

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



**PROCEEDINGS OF  
THE 152<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL CONCLAVE  
OF THE  
GRAND COMMANDERY OF INDIANA**

*HELD IN THE CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS  
APRIL 27<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>, 2006*

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**Grand Commandery  
Knights Templar  
of Indiana**

**ONE HUNDRED FIFTY-SECOND  
ANNUAL CONCLAVE**

**Held at Indianapolis**

**HAMMOND COMMANDERY No. 41, HOST**

**April 27, 28, 29, 2006**

**Presiding**

**SIR KNIGHT LAWRENCE V. KAMINSKY  
Right Eminent Grand Commander  
Indiana**

**Elected**

**SIR KNIGHT RODNEY ALLEN MANN  
Baldwin Commandery No. 2**

**2007 Conclave will be held at Indianapolis, Indiana on April 26, 27 & 28, 2007**

**Baldwin Commandery No. 2 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 152<sup>nd</sup> Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar, were approved unless otherwise indicated or explained.

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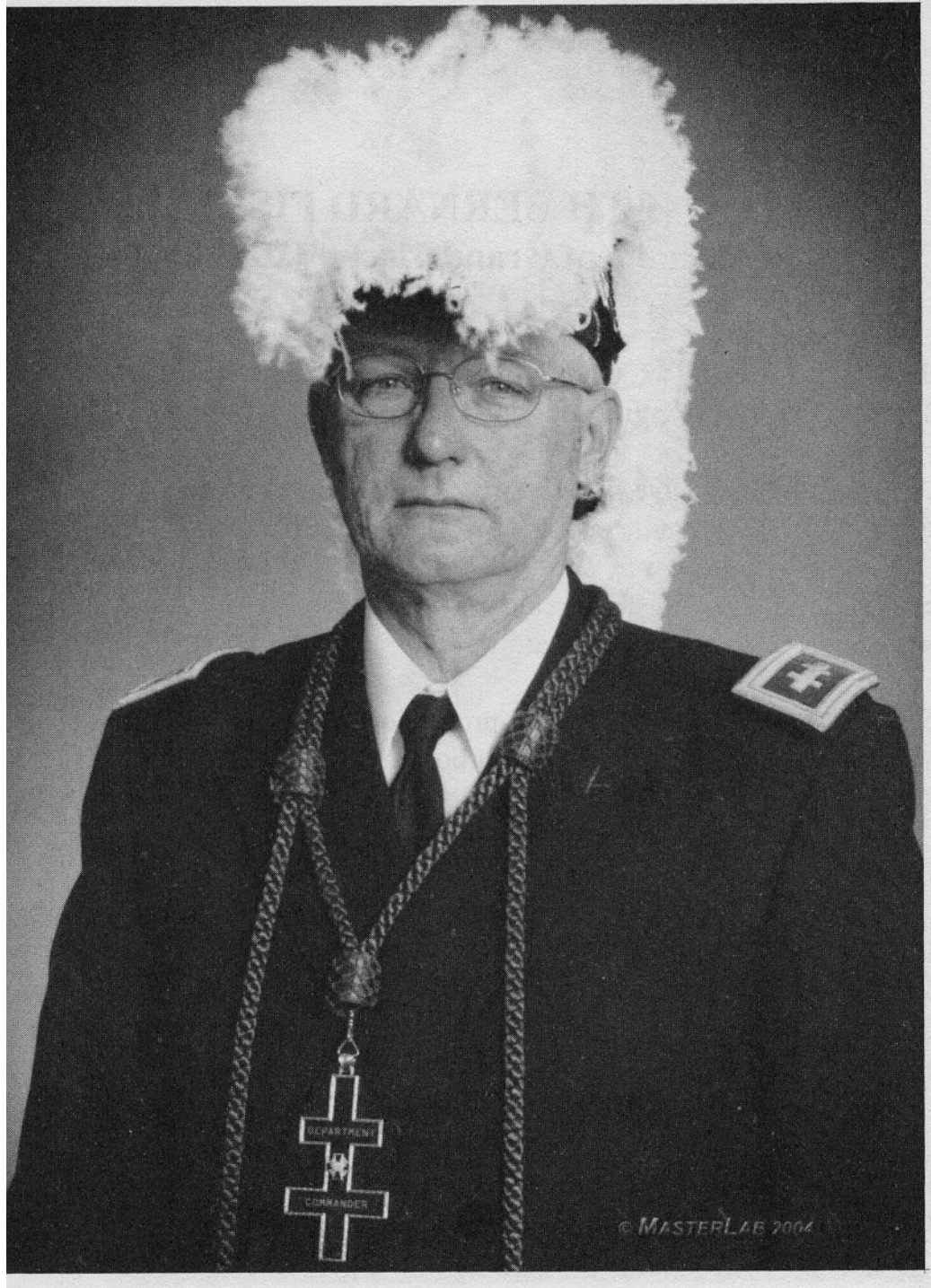
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**BIOGRAPHY OF  
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EAST CENTRAL DEPARTMENT OF THE GRAND ENCAMPMENT,  
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Steven Jack Barton was born in Indianapolis, Indiana, on December 10, 1944, 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 61<sup>st</sup> Triennial. Steve has accepted the appointment of the Department Commander for the East Central Department of the Grand Encampment during the 63<sup>rd</sup> Triennium.



**SIR KNIGHT LAWRENCE V. KAMINSKY  
GRAND COMMANDER 2005-2006  
PRESIDING**

**BIOGRAPHY OF  
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GRAND COMMANDERY, 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 associate's program in Logistics Excellence at the University of Wisconsin, Madison, completed the certification process as a Certified Data Processor at the Institute of Certification of Computer Professionals and is a strong advocate of higher education in all forms. He worked with the Boy Scouts of America at many levels for over 16 years.

Larry received his Masonic degrees in Garfield Lodge No. 569, Hammond, IN during 1970, served as Worshipful Master in 1981, and is 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 serving as Secretary/Recorder of the Hammond York Rite since 2000. 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 Grand Commander in Battalion 1 in 1996, was appointed as Grand Warder in 1999 and elected Grand Commander, Knights Templar of Indiana for the Templar year 2005-06.

Larry is a member of the following organizations:

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- Gennesaret Tabernacle, Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests, 4<sup>th</sup> Pillar
- J. Herbert Nichols Priory No. 73 KYCH, current Prelate
- Northwest Indiana York Rite College No. 73, Past Governor
- David R. Ford No. 338 Allied Masonic Degrees, Past Sovereign Master
- Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, Indianapolis Valley
- Royal Order of Scotland
- Scottish Rite Research Society
- North Township Scottish Rite, Past President
- Indiana Council of Anointed High Priests
- Indiana Council of Thrice Illustrious Masters
- Indiana Past Commanders Association
- Sovereign Order of Knights Preceptor
- Yeomen of York Preceptory No.1, Past Director General
- Grand Preceptory Yeomen of York, current Grand Director General
- Philalethes Society
- High Twelve
- Knight Masons, Indiana Council No. 15



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- The Grand College of Rites of the USA
- Griffith Chapter, Order of Eastern Star, Past Worthy Patron

Larry has also received the following honors:

- Recipient of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Mason Secretary of the Year
- Indiana Grand Council Cryptic Masons Recorder of the Year
- Indiana Grand Council Cryptic Masons Illustrious Master of the Year in 1997
- Grand Commandery Star Recorder of the Year
- Appointed Grand Commandery Representative to the State of Virginia, near Ind.
- Appointed Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Indiana to South Carolina
- Knight York Cross of Honor
- Knight York Grand Cross of Honor with one quadrant
- York Rite Sovereign College of North America, Award of Gold
- York Rite Sovereign College of North America, Order of the Purple Cross
- York Rite Sovereign College of North America, Associate Regent
- Indiana Grand Master Masonic Service Award in 2000
- Member of the Honorable Order of Kentucky Colonels

Larry has received the additional degrees:

- All the current degrees of the Allied Masonic Degrees, Chicago 2001
- Goose & Taters, Quest, Zanzibar (Fellowship of the Crystal Swizzle Stick)
- Ancient Order of Corks
- Order of the Rock
- Order of Freedona
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Blair Christy Mayford	(1994-97)
James Morris Ward	(1997-00)
William Jackson Jones	(2000-03)

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August 14-16, 2006 – Houston, TX

**SIR KNIGHT RODNEY ALLEN MANN  
GRAND COMMANDER 2006-2007  
ELECTED**



**Biography of Rodney A. Mann**  
**145<sup>th</sup> Grand Commander of Knights Templar of Indiana**

Rodney was born on November 7, 1953 to Robert and Deloris Mann in Richmond, Indiana. Rodney is the eldest of (5) Children. He has two brothers and two sisters. On June 9, 1978 he married Malia Clark. Malia is a native of South Bend. The Mann's have one daughter Elizabeth living in Indianapolis. Rodney and Malia reside in Shelbyville.

Rodney is a Graduate of National Trail High School New Paris, Ohio in 1972, Miami University, Oxford, Ohio in 1976 earning a B. S. Education, and Indiana University, South Bend, Indiana 1985 earning a Masters in Business Administration.

Rodney is currently the Controller for A. R. Jackson Plumbing, Inc. in Greenwood.

Rodney was raised a Master Mason on April 15, 1975 in Fellowship Lodge, New Paris, Ohio. He is a plural member of Farmers Lodge #147 in Norristown, Indiana. Rodney served as Worshipful Master in 1996 and Secretary 1997-2005. He is a member Shelby Chapter serving as High Priest in 2000, Shelby Council serving as Illustrious Master in 1999, and Baldwin Commandery serving as Eminent Commander in 1998. He has served as Secretary – Recorder of the Shelbyville York Rite Bodies 2001 to present.

Rodney is a member of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, Valley of Indianapolis serving as Thrice Potent Master 2003-2004. He is currently serving as Treasurer; Murat Shrine, Indianapolis; Sahara Grotto, Indianapolis; Order of Eastern Star, Norristown; Order of Amaranth, Columbus; Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priest, Franklin; Red Cross of Constantine, Indianapolis; Allied Masonic Degrees, Franklin; Knight York Cross of Honor, Franklin; Knight Masons, Indianapolis; Yeoman of York, Indianapolis; York Rite College; Shelbyville, National Sojourners, Franklin.

Rodney was crowned a 33<sup>rd</sup> Degree Mason by the Supreme Council in Grand Rapids on August 30, 2005.



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**152nd ANNUAL CONCLAVE**

**GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF INDIANA**



**Lawrence V. Kaminsky**

Right Eminent Grand Commander  
Presiding

**April 27, 28, 29, 2006**

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Registration Friday April 27, 2006  
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Registration: Thursday and Friday  
Marriott Inn East Atrium  
Eastern Standard Time

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### Thursday, April 27, 2006

**Morning  
Hospitality Room**  
"Suite 160"

#### Afternoon

**1:00 – 5:00 PM** Arrival and  
registration

of Grand Officers, Past Grand  
Commanders and Distinguished Guests  
at the Marriott Inn East. Registration  
and meal tickets will be available in the  
Atrium.

**11:00 AM** Grand Line Officer's  
meeting  
"Den"

**2:00 PM** Jurisprudence Committee  
meeting  
"Library"

**Hospitality Room**  
"Suite 160"  
Closing at **5 PM**

#### Evening

**6:00 PM** Divine Services  
Salon "D"

**7:00 PM** Grand Commander's  
Banquet  
(Templar Uniform less sword, Chapeau  
and Gloves, Ladies Dinner or Long  
Dress)  
Salons "5-8"

**After the Banquet:** Dancing  
Music by the Martha Jo Brink Band  
"Liberty Hall"

**After the Banquet:** Grand Tournoi  
(Templar Uniform less sword

Ladies Dinner or Long Dress)  
"Liberty Hall"

**After the Tournoi:** Ice Cream Social  
"Liberty Hall"

### Friday, April 28, 2006

**Morning  
Hospitality Room**  
"Suite 160"

**7:00 AM** Past Commander's  
Association Meeting, Salon "D&E"

**7:30 AM** Registration and meal ticket  
pickup for Distinguished Guests and  
Credentials of all Sir Knights in the  
"Atrium"

**8:00 AM** Distinguished Guests  
Hospitality Staging Area for  
Introductions Salon "7" Coffee

**8:30 AM** Hammond Commandery No.  
41 Knights Templar will open and  
receive the Grand Commandery  
Officers, who will assume their  
stations. Salons "1-4"

**8:45 AM** Grand Commandery  
convenes and reception of  
Distinguished Guests through lines  
formed by Raper Commandery No. 1.

Reports and business of the Grand  
Commandery

**12:00 PM** Ladies Luncheon  
Salon "7 & 8"

**12:00 PM** Sir Knights Luncheon  
Salon "5"

**1:00 PM** Grand Commandery  
Reconvenes

**3:00 PM** Installation of 2006-07 Grand  
Commandery Officers

**4:00 PM** Drill Committee and Drill  
Captains Meeting in Salon "6"

**6:30 PM** Social Hour  
Cash Bar Atrium

**7:00 PM** York Rite 3 Way Reception  
Salons "5-8"  
(Templar Uniform less Sword,  
Chapeau and Gloves, Tuxedo, or  
Business Suit  
Ladies Dinner or Long Dress)

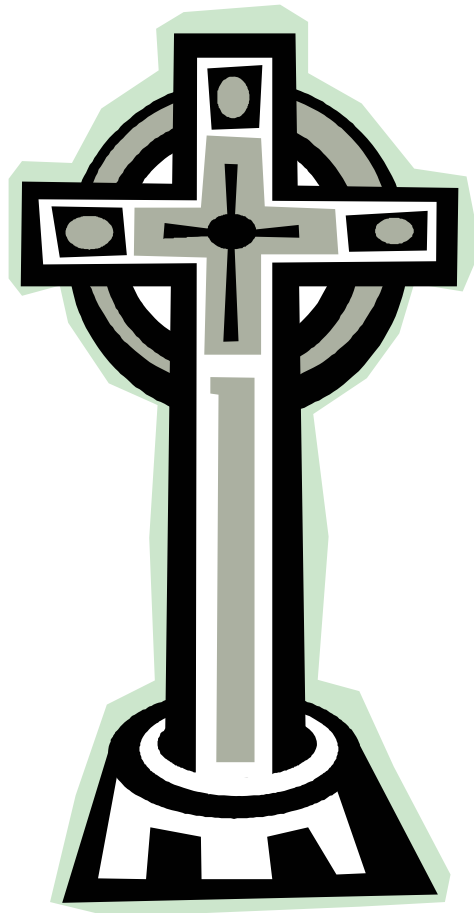
### Saturday, April 29, 2006

**Morning  
Hospitality Room**  
"Suite 160"

**8:00 AM** Competitive Drills  
"Liberty Hall"

**12:00 PM** Drill Awards Luncheon  
Salon "6-8"  
Dress: Optional for travel

**2:00 PM** Officer's Meeting Room  
"Harrison Room"



Welcome to our Annual Vespers Service

Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Indiana

Under the direction of SK Donald L. Borchert  
Eminent Grand Prelate

April 27, 2006

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**Order of Service**

Prelude	Carleton G. Hinshaw EGO
Welcome	SK Lawrence V. Kaminsky, RECG
Invocation	SK Donald L. Borchert E. Grand Prelate
Reading 1 Chronicles 22:6-10	SK Donald L. Borchert E. Grand Prelate
Hymn	(Congregation) "Amazing Grace"
Reading Mathew 5:1-11	SK Donald L. Borchert E. Grand Prelate
Soloist	Douglas O. Fegenbush PGM, KCT
Organist	Carleton G. Hinshaw EGO
Confession of Faith	Apostles Creed
Offertory Prayer	SK Rodney A. Mann, VEDGC
Offering	
Reading 23 <sup>rd</sup> Psalm	SK Donald L. Borchert E. Grand Prelate
Message: "For the Sake of the Children A Visit from King David"	Performed by the Reverend Dr. David Schrader
Hymn: "How Great Thou Art"	Douglas O. Fegenbush PGM, KCT
Benediction	SK Andrew R. Jackson EGG
Closing & Postlude	



**The Confession of Faith – The Apostles Creed**

Traditional Version

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
Born of the Virgin Mary,  
Suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
He descended to hell;  
the third day he rose again from the dead;  
He ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty,  
from thence he shall come again to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost,  
the holy Catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.

AMEN.

"For the Sake of the Children" is being performed by its author, the Reverend Dr. David Schrader. David is a graduate of Indiana University, has a Master of Divinity from Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary at Northwestern University, and holds a Doctor of Ministry degree from the Graduate Theological Foundation's Oxford University Exchange Program. Ordained in 1980, he has served several United Methodist congregations in Indiana and is now the Superintendent of all of the United Methodist churches in northwest Indiana. He is married to Pamela. They have two children, John, who attends Purdue University, and Jackie, who attends Valparaiso High School." David was sent to the Holy Land by Hammond Commandery No. 41 in 2001.

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

The 152<sup>nd</sup> Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Indiana, was held at the Marriott Hotel East, Indianapolis. The Sir Knights of Hammond Commandery No. 41, the home Commandery of the Right Eminent Grand Commander, served as hosts for the Conclave.

The lines were formed by Raper Commandery #1 under the direction of SK George D. Kivett, KCT, KTCH. Distinguished guests were received under the guidance of S.K Irvin L. Bitting, KCT, PGC and George A. Ingles, Jr., KCT, PGC.

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

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GRAND ENCAMPMENT OFFICERS: 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 Commander.

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 and the personal representative of the Most Eminent Grand Master Sir Knight Kenneth B. Fischer.

GRAND LODGE OF INDIANA: Sir Knight Dennis T. Herrell, Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Indiana, Sir Knight James M. Barkdull, Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Indiana, Sir Knight Duane L. Vaught, KCT, PGC, Senior Grand Warden, Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Indiana, Sir Knight Douglas Fegenbush, Past Most Worshipful Grand Master Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Indiana and Sir Knight Richard J. Elman, Grand Buddy, Past Most Worshipful Grand Master Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Indiana.

After the introductions of Distinguished Guests were complete, Sir Knight Kaminsky called for a quorum. After the preliminary report from the Credentials committee the Grand Commander Kaminsky declared the Grand Commandery open. There being some confusion on the floor, the Grand Commander allowed Sir Knight Kivett be escorted from the Asylum by Sir Knight George Ingles PGC. A resolution, (R-09) was place on the floor by Sir Knight Steven J. Barton PGC, DC to make George D. Kivett an Honorary Past Grand Commander of Indiana. The resolution passed unanimously. Sir Knight Kivett was allowed back into the Asylum and directed to approach the Dais and was accorded an Arch of Steel. After presentations and remarks, Sir Knight Kivett resumed charge of the lines and Sir Knight Kaminsky thanked Raper Commandery for the fine job they did forming the lines and for being there to honor Sir Knight Kivett. He then ordered the lines dismissed and thanked them again for a job well done. He also thanked Sir Knight Irvin L. Bitting KCT, PGC, and Sir Knight George A. Ingles, KCT, PGC, GIG for a job well done and the expedient manner in which the guests were introduced.

**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 Hammond Commandery # 41, Welcome! We will try to make your stay in Indianapolis as enjoyable as possible. If you run into any difficulties, please see Sir Knight Irv Bitting, George Ingles or Larry Brown. I hear they can fix anything. . We trust you will take advantage of our Hoosier Hospitality.

Sit back relax as the 152<sup>nd</sup> Grand Conclave, unfolds before you. If you know our Grand Commander as we do, then you know anything can happen, and probably will. Hammond Commandery is proud Sir Knight Kaminsky and his efforts this past year. We look forward to having him back and perhaps slowing him down a little.

Fraternally,

SK Clarence R. Schultz  
Eminent Commander, Hammond Commandery No. 41

**RESPONSE TO WELCOME**

Eminent Commander and Sir Knights of Hammond Commandery No. 41:

On behalf of the Grand Commandery of Indiana, distinguished guests and ladies, we wish to thank Hammond Commandery for hosting the 152<sup>nd</sup> Annual Conclave. We thank you for all of the courtesies and hospitality that you have extended to each one of us.

To the Sir Knights and Ladies of Hammond Commandery No. 41, we wish thank you for the support that you have given Right Eminent Grand Commander Lawrence Vincent Kaminsky, his Lady Janet and each of his officers.

We are sure that our stay here will be pleasant and enjoyable. Our goal here is to make the 152<sup>nd</sup> Conclave known as one of the most successful of Conclaves in our history. We ask our Father in Heaven to 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. Rodney Allen Mann,  
Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander

**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

Irvin L. Bitting, KCT, PGC  
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 151<sup>st</sup> 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,

Irvin L. Bitting, KCT, PGC  
For the Committee

**Presentation of Distinguished Service Award**

The Grand Commander called Clarence “Dutch” Schultz to the East and presented to him a Distinguished Service award for his outstanding work for the Commandery and in his efforts in opening Hammond Commandery at this annual session. Signed and sealed by the Right Eminent Grand Commander and the Grand Recorder, including his jewel for the DSA.

**Presentation from Charles D. Wood**

Sir Knight and Companion, Charles D. Wood, PMIGM, presented honorary memberships to Sir Knight Kaminsky, GC and Sir Knight Hodge, PMEGHP, to the Grand Council, Cryptic Masons of Indiana, giving them the right to join them and sit back and enjoy the hospitality of the Grand Council. Sir Knight and Past Grand High Priest Hodge thanked the Grand Council for the presentation. Grand Commander Kaminsky also thanked them and added his particular thanks for the donation of \$1,000.00 the Grand Council made to the Grand Commandery membership development fund for their efforts in making a video for membership.

## **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, 5 excused, 6 absent. Grand Commander Kaminsky thanked the Grand Representatives for their work in keeping the Grand Commanderies of other jurisdictions informed of our doings and them of ours, and dismissed them.

Deputy Grand Commander Mann then assumed command of the Grand Commandery while the Grand Commander delivered his allocution as follows:

## **GRAND COMMANDER'S ALLOCUTION**

**April 28, 2006**

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

It's indeed an honor and a pleasure to welcome you to this One Hundred Fifty-Second Grand Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Indiana. To our Distinguished Guests from the Grand Encampment and other Grand Jurisdictions, you honor us with your presence here today. We hope that our members as well as our distinguished guests have an enjoyable and pleasurable stay. If there is anything we can do to make your stay with us more enjoyable please feel free to contact any of the Officers.

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

## **STATEMENT OF GOALS**

At the winter meeting in 2004, I presented the following plan to the Jurisprudence Committee for their edification.

### **GOALS**

- I. Improve the Effectiveness of the Grand Commandery Officers.**
- II. Improve the Visibility of the Grand Commandery.**
- III. Improve Templary Throughout the State.**

#### **I. Improve the Effectiveness of the Grand Commandery Officers.**

- **Empowerment:** Grand Officers will be encouraged to implement new ideas within their battalions.
- **Recognition:** Continue to encourage Grand Line Officer's enthusiasm and participation levels and recognize them for their efforts.

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- **Participation:** In addition to their travel obligations and battalion responsibilities, the Grand Officers will continue to chair key committees.
- **Camaraderie:** Continue regular formal/informal officer's meetings. (Each dais officer is to schedule a meeting during the year). Come together as friends and brothers with our families.
- **Accountability:** Evaluate Grand Officers performance and ability to progress through the line. (Performed throughout the year and formally at the winter meeting).
- **Education:** Strive to prepare the Grand Officers for the kind of questions that are going to be coming up as a result of the current Hollywood themes.
- **Mentoring:** The Grand Officer mentoring program, as started last year, will continue this coming year under the direction of the Deputy Grand Commander. He will review status with the mentors at the officer review meeting during winter meeting weekend in 2006.

**II. Improve the Visibility of the Grand Commandery.**

- **Church Services:** The Commandery of Knights Templar is not visible enough across the state. To that end, it will be required that all Commanderies hold at least one religious service this calendar year. It may be a private ceremony held in the Asylum or it may be a public one, such as attending a church in uniform, as a Commandery. Points will be awarded based on the activity as defined on the activity sheet.
- **Wakes and Funerals:** We will encourage the wearing of the uniform to the wake or funeral of a deceased Sir Knight as a means of displaying our attachment to our deceased brother. Whenever asked, we will perform an honor guard. A Past Grand Commander is currently learning the Templar funeral service.
- **Drill Teams:** As you are all aware, the participation in drill teams is falling off. This trend must be reversed starting now. Next year, each Battalion Commander will be required to put together a D Class Battalion drill team. The Battalion drill teams will compete for a separate *Traveling Battalion Trophy* which will have the Battalion number inscribed thereon each year. A Battalion winning the trophy three years in a row will permanently retain the trophy. In addition, I will ask the Grand Officers to form a team and enter into the competition.

The Competitive Drills Committee has agreed to travel and put on a program to help the teams with the drills when requested. Further, this committee can count on the full cooperation of the Grand Line to meet its objectives.

**Committees:** The Grand Commander/Executive Committee will provide direction for committees. The Executive Committee, with the input of the Past Grand Commanders and the other Grand Officers will make recommendations for committee focus.

Each Committee will make a written progress report to the Grand Commander (with copies to the Grand Recorder) ten (10) days prior to the summer meeting and ten (10) days prior to the winter meeting. Final reports with recommendations to the Executive Committee will be due on or before March 31, 2006. If the recommendations require funding, then that process must begin prior to budget time.

- **Indiana Templary Academy (ITA):** It has been several years since we had an ITA. Each time an ITA was put on, it had a particular focus. For the past several years, the officers have been working out the ideas around a training session that would educate a substantial number of Sir Knights in the history and operation of Templary. The primary focus of the ITA will be to create knowledgeable Sir Knights that can travel the state “selling” Templary.

A recent letter from a young Sir Knight has caused many of us to re-think how we project ourselves as Sir Knights. The younger generation, as a whole, looks quickly for value, or what’s in it for them. If they see a spark, they go further, if not, they lose interest. What value do we place on being a Sir Knight and how would we “sell” Templary to a young man looking for its value?

- **Jurisprudence Committee:** This independent committee operates in the best interest of the Grand Commandery. It sees that the Laws and Rules that govern our great institution are followed. We will do our best to get all necessary questions, materials and documentation to the Jurisprudence Committee in a timely matter for their interpretation and opinions.

It is also our intention to build a closer relationship with the members of the Jurisprudence Committee in order to be able to utilize their knowledge in the daily operation of the Grand Commandery. In addition, since many of the officers in the line are lacking in knowledge of the history of our Grand Commandery, I will ask each of them to make it a point to spend a minimum of one hour with three different Past Grand Commanders whom they do not know and are thus outside their comfort zone.

### **III. Improve Templary Throughout the State.**

- **Inspections:** The inspection plan currently in place is a result of extensive collaboration among the line officers from the Deputy Grand Commander back through the last five Past Commanders, with consultation of the other current line officers.

We intended the inspection/instructional format to be used for several years, at least rotating through the Orders for two years each. It was intended to be a means to improve ritual and educate the members of local Commanderies. Most of the members enjoyed taking part in the instructionals, however we also found that some of the Commanderies that we expected to do the inspections took the easy way out and only attended the instructional. Most of those same Commanderies held no other activity to bring the Commandery together.



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I believe in this system of inspections/instructionals however I now feel that the system needs to be modified to include full inspections on occasion. Therefore, this year, we will be going back to full inspections with the following details:

- Each Commandery will have its books and records inspected at the time of inspection, unless previous arrangements are made with the Inspecting Officer.
  - Inspections with opening/closing will be required with open inspections being more desirable. Commanderies may confer Orders at their inspections if they desire.
  - Orders may be conferred on a different date than a Commandery's opening/closing inspection. Orders may be inspected any time after May 1 and before November 30, 2005.
  - Full meals may be provided at any inspection, but are not required.
  - Subordinate Commandery Officers are requested to attend their Inspection and Instructional unless for reasons of illness, work, or family.
  - To maintain inspection consistency throughout the State, we will have a workshop for the Battalion Commanders and their Deputies on May 28<sup>th</sup> held by the Inspector General, on how to conduct their Battalion Meetings in June.
  - Each Battalion Commander, with the assistance of his Deputy Battalion Commanders, will schedule and hold an instructional at their June Battalion Meetings.
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- **Visibility:** The poster project that has been worked on for several years will become a reality this year. Several samples are around the room. Trinity Commandery did not waste any time in putting up several posters drawing attention to the Commandery.
  
  - **Project Inner Focus:** There are several Commanderies in the State that have not knighted a candidate during the past year. Also, several Commanderies have attained less than 100 points on their activity sheet. This is not acceptable. The Battalion Commanders and Deputy Battalion Commanders need to get those Commanderies moving forward by working closely with them to get some activity going. As mentioned earlier, a religious service or perhaps a dinner meeting. Something to get them talking. The inspection summary will be preprinted in the advance proceedings and each Battalion Commander will be given a copy to identify these Commanderies. A report of progress by Battalion will be due at the summer and winter meetings.
  
  - **Project Outreach:** Project Outreach is a voluntary program for the constituent Commanderies of Indiana. To participate, they will schedule activities in an area of the state that does not have an active Commandery. The activity may be one of their choices; but it will include Sir Knights from the host Commandery, as well as, Sir Knights from the guest area. The Battalion Commander for the host Commandery may award activity points at his discretion, per the Activities Sheet. The host Commandery will also receive special recognition at the 2005 Grand Conclave. The purpose of the project is to promote fellowship and maintain communication with the inactive Sir Knights in the guest area.
  
  - **Membership:** The current membership plan is sound, and requires additional time to realize its full potential. Rodney and Andy are working on a new approach to the myriad of membership issues. Their work will begin to be rolled out as soon as they are ready. We will continue to work closely with Commanderies to implement the plan.

- **Mentoring:** Maintaining interest in new Sir Knights and preparing Junior Officers for future leadership are important issues in the life of any Commandery. An active mentoring program can achieve these goals and the following program is directed for implementation and monitoring by each Commandery.
  - Upon Knighting, each new Sir Knight will have a mentor assigned whose responsibility it will be to cause the new Sir Knight to remain an active member by inviting him to all functions personally, helping him become involved in the Commandery to the extent the new Sir Knight is able, and answering all questions that he and his family may pose.
  - The mentor will also be responsible to provide a member packet to the new Sir Knight containing information about the Commandery and Templary. This may include a calendar, newsletter, Commandery history, philanthropies, and information on Conclaves, activities, and officers.
  - Each new officer in the line will also be assigned a mentor, preferably a Past Commander or Dais Officer, to provide guidance and encouragement to the new officer and to instruct and answer questions he will have as he advances.
  - The officer's mentor shall make certain that the new officer has the proper ritual, tactics, officer's handbook bylaws, and other information he needs to succeed. The mentor shall assist the new officer in preparing his uniform and equipment and assist him with proficiency in protocols, practices and the School of the Knight.
  
- **Certificate of Merit:** In order to honor the Eminent Commanders of Indiana who have completed a full term in 2005 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 28, 2006.
  - An Officer mentoring program is functioning in the Commandery.
  - A new member 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 2005.
  - 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.
  
- **Information Systems:** We will continue work on our new computer system in an effort to provide better service to our Recorders, the Grand Recorder and the Grand Encampment.

## **NECROLOGY**

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

Among those who have left us to be with our Lord and Saviour is Sir Knight Herbert A. Newman,

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KCT, PGC (1974-75), and Grand Treasurer of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Indiana. Also called this past Templar year was Sir Knight David R. Poling, Jr., KCT, PGC (1976-77).

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

**THREE-WAY RECEPTION**

A Reception was held at the Marriott Hotel in Indianapolis in honor of Companion James H. Hodge, Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Companion Charles D. Wood, Most Illustrious Grand Master and Sir Knight Lawrence V. Kaminsky, the Right Eminent Grand Commander. Most Worshipful Brother Richard J. Elman and his Lady Shelley honored us with their presence. Most Worshipful Brother Rick acted as Master of Ceremonies. After a scrumptious meal of green beans and steak, introductions were made by each of the heads of the Grand Bodies. Several gifts were exchanged and there were several friendly exchanges. Lady Shelley Elman's birthday was also celebrated with a cake and the local Grand Chapter fire department. This banquet was an excellent display of York Rite and Symbolic Lodge unity. The banquet was fun filled and was enjoyed by all.

**INDIANA TEMPLARY ACADEMY**

The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Indiana hosted a day of Templar education under the banner of the Indiana Templar Academy. This event was in the planning stages for several years, and through the efforts of Sir Knight Andrew Jackson, came to fruition. There were 52 Sir Knights attending, who witnessed a number of very interesting and well prepared Templar subjects. The Sir Knights were greeted by myself and then turned over to the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Indiana, Richard J. Elman, who spoke about the need for an emphasis on membership and retention. The other following topics were presented:

Why Should I Become A Royal Arch Mason? By James H. Hodge, Most Excellent Grand High Priest of Royal Arch Masons of Indiana.

Why Should I Become A Cryptic Mason? By Charles D. Wood, Most Illustrious Grand Master of Cryptic Masons of Indiana.

"In the Beginning" By Andrew R. Jackson, Grand Generalissimo of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Indiana.

"The United States and Indiana Templar History" By James L. Dove, Grand Junior Warden of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Indiana.

"The Membership Program Kit (under construction) By Andrew R. Jackson, Grand Generalissimo of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Indiana.

"Morals and Principals of the Order of the Red Cross" By Irvin L. Bitting, KCT, PGC, GIG of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Indiana.

"Morals and Principals of the Order of Malta" By Ronald L. Ellis, KCT, PGC of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Indiana.

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“Morals and Principals of the Order of the Temple” By Steven J. Barton, KCT, PGC of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Indiana, and Right Eminent Department Commander of the East Central Department, Grand Encampment Knights Templar of the USA.

What is the Regular Uniform for Knights of Commanderies in Indiana? By Larry W. Brown,  
Grand Senior Warden of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Indiana.

### **GRAND OFFICER’S WORKSHOP**

On May 28, 2005 the Inspecting General, Sir Knight Irvin L. Bitting K.C.T. P.G.C., conducted a workshop for the Battalion Commanders and the Deputy Battalion Commanders. All were instructed in the Opening and Closing of Commanderies for both ten and twelve man Commanderies, using the Tactics and Sword Manual for Indiana. Also, the Order of the Temple was reviewed and the Officers took parts to ensure they were familiar with the floor work. Sir Knight Bitting went over the documents necessary to complete the inspections and passed out a CD to each Battalion Commander with the documents in electronic format. Thirty Officers of the Grand Commandery were present from the 10:00 AM opening to the close at 3:00 PM.

### **PICNIC**

The Grand Commandery Officers enjoyed a family picnic at the home of “Gene” Lackey on June 12, 2005. There were many in attendance to enjoy Uncle Gene’s great hospitality.

### **SUMMER MEETING**

The Summer Meeting was held on August 6, 2005 at the Radisson Hotel located in Merrillville, Indiana. Officers of the Grand Commandery, Past Grand Commanders, DBC’s, Aides to the Grand Commander and Committee Chairmen were in attendance. The Officers met at 8:30 A. M. with discussions of the upcoming inspections and other matters pertaining to the operation of the Grand Commandery. The committees were assigned at Grand Conclave and many of them were ready to report progress on their assignments. The remaining Sir Knights were then invited in and Committee reports started with the reports completed after lunch. Keep your eyes open for some really good membership aids.

Last week, we had the sad duty of burying our Grand Treasurer, Herbert Newman, KCT, PGC. I would like to thank all those that participated in the Honor Guard and Service. I think that Herbie would have been proud of everything. Herbie will be missed by Indiana Templars in a big way. Please keep Katie in your prayers.

We were pleasantly surprised by the return of Rex Sohn, who was serving our country in Afghanistan. There was a brief installation during summer meeting to install Robert Frazer, KCT, PGC as Grand Treasurer and Rex Sohn as Grand Sword Bearer. We thank Byron Schull for filling in for Rex while away. Great job Byron! Rex brought back a flag and beautiful certificate explaining how the flag once flew over a base in Afghanistan. Thanks Rex!

Also, please watch your dues statement package for a flyer for the Easter Sunrise trip to Washington, DC in April 2006.

The day was finished with a dinner in the evening along with some very funny, unique entertainment provided by several brothers belonging to Indiana Harbor Lodge # 686 and their ladies. This entertainment was under the direction of WB Rip Johnson of Indiana Harbor Lodge.

### **HOLIDAY PARTY**

The annual holiday party was again held at the Rainbow Chalet in Flat Rock on November 27, 2005. It was attended by 42 Sir Knights and their ladies. A wonderful luncheon was enjoyed followed by the traditional "exchange" of gifts. This party enabled us to relax a bit between Thanksgiving and the Christmas holidays and enjoy some Christian fellowship.

### **WINTER MEETING**

The Winter Meeting was held on January 7, 2006 at the Marriott Hotel located in Indianapolis, Indiana. The Officers met at 7:00 A. M. for breakfast and to discuss various topics. The Past Grand Commanders, DBCs, and Committee Chairmen met at 9:00 A. M. for the committee reports and finished in the afternoon.

#### **Knights Templar Education Foundation:**

The members and invited guests met Friday evening to discuss a possible transition from a loan program to a scholarship or Grant program. One of the principle reasons for this is that our loans are offered at 5% interest. In the recent past, students have been able to get loans for a lesser interest rate, so we have not been as active as in the past with our loans. After discussing this at great length, the committee determined that with the current rise in interest rates and the lack of government funding of many related entitlements, our loan program still has a solid basis of need. We will therefore continue the loan program, funding it from the current outstanding loan fund. We will also continue administering this fund through the Grand Recorder's office. In addition, the committee has determined that we will now be able to fund two (2) five-thousand dollar scholarships based on the interest accrued each year in the Education Fund. We will only use \$10,000 of interest each year and not tap into the principle of this fund. These scholarships will be in place as long as the fund generates enough interest to fund them. The scholarships need not be based on need. Further, it was decided that the scholarships would be given to a university in Indiana to be presented to students of great promise on behalf of the Knights Templar. The university has the wherewithal to choose these students based on their performance and desire to succeed. Universities can better administer these types of scholarships, and therefore will remove the burden of administering them by us. The committee will be meeting shortly to choose a university as well as a curriculum we want to support. Great work Sir Knights!

#### **Finance Committee:**

The members and invited guests met early Saturday morning to discuss several propositions designed to help the operation and budget process of the Grand Commandery. We discussed the removal of principal from our permanent fund and agreed that this cannot happen. We are proposing legislation that would limit withdrawals from the permanent fund not to exceed 5% of the interest accrued. This will help us to again grow our permanent fund and thereby increase the current operating expenses we can draw from interest. As you are aware or should be, we last raised our per-capita assessment over ten years ago with the promise that we would not raise it again for five years. Sir Knights, the Grand

Commandery has done a fine job of holding down expenses and of earning money over these years. However, the same financial pressures you are facing in your own lives have finally caught up with the Grand Commandery and I'm afraid we will have to look at raising the per-capita at the next conclave. A full discussion will take place along with recommendations by the Finance Committee at the Grand Conclave in April.

### **Membership:**

Sir Knights, I have never been more excited about the developments from the Membership Committee than I am right now. Our Membership Committee under the direction of Sir Knight Andy Jackson, Grand Generalissimo, has put together a series of nine (9) goals for this Templar year. This committee was comprised of Rick Elman, PGM and Mark Genung, Publicity Chairman of Grand Lodge, The Most Excellent Grand High Priest James Hodge and several of his Officers, the Most Illustrious Grand Master Charles Wood and several of his Officers and the Grand Commander along with several of his Officers. These goals, although I do not have the space here to do them justice, are:

- 1) Get a Templar Poster posted in each symbolic lodge in Indiana (about 80% complete).
- 2) Brand the Commandery along with the other York Rite bodies by creating a new modern banner/logo/catch phrase. This was completed by Sir Knight Justin Crisp, Carson Smith and Mark Genung (catch phrase is still to be decided).
- 3) Create a new modern pamphlet for Templary and the Indiana York Rite. The new pamphlet has been designed and several hundred printed and currently in use. Three thousand are to be printed soon. Thanks to Andy and the entire committee for this.
- 4) Create a DVD on Templary and the York Rite directed at membership. Quite a number of the committee members worked on this one but in the end, it was Sir Knights Chris Hodapp (author of *“Freemasonry for Dummies”*) and Andy Jackson that really pushed this project through. The first cut of the video was presented to me at the winter meeting – right on schedule I might add – and viewed at the winter meeting. I have to say without embarrassment, that I not only had a tear in my eye but was speechless. This has been a constant dream of mine since I entered the Grand Commandery line and to see something as well put together and beautiful as this was extremely gratifying. There will be a couple of minor adjustments made and the video will be ready for display at the Grand Session in April. **YOU HAVE GOT TO SEE IT!**
- 5) Participate at Masonic events such as Grand Lodge, Founder's Day, IMH Festival, Area Conferences, Christmas Programs, etc. Larry Brown, our Grand Senior Warden is actively working on these events as we speak.
- 6) Create news releases quarterly. Still being worked on.
- 7) York Rite PowerPoint presentations in Lodges. A PowerPoint presentation has been updated to include the new branding along with new material. Sir Knight Andy Jackson presented the new slide show at the winter meeting and was very well accepted. Sir Knight Jim Dove, Grand Junior Warden, is helping to determine presenters and geographic locations for presentations to be given. Sir Knight Rodney Mann, Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander has great plans for this and other educational opportunities next year.
- 8) Update our website. Sir Knights, please go to [www.tryfreemasonry.com](http://www.tryfreemasonry.com) and link to our website or go directly to [www.knightstemplarindiana.com](http://www.knightstemplarindiana.com). Thanks to J.W. Crisp and James Prairie, PGC for their all their efforts to populate our site and link it to Grand Lodge's website.
- 9) Reworking the “Building and Sustaining York Rite Membership” program. The rewrite is a progressive project and implementation is being planned.

**Triennial:**

This year, the Triennial meetings will be held in Houston, Texas commencing with drill competition on August 12<sup>th</sup> followed by the Grand Encampment sessions August 13-16. This session promises to be as exciting and colorful as they usually are. The fun events will include a Texas style barbeque, hosted by Kenneth B. Fisher, GM and a traditional Indiana group dinner.

**East Central Department Meeting:**

The Plans for this year's East Central Department meeting are being put together by Sir Knight Steven J. Barton, our Department Commander. It will be held at the Adams Mark hotel near the airport in Indianapolis on March 10-11, 2006. Steve has a very informative and educational program lined up for the Sir Knights. Of course there will be the usual luncheon and grand banquet affording us the opportunity to renew old friendships and make some new friends.

**Holy Land Pilgrimage:**

As many of you know, the Holy Land Pilgrimages have been on hold for the past 4-5 years. What a shame this great inspirational movement has been cancelled due to the unrest in the middle-east. However, the good news is that we are going in 2006 with Ministers from all over the United States. We are looking forward to giving these Ministers an experience they can bring back to their congregations with great gusto!

**Easter Sunrise Trip:**

Irv and Doris Bitting have been working hard to put together another exciting trip to Washington, DC for the Easter weekend in 2006. I believe all but 3 seats are taken! We will travel to Williamsburg, Virginia for touring and shopping, then on to Washington, DC for touring, laying the wreath at the tomb of the Unknowns, lunch with the Grand Master and a beautiful Easter Sunrise Service at the Washington Memorial in Alexandria, Virginia. If you have never gone on this trip, much of the fun is getting there and back. There are many stories that can be told, but – what happens in Washington stays in Washington. We tried to get all the recorders of the constituent Commanderies to include a flyer about the trip. Many did, and we received some signups from new people.

**Nativity Scene:**

A special thanks to Sir Knight Larry Brown, GSW, and his crew for setting up and taking down the Masonic Home Nativity Scene this year. As usual, it was enjoyed by the many people that traveled the circle to see the beautiful decorations around the home. Needless to say, the guests in the home really enjoyed the scene, especially when a group would break out in Christmas Carols.

**NEWBY/AVERY BANQUET**

The Newby-Avery dinner was held in conjunction with the winter meeting in Indianapolis, Indiana. This dinner is an annual dinner to honor Indiana's two Most Eminent Past Grand Masters of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the USA, Leonidas P. Newby and Willard M. Avery.

Sir Knight Newby served as Most Eminent Grand Master from 1922-1925. Sir Knight Newby had a very distinguished career both in Masonry and business. Sir Knight Newby has passed on to his final reward.

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Sir Knight Willard M. Avery served as Most Eminent Grand Master from 1976-1979. Sir Knight Avery has had a very illustrious Masonic career as well as a successful profession as an Attorney. Willard became 99 years young on February 2, 2006. Sir Knight Avery has served as presiding officer of most Masonic bodies in Indiana and is also a 50 year member of the KYCH. An honor not accomplished by many members.

Seventy-two Sir Knight and their Ladies attended the One Hundred and Second Annual Newby Avery Banquet. The banquet was held at the Marriott Hotel the evening of January 7, 2006. We were honored to have in attendance Sir Knight Willard Meredith Avery, PGM along with son Max and accompanied by his granddaughter Meredith.

Many dignitaries attended to dinner hosted by the Grand Commander, Lawrence V. Kaminsky and his lady, Janet. Those dignitaries attending from the Grand Encampment were: Kenneth B. Fischer, Most Eminent Grand Master and his lady, Arlene; William Jackson Jones, Most Eminent Past Grand Master and current Grand Treasurer; William H. Koon, II, Right Eminent Grand Generalissimo, and lady, Elizabeth; Steven J. Barton, Right Eminent Department Commander for the East Central Department and lady, Sherry. Also in attendance was Larry E. Gray, General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons, International

Other prominent leaders included Robert E. Price, Most Eminent Grand Preceptor of the Grand College, Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests and lady, Nancy; James H. Hodge, Most Excellent Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Indiana, and lady Darlene. M. E. Companion Hodge is also the Deputy General Grand High Priest of the East Central Region of the General Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons, International; Charles D. Wood, Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council Cryptic Masons of Indiana and lady, Paula; and last but certainly not least, Right Worshipful Brother James M. Barkdull, Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge Free and Accepted Masons of Indiana, and lady, Roberta. Right Worshipful Brother Barkdull was representing the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Dennis T. Herrell.

All Grand Officers of the Grand Commandery as well as many Past Grand Commanders were in attendance along with their ladies to honor these two great Masons.

### **Foreign Visitations**

May 19-21, 2005 131<sup>st</sup> Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of West Virginia in Martinsburg, WV with S.K. James L. Horner, R.E.G.C. presiding.

May 22-25, 2005 152nd Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania in Erie, PA with S.K. George A. Hulsinger, R.E.G.C. presiding.

June 15-17, 2005 147th Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Wisconsin in Green Bay, WI with S.K. Brian J. Hudy, R.E.G.C. presiding.

Aug 14-16, 2005 149th Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Michigan in Bay City, MI with S.K. William Skrepnek, R.E.G.C. presiding.



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- Sept 18-19, 2005 156<sup>th</sup> Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Kentucky in Louisville, KY with S.K. Dean K. Esterly, R.E.G.C. presiding.
- Oct 6-8, 2005 163<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Ohio in Columbus, OH with S.K. Arthur D. Michael, R.E.G.C. presiding.
- Nov 3, 2005 Order of the Temple and reception of Vernon Barnhart, Grand Commander of Michigan held in Lansing, MI.
- Jan 28, 2006 Inspection/reception for Sir Knight Pressly A. Laird, G.C. of Illinois at Mizpah Commandery in Oak Lawn Illinois
- Feb 17-19, 2006 Attended the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross in Ohio with Grand Prelate of Indiana. Attended the inspection/reception of Medina Commandery, Medina, Ohio the home Commandery of Sir Knight David Snyder, G.C. of Ohio and dual member Sir Knight Donald Borchert, Grand Prelate of Indiana
- March 26, 2006 attended the funeral services of Sir Knight David R. Poling, Jr., KCT, PGC in Logan Ohio.
- April 12-17, 2006 Easter Sunrise Service at the Washington Memorial and laid a wreath at the tomb of the Unknowns.

### **Visitations in Indiana 2005-2006**

- April 29 Three-Way Banquet, Indianapolis Marriott
- April 30 2005 Competitive drills and award luncheon, Indianapolis Marriott
- April 30 Grand Master's Youth Class at Freemason Hall
- May 2 Illustrious Order of the Red Cross, Hammond Commandery #41
- May 5 Work with Grand Recorder in Kokomo on proceedings
- May 7 Installed as Governor of Northwest Indiana York Rite College No. 73
- May 8 Templar celebration of the Ascension of Our Lord at Ridge United Methodist Church, Munster
- May 9 Hammond York Rite Stated – Recorder
- May 13 Memorial Service for Sally Ann Smith, Indianapolis
- May 14 Indiana Templary Academy, Raper Commandery, Indianapolis
- May 16-18 Grand Lodge of Indiana
- May 28 Grand Officer and DBC instructional, Highland
- June 1 Garfield Lodge Memorial for Charles J. Rose
- June 2 Informal opening of the Indiana Grand Court Order of Amaranth, Lebanon
- June 4 Terre Haute/Clinton Reception
- June 6 Order of the Temple, Hammond Commandery No. 41
- June 9 South Bend Commandery No. 13, Stated Meeting
- June 10 Informal opening of the Indiana Grand Chapter of Eastern Star
- June 11 Reception for Robert Price, Most Eminent Grand Preceptor at Meridian Hill Country Club, Indianapolis

**Visitations in Indiana 2005-2006 (cont.)**

June 12	Commandery Picnic at Gene Lackey's home
June 13	Hammond Commandery No. 41 Stated – Recorder
June 18	Super Excellent Master Degree in Kokomo
June 20	Order of the Temple, Hammond Commandery No. 41
June 22	Membership/Publicity meeting in Kokomo
June 23	Order of Rainbow Girls, Grand Conclave, flag judge, Vincennes
June 24-26	Council of Deliberation, State of Indiana, Scottish Rite, Evansville
June 27	Order of the Temple, Hammond Commandery No. 41, Visit from Sir Knight John Riedas, R.E.G.C. of Illinois
June 28	50 Year Award for James Karnafel, Past Grand Lecturer, McKinley Lodge No. 712
July 3	Indiana Masonic Home Flag presentation and assistance at both church services
July 8	Memorial service for Sir Knight Rudy Mamala.
July 9-10	Grand Council of Cryptic Masons State of Indiana 150 <sup>th</sup> rededication of the Cryptic Shrine in New Albany
July 10	Masonic Home – DeMolay Board of Directors meeting
July 10	Meeting with Grand Master Dennis Herrell
July 11	Hammond Commandery No. 41 Stated – Recorder
July 12	Memorial service for Sir Knight Clare Oesterly
July 13	Red Cross of Constantine combined meeting with degree work at the Masonic Home
July 19	50 Year award presentation for Robert Reicher
July 23	Indiana DeMolay Annual Conclave Meeting at DePauw University
Aug 5-7	Summer Meeting – Merrillville
Aug 8	Hammond Commandery No. 41 Stated – Recorder
Aug 12	Meeting with Bloomington Commandery in Nashville, IN
Aug 12	Little Nashville Opry, Nashville, IN fund raiser for the Eye Foundation
Aug 13	Grand Master Denny Herrell's reception in Evansville
Aug 20	Plymouth Chapter receiving their charter
Aug 21	Masonic Home Festival Church Service in Ramsford Chapel Presentation of the Colors at opening ceremony Booth in the large tent area March in parade
Aug 22	Hammond Chapter No. 117
Aug 27	Reception for the Grand Commander and inspection at Hammond Commandery No. 41
Aug 29	Hammond Council No.90
Sept 2	Scottish Rite Bean Supper, Indianapolis
Sept 3	150 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Elkhart Chapter
Sept 7-8	Work with Grand Recorder in Kokomo
Sept 9	Garfield Lodge Stated Meeting
Sept 10	Prather York Rite all-degree day
Sept 12	Hammond Chapter No. 117 Table Chapter
Sept 13	Elkhart/Goshen/S. Bend O.T. instructional
Sept 15	E.H. Gary/Valparaiso reception/inspection
Sept 17	Lafayette/H.W. Matthewson reception/inspection
Sept 19	New Albany reception/inspection

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**Visitations in Indiana 2005-2006 (cont.)**

Sept 23	Dinner honoring Larry W. Brown, GSW on his receipt of the Order of the Purple Cross at Whitney Lodge
Sept 24	Kokomo/St John reception/inspection
Sept 26	Hammond York Rite
Oct 1	Wm Bray reception/inspection
Oct 1	Visit to Trinity Commandery for the O.T. one-day class
Oct 1	Baldwin Commandery reception/inspection
Oct 3	M.E.M. at Hammond Chapter No. 117
Oct 8	Columbus Commandery reception/inspection
Oct 9	State York Rite Association Meeting Grand Officers meeting
Oct 10	Bedford/Bloomington reception/inspection
Oct 11	Garfield Lodge/Indiana Harbor Lodge Building Committee
Oct 13	Wake for Sir Knight Robert Wardell, Homewood, IL
Oct 14	Wake for Sir Knight Kenneth Kenoyer, Remington United Methodist Church Garfield Lodge Masonic Home night
Oct 15	Angola Yeoman of York meeting Angola/Apollo inspection/reception
Oct 17	M.M. at Hammond Chapter No. 117
Oct 18	Garfield Lodge/Indiana Harbor Lodge Building Committee Wabash reception/inspection
Oct 19	Johnson County reception/inspection
Oct 20	Visit Willard Avery Knightstown/New Castle reception/inspection
Oct 21	Grant County reception/inspection
Oct 22	Ft Wayne/Huntington reception/inspection with Order of the Temple
Oct 23	Grand Lodge Summit II, Indianapolis
Oct 24	Visit Jim Roberts, KCT, PGC Seymour reception/inspection
Oct 25	Trinity Commandery reception/inspection
Oct 26	Reception for the Grand Commander by Garfield and Indiana Harbor Lodges
Oct 27	Greenfield reception/inspection 50 Year award presentation to Clayton Graham
Oct 28	LaPorte/Michigan City reception/inspection Past Master and Widow's night at Garfield Lodge
Oct 29	Red Cross of Constantine, Lafayette Reception for Mary Stucker at Fairland Chapter OES
Nov 1	Lafayette Commandery Pitch-in and Stated meeting.
Nov 4	Anderson Commandery Inspection/Reception 50 Year Award presentation to Sir Knight Cecil McShurley
Nov 5	Wright/Vincennes/LaValette inspection/reception St. Anselm Meeting Raper Commandery inspection/reception
Nov 7	Hammond York Rite – M.E.M. Degree
Nov 8	Elkhart/Goshen/South Bend inspection/reception

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**Visitations in Indiana 2005-2006 (cont.)**

Nov 11 Meet with Gene Lackey and other Body Heads to setup Grand Conclave dinners  
Nov 14 Richmond Commandery inspection/reception  
Visit with Willard Avery, PGM  
Nov 16 Connersville Commandery inspection/reception  
Visit with Robert Price, PGC  
Nov 17 Noblesville Commandery inspection/reception  
Nov 18 Crawfordsville/Greencastle/Brazil inspection/reception  
Nov 19 Frankfort Commandery inspection/reception  
Nov 21 Jeffersonville Commandery inspection/reception  
Nov 22 E.H. Gary/Valparaiso Commandery inspection/reception  
Nov 27 Grand Commandery Holiday Party, Rainbow Chalet  
Nov 28 Hammond York Rite  
Nov 30 Grant County Commandery Order of the Temple  
Dec 3 Joint College Meeting in Ft Wayne  
Dec 5 Hammond Commandery Christmas Observance  
Dec 9 Garfield Lodge Stated, elections, Elected Treasurer  
Dec 10 Holy Royal Arch Knights Templar Priests  
Dec 12 Hammond York Rite Elections  
Dec 15 Actual Past Masters Degree, McKinley Lodge No. 712  
Dec 17 Garfield Lodge Installation  
Dec 27 Feast of St John, Indiana Harbor Lodge  
Jan 2, 2006 Hammond Council No. 90 Council Degrees  
Jan 6 Winter Meeting  
Jan 7 Winter Meeting, Newby/Avery Banquet  
Jan 8 State York Rite Association Meeting  
Jan 9 Hammond York Rite Stated  
Jan 11 50 Year award Sir Knight Edwin C. Gordon, Ohio  
Jan 14 Founder's Day, Indianapolis, Form Lines for the Grand Master  
Jan 16 Hammond York Rite  
Jan 23 Hammond York Rite  
Jan 24 Visit Lodge Vitruvian, Broad Ripple Lodge  
Jan 25 50 Year Award presentation Columbus Commandery  
Jan 27 Garfield Lodge MM  
Jan 30 Hammond York Rite  
Feb 2 Visit Indiana Harbor Lodge  
Feb 3 Finance Meeting, Murat Shrine  
Feb 4 Education Foundation Meeting, Marriott  
Feb 6 Hammond York Rite Order of Malta  
Feb 8-12 Masonic Week, Washington, DC  
Feb 13 Hammond York Rite  
Feb 20 Hammond York Rite  
Feb 21 Take Reverend Geraldine Colvin to O'Hare Airport for trip to the Holy Land  
Feb 24 Garfield Lodge MM  
Feb 25 Yeoman of York  
RARA Charity Dinner

**Visitations in Indiana 2005-2006 (cont.)**

Feb 26	Council Inspection of Books, Michigan City
Feb 27	Hammond York Rite – Order of the Temple
Mar 3	Pick up Reverend Colvin at O'Hare Airport
Mar 4	Tri-State Commandery Orders in Angola Commandery Visit from Sir Knight Vernon Barnhart, G.C. of Michigan
Mar 5	Hammond Commandery attends Unity Church of Christ to welcome home Reverend Geraldine Colvin from the Holy Land
Mar 6	Hammond Commandery Order of the Temple
Mar 10-11	East Central Department Meeting, Indianapolis
Mar 12	Reception for Larry E. Gray, General Grand High Priest
March 13	Hammond York Rite
March 18	Honor Guard for Sir Knight Frederick W. Eicke, PC
March 19	Honor Guard for Sir Knight Frederick W. Eicke, PC
March 20	Funeral for Sir Knight Frederick W. Eicke, PC Grand Master's Area Conference in Valparaiso Order of the Temple at Hammond York Rite
March 24	Garfield Lodge Master Mason
March 25	All order day in LaPorte in honor of the Grand Commander
March 27	Hammond Commandery Order of the Temple
March 31	Garfield Lodge Entered Apprentice
Apr 1	Yeoman of York, Preceptory No. 1 Northwest Indiana York Rite College No. 73 Stated Indiana Harbor Lodge Fish Fry
Apr 2	Indiana York Rite Association Meeting, Indianapolis
Apr 3	Hammond York Rite Order of the Temple
Apr 8	LaPorte Commandery Easter Observance, Speaker
Apr 9	South Bend Commandery Easter Observance
Apr 10	Hammond York Rite Stated
Apr 17	Hammond York Rite Mark Master
Apr 21	Garfield Lodge Education Night
Apr 25	Grand Chapter Banquet
Apr 26	Grand Chapter Annual Meeting Grand Council Banquet
Apr 27	Grand Council Annual Meeting Divine Services Grand Commander's Banquet Grand March and Ice Cream Social
Apr 28	152 <sup>nd</sup> Grand Conclave Knights Templar of Indiana Installation of 2006-07 Officers of the Grand Commandery Three-Way York Rite Banquet
Apr 29	Indiana Competitive Drills Drill Award Ceremony and Luncheon

### **Missed Visitations**

Jun 23	Grand Session Jobs Daughters unable to attend due to a conflict in schedule. Represented by S.K. Rodney Mann, V.E.D.G.C.
Jul 9	Lakeville Chapter No. 479, Order of the Eastern Star Installation unable to attend due to conflict in schedule.
Jul 9	Golf, Informal Meeting and Practice St. Basil Conclave Red Cross of Constantine. Represented by S.K. John Stevens, G.R.
Aug 13	Indiana Order of the Purple Cross Association "College of Honors" Reception and Dinner conflict with the Reception for the Grand Master of Masons in Indiana. Represented by S.K. Larry Brown, GSW.
Sept 10	Indianapolis Council 150 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Reception for Carleton Hinshaw, Grand Organist, Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star.
Sept 24	Greencastle Charity Banquet. Represented by S.K. Rodney Mann, V.E.D.G.C.
Oct 29	Gordian Knot
Dec 18	Christmas Observance in Jeffersonville, IN; Jeffersonville Commandery. Represented by S.K. Andrew R. Jackson, G.G.
Dec 19	H.E. Lackey Commandery reception/inspection. Represented by S.K. Rodney Mann, V.E.D.G.C.
Feb 22	Legislative Reception in Indianapolis. Represented by S.K. Rodney Mann, V.E.D.G.C.
Mar 25	50-Year presentation in Crawfordsville Commandery. Represented by S.K. George Ingles, KCT, PGC.

### **PERSONAL RECEPTION**

An informal reception was held in my honor at the Masonic Lodge in Highland on October 26, 2005. Approximately 50 Sir Knights and guests were in attendance and a good time was enjoyed by all. This reception was co-sponsored by Indiana Harbor Lodge No. 686 and Garfield Lodge No. 569.

### **PHILANTHROPIES**

Philanthropies are a vital part of our Fraternity. This Templar year we sponsored six Ministers from the State of Indiana to go to the Holy Land. Sir Knights, we must continue to support this project as it should be one of our main focuses in Templary, that of spreading the Word of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. The Knights Templar Eye Foundation drive has done better this year under the watchful eyes of Rodney Mann, VEDGC and George A. Ingles, Jr., KCT, PGC. We finished number 12 this year as of March 31, 2006. Congratulations on a fine job.

## **GENERAL ORDERS**

General Order No. 1 was issued April 29, 2005 pertaining to the Annual Inspections of the Constituent Commanderies.

General Order No. 2 was issued May 1, 2005 pertaining to Special Dispensations: Uniforms, Joint Meetings, etc.

General Order No. 3 was issued May 1, 2005 pertaining to the Eminent Commander Certificate of Merit Award

General Order No. 4 was issued May 1, 2005 pertaining to Libations for under age candidates

General Order No. 5 was issued August 1, 2005 pertaining to the Death of Herbert A. Newman, KCT, PGC, Grand Treasurer

General Order No. 6 was issued August 1, 2005 pertaining to the nominations for Distinguished Service Award.

General Order No. 7 was issued September 21, 2005 pertaining to nominations for Knights Templar Cross of Honor Award.

## **BULLETINS**

Bulletin No. 1 was issued May 10, 2000 pertaining to the 151st Conclave Digest.

Bulletin No. 2 was issued May 1, 2005 pertaining to Project Outreach

Bulletin No. 3 was issued May 1, 2005 pertaining to Membership

Bulletin No. 4 was issued May 1, 2005 pertaining to Mentoring

Bulletin No. 5 was issued September 21, 2005 pertaining to the Holy Land Pilgrimage for Ministers

Bulletin No. 6 was issued November 1, 2000 was the Grand Commander's Easter Message

## **GRAND REPRESENTATIVES**

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

July 3, 2005	Steven J. Barton	Wisconsin
December 15, 2005	T. Jeffrey Conquest	California
December 15, 2005	Patrick S. Diller	Nevada
December 15, 2005	Gary A. Sherritze	New Hampshire
December 15, 2005	Paul A. Cole	New Mexico
December 15, 2005	Rex Sohn	North Carolina
December 15, 2005	Carroll J. Friend	Oregon
February 28, 2006	Harold D. Black	Utah
February 28, 2006	Lawrence V. Kaminsky	Virginia
March 6, 2005	George D. Kivett, Jr.	Georgia

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

August 4, 2005	Gregory Alan Dykes	Mississippi
January 5, 2006	Jeffrey Williamson	New York
January 14, 2006	Arthur Lee Campbell	Alabama

## **DISPENSATIONS GRANTED**

The dispensation was renewed for St Anselm Commandery UD, May 1, 2005

Wabash Commandery No. 37 to hold special election to elect a new Commander, October 13, 2005

Kokomo Commandery No. 36 to hold annual election of Officers at the stated meeting in January due to inclement weather, December 20, 2005

Vincennes Commandery No. 20 to hold a special election to elect a new Eminent Commander, February 1, 2006.

Hammond Commandery No. 41 to move its Charter for the purpose of opening Hammond Commandery No. 41 in Indianapolis on April 28th, 2006.

## **SPECIAL DEPUTY APPOINTMENTS**

Last year, after the resignation of the Eminent Commander of South Bend Commandery No. 13, G.C. Ronald L. Ellis appointed Patrick S. Diller, GS, as the Eminent Commander of South Bend No. 13. Also, Jeffrey T. 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. With Sir Knight Conquest leaving the area, I appointed Sir Knight Irvin L. Bitting, PGC as the special deputy. The Commandery had some local issues that need to be resolved and S.K. Bitting would be able to give them the guidance that they need. I'm very happy to say, that South Bend Commandery has buckled down and is now beginning to function as a full Commandery. Congratulations, Sir Knights on a job well done.

Last year, Ronald L. Ellis, PGC placed Wabash Commandery No. 37 on probation until the next Annual Conclave for several reasons: The Annual Report, due January 15, was not received by the Grand Recorder until after March 15, 2005, Per Capita payment had not been received as of April 1, 2005, The Commandery can not open or close without the use of an open Ritual, and Twenty eight members have demitted this past year. An effort should have been made to retain them. I appointed Sir Knight George A. Ingles, Jr. PGC as a special Deputy to help them re-organize.

I am happy to report that Wabash Commandery is now hard at work and has accomplished the following: Reports in on time, Religious Service and a Knighting in their own Asylum this year.

Way to go Sir Knights! You are off probation.



## **FIFTY YEAR AWARDS**

The Award of Gold was presented to twenty-one Sir Knights during the past Templar Year:

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| 1. Walter Edward Barbier, Jr.   | Jeffersonville #27 |
| 2. William Beeson Scott         | Jeffersonville #27 |
| 3. Cecil L. McShurley           | Anderson #32       |
| 4. Alexander Bojorab            | Fort Wayne #4      |
| 5. James Lawrence Ault, Sr.     | Bloomington #63    |
| 6. Joseph Burton Black, Jr.     | Bloomington #63    |
| 7. William Glenn Braunlin       | Bloomington #63    |
| 8. Floyd Lee Grow               | Bloomington #63    |
| 9. Doran William May            | Bloomington #63    |
| 10. John Wesley Pritchett       | Bloomington #63    |
| 11. Robert LaVerne McMurtrie    | St. John #24       |
| 12. Wayne Edward Dearing        | Connersville #6    |
| 13. George Lee Coon             | Connersville #6    |
| 14. Thomas B. Haven             | Columbus #14       |
| 15. Frederick Phillip VanGilder | Columbus #14       |
| 16. Lawrence B. Schoetmer       | Columbus #14       |
| 17. Ernest Jones                | Columbus #14       |
| 18. John Robert Meek            | Crawfordsville #25 |
| 19. Robert C. Reicher           | Michigan City #30  |
| 20. Clayton Graham              | Greenfield #39     |
| 21. Thomas B. Haven             | Columbus #14       |

## **BY-LAWS APPROVED**

Fort Wayne No. 4	Meeting Date
New Albany No. 5	Complete Revision
Connersville # 6	Complete Revision
Greencastle No. 11	Meeting Date
LaValette No. 15	Dues
Frankfort No. 29	Complete Revision
St. John No. 24	Complete Revision
Wright No. 64	Complete Revision

## **HONORARY MEMBERSHIPS**

I have been honored to receive at least a dozen Honorary Memberships in the Commanderies in this jurisdiction this past year and I am now an honorary member in the following Grand Commanderies: West Virginia, Pennsylvania, Wisconsin, Kentucky, Illinois, Ohio and Michigan.

### **DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARDS**

Twenty-five (25) Distinguished Service Awards were nominated and approved by the Grand Commandery for presentation to the recipients by the Officers of their Commanderies at a special occasion, ten (10) of these were for Friends of the Commandery.

### **INSPECTIONS**

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

### **COMMANDERIES OPENED AND CLOSED**

New Castle Commandery No. 44 merged with Knightstown Commandery No. 9 effective January 1, 2006. Brazil Commandery No. 47 merged with Greencastle No. 11 effective April 21, 2006.

### **EAST CENTRAL DEPARTMENT MEETING**

The East Central Department Meeting was held in Indianapolis, Indiana on March 10-11, 2006. The meeting was attended by the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons International and the Grand Encampment Knights Templar of the United States of America.

The meeting was conducted in a very orderly manner and was a joy to attend. On Friday afternoon, S.K. Bruce Basil of Ohio conducted a Drill Judge training session. This was followed by a Grand Officer meeting.

The Saturday morning session consisted of a welcome address by Steve Barton, our Department Commander, a presentation of the new membership DVD by the Grand Commander of Indiana, a Roll Call of the Commanderies present by GM Fisher, Grand Commander's Reports, A discussion of the Holy Land Pilgrimage by the GM and a video on leadership. Lunch was held in the Quincy Room followed by a report on the Eye Foundation by Marvin Selock, PGC (IL), an Education Foundation report by David Kempfer, PGC (PA), a Grand Encampment Law presentation by GM Fisher and a presentation on the Triennial coming up in Houston in 2006. Following the regular session, Indiana's Grand Commander again presented a software demonstration of use to recorders.

Twenty-eight Sir Knights from Indiana were in attendance and are as follows: Robert E. Price, PGC, HPDC; Paul Friend, PGC; John V. Stevens, GR, PGC; Steven J. Barton, PGC, DC; Dwight Lanman, Jr., PGC; Duane Stucker, PGC; Robert J. Frazer, PGC; Irvin L. Bitting, PGC; Duane L. Vaught, PGC; George A. Ingles, PGC; Ronald L. Ellis, PGC; Lawrence V. Kaminsky, GC; Rodney A. Mann, VEDGC; Andrew R. Jackson, GG; David M. Bertch, GCG; James L. Dove, GJW; Donald L. Borchert, GP; Patrick S. Diller, GSTB; Rex Sohn, GSWB; Paul A. Cole, GW; Carroll Joe Friend, GS; James Butler, GPE; George Kivett, Drill Committee; Clarence Harter, Aide to the GC; Stanton Davis, Aide to the GC; Walter E. Metcalf, Aide to the GC; and Wayne Sheets.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. I recommend that the Grand Commandery continue financial support to the Order of DeMolay, Jobs Daughters and Rainbow for Girls with particular emphasis on our presence.
2. I recommend that the Grand Commandery continue support to the State York Rite Association.
3. I recommend that the Grand Commandery continue to support the publicity campaign of the Grand Lodge F&AM of Indiana. This includes the billboard campaign and other media forms.
4. 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 further be an asset and a recruiting tool.
5. I recommend that the Grand Commandery Officers all attend the quarterly Indiana York Rite Association meetings and then meet informally either before or after that meeting.
6. I recommend that the Grand Commandery continue the Indiana Templar Academy.
7. I recommend that leadership training should be ongoing whether formal, such as the Indiana Templar Academy and schools of instruction, or informal, one on one.
8. I recommend that the Grand Commandery continue to put great emphasis on the duties of the Inactive Membership Committee.
9. I recommend that the Grand Commander form a sub-committee under publicity to study better ways to communicate with our Sir Knights.
10. I recommend that the Grand Commandery continue to put increased emphasis on drill team formation and competition statewide.
11. I recommend that the Grand Commandery write some guidelines for the functions of the Grand Representatives, which would exceed the annual appearance at Grand Conclave.
12. I recommend that changes be made to reduce the burden of the Grand Commander and his lady in relation to providing hospitality rooms. These would include the hospitality rooms and storing of the flags and banners.

## **CONCLUSION**

Sir Knights, I stated what I hoped to accomplish this Templar year over a year and a half ago. I believe we have remained focused on those goals. Many things remain to be done, but many things already have been accomplished, thanks to the efforts of the Officers of the Grand Commandery, the Past Grand Commanders, Deputy Battalion Commanders, and my Aides. You have been very supportive and have helped the Grand Commandery of Indiana move forward toward a new day. There are many projects in motion and I pray that the required emphasis remains on them until finished.

To my special mentors these past few years, thank you for your advice and guidance. I especially want to thank Sir Knight Irvin Bitting, for asking me to join this remarkable line of gentlemen. It truly has been one of the highlights of my life and has enriched me far beyond my expectations. To Sir Knights R. Frank Williams, Robert Price, Steve Barton, John Stevens, Duane Vaught, Jeff Conquest, George Ingles and Ron Ellis, thank you for being there when I needed you, your advice and council. And finally, to my special friend, Willard Avery, who put up with me for hours on end, listening to some of my off-the-wall ideas and encouraging me to continue on with enthusiasm along with an admonishment to enjoy myself. Your continued friendship has given me the motivation to fly when I could and dig in when I couldn't.

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I would also like to thank Sir Knight Byron Schull, who filled in as Grand Sword Bearer for Sir Knight Rex Sohn while he was in Afghanistan.

I would also like to thank my Aides and the Ladies of the Grand Officers and Past Grand Officers who have traveled with me this year and for manning the hospitality rooms at our summer, winter and the Grand Conclave, you have been great!

I want to thank the Sir Knights and Ladies of Hammond Commandery No. 41, the Brethren of Garfield Lodge No. 569 and the Sir Knights of Battalion 1 for the support that you have given me this year.

To Sir Knight Rodney Mann, you have been following me in line for several years now, knowing well where I should be going, but never knowing where I will end up (it was a management style thing and a lot of fun). You really helped make this a great year. Thank you for your support. I wish you and your officers a very good, productive and fun year.

And finally a special thank you to my loving wife Janet, for all her support and for putting up with me when I was running around the state and doing my thing.

Fraternally submitted,

Lawrence V. Kaminsky, Grand Commander

**JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE REPORT  
Grand Commander's Address**

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

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

That so much of the Grand Commander's address referring to dispensations granted and refused; by-laws approved and not approved; decisions, and recommendations made be referred to the Jurisprudence Committee.

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

We recommend that the recommendations in the Grand Commander's address be divided as follows:

Committee	Recommendation
Finance Committee	1, 2, 3
Eye Foundation	4
York Rite Coordination	2, 5
Templar Education	6, 7
Executive Committee	4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12
Publicity and Public Relations	3, 9
Drill Committee	10

Respectfully submitted

Steven J. Barton, Chairman  
For the Committee

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**REPORT OF THE GRAND RECORDER FOR 2005 - 2006**

**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, 2005		5,047
Knights Templar conferred on:	167	
Affiliated	18	
Reinstated	24	
Adjustments	21	
		230
Deductions for 2005:		
Deceased	162	
Demitted	92	
Suspended	<u>151</u>	
		405
Net Loss for the year		-175
Total Membership December 31, 2005		4746

**COMPARATIVE STATISTICS**

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Number of Commanderies	53	51	46	46	46	46	45
Net Loss in Membership	249	149	167	214	182	231	175
# of Commanderies w/no Knightings	16	18	11	7	11	8	10
# of Commanderies w/Gain	7	12	10	11	9	10	13
# of Commanderies staying even	0	5	3	0	4	5	2
Total Affiliations	34	248	295	21	41	22	18
Total Reinstated	17	16	24	22	15	12	24
Total Deaths	206	190	195	186	172	138	162
Total Demits	113	317	382	117	124	89	92
Total Suspensions	89	68	81	112	100	197	151
Total Remissions	352	295	322	325	325	305	275

Commanderies with less than 100 members		28
Commanderies with 101-200 members		13
Commanderies with 201-300 members		3
Commanderies with 300+ members		1
Smallest Commandery		34
Largest Commandery		318

**Presentation to Kermit Rosenthal**

During the Grand Recorder's report Sir Knight Stevens presented Sir Knight Rosenthal a 60 year membership pin but it said 65 years so Kermit must attend for the next five years from California to make it official.

**Presentation of Star Recorder Plaque**

Star Recorder of the Year was presented to Sir Knight Earl W. Adam Jr. Earl remarked that I just do the job I am told to do.

Submitted by John V. Stevens, PGC, GR

**GRAND COMMANDERY, KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF INDIANA  
INSURANCE AND BOND COVERAGE  
MAY 1, 2006**

**BUSINESS & PROPERTY COVERAGE –**

Auto Owners Insurance – Agent: Killingbeck Insurance, Kokomo, IN

Policy #029-031-408997 – Expiration date April 8, 2007

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 12-01-2007

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, 2006)**

<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	0.00
(2) Grey Metal Cabinets 72"X36"		20.00
Card File Units for dead files		0.00
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	2,000.00
Ser. # 3627		
Pitney Bowes Postage Meter & Scales	Leased	
Seal of the Grand Commandery (no art work)	100.00	100.00
Stationary Cabinet-Oak (Antique)		100.00
Proceedings of the Grand Commandery		
Complete to date - Bound to 2005		
Proceedings of the Grand Encampment		
Complete to date – Bound		
Oak Finish Bookcase for Proceedings (2-15-1992)	100.00	60.00
200 Skull Caps for 5 <sup>th</sup> Libation		100.00
Collar for Grand Recorders Jewel		250.00
1990 Manual of Templar Jurisprudence		
30 copies @ \$10.00 ea		300.00
Compaq Computer & Accessories	3,250.00	1,800.00
Office supplies and other items for sale- estimated		300.00
 Total estimated value:		 \$5,530.00

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, 2005 – March 31, 2006**

OPERATING FUND  
Balance on hand 4-1-2005 \$15,505.28

**RECEIPTS**

Contributions	50.00
DSA Payments	1,039.50
Interest Earned	58.08
I.T.A. Receipts	470.00
Membership Development Income	550.00
Miscellaneous Receipts	3,196.56
Per Capita Dues	40,700.00
Permanent Fund	8,000.00
Postage Recovered	15.46
Rituals	467.00
Sesqui-Centennial Books & Jewels	303.51
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	54,850.11

\$70,355.39

**DISBURSEMENTS**

Audit	675.00
Distinguished Guests	1,936.88
Drills	550.20
DSA Awards	450.50
Equipment Repair	0.00
Grand Commanders Contingent Fund	3,500.00
Grand Encampment Per Capita	18,316.10
Grand Officers Expense	2,350.50
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	3,102.00
K.T. Supplement	150.00
Membership Development Expense	1,120.81
Miscellaneous	2,410.28
Office Expense	201.09
PGC & FGP Jewels	1,113.00
Postage	1,790.78
Printing	729.79
Proceedings – Annual & Advanced	2,723.62
Rent	600.00
Rituals	490.44
Special Conclave Fund	0.00
Technology	587.49
Telephone	528.28
Trophies & Awards	746.09
Unallocated Funds	1,993.54
York Rite Association	800.00
Youth	<u>750.00</u>

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	54,916.39	54,916.39
Balance on Hand 3-31-2006 - Operating Account		\$15,439.00
Fund Balances within the Operating Account:		
General Fund	12,744.96	
Membership Development	<u>2,694.04</u>	
Total	15,439.00	
		\$15,439.00

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Other Funds held in Separate Accounts:		
Triennial Account (Savings Account)	3,361.37	
Per Capita Account (Savings Account)	41,068.69	
Membership Development Reserve (CD)	10,000.00	
Life Membership (Savings Account)	6,462.93	
Life Membership Investments (CD's)	<u>33,000.00</u>	
Total	93,892.99	

Grand Total Operating Funds

Respectfully Submitted, \$97,273.35

Robert J. Frazer, K.C.T., P.G.C., G.T. \$112,712.35



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, 2006 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.

*BCR CPA Group*

August 1, 2006

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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	\$ 12,497.78
Triennial Checking Account	3,361.37
Life Membership Savings Account	6,462.93
Membership Development Account	2,694.04
Per Capita Savings Account	41,357.29
Money Market Account	<u>26,431.96</u>
Total Cash and Cash Equivalents	<u>92,516.77</u>
Investments:	
Certificates of Deposits:	
Member Development Reserve C.D.	10,000.00
Life Membership - Investments	33,000.00
All Other C.D.'s	<u>82,331.25</u>
Total Certificates of Deposits	<u>125,331.25</u>
U.S. Government Mutual Funds	103,691.18
Other Mutual Funds	<u>77,769.87</u>
Total Investments	306,792.30
Total Assets	<u>\$ 399,309.97</u>
Net Assets:	
Unrestricted	\$ 399,309.07
Temporarily Restricted	0.00
Permanently Restricted	<u>0.00</u>
Total Net Assets	<u>\$ 399,309.07</u>

See accompanying notes and accountants' compilation report

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GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS OF TEMPLAR OF INDIANA  
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

- CASH BASIS -

FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2006

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Temporarily Restricted</u>	<u>Permanently Restricted</u>	<u>Total</u>
Revenues and Other Support:				
Per Capita Holding	\$ 44,104.90	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 44,104.90
Interest & Dividend Income	10,251.08	0	0	10,251.08
DSA Awards Payments Received Realized	519.75	0	0	519.75
Realized Gain on Investment	-	0	0	-
Unrealized Gain/(Loss) on Investments	4,100.44	0	0	4,100.44
Other Receipts for Rituals & Publications	764.97	0	0	764.97
Contributions & Life Memberships	<u>21,453.67</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>21,453.67</u>
Total Revenue and Other Support	<u>80,994.81</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>80,994.81</u>
Expenses:				
Program Expenses	39,109.01	0	0	39,109.01
Payment to Beneficiaries of Life Estates	12,823.78	0	0	12,823.78
Management and General Expenses	<u>16,568.46</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>16,568.46</u>
Total Expenses	<u>68,501.25</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>68,501.25</u>
Change in Net Assets	12,493.56	0	0	12,493.56
Net Assets at Beginning of Year	<u>386,815.51</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>386,815.51</u>
Net Assets at End of Year	<u>\$ 399,309.07</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 399,309.07</u>

See accompanying noted and accountant's compilation report

GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS OF TEMPLAR OF INDIANA  
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
March 31, 2006

**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, 2006

**NOTE 3 - FUNCTIONAL ALLOCATION OF EXPENSES**

<u>Detail of Program Expenses</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Drills	271.60
Distinguished Guests	1,936.88
L.M. Dues	13.00
G. E. per Capita	18,316.10
Grand Officer Expense	8,800.00
PGC Jewel	1,563.50
Proceedings & Advance Reports	1,178.51
Rituals Purchased	490.44
Trophies and Awards	1,067.94
Uniforms	1,443.55
Youth Programs	750.00
Membership Development	1,344.00
York Rite Association	1,350.00
Information Tech. Committee	<u>583.49</u>
Total	<u>\$ 39,109.01</u>

Detail of Management and General Expenses

Professional Fees	\$ 675.00
Business Insurance	3,102.00
Office Supplies	287.16
Office Expense	201.09
Postage	1,761.04
Printing	3,377.65
Office Rent	600.00
Telephone	527.78
Auto	1,500.00
Monthly Expenses	3,300.00
Editorial – KT Supplement	150.00
All Other	<u>1,086.74</u>
Total	<u>\$ 16,568.46</u>

**GRAND TRUSTEES REPORT**

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

During the Templar Year 2005-06, the interest rates have continued to remain low as investment opportunities have begin to improve but are still somewhat limited. During the past year, your Trustees have attempted to reorganize themselves and the investments of your Grand Commandery. It is anticipated that interest rates will continue to be higher in late 2006 and this may provide slightly higher income as a result of new commitments being made during the improved interest climate.

While it has been necessary to use some of the income from the Permanent Fund for operating expenses of the Grand Commandery, we have been unable to improve the balance. We haven't been able to recoup the losses made in the past years that were invested in Mutual Funds. We are developing an investment plan to create an improved working balance and to be able to increase the income on the Permanent Fund in 2006.

The balance in the Permanent Fund of the Grand Commandery as of March 1, 2006 is \$290,358.66. We believe that it is important to keep this fund intact and to add to it whenever possible. As membership in the Grand Commandery of Indiana has continued to decline, we have been able to continue our regular operations only by using the Permanent Fund income.

We hope that all Sir Knights are supportive of the stewardship of your Grand Trustees since cost of operation of the Grand Commandery will continue to grow and it appears that our membership continues to decline, leaving a smaller per capita base from which to finance the overall operations. A full report and listing of all holding is continued in the Audit Report.

Respectfully submitted,

Kenneth B. Gibson, P.G.C., Chm.  
Steven J. Barton, P.G.C., RE.D.C.  
Ronald L. Ellis, P.G. C.



**Grand Commandery of Indiana  
Membership and Publicity Committee Report  
April 28, 2006**

To the Grand Commander, Officers and Members of the Grand Commandery:

We began the year with 5,044 members. We Knighted 162, Affiliated 17, Reinstated 24, Demitted 91, Suspended 151 and 161 Died. We gained 203 and lost 434! This brings our final end of the year membership to 4,813. We still had many accomplishments that brought us all together, not only the Grand Commandery Officers, but the other two York Rite Bodies working as one united group.

In June of 2005 the Membership and Publicity Committee met and discussed the goals, tasks and time lines assigned to this committee from our Grand Commander. Sub-committees were assigned to accomplish all the goals, tasks and time lines. Each Sub-committee had a chairman to insure the success of each task. They are as follows:

**Goals/tasks/time lines**

**Goal 1:** A Templar Poster, posted in each symbolic lodge in Indiana was discussed. The posters were printed in June 2005 by our Grand Recorder and sub-committee was assigned to (C) David Bertch, Phil Herthel, Larry Brown, and Mark Genung. (C) David Bertch offered a plan to contact each lodge in Indiana and offer a presentation along with the Poster. Mark Genung has obtained a lodge list with addresses and more information and David is tracking the progress through a spread sheet. Many Posters have been posted in our Indiana Symbolic Lodges.

Respectfully submitted,

David M. Bertch, Sub-committee chairman, Phil Herthel, Larry Brown and Mark Genung

**Goal 2:** To brand the Grand Commandery, along with the York Rite for use in a new modern Logo, color, banner, etc. This goal was assigned to: (C) Justin Crisp, Carson Smith and Mark Genung.

Notes: Create branding, a catch phrase, logo and colors for use in all printed and public display items. (See Attachment # 1)

Objective: To create Branding that will include Promotional Materials, Logo, Poster Art, and Catch Phrases as well as Sales Pitches for use in printed and public display items.

As of this date the following objectives and time tables have been completed.

1. Mike Moxley's *Three Coat Drill* has been presented to the Committee and Mike and Carson Smith both have and are visiting lodges and offered these York Rite presentations. (See Attachment # 2)
2. York Rite Promotional Sites have been presented to the Committee.  
<http://www.yorkrite.com/gcmx/whyaram.htm>  
<http://www.yorkrite.com/council/cmdegrees.html>  
<http://www.mastermason.com/raleighyorkrite/kt/kt.htm>
3. Templar Poster Art has been presented to the Committee. (See Attachments)
4. York Rite Clip Art and a Proposed Logo have been presented to the Committee.  
<http://www.mastermason.com/raleighyorkrite/clipart/clipart.htm>  
<http://www.mastermason.com/jjcrowder/clipart/clipart.html>

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5. Commandery and York Rite Sales Pitches have been presented to the Committee. (Andy Jackson) "Ever wi  
"We are the Templars"  
(Mike Moxley) "Do you know the secrets of a Master Mason?"  
(Phil Herthel) "The rest of the story: Who stops reading a book after the third chapter?"  
(Author Unknown) "York Rite: 21st Century Odyssey."  
(Carson Smith) "Receive your wages. Walk with Hiram. Rise a Knight."  
"Congratulations, upon receiving the 3rd, of the 12 essential degrees  
of Freemasonry."  
"Indiana York Rite: Accept No Substitutes."  
"Grandpa, are we Knights?" "Do you want to be?"

Respectfully submitted: Sub-committee Chairman Justin Crisp, Carson C. Smith, Mark Genung

**Goal 3:** Create a new modern pamphlet for Templary and the Indiana York Rite. Goal assigned to: (C) Justin Crisp, Carson Smith and Pat Diller.

We are presented with a unique opportunity this year to create a new image for York Rite and Knights Templar in general. This image, while being true to our historical background and our traditions, includes updating our logo, pamphlets, and other promotional material to target a younger audience who may already be as educated about Masonry as we are through prior study.

In discussing the design of the pamphlet, we have decided on these objectives:

- 1) Do not try to reinvent the wheel. We have a lot of good material out there, let us make it better and update it.
- 2) Create a series of pamphlets that allow for specific items to be addressed in each one. By doing a series, we can create readable pamphlets that do not look crowded or over-thought-through to include every piece in information at once.
- 3) Keep the pamphlets look to coordinate with the DVD, Logo, and other membership projects. This will give us a unified look and image.
- 4) The pamphlets are to be used as a TOOL for membership. We can not depend on just them to get members. The pamphlets will be created to "peak the interest" of potential members and hopefully encourage them to speak to a member. There is no greater sales tool for us than *Personal Interaction*. The design and creation of the pamphlets are complete and they are professionally printed on high quality paper.

Submitted by J.W. Crisp, Chairman, Patrick S. Diller, Carson C. Smith  
Subcommittee on Membership Pamphlets

(See Attachment # 3) The completed Pamphlet

**Goal 4:** A York Rite DVD on Templary directed at membership as directed by our Grand Commander. This goal was assigned to: (C) Mark Genung, Rick Elman, Phil Herthel and Andy Jackson. The committee worked with Chris Hodapp and Paul Page to create the completed DVD. It was offered at

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the Winter Meeting and accepted with a few minor changes. The DVD has been reproduced for distribution at this Grand Session. Enjoy!!

Fraternally submitted,

Andrew R. Jackson, Membership Chairman, Mark Genung, Rick Elman, Phil Herthel, Chris Hodapp and Paul Page

(See Attachment # 4) The completed DVD

**Goal 5:** Participate at Masonic events around Indiana such as, however not limited to; Grand Lodge, Founders Day, IMH Festival, Area Conferences, Christmas Programs, est. This goal was assigned to: (C) Larry Brown, Paul Friend and Rodney Mann. Larry Brown will offer the sub-committees recommendations today and complete the activity plans by the Winter Meeting.

Notes: Plan and organize the point men to accomplish table tops, est. at these activities. Let Grand Lodge know we are interested.

The Sub-committee has been in contact and working well with our Indiana Grand Lodge. On August 21, 2005 the York Rite along with this committee set up and manned a York Rite Table Top at the Indiana Masonic Home Annual Festival. In January 2006 the Grand Lodge requested the York Rite work the registration tables at the 2006 Founders Day. The Indianapolis Scottish Rite was filled with volunteers for this event. It was nice to see so many red coats, purple coats and Commandery uniforms all throughout the building. All went very well and the York Rite was thanked by many of our Grand Lodge officers for a job well done. Sir Knight Larry Brown also set up a Knights Templar Table top for this event. This effort was a success. Further discussions took place on Friday, December 30, 2005 with James Barkdull and Larry Brown regarding other opportunities to serve.

The Grand Lodge has approved the York Rite to set up table tops at all the lodge Area Conferences. A Knights Templar was assigned to each event. Dates and locations for the conferences are:

March 6	West Lafayette (Tippecanoe)
March 7	Muncie (Delaware Lodge)
March 8	Indianapolis (Logan Lodge)
March 14	Spencer (Spencer Lodge)
March 15	Newburg (Newburg Lodge)
March 16	New Albany (New Albany Lodge)
March 17	Seymour (Jackson Lodge)
March 20	Valparaiso (Glen Park Lodge)
March 21	Warsaw (Warsaw Lodge)
March 22	Ft Wayne (Waynedale Lodge)

Fraternally submitted,

Larry W. Brown, GSW, Sub-committee Chairman, Paul Friend, Rodney Mann

**Goal 6:** Create news releases to the public four times a year. Work with new Grand Lodge publicity Chairman (Mark Genung) to accomplish this goal. Goal assigned to: (C) Andy Jackson, Pat Diller, Rick Elman, and Mark Genung

Your Sub-committee on public news releases along with our Grand Lodge is moving along. We contacted the Grand Lodge Publicity chairman. Working with him we have successfully inserted in the

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January 2006 Indiana Freemason our picture, story and Knights at Trinity Commandery. Also in this issue was posted our membership poster for all masons in Indiana to view.

Fraternally submitted,

Andrew R. Jackson, Membership Chairman, Pat Diller, Rick Elman and Mark Genung

**Goal 7:** The York Rite Power Point program has been updated for presentation in lodges, table lodges and Masonic Education meetings. Presentation in individual York Rite Bodies and lodges will follow. The Grand Commander will approach Grand Lodge for permission to present programs as Masonic Education in Symbolic Lodges. Assigned to: (C) Jim Dove, Larry Brown David Bertch, Pat Diller, Paul Friend

The sub-committee recommends burning CD's for use in public and lodge meetings, also in Master's and Warden's groups. Andy Jackson will present the new power point version.

**Sub-committee on Power Point Presentation**

We have put together this collective list as our starting point for this Winter Meeting, it's not all finished but it's a start for our presentation. Only after we review the Power Point presentation can we effectively make our final proposal as a Committee.

- A. First, I think that it is not practical that we try to visit each and every single Lodge of Freemasons in Indiana. I believe that we should hold Power Point Programs by dividing up the lodges within a 25 to 30 mile radius and invite them to attend a meeting. Always insuring that this is not a sales/promotion program, only an informative meeting on attaining further light in Masonry, and to see material that is available that they may not be made aware of. First, we should target the areas of inactive York Rite Bodies and second, areas where York Rite Bodies are weak and in danger of closing.
- B. The presenter or the local Commandery should provide refreshments. This would benefit the local York Rite Group by possibly picking up prospective members.
- C. To qualify a list of presenters, we would have to view the program ourselves to determine the type of presenter that is needed. Hold a Battalion meeting invite prospective presenters, have them view the presentation to see if they are confident that they can do it.  
Educate the presenters chosen at the Battalion level. Each presenter has a different unique style. Let us help them to use their qualities and put the presentation in their own words. We should keep in mind, the exact wording of each presentation may differ slightly, but the resulting information on the relationship of the York Rite to Blue Lodges, the natural extension of the Blue Lodge Degrees are a result of the York Rite, our charities and benefits.
- D. Geographically assign the presenters and area of responsibility and have a standard form letter to go to the Masters, Wardens and Brethren of Lodges for invitation to attend. We should make all efforts to have an Officer of the Grand Commandery at each session to help answer only those questions that the presenter may not have an answer to. (i.e.: nearest local York Rite Group, classes being held, contacts for petitions, etc.) not to interfere with the presentation, but just to be available as an advisor and insure that promotional materials and pamphlets are available. Our Dep. Grand Commander is working to organize a school for the presenters to be educated in Templary. These plans should come together in May 2006.
- E. Allow the presenters reimbursement for refreshments for these meetings if needed.
- F. Andy Jackson showed a version of his Power Point Program at the Winter Meeting.

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Respectfully submitted,

James Dove, Sub-committee Chairman, Paul Friend, Larry Brown, Pat Diller

**Goal 8:** Update website, pocket petition, web links, posters, pamphlets, etc. This was assigned to: (C) Rodney Mann and Justin Crisp. They are to accomplish the above items throughout the year.

The new website is hosted by Data 3 Solutions in Indianapolis. Data 3 Solutions is also the host of the Grand Lodge website. Our web site is linked to our Grand Lodge website. Our Webmasters are J. W. Crisp and PGC Jim Prairie. A continued effort to develop the site is in progress. Content will be added on an ongoing basis. [www.Knightstemplarindiana.com](http://www.Knightstemplarindiana.com)

Fraternally submitted,

Rodney Mann, Sub-committee Chairman and Justin Crisp, DBC

**Goal 9:** Offer thoughts and direction to Grand Officers of the York Rite using the “Building and Sustaining York Rite Membership Program” created last year by the Grand Commandery Membership Committee.

Sub-committee report: **York Rite Unity**

This entire Committee, along with the other two York Rite Bodies, are working together to create a joint effort in membership in many different ways. A table top display at our Indiana Masonic Home on Festival Day and Founders Day, sharing logos and other materials, working within a new internet group called Grouper, sharing computer files are just a few thoughts and directions. As time moves ahead we should accomplish these goals and directions together.

Our Templar membership has fallen below the 5000 mark. We are working to continue to implement plans to correct this loss, both by recruiting new members and working to keep existing members. The recent, current and forthcoming Grand Commander’s have, and are planning to attack this issue. Let us support their work. In addition, we feel the State York Rite Association is starting to come together. Plans are being made for the next year’s York Rite Membership Classes in honor of our new Grand Master to be in May 2006.

Fraternally submitted,

Andrew R. Jackson, Membership Chairman

**Comments on: Thoughts, directions and goals.**

Larry Kaminsky, REGC “Get r’ done” and “Roll it out! NOW!!”

Paul Friend, PGC “If it is to be, it is up to me”

Respectfully submitted,

Andrew R. Jackson, Rodney Mann, David Bertch, