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of Knights Templar
of Florida***



***129th Annual Conclave
Proceedings
2022-2023***

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

**ONE HUNDRED TWENTY NINTH
ANNUAL GRAND CONCLAVE**

Sheldon Arpad
Presiding

Rusty M. Ludlam
Grand Commander Elect

Held at Lake Mary, FL

May 24, 2023 A.O. 905

Grand Commander of Knights Templar of Florida
Sheldon Arpad
Right Eminent Grand Commander



Sheldon Arpad
Masonic Resume

Blue Lodge

- Benjamin B. French #15 Past Master
- St. John's Lodge #11 {Washington, DC} Past Member 2000
- Aide to the Grand Master 2001
- Grand Lodge Museum committee
- South Miami Lodge #308 South Miami, Florida

Chapter

- General Grand Principal Sojourner R.A.M. International
- Past Grand High Priest Washington, DC 2002-2003
- Past High Priest Mt. Pleasant Chapter #13 1983
- Sojourner-Kilwinning Chapter #17
- R.A.M. #278 Edinburg, Scotland
- Trustee Grand chapter R.A.M.
- PHP Everglades #67, Naples, Florida
- Sarasota #35 Sarasota, Florida

Council

- Most Past Grand Ill. Master 1992
- Past Ill. Master Triangle council #3 1981-1982
- Trustee 1993 Triangle Council #3
- Ish Sodi Award Triangle Council #3, D.C.

Commandery

- R.E.G.C. Grand Commandery of the State of Florida 2022-2023
- District Deputy Grand Commandery of Florida 2013-2014
- Ft. Myers #32 Past Commander 2010
- Member Potomac Commandery #3
- Member of Trinity #16, Commandery, Florida

York Rite College

- Past Governor Washington & Lee #93 {VA} 1996
- Order of the Purple Cross 1996

A.M.D.

- Past Sovereign Master MD #264, 1997-1999
- Past Sovereign Master DC National Capital Council #296 2000

Knight Masons

- P.E.C. and founder of Universal Council #70, Washington, DC
- P.E.C. VA #12 1996
- MD Council #9
- Founded Universal Council of DC
- Past Grand Senior Knight Honorary 2008
- Order of Zerubbabel

Red Cross of Constantine St. Bernard De Clairveaux

- Past Sovereign FL

S.R.I.C.F.

- Past Celebrant
- Grade 8

ALMAS SHRINE WASHINGTON D.C.

- Hospital board trustee {Emeritus member} 11 years Philadelphia, PA
- Aide to the Potentate
- Lieutenant Flag Unit
- Co-chair of the Mini Clinic
- Honor Society "Screwballs"

ROS

- Member 1980

A.A.S.R. VALLEY WASHINGTON D.C.

- Past Venerable Master of Kadosh Albert Pike Consistory
- K.C.C.H.
- Vice President K.C.C.H. Club
- 33* 2001
- Head of Lighting for degrees and all ceremonies
- Cold Calls for member retention

SUPREME COUNCIL – SOUTHERN JURISDICTION

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- Assistant curator for museum
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**Minutes of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of
Florida – 129th Annual Conclave
Wednesday, May 24, 2023**

Trinity Commandery No. 16 convened the Conclave, in form at 7:30 am on Wednesday, May 24, 2023, at The Orlando Marriott at Lake Mary located in Lake Mary, Florida.

The Grand Commandery Officers were escorted in and given proper Honors. Right Eminent Sheldon Arpad Grand Commander was escorted to the East and directed the Officers take their respective stations. REGC Arpad adjourned Trinity Commandery No. 16 and convened the 129th Annual Conclave.

REGC Arpad directed lines be formed for the reception of Distinguished Guests.

Introductions: (done by the Distinguished Guest Committee)

Most Excellent John I. Gray Grand High Priest of Royal Arch Masons of Florida and Most Illustrious Gene A. Lance Grand Master of Royal and Select Masters of Florida were introduced.

Right Eminent Past Grand Commanders of Florida were escorted in and introduced.

Right Eminent Grand Commanders, Right Eminent Past Grand Commanders and Grand Officers of sister jurisdictions were introduced.

Most Worshipful William Thomas, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New York was escorted in and introduced.

Right Eminent Robert Burleson, PGC, Past Southeast Department Commander and Right Eminent Robert Waldron, PGC, Southeast Department Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar, USA were escorted in and introduced.

Sir Knight John L. Palmer, Grand Generalissimo of Tennessee and Aide De Camp to the Most Eminent Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar, USA was escorted in and introduced.

Most Eminent David J. Kussman, Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar, USA was escorted in and introduced.

Roll Call of Grand Commandery of KT of Florida – District Deputy Grand Commanders, District Instructors, Right Eminent Past Grand Commanders of Florida and Grand Representatives was conducted by the Grand Recorder.

The Preliminary Returns and Credentials report was presented. The Grand Recorder certified there was a quorum present.

The Grand Recorder made a motion that the minutes of the 128th Grand Conclave be accepted as printed and distributed in the 2021-2022 proceedings, motion seconded, motion carried.

A motion was made to accept all pre-printed reports that were distributed in the convention packet, motion seconded, motion carried.

REGC Sheldon Arpad passed the gavel to VE Rusty M. Ludlam, Deputy Grand Commander and presented his report. Motion made to accept the REGC report, motion seconded, motion carried.

REPGC Adam Bryan presented the preliminary Jurisprudence report. Motion was made to accept the preliminary Jurisprudence report, motion seconded, motion carried.

REPGC Adam Bryan the following resolutions:

2023-1	Article X, Amendments	Provides for legislation to be presented at Grand Conclave without prior notice	Withdrawn
2023-2	Chapter 45, Amendments	Provides for legislation to be presented at Grand Conclave without prior notice	Withdrawn
2023-3	Article X, Amendments, Section 1	Moves resolution submittal date from Dec. 1 to Feb. 1 with distribution date of Mar. 1	Failed
2023-4	45.01. Notice & Procedure	Moves resolution submittal date from Dec. 1 to Feb. 1 with distribution date of Mar. 1	Failed
2023-5	Article VI, Duties of Grand Officers, Section 1, (g)	Further defines how the Grand Commander may replace Grand Representatives	Failed
2023-6	37.301, Dress Uniform	Eliminates braided shoulder cords (except for the Inspector General) and replaces them with bars or ribbons.	Failed

REPGC Adam Bryan made a motion that the original votes for Resolutions 2023-03, 2023-04, 2023-05, 2023-06 were out of order as the Grand Commander did not make a distinction of what Sir Knights were entitled to a vote. Motion was seconded, discussion, motion carried. (*Note on original vote Resolutions 2023-03 and 2023-04 passed.)

RE Carl Gilmore, PGC, Grand Recorder made a motion to accept two Emeritus Petitions:

- 1.) James Lester Campbell – Pilgrim Commandery No. 7
- 2.) Frederick L. Piasecki, REPGC – Pilgrim Commandery No. 7

Motion was seconded, motion carried.

VE Rusty Ludlam, Deputy Grand Commander presented the proposed Budget for the 2023-2024 year. Motion was made to accept the proposed budget for 2023-2024, motion seconded, motion carried.

REGC Sheldon Arpad presented awards for the 2022-2023 year:

Spirit Awards

Eric Klienbach	Michael Leebove
Brian Johnsen	Joel Burkley
William Stuart	Matthew Green
Carl Gilmore	Julio Sanchez
Dana Oldenburg	

Award of Merit

Triangle Commandery No. 38

Jesse E. Ramsdell Trophy

St. Lucie Commandry No. 17

Richard J. Carr Trophy

St. Elmo Commandery No. 42

Meritorious Service Award:

Brian Johnsen	Charles R. Jordan*
Eric Klienbach*	Michael Leebove*
Thomas Metcalfe, Jr.*	Ronald Naumowicz*
Thomas Olsen*	A.W. Thurman*

*Denotes Bronze Star

Video presented of REGC Sheldon Arpad and other Sir Knights of Florida presenting a wreath to the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Washington D.C.

Templar Chaplain Award (Grand Encampment)

R. Dean Sever – Sunshine Commandery No. 20

*Presented by ME David Kussman, GM and Paul Friend, PGC, Grand Prelate

REPGC Paul Friend presented the preliminary Knight Templar Eye Foundation report and awards. Motion was made to accept the preliminary Knight Templar Eye Foundation report, motion seconded, motion carried.

Sir Knight Matthew Green presented a check to SK Paul Friend in the amount of \$500.00 on behalf of Melbourne Commandery No. 41 for the Knights Templar Eye Foundation.

Sir Francis Drake Award

Trinity Commandery No. 16

Grand Representative Appointments

Iowa	C. Craig Frazier
Oklahoma	Edward Mayfield, Jr.
Maine	Thomas Metcalfe, Jr.
Michigan	Ronald Naumowicz
Minnesota	Michael Leebove
Montana	Rusty Ludlam
New Hampshire	A.W. Thurman
Pennsylvania	Eric Klienbach
South Carolina	Erik Andersen
Texas	Sheldon Arpad
Virginia	Dennis Barbarisi
Wyoming	Michael Leebove

Grand Representative Patent

Emmett Mills (Michigan near Florida)

Knight Templar Cross of Honor

John F. Wermann

Beauceant

Coeur De Lion No. 1	EC: Joshua Schutts
Pilgrim No. 7	EC: Eric Evangelista
Trinity No. 16	EC: A.W. Thurman
St. Elmo No. 42	EC: Jerry Miller

SK Eric Klienbach spoke on the 9-hole putting course that was installed at the Masonic Home in St. Petersburg, FL. REGC Sheldon Arpad donated eight adjustable putter and 48 golf balls in hopes that both Florida DeMolay and Florida Rainbow, would visit to Masonic Home and participate in an annual tournament for both Rainbow and DeMolay. A proposed to have an annual revolving trophy one for DeMolay, and one for Rainbow to be presented at their annual communications respectively. With a lesser trophy being given to the DeMolay Chapter and Rainbow Assembly of the winning youth groups during the calendar year. SK Klienbach recognized SK Randal Brocius for making the trophies. SK Klienbach also presented SK Leonard Morelli the Youth Leadership Patent.

Grand Encampment Meritorious Service Medal

Larry Kent – Triangle Commandery No. 38

SK Emmett Mills, PGC, Chairman Holy Land Pilgrimage GEKT, USA gave remarks on behalf of the Holy Land Pilgrimage Committee.

VE Rusty Ludlam presented the time and place report. The Convention will run from May 18th (Saturday) until May 22nd (Wednesday). The Grand Banquet will be held on Sunday, May 19th. The Grand Council of Florida will meet on Monday, May 20th. The Grand Commandery Conclave will be held on Tuesday, May 21st. The Grand Chapter of Florida will meet on Wednesday, May 22nd. All event will be held at Orlando Marriott at Lake Mary. A motion was made to accept the time and place report, motion was seconded, motion passed.

Final Returns and Credentials report was presented. All Commandery's were represented with the exception of:

- Palm Beach Commandery No. 18 – No representation
- Lakeland Commandery No. 21 – No representation

Total Sir Knights eligible to vote: 187.

A motion made to accept the final returns and credentials report, motion seconded, motion carried.

Sir Knight Charles R. Jordan presented a check to REGC Sheldon Arpad in the amount of \$230.00 donation on behalf of the Order of St. Patrick.

The floor was opened for 2023-2024 Election of Officers. The following were nominated and elected by a unanimous ballot:

- Right Eminent Grand Commander: Rusty M. Ludlam
- Deputy Grand Commander: Ronald A. Naumowicz
- Grand Generalissimo: Erik B. Andersen
- Grand Captain General: Dennis A. Barbarisi
- Grand Treasurer: Robert C. St. John, Jr.
- Grand Recorder: Carl E. Gilmore, REPGC

VE Rusty Ludlam reviewed the list of 2023-2024 Line Officers, District Deputies and District Instructors. Installation will start at 1:30 pm in the ballroom.

SK Robert Waldron, PGC, Southeast Department Commander gave his remarks.

Most Eminent David Kussman Grand Master, Gand Encampment of KT USA gave his remarks.

Paul Friend, REPGC, Grand Prelate gave the benediction prayer and closed the bible.

REGC Sheldon Arpad placed the Grand Commandery at ease until 1:30 pm, at which time the installation of officers will begin.

Grand Commander's Report

Fraternal Greetings welcome and to the 129th annual Grand Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Florida. I give a special welcome to our visiting dignitaries, especially Sir Knight Robert Waldron, Right Eminent Department Commander for the Southeast, and Sir Knight David Kussman, Most Eminent Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar, USA.

First let me say thank you for electing me to serve as your Grand Commander and for the help I received along the way to make the year successful and a very successful one for the Grand Commandery. I could not have completed my year without the help and support of my Grand Line Officers, District Deputies and District Instructors. A special thank you goes out to the many Past Grand Commanders who without their sound advice I would have had a very difficult time.

My intent was to visit as many Commandery's possible following in the path of my predecessor. My path started out very well as you can see with my visitation calendar and then along came Ian! This brought me to a grounding halt for a while with the loss of my home, business and several vehicles, motorcycles, boat etc. As this hurricane Ian did for so many. God prevails and our beautiful life moves forward.

Onto Blessings: Over 200 companions/Sir Knights attended our Rededication Ceremony. If you missed it...it was not from a lack of trying. Announced, reinforced, computer aided and in writing brought out the best York Rite (Chapter, Council & Knight Templar) had to give. General Grand Chapter in the person of Stephen Tiner, M.E.C and Larry Gillespie, General Grand Ambassador to South Florida of Cryptic Masons, International and especially my favorite of the General Grand Encampment Sir Knight David Kussman all the way from California, Their talk on the importance of York Rite Masonry is second to none. A statue to commemorate the occasion for the affair was second to none and well received by all.



State of the Order

At my installation, I stated my theme this year was Rededication to the York Rite with priority and focus on Templary. Components of this are to me 1) Devotion to all things to enhance ourselves as a Knight Templar and within Grand Commandery as a whole. 2) Actions that would bring about the desired results and 3) the transformation needed to give from us for growth within ourselves and survival into the future.

