50	29	1,430	\$ 7.35	35
MD	\$ 17,418.18	22	1,150	\$ 15.15	15
MA/RI	\$ 76,407.00	7	2,340	\$ 32.65	6
MEXICO	\$ 0.00		76	\$ 0.00	
MI	\$ 14,705.62	24	1,773	\$ 8.29	31
MN	\$ 8,616.00	33	1,234	\$ 6.98	36
MS	\$ 6,377.00	37	2,414	\$ 2.64	49
MO	\$ 6,341.00	38	2,295	\$ 2.76	48
MT	\$ 15,617.95	23	688	\$ 22.70	9
NE	\$ 8,779.82	32	745	\$ 11.78	20
NV	\$ 4,435.00	41	409	\$ 10.87	23
NH	\$ 6,409.00	36	394	\$ 16.27	14
NJ	\$ 8,826.75	31	825	\$ 10.70	24
NM	\$ 3,395.60	44	346	\$ 9.81	28
NY	\$ 17,531.00	21	1,696	\$ 10.34	26
NC	\$ 19,382.33	18	2,823	\$ 6.87	37
ND	\$ 2,134.00	48	263	\$ 8.11	32
OH	\$ 188,207.73	2	7,496	\$ 25.11	8
OK	\$ 11,608.00	27	1,357	\$ 8.55	30
OR	\$ 2,945.00	45	665	\$ 4.43	46
PANAMA	\$ 305.00	53	157	\$ 1.94	51
PA	\$ 122,309.91	4	4,435	\$ 27.58	7
PHILLIPINES	\$ 1,390.00	50	600	\$ 2.32	50
PORTUGAL	\$ 0.00		98	\$ 0.00	
ROMANIA	\$ 0.00		491	\$ 0.00	
SC	\$ 20,194.00	16	2,987	\$ 6.76	39
SD	\$ 2,886.00	46	567	\$ 5.09	45
TN	\$ 36,440.38	10	3,520	\$ 10.35	25
TX	\$ 97,701.74	5	6,863	\$ 14.24	16
TOGO	\$ 0.00		2	\$ 0.00	
UT	\$ 3,480.00	43	302	\$ 11.52	22
VT	\$ 3,600.90	42	350	\$ 10.29	27
VA	\$ 39,686.01	9	1,831	\$ 21.67	10
WA	\$ 4,908.00	39	757	\$ 6.48	40
WV	\$ 86,164.90	6	2,097	\$ 41.09	5
WI	\$ 14,019.57	26	732	\$ 19.15	11
WY	\$ 6,973.00	35	510	\$ 13.67	17

KNIGHT TEMPLAR MAGAZINE STATE EDITOR'S REPORT 2017 ANNUAL CONCLAVE

Right Eminent Grand Commander and Sir Knights:

The Grand Commander submitted ten articles to be printed during his term for the Florida State Supplement. The Grand Prelate submitted two articles regarding the messages for Christmas and Easter.

The name for the Florida State Supplement was changed to The Florida Knight with the approval of the Grand Commander. The objective was to include other local news within the supplement which would alleviate the Grand Commander of submitting an article each month. I recommend we continue with this name to distinguish our edition from other state editions with the objective stated above.

I received an email from the Knight Templar Magazine editor, SK John Palmer, regarding an article of local news sent by a Sir Knight of this jurisdiction. The Magazine Board deemed it to be local news more fitting to be printed within the State Supplement. I discussed this situation with the Grand Commander and emphasized a need for a simple but effective guidelines for Constituent Commanderies wanted to submit local news. I recommend the following guidelines to be approved at our 2017 Annual Conclave and, if approved, to be sent to each Constituent Commandery for their knowledge and information.

Guidelines to Submit Articles for the State Supplement:

1. If a Commandery wants to submit an article of local interest, a local event that happened or to announce an event that will happen, they will submit the same directly to the State Editor through his email or USPS (see address/email after the deadlines).
2. The deadline for the above needs to be sent to the State Editor by the 10th day two months ahead of the next edition. Next edition means if you want the article or news to appear in the January edition, it needs to be sent to the State Editor by November 10th. A general schedule appears at the end of these guidelines.
3. The article needs to be presented to the State Editor in a 12 point Arial or Times New Roman font.
4. Any picture or pictures accompanying the article needs to be in 300 dpi or high quality format.
5. The State Editor will review the article. He will send it to the Grand Commander for his approval.
6. Once approved, the State Editor and the Grand Commander will determine if the article will be used instead of the Grand Commander's message of will be placed together with his message.
7. The article will be edited for content so it can fit pages of our State Supplement.

Deadlines to Submit Articles:

January edition – November 10th of the previous year.
February edition – December 10th of the previous year.
March edition – January 10th
April edition – February 10th
May edition – March 10th
June edition – April 10th
July edition – May 10th
August edition – June 10th
September edition – July 10th
October edition – August 10th
November edition – September 10th
December edition – October 10th

State Editor: SK David A. Aponte

Note: This may change at the 2018 Annual Conclave depending on who the Grand Commander appoints. So please inquire always who the State Editor will be for the incoming year at the beginning of May before Annual Conclave or ask at the Annual Conclave.

Email: regc2011@gmail.com
Address: 3310 148th St. E.
Tacoma, WA 98446

The Editor wants to thank the Grand Commander for his confidence, trust and support. I hope the Grand Commander and the Sir Knights have enjoyed the articles printed. I thank you all for allowing me to be your State Editor for the past six years. I thank the incoming Grand Commander, SK Anthony Griffon, for reappointing me as State Editor for his term.

Fraternally,

SK David A. Aponte, KCT, REPGC
State Editor 2016-2017

LODGE REPRESENTATIVE COMMITTEE 2016-2017

We continue to move this program forward with little success. Most Commanderies have a Lodge Representative for each Blue Lodge in their district. With the re-desitricting of our Blue Lodges this year, there is a larger Blue Lodge district to account for. Commnaderies are adding new Lodge Representatives to their group.

Respectfully Submitted
James Mason
Anthony Griffon
Adam Bryan

MASONIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 2016-2017

Good relations have continued to thrive between the Grand York Rite and the Grand Lodge Officers. The support that the York Rite has received from Grand Secretary Lynn and the Grand Line has been superior and always welcome.

I thank the Grand Commander for allowing me to serve on this important committee.

Stan Hudson, Chairman

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE FINAL REPORT 2016

During the chivalric year of 2016, our jurisdiction knighted 85 new knights. As the membership year goes from January 1 to December 31, both the Spring and Fall 2016 festivals were included in this number. During this period 24 Commanderies knighted at least 1 knight in this jurisdiction.

Nine (9) Commanderies did not knight any new members. The spring festivals will be credited to the new 2017 year. Currently for the Spring 2017 period, we have knighted 68, which is 8 better than the same time last year. These numbers will be reported next year.

Some of our gains/losses are still contributed to the lack of effective use of the monthly reports and the use of Y.R.I.S. That is a continuing concern that only the Recorders can improve.

Total Active Commanderies					32
Total Active Membership					3,583
Gain in Membership		Loss In Membership			
Knighthood	116		Demitted	29	
Affiliated	22		Suspended	120	
Reinstated	18		Deceased	109	
			Expelled	0	
Adjustments	0		Adjustments		
Gain		156	Loss		-262
Gain/Loss					-106
Active as of 12/31/16					3,477

Fraternally,

Henry A Adams, KCT
Chairman, Membership

NECROLOGY REPORT 2016-2017

2 Past Grand Commanders passed to the eternal east this year. REPGC George Chipouras and REPGC Eric B. West. All of our Sir Knights have felt the loss of these Past Grand Commanders.

Fraternally submitted
Brian Poole
David Aponte
John Miller

PATRIOTIC AND CIVIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE REPORT 2016-2017

At the beginning of the year as Chairman of the Patriotic and Civic Affairs Committee I reminded the particular Commanders of their duty as Knights Templar to support Patriotic and Civic causes and events throughout the year. In response to this Committeeman S.K. Sheldon Arpad came up with the idea of purchasing small, hand held flags to be distributed to all the Commanderies. These were mailed to all the Commanders with the following cover letter:

Sir Knights,

With the approach of Flag Day on June 14th and July 4th we hope you will use these flags to remind the Sir Knights, of your individual Commanderies, of the freedoms we all possess in this wonderful country of ours; one of immense bounties, freedoms and faith in God. We hope this message will stir the flames of Patriotism in the bosoms of all our companions and brethren.

In the United States, Flag Day is celebrated on June 14. It commemorates the adoption of the flag of the United States, which happened on that day in 1777 by resolution of the Second Continental Congress. The United States Army also celebrates the Army Birthday on this date; Congress adopted "the American continental army" after reaching a consensus position in the Committee of the Whole on June 14, 1775.

In 1916, President Woodrow Wilson issued a proclamation that officially established June 14 as Flag Day; in August 1949, National Flag Day was established by an Act of Congress. The week of June 14 is designated as "National Flag Week." During National Flag Week, the president will issue a proclamation urging U.S. citizens to fly the American flag for the duration of that week. The flag should also be displayed on all government buildings. Some organizations hold parades and events in celebration of America's national flag and everything it represents.

Please consider some event by your Commandery to honor our flag and show the public our support of the great nation it represents. If you do participate in some manner, please report the same to me.

Thank you.

Harry Eisenberg, Chairman Patriotic and Civic Affairs Committee

Tom Olsen, Commander of Damascus Commandery No. 2 wrote a brief paper entitled "Who Will Carry the Flag". The presentation was made June 17th at the Lewis A. Armistead Lodge No. 403. It was also presented at the St Augustine and Palatka Commanderies.

S.K.s we're reminded on 3/17 to report any activity. S.K. John Wermann reported that Trinity Commandery had supplied a color guard at several Masonic events.

I wish to thank REGC Fred Gerdom for the opportunity of chairing this committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Harry V. Eisenberg, Chairman
James Mason
Sheldon Arpad

PERPETUAL MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT 2016-2017

It has been an honor to serve the Grand Commandery of Florida as the Chairman for the Perpetual Membership Committee.

The following four (4) Sir Knights have purchased a Perpetual Membership through their respective local Commandery during the 2016 – 2017 Grand Commandery year.

Chase M. Chenault	St Lucie # 17
Richard C. Schwable	Melita #35
Howard W. Almand Jr	Chipola #22
James H. Newsome	Coeur deLion #1

Respectfully Submitted,

Brett A. Gordon, Chairman
Grand Senior Warden

GRAND COMMANDERY PERPETUAL MEMBERS				
COMM#	2014	2015	2016	4/30/17
1	12	18	18	19
2	33	33	34	34
4	6	8	8	8
5	1	1	1	1
6	2	5	5	5
7	5	7	7	7
8	17	17	17	17
9	6	6	6	6
10	5	8	8	8
12	17	17	17	17
13	71	71	71	71
16	9	10	10	10
17	24	26	27	28
18	6	8	8	8
19	9	9	9	9
20	10	11	11	11
21	8	8	8	8
22	5	5	5	6
24	7	7	7	7
25	6	8	8	8
28	13	15	15	15
29	3	3	3	3
32	2	2	2	2
35	28	34	34	35
38	9	11	11	11
40	13	13	13	13
41	10	11	11	11
42	1	1	1	1
43	3	3	3	4
TOTAL	341	376	378	383

PHOTOGRAPHY COMMITTEE REPORT 2016 – 2017

It has been pleasure serving our Sir Knights this year. I would like to give a special thanks to Sir Knights Thomas Randazzo, Jim Green, Corbin Elliott, and Garry Paxinos for their excellent photography. Appreciate all of our Sir Knights who have sent articles and pictures to our Florida Grand York Rite Web Site: FLGYR.org

It's so important to preserve our history and to help us remember the fun times we had during this Yorkie year.

All Sir Knights are welcome to send pictures & articles so we can maintain our history.

I move this report be accepted and printed in the Proceedings.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dayle L. Schrock, MIPGM, Chairman Photography Committee
Thomas Randazzo, Committeeman
James Green, Committeeman

PRINTING & PROCEEDINGS COMMITTEE REPORT 2016-2017

Proceedings for the Grand Commandery years of 2008, 2011, 2012 and 2016 have been printed and distributed.

Fraternally submitted,

Fred Gerdom, Chairman
L. Edward Villiaume III

PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE 2016-2017

This committee is tasked with raising our public image and presence. We are still facing awareness about Masons and Knights Templars; although this image is improving where visited and had meaningful conversations. There are a very small number of the Clergy where we are still viewed as a “demonic cult”. Many of the Ministers, Priests and other religious leaders met with a representative of our order and gave us a favorable view and ear. We were welcomed into many different religious institutions, Lutheran, Anglican, Baptist, Episcopal, Methodist, Hindu, Islam, Catholic, and a few different Evangelistic faiths. Many of these different institutions have members of our Masonic Fraternity. This made the conversations much easier and more informative for both sides. We must have a greater presence in our Churches and Community.

One point that was brought up by a couple of leaders was the appearance of our Class “A” uniform. The Ministers were very happy to have us attend their services, last year “not in uniform” however, this year thoughts are changing. In saying this, most now have seen our uniform. Next visits will be done in uniform when going to services with permission of the clergy. They will see we are more military than “demonic cult”. The Catholic Monsignor noted again that they had their version on Knights Templar, being The Order of Malta and The Knights of Columbus. Many were impressed by the Charities Masons support and the Templar Minister’s Pilgrimage to the Holy Land.

Moving forward in the upcoming years we will be visiting more Clergy and work toward more exposure in local parades, and flag ceremonies to create a visual imprint of who we are. This may increase our membership in the long term. We will be asking each Commander to attempt to place media coverage on their Knights Templar activities.

Respectfully Submitted,

SK Anthony L. Griffon, KTCH – Chairman
SK Ronald Parks, E. Grand Captain General
SK Javier Hernandez, E. Grand Warder

RETURNS & CREDENTIALS, REGISTRATION 2016 - 2017

The “final” report of the Returns & Credentials committee is as follows:

- 1) All Commanderies have paid their “per capita”,
- 2) All Commanderies are represented by either “presence” or “proxy” of a duly elected dais officer,
- 3) The number of Companions eligible to vote is 78 and have been issued cards to indicate such.

VEDGC, this concludes the “Final & Credentials committee, I move the report be accepted and a copy filed with the Grand Secretary.

Respectfully submitted,
James C. Gregory

RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES REPORT 2016 - 2017

Right Eminent Grand Commander and Sir Knights:

The Committee on Religious Activities sent out to all the Recorders in our jurisdiction the 2016 Religious Activity Report form. The purpose was to see how our Commanderies are doing in the religious activity area. The report covers the period from January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016. As chairman of this Committee, I received messages back from several Sir Knights that the Religious Activities portion was given to the District Deputies as part of their report. Unfortunately, none of the data related to this area was passed onto the Committee. Based on this situation, we recommend either a better communication of the data we need from the District Deputies or let the Committee send out their own form to capture this information. We prefer the latter.

Our jurisdiction has 32 Commanderies. We received the form filled out from 27 Commanderies. This is 84% of our Commanderies. To them, we thank you for providing us with the information needed. Unfortunately, five Commanderies never responded back. We did excuse the Recorder from Tampa – Ivanhoe

Commandery No. 8 due to illness. However, the Commanderies need to have a back-up plan in situations where the Recorder cannot complete his duties as such when the information is needed. We recommend that the Commanderies assign a Sir Knight to be the back-up of the Recorder. The Sir Knight appointed needs to have his name, address, phone number and email information provided to the Grand Commander, Grand Recorder and their respective District Deputies. This will allow the Constituent Commandery to have a Sir Knight provided the information when the Recorder is not accessible. This is a healthy and sound principle of administration.

We as Knights Templar have an obligation towards our religious and moral duties. This is indicated within three documents that govern us. First the Grand Encampment's Constitution and Statues, section 103, indicates that the Committee on Religious Activities shall: "...initiate and give active leadership throughout our Christian Order to programs that will place proper emphasis upon our individual Christian responsibilities, as well as to the religious obligations of Templary..." Second, our own By-Laws, (13.01 (k)), indicates that our Committee "shall foster religious activities compatible with the Principles of Templary including the traditional observances of Good Friday, Easter, Ascension Day, and Christmas. It shall promote and encourage participation of Constituent Commanderies in these activities. Third, at our annual installations a charge is given to the Commandery that states: "...The officers should remember that the moral and religious duties and precepts which they from time to time should forcibly impress upon the mind of others, should, by no means, be neglected by themselves; that the most effectual way to ensure success is to let precept and performance go hand-in-hand..." Let us remind the Sir Knights in order to become a better knight it is necessary that we educate ourselves by reading and attending our duties as Knights. One book that should be read is the Book of the Law which God gave us as the rule and guide to our faith and practice. We not only advise the Sir Knight to attend the religious events herein described individually or as a group but also to include as part of their meeting the reading and discussion of a Bible verse. This helps promote the ideal of making good men better by educating ourselves from our source of Light as indicated in our EA degree.

