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IN INDIANA**



**PROCEEDINGS OF
THE 151st ANNUAL CONCLAVE
OF THE
GRAND COMMANDERY OF INDIANA**

*HELD IN THE CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS
APRIL 28th, 29th and 30th, 2005*

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

**Grand Commandery
Knights Templar
of Indiana**

**ONE HUNDRED FIFTY-FIRST
ANNUAL CONCLAVE**

Held at Indianapolis

COLUMBUS COMMANDERY No. 14 HOST

April 28, 29, 30, 2005

Presiding

**SIR KNIGHT RONALD L. ELLIS
Right Eminent Grand Commander
Indiana**

Elected

**SIR KNIGHT LAWRENCE VINCENT KAMINSKY
Hammond Commandery No. 41**

2005 Conclave will be held at Indianapolis, Indiana on April 27, 28 & 29, 2006

Hammond Commandery No. 41 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.

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All reports contained in the Proceedings of the 151st Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar, were approved unless otherwise indicated or explained.

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RIGHT EMINENT GRAND CAPTAIN GENERAL
GRAND ENCAMPMENT, KNIGHTS TEMPLAR
OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**



**BIOGRAPHY OF
DAVID DIXON GOODWIN
RIGHT EMINENT GRAND CAPTAIN GENERAL
GRAND ENCAMPMENT, KNIGHTS TEMPLAR
OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

Sir Knight David Dixon Goodwin was born on August 15, 1949, in Johnson City, New York, to the late Mary Isabel and John Walter Goodwin. He was raised in Binghamton, NY, and confirmed in Trinity Memorial Episcopal Church. He attended the Binghamton Public Schools and graduated from Binghamton Central High School in 1967. He attended Broome Community College and graduated from Union University, Albany (NY) College of Pharmacy in 1972 with a B.S. in Pharmacy.

Following his graduation he was employed by CVS Pharmacy in several locations. He was the owner of four retail pharmacies in the Binghamton area from 1977-1988. He has been employed as a pharmacist at Amot Ogden Medical Center in Elmira, NY, since 1988. His memberships have included local, state, and national pharmaceutical societies as well as health related community organizations, and the Endicott Rotary Club.

Sir Knight Goodwin married Marci Lynn Sternberg on July 15, 1979. They have two daughters; Jennifer, seventeen, and Samantha, thirteen. They currently reside in Vestal, NY.

Sir Knight Goodwin was Raised a Master Mason in Binghamton Lodge No. 177, F. & A.M., Binghamton, NY, in September of 1977. He served through the line and was elected Master in 1982. The following year he was elected Secretary, a position he held until 1999. He was named Mason of the Year by his Lodge in 1988. He has served as Secretary-Treasurer of the Broome-Chenango District Masters Council, District Masonic Brotherhood Fund Chairman, and as a member of the Grand Lodge Committee on Related Organizations. He has served as a director of the Masonic Youth Foundation of New York, and also served as President. He was commissioned as the Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Austria near the Grand Lodge of New York in September of 2000 by the Most Worshipful Carl J. Smith, Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York.

He is a member of Binghamton Chapter No. 139, Royal Arch Masons, having served as High Priest and as Secretary for several years. He served the Grand Chapter of New York as an Assistant Grand Lecturer, District Deputy Grand High Priest, and is currently a Custodian of the Work. He is a member of Binghamton Council No. 24, Cryptic Masons, where he served as Illustrious Master and is the current Treasurer. He is a member of St. George Council, Order of Anointed Kings of New York, where he served as Thrice Illustrious Master. He holds a commission from the Grand Council of Delaware as their Grand Representative near the Grand Council of New York.

He was Knighted in Malta Commandery No. 21 Knights Templar, stationed at Binghamton, where he served as Commander in 1988, and served as Recorder. He was Captain of the Zone Drill Team for ten years. He is a member of the Sovereign Order of Knights Preceptor.

He served the Grand Commandery of New York as a Zone Commander, Grand Representative of the Grand Commandery of Kentucky near New York, and was elected Grand Warder in 1991. He served through the line and was elected and installed as the 149th Grand Commander at the 186th Annual Conclave at Suffern, NY, on September 18, 1999. Sir Knight James Morris Ward, Most Eminent

**BIOGRAPHY OF
DAVID DIXON GOODWIN (cont.)
RIGHT EMINENT GRAND CAPTAIN GENERAL
GRAND ENCAMPMENT, KNIGHTS TEMPLAR
OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

Grand Master awarded him the rank and dignity of Knight Commander of the Temple in 1998 for his service to Templary.

Sir Knight Goodwin was a Charter Member of the Southern Tier York Rite College No. 126 and served as Governor. He was awarded the Order of the Purple Cross in 1993. He holds memberships in the Otseningo Bodies, Valley of Binghamton, A.A.S.R., N.M.J.; Christian Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine, elected Sovereign; Crusade Priory No. 57, KYCH, holds KYGCH, 1 quadrant; Gen. Henry Knox Council No. 139, A.M.D., Master, Red Branch of En; Charles Smith Council No. 324, A.M.D.; Royal Order of Scotland; Star of Bethlehem Tabernacle, HRAKTP; Long Island College, SRICF; Kalurah Temple, AAONMS; Aahmes Grotto, MOVPER; Lafayette Chapter No. 340, O.E.S. He is also a Daddy of Endicott Triangle No. 43, Organization of Triangles, Inc., a Masonic youth group for girls in New York. He holds honorary memberships in several Commanderies, Grand Commanderies, and York Rite grand bodies.

He served as Right Eminent Department Commander of the Northeastern Department, 2000-2003. He was elected R.E. Grand Captain General at the 62nd Triennial Conclave in St. Louis, MO on August 20, 2003.

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**DISTINGUISHED GUEST
SIR KNIGHT STEVEN JACK BARTON
RIGHT EMINENT DEPARTMENT COMMANDER,
EAST CENTRAL DEPARTMENT OF THE GRAND ENCAMPMENT,
KNIGHTS TEMPLAR, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**



**BIOGRAPHY OF
SIR KNIGHT STEVEN JACK BARTON
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EAST CENTRAL DEPARTMENT OF THE GRAND ENCAMPMENT,
KNIGHTS TEMPLAR, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

Steven Jack Barton was born in Indianapolis, Indiana, on December 10, 1944, the eldest child of Branson C. (Bill) Barton and Doris Ruth (Poer) Barton. Steve graduated from Charlottesville High School in 1963. He graduated from Ball State University in Muncie, Indiana, in 1970, with a B.S. in chemistry and biology. Steve married Sherry Freeman in 1966. They have three children, Tammy, Scott, and Adam, and seven grandchildren. Steve and Sherry are members of the Charlottesville United Methodist Church in Charlottesville, Indiana, where Steve has served the church as a member and chairman of the Administrative Council and Board of Trustees and they are currently attending Park Chapel Christian Church in Greenfield. Steve retired from Eli Lilly and Company in 2002.

Steve was raised a Master Mason in Golden Rule Lodge No. 16 located in Knightstown, Indiana, on December 28, 1965, just eighteen days after his twenty-first birthday. He served as Worshipful Master in 1978 and again in 1992. He also served the lodge as its secretary in 1972. Steve was Exalted a Royal Arch Mason in Knightstown Chapter on March 18, 1966, serving as High Priest for the first time in 1971. He was greeted a Select Master in Cryptic Council on March 19, 1966, and served as Illustrious Master for the first time in 1971. He was created a Sir Knight in Knightstown Commandery on March 20, 1966 and served as Commander in 1971. Steve is currently the Secretary Recorder of the York Rite Bodies of Knightstown. He has been a member of Knightstown Commandery Drill Team since 1966 and has served as Captain since 1973. Under Steve's command Knightstown Commandery has won four Grand Encampment Knights Templar drill competitions in Class A drills.

Steve is a member of the Shirley Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star. He is a member of the Valley of Indianapolis of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite. Other Masonic Orders and Honors: Steve is a member and a Past Preceptor of Gennesaret Tabernacle No. XVII of the Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests. He is a member and a Past Sovereign of St. Basil Conclave of the Red Cross of Constantine. Steve was regularly admitted into the Indiana Council of Anointed High Priests and received the Degree of Thrice Illustrious Master in March 1972. He was inducted into the Indiana Past Commanders Association on April 27, 1986. He is a member of Marvin L. Isley York Rite College No. 129 York Rite Sovereign College. He is a member of Indiana Priory No. 8 Knights of the York Cross of Honor. Steve is a member of the Willard M. Avery Council of the Allied Masonic Degrees and is also a recipient of the International Order of DeMolay Legion of Honor.

Steve served the Grand Commandery of Indiana as a Deputy Battalion Commander, Battalion VI, for Sir Knight Robert E. Price, in 1978-1979. He was elected Grand Junior Warden of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar in April 1986 in Vincennes, Indiana. He progressively advanced through the Grand Commandery line and was elected and installed Grand Commander at the Annual Conclave held in April 1990 in Indianapolis, Indiana. He is a 1994 recipient of the prestigious Knight Commander of the Temple Award from the Grand Encampment Knights Templar of the United States of America.

Grand Encampment appointments: Steve was appointed in August 1994 as a member of the committee on Drill Regulations for the Grand Encampment Knights Templar of the USA and served as its chairman during the 61st Triennial. Steve has accepted the appointment of the Department Commander for the East Central Department of the Grand Encampment during the 63rd Triennium.

Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Indiana



**SIR KNIGHT RONALD L. ELLIS
GRAND COMMANDER 2004-2005
PRESIDING**

**BIOGRAPHY OF
RONALD LEROY ELLIS
RIGHT EMINENT GRAND COMMANDER
GRAND COMMANDERY, KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF INDIANA**

Ronald Ellis was born on September 23, 1939, in Columbus, Indiana. He attended the Columbus City schools and graduated from Purdue University in 1962. He began his Masonic journey in 1955 as a DeMolay in Columbus. He met and later married Beverly Kay Waddle on September 19, 1964, at the East Columbus Methodist Church. In 1967 he became a research engineer at Arvin Industries in Columbus, Indiana. On May 4th, 1968, Beverly, on her birthday, gave birth to their daughter Peggy Gail.

Having the opportunity to further his education, the family moved to West Lafayette in 1972 where he obtained a Master's Degree. Over the next ten-year period, the family alternately lived in Columbus and West Lafayette while Ron continued to work for Arvin. During that period he served on the Purdue School of Science Alumni Association advisory board. Gail joined the Rainbow for Girls and was installed as Worth Advisor. In order to attend the ceremony, Ron was Raised a Master Mason in Octagon Lodge No. 511 in December 1984. While in Tippecanoe County he served as Worshipful Master, High Priest, Illustrious Master of Lafayette York Rite Bodies and Governor of Sagamore Valley York Rite College receiving the Order of the Purple Cross at Houston, TX. In 1986, he received the Degrees of the Scottish Rite and served as the 1st Vice President of the Bell-Jenner Class. Many times he was installed as Worthy Patron of West Lafayette Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star and was a Grand Usher for the Grand Chapter. For his service, West Lafayette Lodge No. 724 made him an honorary member. During that time period, he also received the Grand Cross of Color from the Rainbow for Girls.

After transferring back to Columbus, he served as Eminent Commander of Columbus Commandery No. 14. During his Masonic career he has become a member of the AMD (receiving the Red Branch of En), High Twelve, Yeoman of York, Order of the Eastern Star (Clifford Chapter No. 587), KYCH, Camon Lodge No. 343 (dual member) and HRAKTP. He progressed through the officer line of Bartholomew Council No. 295 and became the Sovereign Master in 1966.

He was appointed as Grand Warder of the Grand Commandery in 1998 and has successively served as Grand Sword Bearer, Grand Standard Bearer, Grand Captain General, Grand Generalissimo and Deputy Grand Commander. He was instrumental in designing, building and maintaining the Nativity at the Indiana Masonic Home during the Christmas season. Two years ago, he was appointed as the Grand Representative of the Grand Commandery of Washington near Indiana. Within the past year, he has been made an honorary member of the Grand Commanderies of Illinois, Kentucky, Ohio, Michigan and West Virginia. He has also been honored to recently receive the DeMolay Legion of Honor, Knight of the York Grand Cross of Honor, and the Knight Commander of the Temple.

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Blair Christy Mayford	(1994-97)
James Morris Ward	(1997-00)
William Jackson Jones	(2000-03)

Grand Encampment, Knights Templar, U.S.A.

August 14-16, 2006 – Houston, TX

Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Indiana

**SIR KNIGHT LAWRENCE VINCENT KAMINSKY
GRAND COMMANDER 2005-2006
ELECTED**



Biography of Lawrence V. Kaminsky 144th Grand Commander of Knights Templar of Indiana

Larry was born on March 9, 1941 to Vincent and Mary Kaminsky in Hammond, Indiana. He has an older brother and two younger sisters.

He graduated from George Rogers Clark High School in 1959, and went to work at AMF, Junior Toy Division in Hammond while attending Purdue University Calumet. He then attended IBM school and was then employed at Hartford Insurance in Chicago. In 1963, he married Janet C. Gard. They are very proud of their four children and four grandchildren. During his career, Larry also worked at Contemporary Books, Inc., Huntington Industries, Inc. and has retired from the Quaker Oats Co. He received a Bachelor of Arts from St. Joseph College in Management, completed the certification process as a Certified Data Processor and is a strong advocate of higher education in all forms.

Larry received his Masonic degrees in Garfield Lodge #569, Hammond, IN during 1970, served as Worshipful Master in 1981, and is currently serving as Treasurer. He joined the Hammond York Rite bodies in 1975 and served as High Priest in 1999, Illustrious Master 1997 and Eminent Commander in 1999. He is currently serving as Recorder of the Hammond York Rite. He served at the state level with the Grand Council as Group Officer for Group 1 from 1995-1999. He started his Grand Commandery service as a Deputy Battalion Commander in Battalion 1 in 1996; and was appointed as Grand Warder in 1999.

Larry is a member of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, Indianapolis Valley, Royal Order of Scotland, St. Basil Conclave Red Cross of Constantine, J. Herbert Nichols Priory No. 73 KYCH, Orator; Indiana Council of Anointed High Priests, Indiana Council of Thrice Illustrious Masters, Indiana Past Commanders Association, Sovereign Order of Knights Preceptor, David R. Ford No. 338 Allied Masonic Degrees, Past Sovereign Master, Northwest Indiana York Rite College No. 73, Governor, Gennesaret Tabernacle Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests, 3rd Pillar, Yeomen of York Preceptory No.1, Past Director General, Grand Preceptory Yeomen of York, Grand Deputy Director General, Philalethes Society and Knight Masons, Indiana Council #15, the Grand College of Rites of the USA and a Past Patron of the Order of Eastern Star. He has been appointed Grand Commandery Representative to the State of Utah, near Indiana. He is also the recipient of numerous other degrees such as Goose & Taters, Quest, Zanzibar, Ancient Order of Corks, Order of the Rock, Order of Freedom, The Royal Society of Knights Occidental, The Order of WAHTA and is a member of the Honorable Order of Kentucky Colonels.

He is the recipient of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Mason Secretary of the Year, Grand Council Cryptic Masons Recorder of the Year, Grand Commandery Star Recorder of the Year, York Rite Sovereign College Award of Gold, York Rite Sovereign College Order of the Purple Cross and recipient of the Grand Master of Masons award in 2000. He was chosen Indiana Grand Council Illustrious Master of the Year in 1997.

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2005-2006 GRAND OFFICERS



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OFFICAL PROGRAM

**151st ANNUAL CONCLAVE
GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF INDIANA**



Ronald L. Ellis

Right Eminent Grand Commander
Presiding

April 28, 29, 30, 2005

Indianapolis Marriott Inn
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Registration Friday April 28, 2005
Marriott Inn
E.S.T. prevailing

Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Indiana

Thursday April 28, 2005

Hospitality Suite 160

- 1:00-5:00 PM Arrival and Hotel Registration Marriott Inn Lobby.
2:00 PM Jurisprudence Committee Meeting
5:30 PM Divine Service Sir Knights Dress: Uniform less Sword, gloves and Chapeaux ,
Ladies, Formal
7:00 PM Grand Commander's Banquet

Friday April 29, 2005

- 7:00 – 8:00 AM Family Breakfast
7:30 AM Registration opens, "Hotel Atrium"
8:00 AM Hospitality
8:30 AM Columbus 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 2005-2006 Officers
4:00 PM Drill Captains meeting
4:00 PM Past Commander's Association meeting
6:00 PM Social Hour
7:00 PM Grand York Rite Reception: Companions and Sir Knights dress: tux, or
business suit, Ladies: formal.

Saturday April 30, 2005

- 8:00 AM Competitive Drill Competition, Raymond Park Middle School
1:00 PM Drill Lunch and Awards, Hotel

DIVINE SERVICE

An inspiring Divine service was held prior to the Grand Commander's Banquet under the direction of the Grand Prelate Sir Knight James N. Butler. Seventy-nine (79) Sir Knights and Ladies were in attendance. Our Grand Commander opened the service and Sir Knight Butler gave the Invocation. After a hymn and the Confession of Faith, Sir Knight Kaminsky Very Eminent Deputy Grand commander did the offertory prayer which collected \$281.00 for the Eye Foundation. Following the Responsive reading and Message by the Grand Prelate, Sir Knight Rodney Mann Grand Generalissimo rendered the Benediction.



Welcome to our
Annual Vespers Service

Grand Commandery
Of Knights Templar
Of Indiana

Under the direction of
Sir Knight James N. Butler
Grant Prelate

April 28, 2005

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Order of Service

Prelude

Welcome: SK Ronald L. Ellis, G.C.

Invocation: SK James N. Butler, Grand Prelate

Hymn: "Onward Christian Soldiers"

Soloist:

Confession of Faith: "Apostles Creed"

Responsive Reading:

Offertory Prayer: SK Larry Kaminsky D.G.C.

Offering

Message: SK James N. Butler, Grand Prelate

Hymn: "Lord's Prayer"

Benediction: SK Rodney Mann, G.G.

Closing & Postlude

**PROCEEDINGS
of the**

**One Hundred Fifty-First
Annual Conclave of the
Grand Commandery
Knights Templar of
Indiana**

The 151st Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Indiana, was held at the Marriott Hotel East, Indianapolis. The Sir Knights of Columbus Commandery No. 14, the home Commandery of the Right Eminent Grand Commander, served as hosts for the Conclave.

The lines were formed by New Albany Commandery #5, and Columbus Commandery #14 under the direction of S.K. Terry Smith. Distinguished guests were received under the guidance of S.K Dwight E. Lanman, KCT, PGC and Harrison G. "Gene" Lackey, KTCH, KCT, HPGC.

DEPUTY BATTALION COMMANDERS AND AIDES TO THE GRAND COMMANDER:

Charles E. Johnson, Walter E. Metcalf, Clarence D. Harter, Patrick Baird, Alan Martinez, John Fleming, Paul A. Cole, Al Newkirk, Brian D. Harms, Edward Sebring, Russell R. Henney. Walter E. Metcalf and Carroll Joe Friend.

GRAND PRELATE EMERTIS: R. Frank Williams, Robert S. Flint, Wayne A. Sheets, and James Dimitri.

RECIPIENTS OF THE KNIGHT TEMPLAR CROSS OF HONOR: George V. Kivett, Lloyd L. Marsh, Harrison E. "Gene" Lackey, HPGC, and Larry E. Gray.

REPRESENTATIVES OF APPENDANT BODIES: Charles E. Johnson, Governor, Northwest Indiana College No. 73; Robert E. Price, Intendant General for Indiana, Red Cross of Constantine and Most Very Eminent Grand Preceptor, Grand College of America, Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests.

SUPREME COUNCIL 33rd ANCIENT ACCEPTED SCOTTISH RITE NORTHERN MASONIC JURISDICTION: S.K. Robert G. Elrod, 33rd Deputy for Indiana for the Supreme Council, 33rd, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, Northern Masonic Jurisdiction.

GRAND CHAPTER ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF INDIANA: Sir Knight and Companion James H. Hodge, Most Excellent Grand High Priest, and his corps of Officers and Past Grand Officers.

GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER INTERNATIONAL: Larry E. Gray, KCT, KTCH, General Grand King, General Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons International.

GRAND COUNCIL CRYPTIC MASONS OF INDIANA: Sir Knight and Companion Charles D. Wood, Jr., Most Illustrious Grand Master, and his corps of Officers and Past Grand Officers.

JUNIOR GRAND OFFICER OF OTHER JURISDICTIONS: Sir Knight RB Hooks, Jr. VEDG and Sir Knight James R. King GG of Kentucky, Sir Knight David M. Snyder, Jr., KCT, DGC, Sir Knight

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Bruce D. Basil, GG, Sir Knight Richard M. Holcombe, GJW, Sir Knight Randall B. Craven, GP, Sir Knight Kenneth Comfort AGP, Sir Knight Stanley T. Ramsey GStB, and Sir Knight Donald Schumaker, Aide, Ohio, Sir Knight Vernon T. Barnhart, D.G.C. Sir Knight Emitt W. Mills, GG, Sir Knight Glenn V. Leeper, Jr., GCG, and Sir Knight David L. Seyferth, GSW, of Michigan.

PAST GRAND COMMANDERS OF OTHER JURISDICTIONS: Michael H. Shirley of Texas, James E. Hawn of Michigan, and John F. Kirby, KCT, GR of Kentucky.

GRAND COMMANDERS OF OTHER JURISDICTIONS: Arthur D. Michael, Jr. of Ohio, William Skrepnek of Michigan, James L. Horner of West Virginia, Dean K. Esterly, of Kentucky, Lawrence E. Tucker of Texas, Kermit E. Rosenthal, Personal Representative of Dan McDaniel, the Grand Commander of California, James E. Snavely, V.E.D.G.C and Personal Representative of the Grand Commander of Missouri, Ronald Dingle, PC and Personal Representative of the Grand Commander James Wood of Washington, and Wilmer Hall, Past Division Commander and Personal Representative of the Grand Commander Kenneth Faub, of Pennsylvania.

GRAND ENCAMPMENT OFFICERS: Sir Knight James S. DeMond, KGC, R.E. Past Department Commander, Sir Knight K. Edwin Applegate, R.E. Past Department Commander, Sir Knight Willard R. Clutter, R. E. Past Department Commander, Sir Knight Robert E. Price, KGC, Honorary R. E. Past Department Commander, Sir Knight R. Frank Williams, KCT, Honorary R. E. Past Department..

DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS OF THE EAST CENTRAL DEPARTMENT OF THE GRAND ENCAMPMENT: Sir Knight Steven J. Barton, Right Eminent Department Commander of the East Central Department of the Grand Encampment.

VISITING GRAND ENCAMPMENT OFFICERS: Sir Knight David Dixon Goodwin, Right Eminent Grand Captain General of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America, and William Jackson Jones Most Eminent Past Grand Master and Grand Treasurer of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America.

GRAND LODGE OF INDIANA: Sir Knight Richard J. Elman, Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Indiana, Dennis T. Herrell, Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Indiana, Duane L. Vaught, Junior Grand Warden Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Indiana and Charles F. Marlow, Junior Grand Deacon Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Indiana.

After the introductions of Distinguished Guests were complete, Sir Knight Ellis ordered the lines dismissed and thanked them for a job well done. He also thanked Sir Knight Dwight E. Lanman KCT, PGC, for a job well done and the expedient manner in which the guests were introduced.

Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Indiana

WELCOME

Right Eminent Grand Commander, Most Eminent Grand Master, Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, Distinguished Guests, and Sir Knights:

On behalf of the Knights of Columbus Commandery #14, Welcome! We hope your stay in Indianapolis is enjoyable. We trust you will take advantage of our Hoosier Hospitality.

We are proud of our Grand Commander. We believe that when the 151st Grand Conclave finishes, history will show that his stewardship to the Grand Commandery equals his service to our Commandery.

SK William G. Andrews
Eminent Commander

RESPONSE TO WELCOME

Eminent Commander and Sir Knights of Columbus Commandery No. 14:

On behalf of the Grand Commandery of Indiana, distinguished guests and ladies, we wish to thank you for hosting the 151st Annual Conclave. We thank you for all of the courtesies and hospitality that you have extended to us.

To the Sir Knights and Ladies of Columbus Commandery No. 14, we thank you for the support that you have given to Right Eminent Grand Commander Ronald L. Ellis, his Lady Beverly and his officers.

We are sure that our stay here will be pleasant and enjoyable and that the conclave will be numbered among the most successful and allow us to continue to let our light so shine before men that they may see our good works and glorify our Father which is in Heaven.

Fraternally submitted,

S.K. Lawrence V. Kaminsky,
Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander

Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Indiana
REPORT OF THE JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE
Preprinted Reports

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

I move that all the preprinted reports included in the proceedings, except those which may have been withdrawn or referred to the appropriate committees be approved as they were received.

Respectfully submitted

Kenneth E. Gibson
For the committee

REPORT OF THE JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE
Approval of Minutes

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

I move that the Proceedings of the 150th 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,

Kenneth E. Gibson, PGC
For the committee

ROLL CALL OF REPRESENTATIVES

The Grand Commander then called upon the Grand Recorder to call the roll of the Grand Representatives. The Roll Call showed that there were 39 Grand Representatives present, 2 excused, 9 absent. Grand Commander Ellis thanked the Grand Representatives for their work in keeping the Grand Commanderies of other jurisdictions informed of our doings and they of ours.

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

GRAND COMMANDER'S ALLOCUTION

To the Officers, Past Grand Commanders, members of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Indiana, Distinguished Guests and visiting Sir Knights

On behalf of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Indiana, I welcome you to this 151st Annual Conclave. We extend the hand of fellowship to each of you and give you a warm welcome. We hope that your stay is pleasant and we pledge our assistance to any need that may arise.

One year ago, the Sir Knights of Indiana honored me by electing me as Grand Commander for the 2004-2005 term. It has been my privilege to serve and represent you within Indiana and in other Jurisdictions. I hope that you will be pleased with the activities of your Grand Commandery this year as they are reported, as follows.

LEADERSHIP SEMINARS

A leadership seminar was held in each Battalion across the state beginning in February and concluding in June of 2004. The agenda included topics I hope the attendees found useful in their local Commandery. In a workshop environment, the Sir Knights participated in the following:

- A review of the full ceremonial of the Mediterranean Pass and Knight of Malta
- Leadership basics, such as, the Laws of Leadership, developing the leader in you and developing leadership in others
- Getting the inactive member involved
- Starting a mentoring program in your Commandery for the new member and the officers
- The Eminent Commander Certificate of Merit
- Problem Solving meetings and how to run them efficiently to reach a desired outcome

3-WAY RECEPTION

A 3-way Reception was held at the Marriott Inn on April 23, 2004, to introduce and recognize the new presiding officers of the Grand York Rite. My two counterparts, SK Roderick Garner, Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter and SK John D. Huffman, Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council and I were introduced by the Master of Ceremonies, SK Richard J. Elman, Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge. SK James L. Chesney, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge gave the closing address.

OFFICERS AND DEPUTY BATTALION COMMANDERS WORKSHOP

On May 29, 2004, the Grand Inspector General conducted an instructional workshop at the Columbus Masonic Temple on the Order of Malta for the Officers and Deputy Battalion Commanders.

Many Sir Knights in Indiana have received the Order of Malta at a one-day class or a festival and they may have forgotten the message in the Order, how the paraphernalia should be set up, etc. The Officers and Deputy Battalion Commanders may need to instruct on these details during the inspection of the Commanderies within the Battalion.

SUMMER MEETING

The Summer meeting of the Grand Commandery was held on August 7, 2004, at the Holiday Inn in Columbus, Indiana. The Eye Foundation, Inactive Participation, Long Range Planning, Publicity and Public Relations and Jurisprudence committees met prior to the general session. As far as the officers are concerned, the focus this year has been on open communication among all officers. Every issue and idea is important to all and should be presented to the executive committee for consideration. While the officers were in the meeting, the ladies, toured Columbus by bus to see the architecture of the city known as the "The Athens of the Prairie."

RECEPTIONS – INSPECTIONS – INSTRUCTIONALS

Every Commandery in the State scheduled a Reception for the Grand Officers. It included a family dinner, reception of the Commander, reception of Distinguished Guests, sword rehearsal, uniform inspection, formation of the Triangle and presentation of the Colors. A critique followed in private by the Battalion Commander. An inspection or instructional on the Order of Malta was held on another date with the Battalion Commander as the Inspecting Officer.

GENERAL ORDERS

General Order No. 1, List of 5 Items and Dispensations granted, issued May 1, 2004.
General Order No. 2, Annual Inspection of Constituent Commanderies, issued April 23, 2004
General Order No. 3, Eminent Commander Certificate of Merit, issued April 23, 2004
General Order No. 4, Vacancy in the Office of Grand Sword Bearer, issued July 1, 2004
General Order No. 5, Distinguished Service Award, issued September 1, 2004
General Order No. 6, Knights Templar Cross of Honor, September 1, 2004
General Order No. 7, Christmas Message, issued November 15, 2004
General Order No. 8, Libations for Candidates under 21 years of age, issued January 10, 2005
General Order No. 9, 151st Annual Conclave, issued February 1, 2005
General Order No. 10, Grand Commander's Easter Message-Death, Resurrection and Ascension, issued Feb. 1, 2005

BULLETINS

Bulletin No. 1, 150th Conclave Digest, issued May 1, 2004
Bulletin No. 2, Holy Land Pilgrimage, issued May 17, 2004
Bulletin No. 3, Membership Present and Future, issued May 1, 2004
Bulletin No. 4, Mentoring New Members and Junior Officers, issued May 1, 2004
Bulletin No. 5, Proper Protocol for Receptions, issued December 6, 2004

DECISIONS

Decision No. 1, Project Outreach, issued May 1, 2004
Decision No. 2, Public Ceremonies, issued Nov. 13, 2004

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DISPENSATIONS GRANTED

<u>Date</u>	<u>Commandery</u>	<u>Dispensation</u>
June 3, 2004	Knightstown No. 9	to move their Charter to Mays Country Kitchen in Mays, Indiana
July 12, 2004	Matthewson No. 66	to conduct a special election to fill the vacancy in the office of Generalissimo
August 12, 2004	LaValette No. 15	to conduct a special election to fill the vacancy in the office of Recorder
January 27, 2005	Wright No. 64	move charter to Eckerty Lodge for stated conclave Feb. 11 to vote to permanently moving charter to Eckerty
February 27, 2005	Columbus No. 14	Move charter to Annual Conclave on April 29, 2005
March 19, 2005	Raper No. 1	to hold a special election to fill the office of Treasurer

By-Laws Approved

Commandery	Date	Change
Greenfield Commandery #39	May 1, 2004	Change in Stated Conclave
Terre Haute Commandery #16	August 3, 2004	By-laws re-written
Columbus Commandery #14	August 22, 2004	Change date for Stated Conclave
Vincennes Commandery #20	August 22, 2004	Dues increase
Clinton Commandery #48	August 31, 2004	Change date for Stated Conclave
Crawfordsville Commandery #25	September 7, 2004	Dues increase
Greencastle Commandery #11	September 15, 2004	Dues increase
Vincennes Commandery #20	September 21, 2004	Insert Recorder compensation
Jeffersonville Commandery #27	November 5, 2004	Complete Revision
Kokomo Commandery #36	November 5, 2004	Complete Revision
H. E. Lackey Commandery #67	November 13, 2004	Change in Stated Conclave
Trinity Commandery #62	November 22, 2004	By-laws rewritten

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES NEAR INDIANA

Sir Knight Stanton Davis	Grand Commandery of Arkansas	May 1, 2004
Sir Knight Patrick Diller	Grand Commandery of California	May 1, 2004
Sir Knight Byron Schull	Grand Commandery of Portugal	Dec 19, 2004

GRAND REPRESENTATIVE OF INDIANA NEAR PORTUGAL

Sir Knight Jose Joao Cardosa	Grand Commandery of Indiana	Feb. 24, 2005
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**APPOINTMENTS AS GRAND COMMANDER'S REPRESENTATIVE
IN SISTER JURISDICTIONS**

Date	Event
May 21-23, 2004	Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania, represented by Past Grand Commander, George A. Ingles.
June 18, 2004	Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Wisconsin, represented by Deputy Grand Commander, Lawrence V. Kaminsky

FOREIGN VISITATIONS 2004-2005

Date	Event
May 20-22, 2004	Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of West Virginia at Lewisburg
July 30-31, 2004	Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Illinois at Springfield
August 15-16, 2004	Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Michigan at Flint
Sept. 19-20, 2004	Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Kentucky at Louisville
Oct. 7-8, 2004	Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Ohio at Youngstown
March 11-12, 2005	East Central Department Meeting, Lexington KY
March 23-27, 2005	Easter Sunrise Service, Washington DC

HONORARY TITLES APPROVED

Date	Commandery	Honoree	Honorary Title
September 7, 2004	William G. Bray No. 65	S. K. Henry Thomas Bear	Honorary Past Commander

FIFTY YEAR AWARDS

Maurice C. Longenecker	Elkhart No. 31	April 29, 2004
Edson Walter Murray	H.W. Matthewson No. 66	April 29, 2004
H. Hanly Hammel	Lafayette No. 3	May 14, 2004
Forrest Mack Kendall	Goshen No. 50	May 20, 2004
Owen Clyde Johnson	Connersville No. 6	May 21, 2004
John F. Corbin	Columbus No. 14	June 1, 2004
Joseph Clinton Cooney	Knightstown No. 9	May 29, 2004
Richard Phillip Moore	Knightstown No. 9	May 29, 2004
Dale Eugene Siders	Knightstown No. 9	May 29, 2004
Clarence Frederick Bandelier	Huntington No. 35	July 1, 2004
Ernest Grayston Greider	Huntington No. 35	July 1, 2004
George Washington Jefferson	Huntington No. 35	July 1, 2004
William Edwin Douglas	Apollo No. 19	Sept. 24, 2004
Nelson Walter Harrod	Apollo No. 19	Sept. 24, 2004
Gilbert Adam Hey	Columbus No. 14	Sept. 24, 2004
Richard Andrew Mann	Columbus No. 14	Sept. 27, 2004

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Thirston Eli Perrin	Goshen No. 50	Sept. 29, 2004
Robert Lewis Clayburgh	Goshen No. 50	Jan. 6, 2005
Robert Leroy Robinson	Kokomo No. 36	Jan. 27, 2005
William Ward Smoot	Elbert H. Gary No. 57	Feb. 10, 2005
Floyd Earl DeHaven	Crawfordsville No. 25	April 1, 2005

VISITATIONS IN INDIANA

A chronological listing of my visitations in Indiana as Grand Commander is on file in the Grand Recorder's office, and it is available for your review. In total I made 116 visitations across the State from May 1, 2004, to April 28, 2005.