As I approached My Official Visits with this thinking, I encountered that It takes no genius or point system to know how we are doing. We still are challenged with the opening and closing of our Commandries. Yet there is hope! Several Commandries do open and do well opening! There are those who look forward to what will happen next. There are those who not only plan events to go to but make efforts and big ones, i.e. to put on the orders. Thank you for your efforts in conferring the Orders. I was honored to go to a Festival on my Birthday and it really shows what can be accomplished (not the Birthday) the Festival! Along with several other Festivals I attended throughout my year were huge success-so there is the Devotion & Action we are seeking!

During our District Meeting held it was reintroduced again with enthusiasm why we are York Rite Masons! Sharing reports from each District was found to be helpful and informative. Once again it shows that information and working together benefits everyone. However, gathering information, exchanging ideas, along with short and long- term goals shared keeps the swords of the Knights Templar sharp!

Out of State I found both educational, informative and strengthening! The places of Visit where I represented the fabulous State of Florida were Grand Commandery Alabama Feb- 23- 26th2023, Grand Commandery of Arkansas March 9-11th, 2023, Grand Commandery of Louisiana March 4-6th, 2023 and Grand Commandery of District of Columbia of Washington, DC March 17-18, 2023. I attended the Southeast Conference from June 10- June 12 Melbourne, FL. All these events created a conducive

atmosphere for meeting and exchanging worldwide brotherly love and masonic wisdom.

Myself and my wife, when possible, attended several Christmas Observances, Easter & Ascension Day. As well as many installations as possible and performed when asked. There is nothing like the joy in participating and viewing as Knight Templars go to their stations and places!

Directives:

Directive # 1 -Robe of Prelate only to be worn in the Order of the Temple.

Executive Orders:

Executive Order # 1 - Cover Charter in Black in Remembrance of Right Eminent Past Grand Commander William Ronald Taylor.

Dispensations:

05/23/2022- St. Elmo Commandery No. 42: Public event

05/27/2022- Pilgrim Commandery No. 7- Public event

05/27/2022- St. Elmo Commandery No. 42: Public event participation

09/09/2022- Damascus Commandery No. 2: Special Election Recorder

09/09/2022- Springtime Commandery No. 40: Special Election Recorder

11/23/2022- Triangle Commandery No. 38: New Date for November and December meetings due to Holiday

12/06/2022- Damascus Commandery No. 2: Christmas Observance at public venue-

01/12/2023- St. Augustine Commandery No. 10: Relocation of Installation Ceremony to Palatka Commandery No. 5

02/02/2023- Trinity Commandery No 16: Special event participation local Shrine

03/02/2023- Springtime Commandery No. 40: Special election of Generalissimo due to health

By-Law Amendments:

05/23/2022 - Plant City Commandery No. 6 - Date and Time Change

06/28/2022 - St. Augustine Commandery No. 10 - Change of date of Conclave

08/10/2022 - Lakeland Commandery No. 21 - Change of date of Conclave

01/10/2023 - Damascus Commandery No. 2 - Change of date of Conclave

Warrants:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Warrant #</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Reason</u>
06/01/2022	2022-01	\$4,177.50	Sec/Rec Off Exp Salary, Temp
06/17/2022	2022-02	\$24,004.00	Grand Encampment Per Capita
06/20/2022	2022-03	\$97.85	Jewels
9/5/2022	2022-05	\$5,727.50	Sec/Rec Off Exp Salary, Temp
11/7/2022	2022-06	\$5,727.50	Sec/Rec Off Exp Salary, Temp
11/16/2022	2022-07	\$3,000.00	REGCALL
11/22/2022	2022-08	\$1,880.00	General Donation
11/22/2022	2022-09	\$793.23	Proceedings

Travels:

05/21/22 - Grand Court of FL Order of Amaranth 73rd Annual, Daytona Beach, FL

05/30/22 - 05/31/22- Grand Lodge of Florida 193rd Grand Communication, Orlando, FL

06/02/22 - Trinity Commandery No. 16 - Visitation, Venice, FL

06/10/21 - 06/10/22- 06/12/21 - Southeastern Department Conference, Melbourne, FL

06/25/22- First District Meeting 9 & 10, Tallahassee, FL

06/26/22 - Florida Rainbow Girls 76th Grand Assembly, St. Augustine, FL

07/23/22 - Second District Meeting 7 & 81 Jacksonville, FL

7/30/2022-8/01/22-DeMolay FL Annual Conclave, Jacksonville, FL

08/02/22 - Pilgrim Commandery No. 7 - Official Visitation, Gainesville, FL

08/06/2022- Third District 2 & 3 Meeting, Sarasota, FL

08/11/22 - Crusader Commandery No. 44 - Official Visitation, Fernandina Beach, FL

08/13/22- Celebration of Life for Richard Brooks Memorial, Tampa, FL

08/20/22- Fourth District Meeting for 1 & 6, Stuart FL
08/21/22- Salerno Methodist Church-Public Event-, Stuart, FL
08/23/22- Ft. Myers Commandery No. 32- Visit
08/26/22-08/27/22- District 9 & 10 Festival honoring Companion
Richard E. Lynn, MWPGM, Crestview FL
09/10/22 - Red Cross of Constantine of Sebastian Tampa, FL
09/14/22 - Bartow Commandery No. 15 - Official Visitation, Avon Park, FL
09/15/22 - Melbourne Commandery No. 41 - Official Visitation,
Melbourne, FL
09/17/22 - College, Tampa, FL
09/22/22- Oriental Commandery No. 9- Official Visit, Ormond Beach, FL
09/23/22-Tampa/Ivanhoe Commandery No. 8- Official Visit, Tampa, FL
09/28/22-09/29/22- IAN - HURRICANE -OCCURRED....
09/30/22-10/02/02- District Festival 1 & 6, Stuart, FL - Official Visitation,
Marianna, FL
10/03/22 - West Palm Beach Commandery No. 18 - Official Visit, West Palm
Beach FL
10/21/22 - Sunshine Commandery No. 20- Official Visit, St. Petersburg, FL
10/22/22 - KYCH-, Tampa, FL
10/24/22 - Miami Commandery No. 13 - Official Visitation, Miami Springs,
FL
10/25/22 - St. Lucie Commandery No. 17 - Official Visitation, Fort Pierce, FL
10/26/22- Brevard Commandery No. 24- Official Visit, Cocoa, FL
10/27/22 - Palatka Commandery No. 5 - Official Visitation, Palatka, FL
11/01/22 - Melita Commandery No. 35, Dania Beach, FL
11/18/22-11/20/22- Rededication Ceremony, Tampa FL
11/22/22- Ft. Myers Commandery- Official Visit, Ft. Myers, FL
11/23/22- Sarasota Chapter #35, Visit-, Sarasota, FL
11/26/22-Mystic Brotherhood, Tarpon Springs, FL
12/01/22- Trinity Commandery No. 16- Christmas Observance- Visit, Venice,
FL
12/03/22 - Fifth and FINAL **District Meeting 3 & 4, Orlando** FL
12/09/22 -Christmas Observance, Nitram Lodge by Sunshine
Commandery No. 20, St. Petersburg FL
12/11/22 - Ottis Castle, Christmas Observance, St. Augustine, FL
12/22/22- Triangle Commandery No. 38, Leesburg, FL- Visit
01/05/23- Trinity Commandery No. 16 - Installation- Venice, FL
01/10/23 - St. Lucie Commandery No. 17-Visitation/Installation of
Officers, Fort Pierce, FL

01/19/23 - @ Palatka Commandery No. 5 & St. Augustine
 Commandery No. 10 - Installation of Officers, Palatka, FL
 01/23/23 - Commandery School of Instruction 4 - Tampa, FL
 01/24/23- Taylor Commandery No. 28- Installation of Officers, Sanford,
 FL
 02/02/23- Trinity Commandery No. 16- Visit, Venice, FL
 02/18/23- Festival District 7 & 8, Palatka, FL
 02/23/23-02/26/23- Grand York Rite Alabama Grand Session,
 Birmingham, AL
 03/02/23-03/05/23- Grand York Rite Louisiana Grand Session,
 Alexandria, LA
 03/08/23-03/10/23- Grand York Rite Arkansas Grand Session, Little Rock,
 AK
 03/17/23-03/18/23- Grand York Rite Session of the District of Columbia
 of Washington, DC

Honorary Membership Received:

Honorary Member of Palatka Commandery No. 5

Fraternally,
 Sheldon Arpad
 Right Eminent Grand Commander

Addendum to Report:

By-Law Amendments:

03/31/2023 – Palatka Commandery No. 5- Date, Time, Month Change

Warrants:

<i>Date</i>	<i>Warrant #</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Reason</i>
03/22/2023	2022-11	\$869.00	Insurance/Travelers 1/3 of \$2609.00
03/27/2023	2022-12	\$1,311.25	Fl Corp. Tax, EDGC Allowance, Inspector General Allowance 50%
04/04/2023	2022-13	\$1,550.00	Grand Treas, Sal 4 th Quarter, Grand Rec 4 th Qtr.
04/05/2023	2022-14	\$183.50	Lapel Pins and More

Travels:**04/06/2023-04/10/23 – Grand Encampment of Knight Templar Easter Observance 2023**

*04/04/2023 – Grand Sir Knights Dinner -@ II Porto, Old Town, Alexandria, VA

*04/08/2023 – Laying of the Wreath – Tomb of the Unknow Soldier, Fort Myers, VA.

*04/08/2023 – Grand Encampment of Knights Templar Easter Observance Banquet

*04/09/2023- 93rd Annual Easter Observance at the Washington Masonic Memorial

4/25/2023 – Fort Myers Commandery No. 32-Visit, Ft. Myers, FL

4/26/2023 – Homecoming – Nitram Lodge No. 188 F&AM, St. Petersburg, FL

5/4/2023-5/7/2023 – Georgia Grand York Rite Sessions, Mason GA

5/9/2023 – Miami Lodge #305 – Visit, South Miami, FL

Fraternally,

Sheldon Arpad

Right Eminent Grand Commander

Knight Templar Cross of Honor
John F. Wermann

Knight Templar Cross of Honor Recipients

1966	Chester D. Cornwell	1967	George E. Petrie
1968	Howard P. Bennett	1969	
1970	Joseph P. Lesuer	1971	Leslie O. Chisholm
1972	Harley V. Wheeler	1973	Ray H. Wall
1974	James W. Geddes	1975	John E. Dreher
1976	Alex Thorton	1977	Robert B. Shugart
1978	Preston Matteson	1979	Ralph Van Valkenburg
1980	Jakob J. Krawiec	1981	Lester H. Smith
1982	Francis Creviston	1983	Robert. F. Heil
1984	William A. Howard	1985	Joe E. Bronson
1986	T. N. Buckholtz	1987	Frederick M. Morris
1988	Myron Goodrick	1989	E. Roger Pryor
1990	William A. Bessent III	1991	Theodore G. Cooper
1992	Joseph H. Sanford	1993	Joseph E. Secrest
1994	Edward E. Bush	1995	Leslie H. Scott, Jr.
1996	Burt F. Maguire*	1997	Willis D. Porter
1998	Seth K. Walworth	1999	Robert Holden Showers
2000	Frank Buell	2001	John F. Goerke
2002	Richard S. Agster	2003	George T. Collier
2004	Paul W. Friend	2005	Dennis J. Thompson
2006	Kermit Huff	2007	Charles Cicero
2008	Malcom Ryder	2009	D. P. Caldwell
2010	**	2011	Ralph E. Vaughn
2012	Larry D. Duff	2013	Carl G. Kirtley
2014	Anthony L. Griffon	2015	Bruce L. Davis
2016	Dwight Ridgeway	2017	Robert Hubbard
2018	James F. Robertson	2019	Rusty M. Ludlam
2020	John I. Gray	2021	E. Randy Spradling
2022	Paul James Mast		

*not listed in 1996 proceedings

**information unavailable

Beauceant

Coeur De Lion No. 1	EC: Joshua Schutts
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Pilgrim No. 7	EC: Eric Evangelista
Trinity No. 16	EC: A.W. Thurman
St. Elmo No. 42	EC: Jerry Miller

Meritorious Service Award

Brian Johnsen	Charles R. Jordan*
Eric Klienbach*	Michael Leebove*
Thomas Metcalfe, Jr. *	Ronald Naumowicz*
Thomas Olsen*	A.W. Thurman*

*Denotes Bronze Star

Grand Encampment Meritorious Service Medal

Larry Kent – Triangle Commandery No. 38

Richard J. Carr Trophy

St. Elmo Commandery No. 42

Jesse E. Ramsdell Trophy

St. Lucie Commandery No. 17

Sir Francis Drake Award

Trinity Commandery No. 16

Award of Merit

Triangle Commandery No. 38

Templar Chaplain Award (Grand Encampment)

R. Dean Sever – Sunshine Commandery No. 20

Grand Representative Patent

Emmett Mills (Michigan near Florida)

Spirit Awards

Eric Klienbach	Michael Leebove
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Brian Johnsen	Joel Burkley
William Stuart	Matthew Green
Carl Gilmore	Julio Sanchez
Dana Oldenburg	

Grand Representatives

Iowa	C. Craig Frazier
Oklahoma	Edward Mayfield, Jr.
Maine	Thomas Metcalfe, Jr.
Michigan	Ronald Naumowicz
Minnesota	Michael Leebove
Montana	Rusty Ludlam
New Hampshire	A.W. Thurman
Pennsylvania	Eric Klienbach
South Carolina	Erik Andersen
Texas	Sheldon Arpad
Virginia	Dennis Barbarisi
Wyoming	Michael Leebove

Sterling Ring:

Mark Balester	Chris Tillman
Adam Bryan, PGC	Jimmy Vanders, Jr.
Paul Friend, PGC	

Proclamation

*Presented to REGC Sheldon Arpad at the Grand Banquet by

Sir Knight A.W. Thurman, Eminent Grand Sentinel

City of Bradenton
Office of the Mayor



Proclamation

*By virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Bradenton,
I do hereby issue this proclamation honoring*

*Grand Commandery
of Knights Templar of Florida Day
May 24, 2023*

Whereas, the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America authorized the formation of a Florida Grand Commandery, and following a convention on August 15, 1895, the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Florida was so established; and

Whereas, the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Florida supports the action of sending credentialed Christian ministers on a biblical study experience involving a historical and cultural immersion through the Holy Land Pilgrimage Program; and

Whereas, the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Florida are committed to the support of research that can help launch the careers of clinical and basic researchers focused on the prevention and cure of potentially blinding diseases in infants and children through the flagship charity of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation; and

Whereas, the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Florida will always be committed as a vibrant and relevant Masonic organization committed to attracting men of high quality and leadership who strive for self-improvement, united with a Christian and knightly code of honor, truth and values to make a positive contribution and difference in their commanderies and communities.