With these concepts in our mind, the data from the religious activities, within our jurisdiction, is as follows:

Christmas Observance – 26 Commanderies – 81%
 Easter Sunrise Service – 13 Commanderies – 41%
 Church Visitations – 7 Commanderies – 22%
 Ascension Observance – 10 Commanderies – 31%
 Good Friday Observance – 2 Commanderies – 6%

The data shows a strong participation in the Christmas Observance by 81% of our Commanderies. While Easter Sunrise Service, Ascension, Good Friday and Church Visitations fall below the 50% mark. We do want to congratulate Taylor Commandery No. 28 for celebrating for the fourth consecutive year their Ascension Observance at Otis Castle in St. Augustine. We know that several Commanderies also participate in this event. Kudos to all. For those that have not yet been to this event, we whole-heartily recommend it. The experience of just

being there will make you come back each year. We advise the Commanderies to begin doing other religious events in their Commandery or in conjunction with other Commanderies in their District or outside their District. We do emphasize our participation in visiting our local churches. Templary is sometimes not well received in some churches. Sometimes is part of the perception of who we are (Freemasonry); other times, it is knowing who we are. We need to act in the same way Jesus acted with those in His times: with Love and Compassion. In order to have a good relationship with a church, we need to foster that relationship.

We also wanted to look into the Holy Land Pilgrimage within our Constituent Commanderies:

Nominated Ministers in 2016 – 2 Commanderies – 6%
Sponsored Financially Own Minister – 7 Commanderies – 22%
Ministers Nominated and Still Waiting to Be Sent – 0 Commanderies – 0%
Fundraisers for the Holy Land Pilgrimage – 6 Commanderies – 19%

Two Commanderies nominated a minister either under the auspices of the Grand Commandery or by sponsoring the minister themselves. Seven Commanderies are sponsoring the minister with their own funds. Some Commanderies formed a co-op system and share the expenses of the minister being sent to the Holy Land. This is being done in District 5 and 10. A big thank you to these Commanderies and we encourage the Commanderies in other Districts to follow this example. The funds allocated in the Grand Commandery's budget helps in cases where a single Commandery doesn't have the funds to sponsor their own minister. The number of ministers sponsored by the Grand Commandery depends on the availability of funds. This is why fund raisers to assist in keeping our Holy Land Pilgrimage funds replenished is essential. In regards to fund raising, only six Commanderies did fund-raisers during the year. If a Commandery does fund raisers, it can contribute a portion to the Grand Commandery and set aside a portion to sponsor their own minister.

This is why fund raisers to assist is essential for the Holy Land Pilgrimage fund raising, only six Commanderies indicated they did one.

The Committee had the Christmas Observance ceremony in the hands of the Constituent Commanderies earlier in 2016. We want to thank our Grand Commander for delivering his response to the toast early and to our Grand Recorder for his assistance in getting the ceremonial to the Commanderies. The only toasts that did not appear was that to the Grand Master and its response. The Grand Recorder delivered them separately. We will continue to use this practice for future years.

As part of our duties and recommendations to ourselves as a Committee, we will send out reminders regarding the different religious observances through our Grand Prelate.

Attached to this report is the spreadsheet with the data from each Constituent Commandery for their reading.

The Committee wants to thank the Grand Commander for his confidence, trust and support in us. We want to thank the Commanderies that discharged their religious duties as much as possible.

#	Commandery	Ret'd Report	X Mas	Good Friday	Easter	Ascension	Help Fundraise	How many
1	Coeur de Lion***	1	1	0	0	0	1	1
2	Damascus	1	1	0	1	0	1	2
4	Olivet****	1	1	0	1	1	1	1
5	Palatka	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
6	Plant City	1	1	0	1	0	0	0
7	Pilgrim	1	1	0	1	1	0	0
8	Tampa-Ivanhoe	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
9	Oriental****	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10	St. Augustine	1	1	0	1	1	0	0
12	Tallahassee	1	1	0	1	0	0	0
13	Miami	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
15	Bartow	1	1	1	1	1	0	0
16	Trinity	1	1	0	1	0	0	0
17	St. Lucie	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
18	Palm Beach	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
19	Ocala	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
20	Sunshine	1	1	0	1	0	0	0
21	Lakeland	1	1	1	1	1	0	0
22	Chipola	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
24	Brevard	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
25	Crestview***	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
28	Taylor****	1	1	0	1	1	0	0
29	St. Johns	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
32	Ft. Myers	1	1	0	0	1	0	0
35	Melita	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
38	Triangle****	1	1	0	1	1	0	0
39	Lake City	1	1	0	1	0	0	0
40	Springtime	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
41	Melbourne	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
42	St. Elmo***	1	1	0	0	0	1	2
43	Bradford	1	1	0	0	0	1	1
44	Crusader	1	1	0	0	1	1	4
	TOTAL	27	26	2	13	10	6	11
	PERCENTAGE	84%	81%	6%	41%	31%	19%	

****Commanderies in District 5 share in the Minister's expense but take turns in selecting a minister

****Five Commanderies have not submitted their report at the time of finishing this report.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Based on the situation with the reports discussed at the beginning, we recommend either a better communication of the data we need from the District Deputies or let the Committee send out their own form to capture this information. We prefer the latter.
2. We recommend that the Commanderies assign a Sir Knight to be the backup of the Recorder. The Sir Knight appointed needs to have his name, address, phone number and email information provided to the Grand Commander, Grand Recorder and their respective District Deputies. This will allow the Constituent Commandery to have a Sir Knight provided the information when the Recorder is not accessible. This is a healthy and sound principle of administration.
3. We recommend that our Constituent Commanderies participate more in the religious duties we have as Sir Knights. This should make our participation as members more significant and part of the annual planning of things to do. We especially emphasize our participation in visiting our local churches. Sometimes is part of the perception of who we are (Freemasonry); other times, it is knowing who we are. We need to act in the same way Jesus acted with those in His times: with Love and Compassion. In order to have a good relationship with a church, we need to foster that relationship.
4. We recommend that fund-raisers for the Holy Land Pilgrimage be done by the Constituent Commanderies with a portion going to the Grand Commandery funds for this purpose and a portion being retained by the Commandery so they can send and pay the expenses for their own minister.
5. We recommend that smaller Constituent Commanderies gather together to celebrate the different Observances we have. Each Commandery can alternate. This will allow for a bigger gathering but also fellowship between Commanderies.
6. The Committee will send out reminders, through our Grand Prelate, on the different observances, at least three months in advance, so proper planning can be done. We will send out in June a copy of the Religious Activity Report to facilitate the Recorder and Eminent Commander to record and keep track of these activities. This report will be due back to the Grand Prelate on or before March 15th of each year.

The Committee wants to thank the Grand Commander for his confidence, trust and support in us. We want to thank the Commanderies that discharged their religious duties as much as possible.

Fraternally and yours in Christ,

SK David A. Aponte, Chairman
 SK Brian Poole, Member
 SK Barry Swan, Member

CONVENTION SOUVENIR PROGRAM COMMITTEE REPORT 2016-2017

The committee thanks Our Most Excellent Grand High Priest Charles R. Cooper, Our Most Illustrious Grand Master Benjamin J. Holland, and Our Right Eminent Grand Commander Frederick R. Gerdorn for the Honor to serve Our Fellow Companions and Sir Knights on this committee. The program would not be where it is today without the work of companions Jack Maulden and John Lewis. They helped gather the majority of ads and their work is extremely appreciated. The committee thanks S.K. David Aponte, REPGC for the wonderful cover artwork.

We were able to work together and grow the section for Masonic Youth and have continued to receive ads from non-Masonic groups. The back and inside covers continue to be sold. The Gold Supporters program has continued to improve.

2016 – 2017 Sales information

Full Page Ads	33
Half Page Ads	14
Quarter Page Ads	6
Blue Lodge Ads	7
Gold Supporters	136

The above ads generated a GROSS total of \$9,825 dollars for the Grand York Rite Bodies. The final cost of printing was \$3,803.85 dollars. The realized NET profit is: \$6,021.15 dollars.

The committee recognizes the following that added to the success of the program:

1. The commitment of the Heads of the Grand Lines to Masonic Youth and other items added for the first time (or revamped) in this year's program, resulting in 14.5 pages dedicated to the Masonic Youth. It is hoped that these shall spark growth in the future of our Fraternity.
2. The wholehearted assistance of several Companions and Sir Knights throughout the state
3. The willingness of Companions and Sir Knights throughout the state to mention the program to Blue Lodges, York Rite, Scottish Rite and non-Masonic organizations
4. Received more ads from non-York rite bodies, Grottoes, SOOB, OES and others

It has been an Honor and a Privilege to serve the Craft on this Committee and we thank you for the opportunity.

