



UNION GRAND COMMANDERY

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2025 Annual Grand Conclave Minutes

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Date: Monday, April 21st, 2025

Location: Hyatt Regency Orlando (9801 International Drive, Orlando, FL 32819)

Call to Order & Opening - The VEDGC, Sir Latif Taylor opened the Grand Commandery at 12:01 PM.

Roll Call of Grand Commandery Officers - The EGR, Sir Juan Vega conducted a roll call, and all 9 Elected Grand Commandery Officers were present and accounted for.

Roll Call of Commanderies - The EGR, Sir Juan Vega conducted a roll call, and all 16 Commanderies were present and accounted for.

Rules of the Day Committee – The Rules of the Day were read by EC Dwayne Sworn of Palm City No. 37. Motion to accept report was made by EGSW Carlton Smith of Gethsemane No. 1 and properly 2nd by EGJW Thomas Gilchrist of Mars Hill No. 11. Motion was accepted with a unanimous vote.

2024 Grand Commandery Meeting Minutes - EGR Juan Vega of Gethsemane No. 1, read the 2024 Grand Commandery Minutes. EGP Maurice Wilson of Robert J. Godfrey No. 105 moved to accept the Minutes with any necessary corrections or omissions. The motion was properly 2nd by EGJW Thomas Gilchrist of Mars Hill No. 11 and SK Thomas Raines of Gethsemane No. 1. The motion was accepted with a unanimous vote.

2024 Recorder's Report - EGR Juan Vega of Gethsemane No. 1, read the 2024 Recorder's Report. A motion was made by EGSW Carlton Smith of Gethsemane No. 1 to accept the Report. The motion was properly 2nd by EGJW Thomas Gilchrist of Mars Hill No. 11. Motion was accepted with a unanimous vote.

2024 Treasurer's Report - EGT Jens Andersen of Idaho No. 6, read the 2024 Treasurer's Report. EGP Maurice Wilson of Robert J. Godfrey No. 105 moved to accept the report with any necessary corrections. The motion was properly 2nd by EGJW Thomas Gilchrist of Mars Hill No. 11. Motion was accepted with a unanimous vote.

Audit Committee Report - EGG Kenneth Ferguson of Gethsemane No. 1 read the audit report. EGCG Jason Fernandez of New Providence No. 16 made a motion to accept the report with all recommendations. The motion was properly 2nd by PEC Jens Andersen of Idaho No. 6. Motion was accepted with a unanimous vote.

Credentials and Registration – EC Chip Powell of Mt. Sinai No. 43 read the committee report. EGCG Jason Fernandez of New Providence No. 16 made a motion to accept the report with any necessary corrections. The motion was properly 2nd by EGJW Thomas Gilchrist of Mars Hill No. 11. Motion was accepted with a unanimous vote.

Foreign Correspondence Committee Report – EC Michael Bryant of Ft. Pierce No.69 read the committee report. Motion to accept report was made by EGSW Carlton Smith of Gethsemane No. 1 and properly 2nd by EGJW Thomas Gilchrist of Mars Hill No. 11. Motion was accepted by unanimous vote.

Education Committee Report – EC Sharn Jones of Idaho No. 6 read the committee report. EGG Latif Taylor of Mars Hill No. 11 moved to accept the report with any necessary corrections. The motion was properly 2nd by PREGC A.J. Mincey of S.M. Davis No. 99 and SK Thomas Raines of Gethsemane No.1. Motion was accepted by unanimous vote.

Budget Committee Report –VEDGC Latif Taylor read the committee report. EGG Kenneth Ferguson of Gethsemane No. 1 made a motion to accept the report with any necessary corrections. The motion was properly 2nd by EGP Maurice Wilson of Robert J. Godfrey No. 105. Motion was accepted by unanimous vote.



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Time and Place Report – EC Lamont Summersett of New Providence No. 16 read the report VEDGC Latif Taylor of Mars Hill No. 11 moved to accept the report with any necessary corrections. The motion was properly 2nd by EGSW Carlton Smith of Gethsemane No. 1. Motion was accepted with a unanimous vote.

Charters and Dispensations Committee – PEC Jovon Merritt of St. Johns No. 12, read the report on behalf of EC Theodus Baker. EGCG Jason Fernandez of New Providence No. 16 made a motion to accept the report with any necessary corrections. The motion was properly 2nd by EGJW Thomas Gilchrist of Mars Hill No. 11. Motion was accepted with a unanimous vote.

Committee on Grievances – SK Todd Dulle of Frank Carter No. 103, read the report on behalf of EC Alejandro Gracia. EGG Kenneth Ferguson of Gethsemane No. 1 made a motion to accept the report with any necessary corrections. The motion was properly 2nd by VEDGC Latif Taylor of Mars Hill No. 11. Motion was accepted with a unanimous vote.

Inspection and Review Committee Report – The report was read by EC Meschac Mondy of S.M. Davis No. 99. EGG Latif Taylor of Mars Hill No. 11 made a motion to accept the report with any necessary corrections. The motion was properly 2nd by EGCG Jason Fernandez or New Providence No. 16. Motion was accepted by unanimous vote.

2024 Union Grand Commandery Elections – At 2:15PM The 20th Most Worshipful Grand Master, of the Most Worshipful Union Grand Lodge, the Honorable Gus Harris Jr., and his cabinet were received into the Chamber of Union Grand Commandery No. 22 for the purpose of holding our annual elections.

- VEDGC Latif Taylor made a motion to have our elections by Standing Vote and Nominations, which was properly seconded by EGG Kenneth Ferguson. Motion was accepted by unanimous vote.
- REGC Valentino McBride made a motion that all officers for the 2025 Grand Commandery term be elected by acclamation. The motion was seconded by VEDGC Latif Taylor. The motion carried unanimously, and all officers were so elected.
- PEC Valentino McBride for Right Eminent Grand Commander (REGC)
- PEC Latiff Taylor for Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander (VEDGC)
- PEC Kenneth Ferguson for Eminent Grand Generalissimo (EGG)
- PEC Jason Fernandez for Eminent Grand Captain General (EGCG)
- PEC Juan Vega for Eminent Grand Recorder (EGR)
- PEC Jens Andersen for Eminent Grand Treasurer (EGT)
- PEC Carlton Smith for Eminent Grand Senior Warden (EGSW)
- PEC Thomas Gilchrist for Eminent Grand Junior Warden (EGJW)
- PEC Maurice Wilson for Eminent Grand Prelate (EGP)
- Officers were duly installed by the Most Worshipful Grand Master at 2:35PM.

Jurisprudence – Constitution & By-Laws Committee Report – EC Harlie Turner of St. Arthur No. 90, read the report. The report was accepted as information as there were no changes.

Ways & Means Committee Report – EGSW Carlton Smith of Gethsemane No. 1, read the report. VEDGC Latif Taylor of Mars Hill No. 11 moved to accept the report with any necessary corrections. The report was properly 2nd by EGT Jens Andersen of Idaho No. 6. Motion passed with a unanimous vote.

2025 REGC Address – was given by REGC Valentino McBride, he reiterated the chain-of-command for the Grand Commandery and his sincere thanks for fulfilling our knightly duties.



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Necrology Report – The report was read by EGP Maurice Wilson of Robert J. Godfrey No. 105. The report was received as information.

The Grand Commandery was closed by Right Eminent Grand Commander Valentino R. McBride at 3:24PM with a closing prayer by EGP Maurice Wilson.

Yours In Knightly Courtesy,

Sir Knight Valentino McBride Jr., KCT, KYGCH



Right Eminent Grand Commander

ATTESTED BY:

Sir Knight Juan R. Vega



Eminent Grand Recorder

