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**PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
GRAND COUNCIL
ROYAL & SELECT MASTERS
of**

FLORIDA



**ONE-HUNDRED FORTY THIRD ANNUAL
GRAND ASSEMBLY**

**Gene A. Lance
MOST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND MASTER
PRESIDING**

**Thomas A. Olsen
Grand Master
Elected**

**Held at Lake Mary, Florida
May 22, 2023, A. Dep. 3023**

Grand Council of Royal & Select Masters of Florida

Gene A. Lance

Most Illustrious Grand Master

2022-2023



Masonic Resume

Gene A. Lance

Most Illustrious Grand Master 2022-2023

BLUE LODGE

INITIATED 6/26/2007

PASSED 9/12/2007

RAISED 11/03/2007

JUNIOR DEACON BRAIDENTOWN #99

01/01/2009

SENIOR DEACON PALMETTO #110

01/01/2010

JUNIOR WARDEN BRAIDENTOWN #99

01/01/2010

SENIOR WARDEN PALMETTO #110

01/01/2011

WORSHIPFUL MASTER PALMETTO #110

01/01/2012

WORSHIPFUL MASTER PALMETTO #110

01/01/2013

JUNIOR WARDEN PALMETTO #110

01/01/2015

SENIOR WARDEN PALMETTO #110

01/01/2016

JUNIOR WARDEN WESTCOAST 409

01/01/2018

SENIOR WARDEN WESTCOAST 409

01/01/2019

CHAPLAIN WESTCOAST 409

01/01/2020

CHAPLAIN WESTCOAST 409

01/01/2021

GRAND LODGE COMMITTEES

GRAND MASTERS COINS DISTRICT CHAIRMAN

05/27/2015

LYPMGC-MH-100 DISTRICT CHAIRMAN

06/01/2016

LYPMGC-MH-100 DISTRICT CHAIRMAN

05/31/2017

LYPMGC-MH-100DISTRICT CHAIRMAN

05/30/2018

LYPMGC-MH-100 DISTRICT CHAIRMAN

05/29/2019

LYPMGC-MH-100 WILLS AND GIFTS DISTRICT CHAIRMAN

05/27/2020

MASONIC EDUCATION

Master Mason I II III

03/15/2009

MLT Certificate

09/26/2019

AFFILIATIONS:

MANASOTA COUNCIL 305

AMD SOVERIGN MASTER 2021

KNIGHT MASONS

YORK RITE COLLEGE

SAHIB SHRINE

SAMOOR GROTTTO 2021

YORK RITE

MARK MASTER OCTOBER 4TH 2008

PAST MASTER OCTOBER 4TH 2008

M.E. MASTER OCTOBER 4TH 2008

ROYAL ARCH OCTOBER 4TH 2008

ROYAL MASTER OCTOBER 4TH 2008

SELECT MASTER OCTOBER 4TH 2008

COMMANDRY DEGREES OCTOBER 11TH 2008

HIGH PRIEST MANATEE RIVER CHAPTER #18 2010
HIGH PRIEST MANATEE RIVER CHAPTER #18 2017
HIGH PRIEST SARASOTA CHAPTER #35 2018
ILLUSTRIOUS MASTER BRADENTON COUNCIL #9 2011
ILLUSTRIOUS MASTER BRADENTON COUNCIL #9 2015
ILLUSTRIOUS MASTER BRADENTON COUNCIL #9 2021
DDGHP 2018 DISTRICT #2
DDGM 2014 DISTRICT#2
DISTRICT INSTRUCTOR DISTRICT #2 COUNCIL 2013

APPOINTED TO GRAND LINE ROYAL AND SELECT
MASTERS OF FLORIDA
GRAND STEWARD 2017
GRAND CONDUCTOR OF THE COUNCIL 2018 GRAND
CAPTAIN OF THE GUARD 2019
ELECTED GRAND PRINCIPLE CONDUCTOR OF THE
WORK 2020
ELECTED GRAND DEPUTY MASTER 2021
ELECTED MOST ILLUSTRIOUS GRAND MASTER 2022

I was born on October 15th 1947 in Painesville, Ohio. Went to school and graduated from Perry High School in Perry Ohio in May of 1965. Played Football, Baseball, and Track in sports. Competed in Rifle in high school carried the rank of Expert with rifle and also pistol.

Enlisted in the United States Army On October 15th 1965. Trained as a sniper. Went to Viet Nam for 2 tours as a recon sniper USAF/Army joint operations. Was discharged with an honorable discharge in 1969.

Married Patsy Lee Murphy on April 1st 1978. Still married to her after 44 years.

Degrees in Business Management, Business Administration, Human Resources, Electrical Engineering. Worked in Cleveland Ohio for T.R.W. for 19 years. Started out as an apprentice welder and finished career as a supervisor in Automation and Robotics.

Worked at various positions in TRW as a tool and die maker, and industrial electrician/electrical instrument repair, then automation and robotic welding. Took a buy out and went to work for Ford Motor Company and retired. Moved to Florida 22 years ago. Became a lay pastor in the Methodist Church in 2017. My wife and I manage a hot dog cart for fun we love people.

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Minutes of the Grand Council
of Royal & Select Masters of
Florida – 143rd Annual
Assembly
Tuesday, May 23, 2023

The Grand Council of Royal & Select Masters of Florida was opened by Bradentown Council No. 9 in full form at 7:30 am on Tuesday, May 23, 2023, at The Orlando Marriott at Lake Mary located in Lake Mary, Florida.

The Grand Council officers were escorted in. Most Illustrious Gene A. Lance Grand Master was escorted to the East, MIGM Lance was given Grand Honors. MIGM Lance asked the Grand Officers to take their stations, all Grand Council Officers were introduced.

MIGM Lance declared Bradentown Council No. 9 closed, and the 143rd Grand Council Assembly opened for business.

Introductions: (done by the Distinguished Guest Committee)

Most Excellent John I. Gray Grand High Priest of Royal Arch Masons of Florida was introduced, given Public Grand Honors, and escorted to the East.

Most Illustrious Past Grand Masters of Florida were escorted to the East and given Cryptic Grand Honors.

Most Illustrious Grand Masters and Most Illustrious Past Grand Masters of recognized jurisdictions were escorted to the East and given Cryptic Grand Honors.

General Grand Council of R&SM International officers were escorted to the East and given Public Grand Honors.

- Right Puissant Larry Gillespie – General Grand Ambassador to Florida
- Right Puissant Charles Hollinger – Past General Grand Council Treasurer
- Right Puissant Thomas Nesbitt – Southeast Region General Grand Ambassador
- Right Puissant William Snyder – General Grand Deputy Master

MIGM Gene A. Lance recognized all Past Cryptic Masons of Year recipients and announced Brian K. Johnsen was the 2022-2023 recipients.

Most Worshipful Past Grand Master William Thomas of the Grand Lodge of New York was escorted to the East and given Public Grand Honors.

Roll Call of Grand Council R&SM of Florida – Grand Officers, District Deputy Grand High Priests, District Instructors, Most Excellent Past Grand High Priests of Florida and Grand Representatives was conducted by the Grand Recorder.

Preliminary Returns and Credentials report was presented by Companion A.W. Thurman, motion made to accept report the preliminary returns and credentials report, motion seconded, motion carried. The Grand Recorder certified there was a quorum present.

The Grand Recorder made a motion that the minutes of the 142nd Grand Assembly 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.

MIGM Gene Lance passed the gavel to RI Thomas Olsen, Deputy Grand Master and presented his report. Motion made to accept the MIGM report, motion seconded, motion carried.

Paul Friend, MIPGM presented the preliminary Jurisprudence report. Motion was made to accept the preliminary Jurisprudence report, motion seconded, motion carried.

RI Robert St. John, Jr., MIPGM, Grand Treasurer presented his preliminary report. Motion was made to accept the Grand Treasurers report, motion seconded, motion carried.

RI Thomas Olsen, Deputy Grand Master presented the proposed Budget for the 2023-2024 year. Motion was made to accept the proposed budget for 2023-2024, motion seconded, motion carried.

Paul Friend, MIPGM presented the following resolutions:

2023-01: Article XIV, Amendments

To allow Amendments without notice

Motion made to accept resolution 2023-01, discussion, motion failed.

2023-02: Withdrawn

2023-03: Article XIV, Amendments, Section 1

To require all Council Resolutions to be received by the Grand Records office by February 1st (60 days prior to the convention). Motion made to accept resolution 2023-02, motion seconded, motion carried.

2023-04: Article Forty-Five, Amendment, Section 45.01 Notice and Procedure

To require resolutions to be distributed by March 1st.

Motion made to accept resolution 2023-03, motion seconded, motion carried.

2023-05 Article II Grand Officers, Members & Titles, Section 1

To allow the Grand Master to annually appoint additional members who shall serve at the pleasure of the Grand Master, but they will not be considered a part of the progressive line. These include, but not limited to: District Instructors, CMMRF Representatives from each district. Grand Historian, Inspector of the Arches, and Assistant Grand Recorder. Motion made to accept 2023-04, motion seconded, motion carried.

Dayle Schrock, MIPGM presented the CMMRF recognition and awards. Right Puissant William Snyder gave remarks about the CMMRF contributions made for 2022-2023.

John Gray, MEGHP presented the Committee on Work report. 1 white proficiency cards with 2 purple stripes was presented to Thomas Metcalfe, Jr. Motion was made to accept the Committee on Work report. Motion seconded; motion carried.

Gene A. Lance, MIGM presented awards for the 2022-2023 year:

Grand Representative Appointments:

Alabama	Dana Oldenburg
Alaska	John Wermann
Arkansas	Todd Meschelle
Brazil	Jonas Seda
Central America	Harry Eisenberg
Connecticut	O. Benjamin Geiger
Croatia	A.W. Thurman
Cyprus	John Donohoo
France	Aldrin Catabay
Gabon	Charles Bailey
Germany	James Draeving
Greece	Jeffrey Lawrence
Louisiana	Richard Agster
Maine	Brian Johnsen
Mexico	Robert St. John
Michigan	Scott Schwartzberg
Minnesota	Douglas Dobbs
Montana	Stephen C. Nelson
New York	C. Craig Frazier
North Carolina	Robert Burlison
North Dakota	John Kraniou
Panama	E. Randy Spradling
Peru	Michael Leebove
South Dakota	Brad Sutherland
Togo	Edgar Richard Coles IV
Virginia	Glenn Chandler, Snr.
West Virginia	Charles Jordan
Wisconsin	Paul Ritchie
Wyoming	Jerry Miller

Adult Leadership Award: R. Jody Meguiar

Walter I. Stevenson: John F. Wermann

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1. Ray Brownlee
2. Michael Leebove
3. Paul Ritchie
4. Damon Sansom
5. R. Dean Sever
6. Derek Vaneske

Giblimite Awards:

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| 1. Orlando Council No. 5 | IM: Francisco Lopez |
| 2. Union Council No. 7 | IM: Otto Thiergart |
| 3. Bradentown Council No. 9 | IM: Jeffery Lawrence |
| 4. Hiram Council No. 13 | IM: Travis Elmore |
| 5. Lauderdale Council No. 24 | IM: Rafal Faro Vieira |
| 6. Gainesville Council No. 27 | IM: Vassiki Sanogo |
| 7. Golden Triangle Council No. 28 | IM: Carl Wolff |
| 8. Tyrian Council No. 36 | IM: Joseph Schoonover |
| 9. Gulf Council No. 29 | IM: Cecil Harris |

Right Puissant Thomas Nesbitt Southeast Region Deputy General Grand Master (GGCR&SMI) gave his remarks on behalf of the Distinguished Guests.