Respectfully submitted by the Committee on “Convention Souvenir Program”
Fraternally and Zealously submitted,

Companions:

Jack Maulden

John Wermann MEPGHP

AJ Ahrens

John Lewis

David Aponte REPGC

TECHNOLOGY REPORT 2016-2017

Right Eminent Grand Commander and Sir Knights:

The Technology Committee would like to thank our Right Eminent Grand Commander for allowing this committee the freedom to create a website for sharing information to all our Sir Knights.

This will be our 3rd Year with this Web Site and we are slowly moving into Phase II. It’s been a pleasure working with such a great team of experts on the Technology Committee, with the Webmaster, Ricardo Parente for orchestrating all of the carefully place articles, pictures and information on the web site FLGYR.org .

Mission Statement

The Florida Grand York Rite website shall become the premiere electronic tool to enhance, educate, strengthen the leadership skills, and present the necessary forms, information and administrative tools.

The objective is to develop a website that will assist the Florida Grand York Rite Officers, Constituent Body Dais Officers, and Grand Recorder in the discharge of their respective duties. The following will be areas to assist each of the officers indicated above:

1. Membership development and recruitment;
2. Leadership development and education;
3. Repository of administrative forms and documents of the Grand York Rite Bodies;
4. Electronic communication of the forms needed in the administrative functions of the Recorders with the Grand Recorder’s office;

5. Develop and maintain a line of communication among the Sir Knights and Companions.

General information

The committee will strive to do a better job communicating with the Grand Recorder to assist with evolving our web site to a more productive site that could assist all our York Rite Bodies in their reporting procedures.

I move this report be accepted and printed in the proceedings.

Fraternally submitted,

Dayle L. Schrock, MIPGM, Chairman Technology Committee
Corey Kosciusko, Committeeman
Patrick Velasquez, Committeeman
AJ Ahrens III, Committeeman
Ricardo Parente, Committeeman, Webmaster
L. Edward Villiaume III

TIME AND PLACE COMMITTEE 2016-2017

The Grand Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Florida for the year 2018 will start on Monday, 21 May 2018 at the Lake Mary Marriott Hotel, 1501 International Parkway, Lake Mary, Florida 32746.

The Grand Chapter of Florida will be held on Tuesday 22 May 2018.
The Grand Council of Florida will be held on Wednesday, 23 May 2018.

The Banquet will be held on the Sunday, 20 May 2018. Schedules have already been organized and submitted to the appropriate convention personal of the hotel that will interface with our SK Steven Steele. All contracts have been signed by the appropriate heads of the incoming bodies and submitted to the Grand Secretary.

Anthony L. Griffon, KTCH
Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander

**TRAINING MANUAL COMMITTEE REPORT
2016-2017**

R. E. Grand commander and Sir Knights

The members of the Training Manual Committee met two times during the year. The manual was updated and the Recorders Directory in the manual was removed to reduce the cost, the new directory will be printed by the Grand York Rite every year. The committee also recommends monies be allocated in the Grand Commandery budget to have one copy distributed to each Commandery.

The Committee recommends that this report be approved by this Grand Conclave.

Fraternally Submitted,

S. K. James I. Record, PDDGC, Chairman
 S. K. Marvin W. Gerhard, REPGC, KCT, Member
 S. K. Brett Gordon, PDDGC, Member

TRIENNIAL CONVENTION 2015-2016

The last Triennial convention of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar was held at the Adam's Mark Hotel in Buffalo, NY, 8-12 August, 2015. It was well attended by the following Florida members:

SK Henry A. Adams	SK James T. Mason
SK David A. Aponte	SK Frederick L. Piasecki
SK William G. Ellis, Jr	SK Charles G. Sipes
SK Frederick R. Gerdom	SK Eric B. West
SK Anthony L. Griffon	

The next Triennial of the Grand Encampment will be held in August 2018 in Indianapolis, IN

Fraternally,

Frederick R. Gerdom, Chairman
 Anthony L. Griffon, VEDGC
 James Mason, EGG

UNFINISHED BUSINESS AND PROCEEDINGS ANNUAL REPORT 2016-2017

All missing proceedings (back to 2006) have been printed and distributed

Fraternally,

Fred Gerdom, REGC - Chairman
 Dwight Ridgeway

YOUTH COMMITTEE REPORT 2016-2017

We continue to support our Youth Groups in Florida. They are growing in our jurisdiction.

3 Bethels in Jobs Daughters:

Bethel	Lodge	Location
5	Halifax #81	135 Orange Park Ave, Daytona, FL
9	Elmer Smith	5021 75 th Ave, Pinellas Park, FL
13	John Darling #154	4601 N Habana Ave, Tampa, FL

22 Rainbow Assemblies:

Name	Location
Marvelous #101	735 N Hwy 29, Cantonment, FL
West Florida #91	3300 West DeSoto St, Pensacola, FL
Lynn Haven #147	720 Florida Ave, Lynn Haven, FL
Tallahassee #64	2818 Apalachee Pkwy, Tallahassee, FL
Wesconnett #84	5917 Old Timuquana Rd, Jacksonville, FL
Jacksonville #21	2620 Dean Rd, Jacksonville, FL
Ocala #66	1846 SE 36th Ave, Ocala, FL
Largo #86	1145 Highland Ave, Largo, FL
St Augustine #42	105 King St, St Augustine, FL
Brandon #23	203 N Moon Ave, Brandon, FL
Mount Dora #79	535 N Donnally St, Mount Dora, FL
Bradenton #20	520 30th Ave W, Bradenton, FL
Deland #31	2557 N Spring Garden Av, Deland, FL
Orange #134	4925 Clarcona-Ocoee Rd, Orlando, FL
Hope #82	122 Triplet Lake Dr, Casselberry, FL
Venice #38	118 E Venice Ave, Venice, FL
Haines City #146	47 N 6th St, Haines City, FL
Pine Castle #6	1216 Hoffner Ave, Orlando, FL
Space Coast #99	19 N Washington Ave, Titusville, FL
Sebring #148	1809 Home Ave, Sebring, FL
Hollywood #12	101 SE 1st Ave, Dania Beach, FL
S Miami #109	7090 SW 61st Ave Miami, FL

29 DeMolay Chapters:

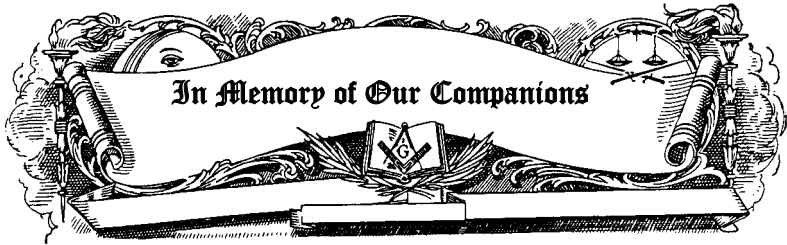
Dist	Name	Location
1	Escambia-10130	5158 E Spencerfield Rd, Pace, FL
	George Ulee Lord-10046	522 Johnsons Pkwy, Niceville, FL
	J. Edwin Larson-10068	2818 Apalachee Pkwy, Tallahassee, FL
2	First Coast-10088	2914 Loretto Rd, Jacksonville, FL
	Hurlbert-10104	25 E First St, Jacksonville, FL
	John Wayne-10099	215 N Main St, Gainesville, FL
	Marion-10037	1846 SE 36th Ave, Ocala, FL
3	Bahia-10050	3200 Grant St, Orlando, FL
	Dale Chapman-10012	720 N Apache Cir, Deltona, FL
	Greater Titusville-10072	19 N Washington Ave, Titusville, FL
	Lake Sumter-10006	128 N Bay St, Eustis, FL
	John G. Hamilton-10170	135 Orange Ave, Daytona Beach, FL
	South Seminole-10134	122 Triplett Lake Dr, Casselberry, FL

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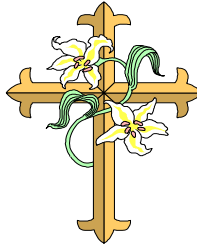
4	Anclote-10167	30 N Ring Ave, Tarpon Springs, FL
	Paul Revere-10071	508 E Kennedy Blvd, Tampa, FL
	St. Petersburg-10060	5021 75th Ave N, Pinellas Park, FL
	Polk County-10169	Tuscan Lodge No. 6, Bartow, FL
5	Walter Fishback-10163	10801 Desoto Rd, Riverview, FL
	C. Allen Pattison-10168	118 E Venice Ave, Venice, FL
	Michael A. Padron, Sr-10089	1809 Home Ave, Sebring, FL
	Manatee County-10004	520 30th Ave W, Bradenton, FL
	Sarasota-10063	2160 Main St, Sarasota, FL
6	Placid-10166	102 N Main Ave, Lake Placid, FL
	Big Water-10164	107 NW 5th Ave, Okeechobee, FL
	John G. Allen Chap-10086	1896 Palm Beach Lakes Blvd #200 W Palm Beach, FL 33409
	Jupiter-Tequesta-10152	600 S Loxahatchee Dr, Jupiter, FL
	Oleeta-West Dade-10082	145 S Royal Poinciana Blvd, Miami Sprgs, FL
	South Miami-10158	7090 SW 61st Ave, S Miami, FL
Westside-10097	811 Glen Pkwy, Hollywood, FL	

We awarded an honorary award for DeMolay, called the Order of the Cross of Jerusalem. Last July at the Grand DeMolay Conclave, this was awarded to an outstanding young man. He was the thirteenth (13th) to be given this award in the past seven years.

