

**THE MASONIC ORDER  
OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR  
IN INDIANA**



**PROCEEDINGS OF  
THE 147<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CONCLAVE  
OF THE  
GRAND COMMANDERY OF INDIANA**

*HELD IN THE CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS  
APRIL 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>, 2001*

*Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Indiana*

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**OF THE**

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Knights Templar  
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**ONE HUNDRED FORTY SEVENTH  
ANNUAL CONCLAVE**

**Held at Indianapolis**

**LAFAYETTE COMMANDERY No. 3 HOST**

**April 26, 27, 28, 2001**

**Presiding**

**SIR KNIGHT IRVIN LEPOE BITTING  
Right Eminent Grand Commander  
Indiana**

**Elected**

**SIR KNIGHT DUANE L. VAUGHT  
Crawfordsville Commandery No. 25**

**2002 Conclave will be held at Indianapolis, Indiana on April 25, 26 & 27, 2002**

**Crawfordsville Commandery No. 25 Host**

Warrant from W. B. Hubbard, General Grand Master of the General Grand Encampment, of the United States, to form a State Grand Encampment for the State of Indiana was dated at Columbus, Ohio, on April 24, 1854.

The Grand Encampment (now Commandery) for the State of Indiana was Formed and organized at Indianapolis, Indiana, on May 16, 1854, by the Following four Commanderies: Raper No.1; Baldwin No. 2; Lafayette No. 3; and Fort Wayne No. 4.

### **APPROVAL OR DISAPPROVAL OF REPORTS**

All reports contained in the Proceedings of the 147<sup>th</sup> Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar, were approved unless otherwise indicated or explained.

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**OUR DISTINGUISHED GUEST  
SIR KNIGHT WILLIAM HENRY THORNLEY, JR.  
MOST EMINENT PAST GRAND MASTER  
GRAND ENCAMPMENT, KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF THE UNITED STATES  
OF AMERICA**





**BIOGRAPHY OF  
SIR KNIGHT WILLIAM HENRY THORNLEY, JR.  
MOST EMINENT PAST GRAND MASTER  
GRAND ENCAMPMENT, KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF THE UNITED STATES  
OF AMERICA**

Sir Knight Thornley was born December 21, 1924, in Meyersdale, Pennsylvania. He attended Carnegie Institute of Technology before the War, and went to Colorado in 1946 to attend the Colorado School of Mines. He has three children: Elizabeth (Mrs. William H. Koon, II), William III and Robert. His wife, Shirley Jane, died in September, 1991.

A Registered Professional Engineer, Sir Knight Thornley is a consulting Materials Engineer. He is a Fellow of the American Society of Civil Engineers, a member of the National Society of Professional Engineers, American Institute of Mining Engineers, Society of American Military Engineers, U.S. Committee for Large Dams, International Committee for Soil Mechanics and Foundation Engineering and the American Society for Testing Materials.

A veteran of World War II, he served with the 90th Infantry Division in Europe, where he was wounded and decorated for gallantry in action four times. He holds four campaign stars and an arrowhead for the invasion of Normandy. He is a member of Christ Church, Episcopal.

He received the degree of Master Mason on June 25, 1946, in King Solomon's Lodge No. 346, F. & A. M., Connellsville, Pennsylvania, and the Capitular Degrees in Colorado Chapter No. 29, R. A. M., serving as High Priest in 1959 and Treasurer since 1962. In the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Colorado, he served as Most Excellent Grand High Priest in 1966. His Cryptic record shows membership in Denver Council No. 1, C. M., where he served as Thrice Illustrious Master in 1977. He served the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Colorado as Most Illustrious Grand Master in 1986. He is a member of both the Order of High Priesthood and the Order of the Silver Trowel.

Sir Knight William was Knighted September 13, 1950, in Denver Commandery No. 25, K. T., (now Denver-Colorado Commandery No. 1, K. T.), and served as Lieutenant of the Drill Team from 1952-60, Eminent Commander in 1960, and Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Colorado in 1976. He was the Charter Commander of St. Bernard Commandery No. 41, K. T., when it was formed in 1983. He is Past President of the Colorado Past Commandery Association.

In the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, Sir Knight Thornley is a member of Rocky Mountain Consistory, Valley of Denver, Orient of Colorado, where he was Venerable Master of Centennial Lodge of Perfection and is a 33° Inspector General Honorary, Southern Jurisdiction.

Appendant Masonic bodies include: El Jebel Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine; Mount of the Holy Cross Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine; Crown of Thorns Tabernacle No. XXVIII, Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests; Royal Order of Scotland; Centennial York Rite College No. 87, York Rite Sovereign College of North America; Kincora Council No. 8, Knight Masons; Pikes Peak Council No. 156, Allied Masonic Degrees; Colorado College, Societas Rosicruciana in Civitatibus Foederatis; Great Priory of America, Chevaliers Biefaisants de La City

**BIOGRAPHY OF  
SIR KNIGHT WILLIAM HENRY THORNLEY, JR. (cont.)  
MOST EMINENT PAST GRAND MASTER  
GRAND ENCAMPMENT, KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF THE UNITED STATES  
OF AMERICA**

Sainte (Holy Order of Knights Beneficent of the Holy City. He holds the Honorary Legion of Honor and is an Active Member of the International Supreme Council, Order of DeMolay.

Appointed Right Eminent Department Commander of the Northwest Department of the Grand Encampment, Knights Templar of the United States of America by Grand Master Willard M. Avery, October 17, 1978, Sir Knight Thornley was reappointed by Kenneth Culver Johnson, Most Eminent Grand Master, August 15, 1979. He was elected Right Eminent Grand Captain General, August 18, 1982 at Hot Springs, Arkansas. He was elected Right Eminent Grand Generalissimo, August 13, 1985 at Cincinnati, Ohio. He was elected Right Eminent Deputy Grand Master, August 8, 1988 in Lexington, Kentucky. Sir Knight Thornley was elected Most Eminent Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, Knights Templar of the United States of America, on August 29, 1991 at Washington, D.C.

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**OUR INSPECTING OFFICER  
SIR KNIGHT DONALD M. ESTES  
RIGHT EMINENT DEPARTMENT COMMANDER,  
EAST CENTRAL DEPARTMENT OF THE GRAND ENCAMPMENT,  
KNIGHTS TEMPLAR, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**



**BIOGRAPHY of  
SIR KNIGHT DONALD M. ESTES  
RIGHT EMINENT DEPARTMENT COMMANDER,  
EAST CENTRAL DEPARTMENT OF THE GRAND ENCAMPMENT,  
KNIGHTS TEMPLAR, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

Donald M. Estes was born October 7, 1929, in Cincinnati, Ohio. He is the son of the late Ollie Wallace and Della Luttrell Estes. He attended Lancaster, Kentucky, public Schools graduating in 1948. He attended the University of Kentucky, College of Engineering. He is a registered Professional Engineer and Land Surveyor.

He is retired from Kentucky Transportation Cabinet after thirty-five years of service. He entered the Naval Reserve while still in high school and retired after forty-two years of total service.

He married Nancy Jean Cunningham, and they have two daughters, Donna and Leisa; two sons, Don and Rick, six grandchildren and one great grandchild. They reside in Frankfort, Kentucky, and are members of North Fork Baptist Church.

His Masonic service has included: Lecturer of Fellow Craft., Secretary and Master of Hiram Lodge No. 4, F. & A.M.; Secretary and High Priest, Frankfort Chapter No. 3, Royal Arch Masons.; Recorder and Illustrious Master, Frankfort Council No. 5, Royal and Select Masters.; Recorder and Commander, Frankfort Commandery No. 4, Knights Templar.; D.D.G.H.R., Grand Chapter of Kentucky, Royal Arch Masons.; Master of Fifth Grand Arch, Grand Council of Kentucky, Royal and Select Masters.; Chairman, Holy Land Pilgrimage Committee, Inspector—General, Grand Commander, Grand Commandery of Kentucky; Committee on National Awards, Knight Commander of the Temple, Grand Encampment; Worthy Patron, Hiram Chapter No. 93, Order of the Eastern Star; Governor, Blue Grass Chapter, York Rite College; Prior, Kentucky Priory No. 25, Knight York Cross of Honour; President, Daniel Boone Chapter No. 512, National Sojourners; Commander, Zachary Taylor Camp, Heroes of 76; Ambassador, Oleika Shrine, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine.

Other Masonic affiliations: Mt. Vernon Lodge No. 14, F. & A.M.; Past Masters Society of Central Kentucky; Lawrenceburg Chapter No. 138, R.A.M.; Holy Royal Order of High Priesthood; Order of Silver Trowel; Webb Commandery No. 1, K.T.; Ryan Commandery No. 17, K.T.; Jackson Commandery No. 47, K.T.; Order of Knights Preceptor; Centurion Tabernacle, HRAKTP; Valley of Covington, A.A.S.R.; Kentucky College Societas Rosicruciana in Civitatis Foederatum; Allied Masonic Degrees.

He was appointed Right Eminent East Central Department Commander by Most Eminent Grand Master William Jackson Jones of the Grand Encampment in Nashville, Tennessee on August 16, 2000.

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**SIR KNIGHT IRVIN LEPOE BITTING  
GRAND COMMANDER 2000-2001  
PRESIDING**



**BIOGRAPHY of  
SIR KNIGHT IRVIN LEPOE BITTING  
GRAND COMMANDER**

Irvin L. Bitting was born in Pryor, Oklahoma on February 25, 1935, to Bill and Delpha (Rogers) Bitting. He is very proud of the Indian heritage that they gave him, and is a member of the Cherokee Tribe of Oklahoma. He is the eldest of four children and attended numerous schools in Oklahoma and graduated from Ballard Memorial High School in Barlow, Kentucky in 1953. After graduation he moved to New Albany Indiana where he was employed with Gunnison Homes Inc. He enlisted in the U. S. Air Force in December of 1953 and after basic training at Lackland Air Force Base he was stationed in New Mexico, Japan, Okinawa and Iwo Jima. He was honorably discharged in 1957 and moved to Northwest Indiana.

Irvin was married in 1962 and from this union was the father of three children Sherryl Lynne who lives in Nashville, TN., Bill who lives in Papillion, NE. and Monica who lives in Nashville, TN... He married Doris Criswell of Thayer, IN on March 6, 1982. To this union she brought two sons. Jim who lives in Montgomery, AL and Scott who lives in Scottsboro, AL. From this combined family, there are 6 wonderful grandchildren.

Irvin was employed at Inland Steel Company in East Chicago, Indiana as a Maintenance Supervisor and Maintenance Inspector. After 33 years of service he retired from the steel mill in January of 1991 and now resides in DeMotte, IN, keeping himself active with golf, gardening and various Masonic bodies.

**MASONIC HISTORY**

Raised a Master Mason on June 16, 1960 in McKinley Lodge No. 712. He moved his membership to Howard O. Hunter Lodge No. 751 and served there as Worshipful Master in 1986 and again in 1998. He presently is serving as Treasurer of the Lodge. On May 17, 1984 he was Exalted a Royal Arch Mason in Rensselaer Chapter No. 150 served as High Priest 1987 and 88. Greeted a Royal and Select Master on May 31, 1984 at Rensselaer in Adoniram Council No. 109 served as Illustrious Master 1989 and 90. He is a dual member of Tippecanoe Council No. 68 and served as Illustrious Master in 1995. Created a Knight Templar on December 12, 1984 in Lafayette Commandery No. 3 served as Commander 1990 and is a plural member in H. W. Matthewson Commandery No. 66 where he served as Commander 1993, Ft. Wayne Commandery No. 4, and St. Anselm Commandery U.D. He is a member of Indianapolis Valley of the Scottish Rite. He belongs to Orak Shrine of Michigan City, IN, and is a driver on the transportation unit. Dual member of Robert A. Woods Priory No. 62 and J. Herbert Nichols Priory No. 76, where he served as Prior 1995. Northwest Indiana York Rite College No.73 and served as Governor 1996. He is currently recorder of the Yeomen of York Lafayette Preceptory No. 3 and served as Director General 1995. A member of, St. Basil Conclave Red Cross of Constantine; Gennesaret Tabernacle No. XVII Holy Royal Arch Templar Priests; David R. Ford Council of Allied Masonic Degrees; Council of Anointed High Priests; Council of Thrice Illustrious Masters; Past Commanders Association; Knight Masons; Tall Cedars of Lebanon, Old Fort No. 194; Merou Grotto, where he serves as Master of Ceremonies. He also belongs to Lowell Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star No. 360, where he has served as Worthy Patron numerous times.

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**2000 - 2001 GRAND OFFICERS**



Front Row: (L to R) John V. Stevens, P.G.C., K.C.T., G.R.; William A. Pruitt, G.G.; Duane L. Vaught, D.G.C.;  
Irvin L. Bitting, G.C.; T. Jeffery Conquest, G.C.G.; Herbert A. Newman, P.G.C., K.C.T., G.T.; (Back  
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Robert J. Frazer, P.G.C., G.I.G.; George A. Ingles, G.S.W.; Ronald L. Ellis, G.St.B.;  
Harry W. McLaren, G.Sw.B.; Lawrence V. Kaminsky, G.W.



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**SIR KNIGHT DUANE L. VAUGHT  
GRAND COMMANDER 2001-2002  
ELECTED**



**BIOGRAPHY OF**

*Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Indiana*

**SIR KNIGHT DUANE L. VAUGHT  
RIGHT EMINENT GRAND COMMANDER  
GRAND COMMANDERY, KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF INDIANA**

Duane L. Vaught was born February 17, 1956 in Crawfordsville, Indiana, the first of three sons of Lloyd E Vaught and Loretta Maxine (Miles) Vaught. He graduated from North Montgomery High School in its third graduating class and from Indiana University, the latter with a Bachelors of Science degree in Accounting. During college he served for four years in Air Force ROTC reaching the grade of Cadet Major. He was baptized and confirmed as a member of the Methodist Church and in December 2000 married Georgia Jean Nagai Goode in a small private ceremony at the Opryland Hotel in Nashville Tennessee. Sir Knight Vaught has two brothers, Dale and Glen, both residing in Indiana. Lady Georgia has a sister, Gloria, living in Atlanta Georgia.

Duane Vaught began his professional career with a small national accounting firm in its Indianapolis office, during which time he passed the CPA exam and was licensed as a Certified Public Accountant. He subsequently moved to a large local accounting firm in Bloomington Indiana. He advanced in that firm to the level of partner. Some three years after the merger of that firm with a large regional firm he left for an environment where he could provide more personalized service to clients. Since 1995 He has been vice-president of Stampfli Associates, CPAs, P.C., which has grown to be one of the larger accounting firms in Bloomington, Indiana. Although he works with individuals and many kinds of businesses, non-for-profit entities are one of his primary specialties. He served as president of his chapter of Kiwanis, is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, Indiana State CPA Society and the Bloomington Chapter of the Institute of Management Accountants, in which last organization he served several years as Vice-president for Professional Education.

Duane Vaught began his Masonic career on April 30, 1971 when he was initiated into Montgomery Chapter of the Order of DeMolay. In DeMolay he served as Master Councilor of his Chapter, Illustrious Knight Commander of DeMolay Order of Knighthood in Indiana and two years as an appointed officer of the DeMolay State Council. He has received the DeMolay honors of Representative DeMolay, Chevalier, and Legion of Honor (Active)

Sir Knight Vaught was initiated an Entered Apprentice in Crawfordsville on March 21, 1977, and raised to the degree of Master Mason 49 days latter after previously receiving the degree of Fellowcraft. He served as Worshipful Master of Spencer Lodge no. 95 in 1977 receiving the Grand Masters Award with Distinction. He is currently Worshipful Master of Dwight L. Smith Lodge of Research. Vaught received the degrees of Royal Arch Masonry, Cryptic Masonry and the Orders of Chivalric Masonry on October 22, 1977 in a festival, held in Muncie, in honor of then presiding Most Eminent Grand Master, Willard M. Avery. He Served as High Priest of Crawfordsville Chapter No. 40 and Illustrious Master of Montgomery Council No. 34 in 1983. In 1995 he was appointed as Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of Oregon.

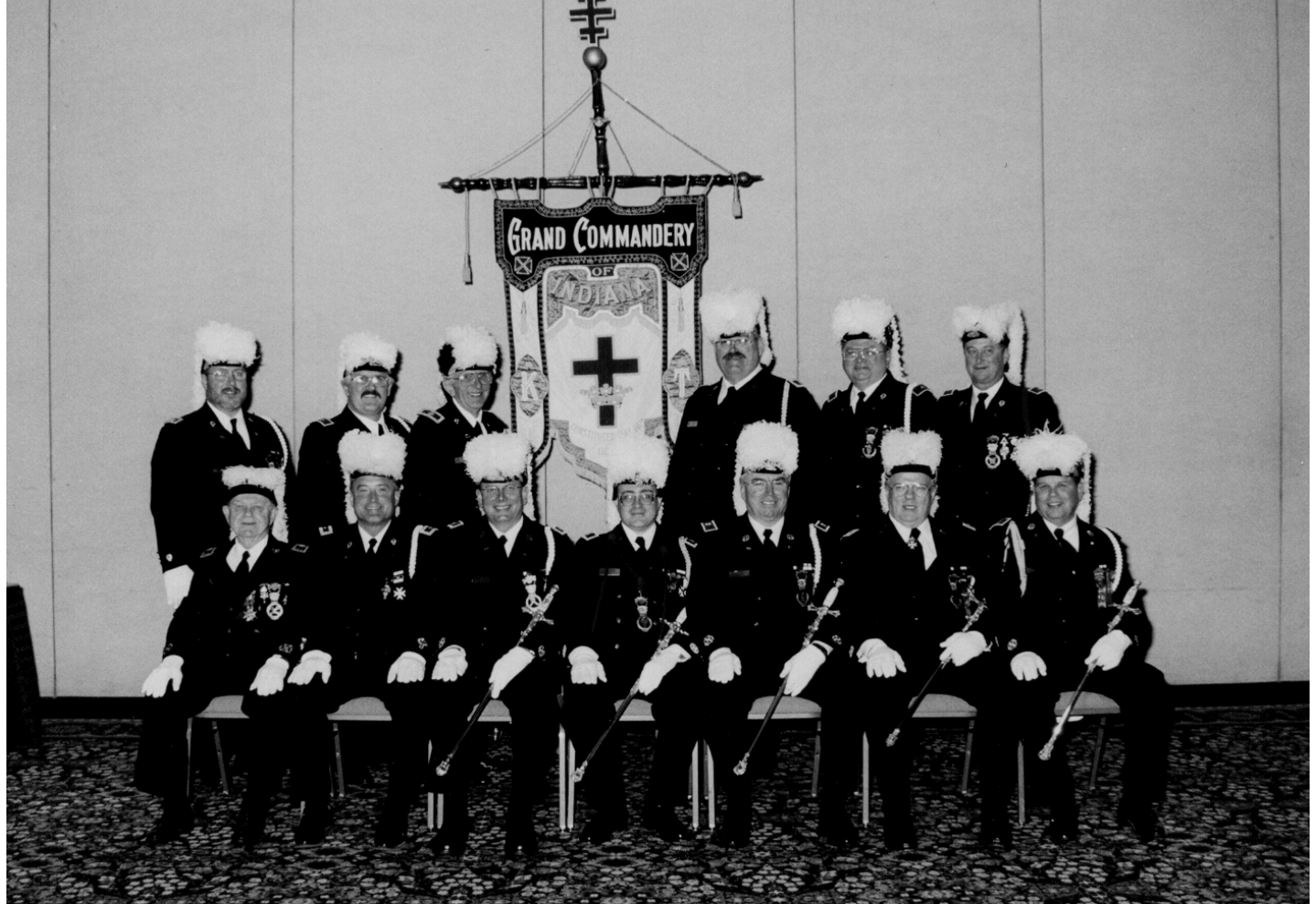
Sir Knight Vaught served as Eminent Commander of Crawfordsville Commandery No. 25 in 1981 and 1982. He has received the Distinguished Service Award and in 1996 was appointed Grand Representative of the Grand Commandery of Utah near Indiana. He is also a member of Bloomington Commandery No. 63 and St Anselm Commandery UD. He holds honorary memberships in the Grand Commanderies of Kentucky and Illinois.

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Sir Knight Vaught is a Past Governor of Banks of the Wabash York Rite College No. 72 and has received the Gold Honor Award and Order of the Purple Cross. He is a member of J. Herbert Nichols and Robert A. Woods Pories of KYCH, Terre Haute Valley, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, Royal Order of Scotland, Murat Shrine, Sahara Grotto, Knights of Pythias, St Basil Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine, St Andrew Tabernacle XXXV Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests, Grand College of Rites, Order of Knights Preceptor, Indiana Past Commanders Association, Goose and Tater, and Royal Order of Zanzibar. He is a Grand Cross of the Royal Society of Knights Occidental and Grand Preceptor and Knight Commander of the Order of the Quest.

Vaught is currently the Jr. Warden of Indiana Council No. 15, Knight Masons of Ireland and Deputy Director General of Indianapolis Preceptory, Yeomen of York. In the Allied Masonic Degrees he is a Past Sovereign Master of St. Bernard de Clairvaux Council 256, as well Past Commander Noah and Past Supreme Ruler of the Secret Monitor. He is a Knight of the Red Branch of Eri and currently serves as Secretary of his council.

Sir Knight Vaught was appointed as Grand Sentinel of The Grand Commandery of Indiana in 1992 by Gerald A. Sullivan, Jr. Subsequently, he was appointed to each higher office in turn, elected Grand Jr. Warden in 1996, served successively in each office and elected the 140<sup>th</sup> Right Eminent Grand Co Commander of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Indiana on April 27, 2001.



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Rodney A. Mann, P.C. (Standing in for William A. Pruitt, D.G.C.); Ronald L. Ellis, G. St. B.; F. Keith Dunn, G.J.W.;  
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Marvin E. Fowler	(1988-91)
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**OFFICAL PROGRAM**

**147<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CONCLAVE  
GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF INDIANA**



**Irvin L. Bitting**

Right Eminent Grand Commander  
Presiding

**April 26, 27, 28, 2001**

Indianapolis Marriott Inn  
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*Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Indiana*

**Thursday, April 26, 2001**

1:00 -5:00 PM Arrival and Hotel Registration Marriott Inn Lobby.  
2:00 PM Jurisprudence Committee Meeting  
2:00 PM Grand Line Officers Meeting  
7:00 PM Grand York Rite Reception: Companions and Sir Knights dress; tux, or  
business suit, Ladies formal.

**Friday April 27, 2001**

7:00 - 8:00 AM Family Breakfast  
7:30 AM Registration  
8:30 AM Lafayette Commandery will open and receive the Grand Commandery Officers  
who will assume their stations.  
9:00 AM Grand Commandery reconvenes and receives Distinguished Guests  
12:00 AM Sir Knights Lunch  
12:00 AM Ladies Lunch and Program  
1:00 PM Grand Commandery Resumes  
3:00 PM Installation of 2001-2002 Officers  
4:00 PM Past Commander's Association meeting  
6:00 PM Divine Service Sir Knights Dress: Uniform less Sword, gloves and Chapeaux,  
Ladies, Formal  
7:00 PM Grand Commander's Banquet  
8:00 AM – 11:00 PM Hospitality Room

**Saturday April 28, 2001**

8:00 AM Competitive Drills Raymond Park Middle School  
Post Rd. and Raymond St., Indianapolis, IN

**PROCEEDINGS**

**OF THE**

**One Hundred Forty-Seventh  
Annual Conclave of the  
Grand Commandery  
Knights Templar of  
Indiana**

The 147<sup>th</sup> Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Indiana, convened at the Marriott Hotel, Indianapolis, Indiana, at 9:00 A.M. on Friday, April 27, 2001. The Sir Knights of Lafayette Commandery No. 3 opened a Commandery of Knights Templar in a fine manner and received the Grand Commander, Irvin L. Bitting of Lafayette, and the other Officers of the Grand Commandery. After introducing his officers, The Grand Commander directed the officers of Lafayette Commandery #3 to vacate their stations to the Officers of the Grand Commandery. The flag of the United States was presented and the Grand Captain General led the Pledge of Allegiance. Prayer was offered by S.K. Samuel M. Robinson, the Grand Prelate. The Grand Commander having determined that a quorum was present declared that the 147<sup>th</sup> Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Indiana was duly convened for the transaction of business and the reception of guests.

The lines having been previously formed by Past Commanders and Knights of Indiana, the Past Grand Commanders of Indiana were received and introduced as follows: Walter P. Worland, K.C.T.; R. Frank Williams, K.C.T., H.P.D.C.; Kenneth E. Gibson, K.C.T.; Ronald D. Simpson, K.C.T.; Paul W. Friend, K.C.T.; Peter T. Zivanovich, K.C.T.; Duane Stucker, K.C.T.; James W. Roberts, K.C.T.; and James W. Prairie, K.C.T.

The Committee on Distinguished Guests, led by S.K. Dwight E. Lanman, Jr., K.C.T., P.G.C. and Protocol Officer, assisted by the other Past Grand commanders, then presented Distinguished Masons from this jurisdiction and sister jurisdictions. The following were presented, received and introduced by the Grand Commander:

GRAND PRELATES EMERITUS, DEPUTY BATTALION COMMANDERS, AIDES TO THE GRAND COMMANDER AND HOLDERS OF THE KNIGHT TEMPLAR CROSS OF HONOR: Joseph G. Coniff, D.B.C.; Gregory E. Snipes, D.B.C.; Randy Schutz, D.B.C.; E. Stanton Davis, D.B.C.; Bernard K. May, D.B.C.; John Bleich, D.B.C.; Ray G. Glick, G.P.E., K.T.C.H.; Robert S. Flint, G.P.E.; William W. Roberts, G.P.E.; Robert C. Childers, G.P.E. and George D. Kivett, K.T.C.H.

REPRESENTATIVES OF APPENDANT BODIES: S.K. Donald E. Friend, P.G.H.P., Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Indiana and Past Grand Master General, Convent General, Knight York Cross of Honor; John Powell, Potentate of Murat Shrine, Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine.

SCOTTISH RITE: Robert G. Elrod, 33<sup>0</sup>, Active for Indiana for the Supreme Council, 33<sup>rd</sup>, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, Northern Masonic Jurisdiction and Gary E. Wyne, Orator, Indianapolis Valley, Chapter of Rose Croix.

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GRAND CHAPTER, ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF INDIANA: "Luscious: Lloyd Atterson, M.E.G.H.P., and his corps of officers and Past Grand Officers.

GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER, ROYAL ARCH MASONS INTERNATIONAL: John F. Kirby, P.G.C. of Kentucky and General Grand Secretary; William G. Hinton, P.G.C. of Kentucky and D.G.G.H.P. in Kentucky and Larry E. Gray, P.M.E.G.H.P. of Indiana, current Grand Secretary of Indiana and General Grand Scribe.

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PAST GRAND COMMANDERS OF SISTER JURISDICTIONS: Gary Thornberry, P.G.C. of Kentucky

GRAND COMMANDERS: Robert Thomas, R.E.G.C. of Kentucky; Charles Sinsel, R.E.G.C. of West Virginia; Kermit Rosenthal, Representative of the Grand Commander of California; Ronald Ebert, R.E.G.C. of Ohio and James Costello, R.E.G.C. of Michigan.

HONORARY AND PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS: Willard R. Clutter, Jr., H.P.D.C.; P.G.C., Robert E. Price, H.P.D.C., P.G.C., K.G.C. and James D. DeMond, R.E.P.D.C., P.G.C., and Most Illustrious Past Grand Sovereign, Red Cross of Constantine.

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER: Donald M. Estes, Right Eminent Department Commander, East Central Department, Grand Encampment, Knights Templar of the United States of America.

PAST GRAND MASTERS OF THE GRAND ENCAMPMENT: Willard Meredith Avery, P.G.C. of Indiana and Most Eminent Past Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, Knights Templar of the United States of America.

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE GRAND MASTER: William Henry Thornley, Jr., Most Eminent Past Grand Master of the Grand Encampment and the Personal representative of William Jackson Jones, the Most Eminent Grand Master of the Grand Encampment.



**WELCOME**

To the Officers, Past Grand Commanders, and Members of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Indiana:

On behalf of the Officers and Members of Lafayette Commandery No. 3 and H. W. Matthewson Commanders No. 66, we welcome you to the One Hundred Forty-Seventh Grand Conclave. We hope your Conclave will be both productive and enjoyable. If there is anything we can do for you during this Conclave, please let us know.

Fraternally submitted,

Clint Hilt, E.C.

**RESPONSE**

Eminent Commander and Sir Knights of Lafayette Commandery No. 3

Lafayette Commandery is known to us all as one of the founding members of this Grand Commandery. Henry Lawrence, our first Grand Commander, was a member of Lafayette Commandery. In all they have provided us five Grand Commanders. They have never failed to be a gracious and dedicated host and it is my pleasure to thank you on behalf of all the Sir Knights of Indiana for hosting this, the 147<sup>th</sup> session of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Indiana.

We look forward to enjoying your hospitality and thank you for your support and your continued dedication to our fraternity.

Fraternally Submitted  
Duane L. Vaught  
Deputy Grand Commander

**REPORT OF THE JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE  
Approval of Minutes of the 146<sup>th</sup> Annual Conclave**

To the Right Eminent Grand Commander, Officers and Sir Knights:

As Chairman of the Jurisprudence Committee, I move that the Proceedings of the 146th Annual Conclave having been printed and distributed throughout this Jurisdiction, and no objections having been presented hereto, that the reading of the same be dispensed with and that they be approved as published.

Courteously submitted,

Willard M. Avery, Chairman

## **ROLL CALL**

The Grand Commander then called upon the Grand Recorder to call the roll of the Grand Representatives. The Roll Call showed that there were 34 Grand Representatives present, 3 excused, 3 absent and 3 positions were vacant. Grand Commander Bitting thanked the Grand Representatives for their attendance and their good work in assisting to create warm fraternal relations with our sister jurisdictions.

Deputy Grand Commander Vaught then assumed command of the Grand Commandery while the Grand Commandeer delivered his Allocution as follows:

### **GRAND COMMANDER'S ALLOCUTION**

To the Officers, Past Grand Commanders and Members of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Indiana:

It's indeed an honor and a pleasure to welcome you to this One Hundred Forty Seventh Grand Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Indiana. To our Distinguished Guests from the Grand Encampment and other Grand Jurisdictions you honor us with your presence here today. We hope that our members as well as our distinguished guests have an enjoyable and pleasurable stay.

If there is anything we can do to make your stay with us more enjoyable please feel free to contact any of the Officers.

My term as Grand Commander has come to a close and it is now my duty to report on my Activities for the past year.

### **NECROLOGY**

During the past Templar year the Grand Architect of the Universe has seen fit to call One Hundred and Ninety of our Fraters to His Home on High. They will be sorely missed by their families and the members of this Grand Commandery. To their families we extend our heartfelt love and sympathy.

Among those who have left us to be with our Lord and Saviour is Sir Knight Edmund F. Ball PGC, HPGM, KGC. Grand Treasurer Emeritus of the Grand Encampment of the United States of America.

Memorials to these Sir Knights will follow and be included in these proceedings.

### **THREE WAY RECEPTION**

A Reception was held at the Marriott Hotel in Indianapolis for Companion Alan W. Kaufman, Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Companion Norman L. Brown, Sr. Most Illustrious Grand Master and the Right Eminent Grand Commander. Most Worshipful Brother Gail N. Kemp and his Lady Marilyn honored us with his presence and was the Master of Ceremonies.

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**SUMMER MEETING**

The Summer Meeting was held on July 8, 2000 at the Radisson Hotel located in Merrillville, Indiana. Officers of the Grand Commandery, Past Grand Commanders, DBC's, Aides to the Grand Commander and Committee Chairmen were in attendance. The Officers met at 9:00 A. M. with discussions of the upcoming inspections and other matters pertaining to the operation of the Grand Commandery. The remaining Sir Knights were then invited in and Committee reports started with the reports completed after lunch.

The day was finished with a dinner in the evening, which was enjoyed by all.

**WINTER MEETING**

The Winter Meeting was held on January 6, 2001 at the Marriott Hotel located in Indianapolis, Indiana. The Officers met at 9:00 A. M. to discuss the inspections, up coming Grand Masters Class and other topics. The Past Grand Commanders, DBCs, and Committee Chairmen met at 10:00 A. M. for the committee reports and finished in the afternoon.

**NEWBY- AVERY BANQUET**

Ninety-one Sir Knight and their Ladies attended the One Hundred and Second Annual Newby Avery Banquet. The banquet was held at the Marriott Hotel the evening of January 6, 2001. We were honored to have in attendance Sir Knight Willard Meredith Avery along with son Max and granddaughter Meredith, Sir Knight William Jackson Jones the Most Eminent Grand Master of the Grand Encampment Knights Templar of the United States of America, Sir Knight Richard Baldwin Right Eminent Grand Generalissimo, Sir Knight William H. Koon 11, Right Eminent Grand Captain General and Lady Liz, Sir Knight David Goodwin Right Eminent Department Commander of the Northeast Department, Most Excellent Grand High Priest Alan W. Kauffman and Lady Gail, Most Illustrious Grand Master Norman L. Brown Sr. and Lady Pat and Most Worshipful Brother Gail N. Kemp and Lady Marilyn.

**FOREIGN VISITATIONS**

May 18-20, 2000, Grand Commandery of West Virginia Annual Conclave, Huntington, West Virginia.

June 2-3. 2000 Grand Commandery of Michigan Annual Conclave, Port Huron, Michigan

September 10-11, 2000 Grand Commandery of Kentucky Annual Conclave, Louisville, Kentucky

September 28-29, 2000 Grand Commandery of Ohio Annual Conclave, Cincinnati, Ohio

March 10, 2001 East Central Department Meeting, Lansing, Michigan.

April 7, 2001 Logan Commandery Inspection, Logan, Ohio.

April 12-15, 2001, Easter Sunrise Service, Washington, D.C.