Final Returns and Credentials report was presented by Companion A.W. Thurman. All Councils were represented with the exception of: Zabud Council No. 17 – No representation
 Total Companions are eligible to vote: 162.
 A motion made to accept the final returns and credentials report, motion seconded, motion carried.

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

- Most Illustrious Grand Master: Thomas A. Olsen
- Deputy Grand Master: O. Benjamin Geiger II
- Principal Conductor of the Work: John A. Kraniou
- Grand Treasurer: Robert C. St. John, Jr., MIPGM
- Grand Recorder: Carl E. Gilmore, MIPGM

RI Thomas Olsen announced the list of 2023-2024 Line Officers, District Deputies and District Instructors. Installation will start at 1:00 pm in the ballroom.

RI Thomas Olsen presented the time and place report for 2024 Grand Assembly: Monday, May 20, 2024, at the Orlando Marriott at Lake Mary in Lake Mary, Florida.

Gene Lance thanked his officers, District Deputies Committeemen for their support through his year.

Right Puissant William Snyder, General Grand Deputy Grand Master of General Grand Council of Royal & Select Masters International gave his remarks.

Gene Lance, Most Illustrious Grand Master closed the 143rd Grand Assembly of Grand Council of Royal & Select Masters of Florida.

Grand Master's Report

As I think about my year as Grand Master, I think about everything that happened this year. My theme this year was getting back to basics. I think we did that, as we went back to district meetings this year on a face-to-face basis. So much hard work was put in by our District Deputies of all 3 bodies to make this happen. This was a great accomplishment, as we had not done this in a couple of years due to Covid. We basically had all new District Deputies that had never done this before. Hats off to them, as they did an excellent job of planning and making this happen. Our flagship charity CMMRF did not do as well as I had hoped, due to inflation and a major hurricane. Many of our areas in the state have still not recovered from the destruction in the Southwestern part of our State. However, as I reviewed charities both around the state and nationally, it was a down year for most of them also. I believe the right path was taken in going back to face-to-face meetings and I hope this will continue in the upcoming years. I was a little disappointed in the fact that, for the most part, the meetings were attended by Council Officers and unfortunately not very much by the Craft. Our tie sales supporting CMMRF however, went well.

There was much teamwork at our Festivals this year. Both in Tampa and Palatka. New Table Councils were accomplished for some of our Councils, which I hope will continue. Circumambulation, and Peculiar Stone presentations continued to happen and were well done. We need to continue to do so, as new members usually don't come to us, we must go get them. Degree work was continued this year outside of the festivals where 2 or 3 Councils joined together to put on their own degrees. I gave out four First Responders awards this year and at my talks urged all Councils to participate in this program offered by Cryptic Masons International. Similarly, I also gave out a Youth Advocate award again offered by Cryptic Masons International .

State of the Crypt

We had 5 district meetings this year of two combined Councils. Thus, two Councils along with the Chapters and Commanderies at each district meeting made 6 District Deputies in charge of each district meeting including the planning, format, and food. All were very successful. I, along with my Grand Marshal and several of the Grand Line officers, attended these meetings. The format of the meetings was directed to the Craft. The three Grand Presiding Officers gave a short talk at the end of the meeting, but it was entirely run by the District Deputies. Each of the Councils gave a

report as to what was going on in their Councils and what was being planned for the rest of the year. We did not hold monthly Grand Line Officers meetings this year. I believe that with texting and email communication, along with the District Meetings and Festivals, that communication was good.

I tried to answer all emails and return phone calls within 24 hrs. We had a major issue at the start of this year as we lost our Grand Secretary/Recorder Richard Brooks unexpectedly. A big thank you to Most Illustrious Past Grand Master Carl Gilmore for stepping in and taking over as Grand Secretary/Recorder. Also, thanks to Chas Jordan for helping tremendously with the transition. This was indeed a scary time for all three Grand York Rite Bodies, which tells us that we should in fact have an Assistant Grand Secretary/Recorder in the office. We were at a total loss for information and passwords to computers as to where it was kept etc. We should make sure that this never happens again.

I also wish to thank so many people for this year. Most illustrious Paul Friend, PGM as my Chairman to Jurisprudence, who advised me time and time again and was always there to answer my questions. Several of our Most Illustrious Past Grand Masters also advised me from time to time. My Grand Marshall, John Wermann, who was ever helpful giving me advice as we traveled together, (although I did follow some of it but not all of it). Most Illustrious Carl Gilmore, PGM for keeping me straight and kicking my rear end when he needed to. My Grand Treasurer, Most Illustrious Robert St. John, PGM for advising me what we could do and not do with our funds. Most Illustrious Dale Schrock, PGM for being once again my Chairman of CMMRF. And finally, all our Companions across that state for their ideas, suggestions, and input.

I tried to be accessible to every companion at our District meetings this year who wanted to talk to me. Also, Bradenton Council No. 9 for all their support this year. My companions in my own home Council mean so much to me. Thanks to all Our DDGMs this year for their tireless work and support with not only the District meetings, but their visits to all our Councils. Thanks to Most Excellent John Gray, Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Florida and Right Eminent Sheldon Arpad, Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Florida for being there for me in both discussions and planning. R.E. Sheldon and his lovely wife especially with their planning of the York Rite Rededication service this year in Tampa.

Thanks to my Committee on Work, Right Illustrious John Gray, Right Illustrious Rusty Ludlam and Right Illustrious Chas Jordan for their tireless efforts.

Travels

May 19th Daytona Beach for The Order of the Amaranth Grand Assembly

May 30th Orlando for the Grand Lodge of Florida Convention

June 3rd Trinity Commandery Venice

June 9th Mark Master's Degree Sarasota

June 10, 11, 12 Melbourne Florida for the Southeast Conference.

June 24th, 25th Tallahassee Florida Jackson Lodge No. 1 District 9 and 10 meeting.

July 23rd Jacksonville Florida Jacksonville York Rite Center District 7 and 8 meeting.

July 31st DeMolay Convention in Jacksonville Florida

Aug 6th Sarasota Florida Districts 2 and 3 meeting

Aug 13th Dunedin for Richard Brooks memorial service

Aug 20th Stuart Florida for District meeting 1 and 6

Oct 15th Bartow Florida for the Super Excellent Degree

Oct 29th Sarasota Florida Table Council

Nov 16th Sarasota Florida Royal Arch Degree

Nov 19th Tampa Florida for York Rite Rededication Ceremony

Dec 3rd District 4 and 5 meeting

Dec 10th Bradenton Florida for Do-Ray-Charity event.

Dec 17th York Rite College in Tampa

Dec 19th Funeral Service in Venice for Companion Steve Murphy

Dec 14th Bradenton Council #9

Dec 28th Sarasota Chapter #35

Jan 5th Installation of York Rite Officers Sarasota Florida

Jan 11th Bradenton Council 9

Jan 18th Royal and Select Master's Degrees Sarasota

Jan 25th Chapter No. 35 Sarasota

Jan 28th Red Cross of Constantine in Tampa

Feb 2nd Trinity Commandery

Feb 4th Palatka Festival

Feb 8th Bradenton Council No. 9

Feb 18th Budget Meeting in Tampa

Feb 22nd Sarasota Chapter No. 35

March 4th Festival in Tampa

March 8th Bradenton Council No. 9 Sarasota

March 18th York Rite College Tampa

March 22nd Sarasota Chapter No. 35
April 12th Bradenton Council No. 9 Sarasota
April 15th Red Cross of Constantine Tampa
April 26th Sarasota Chapter No. 35 Sarasota
April 29 Homecoming St. Petersburg
May 4th Trinity Commandery Venice
May 10th Bradenton Council No. 9

Dispensations Granted: 6

8-1-22 Clearwater Council No. 34 Hold special election to replace Recorder due To Richard Brooks passing.
8-31-22 Hallmark Council No. 03 Hold special election to replace Recorder that resigned.
9-05-22 Bradentown Council No. 9 move meeting location from West Coast 409 to Sarasota 147
12-30-22 Gainesville Council No. 27 Change installation of Officers to Feb 21st
1-12-23 St. Augustine Council No. 15 Move installation of officers to a new venue at Palatka #34
2-22-23 Clearwater Council No. 34 Hold a special election to replace Principal Conductor of Work Glenn Schmidt who has resigned due to health reasons.

Dispensations Denied: 0**By-Law Requests Approved:3**

11-7-22 St. Petersburg Council No. 14 Change of meeting dates and times
11-18-22 Hallmark Council No. 3 Change of meeting dates and days
3-13-23 Palatka Council No. 18 Change of meeting dates and times

By-Law Request Denied: 0**Executive Orders:**

Executive Order No. 1, Appointment of Carl E Gilmore to serve the remainder of the term of Richard Brooks as Grand Recorder.
Executive No. 2, Altars to be draped in Black for a period of 30 days for the passing of our PMIGM Warren Almand beginning immediately.

Directives:

Directive No. 1 The handling of CMMRF funds and proper procedure
 Directive No. 2 Appointment of Grand Recorder and Altars to be draped in black for the passing of Richard C. Brooks for 30 days beginning immediately.

Warrants Signed:

1 Convention warrant issued #2023-01 on 03-06-23 for overpayment for \$ 290.00.

15 Council Warrants

Council Warrants:

#2021-10 4-22-22 for \$1103.00 for Dana Oldenburg new aprons and cases

#2022-01 6-1-22 for \$4403.75 for various office expenses and salaries

#2022-02 6-17-22 for \$6815.00 for General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons

#2022-03 6-18-22 for \$834.00 for SE Conference Stipends

#2022-04 6-27-22 for \$1000.00 for DDGMS for district meetings

#2022-05 7-11-22 for \$800.00 DeMolay, Rainbow Girls, and Jobs Daughters Charity

#2022-06 9-5-22 for \$5207.50 for Office Expenses and Salary

#2022-07 10-28-22 for \$2500.00 for Tie Reimbursement to Grand Master

#2022-08 11-7-22 for \$5712.50 for Office Expenses and Salary

#2022-09 11-16-22 for \$1400.00 for final payment on ties to Grand Master

#2022-09 11-16-22 for \$1600.00 replacing previous warrant of \$1400.00.

#2022-10 11-22-22 for \$793.23 for Proceedings 1/3rd cost

#2022-11 02-22-23 for \$5712.50 for 4th quarter office expense and salary

#2022-12 03-22-23 for \$870.00 for 1/3 of liability insurance

#2022-15 04-04-23 for \$164.00, \$285.00, \$500.00, \$1,050.00 Aprons and Cases and Rob St John and Carl Gilmore.

Total to date \$35,899.48

Grand Representative Appointments: 29

Alabama	Dana Oldenburg	Michigan	Scott Schwartzberg
Alaska	John Wermann	Minnesota	Douglas Dobbs
Arkansas	Todd Meschelle	Montana	Stephen C. Nelson
Brazil	Jonas Seda	New York	C. Craig Frazier
Central America	Harry Eisenberg	North Carolina	Robert Burleson
Connecticut	O. Ben Geiger	North Dakota	John Kranjou
Croatia	A.W. Thurman	Panama	E. Randy Spradling
Cyprus	John Donohoo	Peru	Michael Leebove
France	Aldrin Catabay	South Dakota	Brad Sutherland
Gabon	Charles Bailey	Togo	E. Richard Coles IV
Germany	James Draeving	Virginia	Glenn Chadler, Snr
Greece	Jeffrey Lawrence	West Virginia	Charles Jordan
Louisiana	Richard Agster	Wisconsin	Paul Ritchie
Maine	Brian Johnsen	Wyoming	Jerry Miller
Mexico	Robert St. John		

Awards:

Will be presented at Banquet and Convention

Gave the Youth Advocate Award to Brian Johnsen for his service with "Do Ray Outreach".

Gave 4, 1st responder awards: J Hammrick, B Leonard, B Wingate, and D Olmsted for their outstanding community service with the Manatee County Sheriff's Dept, and as EMTs.

- 1 Youth Award
- 1 Cryptic Mason of the Year
- 1 Walter I Stevenson
- 6 Ish Sodi Awards

Recommendations:

1. That we continue with the face-to-face district meetings.
2. That we appoint an assistant Grand Secretary/Recorder serving all three Grand York Rite Bodies.
3. That each district has at least 2 festivals (can be combined with other districts per year).
4. That we continue to use the Lodge Representative program.
5. That all Councils consider doing their own degree work or with combined councils.
6. That each Council consider having at least 1 fundraiser for CMMRF.
7. That the Grand Council continue the Keith Dean Award Competition.
8. That we consider changing the days of the convention to Friday and Saturday etc. to better accommodate our younger companions that can't afford to stay at the convention for several days.

Conclusion:

I want to thank all our Companions in the state for all you have done to make this a great year for me and electing me for 2022/2023 year. My year was dedicated to Most Illustrious Daniel E Dale, PGM and his wife Linda Dale as they were very instrumental in guiding my York Rite career from the beginning. Both are now with the Grand Architect of the Universe, and I hope I have done them proud. Most Illustrious John Horne, PGM was a mentor to me also as was Most Illustrious Warren Almand, PGM. To all the York Rite Ladies. Thank you for allowing your husbands to be York Rite Members. Your support is so important to all of us. Thank you to my lovely bride, Patsy, of 48 years for not only putting up with me but supporting me in Masonry.

May the blessing of the Great Architect of the Universe be upon all of you and all of our Men and Women in our Armed Forces and our First Responders.

Fraternally and Zealously
Gene A Lance
Most Illustrious Grand Master

Grand Council Awards
2022-2023

Cryptic Mason of the Year
Brian K. Johnsen

Past Cryptic Mason of the Year Medal Holders

1975	George R. Swartz	1976	Hugh L. Moore
1977	Edmund S. Burn	1978	Henry G. Wallis
1979	L. Earl Haskell	1980	Theodore R. Bill
1981	Theodore S. Jansen	1982	C. Allen Pattison
1983	E.L. Green	1984	Henry Brodowski
1985	Luther Tinson, Jr.	1986	Harry J. Olsen
1987	Albin W. DiPasca	1988	Konklin J. Martin
1989	Leslie H. Scott, Jr.	1990	Richard V. Pelton
1991	Joseph H. Sanford	1992	Olen G. Giles
1993	Fred M. Morris	1994	Wm. Robert Young
1995	George P. Kalv	1996	Charles E. Green, Sr.
1997	Edward S. Thompson	1998	Leroy E. Fackler
1999	Joe Ken West	2000	Donald Nassif
2001	Darrell O. Atkin	2002	William Hendrickson
2003	Steven Q. Steele	2004	Jesse Johnson
2005	Ralph Vaughan	2006	Vernon Clark
2007	Albert Hadigan	2008	David Aponte
2009	C. Robert Cooper	2010	Leslie H. Whitman
2011	Robert C. St. John, Jr.	2012	Lloyd Wilkerson
2013	Corey Kosciuszko	2014	J. Michael Hartman
2015	Luther Bodiford III	2016	John Wermann
2017	Robert Stearns	2018	John R. Miller
2019	Darryl A. D'Angina	2020	John I. Gray
2021	Thomas Metcalfe, Jr.	2022	Robert H. Eisenhardt

GCC Adult Youth Leadership Award**R. Jody Meguiar****GCC Adult Youth Leadership Holders**

1985	Robert W. Seichko	1986	Harold W. Bremer
1987	Frank Clawson	1988	Harry A. Rosenthal
1989	Charles E. Losey	1990	Samuel M. Lewis
1991	Robert Bates Shugart	1992	William Hendrickson
1993	Quinnie Williams, Sr.	1994	Alan J. Graulich
1995	Vernon Adams	1996	William Robert Young
1997	Allen T. Simmons	1998	Zeb E. Blanton, Jr.
1999	Burt Maguire	2000	William Marti
2001	Jerry Maguire	2002	James Cheek
2003	Luther Bodiford, III	2004	Gordon Anderson
2005	Richard Agster	2006	Richard Lynn
2007	Charles Levan	2008	Robert Gagnon
2009	Hugh Prine	2010	Not awarded
2011	Michael Padron, Jr.	2012	Roger White
2013	Edward Dunn	2014	Jack Maulden
2015		2016	Arthur J. LaRose
2017	Hillary Cowart	2018	Eric Klienbach
2019	Louis H. Ort	2020	John F. Wermann
2021	Edward J. Mayfield, Jr.	2022	Andrew Wormington

Walter I. Stevenson Award
John F. Wermann

Walter I. Stevenson Holders

1991	Olin G. Giles	1992	Ralph G. Weed
1993	*	1994	*
1995	*	1996	*
1997	Jonathan C. Munro	1998	Malcolm Ryder
1999	Alan J. Graulich	2000	Arnold R. Kramer
2001	Howard Gardner	2002	Valentino O. Clay
2003	A. Addison Bennett	2004	Rodger Craig
2005	Raul Reyes	2006	Harry Klaus
2007	Jack Maulden	2008	*
2009	Al Hadigan	2010	Marvin Gerhard
2011	*	2012	Arthur J. Ahrens III
2013	*	2014	Steven Q. Steele
2015	Richard Foreman	2016	A.W. Thurman
2017	Dayle Schrock	2018	James Record
2019	Llyod D. Newman	2020	Paul W. Friend
2021	Joshua W. Schutts	2022	Thomas A. Olsen

*Information unavailable

Ish Sodi

Raymond Brownlee	Michael Leebove
Paul Ritchie	Damon Sansom
R. Dean Sever	Derek Vaneske

Giblimite

Orlando Council No. 5	IM: Francisco Lopez
Union Council No. 7	IM: Otto Thiergart
Bradentown Council No. 9	IM: Jeffrey Lawrence
Hiram Council No. 13	IM: Travis Elmore
Lauderdale Council No. 24	IM: Rafael Faro Viera
Gainesville Council No. 27	IM: Vassiki Sanogo
Golden Triangle Council No. 28	IM: Carl Wolff
Gulf Council No. 29	IM: Cecil Harris
Tyrian Council No. 36	IM: Joseph Schoonover

Grand Representative Appointments:

Alabama	Dana Oldenburg
Alaska	John Wermann
Arkansas	Todd Meschelle
Brazil	Jonas Seda
Central America	Harry Eisenberg
Connecticut	O. Benjamin Geiger
Croatia	A.W. Thurman
Cyprus	John Donohoo
France	Aldrin Catabay
Gabon	Charles Bailey
Germany	James Draeving
Greece	Jeffrey Lawrence
Louisiana	Richard Agster
Maine	Brian Johnsen
Mexico	Robert St. John
Michigan	Scott Schwartzberg
Minnesota	Douglas Dobbs
Montana	Stephen C. Nelson
New York	C. Craig Frazier
North Carolina	Robert Burlison
North Dakota	John Kraniou
Panama	E. Randy Spradling
Peru	Michael Leebove
South Dakota	Brad Sutherland
Togo	Edgar Richard Coles IV
Virginia	Glenn Chandler, Sr.
West Virginia	Charles Jordan
Wisconsin	Paul Ritchie
Wyoming	Jerry Miller

Roll Call

<u>Grand Line Officers</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Present</u>
MI GRAND MASTER	GENE A. LANCE	X
RI DEPUTY GRAND MASTER	THOMAS A. OLSEN	X
RI CONDUCTOR OF THE WORK	O. BENJAMIN GEIGER II	X
RI GRAND RECORDER	CARL E. GILMORE	X
RI GRAND TREASURER	ROBERT C. ST. JOHN	X
I GRAND CHAPLAIN	TODD A. MESCHELLE	X
I ASST GRAND CHAPLAIN	JACK A. HOLLOWAY	
I CAPTAIN OF THE GUARD	JOHN A. KRANIOU	X
I GRAND COND OF THE COUNCIL	JAMES A. DRAEVING	X
I GRAND MARSHAL	JOHN F. WERMANN	X
I GRAND STEWARD	E. RICHARD COLES IV	X
I GRAND SENTINEL	JONAS SEDA	X
I GRAND ORGANIST	DANA K. OLDENBURG	X

<u>District Deputies</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Present</u>
DISTRICT 1	SCOTT A. SCHWARTBERG	
DISTRICT 2	WM. ALLEN SORBIE	X
DISTRICT 3	JAMES T. BLUM	X
DISTRICT 4	BRAD S. SUTHERLAND	
DISTRICT 5	C. CRAIG FRAZIER	X
DISTRICT 6	STEPHEN C. NELSON	X
DISTRICT 7	RANDALL L. BURKETT	
DISTRICT 8	ALDRIN M. CATABAY	X
DISTRICT 9	KEIFFER W. LINDSEY, JR.	X
DISTRICT 10	JERRY J. MILLER	X

<u><i>MIPGM'S</i></u>	<u><i>Name</i></u>	<u><i>Present</i></u>
1992	ROBERT E. BURLESON	X
1996	PAUL W. FRIEND	X
2000	RICHARD S. AGSTER	X
2001	CHARLES L. HOLLINGER	X
2003	STEPHEN H. CLARK	
2005	DONALD T. HARRIOTT	
2006	LOUIS A. KING	
2009	CARL E. GILMORE	X
2011	M. DANIEL FULLWOOD	
2012	LARRY R. GILLESPIE	X
2013	DAYLE L. SCHROCK	X
2016	BENJAMIN J. HOLLAND	
2017	ROBERT C. ST. JOHN, JR.	X
2018	GLENN E. CHANDLER, SNR.	X
2019	JOHN D. PICKFORD	X
2020	THOMAS J. RAWSTHORNE	
2021	WM ALLEN SORBIE	X

<u><i>Grand Reps</i></u>	<u><i>Name</i></u>	<u><i>Present</i></u>
ALABAMA	DANA OLDENBURG	X
ALASKA	JOHN WERMANN	X
ARIZONA	CHARLES SIPES	
ARKANSAS	TODD MESCHELLE	X
AUSTRIA	GARY ROANE	X
BRAZIL	JONAS SEDA	X
CALIFORNIA	LARRY GILLESPIE	X
CNTRL AMERICA	HARRY EISENBERG	X
COLORADO	GENE LANCE	X
CONNECTICUT	O. BENJAMIN GEIGER	X
CROATIA	A.W. THURMAN	X
CYPRUS	JOHN DONOHOO	X
DELAWARE	CHARLES HOLLINGER	X
D.C.	SHELDON ARPAD	X
FRANCE	ALDRIN CATABAY	X
GABON	CHARLES BAILEY	X
GEORGIA	JOHN LEWIS	X
GERMANY	JAMES DRAEVING	X
GREECE	JEFFREY LAWRENCE	
HAWAII	DARRYL D'ANGINA	X
IDAHO	JAMES RECORD	
ILLINOIS	RICHARD BAYLY	
INDIANA	DAYLE SCHROCK	X

IOWA	JACK HOLLOWAY	
ITALY	ARTHUR AHRENS III	X
KENTUCKY	PAUL FRIEND	X
LOUISIANA	RICHARD AGSTER	X
MAINE	BRIAN JOHNSEN	X
MASSACHUSETTS	STEPHEN URBAN	X
MEXICO	ROBERT ST. JOHN	X
MICHIGAN	SCOTT SCHWARTZBERG	
MINNESOTA	DOUGLAS DOBBS	X
MISSISSIPPI	JAMES ROBERTSON	X
MISSOURI	RUSTY LUDLAM	X
MONTANA	STEPHEN NELSON	X
NEBRASKA	CARL GILMORE	X
NEVADA	JOHN GRAY	X
NEW HAMPSHIRE	RONALD PARKS	
NEW JERSEY	DONALD HARRIOTT	
NEW MEXICO	ROBERT EISENHARDT	X
NEW YORK	C. CRAIG FRAZIER	X
NORTH CAROLINA	ROBERT BURLESON	X
NORTH DAKOTA	JOHN KRANIU	X
OHIO	LLOYD NEWMAN	
OKLAHOMA	WILLIAM JACOBS	X
OREGON	ADAM BRYAN	
PANAMA	E. RANDY SPRADLING	X
PERU	MICHAEL LEEBOVE	X
PENNSYLVANIA	RICHARD HOOVER	
PHILIPPINES	JAMES BILLBERRY	X
PORTUGAL	THOMAS RAWSTHORNE	
RHODE ISLAND	HENRY ADAMS	X
ROMANIA	DAVID ROSENTHAL	
SCOTLAND	ROBERT ST. JOHN	X
SOUTH CAROLINA	M. DANIEL FULLWOOD	
SOUTH DAKOTA	BRAD SUTHERLAND	
TENNESSEE	STEVEN STEELE	X
TEXAS	THOMAS OLSEN	X
TOGO	E. RICHARD COLES IV	X
UTAH	ERIL ANDERSEN	X
VENEZUELA		
VERMONT	RONALD NAUMOWICZ	X
VICTORIA, AUST.	COREY KOSCIUSZKO	X
VIRGINIA	GLENN CHANDLER, SNR	X
WASHINGTON	JOHN PICKFORD	X
WEST VIRGINIA	CHARLES JORDAN	X
WESTERN CANADA	WM ALLEN SORBIE	X
WISCONSIN	PAUL RITCHIE	X
WYOMING	JERRY MILLER	X

Grand Treasurer

The Most Illustrious Grand Master 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 on the overall financial status of the Grand Council, but since we didn't draw from the Administrative Fund, the impact has been deferred. Looking at the Grand Council accounts from a cashflow perspective, we spent \$3,745.34 more 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.

A few comments are required concerning these reports. First, the expenses of distinguished visitors were finalized after May 31 and are in the budget vs actual, but not the income expense report as that ended on May 31. On the income side, the sale of MIGM ties only covered about half of the original cost incurred by the MIGM; he was fully reimbursed, and it is hoped that tie sales will continue into the new fiscal year.

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 Council Assembly delegates for re-electing me as Grand Treasurer. I will continue to serve and am honored by the confidence the Companions have entrusted in me to manage the finances of this organization. Fraternaly,

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

<i>2022-2023 Grand Council of R&SM of Florida Approved Budget</i>			
		Approved	Actual
Income			
	40000 - Annual Per Capita (\$15.00/member)	\$ 38,000.00	\$ 37,539.00
	40010 - Greetings		
	40011 - Other Interest	\$ -	\$ 3.83
	40012 - Other Receipts - Admin Investment (75%)	\$ 12,946.89	
	40012 - Other Receipts - Incorrect Payee		
	40012 - Other Receipts - Donations	\$ 250.00	\$ 1,550.00
	40012 - Other Receipts - Insurance Refund		\$ 19.66
	40020 - Annual Grand Assembly		\$ 2,621.05
	40030 - Grand Office Return		\$ 4,562.60
	40050 - Carry Over Fund (For DGM 2021-22)		\$ 1,500.00
Total Income		\$ 51,196.89	\$ 47,796.14
Expense			
20010 - Allowances			
	20011 - Grand Master	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
	20012 - Deputy Grand Master (2021-2022 Term)	\$ -	\$ 1,500.00
	20012 - Deputy Grand Master	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
	20013 - Grand Recorder	\$ 4,200.00	\$ 4,200.00
	20014 - Jewel, Apron & Case	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 164.00
	20014 - DDGM Apron & Case	\$ 1,200.00	
	20015 - Grand Treasurer	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
Subtotal		\$ 13,100.00	\$ 12,364.00

20020 - Charity			
	20022 - Youth Charities	\$ -	\$ 800.00
	20023 - Masonic Home	\$ -	\$ -
	20025 - Youth Scholarships		
	20026 - CMMRF	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00
Subtotal		\$ 250.00	\$ 1,050.00
20030 - Meetings			
	20031 - Triennial	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
	20032 - District Meetings	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
	20033 - Summer Assembly	\$ -	\$ -
	20034 - MIGM SE Conference	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00
	20035 - RIDGM SE Conference	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00
	20036 - RPCW SE Conference	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00
	20037 - RI Recorder SE Conference	\$ 84.00	\$ 84.00
	20038 - CMMRF Board Meeting	\$ 500.00	
Subtotal		\$ 3,334.00	\$ 2,834.00
20040 - Gr Assembly			
	20044 - Distinguished Guests	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,829.34

20050 - Office Expenses			
	20051 - Office Supplies	\$ 500.00	
	20052 - Postage	\$ 600.00	
	20053 - Rent	\$ 4,000.00	
	20054 - Telephone	\$ 800.00	
	20055 - Utilities	\$ -	
	20056 - Computer Services	\$ 200.00	
	20057 - Computer Maintenance	\$ 150.00	
	20058 - Controlled Storage Rental	\$ 460.00	
	20059 - Equipment Replacement	\$ 750.00	
	20059-A-Surety Bond	\$ 155.00	
Subtotal		\$ 7,615.00	\$ 7,615.00
20060 - Printing			
	20061 - General Printing Expenses	\$ 300.00	
	20062 - Proceedings	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 793.23
	20063 - Rituals	\$ -	
	20065 - Copier Maintenance	\$ 100.00	
	20066 - Printing Supplies	\$ 100.00	
	20067 - York Rite Disc	\$ -	
Subtotal		\$ 1,500.00	\$ 793.23

20070 - Contract Labor			
	20073 - Office Facilitator	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 9,000.00
	20074 - Office Temporary Help	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Subtotal		\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
20080 - Taxes			
	20081 - Florida Corporation Tax	\$ 62.00	\$ 61.25
	20081 - Gen Gr Per Capita (\$2.50/member)	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 6,815.00
Subtotal		\$ 8,062.00	\$ 6,876.25
20090 - Sundry			
	20090 - Transfer to Correct Payee		
	20090 - Returned Check Amount		
	20091 - Education and Training	\$ 300.00	
	20092 - Awards	\$ 400.00	
	20095 - Insurance		\$ 870.00
	20096 - Contingencies	\$ 400.00	
	20097 - Officers Jewels and Aprons	\$ 250.00	\$ 285.00
	20099 - Webhosting	\$ 200.00	
	20100 - Keith Dean Competition	\$ 500.00	
	20101 - MMS - YRIS	\$ 600.00	
	MIGM Tie Project		\$ 3,100.00
Subtotal		\$ 2,650.00	\$ 4,255.00
20100 - Miscellaneous			
	20102 - Bank Service Charges	\$ 25.00	
	20110 - Reserves	\$ 360.89	
Subtotal		\$ 385.89	\$ -
		\$ 48,396.89	\$ 47,616.82

40050 Carryover Funds (For 2022-2023
expenses paid in 2023-2024)

\$ 179.32

Grand Council R&SM of Florida**Income Statement 6/1/2022 – 5/31/2023**

INCOME	
40000 Annual per Capita	\$33,185.00
40011 Other Interest	\$3.83
40012 Other Income	
Donations	\$1,550.00
Insurance Refund	\$19.66
TOTAL 40012 Other Income	\$1,569.66
40014 Grand Office-Unused Expenses	\$4,562.60
40020 Annual Convention Income	\$2,621.05
TOTAL INCOME	\$41,942.14
EXPENSES	
20010 Allowances	
20011 Grand Master	\$3,000.00
20012 Deputy Grand Master	\$3,000.00
20014 Jewel, Apron & Case	\$164.00
20015 Grand Treasurer	\$2,000.00
20016 Grand Recorder	\$4,200.00
TOTAL 20010 Allowances	\$12,364.00
20020 Charities	
20022 Youth Charities	\$800.00
20026 CMMRF	\$250.00
TOTAL 20020 Charities	\$1,050.00
20030 Meetings	
20031 Triennial	\$1,000.00
20032 District Meetings	\$900.00
20034 Grand Master SE Conference	\$250.00
20035 Dep Gr. Master SE Conferen...	\$250.00
20036 Gr. P.C.W. SE Conference	\$250.00
20037 Gr. Recorder SE Conf.	\$84.00
TOTAL 20030 Meetings	\$2,734.00

20050 Office Expenses	\$7,615.00
20060 Printing 20062 Proceedings	\$793.23
TOTAL 20060 Printing 20070 Salaries, Stipends, Payroll Taxes	\$793.23
20073 Office Manager	\$9,000.00
20074 Office Temp Help	\$1,000.00
TOTAL 20070 Salaries, Stipends, P... 20080 Taxes	\$10,000.00
20081 Florida Corp. Tax	\$61.25
20082 Gen. Grand per Capita	\$6,815.00
TOTAL 20080 Taxes 20090 Sundry	\$6,876.25
20095 Insurance	\$870.00
20097 Grand Officers Jewels & Apr...	\$285.00
Tie Project	\$3,100.00
TOTAL 20090 Sundry	\$4,255.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$45,687.48
OVERALL TOTAL	(\$3,745)

Grand Council R&SM of Florida
Balance Sheet as of 5/31/2023

	Account	
Bank Accounts		
	Life-Perp. Bank Acct	\$ 3,554.35
	MidFla Grand Council Checking	\$ 36,188.77
	MidFla Grand Council Savings	\$ 35,117.83
	TOTAL Bank Accounts	\$ 74,860.95
Asset Accounts		
	Investment Admin Acct	\$ 320,801.05
	Investment Life-Perp Acct	\$ 370,268.54
	TOTAL Asset Accounts	\$ 691,069.59
Liability Accounts		
	20025 Youth Scholarships	(\$300.00)
	40040 Triennial Fund	(\$5,005.46)
	40050 Carry Over Funds	(\$14,998.42)
	40051 Collected Advance per Capita	(\$34,335.00)
	40059 Equip. Replacement Fund	(\$828.19)
	40060 Charity Fund	(\$450.00)
	40082 Youth Coins	(\$1,000.00)
	40083 MIGM Tie Project	\$1,550.00
	Inv. Admin. Acct - 5-31-2019	(\$258,342.68)
	Inv. Admin. Acct-Unrealized Gain	(\$33,370.65)
	Inv. Life-Perp Acct 5-31-2019	(\$343,732.59)
	Inv. Life-Perp Acct-Unrealized Gain	(\$55,623.67)
	Life-Perp Fund	(\$3,554.35)
	TOTAL Liability Accounts	\$ (749,991.01)
	OVERALL TOTAL	\$15,939.53

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.

Income/Expense Statement - GYR Convention Account - 2023	
INCOME	
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.

Attached to this report are spreadsheets showing the income and expense report, and the individual payouts to each subordinate body.