Year	Name	DeMolay
2011	Gregory Berry	J. Edwin Larson, Tallahassee
	Brendon Blankinship	Greater Titusville, Titusville
	Jesse Knalfa	Paul Revere, Tampa
	Jeff Meister	Escambia, Pace
	Tyler Salee	Greater Titusville, Titusville
	Jerrod Threadgill	Paul Revere, Tampa
	Kevin Velasquez	Dale Chatman, Deltona
2012	McLean Haughey	Paul Revere, Tampa
	Justin Prowant	Dale Chatman, Deltona
	Harrison Sherwin	Sarasota, Sarasota
2013	Keaton Tylor Fraticilli	Sarasota, Sarasota
2014	Martin J Cox	Oleeta-West Dade, Miami Springs
2015	Brian Catalano	Dale Chapman, Deltona
2016	Jackson Cowart	John Wayne, Archer
2017	Hunter James Hancock	First Coast, Jacksonville



*In Memory of Sir Knights of this
and other Grand Jurisdictions*



Who have passed on to the Eternal Reward in 2016-2017

PAST GRAND COMMANDERS:

*RIGHT EMINENT PAST GRAND COMMANDER ERIC B. WEST,
Whom served this Grand Commandery in 2015 – 2016
3 July 1939 – 9 September 2016*

*RIGHT EMINENT PAST GRAND COMMANDER
GEORGE A. CHIPOURAS,
Whom served this Grand Commandery in 1987 – 1988
22 October 1922 – 26 September 2016*

We Fraternally Dedicate this Page

GEORGE A. CHIPOURAS

CHIPOURAS GEORGE A. CHIPOURAS, Lt. Col., USAF, Ret. (Age 93) On September 26, 2016, at Jackson South Community Hospital in Miami, FL. Born on October 22, 1922, in Washington, DC to the late Arthur and Virginia Chipouras, George was educated in DC public elementary and high schools. He earned a Masters and Bachelors degree in political science with a minor in psychology from The American International College of Springfield, MA and a Masters in business administration/ business management from the University of Miami. Lt. Colonel Chipouras served in the U.S. Army Air Corps and later U.S. Air Force from 1942-70 at duty stations spanning the globe. He was on active duty during [World War II](#), the [Korean Conflict](#) and for two tours in Vietnam. Lt. Colonel Chipouras was a highly decorated officer, having been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, Bronze Medal and [Purple Heart](#) just to name a few. His duties included expertise as a navigator/ bombardier with specialties in thermonuclear weaponry and special missions planning. After retiring from the military, he relocated to Miami, FL where he worked as the Director of Construction Administration and Management with Ferendino, Grafton, Spillis and Candella, an architectural and engineering firm. Later, he was the Director of Facilities Planning and Construction Management for the University of Miami, finally retiring again in 1988. Beginning in 1956, Lt. Colonel Chipouras became very active in all aspects of the Masonic Bodies and the Shriners, where he held many prestigious positions. He was very proud to be recognized as the Grand General Grand Council Cryptic Masons International Ambassador to Greece and as the State Chapter Dad and Honorary Legion of Honor for the International Order of DeMolay. He also served on the Jurisprudence Committees and was the Grand Commander of the Florida State Illustrious 33rd Degree of the Southern Jurisdiction Scottish Rite. Lt. Colonel Chipouras was a member of the American International College and the University of Miami alumni associations, the Retired Officers Association, the Construction Specifications Institute, St. Sophia Greek Orthodox Cathedral in Miami, FL and Ss. Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church in Annapolis, MD. In addition to his parents, Lt. Colonel Chipouras was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Mary Alice Chipouras and his sisters, Anastassia and Felicia Chipouras. He is survived by his children, Arthur G. Chipouras and Virginia S. Thomas; his son-in-law, Tommy Thomas; his grandchildren, Cynthia Lynn and Mike Pozdol and Steven Thomas. He was the loving and proud Popou to his great-grandchildren, Michael and Kelsey Pozdol. He will be remembered fondly and faithfully by his family and friends. Relatives and friends are invited to celebrate George's life from 5 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, October 5, at the George P. Kalas Funeral Home, 2973 Solomons Island Rd., Edgewater, MD. Funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. on Thursday, October 6, at Ss. Constantine & Helen Greek Orthodox Church, 2747 Riva Rd., Annapolis, MD 21401. Interment with full military honors will be at Arlington National Cemetery at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in his name to Ss. Constantine & Helen Greek Orthodox Church.

**ANTHONY L. GRIFFON
GRAND COMMANDER OF FLORIDA
RIGHT EMINENT GRAND COMMANDER ELECT
2017-2018**



**ANTHONY L. GRIFFON
MASONIC RESUME 2016-2017**

FLORIDA FREE & ACCEPTED MASONS

BLUE LODGE:

1998 Initiated 6 November
1999 Passed 4 March
 Raised 15 April

LODGE MEMBERSHIP: St Petersburg

St. Petersburg #139, Plural Member and Perpetual Member

2010 Junior Warden, January through December
2011 Worshipful Master, January through December
2014 Chaplin, January through December

Nitram #188, Perpetual Member

2000 Senior Steward, January through December
2001 Senior Deacon, January through December
2002 Junior Warden, January through December
2003 Senior Warden, January through December
2004 Worshipful Master, January through December

SCOTTISH RITE:

Perpetual Member

Degrees:

1999 14th degree, Macon, GA, 30 October – Complimentary
 18th degree, Macon, GA, 30 October – Complimentary
 30th degree, Macon, GA, 30 October – Complimentary
 32nd degree, Macon, GA, 30 October – Complimentary

EASTERN STAR:

Aida Chapter

2007 Plural Member
 Associate Patron, January through December
2008 Patron, January through December

Bethlehem Chapter

2003 Active Member

YORK RITE:

- 2000 Chapter Degrees, Sanford, 22 January
Council Degrees, Sanford, 22 January
Commandery Degrees, Tampa, 26 February
- 2006 Chapter #31, St Petersburg, Master of the First Veil
Council #14, St Petersburg, Chaplin
Commandery #20, Sunshine, Junior Warden
- 2007 Chapter #31, St Petersburg, captain of the Host
Council #14, St Petersburg, Conductor of the Council
Commandery #20, Sunshine, Senior Warden
- 2008 Chapter #31, St Petersburg, Master of the Third Veil
Council #14, St Petersburg, Conductor of the Council
Commandery #20, Sunshine, Floating
Chapter: Super Excellent Degree, 8 October
- 2009 Chapter #31, St Petersburg, Principal Sojourner
Council #14, St Petersburg, Conductor of the Council
Commandery #20, Sunshine, Floating
- 2010 Chapter #31, St Petersburg, Master of the Third Veil
Council #14, St Petersburg, Conductor of the Council
Commandery #20, Sunshine, Commander
Commandery, Knight Crusaders of the Cross, 17 April
York Rite College, Pentagon #62, 19 June
- 2011 Chapter #31, St Petersburg, High Priest
Council #14, St Petersburg, Illustrious Master
Commandery #20, Sunshine, Captain General
Grand Commandery of Florida, Warder
York Rite College, Pentagon #62
- 2012 Chapter #31, St Petersburg, Principal Conductor of the Works
Council #14, St Petersburg, Conductor of the Council
Commandery #20, Sunshine, Commander
Grand Commandery of Florida, Sword Bearer
York Rite College, Pentagon #62
Knights Mason Mystic Brotherhood #35, 17 November
- 2013 Chapter #31, St Petersburg, High Priest
Council #14, St Petersburg, Steward
Commandery #20, Sunshine, Standard Bearer
Commandery #15, Bartow, Senior Warden
Grand Commandery of Florida, Senior Warden
Grand Commandery of Florida, Meritorious Ribbon
York Rite College, Pentagon #62

- 2014 Chapter #31, St Petersburg, Treasurer
Council #14, St Petersburg, Treasurer Pro Tem
Commandery #20, Sunshine, Generalissimo
Commandery #20, Sunshine, Perpetual Member
Commandery #15, Bartow, Floating
Grand Commandery of Florida, Captain General
Grand Commandery of Florida, Knight Templar Cross of Honor (KTCH)
Grand Commandery Representative, Idaho
York Rite College: Treasurer (Pro Tem)
Red Cross of Constantine
KYCH
- 2015 Chapter #31, St Petersburg, Scribe and Treasurer Pro Tem
Council #14, St Petersburg, Deputy Master and Treasurer Pro Tem
Commandery #20, Sunshine, Captain General
Grand Commandery of Florida: Generalissimo
York Rite College: Treasurer
Red Cross of Constantine, Herald
KYCH
Rosicrucian Society, 5th Degree, 26 September
- 2016 Chapter #31, St Petersburg, Floating
Council #14, St Petersburg, Illustrious Master
Commandery #20, Sunshine, Floating
Commandery #15, Bartow, Floating
Grand Commandery of Florida, Deputy Grand Commander
York Rite College, Treasurer
Red Cross of Constantine, Standard Bearer
KYCH
Rosicrucian Society
- 2017 Chapter #31, St Petersburg, Sentinel
Council #14, St Petersburg, Member
Commandery #20, Sunshine, Floating
Grand Commandery of Florida, Grand Commander
Grand Commandery Representative, Pennsylvania
York Rite College, Treasurer
Red Cross of Constantine
KYCH
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Committee Name	Name	Position
Advisory	Marvin W. Gerhard	Chair
	Carl E. Gilmore	Member
	Harry A. Rosenthal Jr.	Member
	Frederick R. Gerdom	Member
Audit	William Lee Popham Sr.	Chair
	Sheldon R. Arpad	Member
	Ronald L. Parks	Member
Committee on Work	Frederick R. Gerdom	Chair
	Marvin W. Gerhard	Member
	Paul W. Friend	Member
	Adam M. Bryan	Member
	Rusty M. Ludlam	Member
Constitution Laws & Regulations	Carl E. Gilmore	Chair
	Marvin W. Gerhard	Member
	Frederick R. Gerdom	Member
Convention Board	Carl E. Gilmore	Chair
	Anthony L. Griffon	Chair
	Ronald C. Newton	Member
	Robert C. St. John	Member
Distinguished Guests	Sheldon R. Arpad	Chair
	Henry A. Adams	Member
	Marvin W. Gerhard	Member
Dispensations & Charters	Adam M. Bryan	Chair
	Brett A. Gordon	Member
Finance & Budget	James T. Mason	Chair
	Anthony L. Griffon	Member
	L. Edward Villiaume III	Member
	Carl E. Gilmore	Member
Grand Commandery History	Charles C. Cicero	Chair
	Marvin W. Gerhard	Member
	Harry A. Rosenthal Jr	Member
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	Brett A. Gordon	Member
	Patrick X. Velasquez	Member
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	Richard S. Agster	Member
	Ronald L. Parks	Member
Holy Land Pilgrimage	James T. Mason	Chair
	Ronald L. Parks	Member
	David A. Aponte	Member
	Anthony L. Griffon	Member
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	John D. Powell	2 years
	Charles L. Hollinger	3 years

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	Sheldon R. Arpad	Member
	Patrick X. Velasquez	Member
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	Adam M. Bryan	Member
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	Javier A. Hernandez	Member
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Membership	Ronald L. Parks	Chair
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	Javier A. Hernandez	Member
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	Anthony L. Griffon	Member
	Sheldon R. Arpad	Member
	John I. Gray	Member
Necrology	David A. Aponte	Chair
	L. Edward Villiaume III	Member
	Brian R. Poole	Member
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	Ronald L. Parks	Member
	Harry V. Eisenberg	Member
	James T. Mason	Member
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	James A. Green	2 years
	John E. Drewett	3 years
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	Thomas A. Randazzo	Member
	James A. Green	Member
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	L. Edward Villiaume III	Member
	Henry A. Adams	Member

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	John R. Miller	Member
Youth	Frederick R. Gerdom	Chair
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	Arthur J. Ahrens III	Member
	Harry A. Rosenthal Jr	Member
	Anthony L. Griffon	Member

RIGHT EMINENT PAST GRAND COMMANDERS

(*Denotes deceased)

1895	William A McLean	*	1896	Wilbur Webster	*
1897	James W Boyd	*	1898	William H Jewell	*
1899	Elmer E Haskell	*	1900	Warren Tyler	*
1901	William S Ware	*	1902	B H Chadwick	*
1903	Olin S Wright	*	1904	Otis L Keene	*
1905	James Carnell	*	1906	Irving E Webster	*
1907	Silas B Wright	*	1908	Joseph H Keller	*
1909	Alonzo M Cushman	*	1910	John H Norton	*
1911	Louis C Massey	*	1912	John H Weddell	*
1913	Will C Andress	*	1914	Galen B Seamen	*
1915	William R O'Neal	*	1916	F B Stoneman	*
1917	Charles H Ketchum	*	1918	Henry O Snow	*
1919	Charles S Hill	*	1920	John L Hall	*
1921	Carey B Fish	*	1922	S A Johnson	*
1923	Ralph J Kishpaugh	*	1924	Erle L Wirt	*
1925	Harry L Brown	*	1926	George A Dame	*
1927	F William Schultz	*	1928	Dorsey H Rutter	*
1929	J Lloyd Head	*	1930	Warner T Hamm	*
1931	William L Marshall	*	1932	William W Chase	*
1933	Riley J McMaster	*	1934	Bradford C Webb	*
1935	John B Phelps	*	1936	Robert H Brown	*
1937	William B Greer	*	1938	Joseph Borman	*
1939	Ralph G Reynolds	*	1940	Loren J Dilger	*
1941	Richard E Halton	*	1942	Charles K Hanner	*
1942	L Earl Curry	*	1943	Thomas E Dickenson	*
1944	James E Herring	*	1945	Archie Aitchison	*
1946	George A Lambe	*	1947	Harry L Taylor	*
1948	Ford J DeHaven	*	1949	Russell W Houston	*
1950	Norman C Edwards	*	1951	A Clement Blount	*
1952	E Victor Reed	*	1952	Jesse E Ramsdell	*
1953	Thomas N Morrison	*	1954	DeCarr F Hosford	*
1955	Cristen D Anderson	*	1956	Myron E Clark	*
1957	Russel E Strawn	*	1958	Arthur E Stewart	*
1959	Boyd L Hudgins	*	1960	Lee Emmitt Russell	*
1961	James W Carter	*	1962	William E Tanner	*
1963	Leroy E Healy	*	1964	Blenus Williams	*
1965	Goebel Buchanan	*	1966	James D Yeager	*
1967	Herman Boye	*	1968	Louis B. McSwain Jr	*
1969	John W Stewart Jr	*	1970	Stephen B Dimond	*
1971	J Richard Reid	*	1972	H Edward May	*
1973	Charles H Green	*	1974	Robert Weisenbarger	*
1975	Albert G Rodgers	*	1976	Harry A Rosenthal, Jr	*
1977	Joseph J Johnson	*	1978	Stephen VanNorden	*
1979	William Haythorn	*	1980	Wilbur W Masters	*

RIGHT EMINENT PAST GRAND COMMANDERS (Continued)

(* denotes deceased)

1981	James D Banketas *	1982	Eugene N Berato *
1983	Victor Villazon *	1984	Joe W Aspley *
1985	Edward Moore *	1986	John B Fletcher, Jr *
1987	George A Chipouras *	1988	William A Howard *
1989	Marvin W Gerhard	1990	James W Dalzell *
1991	Richard A Young *	1992	Leonard E Whitehead
1993	Charles E Losey *	1994	Richard J Carr *
1995	Paul Hockett *	1996	Guy E Waltman
1997	Carl E Gilmore	1998	William Ronald Taylor
1999	Edwin B Moore III	2000	Daniel L Bennett *
2001	Frederick L Piasecki	2002	Robert E Burleson
2003	Gordon L Anderson *	2004	William R McKee *
2004	William G Ellis	2005	William G Ellis
2006	Jerry R Morgan	2007	Leroy E Fackler *
2008	Charles Perez	2009	Ideal F Baldoni II
2010	Charles C Cicero	2011	David A Aponte
2012	Arthur J LaRose	2013	Henry A Adams
2014	Paul W Friend	2015	Eric B. West *

GRAND ENCAMPMENT K.T. OFFICERS 2015-2018

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RE Grand Generalissimo	Michael Burke Johnson, Crowheart, WY
RE Captain General	David Joseph Kussman, Anaheim, CA
RE Treasurer	Bobby Blackman Simmons, Bonaire, GA
RE Recorder	Lawrence E. Tucker, Bellaire, TX
RE Prelate	William D. Hartman, Philadelphia, PA

RIGHT EMINENT SOUTHEASTERN DEPARTMENT COMMANDER 2015 – 2018

Sir Knight Henry A. Adams

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR CROSS OF HONOR

1968	Howard P. Bennett	1970	Joseph P. LeSuer
1980	Jacob J. Krawiec	1984	William A. Howard
1985	Joe E. Bronson	1986	T. N. Buckholtz
1987	Fred. M. Morris	1993	Joseph E. Secrest
1994	Edward E. Bush	1995	Leslie H. Scott, Jr.
1996	Burt F. Maguire	1997	Seth K. Walworth
1998	Robert H. Showers	1999	Frank Buell

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR CROSS OF HONOR (Continued)

2000	John Goerke	2001	Richard S. Agster
2002	George T. Collier	2003	Paul W. Friend
2005	Dennis J. Thompson	2006	Kermit Huff
2007	Charles "Chic" Cicero	2008	Malcom B. Ryder
2009	D.P. Caldwell	2011	Ralph E. Vaughan
2012	Larry D. Duff	2013	Carl G. Kirtley
2014	Anthony L. Griffon	2015	Dwight N. Ridgeway
2016	Robert E. Hubbard		

**KNIGHT COMMANDER OF THE TEMPLE
FLORIDA MEMBERS**

† deceased

*Received from another jurisdiction but now a permanent resident of Florida

**Received from Grand Encampment

Henry A. Adams **	David E. DeMent *†	Richard A. Meacham *†
David A. Aponte **	Corbin P. Elliot*	Fred M. Morris †
Ideal F. Baldoni II	William G. Ellis, Jr **	George D. Pushee **
Daniel L. Bennett	Joe A. Fleites	Harry A. Rosenthal, Jr.
Howard P. Bennett †	John B. Fletcher, Jr. †	Ralph O. Sheppard †
Virgil P. Brown Jr	Marvin W. Gerhard	Charles Sipes *
Robert E. Burleson	Carl E. Gilmore	Leonard E. Whitehead
Edward E. Bush	E. L. (Lank) Green †	Walter H. Winchester †
Richard J. Carr †	Donald T. Harriott	Duane B. Young
George A. Chipouras †	William A. Howard †	Julius J. Zschau, II
Francis L. Dancy †	Richard E. Lynn	Frederick R. Gerdom

**CONSTITUENT COMMANDERY REPRESENTATIVES
2017-2018**

COMM	NO.	NAME	TITLE
Coeur De Lion	1	Robert W. Dennard	EM CDR
		Daniel R. Parks	GEN
		Haskell R. Vest Jr.	CAPT GEN
Damascus	2	Eric G. Cole	EM CDR
		Mark Balester	GEN
		Randall Burkett	CAPT GEN
Olivet	4	Ervin Janssen	EM CDR
		Nelson Bonet	GEN
		Christopher Frazier	CAPT GEN
Palatka	5	Christopher Lanham Jr	EM CDR
		William Hicks	GEN
		Kenneth Hinton Jr.	CAPT GEN

CONSTITUENT COMMANDERY REPRESENTATIVES 2017-2018
(Continued)

COMM	NO.	NAME	TITLE
Plant City	6	Lewis Mittong II	EM CDR
		Jeffrey Sklet	GEN
		Robert Taylor	CAPT GEN
Pilgrim	7	Thomas Metcalfe Jr	EM CDR
		Aldrin Catabay	GEN
		Richard Rooney	CAPT GEN
Tampa-Ivanhoe	8	Guillermo Carreras	EM CDR
		Dwight Hamborsky	GEN
		Brian Manne	CAPT GEN
Oriental	9	Daniel Kimble	EM CDR
		Damon S.Sansom	GEN
		Stephen Morris	CAPT GEN
St Augustine	10	Paul J. Mast	EM CDR
		C. Robert Cooper	GEN
		Robert L. Owens	CAPT GEN
Tallahassee	12	Adrian P. Dillon	EM CDR
		Neils H. Hesse	GEN
		Jonathan Ramirez	CAPT GEN
Miami	13	Richard Reboredo	EM CDR
		Abraham S. Metz	GEN
		Carlos Correa	CAPT GEN
Bartow	15	Jonathan Remick	EM CDR
		Kenneth Cook	GEN
		Howard Craddock	CAPT GEN
Trinity	16	Arthur J. Ahrens III	EM CDR
		Wm. Allen Sorbie	GEN
		Louis Ortt	CAPT GEN
St. Lucie	17	Stanley Hudson	EM CDR
		Gary G. Moore	GEN
		Thomas Bonaminio	CAPT GEN
Palm Beach	18	Clifford A Kraft	EM CDR
		Shawn Lopez	GEN
		Craig Palenzuela	CAPT GEN
Ocala	19	Robert Reynolds	EM CDR
		Wayne Baker	GEN
		Lynn Coleman	CAPT GEN
Sunshine	20	Robert G. Kirkpatrick	EM CDR
		L. Edward Villiaume III	GEN
		Ralph Vaughan	CAPT GEN
Lakeland- Winter Haven	21	Dennis L White	EM CDR
		William F. Wyllie	GEN
		John Miller	CAPT GEN

CONSTITUENT COMMANDERY REPRESENTATIVES 2017-2018
(Continued)

COMM	NO.	NAME	TITLE
Chipola	22	Charles Sipes	EM CDR
		Randall B. Tyre	GEN
		Charles E Mock	CAPT GEN
Brevard	24	Scott J. Wise	EM CDR
		William Ellis Jr.	GEN
		J. Stanfield Jones	CAPT GEN
Crestview	25	Robert L. Taylor Jr	EM CDR
		Roderic D. Mouer Jr.	GEN
		John White	CAPT GEN
Taylor	28	David A. Hendrick Sr	EM CDR
		Charles G. Harper II	GEN
		Edgar Ortiz	CAPT GEN
St. Johns	29	Richard A. Allen Jr.	EM CDR
		John B. Winfree Jr.	GEN
		Joseph Hall	CAPT GEN
Fort Myers	32	Derek Vaneske	EM CDR
		Gene F. Sims	GEN
		Richard Bayly	CAPT GEN
Melita	35	Stephan JP Viens	EM CDR
		Demetrios Kirkiles	GEN
		Max Borenstein	CAPT GEN
Triangle	38	Eric Klienbach	EM CDR
		John Haas	GEN
		Alan Heist	CAPT GEN
Lake City	39	Paul Matthew Jr.	EM CDR
		Brian R. Poole	GEN
		Troy S. Hollinger	CAPT GEN
Springtime	40	John Wright	EM CDR
		James T. Mason	GEN
		Charles Jordan	CAPT GEN
Melbourne	41	Thomas L. Moore	EM CDR
		Henry A. Adams	GEN
		Matt Green	CAPT GEN
St. Elmo	42	Benjamin D Gaillard	EM CDR
		Emmitt A. Redding	GEN
		Robert Senft	CAPT GEN
Bradford	43	Steven Persinger	EM CDR
		Ronald D. George	GEN
		Robert Bachtold	CAPT GEN
Crusader	44	Herbert L. Ray	EM CDR
		Gary M. Orlando	GEN
		D. Rodney Moody	CAPT GEN

GRAND COMMANDERY OF FLORIDA BUDGET 2017-2018

	BUDGET 2017	%
INCOME		
40000-ANNUAL PER CAPITA	\$ 61,000.00	88.28
40010-KNIGHTINGS	\$ 100.00	0.14
40011-OTHER INTEREST	\$ 0.00	0.00
40012-TRANSFER FROM ACCOUNT 40050	\$ 0.00	0.00
40012A-OTHER INCOME	\$ 8,000.00	11.58
40020-ANNUAL CONVENTION		
40021-ANNUAL CONVENTION		
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 69,100.00	100.00
30010-ALLOWANCES		
30011-GRAND COMMANDER	\$ 3,500.00	5.07
30012-DEP GRAND CDR	\$ 2,000.00	2.89
30013-INSPECTOR GENERAL	\$ 500.00	0.72
30014-JEWEL & ACCOUTREMENT	\$ 500.00	0.72
TOTAL 30010-ALLOWANCES	\$ 6,500.00	9.41
30020-CHARITIES		
30022-YOUTH CHARITIES	\$ 200.00	0.29
30023-MASONIC CHARITIES	\$ 200.00	0.29
TOTAL 30020-CHARITIES	\$ 400.00	0.58
30030-MEETINGS		
30031-TRIENNIAL	\$ 700.00	1.01
30032-DISTRICT MEETINGS	\$ 500.00	0.72
30033-SUMMER ASSEMBLY	\$ 100.00	0.14
30034-REGC SE CONFERENCE	\$ 100.00	0.14
30035-VEGC SE CONFERENCE	\$ 100.00	0.14
30036-EGG SE CONFERENCE	\$ 100.00	0.14
30037-GR RECORDER SE CONF	\$ 100.00	0.14
30038-GR CAPT GEN SE CONF	\$ 100.00	0.14
30039-EASTER SUNRISE SER	\$ 0.00	0.00
TOTAL 30030-MEETINGS	\$ 1,800.00	2.60
30040-CONV EXPENSES		
30044-DISTINGUISHED GUEST		

GRAND COMMANDERY OF FLORIDA BUDGET 2017-2018 (Continued)

	BUDGET 2017	%
30050-OFFICE EXPENSES		
30051-OFFICE SUPPLIES	\$ 275.00	0.40
30052-POSTAGE	\$ 650.00	0.94
30053-RENT	\$ 4,000.00	5.79
30054-TELEPHONE	\$ 750.00	1.09
30055-UTILITIES		
30056-COMPUTER SERVICES	\$ 300.00	0.43
30057-COMPUTER MAINT	\$ 300.00	0.43
30058- STORAGE UNIT	\$ 425.00	0.62
30058-EQUIP REPLACEMENT	\$ 300.00	0.43
TOTAL 30050-OFFICE EXP	\$ 7,000.00	10.13
30060- PRINTING		
30061- GENERAL PRINTING EXPENSES	\$ 200.00	0.29
30062- PROCEEDINGS	\$ 1,200.00	1.74
30065- COPIER MAINTENANCE	\$ 100.00	0.14
30066- PRINTING SUPPLIES	\$ 150.00	0.22
TOTAL 30060- PRINTING	\$ 1,650.00	2.39
30070-SALARIES/PAYROLL TAXES		
30071-GR TREASURER	\$ 1,800.00	2.60
30072-GR RECORDER	\$ 4,000.00	5.79
30074- OFFICE TEMP HELP	\$ 9,000.00	13.02
TOTAL 30070-SALARIES/ PAYROLL TAXES	\$ 14,800.00	21.42
30080 - TAXES		
30081 - FLORIDA CORPORATION TAX	\$ 62.00	0.09
30082 - GENERAL GRAND PER CAPITA TAX	\$ 32,000.00	46.31
30083 - KTEF ASSESSMENT	\$ 1,800.00	2.60
TOTAL 30080 - TAXES	\$ 33,862.00	49.00
30090 - SUNDRY		
30091 - EDU & TRAINING		
30092 - AWARDS & PLACQUES	\$ 250.00	0.36
30093 - PLAQUES & MARKERS	\$ 350.00	0.51
30095 - INSURANCE	\$ 1,800.00	2.60
30096 - CONTINGENCIES	\$ 413.00	0.60
30097 - GRAND OFFICERS JEWELS & CORDS		
30099 - WEB HOSTING & DEV	\$ 225.00	0.33
TOTAL 30090 - SUNDRY	\$ 3,038.00	4.40

GRAND COMMANDERY OF FLORIDA BUDGET 2017-2018 (Continued)

	BUDGET 2017	%
30102 · BANK SERV CHARGES	\$ 50.00	0.07
30110 · RESERVES		
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$69,100.00	100.00
NET INCOME		

ASSOCIATION OF GRAND COMMANDERS

1976	HARRY A ROSENTHAL	2005	WILLIAM G ELLIS JR
1989	MARVIN W GERHARD	2006	JERRY R MORGAN
1990	JAMES W DALZELL	2008	CHARLES PEREZ
1992	LEONARD WHITEHEAD	2009	IDEAL F BALDONI II
1996	GUY E WALTMAN	2010	CHARLES C CICERO
1997	CARL E GILMORE	2011	DAVID A APONTE
1998	WM RONALD TAYLOR	2012	ARTHUR J LAROSE
1999	EDWIN B MOORE III	2013	HENRY A ADAMS
2001	FREDERICK L PIASECKI	2014	PAUL W. FRIEND

DEFUNCT COMMANDERIES**Arrested:**

1926	Defuniak # 23
1927	Baron # 3
1937	Inverness # 14
1962 (Restored in 1973)	Emmanuel #36
1962	Monticello # 26

Consolidated:

1922	Traced # 34, Bradenton with Trinity # 16
1933	Tampa # 38 with Ivanhoe #
1967	DeMolay # 30 with Tallahassee #12
1978	Holyrood # 27 with Winter Haven # 3
2004	Live Oak # 11 with Tallahassee # 12
2004	Winter Haven # 37 with Lakeland # 21

Surrendered:

1931	Arcadia # 31
1990	Leesburg # 33
1996	Cortez # 44

**RECORDERS OF SUBORDINATE COMMANDERIES,
NO REPRESENTATIVES**

GREECE		
Recorder	Aetos Tzifakis	FM Hall 19, Acharnon St 10438 Athens, Greece

STATISTICS OF FLORIDA COMMANDERYS 2016

	C O M M A N D E R Y Name	1 Jan 2016 M E M B E R S H I P	K N I G H T E D	R E I N S T A T E D	A F F I L L A T E D	E X P E L	A D J U S T M E N T	S U B T O T A L	D I E D	D E M I T T E D	S U S P E N D E D	A D J U S T M E N T	31 Dec 2016 M E M B E R S H I P	L O S S / G A I N	E M E R I T U S	50 Y E A R
1	Coeur de Lion	256	5	1	2	0	0	264	9	0	11	0	244	-12	0	0
2	Damascus	313	4	2	1	0	0	320	15	8	26	0	271	-42	5	11
4	Olivet	221	2	1	1	0	0	225	5	2	6	0	212	-9	0	10
5	Palatka	65	0	1	0	0	0	66	3	1	1	0	61	-4	0	3
6	Plant City	80	3	0	0	0	0	83	3	0	0	0	80	0	0	0
7	Pilgrim	113	8	1	2	0	0	124	4	0	0	1	120	7	4	9
8	Tampa-Ivanhoe	252	1	1	1	0	0	255	7	0	1	1	246	-6	3	14
9	Oriental	81	0	0	0	0	0	81	8	0	0	0	72	-9	0	0
10	St. Augustine	63	1	0	0	0	0	64	3	0	0	0	61	-2	0	2
12	Tallahassee	154	9	0	1	0	0	164	3	0	0	0	161	7	0	0
13	Miami	179	5	0	0	0	0	184	4	0	0	0	179	0	0	0
15	Bartow	32	4	1	0	0	0	37	0	2	1	0	34	2	1	0
16	Trinity	102	1	1	0	0	0	104	2	2	0	0	100	-2	2	1
17	St. Lucie	192	5	0	1	0	0	198	6	0	5	0	187	-5	0	0
18	Palm Beach	86	4	1	0	0	0	91	1	2	4	0	84	-2	1	0
19	Ocala	59	3	0	2	0	0	64	2	2	3	1	56	-3	2	2
20	Sunshine	92	2	2	0	0	0	96	3	2	0	0	91	-1	0	2
21	Lakeland	95	3	2	3	0	0	103	2	3	0	0	98	3	2	15
22	Chipola	51	11	0	0	0	0	62	1	0	16	0	45	-6	4	3
24	Brevard	88	5	0	0	0	0	93	1	0	0	0	92	4	0	16
25	Crestview	81	4	1	1	0	0	87	2	0	0	0	85	4	0	6
28	Taylor	74	4	0	0	0	0	78	1	0	0	0	77	3	1	6
29	St. Johns	96	3	2	0	0	0	101	5	0	0	0	96	0	0	14
32	Ft. Myers	148	0	0	0	0	0	148	3	0	1	0	144	-4	0	0
35	Melita	134	6	0	0	0	0	140	2	1	18	9	119	-15	0	0
38	Triangle	42	8	1	3	0	0	54	1	1	3	4	49	7	0	0
39	Lake City	49	3	0	0	0	0	52	1	0	2	0	49	0	1	3
40	Springtime	93	5	1	0	0	0	99	3	0	0	0	96	3	2	5
41	Melbourne	95	2	0	0	0	0	97	2	0	15	0	80	-15	0	0
42	St. Elmo	88	2	1	1	0	0	92	4	1	2	1	84	-4	2	5
43	Bradford	69	0	0	0	0	0	69	2	2	3	0	62	-7	1	0
44	Crusader	40	3	1	0	0	0	44	1	0	1	0	42	2	0	0
	TOTAL	3583	116	18	22	0	0	3739	109	29	120	4	3477	-106	31	127

SUMMARY							
Membership Jan 1, 2016						3583	
Knights	116			Died	109		
Reinstated	18			Demitted	29		
Affiliated	22			Suspended	120		
Expel	0			Adjustments	4		
Adjustments	0						
Gain		156		Loss	262		
Gain/Loss						-106	
Membership Dec 31, 2016						3477	

FLORIDA DISTRICTS