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved that, I, Gene Brown, as Mayor of the City of Bradenton, Florida, do hereby proclaim May 24, 2023 as Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Florida Day in Bradenton.



Gene Brown
Gene Brown
Mayor
March 13, 2023

**KNIGHT COMMANDER OF THE TEMPLE
FLORIDA MEMBERS**
(in alphabetical order)

Henry A. Adams*	Corbin P. Elliott★	Fred M. Morris†
David A. Aponte*	William G. Ellis, Jr.*	Ronald L. Parks
Ideal F. Baldoni, II	Joe A. Fleites	George D. Pushee*
Daniel L. Bennett	John B. Fletcher, Jr.†	Harry A. Rosenthal, Jr.†
Howard P. Bennett†	Frederick R. Gerdomb	Ralph O. Sheppard†
Virgil P. Brown, Jr.†	Marvin W. Gerhard	Charles G. Sipes★
Robert E. Burlison	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	
David E. DeMent★†	Richard A. Meacham★†	
† <i>deceased</i>		
★ Received from another jurisdiction but now a permanent resident of Florida		
* Received directly from Grand Encampment		

ROLL CALL

<u>Grand Line Officers</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Present</u>
RE GRAND COMMANDER	SHELDON ARPAD	X
VE DEPUTY GR COMMANDER	RUSTY M. LUDLAM	X
E GR GENERALISSIMO	RONALD NAUMOWICZ	X
E GR CAPTIAN GENERAL	ERIK B. ANDERSON	X
E GRAND TREASURER	ROBERT ST. JOHN, JR.	X
E GRAND RECORDER	CARL E. GILMORE	X
E GRAND PRELATE	PAUL W. FRIEND	X
E GRAND SENIOR WARDEN	DENNIS A. BARBARISI	X
E GRAND JUNIOR WARDEN	ERIC W. KLIENBACH	X
E GRAND STANDARD BEARER	CHARLES R. JORDAN	X
E GRAND SWORD BEARER	THOMAS METCALFE	X
E GRAND WARDER	A.W. THURMAN	X
E GRAND SENTINEL	DAMON S. SANSOM	X
INSPECTOR GENERAL	JOHN H. DONOHOO	X
E GRAND ORGANIST	DANA K. OLDENBURG	X
AIDE DE CAMP – NORTH	THOMAS A. OLSEN	X
AIDE DE CAMP – SOUTH	BRIAN K. JOHNSEN	

<u>District Deputies</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Present</u>
DISTRICT 1	JOHN H. DONOHOO	X
DISTRICT 2	JONAS SEDA	X
DISTRICT 3	CHARLES R. BAILEY	X
DISTRICT 4	R. ALAN CHANCEY	X
DISTRICT 5	LARRY KENT	X
DISTRICT 6	MATTHEW GREEN	X
DISTRICT 7	JAMES R. BILLBERRY	X
DISTRICT 8	ALDRIN M. CATABAY	X
DISTRICT 9	JOHN A. KRANIOU	X
DISCTRICT 10	JAMES E. DRAEVING	X

<u>District Instructors</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Present</u>
DISTRICT 1	SCOTT SCHWARTZBERG	
DISTRICT 2	GENE F. SIMS	X
DISTRICT 3	CHARLES R. JORDAN	X
DISTRICT 4	KENNETH BAREFIELD	
DISTRICT 5	HAROLD WENDT II	X
DISTRICT 6	CHARLES HOLLINGER	X
DISTRICT 7	MARK S. BALESTER	X
DISTRICT 8	WILLIAM ROHAN	
DISTRICT 9	DONALD GOSS	X
DISTRICT 10	WILLIAM PAULCHEK	X

<u>REPGC</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Present</u>
1989	MARVIN W. GERHARD	
1997	CARL E. GILMORE	X
1999	EDWIN B. MOORE	
2000	DANIEL L. BENNETT	
2001	FREDERICK L. PIASECKI	
2002	ROBERT E. BURLESON	X
2004 & 2005	WILLIAM G. ELLIS, JR.	X
2009	IDEAL BALDONI III	
2010	CHARLES C. CICERO	
2011	DAVID A. APONTE	
2012	ARTHUR J. LAROSE	X
2013	HENRY A. ADAMS	X
2014	PAUL W. FRIEND	X
2017	ANTHONY L. GRIFFON	
2018	JAMES T. MASON	
2019	RONALD L. PARKS	
2020	BRETT A. GORDON	X
2021	ADAM M. BRYAN	X

<u>Grand Reps</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Present</u>
ALABAMA	ARTHUR J. LAROSE	X
ALASKA	HENRY A. ADAMS	X
ARIZONA	JAMES F. ROBERTSON	
ARKANSAS	ABRAHAM METZ	
CALIFORNIA	CHARLES R. JORDAN	X
COLORADO	HARRY V. EISENBERG	
CONNECTICUT	DONALD T. HARRIOTT	
DELAWARE	CHARLES HOLLINGER	X
D.C.	JOHN F. WERMANN	X
GEORGIA	CARL E. GILMORE	X
HAWAII	WILLIAM G. ELLIS, JR.	X
IDAHO	JOHN LEWIS	X
ILLINOIS	E. RANDY SPRADLING	
INDIANA	RONALD L. PARKS	
IOWA	C. CRAIG FRAZIER	X
KENTUCKY	PAUL W. FRIEND	X
LOUISIANA	JOSHUA W. SCHUTTS	X
MAINE	THOMAS E. METCALFE, JR.	X
MASSACHUSETTS/RI	TODD CONNOR	X
MICHIGAN	RONALD NAUMOWICZ	X
MINNESOTA	MICHAEL LEEBOVE	X
MISSISSIPPI	STEVEN STEELE	
MISSOURI	RUSTY LUDLAM	X

MONTANA	RUSTY LUDLAM	X
NEBRASKA	DARRYL D'ANGINA	X
NEVADA	DAYLE SCHROCK	X
NEW HAMPSHIRE	A.W. THURMAN	X
NEW JERSEY	RONALD NAUMOWICZ	X
NEW MEXICO	JOHN BRYANT, JR.	
NEW YORK	GEORGE GODDARD	X
NORTH CAROLINA	ROBERT BURLESON	X
NORTH DAKOTA	GARY ROANE	X
OHIO		
OKLAHOMA	EDWARD MAYFIELD, JR.	
OREGON	ADAM M. BRYAN	X
PENNSYLVANIA	ERIC KLIENBACH	X
SOUTH DAKOTA	GLENN CHANDLER, SNR	
TENNESSEE	COREY KOSCIUSZKO	X
TEXAS	SHELDON ARPAD	X
UTAH	JAMES DRAEVING	X
VERMONT		
VIRGINIA	DENNIS BARBARISI	X
WASHINGTON	DAVID APONTE	
WEST VIRGINIA	JOHN GRAY	X
WISCONSIN	FREDERICK PIASECKI	
WYOMING	MICHAEL LEEBOVE	X
AUSTRIA	BRETT GORDON	X
BRAZIL	CARLOS CORREA	
CROATIA	DENNIS BARBARISI	X
ITALY	GIANCARLO ORDERDA	
MEXICO	DAVID ROSENTHAL	
PANAMA	HASKELL VEST, JR.	
PHILIPPINES	JEFFREY MESITER, SR.	X
PORTUGAL	CHARLES CICERO	
ROMANIA	JAMES HOGG	X
TOGO	GARRY PAXINOS	X

Grand Treasurer's Report

The Right Eminent Grand Commander operated within his budget during his term and should be commended for good management of his resources. Again, this year, it was not necessary to use any of the Administrative Fund earnings, so those assets remained invested. Unfortunately, the downturn in the market did impact the overall financial status of the Grand Commandery, but since we didn't draw from the Administrative Fund, the impact has been deferred. Looking at the Grand Commandery accounts from a cashflow perspective, we spent \$1,430.60 less than we received. As noted last year, the per capita income received during this term is reflected in cashflow but doesn't give a true picture of income since it is carried forward as income for the 2023-2024 budget.

Additional comments about a few of the entries are needed: The charge for distinguished delegates at the Grand Conclave are shown on the budget vs actual but were entered after May 31; likewise, the allocation of funds for next year's triennial was transferred after May 31. These are not shown in the income expense report but are in the budget vs actual report. On the income side, incorrect payee income are funds that were deposited in different accounts and subsequently transferred to the Grand Commandery. The reimbursement amount reflects the refund from the IRS for last year's penalty plus interest earned while they held our funds.

I have attached the May 31, 2023, Balance Sheet; the 1 June 2022-31 May 2023 Income Expense Summary Report; and the 2022-2023 Approved Budget versus Actual Report.

I wish to thank the Grand Commandery Conclave delegates for re-electing me as Grand Treasurer. I will continue to serve and am honored by the confidence the Sir Knights have entrusted in me to manage the finances of this organization.

Fraternally,
Robert C St John, Jr, KYGCH
Grand Treasurer

Grand Commandery of Florida 2022-2023 Budget		
Income		Actual
40000 · Annual Per Capita	\$ 51,580.00	\$ 46,022.00
40010 · Knighting		
40011 · Other Interest		\$ 4.56
40012 · Transfer from Account 40050	\$ 2,700.00	
40012A · Other Income:Admin Fund Allowance	\$ 6,878.00	
40012A - Other Income:For Rosenthal Fund		\$ 504.42
40012A · Other Income:For HLP		\$ 760.42
40012A - Other Income:Incorrect Payee		\$ 2,607.40
40012A - Other Income For KTEF		\$ 145.00
40012A - Other Income:Reimbursement		\$ 2,364.07
40020 · Annual Convention	TBD	\$ 2,625.75
40021 - Grand Office Return	TBD	\$ 4,328.19
Insurance Refund		\$ 19.67
Rededication Event		\$ 1,530.00
40030 - Ritual Sales		\$ 250.00
Total Income	\$ 61,158.00	\$ 61,161.48
Expenses		
30010 · ALLOWANCES		
30011 · Grand Commander	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
30012 · Deputy Grand Commander	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
30013 · Inspector General	\$ 500.00	\$ 250.00
30014 · Jewel & Accoutrement	\$ 500.00	\$ 183.50
30015 - Grand Treasurer	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
30016 - Grand Recorder	\$ 4,200.00	\$ 4,200.00
Total 30010 · ALLOWANCES	\$ 11,200.00	\$ 10,633.50

30020 · CHARITIES		
30022 · Youth Charities	\$ -	\$ -
30023 · Masonic Home	\$ -	\$ -
Total 30020 · CHARITIES	\$ -	\$ -
30030 · MEETINGS		
30031 · Triennial	\$ 700.00	\$ 700.00
30032 · District Meetings	\$ -	\$ 500.00
30033 · Summer Assembly	\$ 100.00	
30034 · Grand Commander SE Conference	\$ 250.00	
30035 · Deputy Grand Commander SE Conf	\$ 250.00	
30036 · Gr Generalissimo SE Conf	\$ 250.00	
30037 · Grand Recorder SE Conference	\$ 84.00	
30038 · Gr Captain General SE Conf	\$ 250.00	
30039 · Easter Sunrise Service	\$ -	
Total 30030 · MEETINGS	\$ 1,884.00	\$ 1,200.00
30040 · CONVENTION EXPENSES		
30044 · Distinguished Guest	\$ 1,500.00	
Total 30040 · CONVENTION EXPENSES	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.05
30050 · OFFICE EXPENSES		
30051 · Office Supplies	\$ 250.00	
30052 · Postage	\$ 600.00	
30053 · Rent	\$ 4,000.00	
30054 · Telephone	\$ 800.00	
30055 · Utilities	\$ -	
30056 · Computer Services	\$ 150.00	
30057 · Computer Maintenance	\$ 150.00	
30058 · Storage Unit	\$ 460.00	
30059 · Equipment Replacement	\$ 300.00	
Total 30050 · OFFICE EXPENSES	\$ 6,710.00	\$ 6,710.00

30040 · CONVENTION EXPENSES		
30044 · Distinguished Guest	\$ 1,500.00	
Total 30040 · CONVENTION EXPENSES	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.05
30050 · OFFICE EXPENSES		
30051 · Office Supplies	\$ 250.00	
30052 · Postage	\$ 600.00	
30053 · Rent	\$ 4,000.00	
30054 · Telephone	\$ 800.00	
30055 · Utilities	\$ -	
30056 · Computer Services	\$ 150.00	
30057 · Computer Maintenance	\$ 150.00	
30058 · Storage Unit	\$ 460.00	
30059 · Equipment Replacement	\$ 300.00	
Total 30050 · OFFICE EXPENSES	\$ 6,710.00	\$ 6,710.00
30060 · PRINTING		
30061 · General Printing Expenses	\$ 300.00	
30062 · Proceedings	\$ 900.00	\$ 793.23
30063- Rituals	\$ -	
30065 · Copier Maintenance	\$ 100.00	
30066 · Printing Supplies	\$ 100.00	
Total 30060 · PRINTING	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 793.23
30070 · SALARIES/PAYROLL TAXES		
30073 - Office Admin	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 9,000.00
30074 · Office Temporary Help	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Total 30070 · SALARIES/PAYROLL TAXES	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
30080 · TAXES		
30080 - Taxes - IRS Form 990 Penalty		
30081 · Florida Corporation Tax	\$ 62.00	\$ 61.25
30082 · Grand Encampment Per Capita	\$ 24,000.00	\$ 24,004.00
30083 · KTEF Assessment	\$ 1,200.00	
Total 30080 · TAXES	\$ 25,262.00	\$ 24,065.25

30090 · SUNDRY		
30091 · Education & Training		
30092 · Awards & Plaques	\$ 250.00	
30093 · Plaques & Markers	\$ 350.00	
30095 · Insurance	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 869.00
30096 · Contingencies	\$ 200.00	
30097 · Grand Officers Jewels & cords	\$ -	\$ 97.85
30099 · Web Hosting and Development	\$ 225.00	
30100 - Transfer to HLP Liability Account		
30100 - Transfer to KTEF Liability Account		\$ 145.00
30100 - Transfer for Incorrect Payee		\$ 520.00
Rededication Event		\$ 1,580.00
Refund of Excess Per Capita (Miami)		\$ 665.00
Total 30090 · SUNDRY	\$ 2,825.00	\$ 3,876.85
30102 · Bank Service Charges	\$ 25.00	
30110 · RESERVES	\$ 352.00	
Total Expense	\$ 61,158.00	\$ 58,778.88

Grand Commandery KT of FL Profit/Loss Statement 2023	
INCOME	
40000 Annual per Capita	\$45,070.00
40011 Other Interest	\$4.56
40012A Other Income	
For HLP	\$760.42
For KTEF	\$145.00
For Rosenthal Fund	\$504.42
Incorrect Payee	\$2,607.40
Insurance Refund	\$19.67
Rededication Event	\$1,530.00
Reimbursement	\$2,364.07
TOTAL 40012A Other Income	\$7,930.98
40014 Grand Office-Unused Expenses	\$4,328.19
40020 Annual Convention Income	\$2,625.75
40030 Ritual Sales	\$250.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$60,209.48
EXPENSES	
30010 Allowances	
30011 Grand Commander	\$3,000.00
30012 Deputy Grand Commander	\$1,000.00
30013 Inspector General	\$250.00
30014 Jewel & Accoutrement	\$183.50
30015 Grand Treasurer	\$2,000.00
30016 Grand Recorder	\$4,200.00
TOTAL 30010 Allowances	\$10,633.50
30030 Meetings	
30032 District Meetings	\$500.00
TOTAL 30030 Meetings	\$500.00

30050 Office Expenses	\$6,710.00
30060 Printing 30062 Proceedings	\$793.23
TOTAL 30060 Printing	\$793.23
30070 Salaries, Stipends, Payroll Taxes 30073 Office Manager	\$9,000.00
30074 Office Temp Help	\$1,000.00
TOTAL 30070 Salaries, Stipends, P...	\$10,000.00
30080 Taxes 30081 Florida Corp. Tax	\$61.25
30082 Grand Encampment per Cap...	\$24,004.00
TOTAL 30080 Taxes	\$24,065.25
30090 Sundry 30095 Insurance	\$869.00
30097 Grand Officers Jewels &	\$97.85
30100 Incorrect Payee	\$520.00
KTEF Donations	\$145.00
Per Capita Overpayment	\$665.00
Rededication Event	\$1,580.00
TOTAL 30090 Sundry	\$3,876.85
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$56,578.83
OVER ALL TOTAL	\$3,630.65

Grand Commandery KT of FL - Balance Sheet - as of 5/31/2023

Bank Accounts	
Life-Perp Bank Acct	\$7,975.34
MidFla Grand Comm. Checking	\$43,276.87
MidFla Grand Comm. Savings	\$41,897.17
TOTAL Bank Accounts	\$93,149.38
Asset Accounts	
Admin. Fund Investment Acct	\$334,149.57
Life-Perpetual Investment Acct	\$261,170.36
Rosenthal Fund	\$48,146.20
TOTAL Asset Accounts	\$643,466.13
40040 Triennial Fund	\$(1,424.99)
40050 Carry Over Funds	\$(4,340.36)
40051 Collected Advance per Capita	\$(43,388.60)
40059 Equip. Replacement Fund	\$(828.19)
40060 Kt. Templar Eye Fund	\$(939.00)
40070 Endowment Fund	\$(1,615.68)
40071 Grand Comm. Education Fund	\$(130.00)
40078 Drill Team	\$(692.69)
40080 Holy Land Pilgrimage Fund	\$(61,847.77)
40081 HLPF Pin Sales	\$(5,478.00)
40082 Pins 2016	\$(1,740.00)
40083 Coins 2016	\$(260.00)
40090 Hurricane Relief	\$(5,100.00)
40091 Past Grand Commanders As...	\$(1,600.00)

Inv Acct 5-31-2019 Rosenthal	\$(29,532.14)
Inv Rosenthal Fund Un realized Gain	\$(18,109.64)
Inv. Acct 5-31-2019 Admin	\$(285,597.70)
Inv. Acct 5-31-2019 Life-Perp	\$(253,900.64)
Inv. Admin-Unrealized Gain	\$(48,551.87)
Inv. Life-Perp-Unrealized Gain	\$(7,269.72)
Life-Perp Fund	\$(7,975.34)
TOTAL Liability Accounts	\$(780,322.33)
OVERALL TOTAL	\$(43,706.82)

Convention:

The 2023 Grand York Rite Convention was successful from a financial point of view. The Program Ad Booklet was a significant contributor to income: Sales of ads totaled \$8,380.00 and printing costs were \$1,809.88. I wish to thank the committee for the hard work raising interest in placing ads. The Orlando Marriott Lake Mary did an excellent job supporting the convention. The banquet was well done, we repeated the breakfast buffet option and added a lunch buffet option with prepaid tickets; both ran smoothly and seemed to be well received. The excess of income versus expenses was distributed to the Grand Chapter, Grand Council and the Grand Commandery: Chapter - \$4,383.41, Council - \$4383.40, and Commandery - \$4383.41.

Attached to this report is a spreadsheet showing income and expenses for the 2023 Grand York Rite Convention.

Respectfully,
Robert C St. John, Grand Treasurer

INCOME/EXPENSE STATEMENT
GRAND YORK RITE CONVENTION ACCOUNT
2023

INCOME	AMOUNT
40021 Convention Registration	12,361.68
40022 Convention Meals	5,500.00
40023 Convention Program Ads	8,380.00
40026 Other Income	6,415.16
TOTAL INCOME	32,656.84
EXPENSES	
50041 Convention Site Billing	4,390.40
50042 Convention Program Ad Printing	1,809.88
50043 Convention Refunds (Business)	260.00
50045 Convention Food	10,675.12
50046 Convention Sundry	1,126.22
50050 Distribution to Grand Bodies	13,150.22
TOTAL EXPENSES	31,411.84
OVERALL TOTAL	\$ 1,245.00

Life/Perpetual:

During this term, the Life Perpetual account received \$21,469 in new membership contributions; \$6,120 for Chapter, \$9,704 for Commandery, and \$5645 for Council and an additional \$30 in Knight Templar Eye Foundation Life Sponsor Certificate purchases. An additional \$11,000 was withdrawn from the Life Perpetual Investment account to cover the payout expenses; \$4,000 from Chapter, \$3,000 from Council, and \$4,000 from Commandery. I intentionally made this year's withdrawal as small as possible due to the downturn in the financial markets. There was an adjustment of \$2020 added as income for payouts that were never cashed. The KTEF funds passed through the account and were forwarded to the Grand Encampment. The difference in KTEF income and payout was a

result of fixing the record of 20 members who had made payments, but whose payments had not been sent to the Grand Encampment. This year's payouts were: Grand Chapter - \$16,619.76; Grand Council - \$15,590.10; and Grand Commandery - \$18,622.98. I anticipate needing to make a withdrawal from the investment accounts to fund the 2024 payouts.

Grand Commandery Payout 2023

Commandery	Amount
Bartow Commandery No. 15 K.T.	-\$70.96
Trinity Commandery No. 16 K.T.	-\$445.63
Saint Lucie Commandery No. 17 K.T.	-\$1,046.30
Palm Beach Commandery No. 18 K.T.	-\$401.73
Damascus Commandery No. 2 K.T.	-\$1,058.13
Lakeland-Winter Haven Commandery No. 21 K.T.	-\$668.48
VOIDChipola Commandery No. 22 K.T.	\$0.00
Brevard Commandery No. 24 K.T.	-\$241.39
Melita Commandery No. 35 K.T.	-\$706.10
Springtime Commandery No. 40 K.T.	-\$467.90
Saint Elmo Commandery No. 42 K.T.	-\$210.00
Pilgrim Commandery No. 7 K.T.	-\$175.50
Tampa-Ivanhoe Commandery No. 8 K.T.	-\$1,245.21
Oriental Commandery No. 9 K.T.	-\$880.86
Couer De Lion Commandery No. 1 K.T.	-\$1,043.86
Sunshine Commandery No. 20 K.T.	-\$613.69
Plant City Commandery No. 6 K.T.	-\$272.48
Tallahassee Commandery No.12 K.T.	-\$445.93
Saint Johns Commandery No. 29 K.T.	-\$122.89
Bradford Commandery No. 43 K.T.	-\$118.15

Palatka Commandery No. 5 K.T.	-\$137.99
Crestview Commandery No. 25 K.T.	-\$366.79
Saint Augustine Commandery No. 10 K.T.	-\$224.40
Lake City Commandery No. 39 K.T.	-\$103.66
Olivet Commandery No. 4 K.T.	-\$515.12
Miami Commandery No. 13 K.T.	-\$3,850.00
Triangle Commandery No. 38 K.T.	-\$603.67
Melbourne Commandery No. 41 K.T.	-\$302.42
Taylor Commandery No. 28 K.T.	-\$244.00
Fort Myers Commandery No. 32 K.T.	-\$195.52
Chipola Commandery No. 22 K.T.	-\$118.80
Total Payout	-\$16,897.56

LIFE AND PERPEUTAL EXEPNSE STATEMENT**FY 2023**

INCOME	AMOUNT
Chapter Appl Fee	\$6,120.00
Commandery Appl Fee	\$9,704.00
Council Appl Fee	\$5,645.00
Eye Foundation	\$30.00
Other Income (Business)	\$13,020.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$34,519.00
EXPENSES	
Chapter Annual Pay Out	\$15,029.09
Commandery Annual Payout	\$16,897.56
Commandery Eye Fdn Payout	\$630.00
Council Annual Payout	\$14,031.71
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$46,588.36
OVERALL TOTAL	-\$12,069.36

GRAND RECORDER'S REPORT

To the Delegates of the 2023 Grand York Rite Convention:

This is the report of the Grand Secretary/Recorder for the fiscal year of June 1, 2022, through May 30, 2023.

At the beginning of the year the Grand Secretary/Recorder was Richard Brooks, whose life came to an end on July 31, 2022, at only 64 years of age. His faithful work in that time included preparing the annual reports to the General Grand Chapter and Council and to the Grand Encampment. However, because he did not have any clerical staff beyond himself, when he died there were many physical and digital loose ends to be found, identified and work completed.

In mid-August, Carl Gilmore was appointed by the Grand Presiding Officers to fill the role of Grand Secretary/Recorder. He undertook the work and hired back the two office assistants who had previously served in the Office and with their diligent efforts found and identified many of those loose ends mentioned above and completed the necessary tasks.

This work included cleaning out the storage unit which was rented some 9 years earlier when Howard Gardner took office and whose rental rate had climbed to \$1,800 per year. The outdated records and cabinets, as well as those in the Office itself, were reviewed and discarded where appropriate. Finally, the paraphernalia from defunct bodies which had been turned over to the Grand Office in the past were advertised to the local Bodies and distributed as requests came in.

The result is that the Office became more organized and has successfully completed within the Constitutional time and budgetary mileposts all of the required tasks, with one exception. The exception is that the Proceedings, while properly completed, was 1 month late in being distributed. Since the work was 2 and ½ months late in starting, producing, and distributing the Proceedings by the 1st of November was deemed exemplary.

Dues cards with individual members' names preprinted for the Chapter Secretaries and the Council Recorders were produced locally at a savings of around \$2,000 compared with the outside vendor of the preceding year. This service is intended to make things easier for the local Secretary/Recorders and feedback is both desirable and requested from the membership as to its helpfulness.

Proposed Grand Commandery Resolutions were posted on the GYR website in November 2022, with notice to the Recorders. The same was done for proposed Resolutions for Grand Chapter and Grand Council following their cut off dates in February and March 2023.

Per capita statements were sent out in a timely fashion just after the start of 2023. Collection of payments from the local Bodies was faithfully made and turned over to the Grand Treasurer with reports provided to the Grand Presiding Officers from mid-February on.

Following the change of Officers in local Bodies at the start of 2023, a new Directory, a document of some 60 pages, was assembled and produced. Each of the Delegates here at the Convention should have received a copy at check in.

In February of 2023 a joint meeting of all Committee members was held for the purpose of both Audit and next year's Budgeting. The results of both sets of Committees is published separately. However, the books were found to be properly kept and expenses valid.

Flyers for the Convention Souvenir program were distributed, payments were received and faithfully turned over to the Grand Treasurer.

Similarly, registration documents for the Convention were produced and distributed. Registration and payments were received and recorded, with payments turned over to the Grand Treasurer. Paper booklets showing proposed Resolutions, Budgets and Committee reports were produced and distributed at registration.

Based upon registration, arrangements for meals, event schedule and meeting room assignments were made with the Hotel and published to the local Bodies.

Throughout the year, assistance was rendered to the Grand Presiding Officers, to the local Secretaries and Recorders and to Members, as needed with respect to MMS, change of local Officers, purchase of Rituals, Perpetual Membership, Dispensations and Changes of Bylaws, etc.

In addition, the book of Past Grand Commanders of Florida, first published in Florida some 22 years ago, is being updated to include through the present Grand Commander and when finished will be published on the GYR website, with the permission of the Grand Commander. Thus, all members will have free access to this important facet of our history.

Finally, as the fiscal year comes to its conclusion, the expenses of the Grand York Rite Office are within the Budget approved by the Craft in May of 2022 and in fact were 9% below budget allowances.

Fraternally and sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "CE Gilmore". The signature is written in black ink on a light-colored background.