<u>Grand Council Payout 2023</u>	
Council	Amount
Halifax Council No. 1 R&SM	-\$325.35
Polk Council No.11 R&SM	-\$480.03
Hiram Council No.13 R&SM	-\$119.17
Zabud Council No.17 R&SM	-\$251.10
Lauderdale Council No.24 R&SM	-\$664.72
Gainesville Council No. 27 R&SM	-\$105.00
Gulf Council NO. 29 R&SM	-\$133.00
Hallmark Council No. 3 R&SM	-\$684.05
VOIDMarianna Council No. 31 R&SM	\$0.00
Clearwater Council No. 34 R&SM	-\$349.51
Tyrian Council No.36 R&SM	-\$676.56
Heartland Council No. 43 R&SM	-\$28.85

Tampa Council No. 8 R&SM	-\$668.15
Bradentown Council No. 9 R&SM	-\$610.01
Saint Petersburg Council No.14 R&SM	-\$374.72
Tyler Council No. 4 R&SM	-\$201.70
Union Council No. 7 R&SM	-\$598.49
Palatka Council No.18 R&SM	-\$67.00
Panama City Council No.26 R&SM	-\$93.00
Seminole Council No.30 R&SM	-\$256.68
Lawtey Council No.39 R&SM	-\$81.58
Crestview Council No. 33	-\$221.51
Saint Augustine Council No.15 R&SM	-\$202.01
Lake City Council No. 35 R&SM	-\$58.68
Orlando Council No. 5 R&SM	-\$314.17
Adoniram Council No.10 R&SM	-\$5,230.40
Golden Triangle No.28 R&SM	-\$483.82
Melbourne Council No. 38 R&SM	-\$306.73
Sanford Council No. 20 R&SM	-\$209.36
Fort Myers Council No. 25 R&SM	-\$148.81
Marianna Council No. 31 R&SM	-\$87.55
Total Payout	-\$14,031.71

<u>Life and Perpetual Income Expense</u> <u>Statement - FY 2023</u>	
INCOME	
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

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 white background.

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

GRAND COUNCIL COMMITTEES

<u>Committee Name</u>	<u>Chairman</u>	<u>Member</u>	<u>Member</u>
<i>Audit</i>	Thomas Olsen	O. Ben Geiger	John Kraniou
<i>Budget & Finance</i>	Thomas Olsen	O. Ben Geiger	
<i>Constitution Review</i>	Gene Lance	Glenn Chandler	Richard Brooks
<i>Convention Board</i>	Gene Lance	John Gray	Sheldon Arpad
<i>Convention Hotel Coordinator</i>	Richard Brooks	Carl Gilmore	Robert St. John
<i>Convention Souvenir Program</i>	John Lewis	AJ Ahrens III	
<i>CMMRF</i>	Dayle Schrock	Paul Friend	Glenn Chandler
<i>Distinguished Guests</i>	John Wermann	John Gray	Sheldon Arpad
<i>Fraternal Relations</i>	Thomas Olsen	Richard Brooks	
<i>Grand Reps</i>	O. Ben Geiger		
<i>Grand Master's Advisory</i>	Donald Harriott	Larry Gillespie	Daniel Fullwood
<i>Homecoming</i>	John Wermann		
<i>Investment Advisory</i>	Lee Popham Sr, David Rosenthal	Charles Hollinger	Paul Friend
<i>Jurisprudence</i>	Paul Friend	All MIPGMs	Richard Brooks
<i>Lodge Rep.</i>	O. Ben Geiger	All DDGMs	
<i>Masonic Youth</i>	David Rosenthal	All DDGMs	
<i>Membership Development, Training & Education</i>	O. Ben Geiger	All DDGMs	
<i>Mentor's/Instructors Manual</i>	John Kraniou	All DDGM's	
<i>Necrology</i>	Richard Brooks	Todd Meschelle	
<i>Photography</i>	Corbin Elliott		
<i>Perpetual Membership</i>	James Draeving	All DDGMs	
<i>Registration, Returns & Credentials</i>	James Gregory	John Gray	Sheldon Arpad
<i>Thanks</i>	E. Richard Coles		
<i>Time & Place</i>	Thomas Olsen	Rusty Ludlam	Henry Adams
<i>Unfinished Business</i>	Wm Allen Sorbie	James Robertson	Adam Bryan
<i>Work</i>	John Gray	Rusty Ludlam	All DDGMs

Advisory

Most Illustrious Grand Master and Most Illustrious Grand Council
Companions

Thank you for the opportunity to serve both you and the Grand Council, however all things have been seemingly operating on a quiet course, as I have not received from you or your predecessors any requests for any advice on any situation that has occurred in the past 3 years, to the best of my knowledge.

Thank you again
Donald T Harriott, MIPGM 2004/2005/2006

Audit

On Saturday February 18th 2023, the members of the Audit Committee were assembled for the purpose of reviewing the Grand Council's Treasurer's/Recorder's records for the fiscal year which began June 1st 2022. This meeting was conducted at Tampa York Rite Bodies building located at 4210 W. Oklahoma Avenue, Tampa Florida.

The Committee received the Books, Records, Warrants, Vouchers, and Written Statements. Upon a thorough review, the Committee found the to be complete and in proper order.

The Committee would like to thank the Grand Treasurer-Robert . St. John, Jr and Grand Recorder pro-tempore-Carl E. Gilmore for making themselves readily available and for the well-organized condition and completeness of the records of the Grand Council. It has been an honor to serve the Most Illustrious Grand Master as members of this committee.

Respectfully Submitted,
RI Thomas A. Olsen
RI Otis Benjamin Geiger
RI John Kraniou

Also RI James Draeving and RI Edgar Richard Coles, IV, who sat in on the Audit.

Committee on Work

The Committee on Work (CoW) for the Grand Council was uneventful this year. No Questions were proposed to the CoW ; however, the committee members were ask questions at Festivals that they attended and were answered at that time. No Council requested to compete in the Keith Dean Competition. Only one Proficiency Card was issued, a White with 2 Purple Strips Select Master Degree & Lecture to Thomas Metcalfe, Gainesville Council No. 27.

We Thank you for our appointment M. I. Gene Lance.

Fraternally,
John I. Gray CoW Chairman
Rusty Ludlam
Charles Chas Jordon

Constitution Review

We reviewed the constitution and find nothing out of order at this time. It is fair to note that there is pending legislation coming up in this year's Grand Convocation that my change the constitution. However, this should be reflected in next year's report if that happens.

Gene A Lance and Glenn Chandler
Constitution Review Committee

CRYPTIC MASON MEDICAL RESEARCH FOUNDATION

Most Illustrious Grand Master Gene A. Lance, thank you for allowing me to chair this most worthy committee, CMMRF Cryptic Masons Medical Research Foundation. We are fortunate to have Companions who are dedicated in making Florida one of the top contributors in the Nation. Thank you Companions for your donations totaling \$ 31,298.22.

CMMRF conducts research in pursuit of curing and/or alleviating medical conditions stemming from Vascular Diseases. As part of this report a listing of Donations by Council is as follows:

Earned an Extender BAR				
Donations 2022	DIST	York Rite Bodies	Council	No.
\$ -	1	Miami	Adroniram	10
\$ -	1	Palm Beach	Zabud	17
\$100.00	1	Ft Lauderdale	Lauderdale	24
\$3,255.00	2	Manatee	Bradentown	9
\$ -	2	Ft Myers	Ft Myers	25
\$1,200.00	3	Tampa	Tampa	8
\$782.80	3	St Petersburg	St. Petersburg	14
\$3,000.00	3	Clearwater	Clearwater	34
\$477.29	4	Plant City	Tyler	4
\$166.25	4	Lakeland	Polk	11
\$ -	4	Highlands	Heartland	43
\$1,754.42	5	Daytona Beach	Halifax	1
\$2,055.00	5	Orlando	Orlando	5
\$1,039.00	5	Sanford	Sanford	20
\$400.00	5	Lake/Sumter	Golden Triangle	28
\$90.00	6	Cocoa	Hiram	13
\$4,812.46	6	Ft Pierce	Tyrian	36
\$1,810.00	6	Melbourne	Melbourne	38
\$3,566.00	7	Jacksonville	Hallmark	3
\$ -	7	St Augustine	St. Augustine	15
\$200.00	7	Palatka	Palatka	18
\$28.00	7	Fernandina Beach	Athelstan	46
\$ -	8	Gainesville	Gainesville	27
\$285.00	8	Lake City	Lake City	35
\$527.00	8	Lawtey	Lawtey	39
\$ -	9	Panama City	Panama City	26
\$1,290.00	9	Tallahassee	Seminole	30
\$425.00	9	Marianna	Marianna	31
\$1,300.00	10	Pensacola	Union	7
\$2,335.00	10	Fort Walton	Gulf	29
\$100.00	10	Crestview	Crestview	33

\$ 100.00	John Darling Lodge No. 154
\$ -	St Honore RCC
\$ -	Morocco Shrine Golf Ass
\$ -	J.P. Lesuer YRC
\$ -	St. Thomas of Acon #13
\$ -	Space Coast AMD
\$ -	NE FL YRC 114
\$ -	Labarum RCC
\$ -	Silver Trowel
\$ -	Tampa SOOB
\$ -	Lake Cnty SR
\$ -	JB Phelps YR College
\$ -	Florida Priory #60 KYCH
\$ -	Havana Lodge No. 167
\$ 200.00	FL Grand Council
\$ -	NATL SOJOURNERS
\$ -	York Rite Charities, Inc
\$ 31,298.22	Total Donations

Diamonds Earned in 2022			
Last Name	First Name	No.	
Arpad	Sheldon	2	Diamonds
Eisenhardt	Robert	2	Diamonds
Kraniou	John	2	Diamonds
Sever	Robert	2	Diamonds
Gray	John	3	Diamonds
Miller	Jerry	6	Diamonds
Newman	Lloyd	8	Diamonds
Olsen	Thomas	11	Diamonds
St. John	Robert	11	Diamonds
Hollinger	Charles	12	Diamonds
Mueller, Jr.	Alfred	16	Diamonds
Chadler, Snr.	Glenn	18	Diamonds
Pickford	John	19	Diamonds
Gilmore	Carl	30	Diamonds

Plaques Earned in 2022		
*Indicates a ONE Diamond Gold Pin Awarded		
Last Name	First Name	No.
AYERS*	RICHARD	512
PAULSEN*	STEPHEN	529
BROOKS*	R.C.	531
MAYFIELD Jr.	EDWARD	534
HARPER II	CHARLES	537
DRAEVING*	JAMES	544
LANCE*	GENE	550



Donor Recognition Program

Because we appreciate your generosity, appropriate lapel pins and plaques are awarded based on cumulative totals.

Individuals

- \$ 50 – Bronze Lapel Pin
- \$ 100 – Bronze Lapel Pin with Stone
- \$ 150 – Silver Lapel Pin
- \$ 300 – Silver Lapel Pin with Stone
- \$ 500 – Gold Lapel Pin
- \$ 750 – Gold Lapel Pin with Stone
- \$ 1,000 – General Grand Master’s Plaque & Gold Lapel Pin with 1 Diamond Chip¹
- \$ 2,000 – Gold Lapel Pin with 2 Diamond Chips

Councils

- \$1,000 – General Grand Master’s Plaque
- \$2,000 – Extender Bar for Plaque

Each additional \$1,000 donation the Council will earn another extender bar or another diamond chip for the individual.

¹ The diamond chips are manufactured synthetic diamonds.



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Following the approval of this report, it will be our pleasure to acknowledge our well desired Companions & Councils with their Gold Pins with Diamonds, Plaques and Extender Bars.

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

M.I. Dayle Schrock, Chairman

M.I. Paul Friend

M.I. Glenn Chandler, Sr

Distinguished Guests

At this our 143rd Grand Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Florida our Most Illustrious Grand Master, M.:I.: Gene A. Lance had the privilege to receive and introduce to the Companions present many special guests and dignitaries. Some of these most special persons are listed below:

The following Most Illustrious past Grand Masters Richard S. Agster, Glenn E. Chandler, , Carl E. Gilmore (Also Right Eminent Past Grand Commander currently serving as Grand Secretary/Recorder), Robert St. John (current Grand Treasurer) Robert E. Burluson, Paul W. Friend, Larry R. Gillespie, Charles Hollinger, John D. Pickford, Dayle L. Schrock, William Allen Sorbie, all representing Florida.

M.I. Edward E. Smith Most Ill Grand Master of R&SM of South Carolina, M.I. William Snyder Deputy General Grand Master of the General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons International. James Hogg Most Ill. Past Grand Master of Alaska (Also MEGHP), James W. Beard Most Ill. Past Grand Master of Georgia, David W. Miller Most Ill Past Grand Master of Indiana, M.I. Edward E. Smith Jr. Most Illustrious Grand Master of South Carolina, M.W., William J. Thomas Past Grand Master of New York. There were representatives from the General Grand Chapter, Grand Encampment, several other States, and Washington DC.

It was the presence of these most honored guests that added to the success of our 143rd Grand Council Assembly. This Committee thanks them for their tireless efforts to improve Masonry in general and the York Rite in particular. Most Illustrious Grand Master, 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 Companions.

Zealously;
John F. Wermann, MEPGHP, KYGCH, OPC, KTCH
Committee Chairman
Arthur J. "AJ" Ahrens III, MEPGHP, KYGCH, OPC
Committee Co-Chairman

Fraternal Relations

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

During this Cryptic year, the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Florida maintained Fraternal Relations with the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Florida and the Grand Lodges of other Grand Jurisdictions, as well as with the General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons International and its subsidiary Grand Councils worldwide.

The Committee received no requests for recognition of any other jurisdiction, nor for any other service.

The Committee thanks the Most Illustrious Grand Master for this appointment and charging it with maintaining fraternal relations with our Brethren everywhere.

Respectfully and Zealously submitted,
Right Illustrious Thomas A. Olsen, Deputy Grand Master

Grand Representatives

As reviewed by the Chairman of the Grand Representative Committee, during the year 2022-2023 of the changes to the roster there were 29 Grand Representatives appointed from Florida to other jurisdictions.

We received and processed 3 Grand Representative requests, one from Minnesota, one from Louisiana, and one from Brazil.

I would like to thank the Most Illustrious Master for appointing me Chairman of this committee.

Fraternally,
O. Ben Geiger II, Chairman

Homecoming

On April 29th, 2023, District No. 2 and No. 3 hosted a Grand York Rite Homecoming in honor of the elected leaders of all three York Rite Bodies:

Most Excellent John I Gray Most Excellent Grand High Priest of Royal Arch Masons of Florida

Most Illustrious Gene A. Lance Grand Master of Royal and Select Masters of Florida

Right Eminent Sheldon Arpad Grand Commander of Knights Templar of Florida

This honoring was held at Niram Lodge No. 188 in St Petersburg Florida. There was much fellowship, and a wonderful dinner was served.

Companion and Sir Knight, John Donohoo, DDGC of District 1. Gave an interesting and entertaining paper which was enjoyed by all. Our Grand Secretary/ Recorder Carl E. Gilmore was the Master of Ceremonies introducing all special guests. The honorees of the night were introduced and given the opportunity to make comments. It was a great night for York Rite Masonry.

Most Illustrious Grand Master, we thank you for the opportunity to serve both you and our Companions.

Zealously;

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

Grand Marshall Committee Chairman

Jonas Seda, DDGC

Grand Sentinel, Committee-Co-Chairman

Charles "Chuck" Bailey KYCH, Committee Co-Chairman

INVESTMENT

The investments under the oversight of this Investment Committee are maintained by our investment advisers at Edward Jones & Co., and presently total \$681,561 as of 31 March 2023, down from \$719,975 a year ago. This represents a (5.34%) NET decrease in Grand Council invested assets, even after the required 5.00% payout on Perpetual membership funds, and even after the losses incurred in 2022. There are two major 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 \$316,443 – vs. \$335,804 as of one year ago, for a decrease of (\$19,361), even after the decline in values experienced during calendar year 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 \$305,128, vs. \$352,458, at 31 December 2021, for a decrease of (\$47,330), or a (13.43%) 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 Council in a position to be able to place less reliance upon Per Capita dues 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 \$365,118 – vs.

\$384,171 a year ago, for a decrease of (\$19,053), after the decline in values experienced during calendar year 2022, and after the payout of the 5.0% annual perpetual payments to constituent Councils. This account has a target investment mix of 50% equities and 50% bonds and other fixed instruments. As interest rates rise, the underlying value of a fixed-rate bond portfolio generally goes down.

At 31 December 2022, the total value of this account was \$356,166, vs. \$402,911 at 31 December 2021, for a decrease of (\$46,745), or a (11.60%) NET investment loss, after the required 5% perpetual fund payout.

I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of myself and the other members of the Investment Committee to thank the Most Illustrious Gene A. Lance, MIGM, for allowing us to serve the Grand Council this past year.

Courteously and Fraternally,
Wm. Lee Popham Sr., Chairman, PDDGM 2012
Paul W. Friend, MIPGM
Charles L Hollinger, MIPGM
John A. Kraniou
James E. Draeving

JURISPRUDENCE

~On the Actions of the Most Illustrious Grand Master~

To the Most Illustrious Grand Council Royal & Select Masters of Florida:

The Grand Council Jurisprudence Committee met on Saturday, May 20th, to review the actions pertaining to the rulings and dispensations acted upon by the Most Illustrious Grand Master, Gene Lance during his 2022-2023 Cryptic year.

The full Committee closely examined the actions taken by our Grand Master and determined that all his actions were within the purview of his office.

Six requests for dispensations were granted, no dispensations denied and three requests for bylaw amendments were granted, no by-laws denied, and two Executive Order, and two Directives. All dispensation, bylaw amendments, executive orders and directives were within his authority.

The Committee determined that all actions taken by the Grand Master were acted upon in a timely manner, each properly received and bearing the official stamps of the Grand Recorder and Grand Master.

The Grand Master's report was properly received by the Committee thirty days prior to the Jurisprudence meeting, whereby corrections were able to be made, and it was noted and appreciated that the report was submitted on time.

The Committee would like to commend Grand Master Lance for his dedication he had bestowed during his term and having faithfully discharged the office of Most Illustrious Grand Master during this Cryptic year. We thank him for the honor and privilege he has provided us to serve the Grand Council.

Respectfully Submitted,
Paul W. Friend, Chairman MIPGM - 1996
Richard Agster, MIPGM - 2000
Charles L. Hollinger, MIPGM - 2001
Carl E. Gilmore, MIPGM - 2009
Larry R. Gillespie, MIPGM - 2012
Dayle L. Schrock, MIPGM - 2013
Wm. Allen Sorbie, MIPGM - 2021

JURISPRUDENCE
~ On Legislation ~

To the Most Illustrious Grand Council Royal & Select Masters of Florida:

The Grand Council Jurisprudence Committee met on Saturday, May 20th, 2023, to review the Legislation submitted for revision to portions of the Constitution of said Grand Council.

There were five proposed amendments submitted within the required time frame and on the proper forms. All five were reviewed and the Jurisprudence Committee recommended acceptance of all five proposed amendments for the purpose of presenting to the craft for the final decision,

Respectfully Submitted,
Paul W. Friend, Chairman MIPGM - 1996
Richard Agster, MIPGM - 2000
Charles L. Hollinger, MIPGM - 2001
Carl E. Gilmore, MIPGM - 2009
Larry R. Gillespie, MIPGM - 2012
Dayle L. Schrock, MIPGM - 2013
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Lodge Representatives Committee

For the York Rite year of 2022-2023 the Lodge Representatives were using several programs to bring awareness to York Rite Masonry. In many Councils they are doing the Circumambulation in Blue Lodges with success. Some Councils are not only handing out literature and pins to newly raised Brothers, but also giving lectures on the importance of continuing their Masonic education through York Rite.

The Committee thanks Most Illustrious Gene Lane for the opportunity to serve the Grand Council in this capacity.

Respectfully submitted,
O. Ben Geiger II, Chairman

Masonic Youth

The Committee would like to thank Most Illustrious Gene A. Lance for the honor and privilege of serving the Grand Council of Royal & Select Masters of Florida. We look forward to continuing to invest time and energy into our youth in order that future generations may have the tools necessary to seek further Light.

When one discusses Masonic Youth organizations, one first thinks of the Order of DeMolay, which has provided our Fraternity with so many young men of quality. This past year, a DeMolay Chapter has opened in Perry, the advisory council has been seated, and the young men are recruiting. In addition, Hulbert Chapter in Jacksonville, South Miami Chapter, Sarasota Chapter, Clermont Chapter, Walter Fishback Chapter in Riverview, Jupiter-Tequesta Chapter in Jupiter, William Hollis Chapter in Sebring, and L.E.A.D.E.R.S.H.I.P. Chapter in Zephyrhills all have their Letters Temporary. There is also a potential Chapter opening in Live Oak with a signed resolution of sponsorship, awaiting Letters Temporary as of this writing.

We would also be remiss if we did not also mention the work done by the volunteers for the seventeen active Assemblies of the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls as well as the Job's Daughters Bethels. These provide opportunities for the fathers and brothers of these youth to join Freemasonry, and the young ladies involved in these organizations may one day have husbands, sons, and daughters of their own who join our Masonic family.

We have found that contributions by our local Masonic organizations and involvement from our Masonic Youth organizations allows us to create synergies and to collaborate with other youth organizations such as Boy Scouts and Eagle Scouts, JROTC, and youth baseball and soccer teams. This also opens up exciting opportunities for cross-membership among these organizations, in turn introducing new pools of youth and their parents to Masonry.

The Committee is optimistic about the potential for growth in our Masonic Youth organizations for some additional reasons, one sociological and one demographic. As we have returned to a normalization following the social restrictions from the coronavirus pandemic, many adolescents report a sense of alienation. Our Masonic Youth organizations fulfill a niche offering the adolescents civic engagement, leadership opportunities, and true friendship along with offering a springboard to searches for yet further Light.

Additionally, demographically, we are in a point in time when the children of the oldest Millennials are reaching the age of adolescence and coming of age to join our Masonic Youth organizations. When compounded by the continued population growth in Florida, the Committee is hopeful that the emergence of the children of the comparatively large Millennial generation from an increasing population pool will lead to a proportionate increase in membership of existing Florida Masonic Youth bodies and even chartering of new chapters throughout the state.

In conclusion, continued financial support and volunteering of time with our Masonic Youth organizations is an essential long-term investment in the future of this Fraternity, and we encourage all York Rite Masons to be involved at their local level.

Respectfully submitted by the Committee on Masonic Youth,
John A. Kraniou, Chair.

Membership Development, Training and Education

For the 2022/2023 Florida York Rite year M.I. Gene Lance planned a strong support for membership development, training and development. We went back to face to face District Meeting with 2 Districts at a time, 5 total meetings. The focus was on hearing from the Companions on what was happening in their Masonic world. Not only on what they are doing in their Councils that is working, but also what they have tried that didn't work. The

District meeting formats appeared to be a success. The meetings were well attended and participation was outstanding. The attending companions and Grand Officers left the meetings with some terrific ideas that will improve membership and education on Cryptic Masonry.

It is recommended to continue to use and improve both the Mentors Manual and the Instructors Manual, that each Council have an Education Committee to help promote better understanding of Cryptic Masonry. That the local Councils increase proficiency in degree work and opening and closing rituals.

The committee thanks Most Illustrious Grand Master Gene Lance for opportunity to serve this Grand Council in this capacity.

Respectfully submitted,
O. Ben Geiger II, Chairman

MENTOR'S MANUAL COMMITTEE

This committee would like to thank each member of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Florida, as well as our Right Illustrious District Deputy Grand Masters for their continued support and guidance in regards to our Cryptic Masonry way of life.

It is encouraged and highly beneficial that each Illustrious Master not only appoint an education committee and enthusiastic mentors, but to actually utilize them. This will enable each council to improve the understanding of our new companions with what has transpired throughout the council degrees. Recommend that each officer download our Mentor's Manual from the Grand York Rite of Florida website.

At this time, there are no recommendations for changes to be made in the published Mentor's Manual. I would however, like to thank our Most Illustrious Grand Master for the opportunity and pleasure to serve this Grand Council.

Fraternally,
James E. Draeving, Chairman Mentor's Manual

Necrology

“The young may die, the old must die, and the wisest knoweth not how soon.” Since our last Grand Assembly, our Grand Council Line was broken by the untimely death of the Grand Recorder. Right Illustrious Companion, Richard Brooks passed the veil on July 21, 2022. Richard faithfully served the Most Illustrious Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Florida as Grand Recorder. Death also claimed M\ Warren Almand, Jr. Warren served the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Florida as Most Illustrious Grand Master for 2003-2004. Additionally, this year ninety-three of our companions were called to the Celestial Lodge above.

In His wisdom and mercy, we look to the Supreme Architect of the Universe for comfort in times of sorrow for the families of our Companions who have journeyed to that undiscovered country from whose born no traveler returns.

Fraternally,

Todd Meschelle

Chairman Grand Council Necrology Committee

Order of Silver Trowel

FLORIDA COUNCIL OF ANOINTED KINGS

The Florida Council of Anointed Kings held its Annual Assembly at the Orlando Marriott Lake Mary, Lake Mary, Florida with the following officers in attendance.

MI Wm. Allen Sorbie	Illustrious King
MI Gene Lance	Illustrious Prince of the West
MI Thomas Olsen	Illustrious Prince of the South
MI Paul Friend, PIK	Illustrious Scribe
MI Carl Gilmore, PIK	Illustrious Treasurer
RI O. Benjamin Geiger II	Illustrious Chaplin
I John Kraniou	Illustrious Prince of the Court
I James Draeving	Illustrious Capt. of the Guard
I E. Richard Coles IV	Illustrious Sentinel

MI Wm. Allen Sobie opened the Assembly in full ritualistic form. The

Illustrious King announced that the first order of business would be to anoint the following past and present Illustrious Masters of Florida Councils (19):

1	Paul Ritchie	11	Jerry Snell, Jr.
2	Stephen Paulsen	12	James Joyner, Sr.
3	Thomas Simpson	13	Cory Underwood
4	Randall Brocius	14	William Sundquist
5	Joshua Schutts	15	Luis Rios, Jr.
6	Michael Sever	16	Jose Fernandez
7	Larry Kent	17	Eric Evangelista
8	Travis Elmore	18	Vassiki Sanogo
9	Harry Bonet	19	Robert Coleman
10	Gary Roane		

As usual the Ritual was performed in an excellent manner by the degree team that was properly attired.

Most Illustrious Companion Wm. Allen Sobie, explained the words, signed, and means of recognition. The Jewels, Certificates, and Cards were then distributed.

Members of the class made appropriate comments. Minutes were approved as read.

Treasurer's Report 2023

As of 6/15/22

\$4247.46

Received \$490 (19 @ 25=\$475 +\$15 Ritual)

As of the

05/23/2023

Total assets \$4737.46

Motion duly made, seconded, and passed that the Florida Council of Anointed Kings to contribute \$1000.00 to the Cryptic Masons Medical Research Foundation. Motion Carried. In addition, up to \$250 be spent to print new rituals.

Illustrious King presided over the election of Officers with results that the following officers be elected and appointed.

MI Gene Lance	Illustrious King
MI Thomas Olsen	Illustrious Prince of the West
RI O. Benjamin Geiger II	Illustrious Prince of the South
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I Jonas Seda	Illustrious Sentinel

These officers were duly installed according to the time-honored ritual of the Florida Council of Anointed Kings. Thus, all business completed, the Illustrious King proceeded to close the assembly.

Peace and Harmony prevailed,
Paul W. Friend, MIPGM/PIK
Illustrious Scribe

PERPETUAL MEMBERSHIP

We would like to thank the Most Illustrious Grand Master Gene Lance for allowing us to serve this Grand Council of Florida on the Perpetual Membership Committee. We added thirteen new Perpetual Members for the 2022 calendar year as recorded by the MIGS. Those that were submitted after December 31, 2022, will be reported on the 2023 calendar year.

Respectfully submitted:

E. Richard Coles IV, Illustrious Grand Steward, Royal & Select Masters of FL

Photography

No report submitted.

Registration, Returns and Credentials

The final report of the Registration, Returns and Credentials committee is as follows:

1. All Councils have paid their per capita.
2. All Councils are entitled to vote, except the following Councils, who did not pay their per capita. None
3. All Councils are represented by either presence of proxy of a duly elected dais officer, except the following Council:

○ Zabud Council No. 17

The number of Companions eligible to vote is 162 and have been issued cards to indicate such.

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

Respectfully Submitted,
A.W. Thurman, Chairman
Frank Kiefer
Ronald Naumowicz
Stephen C. Nelson
Jonas Seda
Joshua Schutts
Gene Sims,
Jeffery Sklet,
Eric Klienbach

Royal & Select Masters of Florida (Local Councils) - Dais Officers and Recorder for 2023

<u>Council Name</u>	<u>Council No.</u>	<u>Recorder</u>	<u>Illustrious Master</u>	<u>Deputy Master</u>	<u>PCW</u>
Halifax	1	Damon Sansom	Matthew Spence	Paul Foege	Charles Linder
Hallmark	3	Stephen Urban	Luis Rios	Mark Balester	Stephen Meserve
Tyler	4	Larry Gillespie, MIPGM	David Lambert	Jerry Snell, Jr.	David Anderson
Orlando	5	Manuel Lozada	Jose Fernandez	Kenneth Mueller	Jose Diaz-Vasquez
Union	7	William Jacobs	Joshua Schutts	Haskell Vest, Jr.	Bruce Cox
Tampa	8	Robert St. John, Jr., MIPGM	Paul Ippoloto	Edward Kellner	David Forrest
Bradentown	9	John Wermann	Paul Ritchie	R. Edgar Coles IV	Douglas Dobbs
Adoniram	10	Carlos Correa	Juan Damas	Hector Mirable	Damian Vargas
Polk	11	John Ellis	Greg Riddell	Richard Terry	Thomas Romanishin
Hiram	13	Richard Wolfe	James Joner	Philip Catchpole	Travis Elmore
St. Petersburg	14	Donald Harriott, MIPGM	William Sundquist	Charles Bailey	Bruce Ward
St. Augustine	15	Robert Gagnon	Mark Williams	Edward Smallwood	Robert Owens
Zabud	17	Nicholas Harvey	Thomas Krumenacker	Aldo Vargas	Dominic Guardino
Palatka	18	George Preston, Jr.	Randall Brocius	Kenneth Hinton, Jr.	Jason Lang
Sanford	20	Henry Jehan, Jr.	Edward Ghiglieri	Colin Keogh	Sam Loper III
Lauderdale	24	Garry Paxinos	Harry Bonet	Ramon Ramirez	Alexandru Mirea
Ft. Myers	25	Jonas Seda	Eduardo Sanchez	Derek Vaneske	Joseph Setaro
Panama City	26	Richard Allen, Jr.	Woodrow Jones, Jr.	William Paul	Raymond Pelletier
Gainesville	27	Thomas Metcalfe, Jr.	Christian Drouin	Hillary Cowart, Jr.	Kurt Morauer, Sr.
Golden Triangle	28	Edward Mayfield, Jr.	Larry Kent	Brian Zeppa	James Hawkins
Gulf	29	John Lewis	Donald Rice, Jr.	Andrew Fuss	Gordon Harris
Seminole	30	John Kraniou	Adrian Dillon	Neils Hesse	Keiffer Lindsey, Jr.
Marianna	31	Jeffery Baxter	Charles Morgn	Randall Tyre	Steven Matthews
Crestview	33	Robert L. Taylor	Wayne Paizes	William Kohnen	Wiley Willoughby II
Clearwater	34	Brian Campbell	Cory Underwood	Jeffrey Mutz	John Drewett
Lake City	35	Rusty Ludlam	Jasper Lowder	Donald Cadrain	Robert Stewart, Jr.
Tyrian	36	Paul Friend, MIPGM	Stephen Paulsen	Julio Sanchez	Larry Johnson
Melbourne	38	Dayle Schrock, MIPGM	George Goddard	Joseph Crum	Matthew Green
Lawtey	39	Ronald George	Thomas Olsen	Richard Elkins	James Billberry
Heartland	43	A. Randy Chancey	Thomas Simpson	Bermon Pritt, Jr.	Marcus Lanifer
Athelstan	46	R. Carl Thorwart	Robert Coleman III	Grover Childress, Jr.	Alberto Martinez

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 D.D.G.M.

Thanks

No report submitted.

Time and Pace

The 2024 Grand York Rite Convocation will be held at Lake Mary on the following dates:

- Council on Monday May 20th, 2024
- Commandery on May 21st, 2024
- Chapter on Wednesday May 22nd, 2024

Reported by
Right Illustrious Thomas A. Olsen
DGM of Royal and Select Masters of Florida

Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business to report.

Zealously,
Wm. Allen Sorbie, MIPGM, Chairman

MIPGM of Florida

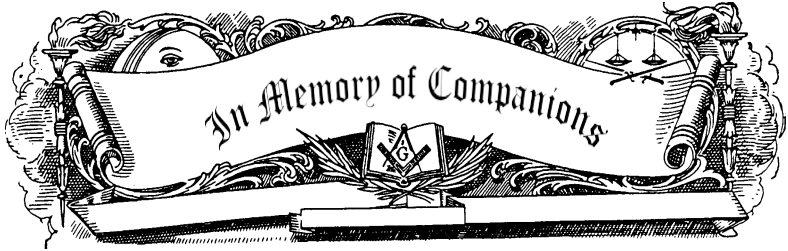
1858	Thomas Hayward*	1859	Daniel P. Holland*
1860 - 1866	Thomas Hayward*	1867 - 1875	William Morrill*
1876	Alanson Caulkins*	1877	Alanson N Caulkins*
1878 - 1903	George S. Hallmark*	1904	Charles L. Smith*
1905	Charles L. Smith*	1906 - 1907	Louis C. Massey*
1908	John H. Norton*	1909	Olin S. Wright*
1910	William H. Jewell*	1911	William C. Address*
1912	James Carnell*	1913	Thomas Warlow*
1914	Henry K. DuBois*	1915	Thomas Calmes*
1916	F. I. Archibald*	1917	John Lloyd Hall*
1918	Dabney B. Palmer*	1919	S. L. Chapman*
1920	Charles H. Katchum*	1921	Chester Derocker*
1922	Eric L. Witt*	1923	Theodore T. Todd*
1924	John Pasco*	1925	Frank H. Thompson*
1926	Cary B. Fish*	1927	Riley J. McMaster*
1928	Edwin E. Macy*	1929	Ralph J. Kishpaugh*
1930	Geroge J. Tolson*	1931	John H. Rauch*
1932	Henry O. Snow*	1933	Jackson L. Head*
1934	Charles H. Stewart*	1935	John B. Phelps*
1936	Bert L. Blair*	1937	Frederick Schultz*
1938	Lester G. Gilbert*	1939	William Sessions*
1940	Bradford C. Webb*	1941	Dorsey H. Rutter*
1942	Joel Albert Fite*	1943	John D. Grove*
1944	Ralph G. Reynolds*	1945	Sumner R. Hall*
1946	Frederick A. Riegel*	1947	Spenser L. Houston*

1948	James D. Yeager*	1949	Jesse Earl Ramsdell*
1950	David M. Winans*	1951	Samule E Page*
1952	James D Godwin*	1953	William J Walker
1954	Roy W. Larson*	1955	Walter I. Stevenson*
1956	Winston H. Ward*	1957	Edward M. Savage*
1958	Harry J. Guy*	1959	U. V. Durden*
1960	Walter T. Poole*	1961	Paul R. Davis*
1962	Robert Thompson*	1963	Stephen Dimond*
1964	Andrew Jorgenson*	1965	Robert L. Pulley*
1966	Lee A. Bowles*	1967	Edwin D. Brogdon*
1968	Raymond L Ballard*	1969	Harley V. Wheeler*
1970	Alfred R. Peebles*	1971	Robert O. Bell*
1972	Wilbur W. Masters* / Jesse F Nettles*	1973	Earl R Allan*
1974	Daniel McClellan*	1975	Hugh R. Dixon*
1976	David Frazier*	1977	Earl R. Allen Sr*
1978	Arthur J. Payne*	1979	Willis D Porter*
1980	Joe H. Sellers +	1981	William F Perry*
1982	Francis L. Dancy*	1983	Joseph H. Johnson*
1984	Kenneth Johnson*	1985	Roy M. Bobo*
1986	George R. Swartz*	1987	Deem E. Ramey*
1988	Robert F. Scott*	1989	Elmer L. Green*
1990	George McCool*	1991	Frank A. Cochrane III*
1992	Robert E Burlson	1993	Wendell D Harrington*
1995	A.A. Pete Bennett*	1996	Paul W Friend
1997	Daniel E. Dale*	1999	Vernon E. Adams*
2000	Richard S Agster	2001	Charles L Hollinger
2002	Richard E. Foreman*	2003	Stephen H Clark
2004	Rueben L Owens* / Donald T Harriott	2005	Donald T Harriott
2006	Louis A King	2007	George E Malone*
2008	Dencel R Smith *	2009	Carl E Gilmore

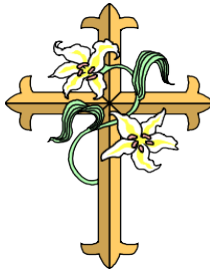
2010	Howard H. Gardner*	2011	M Daniel Fullwood
2012	Larry R Gillespie	2013	Dayle L Schrock
2014	H Warren Almand, Jr*	2015	John L Horne, Jr*
2016	Benjamin J Holland	2017	Robert C St John, Jr
2018	Glenn E Chandler, Snr	2019	John D. Pickford
020	Thomas J. Rawsthorne	2021	Wm. Allen Sorbie

DEFUNCT COUNCIL LISTING

COUNCIL	NO	CHARTER DATE	SURRENDERED	ARRESTED	RESTORED	MERGED
MONROE (Key West)	2			1927		
MONTICELLO	6	1934		1966		
SOLOMON (Leesburg)	12		1991			
FT. PIERCE (Ft. Pierce)	19			1934		
SOUTHERN CROSS (Tampa)	21					Merged with Tampa No. 8 in 1934.
OCALA	22	1931	2018			
TAL-MAR-QUIN	23					Merged with Seminole No. 30 in 1965.
AARON (Miami Shores)	32					Merged with Adoniram No. 10 in 1965.
ST. JOHNS (DeLand)	37	1958	2007			Merged with Halifax No. 1
DADE CITY	40	1978				Merged with Tyler Council No. 4 in 2009
VENICE	41	1982	2018			Merged with Bradentown Council No. 9 on 11 April 2018
KNOWLES G. OGLESBY	42	1996				Merged with Polk Council No 11 in 2012
NOTUMA	45	2006	2018			
CONCH	44		2021			



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



*Most Illustrious H. Warren Almand, Jr., Past Grand Master
2014*

*Right Illustrious Richard C. Brooks, Grand Recorder
2021-2022*

We Fraternally Dedicate This Page

Grand Council of Royal & Select Masters

Thomas A. Olsen

Most Illustrious Grand Master

2023-2024



Thomas A. Olsen Resume

PERSONAL

- Born March 25, 1945, to Everett N. Olsen of Duluth, Minnesota and Juliette Avery of Groton, Connecticut
- Served in the U.S. Naval Submarine Service on the USS Bancroft, Ben Franklin, and Cavallo
- Received a Bachelor's Degree in Marketing/Finance from the University of Connecticut
- Received a Master's Degree in Economics/Public Policy from Trinity College
- Employed as a Product Manager for Standard Oil and Product Marketing Manager for Komatsu - retired 2006 after 37 years.
- Married in 1975 to Diane B. Stock of Sennett, New York
- I have four children, Carey, Christopher, Brandon and Jennifer
- Moved from Vernon Connecticut to Orange Park, Florida in 2003
- Served on the Vernon Board of Education for 8 years
- Boy Scout Master, Coached Little League Baseball, Boys & Girls Soccer and Girls Softball

BLUE LODGE

- Orange Park Lodge No. 267 - Member
- Lewis A. Armstead Lodge No. 403 – 2015 Worshipful Master, Past Secretary, Treasurer, Perpetual Membership Committeeman, Perpetual Member, Masonic Leadership Training
- Middleburg Lodge No. 107 - Historian
- Acacia Lodge No. 163 - Member

YORK RITE BODIES

Jacksonville York Rite Body

- Commandery – Past Eminent Commander
- Council – Past Illustrious Master
- Council – Super Excellent Master – 2013
- Chapter – Past Excellent High Priest
- Perpetual Member

St. Augustine York Rite Body

- Commandery – Past Eminent Commander
- Council – Past Illustrious Master
- Chapter – Past High Priest
- Perpetual Member

Palatka York Rite Body

- Commandery – Past Eminent Commander
- Council – Past Illustrious Master
- Chapter – Member

Fernandina York Rite Body

- Commandery - Member
- Council – Member
- Chapter – Member

Middleburg York Rite Body

- Commandery – Member
- Council – Past Illustrious Master
- Chapter – Past Excellent High Priest

Halifax York Rite Body

- Commandery – Member
- Council – Member
- Chapter – Member

Commandery Past District Instructor

Commandery Past District Deputy

Chapter Past District Instructor

Chapter Past District Deputy

Council Past CMMRF Representative

Council Past District Deputy

SCOTTISH RITE

- Master of Kadosh
- Past Captain of the Guard
- KCCH-Vice President
- Perpetual Member

NATIONAL SOJOURNERS

Northeast Florida Chapter No. 435

- Past President
- Past Secretary
- Perpetual Member (MIP)

Andrew Jackson Heroes of '76

- Past Commander

Stuart Chapter – Member

Stuart Heroes of '76 – Member

ALLIED MASONIC DEGREE

Wilbur J. Masters, Jr.

- Sovereign Master
- Secretary
North Central Florida
- Sovereign Master
- Secretary

KNIGHT MASONS

Gateway Council No. 51

- Excellent Chief
- Secretary
- Life Member

RED CROSS OF CONSTANTINE

- St. Honore Conclave – Viceroy
- Miami Conclave - Member

YORK RITE SOVEREIGN COLLEGE

- Past Governor
- Secretary
- Honor Award
- Life Member

TALL CEDARS

- Past Grand Tall
- Past District Deputy
- Secretary

YORK RITE CROSS OF HONOR

- Priory No. 60 – Member – Past Registrar
- Priory No. 10 – Member
- Priory No. 87 – Past Prior

THE ROYAL ORDER OF SCOTLAND

- Member

Florida College Societas Rosaicrutiana

- Member

SHRINERS

The Order of Quetzalcoatl

- Past President
- The Order of Knights, Eagles and Tigers
- Past Secretary
- Clay County Shrine Club – Member
- Provost Guard
- Captain
- Ambassador-at-Large
- SECPGA
- Shriner of the Year 2021
- Legion of Honor
- Past Commander

ORDER OF ST. THOMAS OF ACON

- Crusader Chapter No. XIII – Member

ORDER OF ATHELSTAN

- Member

HOLY ROYAL ARCH KNIGHT TEMPLAR PRIEST

- Member

Grand Council Approved Budget 2023-2024		
CATEGORY		2023-2024
INCOME		
40000	Annual per capita	\$ 34,245.00
40010	Greetings	
40011	Other Interest	\$ 2.00
40012	Other Receipts - Admin Invest (75%)	\$ 10,110.00
40012	Other Receipts - Donations	
40020	Annual Grand Assembly Return	\$ 2,500.00
40030	Grand Office Return	
40050	Grand Council Carryover Funds	
40012	Fund-raising Activities	\$ 4,500.00
TOTAL INCOME		<u>\$ 51,357.00</u>
EXPENSES		
20010	Allowances	
20011	Grand Master	\$ 4,000.00
20012	Depty Grand Master	\$ 2,000.00
20014	Incoming MIGM Apron & Case	\$ 250.00
20014	DDGM Aprons & Cases (one-time item)	
20015	Grand Treasurer	\$ 2,000.00
20013	Grand Recrder	\$ 4,200.00
TOTAL ALLOWANCES		<u>\$ 12,450.00</u>

CHARITIES		
20020	Charities	
20022	Youth Charities	\$ 300.00
20023	Masonic Home	\$ -
20024	Gr Master's Charity (CMMRF)	\$ 250.00
20025	Youth Scholarship	\$ -
TOTAL CHARITIES		\$ 550.00
MEETINGS		
20031	Triennial	\$ 1,000.00
20032	District Meetings	\$ 1,000.00
20033	Summer Assembly	\$ -
20034	MIGM SE CONF	\$ 350.00
20035	RIDGM SE CONF	\$ 350.00
20036	RIPCW SE CONF	\$ 325.00
20037	Grnd Rec SE CONF	\$ 325.00
20038	CMMRF Meeting	
TOTAL MEETINGS		\$ 3,350.00
20040	Grand Convocation	
20044	Distinguished Guests	\$ 1,500.00
	Ladies events	
TOTAL GRAND CONVOCATION		\$ 1,500.00

OFFICE EXPESNES		
20051	Office Supplies	\$ 500.00
20052	Postage	\$ 600.00
20053	Rent	\$ 4,000.00
20054	Telephone	\$ 800.00
20055	Utilities	\$ -
20056	Computer expenses	\$ 200.00
20057	Computer Maintance	\$ 150.00
20058	Storage	\$ -
20058a	Furniture Moving	\$ -
20059	Equipment Replacement	\$ 750.00
20059a	Surety Bond	\$ 155.00
20063	Printing Rituals	
TOTAL OFFICE EXPENSES		<u>\$ 7,155.00</u>
TOTAL OFFICE EXPENSES - PRINTING		
20060	Printing	
20061	General Printing Exp	\$ 300.00
20062	Proceedings	\$ 1,000.00
20063	Rituals	
20065	Copier Maintaince	\$ 100.00
20066	Printing Expenses	\$ 100.00
20067	York Rite Discs	\$ -
TOTAL 20060-Printing		<u>\$ 1,500.00</u>

CONTRACT LABOR SALERIES, STIPENDS, PAYROLL TAXES		
20073	Office Manager	
20074	Office Temp	\$ 12,000.00
20078	Office Staff	
TOTAL 20070-Saleries, Stipends, payroll taxes		\$ 12,000.00
TAXES		
20081	Florida Corp	\$ 62.00
20082	Gen Gr Per Capita	\$ 7,500.00
TOTAL 20080-Taxes		\$ 7,562.00
SUNDRY 20090		
20091	Edu & Training	\$ 1,000.00
20092	Awards	\$ 1,000.00
20095	Insurance	\$ 870.00
20096	Contingencies	\$ 400.00
20097	Officer Jewel & apron	\$ -
20099	Webhosting	
20100	Keith Dean Award	\$ 500.00
20101	MMS-YRIS	\$ 1,000.00
TOTAL 20090- Sundry		\$ 4,770.00
MISCELLANEOUS		
20102	Bank Service charges	\$ 25.00
20110	Bank Charges	\$ 50.00
	Total	\$ 75.00
OVERALL TOTAL		\$ 50,912.00

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Dana K. Oldenburg (45)

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