**VISITATIONS IN INDIANA 2000—2001**

April 29, 2000	Drill Competition / Indianapolis
April 30, 2000	OES Vespers / Adams Mark Hotel / Indianapolis
May 1-2, 2000	OES Grand Chapter / Indianapolis
May 2, 2000	Lafayette York Rite
May 4, 2000	Rensselaer York Rite
May 6, 2000	York Rite College # 73 @ Hobart
May 8, 2000	Madison Commandery # 22
May 9,2000	Mark Master Degree @ Lafayette
May 10, 2000	Howard O. Hunter Lodge #751
May 11,2000	Lowell OES Chapter #360
May 13, 2000	Officer & DBC Training @ Lafayette
May 16-17 2000	Grand Lodge / Indianapolis
May 24, 2000	OT Greenfield Commandery #39
June 1,2000	Grand Court of the Amaranth/Merrillville
June 6, 2000	OT Raper Commandery #1
June 8, 2000	Lowell Chapter OES
June 10, 2000	Bray York Rite Hog Roast
June 15, 2000	Rensselaer York Rite
June 16, 2000	Scottish Rite Council of Deliberation
June 17, 2000	Scottish Rite Council of Deliberation
June 19,2000	Hammond Commandery #41
June 20, 2000	Raper Commandery # 1
June 22, 2000	Grand Guardian Council of Indiana IYOB
June 24, 2000	3-Way Reception, Indianapolis, IN
June 26., 2000	Hammond Chapter #117
June 27, 2000	Lafayette Chapter #3
June 29, 2000	Rainbow Assembly
July 7-8,2000	Summer Meeting, Merrillville, IN
July 9,2000	State York Rite Meeting, Indianapolis, IN
July 11,2000	Special OPC conferring, Remington Lodge
July 14, 2000	DeMolay Conclave, Muncie, IN
July 15, 2000	New Albany, Crypt Rededication
July 20., 2000	Rensselaer York Rite, Degree Work
July 22, 2000	Reception at Schererville
July 28, 2000	Knight Masons Council # 15
August 5, 2000	HRAKTP, Nashville, IN Summer Ingathering
August 8, 2000	Chapter #150 & #3 Inspection
August 11 - 16,2000	61 <sup>ST</sup> Triennial, Nashville, TN
August 18,2000	Little Opry, Nashville, IN
August 19, 2000	Lafayette #3-H. W. Matthewson #66 Inspection
August 26 - 27 2000	Masonic Home Days
August 28, 2000	Friendship Chapter OES, Centreville, AL
September 7, 2000	Rennselaer York Rite
September 9, 2000	Raper Commandery #1 Inspection
September 13, 2000	Howard O. Hunter Lodge # 751
September 14,2000	Lowell Chapter #360 OES

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September 20, 2000	Greenfield Commandery #39 Inspection
September 23, 2000	Noblesville Commandery #61 Inspection
September 25, 2000	Group 4 Sojourner's Class, at Rensselaer
September 30, 2000	Kokomo Commandery #36 Inspection
October 3, 2000	Edmund Ball Memorial Services
October 3, 2000	Lafayette Commandery #3
October 5, 2000	Rensselaer York Rite
October 6, 2000	Andrew R. Jackson Honor Night Indianapolis
October 7, 2000	Bedford #42 / Bloomington #63 Inspection
October 8, 2000	State York Rite Meeting, Indianapolis
October 10, 2000	Group 4 Sojourner's Class, at Lafayette
October 11, 2000	Howard O. Hunter Lodge #751
October 12, 2000	Lowell Chapter #360 OES
October 14, 2000	Greensburg #59 / Columbus # 14 Inspection
October 16, 2000	Hammond #41 / East Chicago #58 Inspection
October 17, 2000	Masonic Heritage Night Bethel #44 IYOB
October 19, 2000	Knightstown #9 Inspection
October 20, 2000	LaPorte # 12 / Michigan City #30 OT
October 21, 2000	Angola #45 Inspection
October 23, 2000	Jeffersonville #27 Inspection
October 24, 2000	Group 4 Sojourners Class / Kokomo
October 26, 2000	Lowell Chapter #360 OES
October 27, 2000	St. Basil Conclave Red Cross of Constantine
October 28, 2000	Tipton # 52 / Grant Co. #21 Inspection
October 28, 2000	Ft. Wayne #4 Inspection
November 1, 2000	Brazil Commandery #47 Instructional
November 2, 2000	Huntington Commandery #35 Inspection
November 3, 2000	International Supreme Council of the Order of DeMolay / Indianapolis
November 4, 2000	New Castle #44 / Richmond #8 Inspection
November 7, 2000	Lafayette York Rite Stated Meeting
November 8, 2000	Johnson Co. #23 Inspection
November 9, 2000	Valparaiso #28 / Gary #57 Inspection
November 11, 2000	Wright #64/LaValette #15/Vincennes #20 Inspection
November 14, 2000	Group 4 Sojourner's Class Lafayette
November 15, 2000	Connorsville Commandery #6 Inspection
November 21, 2000	Group 4 Sojourner Lafayette
November 25, 2004	Lawrence Commandery #67 Inspection
November 28, 2000	Yeoman of York, Installation, Lafayette
November 29, 2000	Greenfield Commandery #39 OT Conferral
December 2, 2000	Gennesaret Tabernacle # XVII Installation
December 2, 2000	Ish Sodi Table Council, Indianapolis, IN
December 5, 2000	Lafayette York Rite
December 6, 2000	Past Master's Degree, New Palestine #408
December 7, 2000	Rensselaer York Rite
December 09, 2000	Crawfordsville Commandery #25 Inspection
December 10, 2000	Grand Commandery Christmas Party
December 15, 2000	Past Master's Dinner, Howard O. Hunter Lodge
December 16, 2000	Lake Lodge #157, Installation of Officers

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December 27, 2000	Feast of St. John, Lake Lodge #157
January 02, 2001	Lafayette York Rite
January 04, 2001	OES Inspection District # 19
January 06, 2001	Grand Commandery Winter Meeting Newby / Avery Banquet
January 09, 2001	Crown Point York Rite Meeting
January 10, 2001	Howard O. Hunter Lodge #751
January 11, 2001	Lowell Chapter # 360 OES
January 13, 2001	Founders Day, Indianapolis
January 17, 2001	Fellowcraft Degree, Howard O. Hunter #751
January 20, 2001	ITA, Anderson, IN
January 20, 2001	Monarch's Ball, Sahara Grotto, Indianapolis
January 25, 2001	Group 4 Meeting, Lafayette, IN
January 26, 2001	Master Mason Degree, Howard O. Hunter #751
January 27, 2001	Potentates Ball, Mural Shrine, Indianapolis
January 31, 2001	Master Mason Degree, Howard O. Hunter #751
February 1, 2001	Rensselaer York Rite
February 3, 2001	OES District 19 Deputy Reception
February 6, 2001	Lafayette York Rite
February 10, 2001	Goose & Tater, New Palestine
February 12, 2001	Hammond York Rite
February 14, 2001	Howard O. Hunter Lodge #751
February 20, 2001	Raper Commandery, 50 year award
February 22, 2001	Lowell Chapter #360
February 24, 2001	RARA Dinner, Indianapolis
February 26, 2001	Bid farewell to ministers going to the Holy Land Pilgrimage at Indianapolis Airport
February 28, 2001	Greenfield OT
March 1, 2001	Rensselaer York Rite
March 3, 2001	Finance Committee Meeting Indianapolis
March 6, 2001	Lafayette York Rite

**PHILANTHROPIES**

Philanthropies are a vital part of our Fraternity. This Templar year we sponsored Thirty-Three children to Camp Crosley, numerous eye cases and Fourteen Ministers to the Holy Land.

**GENERAL ORDERS**

General Order No. 1 was issued May 3, 2000 pertaining to the Annual Inspections of the Constituent Commanderies.

General Order No. 2 was issued September 1, 2000 pertaining to nominations for Distinguished Service Award.

General Order No. 3 was issued September 1, 2000 pertaining to nominations for Knights Templar Cross of Honor Award.

General Order No. 4 was issued December 1, 2000, which was the Grand Commanders Christmas Message.

General Order No. 5 was issued February 15, 2001, pertaining to the 147<sup>th</sup> Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Indiana.

**BULLETINS**

Bulletin No. 1 issued May 10, 2000 was the 146<sup>th</sup> Conclave Digest.

Bulletin No. 2 was issued May 11, 2000 pertaining to the Holy Land Pilgrimage for Ministers.

Bulletin No. 3 was issued November 1, 2000 pertaining to the Newby- Avery Chair.

Bulletin No. 4 issued February 15, 2001 was the Grand Commanders Easter Message.

**GRAND REPRESENTATIVES**

It was a pleasure to appoint the following Sir Knights as Grand Representatives to the following Jurisdictions:

Sir Knight S. Randal Schutz to the Grand Commandery of Arkansas

Sir Knight Duane L. Vaught to the Grand Commandery of Illinois

Sir Knight Ishmael D. Ison, Sr. to the Grand Commandery of Mississippi.

Sir Knight Clarence Harter to the Grand Commandery of Missouri.

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Sir Knight George A. Ingles to the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania.

Sir Knight Samuel M. Robinson to the Grand Commandery of South Carolina.

Sir Knight Norman L. Brown, Sr. to the Grand Commandery of South Dakota.

Upon petition, I appointed as Grand Representative of Indiana near other Grand Jurisdictions the following:

January 16, 2001, Sir Knight Eugene C. Corliss, Grand Commandery of Vermont

March 4, 2001 Sir Knight William J. Berenbroick Grand Commandery of New Jersey

**DISPENSATIONS GRANTED**

Michigan City Commandery No. 30 to continue meeting at Orak Temple until new Masonic Temple is completed.

Crawfordsville Commandery No.25 to change Inspection date from November 18~ to December 9~ due to Grand Lodge all Degree Day.

Raper Commandery No. 1 to move Charter to Masonic Home for the purpose of a Templar Board.

Michigan City Commandery No. 30 to move Charter from Orak Temple to New Masonic Temple.

Trinity Commandery No.62 to move Charter to Carmel Lodge No. 421 for the purpose of Installations of Officers.

Apollo Commandery No. 19 to hold annual election of Officers the last week of December.

LaValette Commandery No. 15 to hold annual election of Officers at the stated meeting in January.

Wright Commandery No. 64 to move Charter to the Evansville Scottish Rite Temple for the Grand Masters York Rite Class.

Lebanon Commandery No. 43 to hold special election to elect a Recorder

Issued a warrant to Lebanon Commandery No. 43 to hold meetings as per page 150, line 14, in the Commandery Ritual for the purpose of holding meetings for the transaction of business.

Lafayette Commandery No. 3 for the purpose of opening Grand Commandery on April 27th, 2001.



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**FIFTY YEAR AWARDS**

The Award of Gold was presented to Thirteen Sir Knights during the past Templar Year:

Sumner Myer Pond	Connersville No. 6	May 12, 2000
Charles W. LaLonde	Elbert H. Gary No. 57	August 29, 2000
John W. Flack	Elbert H. Gary No. 57	August 30, 2000
John Grisak	Elbert H. Gary No. 57	August 30, 2000
James Pinckney Green	Richmond No. 8	October 28, 2000
Oliver Edmundson	Seymour No. 56	December 27, 2000
Major Dell Wallace	Raper No.1	Januar2, 2001
Raymond Jay Wheeler	Raper No. 1	January 2,2001
Frank Arthur Bailey	Columbus No.14	January21, 2001
William Calved Brand	Columbus No.14	January 21, 2001
Jacob Elmer Wiebers	Lafayette No. 3	February 14, 2001
Carl Ansel Jolley	Crawfordsville No. 25	March 30, 2001
William George Murden	St. John No.24	March 30, 2001

**BY-LAWS APPROVED**

June 24, 2000	Elbert H. Gary No. 57	Meeting date and place change
August 5, 2000	Trinity No. 62	Annual Meeting date change
August 18, 2000	Baldwin No. 2	Meeting date change and dues increase

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 1) I recommend that the Grand Commandery continue support to the Order of DeMolay, Jobs Daughters and Rainbow for Girls.
- 2) I recommend that the Grand Commandery continue support to the State York Rite Association.
- 3) I recommend that the Grand Commandery continue support to the Grand Masters York Rite Class.
- 4) I recommend that the Grand Commandery continue the Indiana Templar Academy.

**INSPECTIONS**

Inspections the past year were held on the Order of the Temple. The Commanderies were offered the opportunity to join with another Commandery for the purpose of inspections. The Inspections were opened and closed in full form on the Order of the Temple. All Commanderies were inspected.

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**COMMANDERIES OPENED AND CLOSED**

Madison Commandery No. 22 merged with Columbus Commandery No. 14

Muncie Commandery No. 18 merged with Anderson Commandery No. 32

East Chicago Commandery No. 58 merged with Hammond Commandery No. 41

A group of Sir Knights were granted a dispensation to form a Commandery to be known as Crown Point Commandery U. D. located in Crown Point, Indiana.

**EAST CENTRAL DEPARTMENT MEETING**

The East Central Department Meeting was held in Lansing, Michigan on March 10, 2001. The meeting was attended by the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons International and the Grand Encampment Knights Templar of the United States of America. This is the first time in several years that these three bodies have met as a Department. The meeting was conducted in a very orderly manner and was a joy to attend. The morning session consisted of the Welcome, Roll Call and presentations on the Eye Foundation, Religious Activities and Grand Commandery Operations. The afternoon session consisted of a presentation of General Grand Council Initiatives given by Companion Perry Anderson, DGM. Stan O. Simons, H.P.D.C, gave a presentation on Membership Development. Effective Financial Planning was given by Sir Knight William H. Koon II, REGCG. The General Grand Chapter Report was given Companion Larry E. Gray, GGS. The Long Range Planning Process was given by Sir Knight Robert E. Price, HPDC and The Benefits of A Long Range Plan given was by Sir Knight Irvin L. Bitting REGC of Indiana.

Nineteen Sir Knights from Indiana were in attendance and are as follows:

Irvin L. Bitting, REGC; Duane L. Vaught, VEDGC; T. Jeffery Conquest, EGCG; George A. Ingles, EGSrW; Floyd Keith Dunn, II, EGJrW; John V. Stevens, EGR, PGC; Ronald L. Ellis, EGStdB; Larry V. Kaminsky, EGW; Willard M. Avery, PGC, PGM; Walter Worland, PGC; Robert E. Price, PGC, HPDC; Willard R. Clutter, PGC, HPDC; Paul Friend, PGC; Dwight Lanman, Jr., PGC; Robert J. Frazer, PGC; Robert S. Flint, GPE; Randal Schutz, DBC; Clarence Harter, Aide to the GC and Max Avery.

**CONCLUSION**

Sir Knights I thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve you this past year as your Grand Commander. It has been one of the highlights of my life. The support and hospitality that you have extended to me and the Officers of the Grand Commandery has been above and beyond any that we could have asked for and for that I thank you. The honors that you have extended to me I also thank you.

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To the Officers of the Grand Commandery, the Past Grand Commanders and Deputy Battalion Commanders, you have been truly a great Corp of Officers to work with. To John Stevens, I thank you for the advice, reminders and prods when I would forget to submit a report or other material.

I want to thank the Sir Knights and Ladies of Lafayette Commandery No. 3, H. W. Matthewson Commandery No. 66 and Ft. Wayne Commandery No. 4 for the support that you have given me this year.

To my Aides, who have traveled with me this year and for manning the hospitality rooms at our Summer meeting, Winter meeting and the Grand Conclave, you have been great and thank you from the bottom of my heart.

To my best friend who also happens to be my wife, secretary, traveling companion and confidant. On nights that I had to travel alone you would get your book, get in the car or van and accompany me. I know that on some of these nights you would have rather stayed home and relaxed but you were there for me. Your devotion to our Order and to me cannot be measured in time but in Love. Doris I love and cherish you and may God Bless you.

Fraternally Submitted

Irvin L. Bitting  
Grand Commander

**REPORT OF THE JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE**  
**Acceptance of Allocution w/exceptions**

To the Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander, Officers and Sir Knights:

We recommend that so much of the Grand Commander's address that refers to Necrology be referred to the Necrology Committee.

That so much of the Grand Commanders address referring to Dispensations granted and refused, by-laws approved, and recommendations made be referred to the Jurisprudence Committee.

That so much of the Grand Commander's address referring to Charters to be referred to the Dispensations and Charters Committee.

Courteously submitted,

James S. DeMond,  
for the Committee

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**REPORT OF THE GRAND RECORDER FOR 2000**

**Refer to the Grand Treasurer's financial report to reflect the financial information recorded by the Grand Recorder. The final audit for the year will be printed in the proceedings.**

**Membership Statistics**

Number of Chartered Commanderies	51	
Number of Commanderies under dispensation	1	
Total Membership January 1, 2000		6,007
Knights Templar conferred on:	164	
Affiliated	248	
Reinstated	16	
Adjustments		428
Deductions for 2000:		
Deceased	190	
Demitted	317	
Suspended	<u>68</u>	
		575
Net Loss for the year		-148
Total Membership December 31, 2004		5,859

**COMPARATIVE STATISTICS**

	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000
Number of Commanderies	56	54	55	54	53	53	51
Net Loss in Membership	224	114	290	280	209	249	149
# of Commanderies w/no Knightings	12	10	22	16	11	16	18
# of Commanderies w/Gain	17	21	11	12	12	7	12
# of Commanderies staying even	5	0	3	2	0	0	5
Total Affiliations	87	486	62	110	53	34	248
Total Reinstated	22	13	14	22	27	17	16
Total Deaths	225	231	218	213	195	206	190
Total Demits	203	531	218	213	153	113	317
Total Suspensions	101	113	105	126	100	89	68
Total Remissions	364	389	415	402	390	352	295

**Distribution of Membership**

Commanderies with less than 100 members	26
Commanderies with 101-200 members	19
Commanderies with 201-300 members	4
Commanderies with 300+ members	2
Smallest Commandery    St. Anselm, UD	36
Largest Commandery    Anderson #32	398

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SCHEDULE OF RECEIPTS FROM CONSTITUENT COMMANDERIES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2001**

COMMANDERY	DUES	EYE FUN	TREN. FUND	SPCL CNCL	KING FEES	TOTALS
Raper #1	\$1,020.65	\$145.00	\$27.40	\$20.56	\$60.00	\$1,273.60
Baldwin #2	\$1,035.55	\$0.00	\$27.80	\$20.85	\$60.00	\$1,144.20
Lafayette #3	\$908.90	\$123.00	\$24.40	\$18.30	\$40.00	\$1,114.60
Ft. Wayne #4	\$1,780.55	\$256.00	\$47.80	\$35.85	\$40.00	\$2,160.20
New Albany #5	\$923.80	\$92.00	\$24.80	\$18.60	\$30.00	\$1,089.20
Connersville #6	\$908.90	\$44.00	\$24.20	\$18.30	\$10.00	\$1,005.60
Richmond #8	\$528.95	\$64.00	\$14.20	\$10.65	\$10.00	\$627.80
Knightstown #9	\$983.40	\$78.00	\$26.40	\$19.80	\$0.00	\$1,107.60
Greencastle #11	\$305.45	\$38.00	\$8.20	\$6.15	\$20.00	\$377.80
LaPorte #12	\$417.20	\$57.00	\$11.20	\$8.40	\$40.00	\$533.80
South Bend #13	\$670.50	\$94.00	\$18.00	\$13.50	\$10.00	\$806.00
Columbus #14	\$1,348.45	\$112.00	\$36.20	\$27.15	\$20.00	\$1,543.80
LaValette #15	\$1,996.60	\$249.00	\$53.60	\$40.20	\$140.00	\$2,479.40
Terre Haute #16	\$707.75	\$97.00	\$19.00	\$14.25	\$0.00	\$838.00
Apollo #19	\$797.15	\$70.00	\$21.40	\$16.05	\$30.00	\$934.60
Vincennes #20	\$849.30	\$100.00	\$22.80	\$17.10	\$20.00	\$1,009.20
Grant Cty. #21	\$618.35	\$33.00	\$16.60	\$12.45	\$10.00	\$690.40
Johnson Cty. #23	\$648.15	\$90.00	\$17.40	\$17.40	\$30.00	\$798.60
St. John #24	\$525.95	\$70.00	\$14.20	\$10.65	\$10.00	\$633.80
Crawfordsville #25	\$536.40	\$68.00	\$14.40	\$10.80	\$20.00	\$649.60
Jeffersonville #27	\$447.00	\$51.00	\$12.00	\$9.00	\$0.00	\$519.00
Valparaiso #28	\$439.55	\$56.00	\$11.80	\$8.85	\$0.00	\$516.20
Frankfort #29	\$730.10	\$110.00	\$19.60	\$14.70	\$80.00	\$954.40
Mich. City #30	\$402.30	\$59.00	\$10.80	\$8.10	\$30.00	\$510.20
Elkhart #31	\$618.35	\$27.00	\$16.60	\$12.45	\$10.00	\$684.40
Anderson #32	\$2,853.35	\$334.00	\$76.80	\$57.45	\$30.00	\$3,351.40
Huntington #35	\$707.75	\$85.00	\$19.00	\$14.25	\$0.00	\$826.00
Kokomo #36	\$908.90	\$78.00	\$24.40	\$18.30	\$20.00	\$1,049.60
Wabash #37	\$826.95	\$116.00	\$22.20	\$16.65	\$60.00	\$1,418.80
Greenfield #39	\$1,348.45	\$210.00	\$36.20	\$27.15	\$450.00	\$2,071.80
Hammond #41	\$610.90	\$47.00	\$16.40	\$12.30	\$10.00	\$696.60
Bedford #42	\$573.65	\$8.00	\$153.40	\$11.55	\$30.00	\$638.60
Lebanon #43	\$283.10	\$36.00	\$7.60	\$5.70	\$0.00	\$332.40
New Castle #44	\$655.60	\$92.00	\$17.60	\$13.20	\$0.00	\$778.40
Angola #45	\$849.30	\$64.00	\$22.80	\$17.10	\$10.00	\$963.20
Brazil #47	\$320.35	\$49.00	\$8.60	\$6.45	\$0.00	\$384.40
Clinton #48	\$283.10	\$32.00	\$7.60	\$5.70	\$0.00	\$328.40
Goshen #50	\$469.35	\$38.00	\$12.60	\$9.45	\$0.00	\$529.40
Tipton #52	\$737.55	\$98.00	\$19.80	\$14.85	\$0.00	\$868.20
Seymour #56	\$685.40	\$89.00	\$18.40	\$13.80	\$0.00	\$806.60
E. H. Gary #57	\$1,408.05	\$0.00	\$37.80	\$28.35	\$70.00	\$1,544.20
E. Chicago #58	\$625.80	\$29.00	\$16.80	\$12.60	\$10.00	\$694.20
Greensburg #58	\$327.80	\$40.00	\$8.80	\$6.06	\$0.00	\$383.20
Noblesville #61	\$461.90	\$2.00	\$12.40	\$9.30	\$0.00	\$485.60
Trinity #62	\$834.40	\$83.00	\$22.40	\$16.80	\$80.00	\$871.60
Bloomington #63	\$2,242.45	\$231.00	\$60.20	\$45.15	\$40.00	\$2,618.80
Wright #64	\$357.60	\$24.00	\$9.60	\$7.20	\$50.00	\$448.40
Wm. G. Bray #65	\$767.35	\$65.00	\$20.60	\$15.45	\$40.00	\$908.40
Matthewson #67	\$298.10	\$30.00	\$8.00	\$6.00	\$0.00	\$342.00
Lawrence #67	\$283.10	\$27.00	\$7.60	\$5.70	\$20.00	\$343.40
St. Anselm UD	\$260.75	\$36.00	\$7.00	\$5.25	\$0.00	\$309.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$40,133.15</b>	<b>\$4,124.00</b>	<b>\$1,077.20</b>	<b>\$812.40</b>	<b>\$1,640.00</b>	<b>\$47,617.60</b>

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**PROPERTIES OWNED BY THE GRAND COMMANDERY, KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF INDIANA, AND THE EDUCATION FOUNDATION, INDIANA DIVISION (MAY 1, 2001)**

<u>Item (Date of Acquisition)</u>	<u>Pur. Price</u>	<u>Est. Value</u>
HON Metal Desk 30"X60" Beige (?)	?	20.00
Exec. Office Chair – Black (8-1-99)	\$149.95	125.00
Legal File – 4 drawer –Olive (?)	?	20.00
(2) Letter Files-Tan - (?) (Repainted 1988)		25.00
Card File-4X6/10 units-tan with base (2-15-88)	241.39	50.00
(2) Grey Metal Cabinets 72"X36" (?)	?	20.00
Card File Units for dead files	?	00.00
Sharp Printing Calculator Model EL-2192GII (2-12-2000)	49.50	45.00
Swintec Electronic Typewriter Model 98016-Ser. 4 (5-20-87)	618.73	65.00
Brother IntelliFAX (3-30-94)	479.95	200.00
Canon GP200S Floor Copier (8-12-1999) Ser. # 3627	4,256.64	4,200.00
Apple Performa 6300 Computer (11-13-95) 16/1.2B/4XCD	2,799.00	1,400.00
Apple Laser Writer Printer (11-13-95) 4/600PS 2MB	895.00	450.00
Iomega Zip Drive (1-1-97) 2/10 Disks-Ser.#RABG50AOCO	300.00	150.00
Pitney Bowes Postage Meter & Scales	Leased	
Seal of the Grand Commandery	?	
Stationary Cabinet-Oak (Antique)	?	100.00
Proceedings of the Grand Commandery – Complete to date - Bound to 1999		
Proceedings of the Grand Encampment – Complete to date – Bound		
Oak Finish Bookcase for Proceedings (2-15-1992)	100.00	60.00
200 Skull Caps for 5 <sup>th</sup> Libation	?	100.00
Collar for Grand Recorders Jewel	?	70.00
1990 Manual of Templar Jurisprudence – 70 copies @ \$10.00 ea.		700.00
Office supplies and other items for sale- estimated		300.00
 Total estimated value=		 \$8,100.00

All of the above items are located in the Grand Commandery Office at 3500 Robin Drive in Kokomo, IN

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**GRAND COMMANDERY, KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF INDIANA  
INSURANCE AND BOND COVERAGE  
MAY 1, 2001**

**BUSINESS & PROPERTY COVERAGE –**

Auto Owners Insurance – Agent: Killingbeck Insurance, Kokomo, IN  
Policy #029-031-408997 – Expiration date April 8, 2002

Personal Property Coverage - \$8,000.00 with \$250.00 deductible  
Comprehensive General Liability Coverage - \$1,000,000.00 aggregate and \$1,000,000.00 each occurrence  
Premium: \$275.00 (one year)

**WORKERS COMPENSATION AND EMPLOYERS LIABILITY COVERAGE –**

Auto Owners Insurance – Agent: Killingbeck Insurance, Kokomo, IN  
Policy #029-024-023216 – Expiration Date April 8, 2002  
Employers Liability Coverage - \$100,000.00 each accident Bodily Injury by Accident; \$500,000.00 policy limit – Bodily Injury by Disease; \$100,000.00 Bodily Injury by Disease each employee.  
Premium: \$254.00 (one year minimum premium)

**BLANKET BOND COVERAGE –**

The Fidelity and Deposit Corporation – Agent: Wilson, Lawson, Meyers Agency, Connersville, IN  
Policy #60-13-658-1 – Effective to date of cancellation –  
Current premium paid to 12-01-2002  
Named Insured: Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Indiana, its Constituent Commanderies, and Knights Templar Educational Foundation.  
Form A Employees Dishonesty Coverage - \$10,000.00  
Excess Employees Dishonesty Coverage - \$47,500.00 on Grand Recorder in that position; \$47,500.00 on Secretary – Treasurer of Educational Foundation in that position:  
Excess coverage carries the primary coverage as deductible so that \$47,500.00 is maximum coverage.  
Premium \$1,436.00 (3 years)

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**GRAND COMMANDERY, KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF INDIANA  
GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT  
April 1, 2000 – March 31, 2001**

OPERATING FUND  
Balance on hand 4-1-2000

\$22,655.29

**RECEIPTS**

DSA Payments	\$2,534.0	
Interest Earned	\$283.22	
Life Members Due Transfer	\$4,797.80	
Membership Development Income	\$657.03	
Per Capita Dues	\$39,032.15	
K.T. Eye Foundation Assessment	\$4,124.00	
Triennial Fund	\$1,077.20	
Special Conclave Fund	\$812.40	
Knighting Fees	\$1,640.00	
Postage Recovered	\$14.17	
Publications	\$22.50	
Rituals	\$201.15	
Permanent Fund Transfer	\$8,000.00	
	\$63,195.62	\$63,195.62

**DISBURSEMENTS**

Audit	\$600.00
Awards	\$527.75
Clerical	\$142.72
Distinguished Guests	\$1,969.00
Drills	\$375.00
DSA Awards	\$2,133.50
Equipment Repair	\$329.36
Grand Commanders Contingent Fund	\$4,109.62
Grand Encampment Per Capita	\$15,745.00
Grand Officers Expense	\$2,600.00
Grand Recorder Auto Expense	\$1,500.00
Grand Recorder Contingent Fund	\$800.00
Grand Recorder Expense	\$3,300.00
Grand Treasurer Expense	\$200.00
Host Commandery	\$1,750.00
Insurance	\$1,248.00
Life Members Dues paid	\$4,809.80
K.T. Eye Foundation Assessment	\$4,220.00
K.T. Supplement	\$150.00
Office Expense Fund	\$729.94
Membership Development Expense	\$1,286.33
Miscellaneous Expenses	\$993.80
PGC & FGP. Jewels	\$980.65
Postage	\$2,299.63
Printing	\$1,220.30
Proceedings – Annual & Advanced	\$3,738.00
Publication Fund Expense	\$2,045.69
Recorders Seminar	\$200.00
Rent	\$600.00
Rituals	\$300.00
Special Conclave Fund	00.00
Special Activity Fund	00.00



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Telephone	\$602.64	
Unallocated Funds	\$176.09	
York Rite Association	\$750.00	
Youth	<u>\$750.00</u>	
	\$63,182.82	\$63,182.82
 Balance on Hand 3-31-2001 - Operating Account		 \$22,668.09

Fund Balances within the Operating Account:

General Fund	\$14,696.54	
Membership Development	\$3,265.96	
Publications Fund	<u>\$3,705.59</u>	
Total	\$21,668.09	\$21,668.09

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Other Funds held in Separate Accounts:

Triennial Account (Savings Account)	\$1,686.61	
Membership Development Reserve (CD)	\$10,000.00	
Life Membership (Operating Account)	\$2,338.63	
Life Membership Investments (CD's)	<u>\$44,785.57</u>	
Total	\$58,810.81	\$58,810.81

Grand Total Operating Funds		\$80,476.90
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Respectfully Submitted,

Herbert A. Newman, K.C.T., P.G.C., G.T.



To the Grand Commandery,  
Knights Templar of Indiana

**Accountants' Compilation Report**

We have compiled the accompanying Statements of Financial Position - Cash Basis of Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Indiana as of March 31, 2001 and the related Statements of Activities - Cash Basis for the year then ended, in accordance with standards by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. All information included in these financial statements is the representation of the management of Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Indiana

A compilation is limited to presenting in the form of financial statements, information that is the representation of management. We have not audited or reviewed the accompanying financial statements, and accordingly, do not express an opinion or any other form of assurance on them.

*Bergman, Coon and Renbarger*

September 7, 2001

*Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Indiana*  
 GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS OF TEMPLAR OF INDIANA  
 STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION  
 - CASH BASIS -  
 March 31, 2001

	<u>Amount</u>
Assets:	
Cash and Cash Equivalents:	
General Checking Account	\$ 22,668.09
Triennial Checking Account	1,686.81
Life Membership Savings Account	2,338.63
Money Market Account	47,583.21
Per Capita Savings Account	<u>49,197.95</u>
Total Cash and Cash Equivalents	<u>123,474.69</u>
Investments:	
Certificates of Deposits:	
Member Development Reserve C.D.	10,000.00
All Other C.D.'s	<u>64,854.25</u>
Total Certificates of Deposits	<u>74,854.25</u>
U.S. Government Mutual Funds	110,323.53
Other Mutual Funds	<u>77,774.79</u>
Total Investments	<u>262,952.57</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$ 386,427.26</u>
Net Assets:	
Unrestricted	\$ 386,427.26
Temporarily Restricted	0.00
Permanently Restricted	<u>0.00</u>
Total Net Assets	<u>\$ 386,427.26</u>

See accompanying notes and accountants' compilation report

*Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Indiana*

GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS OF TEMPLAR OF INDIANA  
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES  
- CASH BASIS -  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2001

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	<u>Total</u>
<b>Revenues and Other Support:</b>				
Per Capita Holding	\$ 56,182.35	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 56,182.35
Interest & Dividend Income	10,589.05	0	0	10,589.05
DSA Awards Payments Received Realized	1,733.00	0	0	1,733.00
Gain on Investment	21,890.60	0	0	21,890.60
Unrealized Gain/(Loss) on Investments	-44,083.36	0	0	-44,083.36
Other Receipts for Rituals & Publications	3,000.00	0	0	3,000.00
Contributions & Life Memberships	<u>255.82</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>255.82</u>
Total Revenue and Other Support	<u>49,537.46</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>49,537.46</u>
<b>Expenses:</b>				
Program Expenses	58,643.71	0	0	58,643.71
Payment to Beneficiaries of Life Estates	10,283.49	0	0	10,283.49
Management and General Expenses	<u>8,840.56</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>8,840.56</u>
Total Expenses	<u>77,767.76</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>77,767.76</u>
Change in Net Assets	(128,230.30)	0	0	5,761.29
Net Assets at Beginning of Year	<u>414,657.56</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>414,657.56</u>
Net Assets at End of Year	<u>\$ 386,427.26</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 386,427.26</u>

See accompanying noted and accountant's compilation report

*Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Indiana*  
GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS OF TEMPLAR OF INDIANA  
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
March 31, 2001

**NOTE I - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

Significant accounting policies followed by Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Indiana are listed below:

- (a) For the purposes of these statements, the organization considers all short-term debt securities purchased with a maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents.
- (b) Assets and liabilities and revenues and expenses are recognized on the cash basis of accounting. This differs from generally accepted accounting principles generally accepted in the U.S. in that revenues are recorded when received rather than when earned, and expenses are recorded when paid rather than when incurred.
- (c) Investments - The organization adopted the Statement of Financial Accounting Standards (SFAS) No. 124, "Accounting for Certain Investments Held by Not-for-Profit Organizations." The provisions of the new standard require that investments in equity securities with readily determinable fair values and all investments in debt securities be measured at fair value in the statement of financial position. The unrealized gain on investment is reflected in the statement of activities. The effect of this change was immaterial.
- (d) Equipment is expensed when purchased, or if donated, a fair market value is expensed as of the date of the gift.
- (e) The organization reports gifts of cash and other assets as restricted support if they are received with donor stipulations that limit the use of the donation. When a stipulation is not fulfilled, the organization returns the donation to the donor. Donor-restricted contributions whose restrictions are met in the same reporting period are reported as unrestricted support.
- (f) The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.
- (g) The Commandery adopted Statement of Financial Accounting Standards (SFAS) No. 117, "Financial Statements for Not-for-Profit Organizations." Under SFAS No. 117, the Commandery is required to report information regarding its financial position and activities according to three classes of net assets: unrestricted, temporarily restricted and permanently restricted. In addition, the Commandery is required to present a statement of cash flow

**NOTE 2 - TAX STATUS**

The organization has been determined by the Internal Revenue Service to be tax exempt under Section 501(c)(10) of the Internal Revenue Code and not determined to be a private foundation.

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 GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS OF TEMPLAR OF INDIANA  
 NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, CONTINUED  
 March 31, 2001

**NOTE 3 - FUNCTIONAL ALLOCATION OF EXPENSES**

<u>Detail of Program Expenses</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Trophies and Awards	\$ 527.75
DSA Award Cost	2,133.50
Distinguished Guests	1,969.00
Drills	375.00
Eye Fund	4,220.00
G.C. Contingent Fund	24,109.62
G.C. of D.C. Washington Memorial Fun	0.00
G. E. per Capita	19,965.00
Grand Officer Expense	3,600.00
G.R. Car Expenses	1,500.00
G.R. Office Expense	611.70
Grand Recorder Expenses	3,300.00
Host Commandery	1,750.00
PGC Jewel	980.65
Life Membership Dues	4,797.80
Stationery & Printing	1,220.30
Proceedings & Advance Reports	3,035.50
Publication Fund Expense	2,045.69
Rituals Purchased	300.00
Youth Programs	750.00
York Rite Association	750.00
Triennial Fund	<u>702.20</u>
Total	<u>\$ 54,777.31</u>

Detail of Management and General Expenses

Audit Fees	\$ 600.00
Business Insurance	1,248.00
Clerical	142.72
Equipment Expense	329.36
Editorial - KT Supplement	150.00
Telephone	602.64
Postage	2,299.63
Office Rent	600.00
All Other	<u>2,868.21</u>
	<u>\$ 8,840.56</u>

**NECROLOGY REPORT**

To the Right Eminent Grand Commander, Officers and Sir Knights of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Indiana:

We mourn the loss of 190 of our Brother Soldiers of the Cross, who have fallen honorably in our glorious cause since our last Grand Conclave. We are assured by the Promises of our Blessed Savior and Holy Scriptures that, in our faith, we are triumphant over death, and that nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Especially grievous is the loss of Past Grand Commander Edmund F. Ball, G.C.T., and H.P.G.M., who served this Grand Commandery in 1946 - 1947. His wisdom and example for us will be sorely missed.

Let us hear again the words of our Savior and imprint them in our hearts, "Let not your heart be troubled; ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to myself; that where I am, there ye may be also. John 14; 1 - 3

Let us pray: We thank you, O Gracious Father, for the lives of these our Brothers whom we have loved, and who have now gone before us into your nearer presence. We praise you for all that was good, for all that was kind, and all that loved in their lives. We thank you for their examples as Knights of the Cross-. For every good influence which came from their lives, for their spirit of helpfulness, and for the gifts of their friendship, we praise and thank you, O God. Above all we thank you for their loyalty to Jesus Christ, whom they trusted as their Savior and obeyed as their Lord. Make us to know that we do not lose them as they return to you; but may we ever think of them as going before us to eternal Life and Light, where we are soon to follow, Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Respectfully Submitted,

The Necrology Committee

**EDMUND F. BALL**

To: The Right Eminent Grand Commander, Officers and Sir Knights;

Indiana's most distinguished Sir Knight Edmund F. Ball, our senior Past Grand Commander, passed away on September 30, 2000, at the age of 95.

His life activities are well documented. Muncie was his lifelong home, but his activities and influence was worldwide. He attended Wabash College and graduated with a degree in philosophy from Yale University in 1928. He served his country in World War II, where he was on the staff of General Mark W. Clark and participated in the North African invasion and at Anzio Beach Head.

He was a most successful and distinguished business leader with the Ball family business and served as president and chairman of the Board of Ball Corporation of Muncie, a Fortune 500 Corporation.

His many business activities rivaled those of his responsibilities as one of the nation's business leaders. He was very much interested in flying, having his first solo flight on October 27, 1929, when flying was very unusual, and continued until the last few years of his life. (Margaret and I were privileged to accompany him and Virginia on a few of his flights, the first one being to Detroit to the funeral of Grand Master Wilbur M. Brucker.) He was the leader in forming the Muncie Aviation Company and Airport. He was interested in ranching and had a large cattle ranch in New Mexico. He was a world

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traveler — a few years prior to his death, he and Virginia were members of a group that went to the North Pole and Ed took a “dip” in the frigid waters. He was active in charities, particularly in the Muncie area - Ball State University, Ball Memorial Hospital, Ball Brothers Foundation, Edmund F. Ball Memorial Education Center, Muncie Y.M.C.A., and its Camp Crosley on Little Tippecanoe Lake at North Webster, Indiana. He was the leader and financial force back of the purchase of a wetland nature preserve protecting Camp Crosley and the lake.

It is unusual for one of Edmund F. Ball’s status in business, philanthropic activities, and other interests, to be as interested and active in Masonry and specifically Templary as he was. He was a member of Muncie Lodge No. 433, all of the Muncie York Rite bodies, Valley of Indianapolis Scottish Rite, Murat Shrine, St. James Conclave — Red Cross of Constantine, and the Holy Royal Arch Knights Templar Priests. He was awarded the Caleb B. Smith Medal by the Grand Lodge F. & A.M. of Indiana. He was a 33<sup>o</sup> Scottish Rite Mason and received its highest award, the Gourgas Medal of Honor.

During the last 50 years, on the state level, Ed’s interest and activities in Templary have not been equaled. He started the Knight Templar week for youth at Camp Crosley in 1946 when he was Grand Commander, and continued to support it until his death; a number of our present Sir Knights recall their week of camping at Camp Crosley. He was instrumental in supporting two-one day York Rite Festivals at Muncie in which more than 600 candidates were knighted; he was interested and active in recent years in saving part of the Muncie Masonic Temple for “Masonic” use and occupancy when the size of the Temple was no longer a facility that could be supported and used only for Masonic use; the Ball addition was with Ed’s backing and financial support from the Ball Brothers Foundation; he was one of the leaders and supporters in forming the Masonic Home Foundation and successfully funding the same.

The preceding are only some of the activities and support that was always present when Ed saw ways in which he could help Masonic projects here in Indiana.

Ed was recognized as one of the most respected leaders in Templary on a national basis. He was Grand Treasurer of the Grand Encampment, Knights Templar of the United States of America, from 1955 to 1973; he had previously announced that he would not be a candidate for that office at the 1973 Triennial Conclave. He was an Honorary Past Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, was awarded the Knight Templar National Award for Citizenship, and held the highest honor in Templary --Knight Commander of the Temple.

Ed’s primary continued interest in Templary on a national level was the Knight Templar Eye Foundation; he was one of its first trustees when it was formed and served as trustee from 1949 until the time of his death, at which time he *was* the sole survivor of the original trustees. He was a trustee that attended the meetings, his last being in 1998. There were some of us trustees who might frequently speak more than Ed, but none of us listened more intently than when Ed spoke; his business experience and connections were instrumental in placing the Foundation on a business basis. On a recent occasion when he considered a study necessary on a given project, he asked and received permission from the trustees and personally financed the same; as his last major activity relating to the Foundation, he devoted a great deal of his time in collecting details, organizing the same, meeting and publishing a History of the Foundation of the Knights Templar Lye Foundation — a 58 page, hard cover booklet published in 1998.



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For more than 50 years, Edmund F. Ball was present at our Annual Conclaves and important meetings. For a number of recent years, one of his duties near the close of the conclave, was to thank the retiring Grand Commander for his service and to welcome him to the status of Junior Past Grand Commander~our present and future Grand Commanders will miss this distinct honor. We all recognize that Sir Knight Edmund F. Ball was our most distinguished Sir Knight - a leader in business, philanthropic and national activities, who knew that our personal activities were on a different plain from his. But he always maintained a relationship with us that we could call him Ed and he was one of us. As Sir Knights and Ladies of Templary, we will long remember and appreciate the privilege we have had in enjoying the fraternal company of Ed and Virginia Ball.

Respectfully submitted:

Willard Meredith Avery  
Past Grand Master

**PRELIMINARY REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE**

To: The Right Eminent Grand Commander, Officers and Sir Knights:

The Credentials committee submits the following preliminary report to the Grand Commandery as of 11:00 A.M. All Commanderies are fully represented by their Commanders, Generalissimos, and Captains-General or their proxies except the following:

<u>Richmond #8</u>	<u>Gen.</u>	<u>Anderson #32</u>	<u>Gen.</u>
<u>Terre Haute #16</u>	<u>Capt. Gen.</u>	<u>Wabash #37</u>	<u>Gen., Capt. Gen.</u>
<u>Apollo #19</u>	<u>Capt. Gen.</u>	<u>New Castle #44</u>	<u>Capt. Gen.</u>
<u>Grant County #21</u>	<u>Gen.</u>	<u>Brazil #47</u>	<u>Gen.</u>
<u>St. John #24</u>	<u>Cmd., Gen., Capt. Gen</u>	<u>Clinton #48</u>	<u>Gen.</u>
<u>Jeffersonville #27</u>	<u>Gen.</u>	<u>Goshen #50</u>	<u>Capt. Gen.</u>
<u>Valparaiso #28</u>	<u>Com, Capt. Gen.</u>	<u>Tipton #52</u>	<u>Gen.</u>
<u>Frankfort #29</u>	<u>Gen., Capt. Gen.</u>	<u>Greensburg #59</u>	<u>Gen., Capt. Gen</u>
<u>Michigan City #30</u>	<u>Gen.</u>		

If any of the missing delegates are present, we would appreciate having them check with the Credentials Committee at the registration desk as soon as possible.

Respectfully submitted,

F. KEITH DUNN, G.J.W., Chairman

*Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Indiana*  
**REPORT OF THE JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE**  
**Honorary Membership**

TO: The R.E. Grand Commander, Officers, & Sir Knights:

The Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Indiana, in recognition of the unique fraternal contributions to Templary and Freemasonry in general, of several distinguished Fraters who are present with us here in this 147<sup>th</sup> Annual Conclave, do hereby confer upon each of them the title of Honorary Member of the Grand Commandery of Indiana, to wit:

James Costello, Michigan  
Robert Thomas, Kentucky  
Ronald Ebert, Ohio  
Charles Sinsel, West Virginia  
Kermit Rosenthal, California

Respectfully submitted,

John V. Stevens, P.G.C., G.R. For the Committee

**THE GRAND INSPECTOR GENERAL'S REPORT**

To the R.E. Grand Commander, R.E. Past Grand Commander's and the Grand Officer's and Sir Knights of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Indiana:

First I would like to thank the R.E. Grand Commander for appointing me the Grand Inspector General for the year 2000 - 2001. It has been a good year!!

I would also like to thank the Grand Officer's for filling in for me the last two month's of the inspection year during my recovery from Heart surgery and for everyone's prayers.

I would also like to Thank Sir Knight John Bleich for his assistance as Deputy Grand Inspector General.

I find that most of our Commanderies are in fine shape, as far as being able to Open and Close a Commandery. When it comes to doing the "ORDERS" most of the Commanderies need help, mostly non-speaking parts.

My biggest concern is the 10 or 12 Commanderies that are weak, where there is little or no action in the Commandery for the Activity Sheet, this being below 100 points.

Fraternally,

Robert J. Frazer, KCT, PGC  
Grand Inspector General

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**GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR  
INSPECTION SUMMARY**

	Open/Close/Work	Activities	Members at Inspection	Total Attendance at Insp.	Commanderies at Inspection	Attendance at Instructional	By-Laws updated	Easter	Ascension	Christmas	Patriotic	Civic/Special	Eye Foundation	Holy Land	No. Commanderies Visited	No. Sir Knights
<b>(Kaminsky)</b>																
<b>BATTALION I</b>																
LaPorte #12	87	332	11	18	4	0	89	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	N	14	20
Valparaiso #28	71	82	10	27	6	0	92	N	N	N	N	Y	N	N	10	27
Michigan City # 30	87	198	5	18	4	0	89	Y	N	Y	N	N	N	N	7	7
Hammond #41	79	350	5	17	8	0	94	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	15	17
E. H. Gary #57	71	285	12	27	6	0	0	N	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	30	27
East Chicago #58	79	66	5	17	8	0	93	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	6	17

<b>(Conquest)</b>																
<b>BATTALION II</b>																
Fort Wayne #4	85	471	17	35	15	0	98	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	36	35
South Bend #13	66	180	9	14	4	0	99	Y	N	N	Y	Y	N	Y	15	14
Apollo #19	INS	181	8	19	4	0	94	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	3	3
Elkhart #31	86	182	15	20	4	0	83	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	21	20
Huntington #35	INS	130	9	23	7	0	96	N	N	N	Y	N	Y	N	9	23
Angola #45	90	430	11	34	15	0	92	N	N	N	Y	Y	N	N	31	34
Goshen #50	86	202	3	20	4	0	0	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	N	4	20

<b>(Ingles)</b>																
<b>BATTALION III</b>																
Lafayette #3	76	387	17	47	19	0	94	N	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y	61	47
St. John #24	72	28	3	18	5	0	97	N	N	N	N	Y	N	N	3	18
Frankfort #29	78	262	10	23	10	0	97	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	N	19	23
Kokomo #36	80	304	9	24	14	0	98	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	6	25
Wabash #37	72	169	12	18	5	0	98	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	N	12	18
H. W. Matthewson	76	193	4	47	19	0	96	Y	N	Y	N	N	N	N	4	28

<b>(Dunn)</b>																
<b>BATTALION IV</b>																
Connersville #6	95	160	15	26	8	0	92	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	21	26
Richmond #8	77	187	11	30	12	0									19	20
Knightstown #9	96	150	12	26	12	0	96	N	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	23	26
New Castle #44	77	187	5	30	12	0	99	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	12	14

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INSPECTION SUMMARY**

	Open/Close/Work	Activities	Members at Inspection	Total Attendance at Insp.	Commanderies at Inspection	Attendance at Instructional	By-Laws updated	Membership	Attendance	Relief	Communications	Leadership	Total Activity Score	Holy Land	No. Commanderies Visited	No. Sir Knights
<b>(Vaught)</b>																
<b>BATTALION V</b>																
Greencastle #11	56	10	7	14	2	0	90	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	12	14
Terre Haute #16	40	249	4	11	4	0	94	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	4	11
Crawfordsville #25	82	190	14	25	9	0	96	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	31	25
Lebanon #43	78	36	5	25	10	0	80	N	N	N	Y	Y	N	N	5	25
Brazil #47	INS	10	8	11	4	0	98	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	8	11
Clinton #48	40	65	5	11	4	0	97	N	N	Y	N	N	Y	N	5	11

**(McLaren)**  
**BATTALION VI**

Grant County #21	69	155	5	19	10	0	99	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	N	9	19
Anderson #32	INS	265	8	20	7	0	88	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	21	20
Greenfield #39	88	287	13	34	14	0	95	Y	N	N	N	Y	Y	N	5	25
Tipton # 52	69	10	3	19	10	0	99	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	8	11
Noblesville #61	71	117	7	27	12	0	97	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	N	14	28

**(Jackson)**  
**BATTALION VII**

Raper #1	58	518	16	30	13	0	94	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	45	32
Baldwin #2	93	307	13	33	8	0	99	Y	N	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	33	33
Johnson County #23	NS	209	4	10	7	0	96	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	N	4	10
Trinity #62	71	294	8	28	12	0	0	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y	N	10	28
William G. Bray #65	93	482	11	33	8	0	99	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	8	11
Lawrence #62	91	375	6	24	14	0	98	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	6	24

**(Ellis)**  
**BATTALION VIII**

New Albany #5	89	323	16	23	6	0	97	N	27	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	24	23
Columbus #14	91	366	7	24	11	0	99	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	27	24
Jeffersonville #27	87	15	8	14	6	0	93	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	8	14
Seymour #56	NS	89	8	12	4	0	97	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	14	12
Greensburg #59	91	119	2	24	11	0	97	N	N	N	Y	N	N	Y	2	24

**(Pruitt)**  
**BATTALION VIII**

LaValette #15	53	482	15	35	7	4	99	N	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	12	25
Vincennes #20	53	110	8	25	7	0	98	N	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y	8	38
Bedford #42	83	53	5	24	12	0	97	N	N	N	N	Y	Y	N	5	10
Bloomington #63	83	381	9	24	12	0	97	Y	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y	25	24
Wright #64	53	319	9	35	7	0	95	Y	N	Y	N	N	Y	Y	9	35

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**GRAND COMMANDERY, KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF INDIANA  
2000 INSPECTION ATTENDANCE**

**Grand Officers**

RECG Irvin L. Bitting	33
VEDGC Duane L. Vaught	18
EGG William Pruitt	14
ECGC T. Jeffrey Conquest	15
EGSW George Ingles	31
EGJW F. Keith Dunn II	25
EGP Samuel M. Robinson	8
EGStB Ronald L. Ellis	22
EGSwdB Harry McLaren	20
EGW Lawrence V. Kaminsky	16
EGS Andrew R. Jackson	24
EGO John W. Logan	0

**Deputy Battalion Commanders**

1 James L. Dove	8
1 Thomas Henley	8
1 William Bingham	7
2 Robert Hobbs	3
2 Phillip Crussemeyer	3
3 Rodney Mann	7
3 Basil K. Isaac	2
4 Ted F. Snodgrass	3
4 David Bertch	2
5 Joseph Coniff	1
5 Mark Kester	0
6 Gregory Snipes	4
6 Norman Hittson	6
7 Randy Schutz	17
7 Wayne Sheets	14
8 Stephen Barrett	2
8 James Adamson	5
9 Carl Salzmann	5
9 James Evans	4

**Aides to the Grand Commander**

Clarence Harter	28
Stanton Davis	6
Bernard K. May	12
John Bleich, DIG	3

**Past Grand Commanders**

Edmond Ball	0
Willard Avery	2
James Wills	0
Edwin Applegate	0
Walter Worland	6
Omar Hager	0
Herbert Newman	1
James DeMond	1
David Poling	0
R. Frank Williams	3
Robert Price	4
Ronald Tungett	2
Kenneth Gibson	4
Ronald Simpson	6
Herbert Roach	3
William Leffler	0
Paul Friend	3
John Stevens	6
Steven Barton	2
Dwight Lanman	7
Peter Zivanovich	0
Duane Stucker	9
James Roberts	0
Willard Clutter	4
James Prairie	6
Robert Frazer	10
Henry LaHurreau	3
Harrison E. Lackey	1

**GPE**

R. Flint	3
B. Bradley	4
R. Childers	3
R. Glick	2
W. Roberts	2

**KTCH**

J. Fulton	1
N. Stephens	3
G. Kivett	1
N. Parrot	3

**HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE COMMITTEE REPORT 2001**

To the Right Eminent Grand Commander, Officers and Sir Knights of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Indiana:

**Fourteen Indiana Christian Pastors** departed from Indianapolis February 26, 2001 on their way for a spiritual enrichment in the place where **Jesus** walked. This brings to a total of **164** ministers that have been sponsored by the Sir Knights of Indiana. These joined with 109 other pastors from the varied Grand Commanderies in the U.S.A. Indiana has participated in 23 pilgrimages since the pilgrimages began in 1977. Our Grand Commandery ranks 2nd our efforts in sending Christian ministers to the Holy Land. Michigan is 1st and Ohio is 3rd. **1469** Ministers have been awarded the trip through your generosity and **God's love. Bless you Sir Knights!**

Those from Indiana were:

Keith Alan Dover	Mt Moriah Baptist Church, Greensburg	#59 Greensburg
Sheila Hostetler	Westlake Church, Indianapolis	#62 Trinity
Gerald E. Roberts, Sr.	Midway United Methodist, Richland City	#15 LaValette
James A. England	Shiloh General Baptist, Rockport	#64 Wright
Sam R. Davenport	Central Christian, Seymour	#56 Seymour & Jackson Lodge #146
Ralph E. Hillenberg	Crothersville Christian, Crothersville	#56 Seymour & Jackson Lodge #146
Tern Rene Mimms	Bethel AME Church, Seymour	#56 Seymour & Jackson Lodge #146
Randell L. Roberts	Seymour Christian Church, Seymour	#56 Seymour & Jackson Lodge #146
William G. Teegarden	Freetown Church of Christ, Freetown	#56 Seymour & Jackson Lodge #146
Bruce E. Mowery	Brown St United Methodist	#3 Lafayette
Mark Alan Hostetler	Westlake Church, Indianapolis	#30 Greenfield
Craig Kendall Amlin	Zion Evangelical U.C.C, Indianapolis	#65 Wm G. Bray
Cancelled	Christopher G. Criminger	#65 Wm G. Bray
Cancelled	James D. Goble	#65 Wm G. Bray
Cancelled	Fredrick B. Oaks	#1 Raper
Cancelled	Russell J. Pattie	#65 Wm G. Bray
Cancelled	Robert L. Weeks * *	#2 Baldwin

\*\*Cancelled 2/10/2001 - No credit from travel Agency or Airline as per travel agreement.

Things were just a bit different this trip due to the apprehension brought on by the tension in the Mid-East. Much stricter security on the airline - one reason we fly with El Al. Our first evening was in the Grand Beach Hotel in Tel Aviv - dinner that evening with a brief outline of our intended tour.

The following morning, we boarded our tour bus - had a devotional note and prayer by one of the pastors and we were on our way.

Went to Jaffa, the older city in Israel, then north to the Aqueduct built by Herod's slaves to carry water into the area; Caesarea where St Paul was imprisoned; visited the Roman Theater, drove to Megiddo; to Nazareth to visit the Church of the Annunciation; then to Cana. Overnight on the North shore of the Sea of Galilee kibbutz Nof Ginasor. Next day we toured Capernaum and the Mount of Beatitudes. (Disappointed here, the Church at the top of the mount would not let us go down on the

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side of the mount where we always read Matthew 5-7.

On to Tabgha - the site of the feeding of the 5,000; then rode the "Jesus Boat" across the Sea of Galilee - lunch with St Peter's fish. Then to Korazin - Jesus criticized these for rejecting His miracles.

At Korazin one of the Ministers, a Lady from Florida had a bad fall, and she was taken to the hospital - no fractures, Praise the Lord - some black eye and bruises all over. On to Mt Tabor, site of the Transfiguration. We then frequented the Jordan River and two of our pastors reconfirmed their baptism.

The next day, we drove south through the beautiful Jordan River Valley visiting Beth-Sbean, important center of Roman Palestine. (Another disappointment - we did not visit Jericho - due to the situation.) On to Jerusalem, walk into the old city, as our guide Ezra Eini reminds us that we are coming home. See the Temple ruins (Another disappointment - we did not get to the Temple Mount or the Mosque of Al Saq - due to the situation.) Prayed at the Western Wall for the peace in Israel. (I believe this will happen when the Lord, your Saviour and mine returns from on High.) On to our procession of the 14 Stations of the Cross along the Via Dolorosa then to the Church of the Holy Sepulcher. To Mt Zion to see David's Tomb. (I got into trouble here, when I entered the tomb with the cross that PGC James A. Wills had made for me out of mahogany. Some young Israeli became upset and pointed to the cross around my neck - I went over to him and said that I was not ashamed to Him and turned around and walked out.) Then to the Room of the Last Supper and the Dormition Abbey. (We did not visit Bethany - due to the situation!)

Sunday, we attended the Churches in Jerusalem, most of our group went to the Garden Tomb, where we enjoyed a service sponsored by an English Church. Here we sit in front of the Tomb, on the door, "He Is Not Here". What a beautiful service and a beautiful day out in the sunshine, the clouds drifting over and the birds singing. I might say, we had 8 days in Israel of perfect weather - the group before us experienced 2 days of rain and 50 mph winds on another day. Thank You Lord.

Monday, visited the Mount of Olives, the Garden of Gethsemane, drove to Bethlehem (Another experience - we had to get off our Israel tour bus - walk about 300 yards past the Israel check-point, board a Palestinian bus and ride on into Bethlehem) one of the Nissan Brothers, who has an elaborate gift shop in Bethlehem came on the bus - sang in Arabic - a song regarding the Nativity. And again when he took us out to Shepherds Field he sang to us. **We had the usual tree planting in the Knights Templar Forrest**

Our trip to the Dead Sea was enlightening - some of the pastors - went swimming in the sea; having been warned not to splash - due to the salt in the water - over 30% mineral. Visited the Massada -site of the Jewish zealots' last stand against the Romans, then to Qumran, where the Dead Sea scrolls were found. Enjoyed a lunch at the "Cardo" in Jerusalem.

Our last day, we drove by the Knesset the supreme court building, then to the Israel Museum - the Shrine of the Book where the Dead Sea scrolls are housed. Scale Model of Jerusalem during the second temple time. Then to Yad-Vashem Holocaust Memorial.

Then to the Garden Tomb - where, after a tour of the area, we have a Communion Service. The Ministers conducted this service, a bit different than I was used to, but I'm sure the Lord heard our prayers for forgiveness.

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Thank you Sir Knights all, for your support of this program. Not unto us Oh Lord, Not unto us, but unto Thy Name give the Glory,

R. Frank Williams, Servant  
Grand Prelate and all Former Grand Prelates

Comments from the Pastors for 2001:

**David L. Buche** - I want to thank the Knights Templar for making such a wonderful experience possible. "Thank You" from the bottom of my heart for such a marvelous experience. There is simply no way that I could ever have made this trip without your generosity. God is using you in a very unique ministry, and I praise Him for it. The Pilgrimage has been one of the most significant life-changing events of my ministry. I tried to find words that would adequately describe what I experienced. These words were among the strongest: Overwhelming, sobering, refreshing, informative, spiritually renewing and unbelievable. This experience changed my perspective with regard to the Bible and God's people.

**Sam R. Davenport** - The pilgrimage will be of help to me as a Minister - absolutely - the footsteps of Jesus are burning within me. There were many opportunities presented and received which gave way to personal spiritual renewal and committal. Thank You Knights Templar.

James England - Yes, it was a pilgrimage, because we were pilgrims on this journey. It was enough for the first time - the trip helped things to be clearer to everyone in the Bible. My mind has a new look on the Bible. I experienced joy on the Sea of Galilee and at the Garden Tomb. - I feel I'm full to the brim.

**Ralph Hilienburg** - I learned so much. It will impact my ministry in a positive way. From the educational value to see firsthand. Our guide, Ezra's knowledge and teaching. The presence of the Holy Spirit. This will help me teach and preach with greater knowledge of the land, people and places. Experienced spiritual inspiration during the Sunday service at the Garden Tomb and the Communion service there the following Wednesday. A nearness to Jesus. HE LIVES!!!!

**Mark & Sheila Hostetler** - This gift came at a time when we were both beyond burnout - daily struggling to provide the services we provide to those who are incarcerated and their families. (These work with over 1000 inmates in prisons in Indiana.) The Pilgrimage helps us to share our faith through the time honored tradition of truths, just as Moses, Abraham and Christ did. Being able to stand at the cradle of civilization, and know that we were walking upon ground that is Holy ground, because God chose it to be so, offered us a deeper spiritual connectedness to this beautiful country. We want to thank the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Indiana, for sponsoring this Pilgrimage. You are truly instruments for God and brothers in faith.

**Teri Mimms** - I suggest that you allow me to go again. Everything was perfect and better than I had hoped it would be. Yes, I experienced joy - I have been touched again by God's Holy Spirit, urging me to keep on keeping on, trusting, obeying. Now I can be a better teacher to the congregation because I now know things I didn't know before; thanks to Ezra. I came home renewed, refreshed and more knowledgeable of details not mentioned in the Bible.



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**Bruce Mowery** - I am better enabled to visualize certain scriptures and better understand the Bible. It has re-energized me, helping me to grow deeper in my faith. It was a joy just being in the Holy Land - a dream come true. Thanks for allowing me to go on this pilgrimage. I will never forget it.

**Gary Roberts** - It was wonderful to sit and ponder that just maybe my steps fell into the very steps that Jesus took. Someone said being in the Holy Land is experiencing the fifth gospel. This has to be true. Being in the Holy Land did make the scriptures come alive with the help of our guide. Walking the Stations of the Cross and hearing the story at each station was awe-inspiring. To worship at the Garden Tomb was a joy filled moment - I could almost feel the wonder the disciples felt when they realized the story was true.. Seeing the place where Jesus may have spent his last night helped me to understand why the disciples ran and denied him. My preaching will never be the same. How does one say thank you for a life changing experience? How do we say thanks for the gift that transforms?

We praise the Lord for His watchful care, His protection and His guidance for this ministry.

Sir Knights - please consider a gift to the Holy Land Pilgrimage to help send pastors to the Holy Land for the next pilgrimage which will be Monday, February 25, 2002 - March 7, 2002

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Balance from last report			\$10,494.44
3/13/00 AMD Council #307 Ck #409		\$50.00	\$10,544.44
3/13/00 REF AMI TRAVEL 5@60 Seniors		\$300.00	\$10,844.44
4/14/00 REF AMI TRAVEL - REV GLADNEY		\$1,655.00	\$12,499.44
6/29/00 Noal Stephens	#15	\$20.00	\$12,519.44
6/29/00 Kokomo Commandery	#36	\$30.00	\$12,549.44
6/29/00 Connersville Commandery Mem NAYL	#6	\$10.00	\$12,559.44
7/16/00 Connersville Commandery	#6	\$75.00	\$12,634.44
7/16/00 Duane L .Vaught	#25	\$170.00	\$12,804.44
7/16/00 Peter T. Zivanovich	#58	\$50.00	\$12,854.44
7/16/00 Robert E. Price	#6	\$25.00	\$12,879.44
8/1/00 Randy Schutz	#39	\$145.00	\$13,024.44
9/1/00 Greensburg Commandery	#59	\$1,950.00	\$14,974.44
9/1/00 Tree Planting		\$10.00	\$14,984.44
9/1/00 Lil Ole Nashville Oprey		\$600.00	\$15,584.44
9/1/00 Bob Price Tickets	#6	\$12.00	\$15,596.44
9/1/00 Fort Wayne Cmmandery	#4	\$539.00	\$16,135.44
9/16/00 R. Frank - Grand Encamp Exp	#15	\$33.00	\$16,168.44
9/25/00 Fort Wayne Commandery	#4	\$100.00	\$16,268.44
9/26/00 Columbus Commandery	#14	\$150.00	\$16,418.00
10/5/00 Trinity Commandery	#62	\$1,950.00	\$18,368.44
10/5/00 Fort Wayne Commandery	#4	\$25.00	\$18,393.44
10/10/00 Harrell & Betty Haynes	#15	\$1,950.00	\$20,343.44
10/11/00 Wright Commandery	#64	\$1,950.00	\$22,293.44
10/11/00 Seymour Commandery/Jackson Lodge #146	#56	\$11,700.00	\$33,993.44
10/15/00 George & Karen Ingles	#65	\$500.00	\$34,493.44
11/13/00 Randy Schutz	#39	\$500.00	\$34,993.44
11/13/00 Lil Nashville Opry		\$30.00	\$35,023.44
11/13/00 Angola Yeomen of York Memorial		\$25.00	\$35,048.44

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12/7/00	Earl Vaughn	#16	\$100.00	\$35,148.44
12/18/00	Baldwin Commandery	#2	\$400.00	\$35,548.44
12/20/00	Muncie Commandery	#18	\$81.00	\$35,629.44
12/20/00	Bloomington Ass'y SOOB	#63	\$58.32	\$35,687.76
12/20/00	Vincennes Commandery	#20	\$50.00	\$35,737.76
12/30/00	Rudell Wilburn	#3	\$75.00	\$35,812.76
12/30/00	York Rite Christmas Tree	#3	\$10.50	\$35,823.26
1/2/01	Russell R. Henney	#14	\$50.00	\$35,873.26
1/19/01	Irv Bitting, Memor - Doris Barton		\$15.00	\$35,888.26
1/19/01	Stanton Davis - Memor - Doris Barton		\$25.00	\$35,913.26
2/5/01	CK#149 AMI Travel, Inc		\$21,739.60	\$14,173.66
2/5/01	Knightstown York Rite	#9	\$74.00	\$14,247.66
2/22/01	Diners Club - Domestic Tickets		\$2,618.43	\$11,629.33
Acc Rec	From SK trip 2000		\$1,950.00	

**REPORT OF GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS COMMITTEE**

To: The Right Eminent Grand Commander, Officers and Members of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Indiana

The Grievances and Appeals Committee having received no matters to be considered as of this date, March 1, 2001, has nothing to report for the Advance Proceedings.

Should any matters be received between this date and the date of the One Hundred Forty-Seven Annual Conclave, the same shall be referred to the Jurisprudence Committee for action during the Conclave.

Respectively submitted,

Kenneth E. Gibson, Chairman  
Herbert G. Roach  
Peter T. Zivanovich  
Duane Stucker

**REMARKS SIR KNIGHT RONALD EBERT  
REPRESENTATIVE OF THE "RED CORDS"**

Sir Knight Ronald Ebert, Right Eminent Grand Commander of Ohio, spoke for the visiting Grand Commanders. On behalf of the visitors, he thanked Indiana for the hospitality and courtesies shown to them. He urged everyone to remember that the York Rite is a collection of bodies and they must work for the good of all, not just Commandery. He then invited the Knights to attend the Grand Commandery Conclave in Ohio in the fall.

**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON DISPENSATIONS AND CHARTERS**

To the Right Eminent Grand Commander, Officers and Sir Knights of the Grand Commandery, Knight Templar of Indiana:

Madison #22--Merged with Columbus #14 on 12 June 2000.

Muncie #18--merged with Anderson #32 on 11 December 2000.

East Chicago #58--Merged with Hammond #41 on 31 December 2000.

The Grand Commander issued a Dispensation to start a new Commandery at Crown Point on 12 February 2001.

We would also recommend that the Dispensation for St. Anselm Commandery, U.D., be continued inasmuch as this "holding" Commandery is fulfilling its mission well.

Gary #57 has moved from Merrillville to Hobart for the time,

Respectfully submitted,

Duane Stucker, KCT, PG., Chairman

Duane L. Vaught, DGC

William A. Pruitt, GG

Dwight L. Lanman, Jr., KCT, PGC

Peter T. Zivanovich, KCT, PGC

**REPORT OF THE JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE  
Mergers and Dispensation Crown Point**

To: The Right Eminent Grand Commander and Officers of the Grand Commandery

The Jurisprudence Committee has reviewed the Grand Commander's decision authorizing the mergers of:

Madison Commandery No. 22, who merged with Columbus Commandery No. 14.

Muncie Commandery No. 18, who merged with Anderson Commandery No. 32.

East Chicago Commandery No. 58, who merged with Hammond Commandery No.41.

We find that this decision was proper and consistent with the Indiana Grand Commandery Rules and Regulations.

Regarding the Dispensation issued to form a Commandery to be known as Crown Point Commandery, U.D., located in Crown Point, Indiana, this has properly been referred to the Committee on Dispensations and Charters for their guidance and direction.

Respectfully submitted for the Committee

Willard R. Clutter, P.G.C., H.P.D.C.

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**CAMP CROSLEY REPORT FOR 2000**

To: The Right Eminent Grand Commander, Officers and Members of the Grand Commandery  
Knights Templar of Indiana

Knight Templar Week was held June 17 to June 23. There were 32 boys and girls attended the camp during the week. The ages ranged from 7 to 14. The cost was over was \$300.00 per camper and was shared between the Commanderies, the Ball Foundation, and the Muncie Y.M.C.A.

The youth represented the following Commanderies:

Fort Wayne York Rite - 12  
South Bend Commandery No. 13- 2  
Muncie Commandery No. 18- 14  
Elkhart York Rite -2  
East Chicago Chapter No. 141 - 1  
Seymour Commandery No.56- 1

Since the start of Knight Templar Week in 1941, we have sent over 8,500 youth to Camp Crosley. The project required the efforts of many people over the years, who received nothing but personal satisfaction of helping youth. The project and Indiana lost a champion on September 9, 2000, with the death of Sir Knight Edmund F. Ball, P.G.C., who had contributed much to the youth of Indiana, not only during his life time but for the future.

The Committee is most grateful for the cooperation received from various Commanderies, the Grand Commandery officers, and Camp Crosby staff in continuing this outreach program for the youth in Indiana. A special thanks to Henry E. LaHurreau, R.E.G.C. and his lady Beverly and S.K. Irvin L. Bitting, V.E.D.G.C. and his Lady Doris for their support. Thanks to those who donated financially through Program Ads in the Grand Commandery Program Book, please express our appreciation to the contributors.

The Camp Crosley Supervisory Staff and the Cabin Counselors have continued to provide a very busy week with new and interesting programs for the campers every year. Again, I received many notes and letters written by campers, expressing their appreciation for the great week at Camp Crosley. It's a great feeling to get thank you notes from the campers. I do wish more Knight Templars would visit Camp Crosley to see the activities the campers are involved in.

Please continue to support our youth. I can assure you the project is worth more money than we give to help families in Indiana.

Respectively submitted,

Kenneth E. Gibson, Chairman  
Edmund F. Ball  
David R. Ulrich  
Henry E. LaHurreau

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**REPORT OF THE BY-LAWS COMMITTEE**

To the Right Eminent Grand Commander, Officers and Sir Knights of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Indiana:

Your Committee on By-Laws, in concert with the Grand Commander, has reviewed submissions from three Commanderies during the Templar Year 2000-2001.

All three concerned a change in their meeting date, one with a change of address and one a dues increase. All were deemed to be in order and were approved.

This Committee urges all Commanderies to review their by-laws regularly for needed changes. We trust that the Battalion Commanders are checking by-laws regularly during inspections and suggesting needed revisions.

Your Grand Recorder is ready to offer assistance by your request.

Respectfully submitted,

John V. Stevens, P.G.C., Grand Recorder, Chairman  
Irvin L. Bitting, G.C.  
Duane L. Vaught, D.G.C.  
William A. Pruitt, G.G.

**REMARKS SIR KNIGHT DONALD ESTES  
DEPARTMENT COMMANDER**

Sir Knight Donald Estes, Right Eminent Department Commander, East Central Department of the Grand Encampment, Knights Templar of the United States of America, extended his deep appreciation for the hospitality and courtesies extended to his lady Nancy and himself. He stated that he always feels at home in Indiana because he doesn't get any respect at home either. He and Nancy have derived a great appreciation from their association with Irv and Doris. They always enjoy coming to Indiana, although the Grand Commander and Grand Recorder of Indiana have always given him a hard time. He thanked the Grand Commandery of Indiana for permitting him to take a part in the laying of the wreath at Arlington National Cemetery at Easter.

**REPORT OF THE GRAND TRUSTEES**

To the Right Eminent Grand Commander, Officers, and Sir Knights of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Indiana:

The market value of the Permanent Fund of the Grand Commandery as of March 31, 2001, is \$255,701.53 as compared with the market value as of March 31, 2000, of \$280,618.23, a decrease of \$24,916.70 after a transfer of \$8,000.00 to the regular budget. We note with pleasure that by tight zero-based budgeting, the transfer this year is the lowest in several years.

Earlier in the current Templar year, the Trustees, after consultation with the Grand Recorder, elected to move the Permanent Fund from the previous trustee with a view to both lowering investment fees and increasing total return. The fund is now being handled for us by the First National Bank of Kokomo through their investment division. As all of you know, with the turmoil in the market in recent months, equity investments have suffered substantial attrition and it may be some months until we see the net results of the move. We are sure, however, that in the long run it will prove a wise decision.

The assets of the Life Membership program remain fully invested in Certificates of Deposit although long range plans are to review each of these as they reach maturity and to look at other investment possibilities at that time.

The Newby-Avery Fund continues to assist in building the Permanent Fund and has now been supplemented by the Newby-Avery Chair program. We encourage you to consider supporting the fund through both of these programs in order that we may meet our next goal of increasing the fund to the \$300,000.00 level. Of course, bequests and direct contributions to the Permanent Fund are always welcome.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert E. Price, P.G.C., H.P.D.C., Chin.  
R. Frank Williams, P.G.C., H.P.D.C.  
Paul W. Friend, P.G.C.

**RITUAL & TACTICS REPORT**

To the R. E. Grand Commander, RE, Past Grand Commanders, and the Grand Officer's and the Sir Knights of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Indiana

The Ritual & Tactics Committee received no request to change the Tactic's during the year 2000-2001.

Fraternally,

Robert J Frazer, KCT, PGC, GIG  
Chairman

**PROPOSAL FROM THE UNIFORM COMMITTEE**

To the R. E. Grand Commander, Officer's and Sir Knights of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Indiana:

Number 1

We the uniform committee propose the following as Summer Attire (not to be confused as a Summer Uniform) this is not to be worn in the Asylum or during the conferring of Orders.

White shirt with two button down pockets, shoulder straps button down, insignia on shoulder strap, 1" in from shoulder seam, IN on collar Masonic Service Bar to be worn above left breast pocket. Open collar, with Garrison Cap or fatigue cap. Black pants and Black shoes.

Number 2

We the uniform committee propose the following for the uniform dress for the Officers of the West.

1. Shall consist of a Past Commanders uniform with the exception of the shoulder boards to be furnished by the Grand Commandery.
2. Jewel of Office to be worn in place of Past Commanders Jewel
3. IN to be worn on both lapels.
4. If the Cap and Mantel is worn it is to be a Past Commanders Cap and Mantel with Collar (Collar furnished by the Grand Commandery) with jewel of Officer attached.
5. While wearing the black blazer the Officers of the West are permitted to wear the Grand Commandery Rosette in their left breast pocket.

Respectfully Submitted,  
William A. Pruitt, GG Chairman  
T. Jeffery Conquest, GCG  
George A. Ingles, GSW  
Henry E. LaHurreau, PGC  
David Ulrich, PC (4)

**REPORT OF THE PATRIOTIC ACTIVITES COMMITTEE**

To the Right Eminent Grand Commander, Officers and Sir Knights of the Grand Commander , Knights Templar of Indiana, the following Patriotic Activities were observed during the 2000 - 2001 Templar Year.

- LaPorte Commandery No. 12 marched in Memorial Day and 4th of July parades
  - Hammond Commandery No 4 I participated in the flag ceremony at the Masonic Home
  - Crawfordsville Commandery No. 25 marched in 2 parades-Christmas and Waveland Summer Festival
  - Terre Haute No 16 presented the flag at the AASR convocation
  - Columbus Commandery No 4 presented the flag at the SOOB Officer installation in January
- The committee would like to encourage all Indiana Commanderies to participate in activities to increase public awareness of Templary in Indiana

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald L. Ellis, G Std B.  
Chairman

**PUBLICITY AND PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE**

To the Right Eminent Grand: Commander, Officers and Sir Knights of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of. Indiana:

During this Templar year the constituent Commanderies of Indiana have continued our well established public relations programs such as parades, Templar escorts and similar activities. As we look to the future of Knights Templar it will become even more important to make the public aware of our good works. It will however require that we focus our message to the audience we wish to reach, The message of the Knights Templar and the York Rite is an effective message for the membership of the brotherhood of Freemasons. We can present ourselves to them with parades, escorts at installations and Grand Lodge. We can and should be open about the benefits of our brotherhood, the significance of our ritual and the impact of our charities.

Our many charities are also an effective message to the general public. In each of our charitable efforts and projects we should proudly display the titles of Knights Templar and Freemasons, We must remember that the general public knows very little of Knights Templar In these cases we can benefit our order and all of Freemasons by promoting Freemasonry. The committee encourages the proud display of Masonic emblems on coat lapels and on our cars. Every Sir Knight without a Masonic license plate should consider getting one. The best message a member can send to the public is that he is proud to be known as one of us.

The best public relations is a public commitment to Freemasonry.

Respectfully submitted

Duane L. Vaught, DGC  
Chairman



**YOUTH COMMITTEE JOB'S DAUGHTERS 2000 – 2001**

I attended the Annual Grand Session from June 22 to June 24, 2000 with the Right Eminent Grand Commander Sir Knight Irvin L. Bitting.

Raper Commandery No. 1 escorted the Grand Officers on the floor for their Opening Ceremonies. I was honored to be one of the Grand Officers for the Grand Guardian, Mrs. Mary Browning, during her year of office.

During this past year I have attended several Bethel installations, initiations, Official Visits and stated meeting. I have also helped at some of their projects both local and for the Grand Guardian Council and with them at one parade.

The present Grand Guardian, Mrs. Virginia Hardy, has asked for more participation from the adults and has requested to set up a table to pass out information at our Grand Conclave in April.

I asked the Grand Commander's permission to do this and he has been more than happy to assist the Job's Daughters in any request made to him.

Fraternally submitted,

George A. Ingles, Grand Senior Warden  
Youth Committee, Job's Daughters

**INDIANA TEMPLAR ACADEMY REPORT**

The Indiana Templar Academy was held at Mt. Moriah Masonic Temple in Anderson, Indiana on January 20, 2001.

The committee members were Sir Knight Ronald L. Ellis, Sir Knight Harry W. McLaren, Sir Knight Andrew R. Jackson and Sir Knight George A. Ingles as Chairman.

Sir Knight Ingles acted as the facilitator for the meeting and introduced the Right Eminent Grand Commander who welcomed everyone to the meeting.

The subjects covered and presenters were as follows:

Event Planning by Sir Knight Philip D. Herthel  
Masonic Jurisprudence by Sir Knight Ronald K. Smith  
Community Development by Mr. Andy Lykens of United Way  
Computer Basics by Mr. Joe Crane of Gateway Computers  
Budget and Finance by Sir Knight Duane L. Vaught  
Leadership by Sir Knight Art Kessler.

The Right Eminent Grand Commander, Sir Knight Irvin L. Bitting, presented certificates, cards and pins to the sixteen students.

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While the day was long, most of the students stayed for a video “In Search of History: The Knights Templar”.

Also in attendance at the Academy were eight of the Grand Commandery Officers. The comments were very positive and most were looking forward to more education in Masonry.

Fraternally Submitted,

George A. Ingles, GSW  
Chairman, Indiana Templar Academy

**REPORT OF THE SESQUICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE**

To the Right Eminent Commander, Officers, and Sir Knights of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Indiana

The Sesquicentennial committee met three times in year 2000 to plan for the 150th Anniversary of the Grand Commandery of Indiana. In addition to the appointed committee. Jeff Conquest, GCG, and George Ingles GSW were invited to attend meetings because they will serve as Grand Commander during the anniversary year.

The plans include the publishing of a book on the history of the Grand Commandery of Indiana. Bill Bissey, Editor of the Indiana Freemason, will compile and edit the book. It is estimated the book will be 150 to 200 pages in length and will include: a brief history of the Grand Commandery; pictures of all Past Grand Commanders with a brief bibliography on each; a listing of the Indiana Sir Knights that have served the Grand Encampment; statistics of Indiana Commanderies; and some chronology of past and existing Commanderies.

The historical Grand Commandery emblem will be struck into a jewel or badge. Currently the plans are to have 150 numbered and 150 without numbers. All would be sold to interested members or other individuals.

The committee will continue to make more detailed plans. If there is sufficient interest, a Commandery can purchase an ad in the history book for \$100.00, to be designed by the Commandery with its' approval and final design subject to the Editor. Discussions are taking place on having a membership class in honor of our 150th Anniversary and having displays of Grand Commandery memorabilia at the 2004 Grand Conclave.

Respectfully submitted:

Paul W. Friend, K.C.T., P.G.C., Chairman  
Peter T. Zivanovich, K.C.T., P.G.C.  
Robert E. Price, K.C.T., P.G.C., H.P.D.C.  
Duane Stucker, K.C.T., P.G.C.  
John V. Stevens, K.C.T., P.G.C., OR.  
Duane L. Vaught, V.E.D.G.C.

## **REPORT OF THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE**

To the Right Eminent Commander, Officers, and Sir Knights of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Indiana:

The membership statistics for 2000 indicate that Indiana had a net decrease of 148 Sir Knights on January 1, 2000 there were 6007 members, with 5859 on December 31, 2000. The loss of 148 members is a loss of 24% of our membership. We lost 190 to death, 154 demits, and 68 suspensions.

A report of the Grand Recorder, found elsewhere in the Advanced Proceedings, will show the membership changes by Commandery

The following are statistics from the 53 Commanderies

- 164 Knightings total in Indiana from 33 different Commanderies
- 6 Reinstated in 14 different Commanderies
- 18 Commanderies had NO Knightings
- 10 Commanderies showed a gain in membership
- 5 Commanderies showed a breakeven
- 36 Commanderies showed a loss in membership

One of the most satisfying statistics is that Greenfield Commandery #39 had 45 Knightings, with a net gain in one year of 42 members. This is outstanding and is proof that with local leadership and determination, membership development is possible

The Grand Master's all degree-day on November 18, 2000, was a success with 1448 new Master Masons We thank George Ingles, G. SW for representing the Grand Commander in assembling York Rite information for all the new Masons. The Grand Commandery paid \$843.33 toward the expense of the handouts. Two personal computers were running presentations at the Indianapolis Master Mason class site explaining the York Rite, and again at the Murat Shrine Ceremonial on December 8, 2000.

Indiana York Rite has been given the opportunity to work with the Indiana Grand Lodge with 6 regional one day classes combining the FC and MM degree in Blue Lodge and the Chapter degrees in April and May 2001. Although the results will not be known until after this Grand Conclave, our participation and support are important.

How can individuals or Commanderies support membership development now and in the future? There are many opportunities and, but the emphasis is that each individual "DO SOMETHING". Your alternatives include.

1. Develop a plan for your local Commandery on membership goals and the means to achieve them. The emphasis is that it involves YOU and Your Commandery leadership.
2. Participate in new initiatives that involve the Indiana Grand Lodge. 1448 new Master Masons were raised on November 18, 2000 How many have you asked to join York Rite?
- 3 Support the Grand Masters York Rite Class and other festivals.
- 4 Cooperate with the Grand Lodge Development Area Representatives. which allows York Rite presentations at Blue Lodge meetings. Speakers are being organized currently by the State York Rite Association that can be requested to help upon your asking.

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5. Incorporate the Grand Encampment Membership Program of 5/50 in your local Commandery. For every 100 members on your current roster, have a goal to add "5" new members each year. Reduce our losses by "50%" for those lost by demits and suspensions.
6. Use your Battalion Commanders to assist in planning membership endeavors.

If membership development is to be successful, it depends on what YOU are willing to do tell yourself, If it is to be, it is up to me. Plans have been developed and conversations have taken place over the years on how we can be successful, but deeds not words, is what will determine the final success. If a judge were to ask you how you would plead to an action of asking Master Masons to become York Rite Masons, would you be innocent or guilty? We hope you would be guilty!

Paul V Friend, K.C T, P.G.C., Chairman  
William A. Pruitt, GG  
T. Jeffery Conquest, G C G  
George A. Ingles, Jr. G SW  
Floyd Keith Dunn, II, G JW  
Randy Schutz, E.C.

The Grand Commander and the Membership Committee then distributed the following awards:

MEMBERSHIP AWARDS - GRAND COMMANDERY OF INDIANA - 2000

Grand Commander's Trophy - Highest # of Knightings

Greenfield #39 - 45 Knightings

Battalion Scrolls - Highest % of Gain

Battalion #1	- Michigan City #30	56-60	7.14%
Battalion #2	- None.		
Battalion #3	- Wabash #37	111-123	10.81%
Battalion #4	- Knightstown #9	132-133	.76%
Battalion #5	- None.		
Battalion #6	- None.		
Battalion #7	- Johnson County #23	89-92	3.37%
Battalion #8	- None.		
Battalion #9	- Bedford #42	79-83	5.06%

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**STATUS OF LANYARD CORD PROGRAM**

To: Officers and Members of Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Indiana

This report on the lanyard cords includes all Knightings reported to the Grand Recorder by the Constituent Commanderies through December 31, 2000. The Knightings listed as unclaimed in the past have all been assigned to the proper top line signers. Battalion Commanders need to encourage the Recorders of the Commanderies to provide TLS name and Knighting dates. All lanyard cords for year 2000 have been forwarded to the Battalion Commanders for distribution.

Distribution of Awards

Award Color	Number	Issued in In 2000	Totals 12/2000	Totals 12/1999
White	3	13	210	203
Silver	6	5	56	54
Gold	9	6	52	48
Red	15	3	27	25
Red & White	20	1	6	5
Red & Silver	25	0	7	7
Red & Gold	30	0	4	6
Red & Purple	35	2	2	0
Purple & White	40	0	1	1
Purple & Silver	45	0	1	1
Purple & Gold	50	0	1	1
Green & White	55	0	1	2
Green & Silver	60	1	1	0
Green & Gold	65	0	0	0
Green & Red	70	0	1	1
Total Awards		31	370	354
# of awards made		7	499	492
Total Knights			869	846
Total Petitions represented by these signers:			3654	3481

Respectfully submitted,

Virgil G. Humphrey

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**REPORT OF THE LIFE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE**

To the Right Eminent Grand Commander, Officers, and Sir Knights of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Indiana

The Life Membership Plan of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Indiana has completed its' eleventh year of existence. The following summarizes the plan:

Year	Dues Paid to Commanderies	Members	Active Members
1991	\$1658.00	56	56
1992	\$2008.50	101	101
1993	\$2905.00	167	165
1994	\$3190.70	198	192
1995	\$3431.05	213	204
1996	\$3661.10	223	206
1997	\$4069.60	235	212
1998	\$4199.60	261	231
1999	\$4219.60	274	240
2000	\$4965.80	303	252
2001	\$4782.80	315	257

As of December 31, 2000, a total of 315 life memberships have been issued since the start of the plan. Twelve new members joined in 2000, with a purchasing price totaling \$3,628.00. With 58 member's deceased, the plan has 257 active members. The total cash received into the plan as of December 31, 2001 was \$64,495.00. The Grand Trustees are holding the assets in long- term certificates of deposit and money market accounts, at interest rates ranging from 5.00% to 7.02%. On December 31, 2000, there was \$44,719.75 in assets.

The committee is undertaking no activity at this time.

Respectfully submitted:

Paul W. Friend, K.C.T., P.G.C., Chairman  
John V. Stevens, KCT, PGC, GR  
Henry LaHurreau, PGC

**REPORT OF THE LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE**

To the Right Eminent Grand Commander, Officers, and Sir Knights of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Indiana:

The Long Range Planning Committee has continued to support our defined "Mission" during this Templar year. Our priorities have focused on Finance, Operations, and Leadership development.

This year the Grand Commander extended an invitation to the Grand Chapter and Grand Council to join in our planning process which added a complimentary dimension.

### **FINANCE**

The “**Newby-Avery Chair**” program was approved by the Executive Committee, and announced by the Grand Commander in December. This program is complimentary to the existing Newby-Avery Fellowship” program, and has been introduced to assist in attaining our financial goal of achieving \$300,000 in our Permanent Fund. Membership in the “Chair program can be accomplished by donating a minimum of \$250.00 to the fund. The targeted audiences for sponsorships are Individual Commanderies, Templar organizations (Beauceant, Drill Teams, etc.), and individuals wishing to support our financial goals. Recognition items for participants in the program have been defined.

### **OPERATIONS**

In the area of Templary Operations, the Committee has begun exploration of the concept of “Templary Clubs”. The Grand Encampment is advancing this novel concept, and we believe that there is merit in testing this concept in Indiana. The concept is designed to apply to weaker Commanderies that may not have a strong leadership team, have not had ‘official stated Conclaves for extended periods of time cannot confer the Orders, and experience continued declining membership.

We believe that exploring and testing this topic is one of our highest priority goals next year. It provides for a new and structured approach in ore-building” Commanderies, and perhaps may minimize or eliminate unnecessary mergers. We have, therefore, assigned this to a sub-Committee headed by Sir Knight S. Randal Schutz, DBC with the objective of evaluating the practicality of the concept, establishing the standards we wish to test, identifying Commanderies that are candidates for participation, and coordinating a test with the Executive Committee for evaluation.

### **LEADERSHIP**

We continue to provide Leadership development training to current and future Templary Officers. The “Indiana Templar Academy”, inaugurated in 1995, graduated a new class, and now has over 100 graduates of the program. Guest speakers present relevant topics on specific leadership skills.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

This Committee would also encourage the Executive Committee begin a defined process of reviewing the current Long Range Plan, selecting specific goals for implementation during the year, agreeing upon the tactics, and assigning a leader for execution of the goal. This would provide more teamwork between the Commanderies, accelerate implementation of approved short-term goals, and permit the Long Range Planning Committee to focus on more intermediate goals and strategies.

Fraternally submitted,

Willard R. Clutter, KCT, PGC, HPOC, Vice-Chrm.

Robert E. Price, KGC, PGC, HPDC, Vice-Chrm.

John V. Stevens, KCT, PGC, GR

Steven J. Barton, KCT, PGC

Duane L. Vaught, DGC

William A. Pruitt, GG

S. Randal Schutz, PC (39)

Lloyd E. Atterson, PC (67)

Norman L. Brown, PC (66)

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**REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE**  
**Proposed Budget for 2001-2002**

NON-DISCRETIONARY ITEMS:	2000 - 2001 Budget	2000 - 2001 Actual	2001 - 2002 Budget
K.T. Eye Foundation	\$4,221.00	\$4,220.00	\$4,102.00
Grand Encampment Per Capita	\$19,605.00	\$19,635.00	\$18,723.00
Triennial Conclave	\$1,113.00	\$1,111.00	\$1,077.00
Special Conclave	\$817.00		\$808.00
	\$25,756.00	\$24,966.00	\$23,536.00
DISCRETIONARY ITEMS:			
Audit	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$650.00
Clerical	\$500.00	\$143.00	\$525.00
Drills	\$1,000.00	\$612.00	\$1,000.00
G.T. Contingent Fund	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00
Office Expense Fund	\$600.00	\$730.00	\$600.00
G.C. Contingent Fund	\$3,500.00	\$4,110.00	\$3,500.00
Distinguished Guests	\$2,500.00	\$1,969.00	\$2,500.00
Fifty-Year Awards	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
G. R. Expense	\$3,300.00	\$3,300.00	\$3,300.00
G. R. Contingent Fund	\$800.00	\$800.00	\$800.00
Office Rent	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$600.00
G.R. Car Expense	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
Grand Officer Expense	\$3,000.00	\$2,600.00	\$3,000.00
Host Commandery	\$1,750.00	\$1,750.00	\$1,750.00
PGC & GPE Jewels	\$500.00	\$981.00	\$0.00
Proceedings/Advance Report	\$3,000.00	\$3036.00	\$2,500.00
Editor KT Supplement	\$200.00	\$150.00	\$200.00
Stationery & Printing	\$1,500.00	\$1,220.00	\$1,500.00
Postage	\$2,350.00	\$2,300.00	\$1,750.00
Telephone	\$700.00	\$630.00	\$700.00
Rituals	\$200.00	\$300.00	\$300.00
Unallocated/Committee Funds	\$1,500.00	\$1,248.00	\$1,500.00
Insurance	\$700.00	\$2,234.00	\$00.00
Equipment & Repair	\$500.00	\$329.00	\$0.00
	\$30,950.00	\$29,832.00	\$28,875.00



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SPECIAL ACTIVITIES:

Youth Organizations	\$750.00	\$750.00	\$1,000.00
York Rite Assn. of Indiana	\$750.00	\$750.00	\$750.00
Trophies & Awards	\$600.00	\$528.00	\$600.00
Sesquicentennial #1	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
Membership Development	\$500.00	\$1286.00	\$1,500.00
	\$3,000.00	\$3,314.00	\$4,350.00
 Total Budget	 \$58,706.00	 \$58,112.00	 \$57,935.00

Respectfully Submitted  
 Steven J. Barton, PGC, Chairman  
 Robert E. Price, H.P.D.C.  
 Henry LaHurreau, PGC.

**REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE  
 Proposed Education Foundation Budget for 2001-2002**

ITEMS:	2000 Budget	2000 Actual	2001 Budget	2001 Actual	2002 Budget
Audit	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00
Postage	\$700.00	\$700.00	\$700.00	\$700.00	\$700.00
Rent	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$600.00
Clerical	\$960.00	\$960.00	\$960.00	\$960.00	\$960.00
FICA Tax	\$257.04	\$257.04	\$257.04	\$257.04	\$257.04
Secretary - Treasurer	\$2,400.00	\$2,400.00	\$2,400.00	\$2,400.00	\$2,400.00
Auto Allowance	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$600.00
Stationary and Printing	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00
Telephone	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
Miscellaneous	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
Equipment Repair	\$125.00	\$125.00	\$125.00	\$125.00	\$125.00
Total	\$6,042.04	\$6,042.04	\$6,042.04	\$6,042.04	\$6,042.04

Respectfully Submitted  
 Steven J. Barton, PGC, Chairman  
 Robert E. Price, H.P.D.C.  
 Henry LaHurreau, PGC.

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**KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION REPORT**

To: The Right Eminent Grand Commander, Officers and Sir Knights of Indiana:

As of the close of 2000, the Foundation had a total of \$100,065.15 in loans outstanding.

Cash on hand as of December 31, 2001 was as follows:

Regular Checking	\$12,789.58	
Money Market Account	\$ 6,070.94	
		\$ 18,860.52
C.D. #1	\$31,467.42	
C.D. #2	\$27,449.21	
C.D. #3	\$27,575.14	
C.D. #4	\$29,692.64	
C.D. #5	\$25,757.29	
		<u>\$141,941.70</u>
		\$160,802.22

This gives us a total balance of \$160,802.22 available money to loan to college students.

In 2000 we made three new loans totaling \$9,000.00 and a total of 9 loans were paid off totaling \$23,500.00. Your Educational Foundation Committee meets regularly and all members sign off on all loans made.

Please help us to inform the Commanderies and students that this money is available.

Respectfully submitted:

Robert S. Flint, G.P.E., Chairman  
Duane Stucker, K.C.T., P.G.C.,  
Paul E. Friend, P.G.C., K.C.T.  
Robert J. Frazer, P.G.C., K.C.T.  
John V. Stevens, Secretary/Treasurer

**REPORT OF THE KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EYE FOUNDATION COMMITTEE**

To: The Right Eminent Grand Commander, Grand Commandery officers. Grand Encampment Officers, and Sir Knights:

It has been my pleasure to serve as Chairman of this Committee since the resignation of Sir Knight Lyndon Smith. Sir Knight Smith served this office well since his appointment in 1996. He set a standard of service that has been hard to duplicate. I thank you for the appointment, and I thank each of the Sir Knights who have worked on cases this year. It is truly a blessing to help make such a change in the lives of others.

From May 1, 2000, to November 30, 2000, this office received the following monies and transmitted them to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation offices in Chicago:

Grand Commanders Club	\$350.00
Patron	\$100.00
22 Life Sponsors	\$660.00
Memorials	\$90.00
General donations	\$402.00
Total for the period	\$1,602.00

During the Voluntary Campaign that extended from December 1, 2000, thru April 30, 2001. I have received the following monies and transmitted them to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation offices in Chicago.

Voluntary Contributions	\$229.00
38 Life Sponsors	\$1,140.00
2 Grand Commanders Club	\$600.00
Grand Masters Club	\$1,000.00
Memorials	\$95.00
Associate Patron	\$50.00
Patron	\$52.00
Total for the period	\$4,166.00

As of April 6, 2000, Voluntary Campaign report from Grand Encampment shows the total amount to be \$10,011.50, so not all funds have come thru my office. This report also shows that the Grand Commandery ranks twenty-second in the country: and having ranking of fortieth with a per-capita of \$1.69. Sir Knights, we can do much better!

We have had many sight saving procedures approved this year. Many thanks should go to those Sir Knights who have worked on cases. Each of these Sir Knights has proven himself a true hero by giving unselfishly of his time and resources to help others to see.

**NATIONAL CHILDREN'S EYE CARE PROGRAM**

In 1997-1998, then Right Eminent Deputy Grand Master, Sir Knight William Jackson Jones approached the Grand Commandery of Indiana to do a pilot study for a new Knights Templar Eye Foundation program. The goal of the National Children's Eye Care program is to have every child's eyes screened by the age of six while many problems can be easily corrected.

It has been two years since we started training our eye screening teams, and we are getting ready for the re-certification process. This may be a bit slower this time because Prevent Blindness Indiana has had to reduce the number of associates from two to one. Anne Krieker, who did much of the training, is no longer with them. She told me to wish the Knights Templar the very best. Maureen Golden will be doing all of the work that she and Anne have performed in the past.

In the past two years, we have had mixed results with our screening teams. Some groups started screening almost right from the moment of certification, but others have not been active. In practice, each team is a stand alone unit that schedules eye screening sessions, performs the screening process, and reports the results to Prevent Blindness Indiana. Somewhere along the way, we failed to teach them to function properly. We are planning to make a training video for this purpose.

This past year, the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Indiana was named "Advocate of the Year" by the Indiana Academy of Ophthalmology. A plaque was presented to the Grand Commander at a Banquet given in our honor.

On June 15, 2000, Lady Faye and I had the honor of representing the Grand Commandery of Indiana and the National Children's Eye Care program at the "Light up the night for sight" walk-a-thon fund raiser for Prevent Blindness Indiana. We completed a 5K (roughly 3 miles) walk through downtown Indianapolis. They have assured me that they will give me a little more advanced notice of the event this year, because many of our people said that they would have loved to take part.

This is a very worthy program and deserves our support. It is the recommendation of those most involved - namely Dr Gene Helveston, of the American Academy of Ophthalmology, the representatives of Prevent Blindness Indiana, and me - that it be given Committee status and budget of its own. There should be separate Knights Templar Eye Foundation Committee and National Children's Eye Program chairmen.

Fraternally submitted,

James W. Prairie, KCT, P.GC.  
Chairman

**BATTALION I REPORT**

To the Right Eminent Grand Commander, Past Grand Commanders, Officers and Sir Knights of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Indiana:

I am very pleased to report that Battalion I has completed the Templar year ending 2000 with notable progress. Battalion I consists of LaPorte #12, Valparaiso #28, Michigan City #30, Hammond #41, E. H. Gary #57, East Chicago #58 (through December 31<sup>st</sup>) and Crown Point UD (since February 13, 2001).

I would first like to commend “my” Commanderies for the excellent spirit that exists among the Sir Knights. The word “help” has a fundamental function that brings our entire battalion together when needed. As you travel throughout Northwest Indiana, you will find our Sir Knights meeting in fine fellowship in their asylums, and you could well expect them to be seen participating in the local blue lodges. Putting our Sir Knights in the public eye has also been on our minds. We have participated in Memorial Day and 4th of July parades in full uniform, public church services to celebrate Christmas and Easter (also in uniform) and held fund raisers that not only help our philanthropies, but the communities in which we reside. Participation in the Holy Land Pilgrimage has also given us great visibility in the community.

Our inspections went off well, with noteworthy improvements throughout the area. Michigan City and LaPorte combined for an open format inspection as did East Chicago and Hammond. Both were very successful and drew out many members and their families. E.H. Gary and Valparaiso combined to have a closed inspection, and I’m sure the Sir Knights from all over the state knows of their proficiency. This year, we have seen East Chicago # 58 merge into Hammond # 41 to form one stronger Commandery and Crown Point Commandery UD constituted to support the Sir Knights in the southern part of Battalion I.

My first year as Battalion Commander was interesting, challenging and fun. I must again thank the members of “my” Commanderies for the support, cooperation, patience and hospitality they have shown me. I am looking forward to working with them next year with continued enthusiasm. I would also like to thank my fellow Grand Officers, the Past Grand Officers and many knowledgeable friends for their help in guiding me through this exciting adventure.

In closing, my gratitude goes out to my Deputy Battalion Commanders, Thomas C. Henley, William R. Bingham, and James L. Dove for their help, support and dedication to Masonry and to Templary in particular. My hard working DBC’s have jumped at the opportunity to serve the Grand Commandery, and we all appreciate their service.

Fraternally submitted,

Lawrence V. Kaminsky  
Grand Warder  
Battalion I Commander

## **BATTALION II REPORT**

To the Right Eminent Grand Commander, Past Grand Commanders, Officers and Sir Knights of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Indiana:

It is my pleasure to report that Battalion II has completed the Templar year with mixed results. Battalion II is comprised of the following Commanderies; Fort Wayne #4, South Bend #13, Apollo #19, Huntington #25, Elkhart #31, Angola #45, and Goshen #50 the annual inspection of the books and activities of these Commanderies show that they are all financially stable and well organized. However, as of this writing Apollo Commandery needs to complete their inspection / instructional.

Sir Knights and Companions from Fort Wane, Apollo, Elkhart, Angola as well as Ohio and Michigan Commanderies are currently participating in their 28<sup>th</sup> annual Tri State Festival. This festival continues to be a fine example of York Rite in action throughout the regions of the three states. I congratulate and commend the Sir Knights and Companions who work diligently to make the Tri State Festival a reality year after year.

In closing, I would like to thank the Officers and Sir Knights of Battalion II's Commanderies for their dedication to Masonry, and in particular to Templary. Also, I would like to express my sincerest gratitude to my Deputies Robert Hobbs and Phillip Crussemeyer.

Respectfully Submitted,

T. Jeffery Conquest  
Grand Captain General  
Battalion Commander

## **BATTALION III REPORT**

Five of the six Commanderies in the 3 Battalion chose to have Inspections with other Commanderies. The teamwork of the Commanderies were evident in some cases, in others it was the host Commandery doing the majority of the work

The Battalion meetings were held in conjunction with the Group 4 meetings, as they were the same members they were reasonably well attended and had interesting topics for the Commanderies as well as for the York Rite in the area. The members there consider themselves as a member of the York Rite and not as a member of the Chapter, Council, or Commandery, but rather all three equally.

The activity scores are rather low and the Commanderies are all conferring working based on the Group Sojourning classes theme. There are a couple of exceptions who are capable of doing their own work for all the Orders

I would recommend the Grand Inspecting General who is doing the inspections use the Battalion Commander as one of his Deputies to assist in the inspection of the Recorder's and Treasurer's books and make his report based on their findings. This would give the Battalion Commander a better feeling the work in the Commanderies.

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It has been a pleasure serving the Grand Commandery as Battalion Commander of the Third Battalion and I look forward to many more visits with the Commanderies in this Battalion in the future.

Lastly I would like to thank the Deputy Battalion Commanders, Sir Knight Rodney Mann and Sir Knight Basil Isaac for agreeing to serve the Grand Commander with me this past year.

Fraternally Submitted,

George A Ingles  
Grand Senior Warden  
Battalion Commander

**BATTALION V REPORT**

To the Right Eminent Grand Commander, Officers and Sir Knights of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Indiana:

During 2000, five of the six Commanderies in Battalion 5 were inspected on the opening and closing, of these Terre Haute 16 and Clinton 48 were joint as was the inspection of Lebanon Commandery 43 who hosted Frankfort No. 29. In general the quality of the work was good although the less frequently used openings needed work in some places. Brazil No. 47 was not inspected on the opening or closing but we did have a good discussion of substantive steps within their power, steps that could allow them to take charge of the future and build their membership.

In recent years, Brazil 47 and Greencastle 11 have been having some difficulty. New and enthusiastic members this year in Greencastle have been a big help, and they are already looking to be doing more work in 2001. Brazil 47 needs to retrench and move again to build a future. It can be done. Both of these communities are large enough to support Commanderies. Ups and downs over time are not unique to our generation. Clinton Commandery 48 is what it has been for years, a small but successful small town Commandery that hasn't grown but hasn't had any significant membership losses either. This has been their particular niche and it has been a solid one for them, they will be around for many years to come.

Terre Haute 16 and Crawfordsville 2\$ remain the two largest and busiest Commanderies in the Battalion. They have each also been a source of assistance to their neighbors. This kind of cooperation between localities is the most noteworthy feature of the York Rite. It is a virtue we share more than almost any other branch of Freemasonry.

Lebanon No. 43 is in the process of deciding how to manage the retirement of J. Merritt Collins from the office of Recorder, which he has held for more than 50 years. He has been a source of strength and stability for them. These changes occur regularly and provide a chance for others to try their hand.

Lastly, I want to thank the Sir Knights of Battalion five. For nine years I have been given the opportunity to meet with them, to confer the Orders of Knighthood, and to share their fraternal hospitality. Those who are not members of a fraternal organization, those who are but have not taken the opportunity to be active truly don't know what they are missing.

Respectfully submitted

Duane L. Vaught  
Deputy Grand Commander  
Commander Battalion Five

## **BATTALION VI REPORT**

To the Grand Commander, all Past Grand Commanders, Grand Commandery Offices and Sir Knights all:

Well Sir Knights, I made it through my second year in the Grand Commandery line, wonders never cease to happen I hope this report will enlighten all as to my observations of Battalion VI for this past Templar year.

All in all, I feel that Battalion VI did very well this past year Tipton is back meeting in the new Masonic Temple in Tipton and they have a very nice Temple, all on one floor. I was only able to schedule one Battalion meeting this year and then was unable to be present myself because of work schedule which required that I be out of state that week. Although, I had one of my deputies take care of the meeting on my behalf. Much thank to Greg Snipes for handling this for me. All Commanderies appear to continue to support the advancement of Knights Templar in Indiana.

Greenfield #39 had a 16 man "C" drill team in both the state competition and came in second in the triennial competition in Nashville, Tenn. They also started, in October, another class of 8-10 petitioners for the Degrees and Orders of the York Rite bodies and these new knights were knighted on the 29th of November 2000.

Battalion VI had a good inspection year even though one Commandery was to have a joint inspection with another outside of Battalion VI, and that Commandery is in the process of turning in their charter, as a consequence of this Anderson Commanders just held an instructional this year. Another Battalion VI Commandery had a joint inspection with an outside Commandery and this was a fine inspection. Then two Commanderies within Battalion VI held a joint inspection, which went very well I was able to attend several of the Commanderies practices for their inspections and I hope that I didn't confuse or upset them too much with my presence at these practices.

The Guidon for Battalion VI this year will go, once again to Greenfield Commandery #39 with an overall score of 925 points The Activities ribbons will be awarded as follows 1<sup>st</sup> place Greenfield #39 with total points of 837, 2 place Anderson Commandery #32 with total points of 265, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place to Grant County #51 with total points of 155 Great job to all Commanderies and I hope to see more competition in the coining year.

I would like to thank all Battalion VI Commanderies for their support and efforts this past year and would also like to thank them for all of the courtesies shown to myself, my lads and my D B C s throughout the year I trust these fraternal feelings will continue for the coining years as I, hopefully progress through the Grand Commanders Line.

**BATTALION VI KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK FOR TEMPLARY US INDIANA.**



*Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Indiana*

Again, I want to express my heartfelt thanks and appreciation to my DBCs. Greg Snipes and Norman Hitson, for all their efforts and support this year Lets continue to strive to keep Battalion VI on top of all in Indiana.

I must, once again, express my most sincere thanks and appreciation to my mentors, PGC Dwight (Boss) Lanman. and PGC Henry (Flank) LaHurreau for their words of wisdom and the continued guidance they have given me this past year I hope that this support will continue through out my tenure in the Grand Commandery.

Then last, hut by no means least, I want to thank my lady Marilyn for putting up with all of the stuff I base ask her to do in support of me this past year and trust this support will continue as long as I am in the Grand Commandery line.

Fraternally submitted,

Harry W. McLaren  
Grand Sword Bearer,  
Battalion VI

### **BATTALION VII REPORT**

To the Right Eminent Grand Commander, Past Grand Commanders, Officers and Sir Knights of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Indiana:

This being my first year with our Grand Commandery of Indiana, I wish to say thank you to all the Officers and Sir Knights of whom have stepped up to the plate and helped in so many ways. Thank you. This year would have been a disaster for me if it were not for the experience and leadership of my two Deputy Battalion Commanders, Wayne A. Sheets and S. Randal Schutz. They have helped direct and organize Battalion #7 as a team. We have had a good year and Indiana Templary has been continued though out this State and in Battalion 7 for another year.

The goals and objectives of Grand Commandery have been completed in the Battalion this year. This is not to say that we do not have a great amount of work ahead of us. The number one task before any Commandery or Commandery Officer is membership development. The Battalion leaders need to be working jointly with the other two local York Rite Bodies and of course the local Symbolic Lodges in the effort. We need to try new and/or old ideas to recruit new members. Our fraternity has been stagnate or declining for many years for many different reasons. We have just resisted change for too many years. It is time we updated our package, keeping the foundation intact, and progress into our future. Only through a joint membership effort can we succeed.

Inspections: Most Commandery Inspections went well. The effort to comply with the Inspection was there in every Commandery. I enjoyed seeing a revival of the 12 man Line in a few of the Commanderies. Good Job and keep up the good work.

Activity: As in life, if you are active you can be healthy. If the effort is put out, one will see results and so goes Battalion #7. The healthy Commanderies are active. The scores prove my point except for Raper No 1's inspection score.

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Scores:	Inspection:	Activities:
Raper No1	58	518
Baldwin No 2	93	307
Johnson Co. No 23	Instructional	209
Trinity No 62	71	294
WM G. Bray No 65	93	482
Irv-Lawrence No 67	93	375

In closing, I would like to thank the Grand Commandery for allowing me to serve. It has been a year of enjoyment, growth, and education. I also would like to thank the ladies for all the effort and joy they offered us this Year.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrew R. Jackson,  
Grand Sentinel  
Battalion Commander 7th Battalion

### **BATTALION VIII REPORT**

10 the Right Eminent Grand Commander, Officers and Sir Knights of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Indiana:

With the merger of Madison Commandery No. 22 into Columbus Commandery, there were 5 Commanderies to be inspected-Columbus, New Albany, Greensburg, Jeffersonville and Seymour. As in the previous year, Greensburg and Columbus Commanderies pooled their resources for a joint inspection. Neither of them had ever performed a 10 man opening before, so it was a learning experience for both. Once again, it showed that the synergy of working together was greater than the sum of the parts.

Jeffersonville No. 27, Seymour, No. 56 and New Albany No. 5 Commanderies chose to have individual inspections. It was evident that each of them had prepared and rehearsed for their inspection. Even though some were short-handed in having enough to do tile work, the ones, who were there, did their parts very well, Pride shows! New Albany had never done a 10-man closed inspection before, but they looked like veterans.

The final tally shows that Activities ribbons are awarded as follows Columbus, blue; New Albany, red; and Seymour, white. The opening closing scores were very close this year but Columbus and Greensburg will share carrying the Guidon for Battalion 8 in 2001.

At the Battalion meeting and inspections, each Commandery was encouraged to increase public visibility through participation in activities and charities. Membership will not grow unless Masons and non-Masons alike see our good works and know who we are.

*Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Indiana*

I would like to thank each of the Commanderies that I inspected and attended this year for the hospitality extended to my wife, Deputy Battalion Commanders, Steve Barrett and Jim Adamson and me. Without their support, this year would not have been as much fun.

Fraternally submitted,

Ronald L. Ellis  
Grand Standard Bearer  
Battalion Commander of No. 8

**BATALLON IX REPORT**

To the Right Eminent Grand Commander, Officers and Sir Knights of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Indiana:

I am pleased to report that Templary continues to strive and frequently succeeds in southwest Indiana. As with any worthy struggle, success does not come easy but the results justify the effort. The effort that these Commanderies have shown this passed year is remarkable. The Knighting they have had the number of Sir Knight that was present at their Inspection.

The challenges for this Battalion in the next Templar year are to continue with the things that they have started and continue with their membership effort.

In closing, I want to thank the Officers, and Sir Knights, and their Ladies for their hard work during the year. The courtesies extended to me and my Lady, Pat, and respect shown for the Rank of this Office are sincerely appreciated.

A special thanks to my Deputy Battalion Commander, James R. Evans and Carl Salzmann.

Respectfully Submitted

William A. Pruitt, GG  
Battalion Commander IX

**GRAND COMMANDERY, KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF INDIANA**

BULLETIN NO.1 - BITTING - 2000-2001

MAY 3, 2000

**146TH CONCLAVE DIGEST**

The 146th Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Indiana, was held at the Marriott Hotel, Indianapolis. The Sir Knights of Ft. Wayne Commandery #4, the home Commandery of the R.E. Grand Commander, served as hosts for the Conclave.

The lines were formed by the Deputy Battalion Commanders, under the direction of S.K. John Bleich as Captain. Distinguished guests were received under the guidance of S.K.'s Steven J. Barton, K.C.T., P.G.C., and Dwight E. Lanman, Jr., K.C.T.; P.G.C. Inspecting officer was S.K. Richard B. Baldwin, R.E. Grand Captain General of the Grand Encampment and Personal Representative of S.K. James Morris Ward, M. E. Grand Master. Also present was S.K. William H. Koon II, K.C.T. and R.E. Department Commander of the East Central Department. In addition, S.K. James S. DeMond, K.C.T. and Past Department Commander, as well as S.K. Robert E. Price, K.C.T., S.K. R. Frank Williams, K.C.T., and Willard R. Clutter, K.C.T., Honorary Past Department Commanders, were in attendance. S.K. Ishmael D. Ison, Jr., K.C.T. and M. W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Indiana, was present and took an active part in all of the proceedings. The officers in the West presented the colors and all present participated in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call of Grand Representatives showed that 37 were present, 6 absent, and 5 were excused. The Report of the Necrology Committee paid tribute to those 206 Sir Knights who have passed to their eternal rest, including James Aaron Wills, Sr., P.G.C. These named Sir Knights were appropriately eulogized. The Grand Recorder reported a loss of 249 for the year 2000 with 109 new Sir Knights having been created.

The Eye Foundation Committee reported that a total of \$61,196.28 in contributions was received for the 1999-2000 year. The greatest portion of this amount was from wills and bequests; totaling more than \$56,489.00 The Holy Land Pilgrimage Committee reported that 14 Indiana Pastors had been given the opportunity to visit the Holy Land during the past year, a new single-year total. This brings to a total of 150 the number of Indiana Pastors who have participated in the program. The Educational Loan Foundation committee reported that 10 loans aggregating \$30,000.00 were made during the year and that total loans outstanding totaled \$107,006.08 at year end. A continuing shortage of applicants has curtailed the lending even though allowable loans were raised to \$3,000.00 per year or a total of \$6,000.00 per applicant. 17 student loans were paid off in 1999 with an additional 5 since January 1, 2000.

The official Conclave Program Book now entitled "The Templar Crusade?" was again made available to those present, although there was not sufficient advertisements sold to make a donation to the Holy Land Pilgrimage Committee or the Camp Crosley program. A total of seventy-seven persons traveled from Indiana to attend the Easter Sunrise Pilgrimage in Washington, D.C., and the Indiana Sir Knights, joined by a number of others, including the M.E. Grand Master, again placed a wreath on the Tomb of the Unknowns in Arlington Cemetery.

The final report of the Credentials Committee showed that all Commanderies were represented by at least one delegate. Following this report, the election was held with the following results:

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Irvin L. Bitting, G.C.                      Duane L Vaught, D.G.C.                      William A. Pruitt, G.G.  
T. Jeffrey Conquest, G.C.G.              George A. Ingles, G.S.W.                      F. Keith Dunn, II, G.J.W.  
Herbert A. Newman, P.G.C., K.C.T., G.T.                      John V. Stevens, K.C.T., G.R.  
Robert E. Price, K.C.T., H.P.D.C., Grand Trustee (3 Years)

The Grand Commander-Elect then announced the following appointments:

Samuel M. Robinson, G.P.                      Ronald L Ellis, G. St B.                      Harry McLaren G .Sw B.  
Lawrence V. Kaminsky, G. W                      Andrew R. Jackson, G.S.                      John W. Logan, Sr., G.O.  
Robert J. Frazer, P.G.C., Grand Inspector-General

**MEMBERSHIP AND OTHER AWARDS PRESENTED**

Awards for membership achievement were presented by the Grand Commander as follows:

GRAND COMMANDER'S TROPHY (Highest # of Knightings) - Win. G. Bray #65

J.RUFUS HINSHAW TROPHY (Greatest Net Increase) - Win. G. Bray #65

**BATTALION SCROLLS (Highest Percentage of Gain)**

Battalion I    - LaPorte #12 - .061%	Battalion VIII - No Winner
Battalion VI   - No Winner	Battalion IV    - No Winner
Battalion II   - No Winner	Battalion IX   - No Winner
Battalion VII - Wm. G. Bray #65 - .063%	Battalion V    - Terre Haute #16 - .009%
Battalion III   - H.W Matthewson #66 - .079%	

Battalion Activity Awards were presented to the top three Commanderies in each Battalion. Guidons were presented in each Battalion to the Commandery having the highest score on the opening ceremonies at Inspection. The names will be published in the Proceedings. A Trophy was awarded to Lawrence Commandery #67 as the Commandery of the Year.

**DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARDS** - Twenty-seven Sir Knights and 17 Friends of Indiana Commanderies were nominated to receive this award, which may be given to one Sir Knight and one friend in each Commandery annually for outstanding service. As usual, these names are not divulged until the presentations are made in the individual Commanderies.

**STAR RECORDER OF THE YEAR** - This award, based on criteria set up by the Grand Commander and the Grand Recorder, and based on nominations made by Battalion Commanders went to Emil Steffey, longtime Recorder of Baldwin Commandery #2 in Shelbyville.

**KNIGHT TEMPLAR CROSS OF HONOR** - This coveted Templar award was presented to S.K. Norbert O. Parrot of Fort Wayne Commandery #4. This was obviously a popular choice as indicated by the response from those assembled. The award was presented by S.K. Richard B. Baldwin, Right Eminent Grand Captain General of the Grand Encampment.

The business of the 146th Annual Conclave having been completed, the new officers were installed by S.K. Steven J. Barton., as Installing Grand Commander, S.K. Robert E. Price as Grand Recorder, S.K. Dwight E. Lanman, Jr. as Grand Marshal, and S.K. R. Frank Williams as Grand Prelate. After remarks and introductions by the new Grand Commander, Irvin Lepoe Bitting, he then declared the 146th Annual Conclave adjourned and Fort Wayne Commandery #4 closed in ample form.

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DIVINE SERVICE: The Divine Service was held prior to dinner on Friday evening with about 60 Sir Knights and ladies in attendance. The service was under the direction of S.K. Vonn G. Hoffman, G.P.E., assisted by P.G.C. LaHurreau and G.C. Bitting. S.K. and P.M.W. Grand Master Douglas O. Fegenbush led hymns. A goodly amount was contributed to the Camp Crosley fund by the generosity of those present.

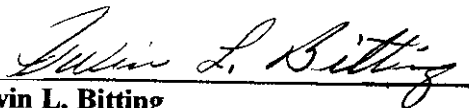
COMPETITIVE DRILLS The Competitive Drills were held on Saturday, April 29th, at the Stonybrook Middle School in suburban Indianapolis, under the direction of Steven J. Barton, P.G.C. and Drill Chairman. Ten teams participated with the results as follows: CLASS A...1<sup>st</sup> Place - Knightstown #9 with 86.5...CLASS B - Raper #1 with 88.1...CLASS C - Greenfield #39 with 88.3 CLASS D 1st Place - New Albany #5 with 95.2...2nd Place - Ft. Wayne #4 -Team #1 with 96.9... 3rd Place -Ft. Wayne #4 -Team #2 with 89.4. CLASS C 'Tactics' - Tri State with 96.1. Following the conclusion of the drill competition, Ft. Wayne Templar band gave a 20 minute concert, followed by a Pass-in-Review and the presentation of the awards.

The 147th Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Indiana will be held at the Marriott Hotel, Indianapolis, on April 27-28, 2001.

**BATTALION STRUCTURE FOR 2000 - 2001**

Battalion I	(Kaminsky)	12, 28, 30, 41, 57, 58
Battalion II	(Conquest)	4, 13, 19, 31, 35, 45, 50
Battalion III	(Ingles)	3, 24, 29, 36, 37, 66
Battalion IV	(Dunn)	6, 8, 9, 18, 44
Battalion V	(Vaught)	11, 16, 25, 43, 47, 48
Battalion VI	(McLaren)	21, 32, 39, 52, 61
Battalion VII	(Jackson)	1, 2, 23, 62, 65, 67
Battalion VIII	(Ellis)	5, 14, 22, 27, 56, 59
Battalion IX	(Pruitt)	15, 20, 42, 63, 64

This Bulletin should be read at the first Stated Meeting following its receipt. By order of:

  
Irvin L. Bitting  
R.E. Grand Commander



  
Attest: John V. Stevens: K.C.T., P.G.C.  
Grand Recorder

**GRAND COMMANDERY, KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF INDIANA**

Bulletin No. 2 - Irvin L. Bitting

May 11, 2000

**HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE FOR CHRISTIAN MINISTERS**

To the Officers and Members of the Constituent Commanderies of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar, of Indiana:

We are pleased to announce the 2001 Holy Land Pilgrimage. This Pilgrimage will depart on February 26, 2001, and return on March 6th 2001. The itinerary will cover all of the major Holy Land sites, and will be inclusive. The Pilgrim—Ministers chosen will have their entire round trip air fare paid from Indianapolis International Airport to Israel. As a guest of the Knights Templar, they will also receive three meals per day while in the Holy Land, lodging in a quality hotel, admission fees to the various inspirational sites plus gratuities.

This will be a most exciting experience and is one which every Knight Templar in Indiana can be proud to support. KNIGHT TEMPLARS OF INDIANA have sent 130 ministers to Israel. Praise the Lord!

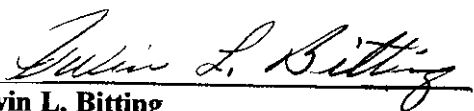
The number of ministers to be selected and sent from Indiana will depend on the amount of funds received. The cost of sending one minister is approximately \$1,935.00. Let us set a goal of sending 20 ministers. I urge all Knights Templar to support this Christian program. "I will wield my sword, in the defense of the Christian religion!"

Select a Holy Land Committee. I urge you and your committee to select and nominate a Christian Minister for your Commandery to submit to the Grand Commandery Committee for consideration. Further, each Commandery is asked to support this Pilgrimage by holding some type of fund-raising activity and requesting donations of the Sir Knights of your Commandery. This is an opportunity for us to reach out into the community as Christians and Templars. We receive no funds from the Grand Encampment. **Make checks payable to: 'HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE FUND'.**

Instructions for making nominations and a minister questionnaire form are enclosed. Send all nominations and contributions to the Chairman, R. Frank Williams, 105 N. Main St., Ft. Branch, IN 47646-1301. **NOMINATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY OCTOBER 1, 2000.**

It is my request that this Bulletin be read at the first Stated Conclave of your Commandery after it is received.



  
Irvin L. Bitting  
R.E. Grand Commander

  
Attest: John V. Stevens: K.C.T., P.G.C  
Grand Recorder

*Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Indiana*

**CONSTITUENT COMMANDERIES**

Instructions for Nomination for Holy Land Pilgrimage Program

1. Appoint a Holy Land Pilgrimage Committee. (Suggestion: Commander, Prelate and one other Sir Knight.)
2. Any Sir Knight in good standing, may submit to this Committee a nomination of any full time Christian Minister.
3. This Committee will recommend to the Commandery one Minister to be nominated by the Commandery and the Commandery will vote to accept or reject the recommendation.
4. After a Minister is nominated by the Commandery, the Committee should meet with that Minister and fill out the form ‘Questionnaire for Ministers’. The form should be signed by the Minister and also signed by the Commander or Committee Chairman.
5. On or before OCTOBER 1, 2001 send the completed form to: S.K. R. Frank Williams, PGC, GPE, HDC, Holy Land Pilgrimage Committee of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Indiana. A letter supporting the Nomination may be submitted.
6. The Holy Land Pilgrimage Committee of the Grand Commandery, consisting of the Grand Prelate and Former Grand Prelates will receive, shortly after November 15, a copy of the Nomination forms along with a ballot. After prayerful consideration, having marked their ballot as to their selection, the ballots are tabulated and the decision rendered and announced.
7. Should a Minister nominated by your Commandery be selected, you will be notified. Your local Committee shall then call on the Minister selected and extend to them the formal invitation to be the Guest of the Grand Commandery for this inspirational and educational experience. Preferred that this presentation be made at the opening of a Church service in the Minister’s Church. Should the Minister you have nominated not be chosen, be not discouraged, submit the nomination the following year. You will be informed if your nominee is not selected.
8. Persons nominated shall be CHRISTIAN Ministers; with five (5) years of full time pastoral work. DO NOT recommend retired pastors or THOSE WHO HAVE GONE TO THE HOLY LAND BEFORE. Choose those who have ten years to serve before retiring. Commanderies recommending a pastor that has been before shall accompany the application with the fee.
9. In selecting a nominee, consideration should be given to their Physical condition there is considerable walking, climbing and it is somewhat stressful on this Pilgrimage.
10. The air fare for the Minister will be paid out of the funds received for their trip to Newark, N.J. under the Super Saver plan.
11. For reasons of Security, the Minister agrees that he shall not arrange any involvement with Political Factions in ISRAEL.

Return Your Nominations No Later Than October 1, 2001 TO: R. Frank Williams, PGC, KCT, GPE, HDC, 105 North Main St., Fort Branch, IN 47648-1301 Fax 612 753—4043, (812) 753-3133 4th Ring



**GRAND COMMANDERY, KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF INDIANA**

BULLETIN NO. 3 - BITTING - 2000-2001

NOVEMBER 1, 2000

**NEWBY-AVERY CHAIR**

Effective immediately and in consultation with the long-range planning committee, I hereby institute and announce the Newby Avery Chair Program. The program complements the existing Newby/Avery Fellowship program by creating the opportunity for Commanderies or other groups to participate. The program does not replace or conflict with the Fellowship Program, which is now in its ninth year.

That program permitted individuals to contribute to the Grand Commandery of Indiana Permanent fund and become Newby/Avery Fellows by a contribution of \$250.00. The recipients receive a lapel pin to which diamonds can be added for additional contributions and invitations for life to the Newby/Avery Banquet.

Henceforth, any Commandery that contributes to the Newby/Avery Chair Program, in the amount of \$250.00, will be designated a chair sponsor for the next five years.

Chair sponsors will receive an appropriate plaque. Provision will also be made for a method of recognizing additional subsequent contributions.

Points will be awarded on the annual Activity score sheets as with the Newby/Avery Fellowships.

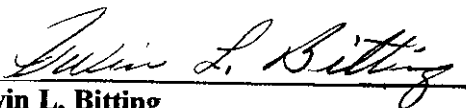
Each 'Chair Sponsor' will receive an invitation to send someone of its choice to the Newby —Avery Banquet and to the Grand Commandery Winter Meeting general session for each of the five years of its sponsorship.


It is anticipated that a Commandery participating in the program might send its Eminent Commander for those years, but that selection will be left to their discretion.

Like the Newby — Avery Fellowship Program, all money, less expenses, will be placed in the Grand Commandery Permanent Fund. A portion of the income from that fund is transferred annually to the general fund of the Grand Commandery, and thus helps to prevent future per-capita fee increases. By providing for our financial future we can help assure the continued viability of our Templar Order.

This Bulletin should be read at the first Stated Conclave following its receipt. By order of:



  
Irvin L. Bitting  
R.E. Grand Commander

  
Attest: John V. Stevens: K.C.T., P.G.C  
Grand Recorder

**GRAND COMMANDERY, KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF INDIANA**

Bulletin No. 4 — Bitting

Easteride 2001

**THE GRAND COMMANDER'S EASTER MESSAGE**

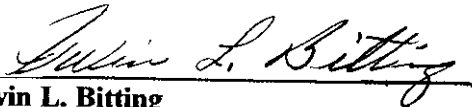
Now upon the first day of the week, very early in the morning, they came unto the Sepulchre, bringing the spices which they had prepared, and certain *others* with them. And they found the stone rolled away from the sepulcher. And they entered in, and found not the body of the Lord Jesus. And it came to pass, as they were much perplexed thereabout, behold two men stood by them in shining garments: and as they were afraid, and bowed down their faces to the earth, they said unto them, why seek ye the living among the dead? He is not here, but is risen: remember how he spake unto you when he was yet in Galilee, saying, The Son of man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again. And they remembered his words, and returned from the sepulcher, and told these things unto the eleven and to all the rest **ST.LUKE 24 1-8**

Science would tell us that this is impossible! I would say to you not improbable. This is but one of many of the miracles that happen in our lives each day. Perhaps not of that magnitude, but then again maybe so. Are there not miracles that happen each day in the medical field that the Doctors cannot explain? Only to find that particular patient had a network of Prayers going out for them. Faith is real. It is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. We walk by faith not by sight.


Perhaps the scientists and skeptics are too busy looking for the “tangible evidence” for this event to see what is real. **Our Lord Jesus has risen**. If this were not true, there would not be so many different sects of religion fighting to gain control over the many areas that Christians consider Holy in the Middle East. By whatever name they apply to the **Supreme Power**, it all comes down to the same ideal. **FAITH!** It is what keeps us going when all seem impossible and beyond our reach. Without it, we falter and walk in the dark, unseeing and not caring where we go or what happens.

Rejoice in the Lord, know in your heart that he has risen, and lives in our daily life through our faith.

Irvin L. Bitting, GC

  
**Irvin L. Bitting**  
**R.E. Grand Commander**



  
**Attest: John V. Stevens: K.C.T., P.G.C**  
**Grand Recorder**

**THE GRAND PRELATE'S  
EASTER MESSAGE**

“What shall I do, then, with Jesus who is called Christ?” Pilate asked. They all answered, “Crucify him.”

**Matt. 27:22; Mark 15: 12-13**

Pilate asked the crowd, “What shall I do with Jesus” This question comes down through the ages to each of us whether we want to face it or not. We will answer it in our time whether we want to or not. Pilate may have thought he was getting off the hook by passing the buck to the crowd. Maybe he wanted to release Jesus; but he knew what the crowd wanted - the troublesome Jesus put away permanently. The problem is that Jesus and the question have not gone away. Jesus rose from the dead and the question still faces us.

Several answers are possible for us:

We can go with that first crowd and say, “Crucify him!” But some of us know that is ridiculous. Jesus didn't stay in his tomb back then and hasn't gone away up to now. Besides, this is the age that tolerates almost anything and capital punishment is passé.

Another answer would be to ignore him. Prophets like fads, come and go. The trouble is that Jesus has not gone away in 2000 years and still influencing people around world.

Many try to take another way around the issue. They treat Jesus as a wise teacher, but no better than any other wise man who ever lived. This might almost work; except Jesus never claimed to be only a wise man. He claimed to be the Son of God with power to forgive sins and restore us to a right relationship with God the father with all the blessings that can bring.

Some of us will take Jesus for what he claims to be - Lord and Savior. We will try to live by his example as much as possible. We will turn to him in our troubles. We will wait patiently for the fulfillment of his promises. We will look forward to a glorious resurrection with him as Children of God.

How will you answer the question? There is no escape. Postponement is no answer. If it is only with your last breath, answer the question with the one answer that will save you for eternity.

Rev. Samuel M. Robinson, Grand Prelate

**GRAND COMMANDERY KMGIIITS TEMPLAR OF INDIANA**

**ANNUAL INSPECTION OF CONSTITUENT COMMANDERIES**

General Order No. 1 — Bitting - 2000-2001

May 3, 2000

1. Pursuant to the provisions of Sections 473 and 474 of the Laws of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Indiana, as amended, it is hereby ordered that the Constituent Commanderies of this Jurisdiction be inspected by the respective inspecting Officer assigned.
2. Each Commandery shall open a Commandery of Knights Templar in Full Form, receive and present such Distinguished Guests as may be present, conduct the Rehearsal of Duties, and then confer the Order of the Temple and upon an actual candidate if possible. Open inspections are encouraged or an optional form may be used which is open in full form with Rehearsal of Duties, receive and present such Distinguished Guests as may be present, then a dinner. If this form of inspection is used it must be an Open Inspection. The Order of the Temple portion of the inspection may be presented at a date that is agreeable between the Commandery and the Inspecting Officer. The Commandery may be opened using the Twelve (12) Knight Line Opening or the Ten (10) Knight Officer Opening.
3. Each Inspection shall start promptly on the date and time mutually agreed upon with the respective Battalion Commander. The date and time may not be changed after the Official Inspection Schedule has been printed and distributed except by a “Special Dispensation” issued by the Grand Commander. Officers of Inspections starting at 2:30 P. M. or earlier shall complete both the ritualistic and public portions before the evening meal. Depending upon the inspection option used. If a joint inspection is preformed the host Commandery will open with the Rehearsal of Duties and Close. The visiting Commandery will receive the Commander and Reception of Distinguished Guests.
4. The full form Opening and the conferring of the Order shall be in accordance with the Ritual and Official Indiana Asylum Tactics, and the most recent interpretations thereof, by the Ritual and Tactics Committee and the Grand Commander.
5. The Inspecting Officer shall examine the books, records, accounts, paraphernalia, and properties of the Commandery and shall issue such instructions of comments that he may deem necessary in reference to these items.
6. The respective Inspecting Officer will send an “Official Notice of Inspections” courtesy letter to the Eminent Commander and Recorder, approximately thirty (30) days in advance of the Inspection. The letter will confirm the date, time, Inspecting Officer’s time of arrival, and request certain statistical reports to be completed. On the day of the Inspection, the Recorder shall provide the completed statistical reports to the Inspecting Officer upon his arrival. In addition, the Recorder will gather all Rituals from the Officers and have them at his desk for review by the Inspecting Officer or his deputies.
7. No Inspection will be considered complete until all books and financial records have been made available to the Inspecting Officer. If not available at the Inspection, it shall be the duty of the Officer involved (Recorder or Treasurer) to deliver the same to the Inspecting Officer within fifteen (15) days. Failure to do so will cause the Commandery to be placed on probation until this obligation has been fulfilled.

*Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Indiana*

8. The regularly elected and appointed officers of the Commandery should fill their respective stations in the opening of the Order of the Temple. In the conferral of the Order the Cast may be made up of other Sir Knights, as we wish to make the greatest impression possible upon the candidate.

9. The Twelve Man Full Form opening or the Ten Man Officer opening may be used. If the Ten Man Officer opening is used, it is desirable for the Officers to fill there own stations.

10. The Inspecting Officer shall make his report of each inspection to the Grand Inspector General, Grand Generalissimo and the Eminent Commander and Recorder of the Commandery that was inspected.

11. The Battalion Guidon will be awarded to the Commandery in each Battalion who has the highest score on the Ritual and Tactics Opening. All Commanderies will be graded according to the forms and procedures adopted by the Ritual and Tactics Committee. A Full report of the inspection will be published and appropriate recognition given, at the Annual Conclave in Indianapolis on April 27, 2001.

12. Upon completion of each Inspection, the Inspecting Officer shall give his remarks first and then the Grand Commander, if present, shall be called upon for any remarks that he might wish to make. At all times if the Grand Commander is not present, then the Inspection Officer shall act as his Official Representative and shall be accorded all of the honors and courtesies due him as such. In all instances, if the Grand Commander is present, he will be the final speaker; unless the Most Worshipful Grand Master is in attendance then he will be the final speaker.

13. It is **STRONGLY** suggested that if a Commandery is unable to comply with Section 2 of this General Order, then they contact surrounding Commanderies for assistance. **NO COMMANDERY WILL BE EXEMPTED FROM MEETING FOR AN ANNUAL INSPECTION OF IHE RECORDS OF THE TREASURER AND RECORDER.**

14. This Order shall be read in all Constituent Commanderies at the first Stated Conclave following its receipt and so noted in the minutes of the Commandery.

Courteously issued by order of:



**Irvin L. Bitting**  
**R.E. Grand Commander**



Attest: **John V. Stevens: K.C.T., P.G.C**  
**Grand Recorder**



**MANDERY, KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF INDIANA**

General Order No.2 – Bitting

September 1, 2000

**DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD**

TO: The Officers and Members of the Constituent Commanderies of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Indiana:

In 1977, The Grand Commandery of Indiana established an award known as the "Distinguished Service Award." This award may be presented by the Right Eminent Grand Commander upon the recommendation of the Commander and dais officers of a Constituent Commandery to a Sir Knight who has given outstanding, loyal, and devoted service to his Commandery. A Lady or non-member may also receive this award as a "DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD FOR FRIENDS."


Each Indiana Commandery may nominate one (1) Sir Knight and/or one (1) "Friend" per year upon the recommendation of its three dais officers. Nominations are made using the enclosed forms, and must be submitted to the Grand Commander no later than February 15, 2001. The cost of the jewel (about \$56.00 for Knights and \$25.00 for Friends) is billed to the Commandery presenting it. A certificate is furnished by the Grand Commandery. As an alternative to the jewel, a service bar may be secured at a cost of around \$10.00. Full details of the award can be found in Permanent Resolution No.3, page 30 of the Indiana Grand Laws. Further questions may be addressed to the Grand Commander or Grand Recorder.

Each Commandery is urged to take advantage of this opportunity to recognize outstanding service to Templary on a local basis. We have many Sir Knights who attend meetings, give a helping hand, do the little things in conferring the Orders, or support the activities of the officers year after year. Any Sir Knight is eligible and there are no restrictions other than that he is in good standing.

This General Order shall be read at the first Stated Conclave of each Constituent Commandery following its receipt and the fact so noted in the minutes.

Given under my hand and seal this 1<sup>st</sup> day of September 2000, A. O. 882.

Issued by Order of:

  
**Irvin L. Bitting**  
**R.E. Grand Commander**



  
Attest: **John V. Stevens: K.C.T., P.G.C**  
**Grand Recorder**

**GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF INDIANA**

**Rules and Regulations**

An award to be known as the "DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD" was established by the Grand Commandery of Indiana on May 6, 1977 at the 123rd Annual Conclave.

It is to be conferred upon members, who, by distinguished service to Templary are worthy of such an award. The recipients to be selected and the award to be presented as follows:

1. The recipient must be a member in good standing of a Commandery.
2. The Eminent Commander, Generalissimo and Captain General will, acting together, present the nomination for the award as suggested by members of their Commandery. The nomination shall be on forms to be provided by the Grand Recorder. Said nomination shall be forwarded to the Right Eminent Grand Commander no later than February 15 of each year for the preceding year. The Grand Commandery may appoint the Grand Recorder and the Special Activities Committee to assist him in the selection of recipients.
3. Those chosen to receive the award shall be made known by the Right Eminent Grand Commander at the Grand Commandery Conclave each year. The names of the nominees to receive the award shall be kept strictly confidential until announced by the Grand Commander.
4. The award shall be limited to one (1) member from each Commandery in Indiana each year starting with the year 1977.
5. The award is to be presented to the recipient by the Eminent Commander of the recipient's Commandery. Such presentation to be at a Stated or Called Conclave. It is strongly recommended that such presentation be open to the public, visitors and friends and is performed with proper ceremony with Sir Knights present wearing full Templar uniforms.
6. The award shall consist of a jewel engraved with the words "DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD, Grand Commandery of Indiana," with the name of the recipient and date of the award engraved on the back. In addition thereto, an appropriate certificate of the award shall be prepared and signed by the Right Eminent Grand Commander, attested by the Grand Recorder. Also, the signature of the Eminent Commander and attested by the Recorder of the Commandery. The jewel and certificate shall be the same for all Commanderies and under the control of the Grand Commandery of Indiana.
7. The cost of the jewel, certificate and engraving shall be borne by each Commandery presenting a nomination. Each Commandery will be billed for the cost by the Grand Recorder.

*Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Indiana*

**DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD FOR FRIENDS  
Of The  
GRAND COMMANDERY, KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF INDIANA**

**Rules and Regulations**

An award to be known as the "DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD FOR FRIENDS" was established by the Grand Commandery of Indiana on April 25, 1998. It is to be awarded to a Friend who has given service to the Grand Commandery, or a Constituent Commandery of Indiana, above that which can be expected of a non-member. The recipients to be selected and the award to be presented as follows:

1. The Eminent Commander, Generalissimo and Captain General will, acting together, present the nomination for the award as suggested by members of their Commandery. The nomination shall be made on forms to be provided by the Grand Recorder. Said nomination shall be forwarded to the Right Eminent Grand Commander no later than February 15th of each year for the preceding year. The Grand Commander may appoint the Grand Recorder and the Special Activities Committee to assist him in the selection of the recipients.
2. Those chosen to receive the award shall be made known by the Right Eminent Grand Commander at the Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery each year. The names of the nominees to receive the award shall be kept strictly confidential until announced by the Grand Commander.
3. The award shall be limited to one (1) nomination from each Commandery in Indiana each year starting with the year 1977.
4. The award is to be presented to the recipient by the Eminent Commander of the nominating Commandery. Such presentation to be at a Called Conclave. Such presentation shall be open to the public, visitors and friends and be performed with proper ceremony with Sir Knights present wearing full Templar Uniforms.
5. The award shall consist of a jewel with suitable fastener on back to be worn by a Lady or a lapel pin for a Gentleman. In addition thereto, an appropriate certificate of the award shall be prepared and signed by the Right Eminent Grand Commander, attested to by the Grand Recorder. Also, the signature of the Eminent Commander and attested to by the Recorder of the Commandery. The jewel and certificate shall be the same for all Commanderies and under the control of the Grand Commandery of Indiana.
6. The cost of the jewel and certificate shall be borne by each Commandery presenting a nomination. The Grand Recorder will bill each Commandery for the cost.



**GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF INDIANA**

General Order No. 3 - Bitting

September 1, 2000

**Knights Templar Cross of Honor**

To: The Officers and Members of the Constituent Commanderies of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Indiana:

In accordance with the provisions of Section 237 1/2 of the Statutes of the Grand Encampment, Knights Templar, U.S.A., a meritorious award known as the Knights Templar Cross of Honor may be conferred by the Grand Master upon a deserving Sir Knight of each Grand Commandery once each year.

Each Constituent Commandery of Indiana is invited to submit a nomination for the award. It is to be noted that this award is to be made only for exceptional and meritorious service rendered to the Order of Knights Templar far beyond the call of duty, and beyond the service usually expected of an Officer or Member. No elected Grand Commandery or Grand Encampment Officer, past or present, is eligible to receive this award. This honor is for the Sir Knight of your Commandery who you consider has been, or is, outstanding in his Chivalric labors.

Should your Commandery desire to make a nomination for this award, you will use the following procedure:

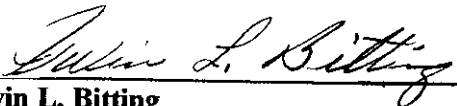
1. Pass a resolution in your Commandery, naming the Sir Knight to be nominated.
2. Write to the Grand Recorder for a nomination form.
3. Read the instructions on the reverse side of the form, fill it out, and forward the form directly to the Grand Commander Irvin L. Bitting, 9091 N. 950 W., DeMotte, IN 46310


The nomination form must be in the hands of the Grand Commander prior to February 1, 2001. Incomplete forms and those mailed after that date will not be considered. Your Commandery should consider those submitted previously but who did not receive the award at that time.

This General Order shall be read at the first Stated Conclave of each Constituent Commandery following its receipt and the action so noted in the minutes.

Given under my hand and seal this 1<sup>st</sup> day of September, 2000, A. O. 882

Issued by Order of:

  
**Irvin L. Bitting**  
**R.E. Grand Commander**

  
Attest: **John V. Stevens**: K.C.T., P.G.C  
Grand Recorder



# Grand Encampment of Knights Templar

OF THE UNITED



STATES of AMERICA

## THE APARTMENTS OF THE GRAND PRELATE AND THE RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

Year of our Lord 2000

Salutations and Knightly greetings:

Christmas greetings to our Grand Master and to all Knights Templar, wheresoever dispersed:

### A TOAST TO OUR MOST EMINENT GRAND MASTER

In this year that we call 2000 A.D. in honor of the birth of our Lord and Savior, may we seek renewed strength for His service, refreshed inspiration from His word, and recipient hearts for His love.

Let us listen to the words the shepherds heard as recorded in the gospel of Luke, chapter two, verses ten through twelve:

“And the angel said unto them, Fear not! For, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David, a savior, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.”

The account goes on to describe how the heavens were filled with the sounds of celebration for such a spiritual occasion.

Most Eminent Grand Master, we gather to celebrate with you and to recognize the Spirit which guides you, gives you strength, and guards you from the vanities of this world. We offer you this toast from the Knights of the East, from the Knights of the South, from the Knights of the North, and from the Knights of the West, with all our fraternal love and respect.

In His Faithfulness,  
The Committee on Religious Activities  
James C. Taylor, P.D.C., Chairman  
James N. Karnegis, P.G.C.  
Robert J. Cave, P.G.C.  
John D. Jones, P.C., Grand Prelate  
Thomas M. Jones, P.C., Grand Prelate



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**GRAND MASTER'S RESPONSE**

To the Religious Activities Committee and to all Sir Knights, wheresoever dispersed:

Greetings!

On this occasion I would call your attention to the sign the shepherds were told they would recognize. The sign was the babe wrapped in strips of cloth. The Apostle Luke, who was a physician, knew the importance of those strips. He knew they did not have to be of the finest material, but they needed to be strong. He knew they did not require the most intricate pattern, but they needed to be without holes to provide a covering for the child. He knew that all pieces did not have to be from the same fabric, but they all needed to be clean.

As your Grand Master, I charge you to use this occasion to renew your vows to exemplify all that is clean and pure. I charge you to be a sign to all the world by being men who demonstrate strength, whose dedication covers completely every aspect of your lives.

Sincerely and fraternally,  
William J. Jones, KCT, GCT  
Grand Master

The foregoing Toast to the Most Eminent Grand Master and his response thereto are transmitted to you with the request that you extend an invitation through the proper offices to all Sir Knights within your jurisdiction to join in the sentiments thus conveyed at some convenient hour, on or near the birthday of Christ, commonly called Christmas Day, December twenty-fifth, in the Year of Grace 2000.



General Order No. 1 – Bitting

December 1, 2000

### Christmas Message 2000

Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the East to Jerusalem. Saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? For we have seen his star in the East and are come to worship him. When Herod the king had heard these things, he was troubled, and all of Jerusalem with him. And when he had gathered all of the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he demanded of them where Christ should be born. And they said unto him, in Bethlehem of Judea: for thus it is written by the prophet. And thou Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, art not the least among the princes of Judah: for out of thee shall come a Governor, that shall rule my people Israel. Then Herod, when he had privily called the wise men, enquired of them diligently what time the star appeared. And he sent them to Bethlehem and said, go, and search diligently for the young child; and when ye have found him, bring me word again, That I may come and worship him also. When they had heard the king they departed; and, lo, the star, which they saw in the East, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy. And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts: gold, and frankincense, and myrrh. Matt. 1: 1-11

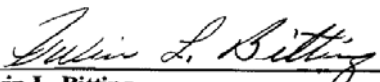
As we stand on the brink of a new millennium, just a short 2000 years after the birth of Christ, we have had many changes in the world. Cars, airplanes, the space age, the computer age, and many numerous appliances that make our lives easy. It makes me wonder if things have really changed that much.

Can we liken our government to that of Herod? Herod wanted the Christ Child dead. Does not our government try to do the same, by denying our right to have prayer to Christ in the schools or any public event? We celebrate Christmas by giving gifts to each other, but do we truly lay our gifts at the feet of Jesus? Until we have gave our lives back to Jesus and bring back the right to have prayer in our lives, we will not have "Peace on Earth, or Good Will Toward Our Fellow Man." May we all work together and strive to make this happen before time runs out on us. And last of all, but certainly not the least, may we remember the true reason for this Joyful Season, and put Christ back in Christmas.

I wish you a Joyous Christmas and a Very Happy New Year.

This order is to be read at the constituent Commandery's next stated conclave and made a part of the official record.

This order is given under my hand this first day of December, 2000,

  
Irvin L. Bitting  
R.E. Grand Commander

Attest:   
John V. Stevens, K.C.T., P.G.C.  
Grand Recorder

## CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

“...Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord.”

Luke 2: 10-11

A strange message in a strange place at a strange time,

We are so used to Christmas with its regular occurrence, long preparation and anticipation, haste, and often frustration; that we forget what the first Christmas was really like. It burst as a grand and glorious surprise upon an unsuspecting world in a barren and remote place. The message of peace and the Prince of Peace came to a world that knew no peace under the iron heel of Rome, Even now it knows no peace as our daily headlines testify. Caesar and the organs of power were not informed. To this day, they still don't get it. Sometimes, we don't get it. We think the baby in the manger is sweet; but God meant business when He sent His Son as a vulnerable baby into a cruel and warlike world. We forget that Jesus is no longer a baby and will never again play that role, he is no longer hanging on the cross, either, However, He is still the Savior of the world, to all who call on His name. His role is Savior, Mediator, an intercessor. God's grand plan is still on track in spite of all the forces of evil at work, Jesus came into the world by surprise at that first Christmas, His next mission is to come again as King of Kings and Lord of Lords; Commander-in-Chief of the Lord's host, Please don't be surprised at this for the Bible is very clear, We who call ourselves Soldiers of the Cross should have no doubt, Let us call on Him as our Savior and resolve to live as His disciples, to share His love; to the end that the real meaning of Christmas is much more than a once-a-year event, The truth of Christmas is that God loves us, May we have the wisdom, the courage, and the determination to act like it, so that His name may be glorified,

Rev. Samuel S. Robinson, Grand Prelate



**GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF INDIANA**

General Order No. 5 - Bitting

February 15, 2001

**147th ANNUAL CONCLAVE**

To the Officers and Members of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Indiana and the Officers and Members of the Constituent Commanderies:

The One Hundred Forty-Seventh Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Indiana will assemble in Indianapolis, Indiana, on April 27th and 28th, 2001, at the Marriott Hotel, 21st and Shadeland, Indianapolis, Indiana.

The Jurisprudence Committee and Line Officers will convene their respective deliberations at 2:00 P.M., Thursday, April 26, 2001, at the Marriott Hotel in the rooms assigned.

The Conclave Business session will convene in the convention center at the Marriott at 9:00 A.M., Friday, April 27, 2001. The Officers of Lafayette Commandery #3 and H. W. Matthewson Commandery #66 will open a Commandery of Knights Templar at 8:30 A.M. and receive the officers of the Grand Commandery.

**HEADQUARTERS**

For Distinguished Guests, R.E. Past Grand Commanders, Officers of the Grand Commandery, all Sir Knights and their Ladies will be the Marriott Hotel, 21st and Shadeland, Indianapolis, Indiana.

**RESERVATIONS**

The Recorders of all Constituent Commanderies will have mailed to them a sufficient quantity of programs to allow each Sir Knight to make his own reservations for meal tickets in advance. **NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE CONCLAVE.** All tickets will be in registration packets. Each Commander will be responsible for the distribution of these Official Programs to the members of his Commandery. S.K. Harrison E. Lackey, H.P.G.C., 3308 Ridgeway Drive, Indianapolis, IN 46219, (317) 352-1929, is in charge of all meal reservations.

**HOUSING**

There will be a Housing Committee. Reservations at the Marriott Hotel will be reviewed by the Grand Commander in order that accommodations may be provided to all Distinguished Guests. Additional accommodations may also be secured at several other hotels in the area. Each Sir Knight should make his own reservation. Housing will be held at the Marriott Hotel until April 1, 2001.

**REGISTRATION**

All Distinguished Guests, RE. Past Grand Commanders, Officers of the Grand Commandery and their Ladies will register upon arrival Thursday, April 26, 2001, at the Marriott Hotel. Representatives of the Constituent Commanderies will file their Credentials with the Credentials Committee stationed in the Convention Area of the Marriott, beginning at 7:00 A.M. Friday, April 27, 2001. All other Sir Knights, including Distinguished Guests, R.E. Past Grand Commanders, and

*Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Indiana*

Officers of the Grand Commandery who have not previously registered will also be able to collect their tickets at this location. All Ladies' tickets will be enclosed with the Sir Knights'.

**COMPETITIVE DRILLS**

Will be held beginning at 9:00 A.M. Saturday, April 28, 2001, location to be announced. As in the past, awards will be given for the first three places in each Drill Class. Each Sir Knight in uniform who participates in the drills will receive a service bar, providing the Drill Team of his Commandery participates in the review following the Drill. The Drill Teams and other Sir Knights in uniform will form for a Pass in Review following the drills. Notify S.K. George D. Kivett, Jr., 3201 W. Minnesota Street, Indianapolis, IN 46241, of your interest in entering a Drill Team.

**CONCLAVE ATTENDANCE**

This will be a one day Conclave. Section 462 of the Laws of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Indiana provides for each Constituent Commandery to be fully represented at the Annual Conclave by their Commander, Generalissimo, and Captain General or their Proxies. This is the duty of the Officers of the Constituent Commanderies in accordance with Grand Encampment Law.

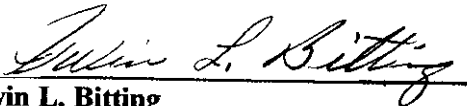
**DISPENSATION**


Dispensation is hereby granted to all Constituent Commanderies to appear in full Templar Uniform or Cap and Mantle at Indianapolis, Indiana, on April 27 and 28, 2001, while attending the One Hundred Forty Seventh Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Indiana; and for such time prior and following said dates as may be required for the journey to and from said Conclave.

**COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS FOR CONCLAVE:**

Credentials: F. Keith Dunn II, G.J.W., Chm.; E.C.s of #3, #12, #39, #41, #63  
Tellers: David R. Poling, Jr., P.G.C., Chm.; E.C.s of #4, #6, #31, #43, #61

This General Order shall be read at the first Stated Conclave of each Commandery following its receipt and the action so noted in the minutes. Given under my hand and seal this 15th day of February, 2001.

  
**Irvin L. Bitting**  
**R.E. Grand Commander**

  
Attest: **John V. Stevens: K.C.T., P.G.C**  
**Grand Recorder**



**FINAL REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE**

TO: The Right Eminent Grand Commander, Officers and Sir Knights:

Your Credential Committee files the following Final Report:

Total official delegates entitled to vote	<u>133</u>
Total Past Commanders (Not otherwise registered)	<u>61</u>
Total Grand Officers and Past Grand Commanders (Not otherwise registered)	<u>12</u>
Total eligible to vote	<u>206</u>

The following Commanderies have representatives missing as follows:

<u>Terre Haute #16</u>	<u>Capt. Gen.</u>	<u>Michigan City #30</u>	<u>Gen.</u>
<u>Apollo #19</u>	<u>Capt. Gen.</u>	<u>Brazil #47</u>	<u>Gen.</u>
<u>Vincennes #20</u>	<u>Gen., Gen., Capt. Gen.</u>	<u>Clinton #48</u>	<u>Gen.</u>
<u>St. John #24</u>	<u>Gen., Capt. Gen.</u>	<u>Goshen #50</u>	<u>Capt. Gen.</u>
<u>Jeffersonville #27</u>	<u>Gen.</u>	<u>Tipton #52</u>	<u>Gen.</u>
<u>Valparaiso #28</u>	<u>Cmd., Capt. Gen.</u>	<u>Greensburg #59</u>	<u>Capt. Gen.</u>
<u>Frankfort #29</u>	<u>Gen., Capt. Gen.</u>		

Respectfully submitted,

F. Keith Dunn II, G.J.W., Chairman

**CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE  
147<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CONCLAVE, GRAND COMMANDERY,  
KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF INDIANA**

<b>RAPER #1</b>	C.	George A. Ingles
	G.	Roy Browning
	C.G.	John C. Gray
<b>BALDWIN #2</b>	C.	William L. Callahan
	G.	James B. Bloomfield
	C.	Rodney A. Mann
<b>LAFAYETTE #3</b>	C.	Clinton E. Hilt
	G.	Kenneth A. Nelson
	C.G.	Walter J. Colburn



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	G.	Gary Bridgwater	
	C.G.	Terry L. Smith	
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	G.	Robert E. Price	Proxy
	C.G.	Marion C. Liggett	
<b>RICHMOND #8</b>	C.	Robert J. Frazer	
	G.	James H. Hodge	Proxy
	C.G.	Elmer E. Pohlenz	
<b>KNIGHTSTOWN #9</b>	C.	Stanton Davis	Proxy
	G.	Thomas D. Barton	
	C.G.	Michael Alter	
<b>GREENCASTLE #11</b>	C.	Joseph G. Coniff	
	G.	Cecil R. Phillips	
	C.G.	Martin A. Evans	
<b>LAPORTE</b>	C.	James L. Dove	Proxy
	G.	Michael B. Ryan	
	C.G.	W. O. Toley	Proxy
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	G.	Charles H. Goss	
	C.G.	William G. Davis	
<b>COLUMBUS #14</b>	C.	Erwin E. Brown	
	G.	Donald E. Douglas	
	C.G.	James N. Butler	
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	G.	Turner Slate	Proxy
	C.G.	Mark Stephens	Proxy
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	G.	William H. Reik	
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	G.	Charles Rhodehamel	Proxy
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	G.	Gary A. Sherritze	Proxy
	C.G.	William L. Holmes, Sr.	
<b>JOHNSON COUNTY #23</b>	C.	Cleon H. Wright	
	G.	Harry E. Cartwright	
	C.G.	Philip E. Fowler	Proxy
<b>ST. JOHN #24</b>	C.	Alan W. Kaufman	Proxy
<b>CRAWFORDSVILLE #25</b>	C.	Marion E. Stevens	Proxy
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<b>JEFFERSONVILLE #27</b>	C.	Carl Price	
	C.G.	Jackson Fair, Jr.	
<b>VALPARAISO #28</b>	G.	Frank Lansdowne	
<b>FRANKFORT #29</b>	C.	Gary A. Snyder, Sr.	
<b>MICHIGAN CITY #30</b>	C.	Dennis G. Durnell	
	C.G.	Charles Johnson	Proxy
<b>ELKHART #31</b>	C.	Rex D. Hogan	
	G.	Russell Anderson	Proxy
	C.G.	Warren R. DeFerbrache	Proxy
<b>ANDERSON #32</b>	C.	William W. Tustin	Proxy
	G.	Dale M. Adams	Proxy
	C.G.	Norman Hittson	
<b>HUNTINGTON #35</b>	C.	Charles R. Bandelier	
	G.	Gene A. Pelter	
	C.G.	Donald Hower	Proxy
<b>KOKOMO #36</b>	C.	Robert S. Flint	
	G.	John V. Stevens	
	C.G.	Ronald D. Simpson	
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	G.	James L. Lund	Proxy
	C.G.	Jerry A. McVicker	
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	G.	Gary W. Wyne	
	C.G.	S. Randal Schutz	

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	G.	Harold D. Trapp	
	C.G.	Lawrence V. Kaminsky	Proxy
<b>BEDFORD #42</b>	C.	William L. Nevels	
	G.	Donald K. New	Proxy
	C.G.	Carl O. Farley	
<b>LEBANON #43</b>	C.	Larry D. Sherherd	
	G.	J. Merritt Collins	Proxy
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	G.	Lew Gene Shaffer	Proxy
	C.G.	George E. Kirkpatrick	Proxy
<b>ANGOLA #45</b>	C.	Paul W. Friend	
	G.	Robert A. Hobbs	Proxy
	C.G.	John D. Myers	
<b>BRAZIL #47</b>	C.	George R. Shepherd	
	C.G.	Howard A. Farrand	
<b>CLINTON #48</b>	C.	Arthur S. Nowling	Proxy
	C.G.	Jack L. McMullen	Proxy
<b>GOSHEN #50</b>	C.	C. Paul Byler	Proxy
	G.	Thirston Perrin	
<b>TIPTON #52</b>	G.	Robert L. Robinson	
	C.G.	Walter K. Stiner	
<b>SEYMOUR #56</b>	C.	A. Ernie Ball	Proxy
	G.	R. Larry Lewis	Proxy
	C.G.	James A. Byrns	Proxy
<b>ELBERT H. GARY #57</b>	C.	Trinidad Alfaro, Jr.	
	G.	William W. Roberts	Proxy
	C.G.	Richard Somers	Proxy
<b>GREENSBURG #59</b>	C.	Carrol J. Friend	
	G.	Ronald W. Wood, Sr.	Proxy
<b>NOBLESVILLE #61</b>	G.	James L. Wise	
	C.	Willard R. Clutter, Jr.	
	C.G.	John C. Fulton	

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	G.	Michael A. Mosley	
	C.G.	Robert O. Troutt	
<b>BLOOMINGTON #63</b>	C.	Bernard K. May	Proxy
	G.	Charles D. Wood, Jr.	
	C.G.	Charles Bain	Proxy
<b>WRIGHT #64</b>	C.	Noal O. Stephens	
	G.	J. Ralph Saddler	Proxy
	C.G.	Thomas L. Bartelt	
<b>WM. G. BRAY #65</b>	C.	Douglas R. Burdine	
	G.	Lyndon K. Smith	Proxy
	C.G.	Duane Stucker	
<b>H. W. MATTHEWSON #66</b>	C.	Irvin L. Bitting	
	G.	Darwin Johnson	
	C.G.	Rudell Wilburn	
<b>LAWRENCE #67</b>	C.	Edwin H. Slone	Proxy
	G.	John D. Huffman	Proxy
	C.G.	H. E. Lackey	
<b>ST. ANSLEM, U.D.</b>	C.	James W. Prairie	
	G.	Henry E. LaHurreau	
	C.G.	Ronald Ellis	Proxy

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

The hour having arrived to hold elections, the following Officers were elected as follows:

Duane L. Vaught, R.E.G.C.                      William A. Pruitt, V.E.D.G.C.                      T. Jeffrey Conquest, G.G.  
George A. Ingles, Jr., G.C.G.                      F. Keith Dunn, II, G.S.W.                      Ronald L. Ellis, G.J.W.  
Herbert A. Newman, P.G.C.,KC.T., G.T.                      John V. Stevens, KCT, PGC, GR.  
Paul W. Friend, KC.T., P.G.C., Grand Trustee (3 Years)

The Grand Commander-Elect then announced the following appointments:

Gregory E. Snipes, G.P.                      Lawrence V. Kaminsky, G. ST.B.                      Rodney A. Mann, G.SW.B.  
Andrew R. Jackson, G.W.                      David R. Ulrich, G.S.                      John W. Logan, Sr., G.O.  
Robert J. Frazer, P.G.C., Grand Inspector-General

**REMARKS BY WILLIAM H. THORNLEY, JR.  
MOST EMINENT PAST GRAND MASTER GRAND ENCAMPMENT, K.T., U.S.A. AND  
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE OF M.E.G.M. WILLIAM JACKSON JONES**

S.K. Thornley stated that it was a joy to again be in the Hoosier state and he extended special thanks to the lines that stood fast for more than an hour in the morning when the introductions were being made. S.K. Thornley extended the fraternal greetings of the Grand Master and all of the other Grand Encampment officers. He complimented and commended the Grand Commandery of Indiana highly and stated that “if we had Grand Commanderies such as yours throughout the Grand Encampment, we would have far fewer problems.” He recognized all of the Grand Encampment officers and committee members from Indiana and thanked them for their continued participation. He also complimented Indiana on their Eye Foundation achievements, the Indiana Templar Academy, and long range planning. Finally, he complimented the officers and the Grand Commander for a well-run Conclave and for their outstanding achievements.

**ROGER S. VANGORDEN K.Y.C.H.  
R.W. SENIOR GRAND WARDEN, GRAND LODGE, F. & A.M. OF INDIANA**

After greeting all the dignitaries, he welcomed all the visitors in attendance to Indiana. He stated that there are about 15,000 Past Masters and 5,000 lodge officers living in Indiana. Even if all of the York Rite Masons were active Blue Lodge Masons, that still leaves about 13,000 dedicated Masons who are not yet York Rite Masons but should be. He said that at the least, every active Mason should receive the Royal Arch before presiding over a lodge and that he surely then would go ahead through the Council and Commandery. He felt that York Rite has a unique place in Masonry and that there is no reason to compete with Scottish Rite. The two Rites compliment each other and all should participate in both. The Senior Grand Warden received a standing ovation for his remarks and for his personal participation and support in York Rite.

**REPORT OF THE JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE  
Final Approval**

To the Right Eminent Grand Commander, Officers, and Sir Knights:  
I move that all dispensations granted and refused, by-laws approved and disapproved, published reports and other reports given that have not been heretofore approved, be now approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Willard M. Avery, P.G.M.  
For the Committee

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**INVITATION TO THE 148<sup>th</sup> CONCLAVE OF  
THE GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF INDIANA**

Right Eminent Grand Commander:

On behalf of Crawfordsville Commandery Number 25, it is an honor to invite you, the officers, and members of the Grand Commandery of Indiana to attend the 148<sup>th</sup> Conclave of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Indiana. The conclave will be held here, at the Marriott Hotel in Indianapolis Indiana, on April 26, 2002. Crawfordsville Commandery looks with anticipation to the opportunity to serve as your host.

G. Leon Weber, Eminent Commander

**REPORT OF THE JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE  
Acceptance of Invitation**

To: The Right Eminent Grand Commander, Officers and Sir Knights:

The Jurisprudence Committee accepts with pleasure the invitation of Crawfordsville Commandery #25, to host the 148<sup>th</sup> Annual Conclave in Indianapolis in the year 2002. We look forward to a most successful and productive Conclave.

Willard M. Avery, PGM  
For the Committee

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS REPORT**

There is no unfinished business left before the Grand Commandery at this time.

Fraternally,

George A. Ingles, GSW

**INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS**

**The new officers were installed by:**

S.K. Robert E. Price, Grand Commander	S.K. Henry E. LaHurreau Grand Recorder
S.K. Dwight E. Lanman, Jr., Grand Marshal,	S.K. R. Frank Williams Grand Prelate

**ACCEPTANCE SPEECH OF GRAND COMMANDER**

Each year the Grand Recorder gives the Deputy Grand Commander a list of things to do, and remarks to prepare before the conclave at which he is to be elected to this office. Most of the items on that list are fairly straightforward, not that I don't appreciate someone to remind me so I don't forget to do them. This item of business is a little more daunting. "Thank you" is an understatement. Those of you who have held an office of responsibility in this fraternity be it Grand Master of Masons, Eminent Commander or Worshipful Master know what its like to begin a new office, one that requires making

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things happen rather than following the lead of the presiding officer Being responsible for organizing an event is a great deal more than showing up to help

Those of you have been in such a position, which is a lot of you know the feeling of honor, confusion, pride, inadequacy and excitement when starting out on a new year. It's more than the difference between being a spectator and a participant. It's more than can easily be described. Those who don't know what it's like don't know what they are missing. Being an active member of a fraternity may seem old fashioned to some, but it still provides more personal growth and social warmth than being up on the most recent episode of our favorite TV shows.

Now to business

First; as much as an honor, as this is, it is also a job, and I pledge you to do my best The basics of this fraternity are sound they do not need to be changed our Orders are meaningful. They are memorable They don't need changed. But membership and activity are also fundamental to a fraternity and we have neglected these areas. I intend to strongly encourage our constituent Commanderies to engage in a membership program involving visitation to lodges. If you haven't seen the details yet, you will soon. Fundamental to that program is that it is realistic There is no Commander in this state that can't do the program we are urging. There is no excuse for the leaders of a Commandery, choosing to do nothing. That is the responsibility of each of you, each of us at the local level. Membership and Activity are the first priorities for this year, but that doesn't mean they aren't fun.

Second we don't exist in a vacuum. As Knights Templar we don't lead all of Freemasonry. That falls to a number of people, each in their sphere. But we are all in this together and we can and must be enthusiastic, dependable, and active participants in helping each other's programs to succeed. This is true whether it is helping with dinner after a Master Mason degree, supporting a membership program or putting a Masonic license plate on your car. As members, we get the opportunity to debate, to suggest, to disagree but in the end we don't assist we hurt all of the Fraternity.

As for this corner of the fraternity the senior officers of this, your Grand Commandery, have been working hard to come together as a team to plan the future. We have worked hard, and traveled much to do what we think is best for all our members, because we owe that to you.

I don't know how I would even begin to fulfill this office without the support and contributions of what may be the best group of officers I have ever worked with.

I don't know how I would even begin to take this office without the backing of Crawfordsville Commandery number 25, self-starters who are there for me even when I can't make meetings the way I would like.

I don't know how I would even begin to survive this year without the support of my lady, Georgia, who has always been there for me whether things are going well or badly.

After all, living in the world means we have the good and the bad, But we keep going. We don't give up. Not on each other, and not on our fraternity.

Thank you.

Duane L. Vaught, G. C.

## CONCLUSION

The Grand Commander then thanked the installing Officers and everyone for being there announced his appointments and declared Lafayette Commandery No. 3 closed and the Grand Commandery adjourned.

Fraternally

John V. Stevens, PGC, GR

## DIVINE SERVICE

The Divine Service was held prior to dinner on Friday evening with 94 Sir Knights and ladies in attendance. The service was under the direction of S.K. Samuel M. Robinson, G.P., assisted by his wife Natalie on the piano. A generous amount (\$447.00) was contributed to the Holy Land Pilgrimage Committee by those present.

## COMPETITIVE DRILLS

Raymond Park Middle School  
Post Rd. and Raymond St., Indianapolis, IN  
Saturday, April 28, 2001

The competition was under the direction of George Dewey Kivett, Jr., Drill Chairman. Eight teams participated. Following the conclusion of the drill competition, Ft. Wayne Templar Band gave a 15 minute concert, followed by a Pass-in-Review and the presentation of the awards.

	<i>CLASS "B"</i>	
1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Knightstown #9	913
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Raper #1	874
	<i>CLASS "C-Tactics"</i>	
1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Tri-State	912
	<i>CLASS "C"</i>	
1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Fort Wayne #4	827
	<i>CLASS "D"</i>	
1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Greenfield #39	934
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	New Albany #5	902



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**COMMITTEES FOR 2000-2001**

**Executive Committee**

Ervin L. Bitting GC Chairman  
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All elected Grand Officers

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All Past Grand Commanders

**Finance**

Steven J. Barton, KCT, PGC, Chr  
(2001)  
Robert E. Price, PGC, HPDC, (2002)  
Henry E. LaHurreau, KCT, PGC, (2003)

**Triennial**

Willard M. Avery, KGC, PGM, Chr  
John V. Stevens, KCT, PGC, GR  
Irvin L. Bitting, GC

**Credentials**

F. Keith Dunn, II, GJW, Chr.  
ECs of #3, #12, #39, #41, #63

**Eye Care Program**

Lyndon K. Smith, (65) Chr  
James W. Prairie PGC V. Chr

**Dispensations & Charters**

Duane L. Vaught, DGC  
William A. Pruitt, GG  
Dwight E. Lanman Jr, KCT, PGC  
Peter T. Zivanovich, KCT, PGC

**Visiting SK & Distinguished Guest**

Dwight E. Lanman Jr., KCT, PGC, Chr  
All elected and appointed Officers

**Grievances & Appeals**

Kenneth E. Gibson, KCT, PGC, Chr  
K. Edwin Applegate PGC, PDC  
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Peter T. Zivanovich, KCT, PGC

**Unfinished Business**

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**Necrology**

Samuel M. Robinson, EGP Chr  
Vonn G. Hoffman, FGP  
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Duane Stucker, KCT, PGC

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ECs of #4, #6, #31, #43, #61

**Masonic Youth**

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Duane L. Vaught, DGC (DeMolay)  
George A. Ingles GSW (Job's)

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**Camp Crosley**

Kenneth E. Gibson, KCT, PGC, Chr  
Henry E. LaHurreau, PGC

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Randal Schutz, EC #39

**Holy Land Pilgrimage**

R. Frank Williams, KCT, HPDC Chr  
Robert Childers, FGP, (2001)  
Vonn G. Hoffman FGP (2003)  
Samuel M. Robinson, GP, (2004)

**Grand Commanders Aides**

John Bleich, Sr. (4)  
Clarence Harter (57)  
E. Stanton Davis (9)  
Bernard K. May (63)

**Appointments**

Samuel M. Robinson, GP  
Ronald L. Ellis, GStB  
Harry W. McLaren, GSwB  
Lawrence V. Kaminsky, GW  
Andrew R. Jackson, GS

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**DECEASED FRATERS  
OF THE  
GRAND COMMANDERY, K.T.  
OF INDIANA**

**RAPER No. 1**

Conrad V. Akard	December 18, 2000	Norman Lansford	June 21, 1999
James M. Beard	April 5, 2000	Carroll R. Noe, Sr.	April 7, 2000
Robert L. Dehne	September 29, 2000	Howard H. Renolett	June 14, 2000
Jackie E. Kendall	March 11, 2000	Glenn H. Speckman	June 14, 2000

**BALDWIN No. 2**

Byron Wilbur Fleming	March 25, 2000	Robert Lewis Miller	August 5, 2000
Lowell Guy Harper	February 21, 2000	Edward Clarence Niles	February 11, 2000
James Maurice Harrell	January 6, 2000	Russell Newton Parsley	October 23, 2000
Paul Andrew Houston	October 29, 2000	Paul Quincy Swain	April 24, 2000
James Clifford Johnson	September 20, 2000	Franklin Paul Vanosdol	January 2, 2000
Leroy Frank Mathies	August 22, 2000		

**LAFAYETTE No. 3**

Stanley Hibbard bailey	January 30, 2000	Roy McGlothlin	August 26, 2000
Clarence W. Hollcraft	December 6, 2000	Donald George Plue	January 18, 2000
Wilbur Demotte Klepinger	September 23, 2000		

**FORT WAYNE No. 4**

John J. W. Broom	September 21, 2000	Ralph Kenneth Sparks	November 8, 2000
Dale Frederick Doehrman	October 14, 2000	Gerald V. R. Walker	August 5, 2000
Donald D. Fenstermaker	October 22, 2000		

**NEW ALBANY No. 5**

Herbert Alton	December 11, 2000	Earl Lee Pate	October 25, 2000
Sylvester Amsler	July 26, 2000	Joseph Whitaker	November 26, 1999
John William Fields	April 25, 2000		

**CONNERSVILLE No. 6**

Thomas Eugene Bishop	January 28, 2000	Donald Myron Morgan	January 14, 2000
Ralph S. Boggs	May 1, 2000	Marion Francis Naylor	June 1, 2000
James Anthony Cline	September 9, 2000	Larry Malcolm Pollard	June 20, 2000
Wendell Wayne McFall	July 8, 2000	Cedric Dale Power	December 12, 1999
Floyd Arnold Mohr	March 29, 2000		

**RICHMOND No. 8**

Earl Gene Allman	December 19, 2000	Paul Gene Houser	May 9, 2000
Denny Gerald French	November 13, 2000		

**KNIGHTSTOWN No. 9**

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William Parker Perry	February 13, 1999		
LAPORTE No. 12			
Owen J. Grinstead	June 21, 2000	Kenneth Edward Renz	April 19, 2000
Franklin Leon Regnier	July 31, 2000		
SOUTH BEND No. 13			
Donald Francis Hooton	1/29/2000	Stanford Wayne Woorster	June 22, 1999
Glen Miller	10/10/2000		
COLUMBUS No. 14			
Ivan Robert Bridgewater	December 2, 2000	Ivan Eugene Dowling	August 10, 2000
Roger Lee Brown	October 5, 2000	John Willard Eudy	July 14, 2000
George Cooper	January 6, 2000	Arthur Wells Lego	April 15, 2000
Lester L Demaree	July 21, 2000	Joseph Byce Sconce	January 15, 2000
LA VALETTE No. 15			
Wayne L. Blackburn	September 1, 1999	Charles Russell Elbert	November 16, 2000
Robert Vernon Burkhart	September 1, 2000	John Henry Finnerty	December 16, 2000
Melvin Dwight Cooper	October 19, 2000	Orville Charles Niehaus	September 19, 2000
Elmer Jacob Daman	October 21, 2000	Charles G. Oates	October 11, 2000
TERRE HAUTE No. 16			
Russel Bryant	January 6, 2000	Duane Terrell	March 29, 2000
Horatio Hensley	October 16, 2000		
APOLLO No.19			
Thomas Studebaker	March 21, 2000	Kenneth D. Walters	September 21, 2000
VINCENNES No. 20			
Ralph Beasley Apple	September 25, 2000	Grover G. Garrett	January 9, 1999
James Nelson boyd	June 30, 1999	Leo Kenneth Hand	November 18, 2000
Robert Lee Dayson	March 30, 2000	Alva Crane Spillman	July 14, 2000
Harry Samuel Elkin	August 5, 2000	George Robert Umberger	October 27, 2000
Everett Vincent Frey	November 22, 2000		
GRANT COUNTY No. 21			
Donald Nelson Dille	April 7, 2000	Michael Dee Hammon	July 7, 2000
JOHNSON COUNTY No. 23			
James Henery Begley	August 18, 2000	James Henderson Lowe	October 22, 2000
Robert Wayne Huckstep	May 13, 2000		
ST. JOHN No. 24			
Richard D. Warfelt	February 20, 2000	Charles W. Kingery	June 29, 2000
William C. Neese	March 21, 2000	Jesse H. Jones, Jr.	June 26, 2000
Everett F. Pontius	June 6, 2000	Billy E. Seward	July 15, 2000
CRAWFORDSVILLE No. 25			
James Marion Kirtley	August 28, 2000	Donald Thompson	January 14, 2000
Francis Quigg	October 25, 2000		

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JEFFERSONVILLE No. 27			
Lloyd Glen Poare	February 23, 2000	Robert Lee Shrum	April 13, 2000
VALPARAISO No. 28			
Ralph Carmichal	April 27, 2000	Alfred James Dimmock	January 22, 2000
FRANKFORT No. 29			
Harold James Compton	July 2, 1999	Lewis Douglas Spencer	
Donald L. Lecklitner	June 15, 2000		
MICHIGAN CITY No. 30			
Nathan Migkiore	August 2, 2000		
ELKHART No. 31			
Forest Dwight Dull	August 21, 2000	Ronald E. Stock	March 18, 2000
James W. Johnson	August 12, 2000	Kenneth Hall Vinje	January 31, 2000
ANDERSON No. 32			
Edmund Franklin Ball	September 29, 2000	Robert B. Heal	June 10, 1999
Ralph Thomas Bangle	May 13, 2000	Dennis R. Johnson	July 1, 2000
Ashael George Banning	November 12, 2000	Gourmand Dreyfus McAdams	June 23, 1999
Kenneth Boothe	December 29, 1998	Junior A. Miller	November 13, 2000
Donald Lee Craig	September 17, 1999	Wilbur Emerson Miller	August 8, 2000
John C. Daly	August 22, 1999	Alvin V. Potts	January 1, 1999
Walter Erickson	January 25, 2000	Oscar R. Reed	June 7, 1999
Raymond Forman	June 9, 2000	James Lee Turner	December 13, 1999
Harry E. Friddle	September 26, 1999	John Tweedy, Jr.	June 7, 2000
Herbert H. Hamilton	August 20, 2000		
HUNTINGTON No. 35			
Harold Shock Bailey	January 7, 2000		
KOKOMO No. 36			
George W. Kline	September 28, 2000		
WABASH No. 37			
Edward L. Kennedy	December 5, 2000	Lawrence Wade	December 15, 1999
Verlin Vickrey	February 20, 2000		
GREENFIELD No. 39			
Ralph Conrad Foreman	July 5, 2000	J. Clyde Pope	March 10, 2000
Lewis Henry Jacobi	April 30, 2000		
HAMMOND No. 41			
Harvey R. Brown, Jr.	November 20, 1998	John F. Plain	February 3, 2000
Donald I. Henry	January 27, 2000	Herbert C. Van Borstel	July 21, 2000
Denver R. Huckabay	June 14, 1998		
BEDFORD No. 42			
Roscoe Junior Geyer	December 2, 2000	Joe L. Hawkins	April 6, 2000

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LEBANON No. 43			
Norman Joseph O'Bryan	May 2, 2000	Joseph Justus Saalwaschter	April 13, 2000
Robert William Pavey	November 21, 2000		
NEW CASTLE No. 44			
Hugh Brown	December 20, 2000	David A. Provence	December 1, 2000
Guy V. Helms	May 22, 2000	Carrol E. Smith	March 18, 2000
Everett D. Miller	November 28, 1999	Harold D. Wantz	January 5, 2000
Jess A. Neal	March 12, 2000	William Woolsey	May 22, 2000
ANGOLA No. 45			
Mark Raymond Chrysler	May 10, 2000	Richard L. Leckner	July 2, 2000
BRAZIL No. 47			
Forest Elsworth Collins	December 23, 2000	John Charles Gerber	January 12, 2000
CLINTON No. 48			
Stephen Ancelo Giordano	May 22, 2000	James T. Markello	October 24, 2000
Earl Leon Guinn, Jr.	July 16, 2000		
GOSHEN No. 50			
Ronald S. Ringenberg	February 19, 2000	Russel Leeman Bolyard	June 20, 2000
TIPTON No. 52			
Charles Frederick Barlow	November 27, 1999	James Eugene Carr	October 5, 2000
Raymond Arley Johnson	August 5, 2000		
SEYMOUR No. 56			
Holt Lafayette Hutchins	September 8, 2000	Oren Kermit Schneck	October 25, 2000
ELBERT H. GARY No. 57			
Robert E. Lowry	January 10, 2000	Homer T. Moore	Date Unknown
Carl R. Lee	July 17, 2000	Carl F. Wagonblast	October 21, 2000
EAST CHICAGO No. 58			
Clifford Addison Brown	June 26, 2000	David Alexander Feinstein	??/1998
Peter Andrew Drasic	March 31, 1999	Charles E. Hatch	March 15, 1999
GREENSBURG No. 59			
Larry Bausbach	November 1, 2000	Virgil Smith	June 15, 2000
Kenneth Chitwood	January 11, 2000		
NOBLESVILLE No. 61			
John Curry	February 18, 2000		
TRINITY No. 62			
John Kenneth Karstedt	August 5, 2000	Donald W. McCarney	December 22, 1999
Wilbur D. Klepinger	September 23, 2000	Harry Atrhur Schwartz	September 30, 1999
David Wilbur McAlhaney	December 18, 1999	Lyle P. Tuttle	August 29, 2000

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BLOOMINGTON No. 63

Ralph Forest Baugh	June 17, 2000	Luther Ross Hyde	December 28, 1999
Edgar Lee Bradley	August 10, 2000	Eugene Keith Job	October 11, 1999
Harold Edwin Hendricks	August 28, 2000	Harold Oliver Stines	January 9, 2000
William Howard Hendricks	October 21, 2000	John Harrison Thomas	June 13, 2000
George Walter Hofman	July 5, 2000	Joseph Whitaker	November 26, 1999

WRIGHT No. 64

Delmar Engleman	March 28, 2000	Lee Morgan Virgel	December 17, 2000
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WM. G. BRAY No. 65

Norman Dennie DuKate	May 10, 2000	Ralph George McClure	September 8, 2000
William Howard Hendricks	October 12, 2000	Carl William Stotts	November 20, 2000

LAWRENCE No. 67

Roy Walter Miller	January 9, 2000		
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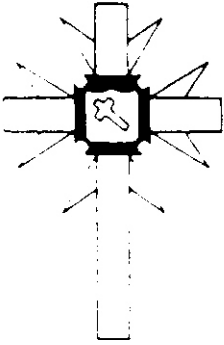
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<b>No.</b>	<b>Commandery</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Commander</b>	<b>Recorder</b>
1	Raper	Indianapolis	George Ingles	Wayne G. Williams
2	Baldwin	Shelbyville	William L. Callahan	Emil L. Steffey
3	Lafayette	Lafayette	Clinton E. Hilt	Irvin L. Bitting
4	Fort Wayne	Ft. Wayne	F. Martin Donahue	Roger W. Shafer
5	New Albany	New Albany	Carl Reed, Jr.	Earl W. Adam, Jr.
6	Connersville	Connersville	Ronald A. DeFur	Lloyd L. Marsh
8	Richmond	Richmond	Robert J. Frazer	Dennis H. Rigsby
9	Knightstown	Knightstown	Richard R. Jackson	Steven J. Barton
11	Greencastle	Greencastle	Joseph G. Coniff	W. Kris Phillips
12	LaPorte	LaPorte	Larry L. Deutscher	Patrick W. Baird
13	South Bend	South Bend	Robert L. Hicks	Lewis MacKansa
14	Columbus	Columbus	Erwin E. Brown	Wilford L. Lutes
15	LaValette	Evansville	Charles Kinney	James F. Weiss
16	Terre Haute	Terre Haute	Glen R. Miller	Mark A. Kester, Sr.
19	Apollo	Auburn	Lance R. Kimmel	Thomas R. Smith
20	Vincennes	Vincennes	Edward L. Sebring	Burnell R. Davis
21	Grand County	Jonesboro	Michael W. Winters	Walter R. Ring, Sr.
23	Johnson County	Greenwood	Cleon H. Wright	Philip E. Fowler
24	St. John	Logansport	James L. Kerns	Daniel E. Boocher
25	Crawfordsville	Crawfordsville	Michael McKeown	G. Leon Weber
27	Jeffersonville	Jeffersonville	Carl Price	William Sorg
28	Valparaiso	Valparaiso	Jerry Kipper	Charles C. Combi
29	Frankfort	Frankfort	Gary A. Snyder, Sr.	Michael A. Mang
30	Michigan City	Michigan City	Dennis G. Durnell	Robert C. Reicher
31	Elkhart	Elkhart	Rex D. Hogan	Phillip Crussemeyer
32	Anderson	Anderson	Davon Kellum	Dale M. Adams
35	Huntington	Huntington	Charl R. Bandelier	Von R. Pogue
36	Kokomo	Kokomo	Robert S. Flint	James E. Harris
37	Wabash	Peru	Lawrence E. Dawson	James L. Lund
39	Greenfield	Greenfield	Daniel W. Hall	Larry E. Gray
41	Hammond	Highland	Walter Metcalf	Lawrence Kaminsky
42	Bedford	Bedford	William Nevels	David R. Holler
43	Lebanon	Lebanon	Larry D. Shepherd	J. Merritt Collins
44	New Castle	New Castle	David M. Beard	Ted F. Snodgrass
45	Angola	Angola	Paul W. Friend	Robert A. Hobbs
47	Brazil	Brazil	George R. Shepherd	Richard E. Modesitt
48	Clinton	Clinton	George E. Williams	Arthur S. Nowling
50	Goshen	Goshen	Harold Bellamy	H. C. Scott Billings
52	Tipton	Tipton	Robert L. Robinson	Harry L. Ebert
56	Seymour	Seymour	William J. Reagin	R. Larry Lewis
57	E. H. Gary	Hobart	Trinidad Alfaro, Jr.	Richard P. Somers
59	Greensburg	Greensburg	Carrol J. Friend	Ronald W. Woods
61	Noblesville	Noblesville	James L. Wise	C. Don Munden
62	Trinity	Indianapolis	C. Don Munden	Thomas W. Harper
63	Bloomington	Bloomington	James W. Prairie	Harley F. Eggers
64	Wright	Jasper	Noal O. Stephens	Charles M. Huff
65	Wm. G. Bray	Mooreville	Douglas R. Burdine	George A. Ingles
66	H. W. Matthewson	Rensselaer	Norman L. Brown	John E. Hylemon
67	Lawrence	Lawrence	Mortimore Reynolds	John D. Huffman
U.D.	St. Anselm		James W. Prairie	Duane Stucker

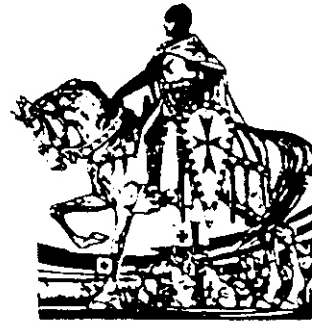
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**MEMBERSHIP STATISTICAL TABLE**

COMMANDERY	Membership							Adjustments	Membership 12.31.02
	12.31.01	Knighthed	Affiliated	Reinstated	Deceased	Demitted	Suspended		
Raper #1	154	11	0	1	6	4	8	0	148
Baldwin #2	155	9	0	1	2	0	3	0	160
Lafayette #3	125	0	2	1	3	1	0	0	124
Fort Wayne #4	258	0	0	4	9	12	10	0	232
New Albany #5	125	7	0	2	1	2	1	0	130
Connersville #6	137	2	0	1	2	1	3	0	134
Richmond #8	73	0	1	0	3	1	1	0	69
Knightstown #9	126	0	0	1	2	0	1	0	124
Greencastle #11	48	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	47
LaPorte #12	66	2	0	0	2	1	5	0	61
South Bend #13	111	0	0	1	13	1	0	0	98
Columbus #14	216	1	1	2	6	9	6	0	200
LaValette #15	281	6	0	0	17	5	0	0	265
Terre Haute #16	108	5	0	0	4	3	0	0	106
Apollo #19	109	1	0	0	8	1	0	0	101
Vincennes #20	112	3	0	0	5	6	3	0	101
Grant County #21	84	0	0	0	3	3	4	0	74
Johnson County #23	90	8	1	0	2	3	0	0	94
St. John #24	76	2	0	0	4	0	0	0	74
Crawfordsville #25	78	5	0	0	0	2	0	0	81
Jeffersonville #27	59	0	0	0	3	0	2	0	54
Valparaiso #28	53	10	1	0	1	0	0	0	63
Frankfort #29	152	2	0	0	5	1	0	0	150
Michigan City #30	60	1	0	2	0	4	3	0	54
Elkhart #31	86	2	0	0	4	2	0	0	82
Anderson #32	378	1	0	0	14	4	1	0	360
Huntington #35	88	0	0	0	0	5	1	0	82
Kokomo #36	214	0	2	0	7	8	1	0	200
Wabash #37	117	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	116
Greenfield #39	242	3	1	0	5	3	2	0	236
Hammond #41	171	7	0	2	5	7	12	0	156
Bedford #42	80	4	1	2	4	0	0	0	83
New Castle #44	99	0	0	0	8	2	2	0	87
Angola #45	126	6	1	1	1	3	3	0	127
Brazil #47	45	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	42
Clinton #48	41	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	39
Goshen #50	64	8	0	0	4	0	0	0	68
Seymour #56	91	1	0	0	5	1	4	0	82
E. H. Gary #57	206	5	0	0	7	1	3	0	200
Noblesville #61	62	0	1	0	1	1	10	0	51
Trinity #62	125	1	0	0	0	4	2	0	120
Bloomington #63	309	7	1	0	9	8	10	0	290
Wright #64	64	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	65
Wm. G. Bray #65	105	0	1	1	1	4	7	0	96
H.W. Matthewson #66	41	2	0	0	1	1	1	0	40
Lawrence #67	45	8	2	0	0	2	3	0	50
St. Anselm, U.D.	37	0	3	0	0	1	0	0	39



Indiana  
Past Commander's  
Association  
Knights Templar



The Fifteenth Annual Conclave of the Indiana Association Past Commanders took place at the York Rite Headquarters of the Marriott Inn Hotel in Indianapolis, Indiana. The opening was performed the regular elected and appointed officers a 7AM on Friday April 27, 2001

The list of officers is as follows:

Knight Commander	Kermit E Rosenthal
Knight Generalissimo	Lloyd E. Atterson
Knight Captain General	F. Keith Dunn. II
Knight Prelate	Gary A. Sterritze
Knight Recorder/Treasurer	Ronald D. Simpson
Knight Warder	Howard A Farrand
Knight Sentinel	William O. Cooley

The appointed lecturers were:

- |                              |                              |
|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. Terry Smith (5)           | 8. Gerald L Morphey (62)     |
| 2. Delbert E. Stout (44)     | 9. Robert S Flint (3)        |
| 3. Joseph Coniff (11)        | 10. Larry Shepard (43)       |
| 4. John. L. Swick (3)        | 11. Patrick S. Diller (13)   |
| 5. William L. Holmes (21)    | 12. S. Randal Schutz (39)    |
| 6. Charles W Merlau Jr. (39) | 13. Russell O. Anderson (31) |
| 7. William G Davis (13)      | 14. Norman O. Hittson (18)   |

The Pledge Allegiance was given to honor the Flag of our Country.

A motion was made, seconded and passed that we induct candidates before conducting the business. The following Candidates were received and made members of the order.

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|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1 Robert L. Robinson (52)     | 11. Charles R Hendricks (43)    |
| 2 Robert L. Hicks (13)        | 12. William L. Nevels (42)      |
| 3 Michael W Winters (21)      | 13. Glenn R. Miller (16)        |
| 4 Clinton E Hilt (3)          | 14. Carl C. Reed Jr. ((5)       |
| 5 F. Martin Donahue (4)       | 15. Patrick S. Diller (13)      |
| 6 Daniel Wayne Hall (39)      | 16. Albert Ernie Ball (56)      |
| 7. Philip R. McKinney (74) OH | 17. Lawrence Edward Dawson (37) |
| 8. Kenneth L. Couch (74)OH    | 18 Jerry A. McVicker (37)       |
| 9. James L. Wise (61)         | 19. William H. Reik (16)        |
| 10. Gary A. Snyder Sr. (29)   |                                 |

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Sir Knight Robert L. Robinson was selected to be the exemplar candidate for the class.

The minutes of the Fourteenth Annual Conclave were read and approved. The Recorder/Treasurers report and the Audit Committee Report were read and approved.

Knight DeFerbrache made a motion supported by Knight Larry Shepard that Knight Ronald D. Simpson, who filled in for Knight Commander George Polk during the year 2000 session, be made a Past Knight Commander of this Organization. The motion was passed unanimously.

The Knight Recorder made a motion that the fees of this association be raised to \$35.00 starting with the year 2002. This motion was seconded, and passed with no dissenting votes.

**Bills**

The Recorder / Treasurer read a bill for his expenses for postage, phone calls, printing and envelopes for \$62.71. A motion was made, seconded and accepted that this bill be paid.

**Memorials**

Past Knight Commander Warren DeFerbrache gave a memorial for our deceased members. Some that were reported were William Bussel of Anderson, Ermal Odon of Tipton, Delmar Kallenbach of Evansville and Jeffery Groves of East Chicago.

**Report of the Nominating Committee**

The Nominating Committee made the recommendation that the present officers move up one station with the exception of the Recorder/Treasurer who will remain the same. This motion was seconded and adopted; The Nominating Committee further recommended that Norman O. Hittson of Muncie be elected to the office of Knight Sentinel. This recommendation was moved, seconded and passed

**Installation**

Knight Simpson assisted by Knight Rosenthal as Installing Marshall and Knight Flint as Prelate installed the Officers of the Association as follows.

Lloyd E. Atterson	Knight Commander
F. Keith Dunn II	Knight Generalissimo
Gary A Sherritze	Knight Captain General
Howard K. Farrand	Knight Prelate
Ronald D. Simpson	Knight Recorder/Treasurer
William O. Cooley	Knight Warder
Norman O. Hittson	Knight Sentinel

There being no further business, the Association was closed at 8 AM.

Fraternally Submitted,

Ronald D. Simpson, Recorder/Treasurer

**GRAND ENCAMPMENT COLLEGE OF HONORS**

During the 1991-94 Triennium, a College of Honors was set up by the Grand Encampment with the following designations being conferred by the Most Eminent Grand Master:

The following Indiana Sir Knights have been so honored:

**KNIGHT GRAND CROSS OF THE TEMPLE**

- |   |                  |
|---|------------------|
| 1. Willard M. Avery, P.M.E.G.M.         | October 21, 1992 |
| 2. Edmund F. Ball, P.G.T., H.P.M.E.G.M. | October 30, 1992 |
| 3. Robert E. Price, P.G.C., H.P.D.C.    | January 6, 2000  |

**KNIGHT COMMANDER OF THE TEMPLE**

- |   |                    |
|---|--------------------|
| 1. James S. DeMond, P.G.C., P.D.C.                  | October 21, 1992   |
| 2. K, Edwin Applegate, P.G.C., P.D.C.               | October 30, 1992   |
| 3. Robert E. Price, P.G.C., G.R.                    | October 30, 1992   |
| 4. R. Frank Williams, P.G.C., P.G.P.                | October 30, 1992   |
| 5. Herbrt A. Newman, P.G.C., G.T.                   | October 30, 1992   |
| 6. John Willard McNaughton, Deputy for IN, A.A.S.R. | October 30, 1992   |
| 7. Max L. Carpenter, P.G.M., G.S.                   | October 30, 1992   |
| 8. Kenneth E. Gibson, P.G.C.                        | 1993               |
| 9. Paul W. Friend, P.G.C.                           | September 24, 1992 |
| 10. John V. Stevens, P.G.C.                         | July 26, 1993      |
| 11. Steven J. Barton, P.G.C.                        | 1994               |
| 12. Marion K. Crum, P.M.I.G.M.                      | September 24, 1993 |
| 13. Donald E. Friend, P.M.E.G.H.P.                  | December 15, 1993  |
| 14. David R. Poling, Jr., P.G.C.                    | (Ohio) 1994        |
| 15. Dwight E. Lanman, Jr., P.G.C., G.I.G.           | May 25, 1994       |
| 16. Bill C. Anthis, Deputy for IN, A.A.S.R.         | 1995               |
| 17. Michael D. Brumback, P.G.M.                     | 1995               |
| 18. Robert B. Bailey, P.I.P.                        | July 1995          |
| 19. Thomas D. Barton, P.M.I.G.M.                    | 1994               |
| 20. William L. Leffler, P.G.C.                      | 1995               |
| 21. William D. Blasingame, P.G.M.                   | 1995-96            |
| 21. Ronald D. Simpson, P.G.C.                       | 1995-96            |
| 22. Ray G. Glick, G.G., Y.R.S.C.                    | 1995-96            |
| 23. Walter P. Worland, P.G.C.                       | 1996               |
| 24. Vonn G. Hoffman, P.M.I.G.M.                     | 1996               |
| 25. Douglas O. Fegenbush, P.G.M., P.M.I.G.M.        | 1996               |
| 26. Ronald L. Tungett, P.G.C.                       | (Michigan)<br>1997 |
| 27. Ronald W. Adkins, P.M.I.G.M.                    | 1997               |
| 28. Ronald S. Ringenberg, P.G.H.P.                  | 1997               |
| 29. Duane Stucker, P.G.C.                           | 1997               |
| 30. Peter T. Zivanovich, P.G.C.                     | 1997               |
| 31. James W. Roberts, P.G.C.                        | 1998               |
| 32. Larry E. Gray, P.G.H.P.                         | 1998               |

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33. Willard R. Clutter, Jr., P.G.C.	1998
34. Robert E. Durham, Jr., P.M.I.G.M.	1999
35. James W. Prairie, P.G.C.	1999
36. Ishmael D. Ison, P.G.M.	1999
37. Robert J. Frazer, P.G.C.	2000
38. Harrison E. "Gene" Lackey, H.P.G.C.	2000
39. John C. Gray, P. M.I.G.M.	2001
40. William Gould Frazier, M.E.P. Grand Preceptor	2001
41. William Wallace Roberts, K.T.C.H., etc.	2001
42. Henry LaHurreau, P.G.C.	2001

**OTHER AWARDS**

**EMINENT COMMANDER OF THE YEAR**

- 1994 - Donald E. Douglas, Baldwin Commandery # 2
- 1995 - William E. Evensen, Sr., Elbert E. Gary Commandery #57
- 1996 - David Ulrich, Fort Wayne Commandery #4
- 1997 - Robert Faulkner, Fort Wayne Commandery #4

**COMMANDERY OF THE YEAR**

- 1998 - William G. Bray Commandery #65, Mooresville
- 1999 - Lawrence Commandery #67, Lawrence

**STAR RECORDER OF THE YEAR**

- 1994 - Lloyd L. Marsh, Connersville #6
- 1995 - Jacob M. Collins, Lebanon #43
- 1996 - Roger W. Shafer, Fort Wayne #4
- 1997 - Jerry M<sup>c</sup>Vicker, Wabash #37
- 1998 - Frederick W. Eicke, Hammond #41
- 1999 - Phillip W. Crussemeyer, Elkhart #31
- 2000 - Emil Steffey, Baldwin #2

**COMPANIONS OF THE TEMPLE**

- 1997 - Margaret Avery (Mrs. Willard M. Avery)
- Virginia Ball (Mrs. Edmund F. Ball)
- Nancy Price (Mrs. Robert E. Price)
- Patricia DeMond (Mrs. James S. DeMond)
- Donna Clutter (Mrs. Willard R. Clutter, Jr.)
- Katie Newman (Mrs. Herbert A. Newman)
- Betty Applegate (Mrs. K. Edwin Applegate)
- 1998 - Gracie Williams (Mrs. R. Frank Williams)

This award is granted by the Grand Encampment to ladies who have supported their husbands over many years in their work for Templary.

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**KNIGHTS TEMPLAR CROSS OF HONOR AWARD**

This coveted Templar Award is presented to but one Sir Knight in Indiana each year. Sir Knight William Henry Thornley, Jr., Most Eminent Past Grand Master of the Grand Encampment and Personal Representative of the Most Eminent Grand Master, William Jackson Jones, presented the award, with the assistance of the Grand Commander, to Sir Knight Michael Bruce Montgomery of Lafayette Commandery #3 during the Grand Commander's Banquet.

**INDIANA RECIPIENTS  
KNIGHTS TEMPLAR CROSS OF HONOR AWARD**

<b>YEAR</b>	<b>NAME</b>
1965.....	Branson C. Barton*
1966.....	Lloyd W. Young*
1967.....	Leslie J. Barrow*
1968.....	Park H. Snyder*
1969.....	Owen L. Shanteau*
1970.....	James G. Wright**
1971.....	Brown Cooper*
1972.....	Roy Parker*
1973.....	Archie W. Franklin*
1974.....	Frank J. Krug*
1975.....	John W. Pherson*
1976.....	Emil L. Steffey*
1977.....	Arno G. Siefker*
1978.....	Donald F. Butler
1979.....	Richard M. Stephenson*
1980.....	Walter E. Koehler*
1981.....	Harold W. Sauerhebr
1982.....	James C. Reed
1983.....	D. Devon Hossler
1984.....	Bernard L. Smith*
1985.....	John C. Fulton
1986.....	Ernest R. Roller*
1987.....	Bernard Manuel Bradley
1988.....	Robert H. Barksdale, Sr.
1989.....	Dean N. Goranson*
1990.....	Noal Orble Stephens
1991.....	Robert Leslie Thompson
1992.....	Claude Herbert Riedel*
1993.....	George Dewey Kivett, Jr.
1994.....	Tom Calvin Baird
1995.....	Paul Russell Ferrell*
1996.....	Oscar Glenn Stepp*
1997.....	Lloyd L. Marsh

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1998.....Harrison Eugene Lackey  
1999.....William W. Roberts  
2000.....Norbert O. Parrot  
2001.....Michael Bruce Montgomery  
(\*Deceased) (\*\*Demitted)

**D.S.A. AWARDS  
2000-2001**

Raper #1	Frederick L. Hicks III	Sandra Kay Huffman**
Baldwin #2	Frederick William Nevels	Mary Stucker**
Lafayette #3	Walter J. Colburn	
New Albany #5	Carl Chester Reed	Jean Stepp**
Terre Haute #16	Stephen Michael Lewis	
Grant County #21	Harold E. Landers	
St. John #24	Daniel B. Boocher	Connie Boocher**
Crawfordsville #25	James Alva Elmore	
Michigan City #30	Dennis Grant Durnell	
Anderson #32	Frank E. Newman	
Wabash #37	Robert A. Powell	Norma Gerard**
Greenfield #39	Daryl S. Parrish	Rita D. Gray**
Hammond #41	Donald Louis Borchert	Sue Zwiège**
Angola #45	T. Jeffrey Conquest	
Elbert H. Gary #57	Jeffrey C. Reich	
Wright #64	Howard T. Shrode	
H.W. Matthewson #66	Franklin Eugene Huff	Doris Bitting**
Lawrence #67	Robert E. Guernsey	
Grand Commander:	Leona Poling*	Lafayette #3
	Clara Mae Glick*	Lafayette #3
	Arlene Davis*	Knightstown #9
	Clarence Harter*	Elbert H. Gary #57
	Barbara Harter*	Elbert H. Gary #57
	Margaret Sue May*	Bloomington #63

\* Special Award by the Grand Commander to his Aides and/or Ladies

\*\* Award to Friends and/or Ladies by the Commandery



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**HISTORICAL LIST OF GRAND COMMANDERY OFFICERS**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Grand Commander</b>	<b>Deputy Grand Commander</b>	<b>Grand Generalissimo</b>	<b>Grand Captain General</b>	<b>Grand Treasurer</b>	<b>Grand Recorder</b>	<b>Grand Prelate</b>
1984	Ronald D. Simpson	Herbert G. Roach	Robert E. DuBois	William L. Leffler	Harold L. Hoolihan	Richard D. Unger	Thomas C. Patterson
1985	Herbert G. Roach	Robert E. DuBois	William L. Leffler	Paul W. Friend	Harold L. Hoolihan	Richard D. Unger	R. Frank Williams
1986	Robert E. DuBois	William L. Leffler	Paul W. Friend	John V. Stevens	Harold L. Hoolihan	Robert E. Price	Bernard M. Bradley
1987	William L. Leffler	Paul W. Friend	John V. Stevens	James C. Bunnell	Harold L. Hoolihan	Robert E. Price	Dr. Marvin E. Utter
1988	Paul W. Friend	John V. Stevens	James C. Bunnell	Steven J. Barton	Harold L. Hoolihan	Robert E. Price	Dean N. Goranson
1989	John V. Stevens	James C. Bunnell	Steven J. Barton	Jerry W. Warman	Harold L. Hoolihan	Robert E. Price	Harold F. Noble
1990	Steven J. Barton	Dwight E. Lanman, Jr.	Gerald A. Sullivan	Peter T. Zivanovich	Herbert A. Newman	Robert E. Price	Dennis R. York
1991	Dwight E. Lanman, Jr.	Gerald A. Sullivan	Peter T. Zivanovich	Duane Stucker	Herbert A. Newman	Robert E. Price	J. William Meyers
1992	Gerald A. Sullivan	Peter T. Zivanovich	Duane Stucker	James W. Roberts	Herbert A. Newman	Robert E. Price	Robert S. Flint
1993	Peter T. Zivanovich	Duane Stucker	James W. Roberts	Willard R. Clutter, Jr.	Herbert A. Newman	Robert E. Price	James W. Roberts
1994	Duane Stucker	James W. Roberts	Willard R. Clutter, Jr.	James W. Prairie	Herbert A. Newman	Robert E. Price	Rowland C. Gorman
1995	James W. Roberts	Willard R. Clutter, Jr.	James W. Prairie	Robert J. Frazer	Herbert A. Newman	Robert E. Price	Gary K. Fentress
1996	Willard R. Clutter, Jr.	James W. Prairie	Robert J. Frazer	Henry E. LaHurreau	Herbert A. Newman	Robert E. Price	J. Robert Fiers
1997	James W. Prairie	Robert J. Frazer	Henry E. LaHurreau	Irvin L. Bitting	Herbert A. Newman	Robert E. Price	Robert C. Childers
1998	Robert J. Frazer	Henry E. LaHurreau	Irvin L. Bitting	Duane L. Vaught	Herbert A. Newman	Robert E. Price	Robert L. Thompson
1999	Henry E. LaHurreau	Irvin L. Bitting	Duane L. Vaught	T. Jeffrey Conquest	Herbert A. Newman	John V. Stevens	Vonn G. Hoffman
2000	Irvin L. Bitting	Duane L. Vaught	T. Jeffrey Conquest	George A. Ingles	Herbert A. Newman	John V. Stevens	Samuel M. Robinson

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<b>Grand Senior Warden</b>	<b>Grand Junior Warden</b>	<b>Grand Standard Bearer</b>	<b>Grand Sword Bearer</b>	<b>Grand Warder</b>	<b>Grand Sentinel</b>	<b>Grand Organist</b>	<b>Grand Inspector General</b>
Paul W. Friend	John V. Stevens	*Danny R. Biddle	*John C. Fulton	Emmett G. Beisel	*Monroe Higginbotham	*J. Richard McElheny	
John V. Stevens	James C. Bunnell	*Noal Stephens	*Monon Nortman	*David Joe Day	*Harley W. Summit	Jerry Burns	
James C. Bunnell	Steven J. Barton	*Jerry W. Warman	Dwight E. Lanman, Jr.	*Gerald A. Sullivan, Jr.	*Robert Meringer	J. Richard McElheny	
Steven J. Barton	Jerry W. Warman	*Dwight E. Lanman, Jr.	*Gerald A. Sullivan, Jr.	*Robert Meringer	Larry R. Ozust	DeWard E. Theobald	
Jerry W. Warman	Dwight E. Lanman, Jr.	*Gerald A. Sullivan, Jr.	*Robert Meringer	*Peter T. Zivanovich	*Duane Stucker	Curtis C. Herl	
Dwight E. Lanman, Jr.	Gerald A. Sullivan, Jr.	*James E. Harris	*Thomas C. Patterson	*Robert S. Flint	*Charles W. Maple	Jerry Burns	
Duane Stucker	James W. Roberts	*William Mohler	*James E. Browning	*C. Michael Alter	*Thomas D. Barton	DeWard E. Theobald	
James W. Roberts	Willard R. Clutter, Jr.	*Wayne A. Sheets	*Michael B. Montgomery	*James W. Prairie	*Robert J. Frazer	John W. Simmons II	
Willard R. Clutter, Jr.	James W. Prairie	*Robert J. Frazer	*Henry E. LaHureau	*Irvin L. Bitting	*Duane L. Vaught	John W. Simmons II	
James W. Prairie	Robert J. Frazer	*Henry E. LaHurreau	*Irvin L. Bitting	*Duane L. Vaught	Neil Welch	John W. Simmons II	
Robert J. Frazer	Henry E. LaHurreau	Irvin L. Bitting	Duane L. Vaught	Gregory E. Snipes	Jack E. Todd	Robert L. Claypool	Dwight E. Lanman, Jr.
Henry E. LaHurreau	Irvin L. Bitting	Duane L. Vaught	Jack E. Todd	Gregory E. Snipes	Tom C. Baird	Robert L. Claypool	Dwight E. Lanman, Jr.
Irvin L. Bitting	Duane L. Vaught	Gregory E. Snipes	Jack E. Todd	William A. Pruitt	Gary B. Fry	Robert L. Claypool	Ronald D. Simpson
Duane L. Vaught	Gregory E. Snipes	Jack E. Todd	William A. Pruitt	Gary B. Fry	T. Jeffrey Conquest	Robert L. Claypool	Dwight E. Lanman, Jr.
William A. Pruitt	T. Jeffrey Conquest	Ronald L. Ellis	George A. Ingles, Jr.	Floyd K. Dunn, II	Virgil G. Humphrey	John W. Logan	Dwight E. Lanman, Jr.
T. Jeffrey Conquest	George A. Ingles, Jr.	Ronald L. Ellis	Floyd K. Dunn, II	Virgil G. Humphrey	Harry W. McLaren	John W. Logan	Dwight E. Lanman, Jr.
George A. Ingles, Jr.	Ronald L. Ellis	Floyd K. Dunn, II	Virgil G. Humphrey	Harry W. McLaren	Lawrence V. Kaminsky	John W. Logan	Robert J. Frazer
Lawrence V. Kaminsky	Rodney A. Mann	Andrew R. Jackson	David R. Ulrich	John A. Bleich	S. Randal Schutz	John W. Logan	Robert J. Frazer
Rodney A. Mann	Andrew R. Jackson	David R. Ulrich	John A. Bleich	David M. Bertch	Michael B. Montgomery	John W. Logan	Dwight E. Lanman, Jr.
Andrew R. Jackson	David M. Bertch	John A. Bleich	Michael B. Montgomery	Larry W. Brown	James L. Dove	Carleton G. Hinshaw	Irvin L. Bitting

(\*1 In 1889, all officers were first elected for the Grand Captain of the Guard.)

(\*2 In 1937, the practice of appointing the Grand Prelate was begun.)

(\*3 In 1979, legislation was passed which provided for only a 6 man elected line.)

(\*4 In 1970, The Grand Captain of the Guard became the Grand Sentinel.)

(\*5 In 1994, the office of the Grand Inspector General was revived.)

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**GRAND REPRESENTATIVES  
NEAR THE  
GRAND COMMANDERY OF INDIANA**

<b>Grand Commandery</b>	<b>Representatives</b>	<b>Address</b>
Alabama	Douglas O. Fegenbush	Indianapolis
Arizona	John V. Stevens	Kokomo
Arkansas	Stewart Randal Schutz	Greenfield
California	Ronald K. Smith	Terre Haute
Colorado	Kenneth E. Gibson	Indianapolis
Connecticut	Harold F. Noble	Kokomo
Delaware	James W. Roberts	New Albany
District of Columbia	Henry E. LaHurreau	Fort Wayne
Florida	Robert J. Frazer	Richmond
Georgia	Peter T. Zivanovich	Highland
Idaho	R. Frank Williams	Fort Branch
Illinois	Ray G. Glick	Lafayette
Iowa	Ronald D. Simpson	Greentown
Kansas	Gary K. Fentress	Sellersburg
Kentucky	Vacant	Bloomington
Louisiana	Robert E. Price	Connersville
Maine	Dennis York	Greenfield
Maryland	K. Edwin Applegate	Bloomington
Mass. - R.I.	James W. Prairie	Morgantown
Michigan	Willard R. Clutter, Jr.	Carmel
Minnesota	Robert S. Flint	Kokomo
Mississippi	Ishmael D. Ison	Crown Point
Missouri	Clarence Harter	Cedar Lake
Montana	Gary B. Fry	Indianapolis
Nebraska	Irvin L. Bitting	DeMotte
Nevada	T. Jeffrey Conquest	Goshen
New Hampshire	Herbert A. Newman	Indianapolis
New Jersey	Larry E. Gray	Greenfield
New Mexico	Floyd Haas, Jr.	Kokomo
New York	Paul W. Friend	Angola
North Carolina	Steven J. Barton	Greenfield
North Dakota	Vacant	
Ohio	Dwight E. Lanman, Jr.	Angola
Oklahoma	F. Keith Dunn II	New Castle
Oregon	Alan W. Kaufman	Logansport
Pennsylvania	George A. Ingles	Brownsburg
Philippines	Vacant	
South Carolina	Samuel M. Robinson	Lafayette
South Dakota	Vacant	
Tennessee	Thomas D. Barton	Knightstown
Texas	Willard M. Avery	Knightstown
Utah	Vacant	Bloomington
Vermont	Duane Stucker	Shelbyville
Virginia	Rudell Wilburn	Lafayette
Washington	J. Robert Fiers	Indianapolis
West Virginia	Harrison E. Lackey	Indianapolis
Wisconsin	Walter P. Worland	Greenfield
Wyoming	Ronald W. Adkins	Indianapolis

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**GRAND REPRESENTATIVES**

**NEAR**

**OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS**

**Grand Commandery**

Alabama  
Arizona  
Arkansas  
California  
Colorado  
Connecticut  
Delaware  
District of Columbia  
Florida  
Georgia  
Idaho  
Illinois  
Iowa  
Kansas  
Kentucky  
Louisiana  
Maine  
Maryland  
Mass. - R.I.  
Michigan  
Minnesota  
Mississippi  
Missouri  
Montana  
Nebraska  
Nevada  
New Hampshire  
New Jersey  
New Mexico  
New York  
North Carolina  
North Dakota  
Ohio  
Oklahoma  
Oregon  
Pennsylvania  
Philippines  
South Carolina  
South Dakota  
Tennessee  
Texas  
Utah  
Vermont  
Virginia  
Washington  
West Virginia  
Wisconsin  
Wyoming

**Representatives**

James E. Stutts  
Gilbert J. Eno  
Wiley G. Lowe, Jr.  
Kermit E. Rosenthal  
Dean Mathena  
Robert D. Shooshan  
Robert E. Wise  
Kenneth C. Wiram  
George W. McCool  
Lloyd C. Odom  
Wayne E. Ellis  
Chester A. Owings  
W. Andrew Emmert  
K. Maynard Curts  
Samuel E. Lowe  
Ralph L. Mosley, Sr.  
Ronald E. Bowden  
C. Herbert Grauling, Jr.  
Jeffery H. Adams  
Richard Webb, Jr.  
Ervin E. Engle  
James E. Sneed  
E. Guy Patton  
C. David Burgess  
Frances A. Shafer  
David K. Hamilton  
Phillip H. White  
William W. Good  
William P. Pieper  
Richard P. Tower  
Kenneth W. Beck  
Virgil W. Carmichael  
Roy C. Ritter  
Calvin E. Metee  
Joel C. Binger  
Wilmer E. Hall  
Henry A. Hessing  
Charles E. Jernigan  
Robert Klatt  
C. Douglas Mayo  
Dale E. Miller  
W. Wayne Motlay  
Fletcher Hall  
Mark W. Underwood  
Harry R. Houston  
George J. Price  
Stuart C. Maxted, Jr.  
Ralph E. Moll

**Address**

Muscle Shoals  
Mesa  
North Little Rock  
Norwalk  
Arvada  
Middletown  
Smyrna  
Beltsville, MD  
Panama City  
Fort Valley  
Boise  
Alton  
Newton  
Lenexa  
Louisville  
Atlanta  
Belfast  
Ellicott City  
Marlborough  
Farmington Hills  
St. Peter  
Tupelo  
Moberly  
Bozeman  
Ogallala  
Tonopah  
Claremont  
Oak Ridge  
Las Cruces  
Youngstown  
Salisbury  
Bismark  
Ashtabula  
Enid  
La Grange  
Watsontown  
Manila  
Florence  
Winner  
Greenville  
Mabank  
Midvale  
Pownal  
Centreville  
Bremerton  
Mannington  
Beloit  
Casper

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**MEMBERSHIP HISTORICAL INFORMATION TABLE**

Year	1968	1969	1970	1971	1972	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977	1978
<b>Commanderies</b>	59	58	58	58	57	56	55	55	55	55	54
<b>Knighted</b>	395	362	405	402	403	417	366	418	411	347	347
<b>Affiliated</b>	22	47	20	36	69	135	82	27	27	21	15
<b>Reinstated</b>	11	11	22	17	24	15	24	16	23	29	18
<b>Died</b>	317	316	299	305	320	302	284	310	298	293	303
<b>Demitted</b>	191	239	180	172	209	271	205	141	136	134	111
<b>Suspended</b>	114	131	169	182	132	102	87	151	85	98	85
<b>Adjustments</b>	0	-125	-2	-11	6	9	22	22	9	-31	-40
<b>No. of Members</b>	12471	12082	11874	11666	11498	11408	11318	11184	11141	10962	10839
<b>Gain (Loss)</b>	-194	-389	-28	-208	-168	-90	-90	-134	-43	-179	-123
<b>Remitted</b>	405	400	397	394	355	498	491	479	501	500	499

Year	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989
<b>Commanderies</b>	54	54	54	54	54	53	53	53	54	53	53
<b>Knighted</b>	318	328	496	253	301	314	216	224	309	233	173
<b>Affiliated</b>	77	31	45	27	17	173	25	27	34	146	16
<b>Reinstated</b>	14	23	17	25	23	24	22	16	22	28	24
<b>Died</b>	307	287	298	257	273	297	261	259	270	269	235
<b>Demitted</b>	206	139	141	128	103	277	147	146	171	257	121
<b>Suspended</b>	124	133	164	121	109	123	125	148	157	166	219
<b>Adjustments</b>	-3	-5	-9	-9	0	-11	0	-10	-90	0	1
<b>No. of Members</b>	10617	10431	10358	10173	10030	9831	9555	9265	8948	8659	8300
<b>Gain (Loss)</b>	-222	-188	-46	-212	-143	-199	-276	-290	-317	-289	-359
<b>Remitted</b>	461	455	468	475	471	437	466	414	396	375	497

Year	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000
<b>Commanderies</b>	53	54	56	57	56	54	55	54	53	53	51
<b>Knighted</b>	127	189	250	349	191	266	100	141	164	109	154
<b>Affiliated</b>	22	30	94	44	87	486	62	110	53	34	248
<b>Reinstated</b>	26	37	26	20	22	13	14	22	27	17	16
<b>Died</b>	257	262	230	232	225	231	218	213	195	206	190
<b>Demitted</b>	141	130	134	106	203	531	150	213	153	113	317
<b>Suspended</b>	131	169	117	103	101	113	105	126	100	89	68
<b>Adjustments</b>	-6	1	-56	-13	5	4	-7	1	-5	-8	-23
<b>No. of Members</b>	7951	7636	7463	7422	7198	7084	6794	6514	6285	6029	5861
<b>Gain (Loss)</b>	-349	-315	-173	-41	-224	-114	-290	-280	-209	-249	-148
<b>Remitted</b>	379	411	370	405	364	389	415	402	390	352	295

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**GRAND COMMANDERS**

**of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Indiana from organization  
in 1854 to date, the year given being the year of installation into office.**

1.	*Henry C. Lawrence	Lafayette	(3)	1854,	1855,	1856
2.	*Ephraim Colestock	Indianapolis	(1)			1857
3.	*George W. Porter	New Albany	(5)			1858
4.	*William Pelan	Connersville	(6)			1859
5.	*Solomon D. Bayless	Fort Wayne	(4)	1860,	1861,	1862,
6.	*William Hacker	Shelbyville	(2)		1864,	1865
7.	*Harvey G. Hazelrigg	Lebanon	(43)		1866,	1867
8.	*Thomas Newby	Connersville	(6)		1868,	1869
9.	*David W. Whedon	Fort Wayne	(4)			1870
10.	*Elbridge G. Hamilton	LaPorte	(12)			1871
11.	*Charles Cruft	Terre Haute	(16)			1872
12.	*Edwin D. Palmer	Richmond	(8)			1873
13.	*Andrew H. Hamilton	Fort Wayne	(4)			1874
14.	*Nicholas R. Ruckle	Indianapolis	(1)			1875
15.	*Erville B. Bishop	Muncie	(18)			1876
16.	*Agustus D. Lynch	Indianapolis	(1)			1877
17.	*Alexander Thomas	Terre Haute	(16)			1878
18.	*Salathiel T. Williams	Kendalville	(19)			1879
19.	*Henry G. Thayer	Plymouth	(26)			1880
20.	*John H. Hess	Columbus	(14)			1881
21.	*Samuel B. Sweet	Indianapolis	(1)			1882
22.	*Richard L. Woolsey	Jeffersonville	(27)			1883
23.	*Walter Vail	Michigan City	(30)			1884
24.	*Henry C. Adams	Indianapolis	(1)			1885
25.	*Ephraim W. Patrick	Evansville	(15)			1886
26.	*George W. F. Kirk	Shelbyville	(2)			1887
27.	*Reuben Peden	Knightstown	(9)			1888
28.	*Duncan T. Bacon	Indianapolis	(1)			1889
29.	*Henry H. Lancaster	Lafayette	(3)			1890
30.	*Irvin B. Webber	Warsaw	(10)			1891
31.	*Joseph A. Manning	Michigan City	(30)			1892
32.	*Simeon S. Johnson	Jeffersonville	(27)			1893
33.	*Charles W. Slick	Mishawaka	(51)			1894
34.	*Walter M. Hindman	Vincennes	(20)			1895
35.	*Winfield T. Durbin	Anderson	(32)			1896
36.	*John E. Redmond	Logansport	(24)			1897
37.	*John H. Nicholson	Richmond	(8)			1898
38.	*William E. Perryman	Terre Haute	(16)			1899
39.	*Eugene W. Kelly	Muncie	(18)			1900
40.	*Leonidas P. Newby	Knightstown	(9)			1901
41.	*Sidney W. Douglas	Evansville	(15)			1902
42.	*Frederick Glass	Madison	(22)			1903
43.	*Charles Goltra	Crawfordsville	(25)			1904
44.	+Nathan L. Agnew	Valparaiso	(28)			1905

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45.	*Oliver Gard	Frankfort	(29)	1906
46.	*Vestal W. Woodward	Indianapolis	(1)	1907
47.	*Charles Day	New Albany	(5)	1908
48.	*Luther Short	Franklin	(23)	1909
49.	*William B. Hosford	Mishawaka	(51)	1910
50.	*John L. Rupe	Richmond	(8)	1911
51.	*Charles M. Zion	Lebanon	(43)	1912
52.	*Joseph G. Ibach	Hammond	(41)	1913
53.	*Harry G. Strickland	Greenfield	(39)	1914
54.	*Adrian Hammersley	Indianapolis	(1)	1915
55.	*James L. Randel	Greencastle	(11)	1916
56.	*George H. Steel	Evansville	(15)	1917
57.	*George S. Parker	Anderson	(32)	1918
58.	*Henri T. Conde	Indianapolis	(1)	1919
59.	*Harry C. Moore	Marion	(22)	1920
60.	*Eugene Vatet	Muncie	(18)	1921
61.	*George A. Newhouse	New Albany	(5)	1922
62.	*Gayland M. Leslie	Fort Wayne	(4)	1923
63.	*Edward J. Schonover	Indianapolis	(1)	1924
64.	*George F. Hitchcock	Plymouth	(26)	1925
65.	*Will M. Sparks	Rushville	(49)	1926
66.	*Clarence H. Snoko	South Bend	(13)	1927
67.	*William W. Suckow	Franklin	(23)	1928
68.	*Arthur F. Funkhouser	Evansville	(15)	1929
69.	*George L. Davis	Kokomo	(36)	1930
70.	*Meade Vestal	Noblesville	(61)	1931
71.	*John T. Boyd	Vincennes	(20)	1932
72.	*J. Rufus Hinshaw	New Castle	(44)	1933
73.	*Roy D. Smiley	Washington	(33)	1934
74.	*Ralph Howard	Greencastle	(11)	1935
75.	*Harvey S. Wambaugh	Elkhart	(31)	1936
76.	*Fred N. Prass	Lafayette	(3)	1937
77.	*Clyde E. Titus	Indianapolis	(1)	1938
78.	*Ralph P. Cain	Richmond	(8)	1939
79.	*John C. Bush	Gary	(57)	1940
80.	*George J. Leininger	Columbia City	(34)	1941
81.	*Walter G. Rice	Terre Haute	(16)	1942
82.	*Hugh E. Mauzy	Rushville	(49)	1943
83.	*Alvah D. Alexander	Evansville	(15)	1944
84.	*Perry C. Traver	South Bend	(13)	1945
85.	*Edmund F. Ball	Muncie	(18)	1946
86.	*Floyd L. Kresge	Indianapolis	(1)	1947
87.	*Philip N. Kester	Madison	(22)	1948
88.	*Howard F. Christner	Elkhart	(31)	1949
89.	*Don P. Carpenter	Brazil	(48)	1950
90.	*G. Max Fowler	Frankfort	(29)	1951
91.	*Alfred E. Braam	Highland	(41)	1952
92.	*Paul G. Smiley	Washington	(33)	1953
93.	*Charles E. Cook	North Manchester	(37)	1954

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94.	*Samuel S. Geake	Fort Wayne	(4)	1955
95.	Willard M. Avery	Knightstown	(9)	1956
96.	*Edwin M. Demlow	Indianapolis	(62)	1957
97.	*C. Wilbur Foster	Indianapolis	(1)	1958
98.	*Joseph R. Erb	Buck Creek	(3)	1959
99.	*Marvin M. Foulke	Terre Haute	(16)	1960
100.	*James A. Wills	Evansville	(15)	1961
101.	*Russell D. Huffington	Gary	(57)	1962
102.	*Adam S. Riggin	Muncie	(18)	1963
103.	*David J. Miller	Goshen	(50)	1964
104.	*James G. Frey	Vincennes	(20)	1965
105.	*Harold R. Hoolihan	Angola	(45)	1966
106.	*Richard D. Unger	Morristown	(2)	1967
107.	*Harry F. Otterman	Frankfort	(29)	1968
108.	K. Edwin Applegate	Bloomington	(63)	1969
109.	Walter P. Worland	Greenfield	(39)	1970
110.	Omar E. Hager	Hammond	(41)	1971
111.	*Forrest L. Mock	Muncie	(18)	1972
112.	*Russell R. Aulm	South Bend	(13)	1973
113.	Herbert A. Newman	Indianapolis	(1)	1974
114.	James S. DeMond	Fort Wayne	(4)	1975
115.	David R. Poling, Jr.	Lafayette	(3)	1976
116.	R. Frank Williams	Evansville	(15)	1977
117.	Robert E. Price	Connersville	(6)	1978
118.	*Ernest G. Cunningham	Hammond	(41)	1979
119.	*Harold F. Thieman	Columbus	(14)	1980
120.	*Joseph A. Barnes	Indianapolis	(62)	1981
121.	Ronald L. Tungett	Elkhart	(31)	1982
122.	Kenneth E. Gibson	Fort Wayne	(4)	1983
123.	Ronald D. Simpson	Kokomo	(36)	1984
124.	Herbert G. Roach	Vincennes	(20)	1985
125.	*Robert E. DuBois	Highland	(58)	1986
126.	*William L. Leffler	Baldwin	(2)	1987
127.	Paul W. Friend	Angola	(45)	1988
128.	John V. Stevens	Kokomo	(36)	1989
129.	Steven J. Barton	Knightstown	(9)	1990
130.	Dwight E. Lanman, Jr.	Angola	(45)	1991
131.	^Gerald A. Sullivan, Jr.	Indianapolis	(1)	1992
132.	Peter T. Zivanovich	Highland	(58)	1993
133.	Duane Stucker	Baldwin	(2)	1994
134.	James W. Roberts	New Albany	(5)	1995
135.	Willard R. Clutter, Jr.	Noblesville	(61)	1996
136.	James W. Prairie	Morgantown	(63)	1997
137.	Robert J. Frazer	Richmond	(8)	1998
138.	Henry E. LaHurreau	Fort Wayne	(4)	1999
139.	Irvin L. Bitting	DeMotte	(3)	2000



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**GRAND RECORDERS  
of the Grand Commandery from organization in 1854 to date**

1. *Francis King	(1)	1854 to 1865
2. *William Hacker	(2)	1866 to 1868
3. *John M. Bramwell		1868 to November 10, 1888
4. *William J. Smythe	(11)	November 10, 1888 to February 11, 1901
5. *Jacob W. Smith		February 11, 1901 to April 18, 1901
6. *Calvin W. Prather	(32)	April 18, 1901 to August 1, 1920
7. *William H. Swintz	(13)	September 13, 1920 to February 12, 1948
8. *John T. Boyd	(20)	February 12, 1948 to March 26, 1956
9. *Paul G. Smiley	(33)	March 26, 1956 to July 5, 1958
10. *Edwin M. Demlow	(62)	July 5, 1958 to July 31, 1971
11. *Richard D. Unger	(2)	July 31, 1971 to July 31, 1985
12. Robert E. Price	(6)	July 31, 1985 to August 31, 1998
13. John V. Stevens	(36)	August 31, 1998 to Present

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**ANNUAL CONCLAVES OF THE  
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<b>No.</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>Held At</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Presiding</b>	<b>Residence</b>
1	1854	Lafayette	December 27, 1854	Henry C. Lawrence, .GM.	Lafayette
2	1855	Fort Wayne	December 26, 1855	Henry C. Lawrence, .GM.	Lafayette
3	1856	Greensburg	December 24, 1856	Henry C. Lawrence, .GM.	Lafayette
4	1857	Indianapolis	December 2, 1857	Henry C. Lawrence, .GM.	Lafayette
5	1858	New Albany	December 1, 1858	Ephraim Colestock, G.M.	Indianapolis
6	1859	Connersville	December 7, 1859	George W. Porter, G.C.	New Albany
7	1860	Indianapolis	December 5, 1860	William Plean, G.C.	Connersville
8	1862	Fort Wayne	April 1, 1862	Solomom D. Bayless, G.C.	Fort Wayne
9	1863	Lafayette	April 7, 1863	Solomom D. Bayless, G.C.	Fort Wayne
10	1864	Indianapolis	May 6, 1864	Solomom D. Bayless, G.C.	Fort Wayne
11	1865	Indianapolis	April 4, 1865	William Hacker, G.C.	Shelbyville
12	1866	Indianapolis	April 3 & 4, 1866	William Hacker, G.C.	Shelbyville
13	1867	Shelbyville	April 2 & 3, 1867	Harvey Hazelrigg, G.C.	Lebanon
14	1868	Indianapolis	April 7, 1868	Harvey Hazelrigg, G.C.	Lebanon
15	1869	Indianapolis	April 6, 1869	Thomas Newby, G.C.	Connersville
16	1870	Indianapolis	April 5, 1870	Thomas Newby, G.C.	Connersville
17	1871	Indianapolis	April 4, 1871	Elbridge G. Hamilton, G.C.	LaPorte
18	1872	Indianapolis	April 2, 1872	Elbridge G. Hamilton, G.C.	LaPorte
19	1873	Muncie	April 1, 1873	Charles Cruft, G.C.	Terre Haute
20	1874	Indianapolis	April 28, 1874	Edwin D. Palmer, G.C.	Richmond
21	1875	Indianapolis	April 27, 1875	Andrew H. Hamilton, G.C.	Fort Wayne
22	1876	Indianapolis	April 25, 1876	Nicholas R. Ruckle, G.C.	Indianapolis
23	1877	Indianapolis	April 24, 1877	Erville B. Bishop, G.C.	Muncie
24	1878	Indianapolis	April 13, 1878	Augustus D. Lynch, G.C.	Indianapolis
25	1879	Indianapolis	April 29, 1879	Alexander Thomas, G.C.	Terre Haute
26	1880	Indianapolis	April 7, 1880	Salathiel T. Williams, G.C.	Kendallville
27	1881	Indianapolis	April 26, 1881	Henry G. Thayer, G.C.	Plymouth
28	1882	Indianapolis	April 25, 1882	John H. Hess, G.C.	Columbus
29	1883	Indianapolis	April 24, 1883	Samuel B. Sweet, G.C.	Indianapolis
30	1884	Indianapolis	April 29, 1884	Richard L. Woolsey, G.C.	Jeffersonville
31	1885	Indianapolis	April 28, 1885	Walter Vail, G.C.	Michigan City
32	1886	Indianapolis	April 27, 28, 1886	Henry C. Adams, G.C.	Indianapolis
33	1887	Indianapolis	April 26, 27, 1887	Ephraim W. Patrick, G.C.	Evansville
34	1888	Indianapolis	April 24, 25, 1888	George W. F. Kirk, G.C.	Shelbyville
35	1889	Indianapolis	April 30, May 1, 1889	Reuben Peden, G.C.	Knightstown
36	1890	Indianapolis	April 15, 16, 1890	Duncan T. Bacon, G.C.	Indianapolis
37	1891	Terre Haute	April 21, 22, 1891	Henry H. Lancaster, G.C.	Lafayette
38	1892	Evansville	April 19, 20, 1892	Irvin B. Webber, G.C.	Warsaw
39	1893	Indianapolis	April 19, 20, 1893	Joseph A. Manning, G.C.	Michigan City
40	1894	Indianapolis	April 18, 19, 1894	Simeon S. Johnson, G.C.	Jeffersonville
41	1895	Indianapolis	April 17, 18, 1895	Charles W. Slick, G.C.	Mishawaka
42	1896	Indianapolis	April 15, 16, 1896	Walter M. Hindman, G.C.	Vincennes
43	1897	Anderson	April 21, 22, 1897	Winfield T. Durbin, G.C.	Anderson
44	1898	Logansport	April 20, 21, 1898	John E. Redmond, G.C.	Logansport
45	1899	Richmond	April 19, 20, 1899	John H. Nicholson, G.C.	Richmond
46	1900	Indianapolis	April 18, 19, 1900	William E. Perryman, G.C.	Terre Haute
47	1901	Muncie	April 17, 18, 1901	Eugene W. Kelly, G.C.	Muncie
48	1902	South Bend	April 16, 17, 1902	Leonidas P. Newby, G.C.	Knightstown

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49	1903	Fort Wayne	April 15, 16, 1903	Sidney W. Douglas, G.C.	Evansville
50	1904	Indianapolis	May 10, 11, 1904	Frederick Glass, G.C.	Madison
51	1905	Indianapolis	May 10, 11, 1905	Charles Goltra, G.C.	Crawfordsville
52	1906	Winona	May 9, 10, 11, 1906	Nathan L. Agnew, G.C.	Valparaiso
53	1907	Indianapolis	May 8, 9, 1907	Oliver Gard, G.C.	Frankfort
54	1908	Winona	June 10, 11, 12, 1908	Vestal Woodward, G.C.	Indianapolis
55	1909	Indianapolis	May 12, 13, 1909	Charles Day, G.C.	New Albany
56	1910	Indianapolis	May 11, 12, 1910	Luther Short, G.C.	Franklin
57	1911	Indianapolis	May 10, 11, 1911	Wm. B. Hosford, G.C.	Mishawaka
58	1912	Indianapolis	May 8, 9, 1912	John L. Rupe, G.C.	Richmond
59	1913	Crawfordsville	May 14, 15, 1913	Charles M. Zion, G.C.	Lebanon
60	1914	Indianapolis	May 13, 14, 1914	Joseph G. Ibach, G.C.	Hammond
61	1915	Indianapolis	May 13, 14, 1915	Harry G. Strickland, G.C.	Greenfield
62	1916	Indianapolis	May 10, 11, 1916	Adrian Hammersley, G.C.	Washington
63	1917	Kokomo	May 9, 10, 1917	James Randall, G.C.	Greencastle
64	1918	Evansville	May 8, 9, 1918	George H. Steel, G.C.	Evansville
65	1919	Indianapolis	May 14, 15, 1919	George S. Parker, G.C.	Anderson
66	1920	Indianapolis	May 12, 13, 1920	Henri T. Conde, G.C.	Indianapolis
67	1921	Indianapolis	May 11, 12, 1921	Harry C. Moore, G.C.	Marion
68	1922	Indianapolis	May 10, 11, 1922	Eugene Vatet, G.C.	Muncie
69	1923	Winona	June 19, 20, 21, 1923	George A. Newhouse	New Albany
70	1924	Fort Wayne	May 14, 15, 1924	Gaylard M. Leslie, G.C.	Fort Wayne
71	1925	Indianapolis	May 12, 13, 14, 1925	Edward J. Schoonover, G.C.	Indianapolis
72	1926	Terre Haute	May 12, 13, 1926	George F. Hitchcock, G.C.	Plymouth
73	1927	Muncie	May 11, 12, 1927	Will M. Sparks, G.C.	Rushville
74	1928	South Bend	May 9, 10, 1928	Clarence H. Snoke, G.C.	South Bend
75	1929	Indianapolis	May 8, 9, 1929	William W. Suckow, G.C.	Franklin
76	1930	Evansville	May 14, 15, 1930	Arthur F. Funkhouser, G.C.	Evansville
77	1931	Indianapolis	May 13, 14, 1931	George L. Davis, G.C.	Kokomo
78	1932	Huntington	May 11, 12, 1932	Meade Vestal, G.C.	Noblesville
79	1933	Indianapolis	May 10, 1933	John T. Boyd, G.C.	Vincennes
80	1934	Bloomington	May 8, 9, 1934	J. Rufus Hinshaw, G.C.	New Castle
81	1935	Indianapolis	May 8, 1935	Roy D. Smiley, G.C.	Washington
82	1936	Muncie	May 13, 1936	Ralph Howard, G.C.	Greencastle
83	1937	Elkhart	May 12, 13, 1937	Harvey S. Wambaugh, G.C.	Elkhart
84	1938	Lafayette	May 11, 12, 1938	Fred N. Prass, G.C.	Lafayette
85	1939	Indianapolis	May 10, 11, 1939	Clyde E. Titus, G.C.	Indianapolis
86	1940	Richmond	May 8, 9, 1940	Ralph Cain, G.C.	Richmond
87	1941	Gary	May 12, 1941	John Bush, G.C.	Gary
88	1942	Indianapolis	May 12, 1942	George J. Leininger, G.C.	Columbia City
89	1943	Indianapolis	May 12, 1943	Walter G. Rice, G.C.	Terre Haute
90	1944	Indianapolis	May 10, 1944	Hugh E. Mauzy, G.C.	Rushville
91	1945	Indianapolis	August 8, 1945	Alvah D. Alexander, G.C.	Evansville
92	1946	South Bend	May 8, 9, 1946	Perry C. Traver, G.C.	South Bend
93	1947	Muncie	May 9, 10, 1947	Edmund F. Ball, G.C.	Muncie
94	1948	Indianapolis	May 12, 13, 1948	Floyd Kresge, G.C.	Indianapolis
95	1949	Indianapolis	May 11, 12, 1949	Philip N. Kestner, G.C.	Madison
96	1950	Elkhart	May 12, 13, 1950	Howard F. Christner, G.C.	Elkhart
97	1951	Bloomington	May 10, 11, 1951	Don P. Carpenter, G.C.	Brazil
98	1952	Lafayette	May 14, 15, 1952	G. Max Fowler, G.C.	Frankfort
99	1953	Hammond	May 8, 9, 1953	Alfred E. Braam, G.C.	Highland
100	1954	Indianapolis	May 12, 13, 1954	Paul G. Smiley, G.C.	Washington
101	1955	Muncie	May 13, 14, 1955	Charles E. Cook, G.C.	North Manchester
102	1956	Fort Wayne	May 11, 12, 1956	Samuel S. Geake, G.C.	Fort Wayne

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103	1957	Bloomington	May 17, 18, 1957	Willard M. Avery G.C.	Knightstown
104	1958	Indianapolis	May 9, 10, 1958	Edwin M. Demlow, G.C.	Indianapolis
105	1959	Indianapolis	May 8, 9, 1959	C. Wilbur Foster, G.C.	Indianapolis
106	1960	Lafayette	May 20, 21, 1960	Joseph R. Erb, G.C.	Lafayette
107	1961	Terre Haute	May 12, 13, 1961	Marvin E. Foulke, G.C.	Terre Haute
108	1962	Evansville	May 11, 12, 1962	James A. Wills, G.C.	Evansville
109	1963	Gary	May 10, 11, 1963	Russell D. Huffington, G.C.	Gary
110	1964	Muncie	May 8, 9, 1964	Adam S. Riggin, G.C.	Muncie
111	1965	South Bend	May 14, 15, 1965	David J. Miller, G.C.	Goshen
112	1966	Vincennes	May 13, 14, 1966	James G. Frey, G.C.	Vincennes
113	1967	Fort Wayne	May 12, 13, 1967	Harold R. Hoolihan, G.C.	Angola
114	1968	Columbus	May 10, 11, 1968	Richard D. Unger, G.C.	Baldwin
115	1969	Lafayette	May 23, 24, 1969	Harry F. Otterman, G.C.	Frankfort
116	1970	Bloomington	May 22, 23, 1970	K. Edwin Applegate, G.C.	Bloomington
117	1971	Indianapolis	May 7, 8, 1971	Walter P. Worland, G.C.	Greenfield
118	1972	Hammond	May 12, 13, 1972	Omar E. Hager, G.C.	Hammond
119	1973	Muncie	May 4, 5, 1973	Forrest L. Mock, G.C.	Muncie
120	1974	South Bend	May 3, 4, 1974	Russell R. Aulm, G.C.	South Bend
121	1975	Indianapolis	April 25, 26, 1975	Herbert A. Newman, G.C.	Indianapolis
122	1976	Fort Wayne	April 30, May 1, 1976	James S. DeMond, G.C.	Fort Wayne
123	1977	Lafayette	May 6, 7, 1977	David R. Poling, Jr., G.C.	Lafayette
124	1978	Evansville	May 20, 21, 22, 1978	R. Frank Williams, G.C.	Fort Branch
125	1979	Indianapolis	April 27, 28, 1979	Robert E. Price, G.C.	Connersville
126	1980	Merriville	May 1, 2, 3, 1980	Ernest G. Cunningham, G.C.	Munster
127	1981	Columbus	April 24, 25, 1981	Harold F. Thieman, G.C.	Columbus
128	1982	Indianapolis	April 23, 24, 1982	Joseph A. Barnes, G.C.	Beech Grove
129	1983	Elkhart	April 29, 30, 1983	Ronald L. Tungett, G.C.	Elkhart
130	1984	Fort Wayne	May 4, 5, 1984	Kenneth E. Gibson, G.C.	Fort Wayne
131	1985	Indianapolis	April 26, 27, 1985	Ronald D. Simpson, G.C.	Greentown
132	1986	Vincennes	May 2, 3, 1986	Herbert G. Roach, G.C.	Odon
133	1987	Indianapolis	April 24, 25, 1987	Robert E. DuBois, G.C.	Highland
134	1988	Indianapolis	April 29, 30, 1988	William L. Leffler, G.C.	Shelbyville
135	1989	Indianapolis	April 28, 29, 1989	Paul W. Friend, G.C.	Angola
136	1990	Indianapolis	April 20, 21, 1990	John V. Stevens, G.C.	Kokomo
137	1991	Indianapolis	April 26, 27, 1991	Steven J. Barton, G.C.	Knightstown
138	1992	Indianapolis	May 1, 2, 1992	Dwight E. Lanman, Jr., G.C.	Angola
139	1993	Indianapolis	April 30, May 1, 1993	Gerald A. Sullivan, Jr., G.C.	Indianapolis
140	1994	Indianapolis	April 29, 30, 1994	Peter T. Zivanovich, G.C.	Highland
141	1995	Indianapolis	April 28, 29, 1995	Duane Stucker, G.C.	Shelbyville
142	1996	Indianapolis	April 26, 27, 1996	James W. Roberts, G.C.	New Albany
143	1997	Indianapolis	April 26, 1997	Willard R. Clutter, Jr., G.C.	Noblesville
144	1998	Indianapolis	April 24, 25, 1998	James W. Prairie, G.C.	Bloomington
145	1999	Indianapolis	April 30, May 1, 1999	Robert J. Frazer, G.C.	Richmond
146	2000	Indianapolis	April 28, 29, 2000	Henry E. LaHurreau, G.C.	Fort Wayne
147	2001	Indianapolis	April 27, 28, 2001	Irvin L. Bitting, G.C.	DeMotte

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**CONSTITUENT COMMANDERIES  
OF INDIANA  
GIVING DATES OF CHARTER AND PRECEDENCE**

<b>Commandery</b>	<b>Date Chartered</b>	<b>Date Precedence</b>
Raper No. 1	April 7, 1868	October 16, 1850
Baldwin No. 2	April 8, 1868	September 19, 1853
Lafayette No. 3	April 7, 1868	September 19, 1853
Fort Wayne No.4	April 7, 1868	May 13, 1853
New Albany No. 5	April 7, 1868	January 23, 1855
Connersville No. 6	April 7, 1868	December 27, 1855
Richmond No. 8	April 7, 1868	April 5, 1865
Knightstown No. 9	April 7, 1868	April 4, 1866
Greencastle No. 11	April 7, 1868	April 3, 1867
LaPorte, No. 12	April 7, 1868	April 3, 1867
South Bend No. 13	April 8, 1868	April 3, 1867
Columbus No. 14	April 8, 1868	April 8, 1868
LaValette No. 15	April 7, 1868	April 8, 1867
Terre Haute No. 16	April 8, 1868	April 8, 1868
Muncie No. 18	April 7, 1869	April 7, 1869
Apollo No. 19	April 7, 1869	April 7, 1869
Vincennes No. 20	April 7, 1869	April 7, 1869
Grant County No. 21	April 5, 1871	April 5, 1871
Madison No. 22	April 3, 1872	April 3, 1872
Johnson County No. 23	April 3, 1872	April 3, 1872
St. John No. 24	April 2, 1873	April 2, 1873
Crawfordsville No. 25	April 28, 1875	April 28, 1875
Jeffersonville No. 27	April 26, 1876	April 26, 1876
Valparaiso No. 28	April 26, 1876	April 26, 1876
Frankfort No. 29	April 27, 1881	April 27, 1881
Michigan City No. 30	April 30, 1884	April 30, 1884
Elkhart No. 31	April 30, 1884	April 30, 1884
Anderson No. 32	April 29, 1885	April 29, 1885
Huntington No. 35	April 20, 1892	August 20, 1891
Kokomo No. 36	April 20, 1892	November 6, 1891
Wabash No. 37	April 20, 1893	July 4, 1892
Greenfield No. 39	April 22, 1897	May 16, 1896
Hammond No. 41	April 21, 1898	January 25, 1897
Bedford No. 42	April 20, 1899	January 25, 1899
Lebanon No. 43	April 20, 1899	January 31, 1899
New Castle No. 44	April 19, 1900	May 2, 1899
Angola No. 45	April 17, 1902	March 24, 1902
Brazil No. 47	May 12, 1904	June 2, 1903
Clinton No. 48	May 12, 1904	October 29, 1903
Goshen No. 50	May 11, 1905	May 28, 1904
Tipton No. 52	May 9, 1907	June 19, 1906
Seymour No. 56	May 11, 1911	May 26, 1910
Gary No. 57	May 14, 1914	February 22, 1912
East Chicago No. 58	May 9, 1912	September 25, 1912
Greensburg No. 59	May 12, 1920	May 12, 1920

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Noblesville No. 61	May 11, 1922	May 11, 1922
Trinity No. 62	June 21, 1923	June 21, 1923
Bloomington No. 63	May 14, 1925	March 31, 1925
Wright No. 64	April 29, 1988	April 29, 1988
William G. Bray No. 65	April 30, 1993	March 14, 1992
H. W. Matthewson No. 66	April 30, 1993	August 15, 1992
Lawrence No. 67	April 29, 1994	April 30, 1993
St. Anselm, U.D.	Not Chartered	April 26, 1991

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**TIME AND PLACE OF TRIENNIAL CONCLAVES  
OF THE GRAND ENCAMPMENT, KNIGHTS TEMPLAR,  
OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

<b>No.</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Where Held</b>	<b>Presiding Officer</b>
I	June 20-21, 1816	New York, NY	DeWitt Clinton, G.G.M.
II	September 16, 1819	New York, NY	Henry Fowle, G.G.G.
III	September 18-19, 1826	New York, NY	John Snow, G.G.G.
IV	September 14-15, 1829	New York, NY	Jonathon Nye, D.G.G.M.
V	Nov. 29-Dec. 1, 1832	Baltimore, MD	Jonathon Nye, D.G.G.M.
VI	December 7-10, 1835	Washington, D.C.	Jonathon Nye, D.G.G.M.
VII	September 12-14, 1838	Boston, Mass.	James M. Allen, G.G.M.
VIII	September 14-17, 1841	New York, NY	James M. Allen, G.G.M.
IX	September 10-12, 1844	New Haven, Conn.	Joseph K. Stapleton. D.G.G.M.
X	September 14-18, 1847	Columbus, Ohio	Archibald Bull, G.G.M.
XI	September 10-14, 1850	Boston, Mass.	William B. Hubbard, G.G.M.
XII	September 13-19, 1853	Lexington, KY	William B. Hubbard, G.G.M.
XIII	September 9-15, 1856	Hartford, Conn.	William B. Hubbard, G.G.M.
XIV	September 13-19, 1859	Chicago, Ill	William B. Hubbard, G.G.M.
XV	September 1-4, 1862	New York, NY	Benjamin B. French, G.M.
XVI	September 5-7, 1865	Columbus, Ohio	Benjamin B. French, G.M.
XVII	September, 15-18, 1868	St. Louis, Mo.	Henry L. Palmer, G.M.
XVIII	September 19-23, 1871	Baltimore, Md.	Wm. Sewell Gardner, G.M.
XIX	December 1-5, 1874	New Orleans, La.	John Q. A. Fellows, G.M.
XX	August 28-31, 1877	Cleveland, Ohio	John Herron Hopkins, G.M.
XXI	August 17-20, 1880	Chicago, Ill	Vincent Lombard Hurlbut, G.M.
XXII	August 21-23, 1883	San Francisco, Calif.	Benjamin Dean, G.M.
XXIII	September 21-24, 1886	St. Louis, Mo.	Charles Roome, G.D.M.
XXIV	October 8-11, 1889	Washington, D.C.	Charles Roome, G.D.M.
XXV	August 9-12, 1892	Denver, Colo.	J. P. S. Gobin, G.M.
XXVI	August 27-30, 1895	Boston, Mass.	Hugh McCurdy, G.M.
XXVII	October 11-14, 1898	Pittsburg, Pa.	Warren LaRue Thomas, G.M.
XXVIII	August 27-29, 1901	Louisville, Ky.	R. H. Lloyd, G.M.
XXIX	September 6-9, 1904	San Francisco, Calif.	Henry B. Stoddard, G.M.
XXX	July 9-11, 1907	Sarasota Springs, NY	George M. Moulton, G.M.
XXXI	August 9-11, 1910	Chicago, Ill	Henry W. Rugg, G.M.
XXXII	August 12-14, 1913	Denver, Colo.	William B. Melish, G.M.
XXXIII	June 20-23, 1916	Los Angeles, Calif.	Lee S. Smith, D.G.M., A.G.M.
XXXIV	September 9-11, 1919	Philadelphia, Pa.	Lee S. Smith, G.M.
XXXV	April 25-27, 1922	New Orleans, La.	Joseph Kyle Orre, G.M.
XXXVI	July 28-31, 1925	Seattle, Wash.	Leonidas P. Newby, G.M.
XXXVII	July 16-19, 1928	Detroit, Mich.	George W. Valery, G.M.
XXXVIII	June 20-26, 1931	Minneapolis, Minn.	William L. Sharp, G.M.
XXXIX	July 7-13, 1934	San Francisco, Calif.	Andrew D. Agnew, G.C., A.G.M.
XL	July 17-23, 1937	Miami, Fla.	Andrew D. Agnew, G.M.
XLI	July 13-19, 1940	Cleveland, Ohio	Mark Norris, G.M.
XLII	May 24-25, 1943	Chicago, Ill	Harry G. Pollard, G.M.
XLIII	Oct. 23-Nov. 1, 1946	Houston, Texas	Charles Noah Orr, G.M.
XLIV	September 17-23, 1949	San Francisco, Calif.	John Temple Rice, G.M.
XLV	September 20-26, 1952	New Orleans, La.	Robert B. Gaylord, G.M.
XLVI	August 20-26, 1955	New York, NY	William C. Gordon, G.M.
XLVII	August 16-22, 1958	Indianapolis, Ind.	Walter A. DeLamater, G.M.

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XLVIII	August 12-17, 1961	Cleveland, Ohio	Louis H. Weiber, G.M.
XLIX	August 22-27, 1964	Philadelphia, Pa.	Paul Miller Moore, G.M.
L	August 19-24, 1967	Detroit, Mich.	Wilber M. Brucker, G.M.
LI	August 22-27, 1970	Denver, Co.	John L. Crofts, G.M.
LII	August 13-16, 1973	Chicago, Ill	G. Wilbur Bell, G.M.
LIII	Aug. 28-Sept. 2, 1976	Kansas City, Mo.	Roy W. Riegle, G.M.
LIV	August 11-16, 1979	Indianapolis, Ind.	Willard M. Avery, G.M.
LV	August 14-19, 1982	Hot Springs, Ark.	Kenneth C. Johnson, G.M.
LVI	August 10-14, 1985	Cincinnati, Ohio	Ned E. Dull, G.M.
LVII	August 5-10, 1988	Lexington, Ky.	Donald H. Smith, G.M.
LVIII	August 19-21, 1991	Washington, D.C.	Marvin E. Fowler, G.M.
LVIX	August 15-17, 1994	Denver, Co,	William H. Thornley, Jr., G.M.
LX	August 8-13, 1997	St. Louis, Mo.	Blair Christy Mayford, G.M.
LXI	August 11-16, 2000	Nashville, Tn.	James M. Ward, G.M.



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**ROSTER OF INACTIVE AND RENAMED COMMANDERIES OF  
THE GRAND COMMANDERY, KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF INDIANA**

**Greensburg #2** – Charter date September 1853. One of the three Commanderies who gathered in Indianapolis on May 16, 1854, to form the Grand Encampment (Commandery) of Indiana. In 1865, it was noted that no returns from #2 had been received since 1861. The Grand Commander reported that the Commandery was re-organized and located in Shelbyville. On April 4, 1866, the name was changed to Baldwin #2.

**Cambridge City #6** – On April 8, 1868, the name of Connersville #6 was changed to Cambridge City #6. On April 30, 1884, this action was rescinded and both the location and name reverted to Connersville.

**Bedford #7** – Charter date December 2, 1858. In the Proceedings of 1864, it is noted that the Charter was “surrendered”.

**William Hacker #9** – Organized April 4, 1868. Name changed to Knightstown #9 on April 28, 1874.

**Warsaw #10** – Chartered April 17, 1868. Merged with Goshen #50 on October 14, 1995.

**Thomas H. Lynch #14** – Chartered April 14, 1868. Name changed to Columbus #14 on April 28, 1874.

**Dowling #16** – Chartered April 8, 1868. Name changed to Terre Haute #16 on April 5, 1871.

**Aurora #17** – Chartered April 7, 1869. Charter “annulled” May 9, 1929. Revoked by action of the Grand Commandery.

**Muncie #18** – Chartered April 7, 1869. Charter surrendered December 11, 2000, and merged with Anderson #32.

**Marion #21** – Chartered April 5, 1871. Name changed to Grant County #21 on April 20, 1990.

**Caleb Schmidlapp #22** – Chartered April 3, 1872. Name changed to Madison #22 on April 1, 1873.

**Madison #22** – Chartered April 3, 1872. Charter surrendered June 12, 2001, and merged with Columbus #14.

**Franklin #23** – Chartered April 3, 1872. Name changed to Johnson County #23 on April 20, 1900.

**Plymouth #26** – Chartered April 28, 1875. Charter surrendered September 11, 1974, and merged with South Bend #13.

**Washington #33** – Chartered April 16, 1890. Charter surrendered July 14, 1985, and merged with Vincennes #20.

**Cyrene #34** – Chartered May 2, 1891. Names changed to Columbia City #34 on May 9, 1947.

**Columbia City #34** – Successor to Cyrene #34. Charter surrendered September 4, 1968.

**Bluffton #38** – Chartered April 18, 1895. Charter surrendered October 20, 1994, and merged with Fort Wayne #4.

**Delphi #40** – Chartered February 4, 1897. Charter surrendered December 11, 1972, and merged with Lafayette #3.

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**Lebanon #43** – Chartered April 20, 1899. Charter surrendered August 15, 2000 and merged with Frankfort #29.

**Princeton #46** – Chartered April 26, 1903. Charter surrendered April 22, 1995, and merged with LaValette #15.

**Rushville #49** – Chartered May 11, 1905. Charter surrendered November 20, 1997, and merged with Connersville #6.

**Mishawaka #51** – Chartered January 16, 1906. Charter surrendered March 1, 1973, and merged with South Bend #13.

**Tipton #52** – Chartered May 9, 1907. Charter surrendered January 1, 2001 and merged with Kokomo #36.

**Winchester #53** – Chartered July 18, 1906. Charter surrendered 1961 and merged with Muncie #18.

**Sullivan #54** – Chartered July 4, 1907. Charter surrendered September 29, 1979.

**Martinsville #55** – Chartered April 14, 1908. Charter surrendered December 1, 1932.

**Gary #57** – Chartered May 14, 1914. Name officially changed to Elbert H. Gary #57 at Annual Conclave on April 28, 1995. Granted a change of location by the Grand Commander in 2000, Gary #57 moved to Hobart.

**East Chicago #58** – Chartered May 9, 1912. Charter surrendered December 31, 2000 and merged with Hammond #41 at same location.

**Greensburg #59** – Chartered May 12, 1920. Charter surrendered September 1, 2001 and merged with Columbus #14.

**Peru #60** – Chartered February 21, 1921. Charter surrendered December 1, 1989, and merged with Wabash #37.

**DeMolay #62** – Chartered June 21, 1923. Name changed to Oriental #62 on May 12, 1941.

**Oriental #62** – Successor to DeMolay #62. At the Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery in 1969, Oriental #62 petitioned the Grand Commandery to allow a change of location to the Irvington Masonic Temple in Indianapolis. This petition was approved by the Jurisprudence Committee and the Grand Commandery. In the 1970 Proceedings, the name appears as Trinity #62, but no record can be found in the Proceedings of the official change of name or of the approval of the change of By-Laws of this Commandery to change the name.

**Trinity #62** – Charter was arrested by Grand Commander, March 11, 1995. Members at that time were transferred into St. Anselm Commandery, U.D., pending final resolution of the future of the Commandery. On July 25, 1995, the Charter was restored by the Grand Commander and the Commandery moved to another Indianapolis location, Calvin Prather Lodge #717.

**Crown Point, U.D.** – Dispensation issued February 12, 2001, to form a Commandery at Crown Point.

**Dwight L. Smith, U.D.** – Dispensation issued July 13, 1996, to form a Commandery at Salem. Dispensation returned April 24, 1998.

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