*Carl E. Gilmore, KYGCH
Grand Secretary/Recorder*

<u><i>Committee Name</i></u>	<u><i>Chairman</i></u>	<u><i>Member</i></u>	<u><i>Member</i></u>
<i>Advisory</i>	Adam Bryan	Ronald Parks	John Wermann
<i>Audit</i>	Ronald Naumowicz	Carlos Correa	Sheldon Arpad
<i>Committee on Work</i>	Rusty Ludlam	Dennis Barbarisi Donald Goss	Eric Klienbach Henry Adams
<i>Dispensations & Charters</i>	Rusty Ludlam	Ronald Naumowicz	
<i>Distinguished Guests</i>	Richard Brooks	Eric Klienbach	
<i>Finance & Budget</i>	Rusty Ludlam	Sheldon Arpad	Ronald Naumowicz
<i>Grand Commandery History</i>	Glenn Chandler, Sr.	Charles Cicero	James Mason
<i>Grievance</i>	John Wermann	Adam Bryan	Sheldon Arpad
<i>Holy Land Pilgrimage</i>	Rusty Ludlam	A.W. Thurman	Paul Friend
<i>Investments</i>	Lee Popham, Sr.	David Rosenthal	Charles Hollinger
<i>Jurisprudence</i>	Ronald Parks	AJ LaRose Adam Bryan	William Ellis Paul Friend
<i>KT Education, Leadership, Goals & Objectives</i>	Scott Schwartzberg	Joshua Schutts Chas Jordan	James Draeving Stephen Nelson
<i>KT Education Foundation</i>	Carl Gilmore	Chas Jordan	
<i>KT Eye Foundation</i>	Paul Friend	Adam Bryan	
<i>KT Magazine</i>	Gary Roane		
<i>Legal Advisor</i>	James Hogg		
<i>Lodge Representatives</i>	Erik Andersen	Ronald Parks Dennis Barbarisi	All DDs' select reps
<i>Membership</i>	Sheldon Arpad	Rusty Ludlam	Ronald Naumowicz
<i>Necrology</i>	Paul Friend		
<i>Patriotic & Civil Activities</i>	Thomas Metcalfe, Jr.	Robert St. John	Carlos Correa
<i>Perpetual Membership</i>	Rusty Ludlam	Erik Andersen	Dennis Barbarisi
<i>Printing & Proceedings</i>	Carl Gilmore	Carlos Correa Adam Bryan	Sheldon Arpad
<i>Registration, Returns & Credentials</i>	A.W. Thurman	Gene Sims	
<i>Religious Activities</i>	David Aponte	Charles Cicero	Jack Holloway

<i>Ritual Award</i>	Sheldon Arpad	Thomas Metcalfe, Jr. Eric Klientbach	Mark Balester
<i>Souvenir Program</i>	John Lewis	Jack Maulden Charles Jordan	Carlos Correa
<i>Technology</i>	Ronald Naumowicz	Wm Allen Sorbie	
<i>Time & Place</i>	Rusty Ludlam		
<i>Triennial</i>	Rusty Ludlam	Ronald Naumowicz	Erik Andersen
<i>Unfinished Business</i>	Adam Bryan		
<i>Youth</i>	Eric Klientbach	Sean Lopez	Sheldon Arpad

Advisory

We, your Advisory Committee, are pleased to make the following report. Throughout the 2022-2023 Templar year, this committee advised the Right Eminent Grand Commander on any subjects he felt needed additional advice prior to decisions being made. This committee also brought ideas and advice to the Right Eminent Grand Commander that may allow him to make better informed decisions. This Committee made sure to maintain an advisory position only, and informed the Grand Commander that all decisions were ultimately his to make.

This Committee would like to thank the Right Eminent Grand Commander for the opportunity to serve in this capacity.

Courteously submitted,
Adam M. Bryan, Chairman, REPGC

Audit

On February 18, 2023, The Grand Commandery Budget & Finance team consisting of Sir Knight Rusty Ludlam, Sir Knight Carlos Carrera, and myself, met at the Grand York Rite to perform our audit.

We found zero discrepancies during the audit. Congratulations to the fine work our Grand Recorder and Grand Treasurer for their professional and diligent work on our budget.

We would like to recommend an annotation of the EFT bills in order to properly track the disbursement of funds to each recipient. There were several transactions that had multiple payees on them, which were combined into one transfer. This required additional time to identify and track. This would greatly enhance our ability to track from warrant to payee, while lessening the one-on-one time with our Grand Officers.

I wish to thank the members and officers of the Grand Commandery for allowing me to serve the Grand Commandery in this capacity.

Fraternally Submitted,
Ronald A. Naumowicz - Chairman
Eminent Grand Generalissimo

Budget & Finance

This Committee met on Saturday, February 18th, 2023 to discuss the Grand Commandery 2023-2024 budget.

The proposed budget accompanies this report. While the Proposed Budget is largely based on the previous year's actual expenses, considerations had to be made due to the differences in office administrative amounts. That being the case, changes to the budget were still kept to a minimum. Among the changes were the following: 1) As there will be no District meetings for Grand Commandery for the year and festivals being solely organized by the Constituent Commanderies (or by Districts at their discretion based on their needs) the expense was removed. 2) After discussion with the Grand Recorder concerning the expenses of printing and publishing the Proceedings this expense was also reduced. 3) Travel expenses were slightly increased over the prior year due to an increase in travel and hotel costs but still remain reasonable.

The Proposed Budget also shows a reduced income Per capita for the year but this reduction is also reflected in the reduction of expenses due to the Grand Encampment as well balancing out the change.

This Committee wishes to thank the Right Eminent Grand Commander Sheldon Arpad for the opportunity to serve the Grand Commandery in this capacity for the year.

Courteously and Respectfully Submitted,
Rusty M. Ludlam VEDGC Chairman,
Ronald Naumowicz EGG

CONSTITUTION LAWS & REGULATIONS

To the Delegates of the 2023 Grand York Rite Convention:

This is the report of the Grand Commandery of Florida Committee for Constitution Laws and Regulations for the fiscal year of June 1, 2022, through May 30, 2023.

The Committee met by group phone call after the December cutoff date for Grand Commandery Resolution submittal and considered the six Resolutions that had been submitted.

Finding that the proposed Resolutions were in proper form and that the substance provided appropriate information for the Craft to decide upon the subject matter in each, the Committee recommends that each be forwarded to the Jurisprudence Committee for their consideration and eventually to the Craft at the Convention.

The following Committee thanks the Grand Commander for the privilege of serving the Craft.

Carl Gilmore, PGC Chmn
Marvin Gerhard, PGC
Robert Burleson, PGC
Henry Adams, PGC

DISPENSATIONS AND CHARTERS

It has been a pleasure and an honor to serve on the Committee for Dispensations and Charters. During the Grand Commandery 2022-2023 Chivalric year there were no Charters issued or revoked by the Grand Commander. All dispensations were sent to the appropriate Committee for review and approval or denial.

We wish to thank our REGC Sheldon Arpad and the Grand Commandery for the opportunity to serve on this committee.

Respectfully submitted,
Rusty M. Ludlam VEDGC KTCH, Chairman
Ronald A. Naumowicz Eminent Grand Generalissimo

Distinguished Guests

At this our 129TH Grand Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Florida our Right Eminent Grand Commander, R.:E.: Sheldon Arpad had the privilege to receive and introduce to the Sir Knights present many special guests and dignitaries. Some of these most special persons are listed below:

The following Right Eminent Past Grand Commanders Henry A. Adams, Adam M. Bryan, Robert E. Burselson (Past Department Commander), Charles Cicero, William G. Ellis, Paul W. Friend, Carl E. Gilmore (Most Illustrious Past Grand Master currently serving as Grand Secretary/Recorder), Brett Gordon, Arthur J. LaRose and Robert St John Grand Treasurer all representing Florida. The Grand Encampment of Knights Templar USA was represented by Davis J Kussman Most Eminent Grand Master, Robert W Waldron Southeast Department Commander, Emmett W. Mills Chairman Holy Land Pilgrimage. Ditmar W. Chavez Right Eminent Grand Commander of Georgia, Eminent Palmer E. Grand Generalissimo of Tennessee, Steven Q. Steel Right Eminent Past Grand Commander of Alaska. M.W., William J. Thomas Past Grand Master of New York, M.W. There were representatives from the General Grand Chapter, General Grand Council, several other States, and Washington DC. It was the presence of these most honored guests that added to the success of our 129th Grand Conclave of Knights Templar of Florida.

This Committee thanks them for their tireless efforts to improve Masonry in general and the York Rite in particular.

Right Eminent Grand Commander, we thank you for the honor of serving you and the craft on this most prestigious Committee and the opportunity to represent you to these outstanding Sir Knights.

Zealously,

John F. Wermann, MEPGHP, KYGCH, OPC, KTCH
Committee Chairman

Arthur J. "AJ" Ahrens III, MEPGHP, KYGCH, OPC
Committee Co-Chairman

Grand Commandery History

This Committee has not received any requests for information regarding its Past Grand Commanders or other Grand Commandery historical information for the past Chivalric Year.

Personal appreciation is extended to Right Eminent Past Grand Commander Marvin W. Gerhard for his valuable knowledge and assistance whenever called upon.

We recommend that all Sir Knights in the Grand Commandery Progressive Line begin or update their Masonic Resume as soon as possible for printing in the Annual Grand Proceedings when Installed in the Grand East. It is not too early to begin work on this important document.

A special thank you to Right Eminent Grand Commander Sheldon Arpad for appointing the Sir Knights listed below to this Committee.

Glenn E. Chandler, Snr., Chairman
Charles Cicero, Member
James Mason, Member

Lodge Representatives 2022-2023

This Committee has continued to move this program forward with better success. With the increased support of the DDGCs, there has been an increase in the active participation from the Sir Knights in their respective Symbolic Lodges. The Lodge Representatives being able to speak for 2 or 3 minutes in their respective Lodge and wearing their Chapter Red, Council Purple or Class A uniform attracts more attention. The result has generated an increased interest in the York Rite. We hope to see continued growth and participation in this program.

This Committee thanks the REGC, Sheldon Arpad for the opportunity to serve the Grand Commandery in this capacity.

Respectfully submitted,
Erik B. Andersen, Chairman
Ronald Parks, Dennis Barbarisi

Grievance

Greetings Right Eminent Grand Commander your Grievance Committee is pleased to report that there were no grievances brought to the attention of this Committee thus no actions were required.

We thank you for the opportunity to serve both you and our fellow Sir Knights.

Zealously,
John F. Wermann, PEC, KTCH
Committee Chairman
Adam Bryan, REPGC
Committeeman
Sheldon Arpad, REGC
Committeeman

HOLYLAND PILGRIMAGE

It has been a pleasure and an honor to serve on the Holyland Pilgrimage committee. The REGC Sheldon Arpad had a goal to send a minimum of 10 ministers to the Holyland. We met the goal halfway by sending 5 ministers this Chivalric year. The Grand Commandery was asked to assist with funds for one minister, but after the committee met to discuss the criteria, we, unfortunately, had to deny the request. St. Lucie Commandery sponsored a minister from South Carolina. We know when they return home, they have a deeper connection to the living word. They also improve our connection with the community.

We wish to thank our REGC Sheldon Arpad and the Grand Commandery for the opportunity to serve on this committee.

Respectfully submitted,
Rusty M. Ludlam VEDGC KTCH, Chairman
Paul Friend REPGC
Albert W. Thurman Grand Warder

INVESTMENT

The investments under the oversight of the Investment Committee are maintained by our investment advisers at Johnson Investments, and presently total \$650,599 as of 31 March 2023, down from \$700,867 a year ago. This represents a (7.17%) NET decrease in Grand Commandery invested assets, even after the required 5.00% payout on Perpetual membership funds, and even after the 2022 losses. These dollars are broken up into three portfolios:

Administrative Account - The first portfolio is the Administrative Account, also sometimes referred to as the General Fund. As of 31 March 2023, the total value was \$338,650 – vs. \$360,470 a year ago, for a decrease of (\$21,820), or (6.05%), even after the decline in values experienced during 2022. This account has a target investment mix of 60% equities, and 40% bonds and other fixed instruments. At 31 December 2022, the total value of this account was \$322,738, vs. \$385,404 at 31 December 2021, for a decrease of (\$62,666), or a (16.26%) investment loss. While our governing documents allow 75% of any annual increase to be included in the Budget for the following year, the 2022 unrealized losses will preclude our funds from being available for charitable and necessary operating expenditures during 2023. 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, the funds have been allowed to accumulate. During this past year, a total of \$Zero was paid out of this Fund account.

Life and Perpetual Account – The second portfolio is the Life and Perpetual Account, often referred to as the Sacred Fund. As of 31 March 2023, the total value was \$263,954 – vs. \$286,946 a year ago, for a decrease of (\$22,992), or (8.01%), after the decline in values experienced during 2022; and 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 60% equities, and 40% fixed-rate securities. At 31 December 2022, the total value of this account was \$253,559, vs. \$303,101 at 31 December 2021, for a net decrease of (\$49,542), or a (16.35%) NET investment return, after the required 5% perpetual fund payout.

Harry Rosenthal Account – This Restricted account earned interest and dividends totaling \$1,393 in 2022, vs. \$240 in 2021, which is available for current spending by order of the Grand Commander. This fund had a balance of \$47,995 at 31 March 2023.

We would like to take this opportunity on behalf of myself and the other members of the Investment Committee to thank RE Grand Commander Sheldon Arpad for allowing us to serve.

Courteously and Fraternally,
Wm. Lee Popham Sr., Chairman
Charles L. Hollinger
David Rosenthal

REPORT OF THE KNIGHT CRUSADERS OF THE
HOLY CROSS
OF THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS
TEMPLAR OF FLORIDA AT THE CONVENTION OF
MAY 2023

The 54th meeting of the Knight Crusaders of the Holy Cross was held in the Lake Mary Marriott in Lake Mary, Florida at 7:30 in the evening of Tuesday May 23rd, 2023. With the following Officers Present:

Kt. Crusader of the East – Adam Bryan
Kt. Crusader of the West – Sheldon Arpad
Kt. Crusader of the South – Rusty Ludlam
Kt. Crusader of the North – Ronald Naumowicz
Kt. Crusader of the Holy Cross – Dennis Barbarisi
Kt. Crusader of the Asylum – Tomas Metcalfe
Kt. Crusader of the Temple – Eric Klienbach
As Kt. Crusader of the Treasurer-Recorder – Carl Gilmore

Treasurer's Report:

Balance carried in the Grand Treasurer's records of the Grand Commandery \$2,411.97 Receipts from Candidates this evening; 22 Candidates @ \$20= \$440, plus ritual sales \$145, less \$11 for wine; Total Funds: \$2,985.97.

The following Candidates were elected by clear ballot and received the Order:

Richard Bradley	Charles Harper
Kenny Carolan	Brian Johnsen
Robert Coleman	Michael Leebove
Todd Connor	Edward Mayfield, Jr.
Carlos Crispin	Eliecer Mesa
Juan Damas	Thomas Murray
Travis Elmore	Bermon Pruitt, Jr.
James Hafling	Raymond Ramirez
Gary Roane	Joseph Setaro
Jerry Snell, Jr.	Otto Thiergart
Bruce Ward	Harold Wendt

It was also decided to contribute \$400 to the Holy Land Pilgrimage Fund and to reimburse Carl Gilmore \$11 for the wine used in our ritual.

Election of Officers was held with Installation immediately following as follows, with R.:E.:Past Grand Commander Carl Gilmore as Installing Officer:

- Kt. Crusader of the East – Sheldon Arpad
- Kt. Crusader of the West – Rusty Ludlam
- Kt. Crusader of the South – Ronald Naumowicz
- Kt. Crusader of the North – Dennis Barbarisi
- Kt. Crusader of the Holy Cross – Tomas Metcalfe
- Kt. Crusader of the Asylum – Eric Klienbach
- Kt. Crusader of the Temple – Chas Jordan
- Kt. Crusader of the Treasurer-Recorder – Ron Parks

Fraternally,

Carl Gilmore, R.:E.:Past Grand Commander, Acting Secy.

Jurisprudence

The Jurisprudence Committee of the Grand Commandery of Florida met in Lake Mary Marriott, Lake Mary Florida on Sunday May 21, 2023 at 2:00 PM to review the actions of the Grand Commander, Sheldon Arpad pertaining and including Warrants, Directives, Edicts, Executive Orders, By-Law Revisions, and Dispensations acted on by the Grand Commander, Sheldon Arpad.

The Committee reviewed the Report of the Grand Commander, Sir Knight Sheldon Arpad and commend him on a most successful year. He represented the Grand Commandery of Florida well. We examined all his actions finding all were within the constitution of the Grand Commandery of Florida and within the purview of his office. The Grand Commander stayed within his budget and performed a great deal of travel. He issued 3 Directives, 1 Executive Order, 12 Requests of Dispensations, 4 requests for By-Law Amendments. It was deemed that all were within his authority and were acted upon properly and timely. Each was properly received and bearing official stamps of the Grand Recorder and Grand Commander.

The Grand Commander's report was received by the committee chairman thirty days prior to the date of the convention.

We reviewed the proposed Resolutions of this Grand Conclave and found all in proper form. All six were received prior to the required date of 1 December 2022.

The results of the proposed Resolutions are as follows:

23-01: Article X, Amendments; Adding an Exception to Notice Requirement. Resolution was Withdrawn.

23-02: Chapter 46, Amendments; adding 45.02 Amendment Without Notice. Resolution was withdrawn.

23-03: Chapter 46, Amendments; Change of date of submission of resolutions. Resolution passed on first vote of Grand Commandery. Upon question of proper voting, as well as recommendation of Jurisprudence Committee, the Grand Commander ordered a revote and upon revote, the resolution was Rejected.

23-04: Article X, Amendments; Change of date of submission of resolutions. Resolution passed on first vote of Grand Commandery. Upon question of proper voting, as well as recommendation of Jurisprudence Committee, the Grand Commander ordered a revote and upon revote, the resolution was Rejected.

23-05: Article VI, Duties of Officers, Section 1, Subsection (g); Grand Representative position vacant after two years. Resolution was Rejected.

23-06: Chapter 37.301, Dress Uniforms; Changing shoulder cords to ribbon over left pocket welt. Resolution was Rejected.

The Jurisprudence Committee would like to commend the Grand Commander for having the fortitude to complete his term in lieu of his house being destroyed by a hurricane and having to replace his car, household goods and many other personal items. He faithfully discharged the office of Right Eminent Grand Commander. We thank him for the honor, opportunity and privilege provided to us to serve the Grand Commandery.

Respectively and Fraternaly Submitted,
Ronald L. Parks, Chairman, REPGC
A.J. LaRose, REPGC
Adam Bryan, REPGC
William Ellis, REPGC
Paul Friend, REPGC

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EDUCATION, LEADERSHIP, GOALS & OBJECTIVES

The committee has not been as successful as hoped in its goal of shining the Light of Templar Education. We planned on having the Florida Priory of Research become better known throughout our Jurisdiction as well as promoting the Companion Adept of the Temple program from York Rite College of North America and the Grand Encampment's www.templared.org courses focusing on Knight Templar Ritual and History.

The information on these was mostly by word of mouth rather than by a formal program contacting all Recorders to disseminate to their members.

We plan on promoting all of these at the Grand York Rite Convention. With so many bodies meeting on Saturdays, the Florida Priory of Research will continue to meet on the 5th Tuesday of the month, by Zoom or in-person where possible.

We thank the Grand Commander for the opportunity to continue our goal of education for all Sir Knights of Florida.

Scott A Schwartzberg, KYCH – Chairman

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EYE FOUNDATION, INC
FINAL REPORT OF THE FLORIDA 55th ANNUAL
CAMPAIGN

Sir Knights, this is the 55th Annual Knights Templar Eye Foundation report ending on May 23, 2023, and the state of Florida ranked 4th in the nation with a total in contribution of \$78,034.13 that is an average of \$30.57 per member compared to last year's total contributions \$80550.03 and \$31.18 per member. With wills, trusts, and other gifts, we had a grand total of \$84,746.66.

Once again, all the Commanderies in the state did contribute to this year's campaign. I would like to recognize the top three Commanderies, top Commandery is St. Lucie Commandery No. 17 KT donating \$18,128.33 and \$101.84 per member, Sunshine Commandery No. 20 KT was second donating \$7415 and \$105.93 per member and in third place was Trinity Commandery No. 16 KT who donated \$6,600.00 and \$67.35 per member.

There are various ways to contribute to the Foundation. First, we have the Life Sponsor Program, in which a Sir Knight can donate \$30.00 dollars and become a member. I would like to recognize the following nineteen Commanderies, Coeur De Lion Commandery No. 1 KT, Damascus No. 2 KT, Olivet Commandery No. 4 KT, Palatka Commandery No. 5 KT, Pilgrim Commandery No. 7 KT, Oriental Commandery No. 9 KT, St. Augustine Commandery No. 10 KT, Miami Commandery No. 13 KT, Bartow Commandery No. 15 KT, St. Lucie Commandery No. 17 KT, Crestview Commandery No. 25 Kt, Ft. Meyers Commandery No. 32 KT, Triangle Commandery No 38 KT, Lake City Commandery No 39 KT, Springtime Commandery No. 40 KT, Melbourne Commandery No. 41 KT, St. Elmo No. 42 KT, and Bradford Commander No. 43 KT, and

Crusader Commandery No. 44 for 100% participation having every member of their Commandery who have purchaser a Life Sponsor Membership.

Second, we have the Grand Commander's Club, when a Sir Knight donates \$100.00 dollars, he becomes a member and once these Sir Knights contribute a total of \$1000.00 dollars, they become a member of the Grand Master's Club. This year we have twenty-four Sir Knights who have become members of the Grand Commander's Club which bring us to a total seventy-six members in the Grand Commander's Club

SK WILLIAM PAULCHECK	SK HOWARD S. CLARK, SR.	SK RAYMOND H. UPTON
SK HECTOR MIRABILE	SK PAUL F. RITCHIE	SK JEFFREY R. SMITH
SK WM ALLEN SORBIE	SK LUIS A. URRUTIA	SK ROBERT EISENHARDT
SK PAUL FRIEND	SK GREGORY HENDRICKS	SK GIANCARLO ORDERDA
SK STEPHEN G. PAULSEN	SK JULIO SANCHEZ	SK JOSEPH SCHOONOVER
SK BENJAMIN MINICHINO	SK RAMON RAMIREZ	SK JAMES R. HAWKINS
SK CHARLES R. JORDAN	SK JOHN M. TOMME, SR.	SK CHARLES HOLLINGER
SK FREDERICK L. PRYOR	SK GROVER CHILDRESS, SR.	SK R. CARL THORWART

Third we have the Grand Master's Club, when a Sir Knight donates \$1000.00, he becomes a member of this club. This year we have thirty-two Sir Knights who have become members of the Grand Master's Club, which brings us to a total of ninety-five members in the Grand Master's Club.

SK ERIC G. COLE	SK TODD M. CONNOR	SK DAMON S. SANSOM
SK WALTER D. MORRIS	SK CARLOS CORREA	SK BRETT A. GORDON
SK STEVEN Q. STEELE	SK ALAN RANDY CHANCEY	SK MARK P. BREWER
SK LOUIS H. OTTO	SK PAUL F. RITCHIE	SK ALBERT W. THURMAN
SK LUIS A. URRUTIA	SK AUSTIN C. DRUKKER, JR.	SK J. MICHAEL HAFLING
SK PAUL W. FRIEND	SK STEPEHN C. KARR	SK JOHN D. PICKFORD
SK ROY S. THOMPSON	SK STEPHEN G. PAULSEN	SK JOSEPH SCHOONOVER
SK BENJAMIN MINICHINO	SK FRANK R. WILSON III	SK R. DEAN SEVER
SK EDWARD J. MAYFIELD	SK JAMES W. BUSBY, JR.	SK JERR J. MILLER
SK JOSEPH CRUM	SK JOHN I. GRAY	SK JAMES D. SNOW
SK ROBERT COLEMAN III	SK JOHN J. PUGLIESE	

I want to recognize the following Sir Knights for having completed the first level of the Crusader Cross (Red) with all five crosses. This represents a minimum donation of \$5000.

SK GLENN CHANDLER, SNR	SK BRETT A. GORDON	SK ROBERT T. RYAN
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I want to recognize the following Sir Knights who have completed the first level of the Crusader Cross and now are working on the second level of the Crusader Cross (Aqua) with a minimum of \$6000.00 in donations.

SK John D. Pickford SK Paul W. Friend SK Roy Thompson
SK Robert Dean Sever SK Thomas Pleger

I want to recognize Sir Knight Robert Dean Sever, who has completed the second level of the Crusader Cross with all five crosses. This represents \$10,000 in donations.

We still have only one Sir Knight who was presented with his Sword of Merit last year and that is Sir Knight SK James H. Bussey, and he has completed all levels of The Crusader Cross. His Crusader Cross represents a total donation of \$25000.00.

A special thank you to SK Robert W. Bigley, Office Administer of the KTEF and his staff for all the hard work they do to assist us.

The individual Commanderies' donations for the campaign are attached with the report.

Paul W. Friend, PGC, KTCH
State Chairman

Knights Templar Magazine

The Florida State Supplements for the Knights Templar magazine were done as planned and for the most part, timely. The Grand Commander submitted copy for all articles, the State Editor submitted formatted newsletters to Dan Pushee, for a portion of the year, in a timely manner and maintained creative freedom to communicate the goals as directed by our Right Eminent Grand Commander.

The Right Eminent Grand Commander had clear goals and despite Hurricane Ian, worked diligently to communicate and successfully achieve them. The REGC states he feels they were met by our constituent commanderies. Sir Knight Rusty Ludlum and I have already discussed plans for the upcoming year and expect great things to continue.

I wish to personally thank the following Sir Knights for their impact on me personally and in no particular order, but all of equal importance; Aaron Robertson, G. Gordon Goodman, Marin Gerhard, Cory Underwood. Some great men, Richard Brooks one of them, passed to that undiscovered country from whose borne no traveler returns. I look forward to our seeing these companions again and know they will be there.

I also thank Sir Knight Dan Pushee, without whom it wouldn't be, for his support and patience.

In Hoc Signo Vincas,
S.K. Gary R. Roane

LEGAL ADVISOR

Nothing has been brought to the legal advisor for action.
Fraternally,
James Hogg, Chairman

Membership

The following report is as of April 11th, 2023:

May 2022	255
Knightings	148
Affiliates	12
Reinstatements	25
Demits	26
Suspensions	85
Deceased	94
Net Loss	20

Two Recommendations were made. One to contact members who have not shown up (probable due to COVID) and ask them to come back. Secondly, all Commandery's were encouraged to have a representative Lodge each within their jurisdiction. We hope the above will be carried forward. Thanks to the recorders DD's and DI's who helped to make this happen.!

Fraternally,
Sheldon Arpad, REGC 2022-2023

NECROLOGY

To the Sir Knights of Florida:

It is with great sadness that I report we have lost 98 Sir Knights since our last Grand Conclave.

It also saddens hearts to report the passing of: R.E. William Ronald Taylor (1998), PGC, and our Grand Recorder Richard Brooks, PDDGC.

These Sir Knights were eulogized at the Divine Service on May 14, 2023

We are reminded in God's Word: Job 14:1-2 Man *that is* born of a woman *is* of few days, and full of trouble. He cometh forth like a flower and is cut down: he fleeth also as a shadow, and continueth not. But we do have the assurance and confidence in 2 Corinthians 5:8 We are confident, *I say*, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord.

Respectfully and Fraternaly,
R.E. Paul W. Friend, PGC, KTCH
Grand Prelate

Patriotic & Civil Activities

Your Committee on Patriotic & Civil Activities has sent out several electronic suggestions and reminders via the Recorders to each Commandery in Florida.

We have reminded the Sir Knights of several important National Holidays and Observances, such as Martin Luther King Jr. Day, President's Day, Memorial Day, Flag Day, Independence Day, and Veterans Day, and strongly encouraged the participation of Sir Knights in each Commandery to present programs, hold gatherings, participate in parades, or otherwise seek occasional to present themselves uniformed in public, honor the flag, and/or and support the community.

We have reminded them that Dispensations are not needed for public appearances composed of Masonic bodies; otherwise, to request one as part of the arrangements for participation.

While we attempted to provide as much support as possible, it seems the response rate for Commanderies around the state is woefully low. This is unfortunate, as a great way to find new members and encourage active participation is to participate in public ceremonies and activities, with our wonderful uniforms on display.

We did receive the following reports of Commanderies that have been performing functions in their communities (that is, outside the scope of the usual traditional Observances):

- Veteran's Day
 - Saint Elmo No. 42 participated in a Veteran's Day ceremony on November 11th at Beal Memorial Cemetery.
 - Sir Knight Al Kimball of Pilgrim No. 7 presented the U. S. Flag at the Veterans Day Table Council (open to the public) on November 11th in Palatka.
 - Coeur de Leon No. 1 visited a synagogue on November 11th for Veteran's Day.
- Memorial Day
 - Saint Elmo No. 42 participated in a Memorial Day ceremony on May 20th at Beal Memorial Cemetery.
- Church Visitation (as a group)
 - Tampa-Ivanhoe No. 8 provided a public "sendoff" for their sponsored Holy Land Pilgrimage minister, Father Bailey, before his departure. They are also planning a social event open to the public where he can share his pictures and his experiences, sometime in April after Easter.
 - Sunshine No. 20 and Springtime No. 40, attended services in Class A Uniform on Feb 19th, for the purpose of dispatching the Rev. Jim Sorvillo, Rector of that parish, to the Holy Land Pilgrimage. The Commander giving explanation of the Pilgrimage, the Prelate then offered an appropriate prayer for the success of his Pilgrimage and for traveling mercies.

- Seven Sir Knights--representing Palatka No. 5, Pilgrim No. 7, St. Augustine No. 10, and Damascus No. 2 participated in the Ancient City Baptist Church Religious Affirmation on June 26th. They additionally loaned many staging props for the program.
- Color Guard
 - Palatka No. 5, St Augustine No. 10 and Pilgrim No. 7 all jointly provided a Color Guard for the Grand Master's Official Visit to the 11th Masonic District on November 18th.
 - Pilgrim No. 7 provided a Color Guard for the Gainesville Lodge No. 41 Installation of Officers on January 21st.
- Honor Guard
 - Coeur de Leon No. 1 also held an honor guard at the same synagogue while on Veteran's Day, November 11th.
- Funeral Honor Guard
 - St. John's No. 29 assisted in two funeral guards, with four Sir Knights Standing Guard. (Two Sir Knights stood for 15 minutes and then swapped out with two other Sir Knights.)

Our best recommendation is to espouse and make this more of a priority for uniformed Sir Knights. (Perhaps it should be added as part of the evaluation criteria for the Sir Francis Drake Award.)

Regardless, it should be emphasized that to *only* wear the uniform inside the Asylum—and away from the eyes of a public unaware of its existence—is vanity.

This country cannot know who we are, if we are not visible within it.

Courteously and fraternally,
Thomas E. Metcalfe Jr.
Robert C. St. John, Jr.
Carlos Correa

PERPETUAL MEMBERSHIP

It has been a pleasure and an honor to serve the Grand Commandery this year on the Perpetual Membership Committee. We started the year 2022 with 450 perpetual members and ended the year with 458 members. This gives the Grand Commandery a gain of 8 perpetual members. As of the time of this report from January 2023 through March 20th 4 new members were added to the perpetual membership.

We wish to thank our REGC Sheldon Arpad and the Grand Commandery for the opportunity to serve on this committee.

Respectfully submitted,
Rusty M. Ludlam VEDGC KTCH, Chairman
Erik B. Andersen EGCG

PRINTINGS & PROCEEDINGS

To the Delegates of the 2023 Grand York Rite Convention:

This is the report of the Grand Commandery of Florida Committee for Printings and Proceedings for the fiscal year of June 1, 2022, through May 30, 2023.

The Committee provided oversight to the Grand Recorder and notes that during the fiscal year the Proceedings were published, both in writing and on the Grand York Rite website, as well as such additional Printings as were necessary to the proper operation of the Grand Commandery.

The following Committee thanks the Grand Commander for the privilege of serving the Craft.

Carl Gilmore, PGC Chairman
Carlos Correa
Adam Bryan PGC
Sheldon Arpad GC

Registration, Returns and Credentials

The final report of the Returns and Credentials Committee is as follows:

- 1) All Commandery's have paid their Per Capita.
- 2) All Commandery's are entitled to a vote except the following Commandery's, who did not pay their per capita in a timely manner: None
- 3) All Commandery's are represented by either presence or proxy of a duly elected dais officer, except the Commandery's:
 - Palm Beach Commandery No. 18
 - Lakeland Commandery No. 21
- 4) The number of Sir Knights eligible to vote is 187 and cards have been issued to indicate such.

REGC, this concludes the final report of the Returns and Credentials Committee. I move the report be accepted and a copy filed with the Grand Recorder.

Respectfully Submitted,

A.W. Thurman

Stephen C. Nelson

Eric Klienbach

Frank Kiefer

Jonas Seda

Ronald Naumowicz

Joshua Schutts

Robert L. Taylor

Gene Sims

<i>Knights Templar of Florida (Local Commanderies) - Dais Officers and Recorder for 2023</i>					
<u>Comm. Name</u>	<u>Comm. No.</u>	<u>Recorder</u>	<u>Eminent Commander</u>	<u>Generalissimo</u>	<u>Captain General</u>
Coeur De Lion	1	William Jacobs	Otto Thiergart	Dwight Wilson	Robert Eckols
Damascus	2	Stephen Urban	Todd Connor	David Gregory	Luis Rios
Olivet	4	Manuel Lozada	Francisco Lopez	Jose Fernandez	Ivan Beccera
Palatka	5	George Preston, Jr.	Michael Leebove	Kenneth Hinton, Jr.	Paul Mast
Plant City	6	Larry Gillespie	Jerry Snell, Jr.	David Anderson	Richard Vogt
Pilgrim	7	Thomas Metcalfe, Jr.	Eric Evangelista	William Rohan III	Christian Drouin
Tampa/Ivanhoe	8	Robert St. John, Jr.	Brian Manne	Paul Ippolito	Scott McAlister
Oriental	9	Damon Sansom	Terry Ellis	Bern Sponenburgh	Paul Foege
St. Augustine	10	Robert Gagnon	Edward Smallwood	Mark Williams	Robert Owens
Tallahassee	12	John Kraniou	Neils Hesse	Keiffer Lindsey, Jr.	Adrian Dillon
Miami	13	Carlos Correa	Hector Mirable	Luis Quesdad	Elicear Mesa
Bartow	15	A. Randy Chancey	Bermon Pritt, Jr.	Thomas Simpson	Marcus Lanifer
Trinity	16	John Wermann	Thomas Mabray	Paul Richie	Jeffrey Lawrence
St. Lucie	17	Paul Friend, REPGC	Frank Kiefer	Stephen Nelson	Stephen Paulsen
Palm Beach	18	Aldo Vargas	Nicholas Harvey	James Rogers	Donald Seals
Sunshine	20	Donald Harriott	Bruce Ward	Charles Bailey	William Sundquist
Lakeland	21	John Ellis	Thomas Romanishin	William Wylie	Greg Riddell
Chipola	22	Jeffery Baxter	Steven Matthews	Charles Sipes	Charles Morgan
Brevard	24	Richard Wolfe	Philip Catchpole	James Joyner	Andrew Olshavsky
Crestview	25	Kenneth Eichorn	William Kohnen	Donald Pardue	Timothy Kennedy
Taylor	28	Henry Jehan, Jr.	Carlos Crispin	Edward Ghiglieri	Leonard Morreale
St. Johns	29	Richard Allen, Jr.	Bryan Johnson	Gary Snyder	Woodrow Jones, Jr.
Ft. Myers	32	Eduardo Sanchez	Jospeh Setaro	Adam Saucier	Derek Vaneske
Melita	35	Garry Paxinos	Ramon Ramirez	Harry Bonet	Alexandru Mirrea
Triangle	38	Edward Mayfield, Jr.	Harold Wendt	Randall Brocius	Richard Koenig
Lake City	39	Rusty Ludlam, REGC	Richard McGlew	Rev. Brian Poole	Troy Hollinger
Springtime	40	Brian Campbell	Gary Roane	John Drewett	Jeffrey Mutz
Melbourne	41	Dayle Schrock	Matthew Green	David Speer	Ravindra Sonny
Bradford	43	Ronald George	Ronald Eigenmann, Jr.	Christopher Lanham, Jr.	Richard Elkins
Crusader	44	R. Carl Thorwart	Grover Childress, Jr.	Charles Norwood	Kevin Rentz
St. Elmo	44	John Lewis	Richard Bradley	Cecil Harris, Jr.	Donald Rice, Jr.

RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES

No Report Submitted.

Ritual Award

We are pleased that there was participation for the Carr and Ramsdell Trophy's! Triangle Commandery No. 38 competed and won the Merit Award. We look forward to their continued participation! St. Lucie Commandery No 17 again did an outstanding job and again won the Ramsdell Trophy.

New this year was a challenge to preside in the East for the Order of the Temple from memory. Those participants receive a sterling ring. This ring is to be placed on the left index finger. Those receiving the ring are:

SK Mark Balester
SK Adam Bryan PGC
SK Paul Friend PGC
SK Chris Tilman
SK Jimmy Vanders Jr.

My congratulations and Thanks for the outstanding achievement!

Festivals are alive and well and produced a feeling of Brotherhood. We look forward to those Commandery's who are unable to perform the Orders by themselves yet come and participate in the Festivals!

Let us work harder at memorizing our parts and continue to utilize our DI's. It is easier to navigate without a ritual than reading a part. Let us make officers out of new members as well as keep guiding them for their endless future in Knight Templary!

Sheldon Arpad, Chairman

SOUVENIR PROGRAM

The committee thanks our Most Excellent Grand High Priest, John Gray; our Most Illustrious Grand Master Gene Lance; and our Right Eminent Grand Commander Sheldon Arpad for the honor to serve our fellow Companions and Sir Knights on this committee.

Happily, most of our ads this year came from our York Rite Bodies and York Rite organizations throughout the state. Their support and creativity are greatly appreciated. We also received a number of youth group ads and support from our vendors.

We also had a great response to Gold Supporter sponsorships from our brothers across the state.

Breakdown of the 2023 Program:

Full Page Ads	30	\$200	\$6,000
Half Page Ads	11	\$125	\$1,375
Quarter Page Ads	4	\$65	\$260
Gold Supporters	63	\$5	\$315
Youth Groups Ads	7	\$0	\$0
Back Cover Ad	1	\$500	\$500
		Estimated Total Revenue:	\$8,450
		Cost of Souvenir Program:	\$1,680
		Estimated Revenue to Grand York Rite for Convention:	\$6,770

Thank you again to all the organizations that supported the Souvenir Program again in 2023!!!

Respectfully Submitted,

Chas Jordan, KYCH, Souvenir Program Chairman

John Lewis & Gary Roane, Souvenir Program Committeemen

Table at Grand Lodge

I am reporting on our York Rite information and greeting table that we provided at the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Florida Grand Communication, on May 28th, 29th and 30th, 2023. We had the privilege of having a York Rite table at Grand Lodge. This table was very well received by all. With the assistance of Companion/ Sir Knights Damon Samson, Al Kimble, Carlos Crispin and Roland Yates, we feel this was a success for the York Rite and the Blue Lodge Brothers.

We communicated and distributed Numerous York Rite information such as what is the York Rite, how to obtain membership, degrees and orders that will be conferred, we gave them information on where their nearest York Rite Body is located, meeting dates, upcoming festivals, dues and history. We spoke with dues paying members that have desires to get back involved, members that want to get reinstated. We collected names and information from possible candidates to distribute to their nearest York Rite Body.

We had numerous visits from Blue Lodge and York rite Grand Line Officers.

We believe this all went well and hope that this will continue next year.

Fraternally with Brotherly Love,
Companion/Sir Knight
Michael Leebove, Grand Council DDGM

TECHNOLOGY REPORT

Our Grand York Rite year started off with having to replace our existing Grand Recorder. Later in the year he passed away unexpectedly. This was followed by the appointment of our current Grand Recorder. Each one needing time to learn the myriad of duties and to interface properly with MMS.

Due to the multiple learning curves, there was insufficient time to set down and discuss Technology without taking time away from their duties.

We continue to recommend a three year rotating schedule for the upgrading and/or replacement of our existing technology. For example, year one could be for ADP (Automatic Data Processing) equipment, such as Computers and monitors. The second year could facilitate printers and mail equipment, with the third year for any peripheral equipment and bulk supplies. Bearing in mind, whichever category is the most critical, should be addressed first.

I wish to thank the members and officers of the Grand Commandery for allowing me to continue to serve the Grand Commandery in this capacity.

Fraternally Submitted,
Ronald A. Naumowicz, Eminent Grand Generalissimo

TEMPLAR EDUCATION FOUNDATION

To the Delegates of the 2023 Grand York Rite Convention:

This is the report of the Grand Commandery of Florida Committee for Templar Education Foundation for the fiscal year of June 1, 2022, through May 30, 2023.

The Committee notes that there are no funds remaining to be managed and that the Committee has not functioned for many years. Therefore, this report is simply a report of no new action.

The following Committee thanks the Grand Commander for the privilege of serving the Craft.

Carl Gilmore, PGC Chmn
Charles Jordan

Time and Place

The Committee has selected the Orlando Marriott at Lake Mary for the 2024 Annual Grand York Rite of Florida Convention.

The Convention will run from May 18th (Saturday) until May 22nd (Wednesday). The Grand Banquet will be held on Sunday, May 19th. The Grand Council of Florida will meet on Monday, May 20th. The Grand Commandery Conclave will be held on Tuesday, May 21st. The Grand Chapter of Florida will meet on Wednesday, May 22nd.

All events will be held at: Orlando Marriott Lake Mary 1501 International Parkway Lake Mary, FL 32746

Respectfully Submitted,
Rusty M. Ludlam, VEDGC

Triennial Committee

The 69th Grand Encampment Triennial will take place August 16th through the 21st, 2024 in Salt Lake City Utah. The time and location in Salt Lake City Utah, will forthcoming from the Grand Encampment.

Advance Registration information and Hotel reservation information will be made available on the Grand Encampment Website soon.

It is Grand Encampment regulations that the current Grand Commander, Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander, Generalissimo and Captain General are required to attend. All Past Grand Commanders are permanent voting members of the Grand Encampment and may attend. Further information can be obtained from the Grand Encampment website.

The amount of money in the budget that is set aside each year in the appropriate amounts is transferred into the triennial account to assist with the cost of attendance.

We wish to thank our REGC Sheldon Arpad and the Grand Commandery for the opportunity to serve on this committee.

Respectfully Submitted,
Rusty M. Ludlam, Chairman
Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander

Unfinished Business 2022-2023

On July 28th, 2022, at a Stated Conclave of St. Augustine Commandery No. 10, Sir Knight James Paul Mast was presented the Knight Templar Cross of Honor by Adam Bryan, R.E. Past Grand Commander.

Courteously Submitted,
Adam M. Bryan, REPGC

WORK

It has been a pleasure and an honor to continue serving on the Committee on Work committee. There have been no discussions on changes to the tactics during this Chivalric year.

The committee has been in contact with the District Instructors for feedback on schools of instruction. Districts 8 and 7 have been holding monthly instruction for any Sir Knight that may want to learn the opening or any other part of the Orders. Other Districts have had schools throughout the year. On January 21st 2023, Districts 2 and 3 held a school for the Orders. It was very well attended. I commend Sir Knight John Donohoo for his excellent instruction along with Sir Knight Charles Bailey and Sir Knight Chas Jordan.

I would recommend more interaction and communication between the District Instructors and the Committee on Work to further benefit this Grand Commandery.

We wish to thank our REGC Sheldon Arpad and the Grand Commandery for the opportunity to serve on this committee.

Respectfully submitted,
Rusty M. Ludlam VEDGC KTCH, Chairman
Dennis Barbarisi
Don Goss

Youth

The Grand Commander attended IORG aka Florida Rainbow for Girls Annual, Grand Assembly in Saint Augustine Florida June 2022 and made a presentation.

The Grand Commander attended DeMolay of Florida's Annual Conclave July 2022 and made a presentation.

The Grand Commander donated eight adjustable putters and 48 golf balls, for the Masonic Home of Florida in hopes that both Florida DeMolay and Florida Rainbow, would visit to Masonic Home and participate in an annual tournament for both Rainbow and DeMolay.

A proposed to have an annual revolving trophy one for DeMolay, and one for Rainbow to be presented at their annual communications respectively.

With a lesser trophy being given to the DeMolay Chapter and Rainbow Assembly of the winning youth groups during the calendar year.

Have had communications with both DeMolay and Rainbow. They feel it's a great idea and will bring it up with her individual groups to see what they can get to happen between now and our annual conclave.

I will continue to follow up on this endeavor throughout the following year.

Respectfully submitted,
Sir Knight Eric Klienbach
Em. Jr Grand Warden

Right Eminent Past Grand Commanders of Florida

1895	William A McLean *	1896	Wilber 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	Jesse E Ramsdell *	1952	E Victor Reed *
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 *
1981	James D Banketas *	1982	Eugene N Berato *
1983	Victor Villazon *	1984	Joe W Aspley *
1985	Edward Moore / John B Fletcher, jr *	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 Bursleson
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 *
2016	Frederick R Gerdom	2017	Anthony L Griffon
2018	James T Mason	2019	Ronald L. Parks
2020	Brett A. Gordon	2021	Adam M. Bryan

- Denotes Deceased

Sir Knight Charles K. Hanner, REGC, died in office, August 25, 1942. Sir Knight Lathern Earl Curry, Deputy Grand Commander, was installed as Right Eminent Grand Commander on September 18, 1942 and served the remainder of the 1942-43 term.

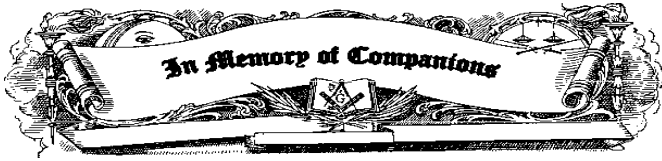
Sir Knight Jesse Earl Ramsdell, REGC, died in office, March 27, 1953. Sir Knight Earnest Victor Reed, Deputy Grand Commander, was installed as Right Eminent Grand Commander on April 4, 1953 and served the remainder of the 1952-53 term.

Sir Knight Edward Eugene Moore, REGC, died in office, February 10, 1986. Sir Knight John Bruce Fletcher, Jr., Deputy Grand Commander, was installed as Right Eminent Grand Commander on February 15, 1986 and served the remainder of the 1985-86 term. Sir Knight Fletcher was re-elected and served as REGC for the 1986-87 term.

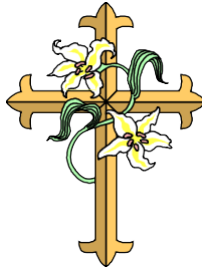
Sir Knight William Richard McKee, REGC, died in office, December 13, 2004. Sir Knight William George Ellis, Jr., Deputy Grand Commander, was installed as Right Eminent Grand Commander on December 24, 2004 and served the remainder of the 2004-05 term. Sir Knight Ellis was re-elected and served as REGC for the 2005-06 term.

Defunct Commanderies

ARRESTED		
Name	#	Date
Defuniak	23	1926
Baron	3	1927
Inverness	14	1937
Emmanuel	36	1962 (Restored 1973)
Monticello	26	1962
CONSOLIDATED		
Tracred	34	with Trinity #16 1922
Tampa	38	With Ivanhoe #8 1933
DeMolay	30	With Tallahassee #12 1967
Holyrood	27	With Winter Haven #3 1978
Live Oak	11	With Tallahassee #12 2004
Winter Haven	37	With Lakeland #21 2004
SURRENDERED		
Arcadia	31	1931
Leesburg	33	1990
Cortez	44	1996
Emmanuel	36	2006
Ocala	19	2018



Of this and other Grand Jurisdictions who
have passed on to the into
Eternal Reward in 2022-2023



SK William Ronald Taylor, RCPGC
1998

SK Richard C. Brooks, Grand Secretary/Recorder
2021-2022

We fraternally dedicate this page.

Grand Commandery of Knights Templar
Rusty M. Ludlam
Right Eminent Grand Commander
2023-2024



Rusty M. Ludlam
Masonic Resume

Initiated Enter apprentice:” January 17th, 1983
Passed to Degree of Fellowcraft: February 21st, 1983
Raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason: April 4th, 1983
All in Corinthian Lodge #265 of Warrensburg Missouri
Dual member of Knob Noster Lodge #245 1986-1995
Worshipful Master of Knob Noster Lodge #245 of Knob Noster Missouri 1988
Kansas City Valley of Scottish Rite April 9th, 1983
Affiliated with Jacksonville Valley Scottish Rite November, 2017
Inducted Knight Commander Court of Honor “KCCCH” 2021
Past Commander of Kadosh 2022, Current Commander of Kadosh 2023
Ararat Shine Temple member May 7th, 1983-December 1998
Exalted to the Holy Royal Arch: October 7th, 1986
Select Master, Super excellence Master: October 8th, 1986
Knighthed a Knight Templar; October 8th, 1986
High Priest of Demolay Chapter #26 of Warrensburg Missouri 1988 and 1995
Order of the High Priesthood 1988
Illustrious Master of Sedalia Council #42 of Sedalia Missouri 1989
Order of the Silver Trowel 1989
District Deputy Illustrious Master of Region 3, 1992-1996
Illustrious Master interim of Warrensburg Council #57 1992 New Council UD
Eminent Commander of Mary Commandery #19 of Warrensburg Missouri
1988
Missouri Past Commanders Association 1988
Initiated into Knights of the York Cross of Honor “KYCH”, Missouri Priory
#17 May 1990, National #25129
Past Prior of Missouri Priory #17 1998-1999
Current Life Member of Harry S. Truman 167 Sovereign College York Rite
College
Plural Life Member with North Florida 114 Sovereign York Rite College,
current Chancellor
Affiliated with all Lake City York Rite Bodies in December 2007
High Priest of Lake City #38 2012
Illustrious Master of Lake City #35 2009
Eminent Commander of Lake City #39 2013
Current Secretary/Recorder of Lake City York Rite Bodies
District Instructor Cryptic Masons; District 8, 2013-14 and 2014-15
District Deputy Illustrious Grand Master; District 8, 2015-16
District Deputy Grand High Priest; District 8, 2014-15

District Instructor Capitular Masons; District 8, 2015-2016, 2016-2017, 2017-18

District Instructor Knights Templar; District 8, 2015-16

Plural Member of Florida Priory #60 KYCH February 2014, #728

Plural Member of Panama City Priory #72 KYCH February 2015

Plural Member of Miami Priory #10 KYCH May 2017

Plural Member of Door to Virtue #87 current Registrar

Member of Gate Way Council #51 Knight Masons, Jacksonville, Florida February 2014

Elected and served as Excellent Chief in 2020

Plural Member of Corinth Lodge #93 F&AM, November 2015

Worshipful Master of Corinth Lodge #93 2017 and 2018

District Deputy Grand Master for District 7, 2019

Member of Saint Honore Council Red Cross of Constantine 1/09/2016, Current Senior General

Member of Tall Cedars of Lebanon Jacksonville Forest #198 4/29/2016

Elected to Grand Tall Cedar in 2021 of River Forest #198, Jacksonville

Received the General Grand Chapter RAM Ritual Award in 2015

Received the Distinguished Chapter Service Award RAM of Florida 2016

Appointed to Grand Chapter Committee on Work 2017-current

Appointed to Grand Council Committee on Work 2016-current

Appointed to Grand Commandery Committee on Work 2016-current

Appointed Grand Sentinel for Grand Commandery 2016

Current Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander

Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priest (Spirit of Truth LXXI): Ordained 12/03/2016, in line 2019

Allied Masonic Degrees "AMD" William A. Bessent III Council No. 363 06/12/2016 Current Sentinel

Dual Member of North Central "AMD" Council No. 423, 11/27/2018, Sovereign Master in 2020

Dual Member of Wilbur Masters Jr. "AMD" Council No. 322 2021

Crusader Chapel No. 22 St. Thomas of Acon: initiated 8/11/2018

Appointed Grand Representative in the Chapter to South Dakota in 2019

Appointed Grand Representative in the Council to Missouri in 2019

Appointed Grand Representative in the Commandery to Iowa in 2021

Received the Knight Templar Cross of Honor "KTCH" in 2019

Received the Grand Council International Ritual award for the Royal Master Degree in 2019

Grand Commandery of Florida 2023-2024 Approved Budget

Income	Actual
40000 · Annual Per Capita	\$44,500.00
40010 · Knighting	
40011 · Other Interest	
40012 · Transfer from Account 40050	\$3,500.00
40012A · Other Income:Admin Fund Allowance	\$6,100.00
40012A - Other Income:For Rosenthal Fund	
40012A · Other Income:For HLP	
40012A - Other Income:Incorrect Payee	
40012A - Other Income For KTEF	
40012A - Other Income:Reimbursement	
40020 · Annual Convention	\$2,500.00
40021 - Grand Office Return	
Insurance Refund	
Grand Commandery Fundraiser	\$4,200.00
Reimbursement	
Total Income	\$60,800.00
Expenses	
30010 · ALLOWANCES	
30011 · Grand Commander	\$3,500.00
30012 · Deputy Grand Commander	\$1,500.00
30013 · Inspector General	\$500.00
30014 · Jewel & Accoutrement	\$500.00
30015 - Grand Treasurer	\$2,000.00
30016 - Grand Recorder	\$4,200.00
Total 30010 · ALLOWANCES	\$12,200.00

30020 · CHARITIES	
30022 · Youth Charities	\$ -
30023 · Masonic Home	\$ -
Total 30020 · CHARITIES	\$ -
30030 · MEETINGS	
30031 · Triennial	\$700.00
30032 · District Meetings	\$ -
30033 · Summer Assembly	\$100.00
30034 · Grand Commander SE Conference	\$250.00
30035 · Deputy Grand Commander SE Conf	\$250.00
30036 · Gr Generalissimo SE Conf	\$250.00
30037 · Grand Recorder SE Conference	\$84.00
30038 · Gr Captain General SE Conf	\$250.00
30039 · Easter Sunrise Service	\$ -
Total 30030 · MEETINGS	\$1,884.00
30040 · CONVENTION EXPENSES	
30044 · Distinguished Guest	\$ -
Total 30040 · CONVENTION EXPENSES	\$ -
30050 · OFFICE EXPENSES	
30051 · Office Supplies	
30052 · Postage	
30053 · Rent	
30054 · Telephone	
30055 · Utilities	
30056 · Computer Services	
30057 · Computer Maintenance	
30058 · Storage Unit	
30059 · Equipment Replacement	
Total 30050 · OFFICE EXPENSES	\$6,700.00

30060 · PRINTING	
30061 · General Printing Expenses	\$300.00
30062 · Proceedings	\$900.00
30063- Rituals	\$ -
30065 · Copier Maintenance	\$100.00
30066 · Printing Supplies	\$100.00
Total 30060 · PRINTING	\$1,400.00
30070 · SALARIES	
30073 - Admin Expenses	\$12,000.00
Total 30070 · SALARIES	\$12,000.00
30080 · TAXES	
30080 - Taxes - IRS Form 990 Penalty	
30081 · Florida Corporation Tax	\$62.00
30082 · Grand Encampment Per Capita	\$24,000.00
30083 · KTEF Assessment	
Total 30080 · TAXES	\$24,062.00
30090 · SUNDRY	
30091 · Education & Training	
30092 · Awards & Plaques	\$250.00
30093 · Plaques & Markers	\$350.00
30095 · Insurance	\$1,000.00
30096 · Contingencies	\$200.00
30097 · Grand Officers Jewels & cords	\$ -
30099 · Web Hosting and Development	\$225.00
30100 - Transfer to HLP Liability Account	
30100 - Transfer to KTEF Liability Account	
30100 - Transfer for Incorrect Payee	
Rededication Event	
Total 30090 · SUNDRY	\$2,025.00
30102 · Bank Service Charges	\$25.00
30110 · RESERVES	\$504.00
Total Expense	\$60,800.00

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<i>Convention Manger</i>	<i>Carl Gilmore</i>		
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<i>Dispensations & Charters</i>	<i>Ronald Naumowicz</i>	<i>Erik Andersen</i>	
<i>Finance & Budget</i>	<i>Ronald Naumowicz</i>	<i>Erik Andersen</i>	<i>Dennis Barbarisi</i>
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<i>KT Magazine</i>	<i>Gary Roane</i>		
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* Denotes years remaining on 3-year appointment

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