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARDS

Seventeen Distinguished Service Awards were nominated and approved by the Grand Commander to be presented with proper recognition to the honorees by the Officers of the constituent Commanderies.

EMINENT COMMANDER AND SPECIAL DEPUTY APPOINTMENTS

After the resignation of the Eminent Commander of South Bend Commandery No. 13, I appointed Patrick S. Diller, GS, as the Eminent Commander of South Bend No. 13. Also, T. Jeffrey Conquest, PGC, was appointed as a Special Deputy to exercise a general supervision and to aid in the reformation of South Bend Commandery No. 13. The Commandery has some local issues that need to be resolved and S.K. Conquest can give them the guidance that they need.

PROBATION

Wabash Commandery No. 37 was placed under probation until the next Annual Conclave for several reasons.

1. The Annual Report, due January 15, was not received by the Grand Recorder until after March 15, 2005. Per Capita payment has not been received as of April 1, 2005.
2. The Commandery can not open or close without the use of an open Ritual,
3. Twenty eight members have demitted this past year. An effort should have been made to retain them.

WINTER MEETING AND NEWBY-AVERY BANQUET

The Winter meeting of the Grand Commandery was held on January 8, 2005, at the Marriott Inn. The Grand Officers and Past Grand Commanders had stimulating discussions of the pre-printed committee reports. The purpose of the Winter meeting was to discuss the progress made on the committee projects that were presented at the Summer meeting. SK Lawrence Kaminsky, DGC, gave an interesting presentation of the database software that is being written for the Grand Recorder's new computer. The software should simplify record keeping and make the database more accessible.

There were 90+ reservations for the Newby-Avery Banquet that evening; however, the weather prevented some from attending. Those guests that were able to navigate through the snow included SK Willard M. Avery, PGM; SK William Jackson Jones, PGM; Steven J. Barton, REDC; and Richard J. Elman, Grand Master of Masons in Indiana. Following the meal, SK Lawrence Kaminsky, DGC, presented the Distinguished Service Award from Hammond Commandery No. 41 to Grand Master Elman. A College of Honors was opened and the Knight Commander of the Temple award was presented to Grand Master Elman and to me by SK Robert Price, HPDC.

NECROLOGY

Each of us is aware that someday we will stand alone before the "Great White Throne" and give an account of our journey through life. This past year, some of our Fraters were called home to that "house not made with hands, eternal in the Heavens," where the Grand Architect of the Universe presides. We will miss them, but let us keep the families of these departed in our prayers as they face the future without their loved ones. A memorial will follow and be included in the proceedings.

GRAND COMMANDERY FAMILY ACTIVITIES

This past year the Grand Family had two activities that were well attended and a good time was had by all. A hayride and wiener roast were held at the SK Stanton Davis farm near Knightstown on Halloween, October 30, following the Richmond No. 8 Reception. A holiday party was held at the Rainbow Chateau at Edinburgh on November 30. Everyone at both events enjoyed the food and fellowship.

INDIANA SUPPLEMENT TO THE KNIGHTS TEMPLAR MAGAZINE

Each month this year we relied on the editor, SK. James Buchanan, of the supplement to publish interesting articles, pictures and information about Indiana Commanderies. He was able to do that, that thanks to many of you but especially, SK. Ed Sebring. Ed provided timely and very readable editorials that did much more than "fill the space." They touched the heart, as well. Some months we had a backlog and some material had to lay over for the following month. That is a very good situation. In the future the success of the supplement depends upon you. The editor needs your news and pictures before the 10th of the month to be published the following month.

PUBLIC APPEARANCES

The Officers of the Grand Commandery made several appearances to raise public awareness. The first one was the parade at the Indiana Masonic Home during the Festival on August 22. The officers in uniform led the parade around the oval carrying the US flag and the Beauceant. On the 11th of September the Officers participated in the patriotic parade at Oolitic Indiana. Along the 2 mile route several children asked, "Are those (swords) real?" Finally, the Grand Commandery received the invitation to present the colors and form the lines for the distinguished guests at the 75th Anniversary of the Scottish Rite Temple at Indianapolis on September 25, 2004.

The guests included Walter Webber, Sovereign Grand Commander of the Supreme Council 33^o Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, and Richard J. Elman, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge F&AM of Indiana. During the ceremony, SK John V. Stevens, PGC, delivered the Flag Lecture.

CHARTER REDEDICATIONS

The sesquicentennial anniversaries and rededications of Connersville No. 6 and New Albany No. 5 Commanderies were held on January 29 and February 5, 2005, respectively. On those dates the Sir Knights of these Commanderies renewed their commitment to the practice of Christian virtues for another 150 years. An article was written and pictures published in the *Connersville News Examiner* about the ceremony and the 150 years history of Templary in Connersville. A similar service was held at New Albany with the recounting of the milestones in their history and those who have served their Commandery during its' 150 years of existence.

GOALS

Before the 2004-2005 Templar year began, I considered several problems facing our fraternity and what we could do to improve them. The areas of concern are as follows.

2. Leadership development
3. Inactive Participation
4. Mentoring

Leadership development was one of the main topics of the seminars that I conducted in the Battalions over the State. Developing leadership in you, in others, problem solving and goal setting were issues that were addressed interactively with those in attendance.

Since approximately 90% or more of our membership never attend our Conclaves or participate in any Commandery activities, I believe that we need to actively pursue making personal contact by telephone or visit to regenerate their interest in us. Thus, I created Project Inner Focus and I asked the Commanderies in the State to make these contacts. The active Sir Knights in the local Commanderies are the ones who recruit the new members and we need help from those who don't attend regularly or at all. There are also areas of the State without a nearby Commandery. We need to renew contact with the Sir Knights in these areas or they will lose interest and demit or be suspended. Project Out Reach encouraged Commanderies to open the lines of communication with these areas and to plan activities to include the Sir Knights living there.

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Mentoring can be a valuable tool to maintaining the interest of new Sir Knights and Commandery officers. Mentoring is sharing knowledge with others. A new Sir Knight will be more likely to return to a meeting if he has a mentor assigned after Knighting. The mentor should provide him with history, the activities and information about the Commandery, most of all, invite the new Sir Knight to the meetings.

Many new officers in a Commandery advance through the offices very rapidly and simply do not know what is expected of them or what they need to do to prepare to be the Eminent Commander. A mentor with his guidance, encouragement and instruction could be a great asset to a new officer. The experiences of one could be the lesson for another.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. The success of any organization is clearly the responsibility of its leadership. The most important task that we have is developing new leaders. The future of the Grand Commandery of Indiana depends upon the Sir Knights that we nurture and encourage them to lead the constituent Commanderies. The leaders that we create will accomplish more than we can on our own. What they achieve will be our legacy. As I see it, teaching others is the most important duty of an officer. Leadership training should be ongoing whether formal, such as the Indiana Templar Academy and schools of instruction, or informal, one on one.

Mentoring falls into the last category. I recommend that every Commandery in the State form a two-part mentoring program-first, for the new Sir Knights and second, for the officers. A mentor should be assigned to each new Sir Knight to answer any questions that he or his family may have and to provide information to the Sir Knight about the Commandery and Templary. And most assuredly, the mentor should invite the new Knight to all functions of the Commandery to maintain his interest.

In many Commanderies in Indiana it is the custom to advance officers very rapidly through the moving line. This practice is an injustice to the officer and to the Commandery. A mentor should be assigned to each new officer to provide guidance, encouragement and instruction. Most likely the new officer is unaware of his current or future responsibilities and that he should be making program plans when he will become the Eminent Commander. An experienced mentor would be a great asset to him.

Inactive participation is a key issue that future Grand Commandery officers must review and make a positive impact. For instance, many Commanderies have difficulty in having enough Sir Knights for a legal Opening. We must re-kindle interest in those Sir Knights who do not attend regularly or not at all. Each Commandery needs to plan activities, such as social, charitable or religious, that will be of interest to the majority. A local charity may be an excellent choice to encourage participation and to gain public exposure. The reason that inactive participation is so important is found in recruiting new members. The active members of a Commandery are the recruiters. The vast majority of the membership does not recruit at all. It makes sense to increase their participation so that they will help recruit new members. There are areas in the State that do not have an active Commandery. One may have been there at one time, but it ceases to exist. If we do not keep in contact with the Sir Knights in these areas, they may demit or be suspended due to a lack of interest. I believe that it will be much more difficult to re-establish Templary in those areas if we do not stay in touch. As before, activities may be the bridge between active and

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inactive areas. I recommend that active Commanderies contact and maintain a presence in these inactive areas. If we do not, these areas will surely grow.

Encourage the Sir Knights of this Grand Commandery and the Constituent Commanderies to be visible in uniform in the public eye. Participate in parades and civic activities, present the US flag and attend religious services together.

2. I recommend that this Grand Commandery continue to support the Masonic youth organizations (Rainbow for Girls, Job's Daughters and DeMolay) monetarily and by our presence. They are our hope and future leaders. Also, our Grand Officers need to improve their attendance at the youth Grand Sessions.
3. I recommend that the Grand Commandery continue to support the York Rite Association of Indiana. This body, not the Grand Commandery, should plan and conduct the membership festivals in the State and coordinate joint York Rite recruiting activities.
4. I recommend that the Grand Commandery of Indiana continue to support the publicity campaign of the Grand Lodge F&AM of Indiana. This includes the billboard campaign and other forms of media.
5. I recommend that the Grand Commandery of Indiana maintain a closer relationship with the Grand Chapter of the Order of Eastern Star to benefit the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. The Eye Foundation committee and Campaign Chairman should be ready to make presentations to raise funds within the Districts of the Order of the Easter Star on behalf of the Eye Foundation. Appearing in uniform would be an asset and a recruiting tool.
6. I recommend in the future that Deputy Battalion Commanders instruct the Commanderies in their Battalion on proper protocol prior to an Inspection or Reception. Proper protocol shows respect and improves uniformity between Commanderies. During the Inspections and Receptions this year, I observed that many Commanderies did not adhere to the protocol as outlined in the *Deputy Battalion Commander's Handbook*
7. I recommend that the Special Deputy, T. Jeffrey Conquest, PGC, be retained until South Bend Commandery has recovered and his services are no longer needed.
8. I recommend that Wabash Commandery No. 13 remain under probation until it demonstrates that it is willing to reform or until further disciplinary action is needed.

IN APPRECIATION

As my tenure as Grand Commander comes to a close, I feel that time has passed to quickly. It seems like only yesterday that I was installed and began this incredible journey. I am indebted to many. First, I wish to thank the Sir Knights of Indiana for the opportunity to serve and represent you as your Grand Commander. I thank the Sir Knights of Columbus Commandery No. 14 and the ladies of the Columbus Assembly No. 226 SOOB for their support and guidance this year.

I appreciate the tireless effort of all of the Grand Officers as Battalion Commanders, committee members and inspectors. The Grand Commandery would not be successful without the dedication of your time and resources. I respect and admire the ladies of these officers for their support and understanding. I am sure that they spent many nights at home looking at the clock wondering when the front door was going to open.

It was a joy to travel with the Aides this year over the State and in Sister Jurisdictions. The miles seemed to melt away as we talked along the way. We visited the mountains of West Virginia at Lewisburg, the prairie of Springfield Illinois and points in between. In Springfield we even rubbed the nose of Abe's statue for good luck. We met new friends, enjoyed the hospitality and broke bread with special people.

As I look back over the years that I have been a Sir Knight, there are four individuals that I am very grateful for their influence-SKs Irv Bitting, "Sarge" Wilburn, Marion Crum and Bill Pruitt. I also must include SK Bob Frazer for the invitation to be an officer. They have my deepest gratitude and respect for their help.

I value the advice and wisdom that I received from the Past Grand Commanders who were gracious enough to give me their opinion-especially, Bob Price, HPDC; Steve Barton, DC; and Willard Avery, PGM.

But my Masonic journey would not have begun at all if my daughter, Gail, had not been in Rainbow for Girls and about to be installed as Worthy Advisor of West Lafayette Rainbow. I would like to thank Beverly, my best friend and wife of 40 years, for her love, support, advice and the many hours that she has devoted in preparation for this Annual Conclave.

Finally, I am grateful for the health, strength and courage that the Grand Architect of the Universe has given me to pursue this adventure. To Him be the Glory.

Fraternally in Templary,
Ronald L. Ellis, R. E. Grand Commander

JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE REPORT
Allocution Acceptance w/exceptions

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

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

That so much of the Grand Commander's address referring to dispensations and refused, by-lays approved, decisions, and recommendations made reference to the Jurisprudence Committee.

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

The Jurisprudence Committee moves that the Grand Commander's Allocution be received and referred to the Jurisprudence committee for division.

Kenneth E. Gibson
For the Committee

REPORT OF GRIEVANCES & APPEALS

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

As of 9:00 A.M. April 27, 2005, No Grievances or Appeals had reached the desk of this Committee; therefore, your Chair Person is happy to report, all is well within the ranks of the Knight Templars of Indiana.

Respectfully submitted,

K. Edwin Applegate
Committee Chair

REPORT OF THE GRAND RECORDER FOR 2004 - 2005

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	46	
Number of Commanderies under dispensation	1	
Total Membership January 1, 2004		5,278
Knights Templar conferred on:	153	
Affiliated	22	
Reinstated	12	
Adjustments	6	
		193
Deductions for 2004:		
Deceased	138	
Demitted	197	
Suspended	<u>89</u>	
		424
Net Loss for the year		-231
Total Membership December 31, 2004		5047

COMPARATIVE STATISTICS

	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Number of Commanderies	54	53	53	51	46	46	46	46
Net Loss in Membership	280	209	249	149	167	214	182	231
# of Commanderies w/no Knightings	16	11	16	18	11	7	11	8
# of Commanderies w/Gain	12	12	7	12	10	11	9	10
# of Commanderies staying even	2	0	0	5	3	0	4	5
Total Affiliations	110	53	34	248	295	21	41	22
Total Reinstated	22	27	17	16	24	22	15	12
Total Deaths	213	195	206	190	195	186	172	138
Total Demits	213	153	113	317	382	117	124	89
Total Suspensions	126	100	89	68	81	112	100	197
Total Remissions	402	390	352	295	322	325	325	305

Distribution of Membership

Commanderies with less than 100 members	29
Commanderies with 101-200 members	13
Commanderies with 201-300 members	4
Commanderies with 300+ members	1
Smallest Commandery Brazil #47	37
Largest Commandery Anderson #32	325

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**GRAND COMMANDERY, KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF INDIANA
INSURANCE AND BOND COVERAGE
MAY 1, 2005**

BUSINESS & PROPERTY COVERAGE –

Auto Owners Insurance – Agent: Killingbeck Insurance, Kokomo, IN
Policy #029-031-408997 – Expiration date April 8, 2006

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: Wilson, Lawson, Meyers Agency, Connersville, IN
Policy #029-024-023216 – Expiration Date April 8, 2005
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 12-01-2005
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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**PROPERTIES OWNED BY THE GRAND COMMANDERY, KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF INDIANA,
AND THE EDUCATION FOUNDATION, INDIANA DIVISION (MAY 1, 2000)**

<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	618.73	65.00
Model 98016-Ser. 4 (5-20-87)		
Brother IntelliFAX (3-30-94)	479.95	200.00
Canon GP200S Floor Copier (8-12-1999)	4,256.64	4,200.00
Ser. # 3627		
Apple Performa 6300 Computer (11-13-95)	2,799.00	1400.00
16/1.2B/4XCD		
Apple Laser Writer Printer (11-13-95)	895.00	450.00
4/600PS 2MB		
Iomega Zip Drive (1-1-97)	300.00	150.00
2/10 Disks-Ser.#RABG50AOCO		
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 th 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
GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT
April 1, 2004 – March 31, 2005**

OPERATING FUND
Balance on hand 4-1-2004

\$14,176.62

RECEIPTS

DSA Payments	\$1,007.00	
Interest Earned	\$71.04	
Membership Development Income	\$526.44	
Per Capita Dues	\$44,050.00	
Permanent Fund	\$10,000.00	
Postage Recovered	\$13.98	
Publications	\$56.00	
Rituals	\$432.00	
Sesquicentennial Books & Jewels	\$3,800.00	
Technology	<u>\$100.00</u>	
	\$60,056.46	\$60,056.46

DISBURSEMENTS

Audit	\$660.00	
Clerical	\$45.95	
Distinguished Guests	3377.67	
Drills	311.17	
DSA Awards	\$0.00	
Equipment Repair	\$0.00	
Grand Commanders Contingent Fund	\$3,500.00	
Grand Encampment Per Capita	\$20,881.50	
Grand Officers Expense	\$3,350.00	
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	\$1,500.00	
Insurance	\$612.00	
K.T. Supplement	\$150.00	
Membership Development Expense	\$453.00	
Miscellaneous	\$15.31	
Office Expense	\$589.16	
PGC & FGP. Jewels	\$793.50	
Postage	\$2,031.95	
Printing	\$413.75	
Proceedings – Annual & Advanced	\$957.00	
Rent	\$600.00	
Rituals	\$240.00	
Sesquicentennial	\$2,806.00	
Special Conclave Fund	\$0.00	
Technology	\$4,844.90	
Telephone	\$505.31	
Trophies & Awards	\$746.09	
Unallocated Funds	\$1,993.54	
York Rite Association	\$800.00	
Youth	<u>\$750.00</u>	
	\$58,727.80	\$58,727.80
Balance on Hand 3-31-2005 - Operating Account		\$15,505.28

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GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT (cont.)
April 1, 2004 – March 31, 2005**

Fund Balances within the Operating Account:

General Fund	\$2,548.36	
Membership Development	\$3,020.28	
Publications Fund	<u>\$8,607.98</u>	
Total	\$15,505.28	\$15,505.28

Other Funds held in Separate Accounts:

Triennial Account (Savings Account)	\$2,353.62	
Per Capita Account (Savings Account)	\$41,357.29	
Membership Development Reserve (CD)	\$10,000.00	
Life Membership (Savings Account)	\$10,528.73	
Life Membership Investments (CD's)	<u>\$33,033.71</u>	
Total	\$97,273.35	<u>\$97,273.35</u>

Grand Total Operating Funds \$112,778.63

Respectfully Submitted,

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

REPORT OF THE GRAND TRUSTEES

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

The main function of the Trustees is to evaluate and monitor the investments of the Grand Commandery of Indiana. This past year on July 17, 2004, the Trustees met with John Stevens, Grand Recorder to review the investments. On January 19, 2005 the Trustees met with John Stevens, Grand Recorder and Herb Newman, Grand Treasurer, along with George Foster, Financial Advisor of First National Investments of Kokomo, Indiana to discuss strategies for evaluating and maintaining sound investments for the Grand Commandery. The four main funds monitored by the Trustees include the Permanent Fund, Education Foundation, Membership Development account and the Life Membership Plan.

The Market Value of the Permanent Fund of the Grand Commandery of Indiana, as of the last report (February 28, 2005) was \$286,790.15. This fund, established in 1915, is composed of a variety of accounts including money market, mutual funds and certificates of deposits. The permanent fund has grown over the years, with the most recent source of income being contributions for the Newby Avery Fellowship and Newby Avery Chair.

The Life Membership funds are invested in Certificates of Deposit at various rates of interest and maturities. As the current CD's mature, the Trustees will reinvest them at the best rates available.

Trustee Jeff Conquest has researched the history of the Trustees and the legislation passed over the years relating to the established funds. The Trustees are reviewing this past legislation and plan to make future suggestions to more clearly define the purpose, use and regulations of the accounts monitored by the Trustees.

In order to better monitor the future financial condition of the Grand Commandery, the trustees will work with the forecasts of the Finance Committee as they develop budgets four to five years into the future. This will allow the trustees to evaluate anticipated income and expenses, since a portion of the interest of the permanent fund may be utilized to balance the annual budgets of the Grand Commandery. The Trustees also want to project any need for future per capita increases and/or growth of the Permanent fund to offset future per capita increases.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul W. Friend, P.G.C., K.C.T., (2004) Chairman
T. Jeffery Conquest, P.G.C., K.C.T. (2004-2005)
Kenneth E. Gibson, P.G.C., K.C.T. (2004-2006)



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, 2005 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

June 25, 2005

Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Indiana
 GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS OF TEMPLAR OF INDIANA
 STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION
 - CASH BASIS -
 March 31, 2005

	<u>Amount</u>
Assets:	
Cash and Cash Equivalents:	
General Checking Account	\$ 14,939.21
Triennial Checking Account	2,353.62
Life Membership Savings Account	10,528.73
Money Market Account	33,033.71
Per Capita Savings Account	<u>41,357.29</u>
Total Cash and Cash Equivalents	<u>102,212.56</u>
Investments:	
Certificates of Deposits:	
Member Development Reserve C.D.	10,000.00
All Other C.D.'s	<u>98,773.25</u>
Total Certificates of Deposits	<u>108,773.25</u>
U.S. Government Mutual Funds	106,279.41
Other Mutual Funds	<u>69,550.29</u>
Total Investments	284,602.95
Total Assets	<u>\$ 386,815.51</u>
Net Assets:	
Unrestricted	\$ 386,815.51
Temporarily Restricted	0.00
Permanently Restricted	<u>0.00</u>
Total Net Assets	<u>\$ 386,815.51</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, 2005

	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	Total
Revenues and Other Support:				
Per Capita Holding	\$ 44,050.00	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 44,050.00
Interest & Dividend Income	532.67	0	0	532.67
DSA Awards Payments Received Realized	1,007.00	0	0	1,007.00
Gain on Investment	8,007.89	0	0	8,007.89
Unrealized Gain/(Loss) on Investments	-15,627.87	0	0	-15,627.87
Other Receipts for Rituals & Publications	451.50	0	0	451.50
Sesquicentennial Book & Jewel	<u>4,421.44</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>4,421.44</u>
Total Revenue and Other Support	<u>42,842.63</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>42,842.63</u>
Expenses:				
Program Expenses	41,673.07	0	0	41,673.07
Payment to Beneficiaries of Life Estates	00.00	0	0	00.00
Management and General Expenses	<u>10,813.41</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>10,813.41</u>
Total Expenses	<u>52,486.48</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>52,486.48</u>
Change in Net Assets	-9,643.85	0	0	-9,643.85
Net Assets at Beginning of Year	<u>396,459.36</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>396,459.36</u>
Net Assets at End of Year	<u>\$ 386,815.51</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 386,815.51</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, 2005

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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 NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, CONTINUED
 March 31, 2005

NOTE 3 - FUNCTIONAL ALLOCATION OF EXPENSES

<u>Detail of Program Expenses</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Trophies and Awards	\$ 746.09
DSA Award Cost	0.00
Distinguished Guests	3,377.67
G.C. Contingent Fund	3,500.00
G. E. per Capita	20,881.50
Grand Officer Expense	2,257.50
G.R. Car Expenses	125.00
G.R. Office Expense	800.00
Grand Recorder Expenses	275.00
Grand Treasurers Expense	200.00
Host Commandery	1,750.00
PGC Jewel	886.00
Membership Development	1,453.00
Stationery & Printing	783.31
Proceedings & Advance Reports	95700
Rituals Purchased	216.00
Youth Programs	750.00
York Rite Association	800.00
Sesquicentennial & Other Activities	<u>2,161.00</u>
Total	<u>\$ 41,673.07</u>

Detail of Management and General Expenses

Audit Fees	\$ 660.00
Business Insurance	612.00
Clerical	45.95
Equipment Expense	280.00
Editorial - KT Supplement	150.00
Technology	4,744.90
Postage	2,049.18
Office Rent	600.00
All Other	<u>1,671.38</u>
	<u>\$ 10,813.41</u>

Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Indiana
CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE FINAL REPORT

To: the Right Eminent Grand Commander, Officer and Sir Knights:
 Your Credentials committee files the following report:

Total Official delegates entitled to vote –	110
Total Past Commanders (Not otherwise registered) –	60
Total Grand officers and Past Grand Commanders (Not otherwise registered) –	49
Total eligible to vote –	219

The following Commanderies has representatives missing as follows.

Baldwin #2	G, CG	Richmond # 8	G
Columbus #14	CG	LaValette #15	CG
Terre Haute # 16	CG	Apollo #19	G, CG
St. John #24	C, G, CG	Jeffersonville #27	G, CG
Frankfort #29	CG	Mich. City #30	C, CG
Wabash #37	G, GC	Bedford #42	G, CG
New Castle #44	C, G, CG	Brazil #47	C, G
Clinton #48	G	Goshen #50	C, G, CG
Bloomington #63	CG		

I would like to thank the following Sir Knights that assisted with my duties as Credentials Committee Chairman. Henry T. Bear, HPC #65 and Jerry O. Deeter, PC #21

Respectfully Submitted,

Larry W. Brown, G.J.W. Chairman

Number	Name	Office	Proxy
1	Raper	E.C. Erick Hiner G. Phillip D. Whisner C.G. John C. Gray	
2	Shelbyville	E.C. Paul A. Cole	
3	Lafayette	E.C. Walter J. Colburn G. Brian Harms C.G. Rudell Wilburn	
4	Ft. Wayne	E.C. Harold Black G. James B. Coleman C.G. John Tuttle	Proxy

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5	New Albany	E.C. G. C.G.	Harold D. Black Gary Bridgewater Terry L. Smith	
6	Connersville	E.C. G. C.G.	Robert E. Price Lloyd A. Marsh David M. Bertch	Proxy
8	Richmond	E.C. C.G.	Garon Bailey Robert J. Frazer	Proxy
9	Knightstown	E.C. G. C.G.	E. Stanton Davis Thomas D. Barton Michael Alter	
11	Greencastle	E.C. G. C.G.	Joseph G. Conniff Martin A. Evans Robert S. Flint	Proxy Proxy
12	LaPorte	E.C. G. C.G.	William Dove James L. Dove Patrick W. Baird	Proxy Proxy
13	S. Bend	E.C. G. C.G.	Patrick S. Diller Steven Diller William G. Davis	Proxy
14	Columbus	E.C. G. C.G.	William G. Andrews Ronald W. Woods, Jr. James N. Butler	
15	LaValette	E.C. G.	Mark A. Carr Terry J. Browning	
16	Terre Haute	E.C. G.	Charles Compton Glen R. Miller	
19	Apollo	E.C.	Tim Knafel	
20	Vincennes	E.C. G. C.G.	Edward L. Sebring Herbert G. Roach Burnell R. Davis	Proxy Proxy Proxy
21	Grant County	E.C. G. C.G.	James L. Shroyer Jerry O. Deeter Michael W. Winters	Proxy

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23	Johnson County	E.C.	Harry W. Cartwright	
		G.	Cleon H. Wright	Proxy
		C.G.	Joseph R. Haydock	
25	Crawfordsville	E.C.	Marvin Ramsay	
		G.	Steve Carter	
		C.G.	Michael Morrison	
27	Jeffersonville	E.C.	Carl Price	
28	Valparaiso	E.C.	Charles L. Combi	Proxy
		G.	Wayne Shole	Proxy
		C.G.	Jim L. Dove	Proxy
29	Frankfort	C.	John Smile	
		G.	Virgil Humphery	Proxy
30	Michigan City	G..	Charles E. Johnson	
		C.G.	John W. Franks	
31	Elkhart	E.C.	Rex Hogan	
		G.	Russell Anderson	Proxy
		C.G.	Warren R. Deferberche	Proxy
32	Anderson	E.C.	Larry W. Brown	
		G.	Steven K. Lawler	
		C.G.	Alan Martinez	
35	Huntington	E.C.	Gene A. Pelters, Jr.	
		G.	Norman K. Knight	
		C.G.	Charl Bandelier	
36	Kokomo	E.C.	James L. Kerns	
		G.	Sidney L. Kirtley	
		C.G.	Charles W. Maple	Proxy
37	Wabash	E.C.	James L Lund	
39	Greenfield	E.C.	Al Newkirk	
		G.	Bob Dungan	
		C.G.	John Fleming	
41	Hammond	E.C.	Leon J. Langer	
		G.	Harold V. Trapp	Proxy
		C.G.	Charles V. Horton	
42	Bedford	E.C.	Carl O. Farley	

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45	Angola	E.C.	John Zion	
		G.	Dwight E. Lanman, Jr.	
		C.G.	Blain Nichols	Proxy
47	Brazil	C.G.	Howard A. Farrand	
48	Clinton	E.C.	Jack L. Mullen	Proxy
		C.G.	Arthur S. Nowling	Proxy
56	Seymour	E.C.	Ernie Ball	
		G.	Philip E. Lacy	Proxy
		C.G.	Bertram R. Imley	Proxy
57	E.H. Gary	E.C.	Jeffery C. Reich	Proxy
		G.	James Dimitri	Proxy
		C.G.	Harland D. Ronk, Jr.	
61	Noblesville	E.C.	Jeffery M. Jordan	
		G.	Charles R. Bowling	Proxy
		C.G.	Thomas W. Harper	Proxy
62	Trinity	E.C.	Michael R. Payne	
		G.	Kevin Comstock	
		C.G.	Carson Smith	Proxy
63	Bloomington	E.C.	Michael C. Stoner	
		G.	Larry G. Huffman	
64	Wright	E.C.	Thomas L. Bartlett	
		G.	Charles M. Huff	Proxy
		C.G.	Robert G. Bragg	Proxy
65	Wm. G. Bray	E.C.	Justin W. Crisp	
		G.	Henry T. Bear	Proxy
		C.G.	Ronald J. Davis	Proxy
66	H.W. Matthewson	E.C.	Irvin L. Bitting	
		G.	John E. Hylman	Proxy
		C.G.	Terry D. Elijah	
67	Lawrence	E.C.	Lee W. Langlotz	
		G.	Joseph M. Ketterman	
		C.G.	H. E. Lackey	

Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Indiana

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

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

Lawrence V. Kaminsky, GC	Rodney A. Mann, DGC	Andrew A. Jackson, GG
David M. Bertch, GCG	Larry W. Brown, GSW	James L. Dove, GJW
Herbert A. Newman, KCT, PGC, GT	John V. Stevens, KCT, PGC, GR	
Trustee (2) Years Steven J. Barton, PGC, DC	Trustee (3) Years Ronald L. Ellis, PGC	

Those who were elected signified their acceptance to the elected offices.

The Grand Commander elect then announced the following appointments:

Donald L. Borchert, GP	Patrick S. Diller, GStB	Byron Schull, GSwB
Paul A. Cole, GW	Carroll Joe Friend, GS	Carleton Hinshaw, GO

GRAND COMMANDER'S ACCEPTANCE SPEECH FOR 2005

"You dream about this day. It has taken me a while to get to this point, and I don't believe you can put into words the things that are going through your mind."

It is with great humility that I accept the confidence that the Sir Knights of Indiana have placed in me to continue to serve and represent them as their Right Eminent Grand Commander in the coming 2005-2006 Templar year.

I accept the responsibility and challenge we are all facing, and with the help of the officers you will be electing today, we can do nothing but hope for continued progress and success in the coming years.

Yours in Templary,
Lawrence V. Kaminsky, V.E.D.G.C.

Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Indiana

**REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE
Proposed Budget for 2005-2006**

NON-DISCRETIONARY ITEMS:	2003 - 2004 Budget	2003 - 2004 Actual	2004 - 2005 Budget	2004 - 2005 Actual	2005 - 2006 Proposed
K.T. Eye Foundation	\$4,000.00	\$3,842.00	\$4,000.00	\$3,996.00	\$3,082.00
Grand Encampment Per Capita	\$18,260.00	\$21,843.50	\$22,000.00	\$20,881.00	\$20,000.00
Triennial Conclave	\$760.00	\$999.40	\$1,005.60	\$1,010.00	\$921.00
Special Conclave	\$739.00	\$749.55	\$754.20	\$755.00	\$692.00
	\$23,759.00	\$27,434.45	\$27,759.80	\$26,642.00	\$24,695.00
DISCRETIONARY ITEMS:					
Audit	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$660.00	\$660.00
Clerical	\$600.00	\$45.12	\$400.00	\$46.00	\$300.00
Drills	\$700.00	\$524.00	\$700.00	\$311.00	\$400.00
G.T. Contingent Fund	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00
Office Expense Fund	\$600.00	\$499.39	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$600.00
G.C. Contingent Fund	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00
Distinguished Guests	\$2,500.00	\$2,324.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,482.00	\$2,500.00
Fifty-Year Awards	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
G. R. Expense	\$3,300.00	\$3,300.00	\$3,300.00	\$3,300.00	\$3,300.00
G. R. Contingent Fund	\$800.00	\$800.00	\$800.00	\$800.00	\$800.00
Office Rent	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$600.00
G.R. Car Expense	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
Grand Officer Expense	\$3,000.00	\$1,850.00	\$3,000.00	\$2,350.00	\$3,000.00
Host Commandery	\$1,750.00	\$1,750.00	\$1,750.00	\$1,750.00	\$1,750.00
Information Technology Comm.			\$5,000.00	\$4,745.00	\$1,500.00
PGC & GPE Jewels	\$500.00	\$216.00	\$500.00	\$793.00	\$500.00
Proceedings/Advance Report	\$2,300.00	\$792.00	\$2,300.00	\$2,300.00	\$2,300.00
Editor KT Supplement	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00
Stationery & Printing	\$1,500.00	\$353.47	\$1,500.00	\$1,086.00	\$1,000.00
Postage	\$1,750.00	\$1,220.72	\$1,500.00	\$2,032.00	\$1,000.00
Telephone	\$500.00	\$330.31	\$400.00	\$560.00	\$400.00
Rituals	\$240.00	\$240.00	\$240.00	\$240.00	\$240.00
Unallocated/Committee Funds	\$2,000.00	\$325.01	\$2,000.00	\$1,706.00	\$2,000.00
	\$610.00	\$610.00	\$610.00	\$612.00	\$2,562.00

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Insurance	\$500.00	\$535.00	\$500.00	\$471.00	\$500.00
Equipment & Repair	\$30,200.00	\$22,765.02	\$34,150.00	\$32,794.00	\$31,262.00
SPECIAL ACTIVITIES:	\$750.00	\$750.00	\$750.00	\$750.00	\$750.00
Youth Organizations	\$750.00	\$0.00	\$750.00	\$750.00	\$800.00
York Rite Assn. of Indiana	\$800.00	\$648.87	\$700.00	\$746.00	\$600.00
Trophies & Awards	\$2,000.00	\$2,043.76	\$2,000.00	\$1,453.00	\$2,000.00
Membership Development	\$4,300.00	\$3,442.63	\$4,200.00	\$3,699.00	\$4,150.00
	\$59,759.00	\$52,993.77	\$66,109.80	\$63,315.50	\$60,107.00
Total Budget		\$6,765.23		\$2,794.30	
Under budget by					

Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Indiana

GENERAL FUND ESTIMATE REVENUE

Per Capita	\$37,050.00
Eye Foundation	\$3,082.00
Triennial Conclave	\$922.00
Special Conclave	\$961.00
Knighting Fees	\$1,530.00
Sale of Rituals	\$400.00
Interest on Balance	\$750.00
Interest on permanent Fund	\$8,000.00
Grand Total	\$52,682.00
Surplus/Shortfall	-\$7,682.00

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:
Irvin L. Bitting, KCT, PGC, Chairman
Robert J. Frazer, KCT, PGC
Duane L. Vaught, KCT, PGC

**REMARKS BY RICHARD J. ELMAN
Grand Master of Masons of Indiana**

The Grand Master had an engagement later in the day and requested that he be allowed to speak before the end of the Conclave.

Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Indiana Richard J. Elman greeted all the Distinguished Guests and spoke about Calvin Prather Lodge which has so many new members they are bringing them into the York Rite to have things for them to do. It's not only important to bring in new members but to have something for them to do above our Degrees and Orders. He then stated that we have all and those in the audience been working hard for a long time for Free Masonry, but we need to dig a little deeper. Now is the time when we need to work extra hard and watch our Fraternity grow. He thanked the Grand Master for the support of the Marketing program by the Grand lodge and noted that the Commandery had not only supported the program by funds but in any area requested of them, something which all organizations did not do. He then expanded on the Marketing program of the Grand Lodge.

He then spoke about the One Day Class program of the Grand Lodge and the statistics of the members of the One Day Class in comparison to the traditional method of joining. That those in the One Day class were no more or less likely to Demit or be suspended than the traditional and they were just as active in the lodge as those who entered in the traditional manor. That most demits and suspensions were during the first five years and that we needed to find something for them to be active and involved in. He congratulated the new corps of offices and especially his good friend Larry Kaminsky. "Now you got to realize guys, now you got two Pollock's running the State for the next month. We can do some real damage here."

He then thanked the Grand Commander for the hospitality extended to him, his officers and their ladies, stating that the Grand Commander has a real fire for the Fraternity and Free Masonry.

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 twelve Commanderies during the Templar Year 2004-2005.

One dealt with compensating the Recorder, three were dues increases, four concerned changing the time and/or date, and four were complete revisions. 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.

The Grand Recorder's Office is in the process of making digital copies of all of the Commanderies by-laws, so that when requested, a copy of your by-laws can be sent to you electronically when needed.

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

Respectfully submitted,

John V. Stevens, K.C.T., P.G.C., Gr. Rec. Chrm.
Ronald L. Ellis, Grand Commander
Lawrence V. Kaminsky, Deputy Grand Commander
Rodney A. Mann, Grand Generalissimo

ROBERT G. ELROD

Robert G. Elrod Deputy for the Scottish Rite of Indiana addressed the Conclave stating that it was again a pleasure to be with us during our session. He felt we need to work together in many areas of the Fraternity as we are a lot stronger when we are together than when we are apart. He stated, that we need to find better ways to communicate with our members and that we need to share information to better track our members. He felt we need to cooperate in a joint effort to recruit new members to all parts of the Fraternity. He also said if we can put together a package, we can better sell the Fraternity for the betterment of all organizations. He then thanked the Grand Commander for his hospitality and stated how much he enjoyed the Conclave.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON DISPENSATIONS & CHARTERS

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

There are still 46 Commanderies but some showing signs of getting close to merging with another Commandery. The Commanderies have been trying different things to get new members but still have problems.

A letter was received from Wright Commandery No. 64 requesting to move to Eckerty Lodge No. 719. The Lodge is located in Eckerty on Main Street, P.O. Box 204 Eckerty, Indiana 47116. They requested permission to hold the February meeting there and to vote on moving to Eckerty Lodge. The vote was taken and it carried and the Grand Commander Ronald L. Ellis granted them permission to hold the March and April meetings there also. The Grand Commandery will take a vote on it at the Grand Session to be held on April 29, 2005. It is the recommendation of this committee that they be permitted to make the move permanent.

At present time nothing else has come to our attention.

The committee also recommends the Dispensation of St. Anselm, Commandery U.D. be continued until the next Annual Conclave.

Respectfully submitted

Duane Stucker, KCT, PGC., Chairman
Dwight E. Lanman Jr., KCT, PGC
Lawrence V. Kaminsky, DGC
Rodney A. Mann, GG

JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE REPORT
Resolution; Wright Commandery No. 64

RE: Dispensations and Charters resolution; Wright Commandery No. 64 to move their Charter to Echerty Lodge No. 719 permanently. Echerty, Indiana 47116.

The jurisprudence Committee finds the resolution is in proper form and recommends its adoption.

Respectfully submitted for the committee

Dwight E. Lanman, Jr. PGC

REMARKS BY ARTHUR D. MICHAEL, JR.

Arthur D. Michael, Jr., Right Eminent Grand Commander of Ohio greeted the distinguished guests and Sir Knights all. He stated that it was a pleasure to be here and to represent the Red Cords today. He remarked that during the dinner last night the Grand Lodge noted that the Commandery was a quiet and gentle part of the Fraternity. He then noted that by the record of the proceedings and the reports of today this was not a quiet part of the Fraternity but rather a very active one. He looks forward to many visits in the future and thanked all for their hospitality.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LIFE MEMBERSHIP

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

Your Committee on Life Membership submits the following report.

As of January 31, 2005 \$4,026.00 had been paid in for Life Memberships for 2005, with \$69,112.00 paid in previously and \$632.00 paid in for 2006 memberships for a total paid in of \$73,770.00.

Also, as of that date a total of \$57,647.55 had been paid out for dues to Commanderies since 1991.

The Life Membership fund had a balance of \$39,022.69 in CD's and \$6294.20 in a money market account as of January 31, 2005.

Since the program started in 1991, a total of 342 memberships have been taken out, 107 are deceased or demitted, and 235 remain active.

The number of new memberships for the program in the last eight years is as follows:

Year 2004	12
Year 2003	4
Year 2002	5
Year 2001	5
Year 2000	12
Year 1999	29
Year 1998	13
Year 1997	16

An article was submitted to the Knight Templar Magazine supplement about the Life Membership Program and printed in the February 2005 issue.

Your committee suggests that the Life Membership program be spoken about briefly at Commandery Receptions this fall and that application forms be made available at that time.

Respectfully submitted for the committee

David M. Bertch, GSW
Chairman

RESOLUTION

COMMITTEE ON PUBLICITY AND PUBLIC RELATIONS

Whereas Old Section 457D New Section 762: Reads

SECTION 457D. The Committee on Publicity and Public Relations shall consist of seven members to be appointed by the Grand Commander. In the selection of the members, each of the existing Battalions shall be represented, and in addition, the members will be assigned to endeavor to represent each of the existing York Rite Groups. It shall be the duty of this committee to:

(a) Cooperate with the Grand Chapter and Grand Council to obtain and/or develop materials that describe and promote York Rite Masonry

(b) Develop news releases on philanthropies and other appropriate topics that could be used by local Commanderies.

(c) Develop materials that describe and promote our Grand Commandery philanthropies. (d) Obtain and show what is available in existing publications from the Grand Encampment and other jurisdictions.

(e) Distribute such materials throughout the year, with special emphasis for Battalions and Group meetings and the Annual Secretary/Recorders Seminar.

(f) Provide at least one item as a promotion or news release monthly to the Knight Templar Magazine. The appointed Editor of the Indiana Supplement to the Knight Templar Magazine shall be an ex-officio member of this committee.

Whereas paragraph one requires the Grand Commander to appoint seven members with each Battalion represented and each endeavor to represent each of the York Rite Groups.

And Whereas: Our present Battalion structure is eight (8) Battalions and eleven (11) York Rite Groups.

Therefore be it resolved that “consisting of seven members, to” be eliminated. And the first Paragraph shall read:

The Committee on Publicity and Public Relations shall, be appointed by the Grand Commander. In the selection of the members, each of the existing Battalions shall be represented, and in addition, the members will be assigned to endeavor to represent each of the existing York Rite Groups. It shall be the duty of this committee to:

Fraternally submitted

George A. Ingles, PGC

Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Indiana

JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE REPORT
Resolution: Committee on Publicity and Public Relations

RE; Resolution; Committee on Publicity and Public Relations, page 29.

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

The Jurisprudence Committee to which has been referred the resolution pertaining to Section 457D old: 762 new, find that the resolution is in proper form and recommends its adoption.

Respectfully submitted for the committee

Irvin L. Bitting PGC

SESQUICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE

To: The Right Eminent Grand Commander, Grand Officers, Past Grand Officers and Members of the Grand Commandery of Indiana.

Subject: Recodification of Indiana Law Section 794 (450)

In as much as the Sesquicentennial Committee, as described in the Manual of Indiana Templar Laws, Section 794 (450), has executed it's duties to implement a suitable Sesquicentennial Celebration and upon approval of a final report at the 151st Annual Conclave, that this committee be dismissed and Section 794 (450) be expunged from the Manual of Indiana Templar Law.

Respectfully Submitted

James L Dove, Grand Standard Bearer

JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE
Deletion of Section; Sesquicentennial Committee

Re; Recodification of Indiana Law Section 794, page 22.

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

The Jurisprudence Committee, in reference to which has been referred the resolution pertaining to Section 794 (450) old: Deletion of Section find that the resolution is in proper form and recommends its adoption.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Committee

Paul W. Friend, P.G.C.

Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Indiana

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE 2004 CONTRIBUTION

BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD **\$26,586.23**

COMMITTED:

REV CHRISTOPHER G. CRIMINGER	#56	\$1,950.00	
REV JAMES D GOBLE	#56	\$1,950.00	
REV RUSSEL J. PATTIE	#56	\$1,950.00	
ANDERSON CMDRY#32 REV PROBASCO	#32	\$1,800.00	
COLUMBUS CMDRY #14 REV CAMPBELL	#14	\$1,800.00	
E. H. GARY CMDRY #57 REV. WM. HUDSON	#57	\$1,000.00	
HAMMOND CMDRY #41 REV. STEVE CONGER	#41	\$1,950.00	
GRANT CO. CMDRY #21 REV. BLAKE NEFF	#21	\$1,950.00	
		(\$14,350.00)	
			\$12,218.23

12/31/03	Russell & Ruth Henney	\$50.00	\$12,218.23
12/2/03	Elkhart Cmdry & Lee Markel #31	#31 \$120.00	\$12,388.23
3/18/04	Kokomo Cmdry	#36 \$80.00	\$12,468.23
3/20/04	Hammond Cmdry – Dean Ray Larson	#41 \$10.00	\$12,478.23
3/29/04	Greenfield Cmdry – Mem – W. A. Lyons	#39 \$10.00	\$12,488.23
4/24/04	Templar Crusader – R. Frazer	\$1,000.00	\$13,488.23
4/26/04	Greenfield Cmdry - Mem – A. N. Stevens	#39 \$10.00	\$13,498.23
2/5/04	Knightstown Cmdry	#9 \$64.00	\$13,562.23
7/15/04	Apperson Cncl #307 AMD	\$50.00	\$13,612.23

AVAILABLE FOR PROGRAM: **\$13,612.23**

REPORT OF THE KNIGHTS TEMPLAR WEB PAGE

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

Our Knights Templar web site resides on the same Internet server as the Grand Lodge site, and exists within the framework and format designated by their Web Master. This year the Grand Lodge appointed a new Web Master, Brother Christopher Planeaux. The Indiana Masons site has undergone a facelift, which is still underway.

Previous to the change over, it was possible for me to log on to the Knights Templar directory, and make changes as needed. Now, for the time being, I have to make the changes on my computer and e-mail them to Brother Planeaux, who then logs on and makes the necessary transfers. Brother Planeaux has said that he is trying to work out the mechanism that would allow the former log on procedure.

At present, I have prepared the changes to be made as required by the change from one Grand Commander and corps of Grand Commandery Officers to their successors. After today, I may have to tweak the web pages a little, but I will have them ready to send before the weekend is up.

Fraternally submitted,

James W. Prairie, P.G.C.

REPORT OF THE KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EYE FOUNDATION COMMITTEE

To: Right Eminent Grand Commander Ronald L Ellis

The Eye Foundation Committee is at the close of the Voluntary Campaign for 2004 - 2005. George Ingles, PGC has contacted each Commandery and has solicited their assistance in the Voluntary Campaign.

Howard Farrand has done an excellent job of putting together a team to solicit donations from Eastern Star members. Howard and his team have done a great job this Templar Year. The Committee wishes to thank the members of the Eastern Star for their continued support of the Eye Foundation.

The Power Point presentation on the Eye Foundation is complete. The presentation has been presented at several Masonic groups and the response has been positive.

The Committee has scheduled a training session this summer to train Sponsors on filling out the forms for individuals seeking assistance. The Committee plans to continue looking for ways to publicize the Eye Foundation and the Senior Eye Care Program.

During 2004 there were (30) Cases approved by the Knight Templar Eye Foundation. Benefits of \$71,480.00 were paid on those cases. We would like to recognize those Sir Knights who sponsored individuals for assistance, they are: Bernard May, Bloomington #63, Bucky Everhart, Seymour #56, Donald New, Bedford #42, Earl Adam, New Albany #5, James Coleman,, Fort Wayne #4, Mark Kester Terre Haute #16, and Robert Childers, LaValette #15.

The Committee would like to say a special Thank You to Right Eminent Grand Commander Ronald L Ellis for his untiring support of the Eye Foundation and Senior Eye Care Program.

Respectfully Submitted:

Rodney A Mann — GG Chairman
George A Ingles — PGC, KCT Vice Chairman
James W Prairie — PGC, KCT
William D Everhart
Howard Farrand
John V Stevens — PGC, KCT, GR

REMARKS BY STEVEN J. BARTON

Steven J. Barton, Right Eminent Department Commander for the East Central Department of the Grand Encampment of the USA, stated it was a pleasure to be here and to speak as your Department Commander. He then summarized the Eye Foundation as Indiana having 30 cases costing \$71,000.00 but that during the voluntary campaign we only contributed \$8,000.00 noting there was a discrepancy in the amount Indiana contributed to the amount received. He also noted that we have given \$1.81 per Sir Knight which placed Indiana 21st in the dollar amount given but 45th of 48 in percentage per Knight. Membership: we lost 197 to death and 227 to suspensions or Demits. While Knighting 187 new Knights, seven Commanderies did not Knight a new member but, on the positive side we have already in this three months knighted 50 Sir Knights and are looking forward to many more. Training

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of Officers; presentations at Area Conferences by the Grand Lodge; mentoring Programs; and Non Active members programs are all good signs for the future of this Grand Commandery and I congratulate you and your officers in this effort. He then reminded all to attend the Grand Encampment Department conference on March 10 and 11 in 2006 at the Adams Mark Hotel at the Airport. He reminded all the Recorders to get their monthly reports to John Stevens so he can forward them to Grand Encampment. He then thanked everyone for the hospitality.

**JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE
General Orders and Bulletins**

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

The Jurisprudence Committee, in reference to the Grand Commander's allocation section dealing with general orders and bulletins is consistent with Templar law and is acceptable.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Committee

Irvin L Biting, P.G.C.

**KNIGHT TEMPLAR EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION
ADMINISTRATION EXPENSE BUDGET**

Salaries: (Give Gross Totals, including Withholding for Income Tax)		Postage and Express	<u>\$ 700.00</u>
Secretary/Treasurer	<u>\$ 2,400.00</u>	Telephone and Telegraph	<u>\$ 100.00</u>
Other Salaries	<u>\$ 960.00</u>	Stationary, Supplies, Etc.	<u>\$ 200.00</u>
Attorney or Collection Fees	<u>\$ 0.00</u>	Furniture, Equipment and Repairs	<u>\$ 200.00</u>
Rent	<u>\$ 600.00</u>	Premiums on Investments	<u>\$ 0.00</u>
Safe Deposit Box	<u>\$ 35.00</u>	Miscellaneous (Itemize Below)	<u>\$ 50.00</u>
Fidelity Bonds	<u>\$ 0.00</u>	(Do not include item of 5% paid to Grand Encampment Committee, shown on Annual Financial Statement, Page 1, Line 20.)	
Social Security (F. I .C.A.) (Employer Only)	<u>\$ 257.04</u>	(Itemize: _____ _____ _____	
Unemployment Compensation (F.U.T.A.)	<u>\$ 0.00</u>		
Audit	<u>\$ 50.00</u>		
Committee Meetings	<u>\$ 0.00</u>		
Traveling Expense Contacting Loanees	<u>\$ 600.00</u>		
		TOTAL EXPENSE	<u>\$6,152.04</u>

Robert J Frazer
Division Chairman, Educational Committee

John V. Stevens
Division Secretary, Educational Committee

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KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION REPORT 4/21/2005

We have a total of \$43,731.40 in loans outstanding.

Cash on hand as of 04/21/2005 - \$12,147.42 in regular checking and six (6) Certificates of Deposit as follows:

	C.D. #	Purchased	Int.	Date Due	Amount
(FIRST NATIONAL BANK & TRUST KOKOMO, IN)					
#1	128-1001861	05/20/2002	2.75%	05/20/2005	\$39,309.75
#2	128-1001966	10/20/2002	3.20%	10/22/2005	\$37,670.09
#3	128-1000177	01/15/2004	2.25%	01/15/2007	\$ 6,142.99
(LASALLE BANK NA CHICAGO, IL) (Callable)					
#4	51803TTM0	10/15/2003	5.0%	10/24/2013	\$40,000.00
(LEHAM BROTHERS BANK F.S. BB WILMINGTON, DE) (Callable)					
#5	52519HPW1	12/28/2004	5.5%	12/30/2020	\$40,000.00
(FIRSTBANK PR SAN JUAN, PR) (Callable)					
#6	335627TV5	04/12/2005	5.75%	10/28/2020	\$45,000.00

Interest from Certificates # 4, 5, & 6 are deposited quarterly in the Heritage Cash Trust Money Market Account \$ 3,262.23

This is a total of **\$211,385.06** in C.D.'s and Money Market, coupled with **\$12,147.42** in checking for cash assets totaling **\$223,532.48**.

We have charged off 4 loans totaling \$11,000.00.

John V. Stevens, Sec. / Treas.

In accordance with the provisions of the Regulations and Standard Practice of the Committee on Educational Foundation of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America issued March 15, 2004,

I move that the Education Foundation Committee of the Grand Commandery of Indiana investigate changing the practice of making Education Loans to students with the possibility of also making scholarships and/or grants to qualified students. The Committee should be charged to investigate and report at the 152nd Annual Conclave, the process, the amount that could be awarded and other information on changing from student Loan function to a scholarship and grant function.

I move the acceptance of this report.

Respectfully submitted,

Steven J. Barton, PGC

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COMMITTEE ON RITUAL AND TACTICS

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

Your Committee on Ritual and Tactics has been presented with three topics this past year.

1. A proposal for a change in the tactics as to the point in the tactics when swords are returned prior to forming the Triangle. Your committee would recommend no change to the current tactics.
2. A question of guidance for Commanderies which choose to adopt Section 64, paragraph 3 which states:
Any Commandery may, by its by-laws provide that the offices of its Treasurer and Recorder be consolidated into the one office of Recorder and when so combined the Recorder shall assume and Perform the duties of the Treasurer as set forth in Section 73.
Your committee was presented with the question as to what procedure should be used in this instance during the ritualistic portion of Rehearsal of Duties and Rehearsal by Lines. Your committee would wish to point out that this is ritual and therefore a Grand Encampment matter not a Grand Commandery matter, and that Ritual must be performed as prescribed by the Grand Encampment until such time as the Grand Encampment might change it.
3. Alternate tactics to be used by the Standard Guard during the Flag Ceremony after the Flag has been returned to the East at the end of the Ceremony.

The current tactics at the end of the Flag Ceremony reads as follows:

The Std. Guard comes to carry at the command. The Sw. B. again assumes charge of the Std. Guard, and commands Right Wheel, MARCH and moves the Guard south until in front of the station of the CG and commands Right Wheel, MARCH, thence along the south side to the west end and commands Right Wheel, MARCH, thence north until abreast of their stations and commands Right Wheel, MARCH, Guard HALT Guard halts in front of their stations and remain at "Carry"

The Alternate proposed reads as follows:

The Std. Guards comes to carry at the command. The Sw. B. again assumes charge of the Std. Guard, and commands *About Face, Forward*, MARCH and moves the Guard west, *until near the base of the triangle* and commands *Left* Wheel, MARCH, then *Right* Wheel, MARCH *when in front* of their stations and commands Guard HALT. Guard halts in front of their stations and commands About FACE remain at "Carry".

The alternate was used in a trial basis by several Commanderies during the Receptions in the fall of 2004 with success. A majority of your committee would therefore recommend that this may be used as an alternate tactic especially in smaller or tighter rooms

Your chairman wishes to thank Sir Knights Steven Barton DC, James DeMond, PDC, Dwight Lanman, PGC and Byron Schull, GSB for their insightful and valuable contributions to our deliberations.

Respectfully submitted for the committee,

David M. Bertch, GSW
Chairman

Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Indiana

YORK RITE COORDINATING COMMITTEE

To the Officers and the Sir Knights of the Grand Commandery of Indiana:

The three York Rite Bodies have taken on the joint project of arranging the York Rite Class honoring Grand Master Richard Elman. The original scope of the project was to present all York Rite Degrees and Orders at 3 locations over the state—one in the North, South and the Central sections. The Grand Commandery arranged for the class at South Bend on March 18-19 with a great deal of help from Sir Knights Larry Kaminsky, DGC; Jim Dove, G Std B and Pat Diller, G Sent.

The Grand Council held a similar class at New Albany on January 21-22. It was difficult to assemble a cast for those dates due to schedule conflicts with other organizations. However, 9 new Sir Knights were created on Saturday the 22nd, and I had the privilege of being the Prelate during the conferral.

The Grand Chapter has not made arrangements for another class in the center of the state. So, it is unlikely that there will be one. In the future, the State York Rite Association should be the Body to plan and execute the festivals over the state.

In another light, we are fortunate that our Membership Recruitment committee is working diligently with the other 2 Grand York Rite Bodies on a joint plan for the future.

Fraternally submitted,
Ronald L. Ellis, GC, Chairman

REPORT OF THE GRAND INSPECTOR GENERAL

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

The receptions and inspections went very well this Templar year. Twenty Commanderies conferred the Order of Malta in full form and the rest of the Commanderies attended an instructional on the Order of Malta.

We had Activities scores ranging from zero to one thousand five hundred and seventy two. The Commanderies that have the zero to five hundred need to be encouraged to increase their activities.

This would increase our visibility.

As I traveled the state this year it was great to see so many Commanderies assisting each other, but it would be better to see the Commanderies do all of their work with their own members. This will not happen until we can get the membership to increase their participation.

Right Eminent Grand Commander, I thank you for the opportunity of being your Inspector General this year, it has been an enjoyable year for me.

Fraternally submitted,

Irvin L. Bitting, K.C.T., P.G.C., GIG.

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Grand Commandery Inspection Tallies 2004

Activity Sheet Tallies

Commandery (Dove)	Open/Close Score	Members Inspection Attendance	Total Inspection Attendance	Commanderies Present	Bylaws Updated	Activities	Membership	Attendance	Relief	Communications	Leadership	Total Activity Score	Malta Score	Number Commanderies Visited	Number Sir Knights Visiting
<u>Battalion I</u>															
LaPorte No. 12	139	8	25	9	2001	550	360	93	100	25	20	1148	63	23	29
Valparaiso No. 28	100	4	25	10	2000	250	65	25	75	50	20	485	63	2	8
Michigan City No. 30	124	5	25	9	2002	300	10	25	75	50	20	480	63	8	11
Hammond No. 41	156	9	24	12	2002	925	230	82	195	75	65	1572	240	22	31
Elbert H. Gary No. 57	129	6	25	10	2000	325	40	9	80	50	90	564	200	2	7
H.W. Matthewson No. 66	155	6	25	10	2002	325	90	82	85	25	20	627	240	1	6
(Diller)															
<u>Battalion II</u>															
Ft. Wayne No. 4	155	14	40	10	2001	975	180	81	255	50	70	1611	0	4	18
South Bend No. 13	134	5	11	6	2002	450	210	56	140	100	50	1006	230	12	15
Apollo No. 19	139	9	22	7	2001	0	0	0	20	25	20	65	0	1	2
Elkhart No. 31	130	9	19	7	2002	100	105	59	137	25	45	471	0	1	9
Huntington No. 35	112	6	12	5	2001	100	0	0	0	25	30	155	0	3	10
Angola No. 45	123	9	26	8	1992	525	100	66	50	25	50	816	0	4	16
Goshen No. 50	18	2	19	6	2002	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	12
(Brown)															
<u>Battalion III</u>															
Lafayette No. 3	155	10	25	10	2003	600	0	85	95	50	40	870	240	16	25
Grant County No.21	140	8	19	5	1999	50	90	50	110	0	20	320	0	2	16
St John No. 24	130	6	24	9	2001	150	210	6	50	25	20	461	0	3	11
Frankfort No. 29	130	6	11	5	1997	175	215	5	150	50	20	615	0	1	6
Kokomo No. 36	140	10	36	15	2003	200	10	50	60	0	0	120	0	7	25
Wabash No. 37	140	9	24	9	2002	200	95	55	50	25	20	445	0	2	14
(Schull)															
<u>Battalion IV</u>															
Connersville No. 6	151	14	34	12	1992	225	35	6	40	25	20	351	0	21	27
Richmond No. 8	121	9	23	10	1998	825	70	89	75	0	30	1089	289	5	7
Knightstown No. 9	96	9	34	12	2004	175	50	55	40	0	50	370	276	26	32
Anderson No. 32	144	12	26	11	1988	625	35	41	85	25	70	881	0	22	34
Greenfield No. 39	133	18	29	9	2004	600	55	117	80	25	40	917	304.5	6	7
New Castle No. 44	100	8	12	5	1993	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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Grand Commandery Inspection Tallies 2004 (cont.)

Activity Sheet Tallies

Commandery	Open/Close Score	Members Inspection Attendance	Total Inspection Attendance	Commanderies Present	Bylaws Updated	Activities	Membership	Attendance	Relief	Communications	Leadership	Total Activity Score	Malta Score	Number Commanderies Visited	Number Sir Knights Visiting
(Bertch)															
<u>Battalion V</u>															
Raper No. 1	152	14	30	11	2001	950	115	84	90	0	0	1239	251	12	15
Johnson County No. 23	5	5	14	7	2003	175	20	55	8	0	30	288	0	1	5
Noblesville No. 61	128	7	18	6	2003	800	220	80	50	0	50	1200	266	1	7
Trinity No. 62	138	11	24	11	1992	850	65	80	90	50	0	1135	266	1	1
Wm. G. Bray No. 65	138	11	18	5	2003	900	20	56	80	25	60	1141	259	19	19
H.E. Lackey No. 67	105	8	19	9	2004	900	260	86	95	0	60	1401	266	6	9
(Davis)															
<u>Battalion VI</u>															
Baldwin No. 2	137	9	22	11	2002	925	85	81	135	50	60	1336	241	20	32
New Albany No. 5	138	12	19	7	1997	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Columbus No. 14	139	10	27	12	2004	275	60	7	50	25	20	437	271.5	36	53
Jeffersonville No. 27	100	5	9	4	2004	50	0	6	0	0	0	56	0	0	0
Seymour No. 56	100	7	3	4	2004	50	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	4	4
(Mann)															
<u>Battalion VII</u>															
Greencastle No. 11	271	7	14	5	2004	875	95	81	85	50	30	1216	271.5	1	3
Terre Haute No. 16	268	7	21	7	2004	175	50	44	0	50	40	359	0	2	14
Crawfordsville No. 25	294	7	15	5	2004	775	290	81	50	25	20	1241	271.5	3	11
Brazil No. 47	0	4	8	4	1998	25	65	0	0	0	0	90	0	1	4
Clinton No.48	268	6	21	7	2004	100	20	81	0	0	0	201	0	2	12
(Jackson)															
<u>Battalion VIII</u>															
LaValette No 15	30	5	25	8	1995	260	145	60	60	25	0	550	241	2	10
Vincennes No. 20	54	9	25	8	2004	329	110	17	96	75	20	647	241	2	18
Bedford No. 42	0	4	11	5	1991	75	130	70	10	25	40	350	0	3	9
Bloomington No. 63	148	13	25	8	2002	350	185	81	60	25	20	721	0	3	7
Wright No. 64	10	3	25	8	1995	260	145	60	60	25	0	550	241	3	9

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2004-05 Visitation Report Grand Commandery of Indiana

<u>Grand Officers</u>	Visitations		Visitations
REGC Ronald Ellis	36	EGJW Larry Brown	22
VEDGC Lawrence V Kaminsky	22	GP James Butler	4
EGG Rodney Mann	20	EGStB James Dove	23
EGCG Andrew R. Jackson	12	EGSwB Byron Schull	6
EGSW David Bertch	21	EGW Stanton Davis	26
		EGS Patrick S. Diller	12
 <u>Past Grand Commanders</u>		 <u>Deputy Battalion Commanders</u>	
Willard M. Avery, KGC, PGM	0	Charles Johnson	8
K. Edwin Applegate, KCT, PDC	0	Patrick Baird	8
Walter P. Worland, KCT	1	Paul Byler	3
Omar E. Hager, KCT	0	Jerry A. Kipper	4
Herbert A. Newman, KCT	0	Norman O. Hittson	6
James S. DeMond, KCT, PDC	2	Alan Martinez	6
David R. Poling, Jr., KCT	0	John Fleming	3
R. Frank Williams, KCT, HPDC	0	David Gundrum	2
Robert E. Price, KCT, HPDC	1	Charles Bridenhager	5
Ronald Tungett, KCT	1	Paul A. Cole	6
Kenneth E. Gibson, KCT	1	Frank A. Newkirk II	3
Ronald D. Simpson, KCT	3	Brian David Harms	7
Herbert G. Roach, KCT	3	Larry G. Huffman	5
William L. Leffler, KCT	0	Edward Sebring	3
Paul W. Friend, KCT	1		
John V. Stevens, KCT	3	 <u>Grand Prelate Emeritus</u>	
Steven J. Barton, KCT, DC	4	Robert Flint GPE	6
Dwight E. Lanman, Jr., KCT	3	John Myers GPE	1
Peter T. Zivanovich, KCT	0	Sam Robinson GPE	1
Duane Stucker, KCT	5	Wally Roberts GPE	1
James W. Roberts, KCT	0	Bernard Bradley, KTCH, GPE	1
Willard R. Clutter Jr., KCT, PDC	0	Gregory Snipes GPE	2
James W. Prairie, KCT	2	Wayne Sheets GPE	7
Robert J. Frazer, KCT	3		
Henry E. LaHurreau, KCT	2	 <u>KTCH</u>	
Irvin L. Bitting, KCT GIG	16	George Kivett KTCH	2
Duane L. Vaught, KCT	3	Robert Thompson KTCH	2
T. Jeffery Conquest, KCT	3	Lloyd Marsh KTCH	3
George A. Ingles, KCT	19	Norbert Parrott KTCH	1
H. Eugene Lackey, KCT, KTCH, HPGC	7		
		 <u>DGIG & Aides</u>	
		Carroll Joe Friend Aide GC	27
		Clarence D. Harter Aide GC	12
		Russell R. Henney Aide GC	7
		Walter E. Metcalf Aide DGC	6
		John Hylemon DGIG	5

DRILL COMMITTEE REPORT

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

As of this date the following objectives and time tables have been completed to encourage more activity and to increase the number of Commanderies entering drill competition.

- Letter of invitation, E-mails and telephone contacts were made with every Commandery in Indiana.
- Revisions were made to the “B-C-D” drills and special instructions reviewed for use.
- Score sheets were made for 13 judges and auditors who have agreed to assist us.
- To date, the following drill teams are entered for competition: Knightstown, Raper, Greenfield, Bray, Baldwin, Angola and Ft. Wayne. Two teams had to withdraw from participation.
- A suitable drill floor has been secured after a last minute change in plans. Thanks to Sir Knight Lackey for his effort in resolving a serious problem.
- Trophies and drill bars have been purchased and received.
- The Ft. Wayne Band will play at the Awards Luncheon.
- New ideas and ways to create interest in drilling are still being discussed.

Respectfully,

George Kivett, Drill Chairman
Drill Committee 2004:
A.R. Jackson, E.G.C.G
Steven Barton, P.G.C, R.E. Dept. Commander .ECD
Irvin Bitting, P.G.C
George Ingles, P.G..C.

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TEMPLAR UNIFORM COMMITTEE REPORT

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

It has been brought to my attention several times this year about the white shirt. The question has been if it is acceptable to wear a short sleeve white shirt with the cap and mantle.

The Manual of Templar Jurisprudence (Page 26, Under Apparel) states that a dark business suit with white dress shirt and black tie, (or) a white long sleeved dress shirt, black tie, black trousers and in all cases with black belt, black shoes and hose.

The copy of the Manual that I have states that the section was updated October 3, 1994. If there is a more current version, I am not aware of one.

Fraternally submitted,

Larry W. Brown, GJW, Chairman

David Bertch, GSW

Stanton Davis, GW

Byron Schull, GSB

John Hyelmon, DGIG

PATRIOTIC ACTIVITIES REPORT

To the Right Eminent Grand Commander:

Currently we use the following point system for the presentation of the flag:

- Present flag at a lodge 25 Points
- Present flag at a school
- Present flag at Eastern Star
- Present flag at Scottish Rite
- Present flag at a youth group
- March in a patriotic parade

New thinking in the area of presenting the flag includes:

- Give a different point value for each of the presentations. Any presentation outside the Masonic organization should receive a higher point value.
- Since we have so many smaller Commanderies we should encourage 2 or 3 of them to combine to do the flag presentation and each would receive the point value.
- Perform the presentation by Battalions and the whole Battalion would share in the points.
- Maybe we make this a requirement of each Commandery Battalion.
- The Grand Commandery participated in a patriotic parade to show our commitment.
- Maybe we form a traveling flag presentation.

We believe that the idea here is to have people see the Knights Templar. We want to be seen as an impressive looking group that leaves the impression of “How do I get to be one of those men?”

Respectfully Submitted,
Larry W. Brown

NECROLOGY COMMITTEE

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

It again becomes the duty of the Necrology Committee to report the departure from our midst of a number of esteemed Sir Knights. During the past year, one hundred ninety three Sir Knights, throughout the Grand Commandery of The Great State of Indiana received their final summons and pass from our view.

To the families of all these Sir Knights of the Grand Commandery of Indiana, we express our love and sincere consolation.

The recollection and thoughts of these persons that have passed by have left good marks in the history book of our Christian order. May we all try a little harder in our endeavors to do as well or even better.

Pray with me;

O Lord, Creator of all and our Father. You hold the whole world in your hands and also our affairs. You keep the planets in place, give us beautiful plants, provide us with a rich variety of food for our survival. We know you can manage our problems, too. We can't handle them adequately, but we know you can and will. You are able and willing to make all things, pleasant and unpleasant, work together for our good. We love you above all things, we trust in you with complete reliance on your mercy, we thank you for the good you have already bestowed. In Jesus' name we come to you as Children. Amen

NECROLOGY COMMITTEE
James N Butler, Grand Prelate
R Frank Williams, PGC
Kenneth E Gibson, PGC

**GRAND COMMANDERY, KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF INDIANA
STATUS OF LANYARD CORD PROGRAM
End of year 2003**

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, 2004. Battalion Commanders are encouraged to continue encouraging the Recorders of the Commanderies to provide TLS name and Knighting dates to our Grand Recorder as he supplies your lanyard cord coordinator with copies of that information for future lanyard cord distribution. All lanyard cords for year 2004 have been presented to the Battalion Commanders for distribution. There were 129 Knightings during 2004. Cut off date for this report is the 15th of December and Knightings for the last of December will be entered for the following year.

Distribution of Awards

Award Color	Number	Issued in In 2004	Totals 12/2004	Totals 12/2003
White	3	11	260	249
Silver	6	5	87	82
Gold	9	4	65	61
Red	15	2	33	31
Red & White	20	1	15	14
Red & Silver	25	1	11	10
Red & Gold	30	1	7	6
Red & Purple	35	0	2	2
Purple & White	40	0	1	1
Purple & Silver	45	0	1	1
Purple & Gold	50	0	2	2
Green & White	55	0	3	3
Green & Silver	60	0	1	1
Green & Gold	65	0	1	1
Green & Red	70	0	1	1
Total Awards		25	490	465
# of awards made			590	565
Total Knights			1080	1030
Total TLS for 2004			129	
Unclaimed for 2004				
Total Petitions represented by these signers:			4238	4109

Respectfully submitted,

Virgil G. Humphrey

REPORT OF MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

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

Your Membership Committee has been communicating on a regular basis since the last Grand Secession, in person and on the internet. We created what we call "THE" York Rite Membership Program for the Indiana members of our York Rite This completed 45 page all encompassing Membership Program is the product of many hours of work by all three York Rite Bodies It is five year plus membership plan and should benefit any and all York Rite bodies that choose to work the plan. Discussions have been continuing to find the correct direction and method to implement this program, within all three bodies. This is not a small direction or project and will need much more time and effort to effectively implement over the plan over the next year or so. One main common theme or direction seems to be within most of our minds is; "local level membership action". The membership committee believes the local Commanderies need tools to react within our Masonic Lodges. These "tools" will need to be developed and honed in the near future for success.

Your Grand Commandery Membership Committee has implemented the following this year:

1. Supplied York Rite and Knights Templar pamphlets to membership committees within other Groups.
 2. Created and manned table top presentations at many Grand Lodge, Summer Festival at Franklin, IN, Scottish Rite and Shrine events.
 3. Rodney Mann has headed up the effort to bring York Rite Masonry to each of our Grand Lodge Area Conferences in the first quarter of this year.
 4. Held lectures for our symbolic lodge brothers explaining our York Rite.
- Below are our ideas offered at the past Summer and Winter Meeting. They still stand as a current idea guide line for our Templar membership success with some up dating. We hope you will consider each idea or item and implement them as you see fit with your local and state 2004-5 agenda.

Recommendations for 2005-6:

A renewal in membership seems obtainable if the Grand Commandery of Indiana is successful in motivating its Officers, Past Officers, DBCs, local Commanderies along with the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons and the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons to embrace this new Membership program. The time should be right to capture the Masonic public eye with the renewal of our established ideals since September 11, 2001. and the Hollywood movies and books such as "*National Treasure*" and "*The Da Vinci Code*."

A past three year list of the Membership Committee's Reports has been reviewed and we have developed this report/plan for your acceptance. We suggest the Grand Commandery of Indiana adopt the following for membership development:

1. The Grand Commandery of Indiana needs to take a leadership role within the State York Rite or, by itself if needed, to succeed in this membership campaign. Work or lead in an effort to publicize who and what we are at Grand Lodge functions around the State of Indiana: Table top displays at Founder's Day, Indiana Masonic Home Pilgrimage, Grand Lodge membership classes and all Area Conferees. Do not miss any opportunity to display our program.
2. Incorporate Ron Ellis's 4 point program to increase inactive member's participation. This could bring the inactive member back to the meetings and activities. This could also reduce demits, and this inactive member may bring in his friends and neighbors.

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3. Implement the new Membership Program into at least a “Five Year Plan” to increase membership. This plan could be revised each year by each new Grand Commandery. This plan could also give continuity to an on going plan or direction. Advertise in the public eye. The public relations committee should be allowed to develop a long range plan to bring the idea of Templarism to the public eye. Newspapers, radio, and maybe television could be utilized for success. Most citizens do not know who we are, let alone the Masonic population of Indiana.
4. Promote the membership cord and the new membership pin to our members. Our Sir Knights love to wear regalia on their uniforms.
5. Promote and create a new 2005-6 State York Rite Slide Show and Lodge Visitation Program or Outreach for Master Masons. This is where we need to place our largest effort. The only place to obtain future members is within our Symbolic Lodges. Last year, we saw the start of an organized program to visit our lodges. These two programs need to continue and reward Commanderies for their success. Most lodge members do not know who we are. We need and should educate our Masonic brothers about what they are missing. We need to discuss developing a power point program just for the Knights Templar. We have a wonderful history.
6. Work with Grand Encampment to develop a shortened version of our ritual for large membership classes. It has been proven that it does not make any difference how we bring in a member. He will stay if he is properly motivated to participate.
7. Develop a new handout and display for the Symbolic Lodges. Develop committees to maintain these displays around the state.
8. Implement a two fold plan to reduce the loss of membership through demits. 1. Reduce demits by making personal contact with members behind on dues payment and/or develop a continuous communication link with all members (newsletters, phone calls, etc.) and 2. All Commanderies in Indiana compile a list of demitted members, then make a personal contact with each one to encourage them to reinstate.
9. Give your DBC’s a job with membership development. They will jump at the chance to help, just try it.
10. Plan and organize a list of good proven activities for each Commandery to think about and plan into their Commandery year. Good activities will bring in new and old members.
11. Create a program to bring men into the Masons as an E.A. and mentoring him until they become a Knights Templar.
12. Complete developing a poster for our Commanderies this year. The poster just need to be distributed and posted in the local lodge halls.
13. Support and distribute the new Membership Program to the local Commanderies of Indiana.

If membership is to be successful it is up to YOU and this Grand Commandery. The Commanderies are waiting for you to take the lead. And again as Paul W. Friend PGC has said for many years: “If it is to be, it is up to ME”.

May God bless our endeavors and do something NOW!

Fraternally and respectfully submitted,

Andrew R. Jackson, GCG Chairman
Paul W. Friend, KCT, PGC
Ronald L Ellis, REGG
James Dove, G. Std. B.
James H. Hodge, REGK

Charles D. Wood, RIDGM
Rodney A. Mann, GG
Patrick Diller, GS
Larry Brown, GJW
W. Keith Stiner, REG P.C.W.

PUBLICITY AND PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE

To Right Eminent Grand Commander Ronald L Ellis:

This Committee completed three exciting projects this Templar Year. The first one was a presentation for the Membership Committee at each of the Grand Masters Area Conferences in March 2005. The Committee presented a (7) minute presentation at each of the Area Conferences on the York Rite. The presentation utilized a Power Point presentation. The presentations were very well received. The Committee would like to thank each of our presenters for a job well done. The presenters were Ronald L Ellis, David Bertch, James L Dove, Patrick S Diller and Rodney A Mann.

The second project is the poster project also from the Membership Committee. The Committee has placed the posters on the Grand Commandery Website for any Commandery to utilize. Poster have also been printed and posted in many Lodges throughout the state.

The third project is the purchase of a website name and the development of a website. The website will be developed over the next year and offers opportunities for future uses.

Respectfully Submitted:

Rodney A Mann, GG Chairman
Larry W Brown, GJW
Patrick S Duller, GS

David Bertch, GSW
James L Dove, G Std B
Lawrence V Kaminsky, DGC

LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE

The Long Range Planning Committee met and defined the following areas to discuss:

- Financial Plan Forecasting
- What should we do to fix the P.G.C. jewel shortage problem
- Do we have the proper amounts of liability insurance

Financial Plan Forecasting: This committee came to an agreement that when the budget is put together for the next Templar year, that the dais officers would come together and propose their likely budgets for those 4-5 years out. This will enable the Trustees to make better financial decisions regarding the length of savings plans and the need for operational cash. We will begin this process with the 2005-06 year.

Past Grand Commander Jewels: With many of the Past Grand Commanders living a longer life, we have run into the situation of running short on P.G.C. jewels. We need to look into having several more made in the near future or figuring out what to do to eliminate the shortage. Sir Knight John Stevens is gathering estimates for dies and jewels.

Liability Insurance: The question of adequate liability insurance came up at the winter meeting. We will have to determine which Commanderies carry this insurance locally and what the limits of the policies are. We will also have to determine the limits of the liability to the Grand Commandery. This will be worked on in the 2005-06 year.

Long Range Planning

Lawrence V. Kaminsky DGC Chair
Steven J. Barton DC 02-05 V. Chair
John V. Stevens PGC GR
Patrick S. Diller GS 02-05

Paul W. Friend PGC 04-07
Rodney A. Mann GG
T. Jeffery Conquest PGC 03-06
Andrew R. Jackson GCG 03-06

TEMPLAR CRUSADER REPORT

To the Right Eminent Grand Commander and Sir Knights all:

We sold a total of 17 ads from 9 Commanderies or York Rite Bodies. We thank you for your support.
The Ad's totaled \$2,005.00
Expenses Paust Printers \$1,286.84 Last years Approximate Profit is \$718.16
Balance of \$2,000.00 in check book

Bob Frazer, P. G. C.

REPORT OF THE SESQUICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE

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

The Sesquicentennial Committee was established by legislation of the Grand Commandery of Indiana in 1991. The committee planned and carried out a celebration for the year 2004, as the Grand Commandery observed its 150th Anniversary of Templary.

To celebrate the Sesquicentennial, the committee printed 300 books titled "Sesquicentennial History of the Knights Templar of the State of Indiana". The committee also had 150 numbered jewels and 150 unnumbered jewels struck of the Grand Commandery Coat of Arms, which was a replica of the jewel used by the Grand Commandery in its' early existence. Through the sale of the historical books and badges, the Grand Commandery should realize net earnings of approximately \$6800.00.

The committee has continued to function for one more year by developing a plan to sell its inventory of badges and historical books. The committee thanks the Officers of the Grand Commandery for their part in selling these items during the past year. During the 2005 Conclave we hope to sell the remaining books or badges.

As Chairman of the Committee, I thank the committee for they're past commitment in planning and carrying out the Sesquicentennial events. I would hope that the Grand Commandery of Indiana will continue to flourish in Indiana, and that a similar event will be carried out 150 years from now in the year 2154.

Legislation will be carried out as part of this 151st Annual Conclave to dissolve the committee, as the committee has completed its' task.

Respectfully submitted:

Paul W. Friend, K.C.T., P.G.C., Chairman. Duane L. Vaught, K.C.T., P.G.C.
John V. Stevens, K.C.T., P.G.C., G.R. George A. Ingles, K.C.T., P.G.C.
William Bissey, Wm. G. Bray #65

YOUTH COMMITTEE REPORT

The Grand Commander has attended all the Youth Sessions this year and spoke at each one before presenting them with the check from the Grand Commandery. The Deputy Grand Commander has also been at each of the sessions with additional Sir Knights in uniform. During the installation of the Grand Bethel for Job's Daughters, the Grand Commander along with five other Sir Knights formed an Arch of Steel for Tiffany Ingles, the Grand Bethel Honored Queen, her Mother and her Father. The Grand Commander requested that a proclamation be prepared for each of the youth organizations made suitable for the Constituent Commanderies to sign and present to the local youth groups. A memo has been prepared along with the meeting dates, times and locations for each youth organization. Also in the packet is a proclamation for each of the youth groups and information to contact me if they need additional copies of the same.

Presentations of the Proclamations have been made at numerous Bethels, Conclaves and Assemblies throughout the State.

Anderson Commandery attended a Flagpole rededication at Daleville Lodge. They requested the assistance of the Grand Bethel Honored Queen of Job's Daughters for their program.

A few Youth groups have joined Commanderies at the Live Nativity in Franklin this past December.

George A. Ingles, KCT, PGC # 65
Youth Committee Chairman
Albert Ernie Ball #50
Larry G. Huffman #63

**INACTIVE PARTICIPATION COMMITTEE
151ST GRAND CONCLAVE**

To the Right Eminent Grand Commander

Your committee on Inactive Participation has addressed four main issues to increase active participation within the Constituent Commanderies throughout the State of Indiana. The areas on placing emphasis are making Increased Personal Contact with Inactive Sir Knights, Interesting Stated and Called Meetings, Programs and Special Events to hold and Civic and Social Programs. A complete report of these programs and suggested topics are in the hands of the Battalion Commanders. We shall assist the Battalion Commanders to monitor, implement and measure results.

Respectfully Submitted:

James L. Dove, G Std B Chairman
Byron Schull, G Swd B.
Stanton Davis, G W
Patrick Diller, G S

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EASTER SUNRISE TRIP 2005

This year we had a total of forty-five (45) people who went on the bus to Washington D.C. for the Grand Encampment's Easter Sunrise Service.

We left on Wednesday morning at 8:00 A.M. from the Marriott Hotel and arrived in Gettysburg PA around 6:30 P.M. that evening, and checked into the Super 8 Motel, then went out for dinner at a buffet restaurant. After a good night's rest we departed for the Gettysburg Battle Fields. We extend our heart felt thanks to George Ingles, PGC, and his friend, S.K. Peters of a Commandery in Pennsylvania. S.K. Peters arranged for us to have the senior tour guide from the battlegrounds. What an interesting tour we had. What usually takes 2 hours lapsed in to little more than 3 hours and was well worth the trip. From the Battlegrounds we went on in to Washington, D.C. and checked in to the Hotel Washington. We toured the city on Friday and the afternoon of Saturday. The new memorial to WWII was very impressive and very interesting to see.

On Saturday morning the Grand Commander, Ronald L. Ellis, with the assistance of The Most Eminent Grand Master of the Grand Encampment USA, the Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commandery, Larry V. Kaminsky, and the East/Central Department Commander Steven Barton laid a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknowns. This makes the eleventh year that the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Indiana, have had this very special privilege of doing.

On Easter Sunday morning we had coffee and donuts provided by the Grand Encampment and then left for Alexandria VA where the services were held. For the second year now they were held inside, but the Knights Templars did get to march up Shooters Hill and into the auditorium.

We went back to the Hotel had breakfast, the loaded the bus and headed back to Indianapolis. Everyone had a great time, and we have a total of thirty-six people signed up to attend next year's trip to D.C.

Respectfully submitted by:

Irvin L. Bitting, KCT, PGC

Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Indiana
TEMPLAR EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT

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

The Committee members decided early on that the main thrust of the Education Committee for the Templar year 2005-06 would concentrate on putting together the program for the Indiana Templary Academy which will be held on May 14, 2005

We have attached our working outline to this report for documentation.

Respectfully submitted,
Lawrence V. Kaminsky, DGC, Chairman
Andrew Jackson, GCG
James Dove, G Std B
Terry L. Kehrer #5
Rick Kroemer #4
Rick D. Davis #39
Rex Sohn, G Swd B

Companions and Sir Knights,

I offer an updated information sheet for the 2005 ITA for next month. We have contacted everyone participating in the event and we are moving along according to our schedule. Thanks to everyone for stepping up to the plate for this event.

Purpose: Create 20 (2 each Battalion) Templar Salesman to sell Templary from where we started to where we are going. Generate 50 names and pick 20 for the ITA.

Meet at one central location and one day (8 hours) with lunch and light refreshments in the morning.

8:00 AM – 8:30 AM	Refreshments – Social-coffee and donuts
8:30 AM – 8:35 AM	Greetings from the Grand Commander
8:35 AM – 9:00 AM	Most Worshipful Grand Master Richard J. Elman
8:40 AM – 9:10 AM	Why become a Royal Arch Mason? (Most Excellent Grand High Priest)
9:10 AM – 9:40 AM	Why become a Royal & Select Master? (Most Illustrious Grand Master)
9:40 AM – 10:30 AM	What is a Knights Templar (history) early history 1100 to 1600
10:30 AM – 10:45 AM	Break
10:45 AM–11:15 AM	What is a Knights Templar (history) late history 1600 to date Scottish, English, French and Grand Encampment/Grand Commandery Indiana. Offer some highlights from RAM and Cryptic Bodies. Briefly touch on our Charities.
11:15 AM - 11:30 AM	Questions & Answers
11:30 AM – 12:00 AM	Discussion of the Membership Program Kit
12:00 – 1:00 PM	Lunch with Grand Officers
1:00 – 1:15 PM	Morals and Principals of the Order of Red Cross
1:15 – 1:35 PM	Morals and Principals of the Order of Malta
1:35 – 2:00 PM	Morals and Principals of the Order of the Temple
2:00 – 2:25 PM	What is the regular uniform for the Grand Commandery of Indiana Where can I obtain the uniform and costs

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2:25- 2:45 PM	Break
2:45 – 3:30 PM	How to sell Templary to a Blue Lodge & current Knight Templar member. Sit down in front with the Grand Commander and have two members convince the GC to become a Templar.
3:30 – 3:45 PM	National Treasure
3:45 – 4:00 PM	Wrap-up & Group Picture

**INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE
Report of Progress Grand Conclave 2005**

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

At the Grand Conclave of 2003-2004, a motion was made and passed to purchase the Grand Commandery a new note-book computer as recommended. A budget was appropriated for \$5,000 to complete the initial purchase and the beginning of programming.

In order to give us an additional safety net of performance, I purchased a laptop for myself and have begun programming. We can make 100% sure all will be well before investing the Grand Commanderies money into computer equipment and software. We have initially created a database for the membership on my computer and have tested the basic functionality of the system and all is well.

We have provided the Grand Recorder with the first lessons on Microsoft XP operating system for his education. When he finishes that he will be given Microsoft EXCEL and ACCESS courses.

Action Plan: I have purchased the computer and base software for the Grand Recorder and have received everything ordered. When the initial software systems are up and running, we will meet with the Grand Recorder and get his membership database and convert it to ACCESS. This will allow for the minimum disruption of John's daily processing. Timetable for completion of this phase is Grand Conclave 2005.

In the next Templar year, we have three goals we wish to complete.

- The distribution of the annual proceedings on CD-ROM using ADOBE
- The automation of much of the maintenance of the membership data base
- Organization of the Grand Commandery computer files

Fraternally submitted,

Lawrence V Kaminsky, DGC, Chairman
Rodney A. Mann, GG
John V. Stevens, KCT, PGC
James W. Prairie, KCT, PGC

INDIANA SUPPLEMENT REPORT

I guess for notes, I would like to first thank those that have submitted articles and/or pictures for the Supplement. Without those, there would be no Supplement!

I would like to say that when I submit the articles, that they have to typed up in 12 pt Times New Roman font and DOUBLE SPACED. That is what probably takes me the longest to do (the double space).

I would like to ask that they please check the spelling of names, titles, etc. because if spell checker don't find it, I won't find it.

Fraternally,

James E. Buchanan

THE MASONIC HOME NATIVITY COMMITTEE

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

Your Committee for the Masonic Home Nativity submits the following report.

On November 28, 2004 some eight or ten Sir Knights assembled on the grounds of the Indiana Masonic Home in Franklin to erect the Knights Templar Nativity Scene for the 2005 Christmas Season. Our work was much speeded up by the assistance of the grounds workers at the Home having transported the panels for the building to the site previously.

During the Christmas Season, several Masonic, York Rite and DeMolay groups provided personnel for a Live Nativity Scene.

The Nativity Scene was taken down and placed in storage on January 9 by several Sir Knights. At that time the panels were examined and appear able to sustain several more Christmas seasons without needing major repair or overhaul.

We wish to especially thank the Grounds Crew at the Home and the Franklin DeMolay for their assistance, and your chairman wishes to thank those who live closer to Franklin for shouldering some of the responsibilities which distance prevented me from fulfilling.

Respectfully submitted for the Committee

David M. Bertch GSW, Chairman

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

To: The Right Eminent Grand Commander, Officers and 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 151st Annual Conclave, do hereby confer upon each of them the title of Honorary Member of the Grand Commandery of Indiana to wit:

Richard J. Elman, Most Worshipful Grand Master, Indiana
William Skrepnek, Right Eminent Grand Commander, Michigan
James E. Hawn, Right Eminent Past Grand Commander, Michigan
Dean Kay Esterly, Right Eminent Grand Commander, Kentucky
Arthur D. Michael, Jr., Right Eminent Grand Commander, Ohio
Michael H. Shively, Past Grand Commander, Texas

Respectfully submitted,

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

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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

Your Committee on Unfinished Business submits the following report as of the date of its preparation on March 1, 2005.

Unfinished Business of which we are aware will consist of several resolutions to clarify the Recodification of the Indiana Grand Commandery By-laws.

Respectfully submitted,

David M. Bertch, GSW,
For the Committee

**JURISPRUDENCE REPORT
Appointment of Representatives**

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

The Jurisprudence Committee, in reference to the Grand Commanders allocation section dealing with the appointment to represent the Grand Commander in a foreign jurisdiction and the appointment of Grand Representatives near the Grand Commandery of Indiana, is consistent with Templar law and is acceptable.

Respectfully submitted for the Jurisprudence Committee,

Paul Friend, P.G.C.

**JURISPRUDENCE REPORT
Report of Grand Commanders Foreign and In-State Visitations**

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

The Jurisprudence Committee has reviewed the Report of Foreign Visitations and In-State Visitations made by our Grand Commander during his year.

We want to commend him for the time and effort he has given in his travels to truly represent the Grand Commandery of Indiana as our ambassador in behalf of Templary. His visits with many associated organizations, especially the youth groups created awareness of Knight Templary to many outside our asylums.

Respectfully submitted,

Kenneth E. Gibson, PGC
In-behalf of the Jurisprudence Committee

**JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE
Congratulations**

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

We the Jurisprudence Committee, commend you and the Officers of this Grand Commandery for your leadership and traveling this past year.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Committee

Robert J. Frazer, P.G.C.

Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Indiana
INVITATION FOR THE 152nd ANNUAL CONCLAVE

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

My name is Leon J. Langner. I am the Eminent Commander of Hammond Commandery No. 41. I would like to take this opportunity to invite each of the Commanderies of Indiana and all distinguished guests to attend the 152nd Grand Conclave of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Indiana.

We will meet here at the Marriott Hotel East in Indianapolis, Indiana, on April 28, 2006, with Hammond Commandery No. 41 serving as host.

Fraternally,

Leon J. Langner. Eminent Commander

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 Hammond Commandery #41 to host the 152nd Annual Conclave in Indianapolis in 2005. We look forward to a most successful and productive Conclave.

Respectfully submitted,

James W. Prairie, PGC
For the Committee

REMARKS BY WILLIAM JACKSON JONES

William Jackson Jones, Most Eminent Past Grand Master and Grand Treasurer of Grand Encampment of the USA, said that it was exciting to again return to Indiana and would sing his rendition of ‘Back Home Again in Indiana’ but feared that the room would clear out before the session was over. That he was looking forward to returning again next January for the Newby Avery Banquet to again renew his friendships in Indiana. He then spoke about the videos available from Grand Encampment and that Indiana had done a wonderful job with the Order of the Red Cross and thanked all who had participated in making that project a success. He then thanked the Grand Commander, congratulated him and thanked all for their hospitality.

REMARKS BY DAVID DIXON GOODWIN

David Dixon Goodwin, Right Eminent Grand Captain General of the Grand Encampment of the USA. After acknowledging all the Sir Knights and guests he brought greetings from the Grand Master and Officer of the Grand Encampment. He then posed a question to the members present as to the purpose of Grand Encampment after the answer of to serve the Grand Commanderies. He then asked what the purpose of the Grand Commandery was. The answer of course was to serve the Commanderies. And the Commanderies were to serve the membership. He then invited all to attend the Triennial in Houston, Texas in 2006 to share ideas with the Grand Encampment and to receive ideas from them. He then congratulated the Grand Commander and his officers for an outstanding year stating that after seeing this Conclave he knew this Grand Commandery was functioning well. "Your Masonic Family is strong in Indiana." He then went on to state that as Templars we share a bond of friendship which we need to share with all our friends and invite them to be a part of this great Christian organization. He then invited all to make sure the next generation has even better Templary than we have today. After charging all to make ourselves visible to the community by assisting in community projects and in areas of need within the community, he thanked all for the courtesies extended to him and looked forward to many visits in the future.

"God Bless each and every one of you and God Bless Templary."

REPORT OF THE JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE
Unfinished Business

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

Upon review we find no unfinished business for consideration,

Respectfully submitted,

Duane L. Vaught PGC
For the committee

GRAND COMMANDERY, KNIGHTS TEMPLAR of INDIANA

General Order #1 – Ellis

May 1, 2004

ATTENTION

BY ORDER OF THE GRAND COMMANDER, THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS HEREBY DISSEMINATED:

ITEM NO. 1 Dispensation is hereby granted to all Constituent Commanderies to appear in uniform at any and all Patriotic Activities such as (but not limited to) Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day and Veterans Day.

ITEM NO. 2 Dispensation is hereby granted to all Constituent Commanderies to move their Charter and to appear in uniform at any time to portray the Orders of Templary or to assist in any ceremonies at the Indiana Masonic Home.

ITEM NO. 3 Constituent Recorders are hereby requested prior to requesting a Dispensation for any purpose to first read the following Sections of the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Encampment, Knights Templar: 214, 215, 48(f)3, 48(f)4, 177, 76, 145, and 48(f)1.

ITEM NO. 4 Constituent Commanderies are strongly urged to recite the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag at the opening of each Stated and Called Conclave.

ITEM NO. 5 A Constituent Commandery is not required to obtain special permission in order to meet and conduct business jointly with Chapter and/or Council. Such authority is found in Section 65(c) of the Laws of the Grand Encampment.

PLEASE READ THIS IN FULL AT YOUR NEXT STATED CONCLAVE.



Ronald L. Ellis, Grand Commander


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



GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF INDIANA

General Order No. 2 - Ellis

April 23, 2004

Annual Inspection of Constituent Commanderies

1. Pursuant to the provisions of Section 473 and 474 of the Laws of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Indiana, it is hereby ordered that the Constituent Commanderies of this Jurisdiction be inspected.
2. The Battalion Commander shall inspect each Commandery within the Battalion with the following exceptions. The Grand Inspector General will inspect the designated primary Commandery of each Elected Grand Officer, excluding the Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder. A fellow Grand Line Officer will inspect the primary Commandery of each Appointed Grand Officer, if it is within the Battalion of the latter. Only the Grand Commander may authorize other exceptions or substitutions.
3. The Inspection on the date of the Reception shall consist of a report on the membership efforts, examination of the books, records, accounts, paraphernalia and property of the Commandery. No inspection shall be considered complete until the Commandery shall have participated in a Reception and Exemplification as described in paragraphs 8 and 9.
4. Each Inspection shall start promptly on the date and time mutually agreed upon with the respective Battalion Commander.
5. Each Inspecting Officer will send a Notice of Inspection courtesy letter to the Eminent Commander and Recorder 30 days prior to the Inspection. The letter will confirm the date, time, Inspecting Officer's time of arrival and request the completion of specified reports. The Recorder shall provide the completed reports to the Inspecting Officer upon his arrival. The Recorder will also gather all Tactics and Rituals from the Officers and give them to the Inspecting Officer for review.
6. No Inspection will be deemed complete until the Inspecting Officer has reviewed all books and financial records. If they are not presented at the Inspection, it shall be the duty of the responsible Officer (Treasurer or Recorder) to deliver the same to the Inspecting Officer within fifteen (15) days. Failure to comply may cause the Commandery to be placed on probation until the obligation has been fulfilled.
7. The Inspecting Officer shall make his inspection report of each Commandery to the Grand Inspector General, Deputy Grand Commander, the Eminent Commander and the Recorder of the inspected Commandery. A full report of the Inspection will be published and appropriate recognition given at the Annual Conclave.
8. Receptions: Each Commandery shall receive the Commander, receive and present the Distinguished Guests in attendance, conduct the Rehearsal by Lines, Personal Inspection, Form the Triangle and Perform the Flag Ceremony. Fifty (50) points for a Closed Inspection and one-hundred (100) points for a public Reception will be added to the Activities Sheet for that Commandery or divided among the participating Commanderies.

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9. Each Commandery will open a Commandery of Knights Templar in Full Form on the Order of the Temple and exemplify the Full Ceremonial of the Mediterranean Pass and the Knight of Malta. Commanderies may separately or jointly confer the Ceremonies in accordance with one of the following options at the time and place with the consent of the Battalion Commander.
 1. A single Commandery may perform the Order of Malta for points as graded by the Knight of Malta score sheet by the Battalion Commander and staff, if the majority of parts are filled by the inspected Commandery.
 2. Same as above with the exception that 2 or more Commanderies in the Battalion may participate with the points divided among the Commanderies based upon participation.
 3. The remaining Commanderies in the Battalion are required to participate in an instructional on the Order of Malta under the direction of the Inspector General and staff. The date of these instructionals will be assigned by the Inspector General. No performance points will be awarded only participation points.
10. The Full Form Twelve Man or Ten Man Opening shall be in accordance with the most recent official interpretation of the Ritual and official Indiana Asylum Tactics.
11. It is preferred that the regularly elected and appointed officers of the Commandery fill their respective stations during the Reception and Order Conferral. If necessary, officers and members may assume other stations, particularly during the Order. Commanderies are encouraged to work with each other to provide any needed assistance. If an actual candidate is present, the quality of the work is of prime importance.
12. Upon completion of each Reception, the Inspecting Officer shall give his remarks first, and then the Grand Commander, if present, will follow with his remarks. Whenever he is not present, the Inspecting Officer, acting as the Grand Commander's official Representative, shall be accorded all of the honors and courtesies due him, as such. If the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Indiana is present, he will speak after the Grand Commander; otherwise, the Grand Commander will be the final speaker.
13. The Battalion Guidon will be awarded to the Commandery in each Battalion with the highest activity score. In like manner, the Commandery having the highest activity score in the State will receive the Grand Commandery Guidon in the coming year.
14. This Order shall be read in all Constituent Commanderies at the first Stated Conclave following its receipt and be made a part of the minutes.

Given under my hand and seal this 23rd day of April 2004, A. O. 886.



Ronald L. Ellis, Grand Commander




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

GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF INDIANA

General Order No. 3 Ellis

April 23, 2004

Eminent Commander Certificate of Merit Award

In order to honor the Eminent Commanders of Indiana who have completed a full term in 2004 and who have demonstrated that they are effective leaders will be eligible to receive a Certificate of Merit based upon the following criteria at the Grand Conclave on April 22, 2005.

- ◆ An Officer mentoring program is functioning in the Commandery.
- ◆ The Commandery has made personal contact by telephone or visited all inactive Sir Knights in the local area.
- ◆ The Commandery has Knighted at least 1 candidate in 2004.
- ◆ The Commandery can Open and Close the Commandery without the use of an open Ritual.
- ◆ The Commandery has participated with a quorum present in a local Order (an Order for Inspection qualifies).
- ◆ The Commandery has accumulated at least 100 activity points on the Activities Sheet.
- ◆ The Recorder has submitted all monthly reports for the year to the Grand Recorder.

All Battalion Commanders will recommend eligible Eminent Commanders in their Battalion at the Winter Meeting of the Grand Commandery in January of 2005.

Given under my hand and seal this 23rd day of April 2004, A. O. 886.



Ronald L. Ellis
Grand Commander



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



GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF INDIANA

General Order No. 4 - Ellis

July 1, 2004

Vacancy in the Office of the Grand Sword Bearer

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

Sir Knight Rex Sohn, the Grand Sword Bearer of the Grand Commandery of Indiana, has been called to active duty in the military to fight terrorism and deliver freedom to Afghanistan. He has our heartfelt gratitude, our prayers and our hope for his safe return.

In the interim due to the vacancy, Sir Knight Byron W. Schull, a Deputy Battalion Commander for Battalion No. 4, is appointed to serve as the Grand Sword Bearer per Section 48 (b) of the Constitution of the Grand Encampment of the United States of America. His duties include those fixed by the Ritual and those that may be fixed by the Grand Commandery and the Grand Encampment.

This General Order shall be read at the first Stated Conclave of each Constituent Commandery following its receipt and be made a part of the minutes.

Given under my hand and seal this 1st day of July 2004, A. O. 886.



Ronald L. Ellis
Grand Commander

ATTESTED:



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



GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF INDIANA

General Order No. 5-Ellis

September 1, 2004

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 the Constituent Commandery to a Sir Knight who has given outstanding, loyal and devoted service to the Commandery. A lady or non-member may also receive this award as a “DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD FOR FRIENDS.”

Each Indiana Commandery may nominate two (2) Sir Knights and/or two (2) “Friends” 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, 2005. The cost of the jewel (about \$60.00 for Knights and \$26.00 for Friends) is billed to the Commandery presenting it. The Grand Commandery furnishes a certificate. Full details of the award can be found in Permanent Resolution No. 3, page 30 of the Indiana Grand Laws. Further questions may be address to the Grand Commander or the Grand Recorder.

Each Commander 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 he be in good standing.

This General Order shall be read at the first Stated Conclave of each Constituent Commandery following its receipt and be made a part of the minutes.

Given under my hand and seal this 1st day of September 2004, A. O. 886.



Ronald L. Ellis
Grand Commander



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



Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Indiana

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD
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 15th 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 two (2) members from each Commandery in Indiana each year.
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.

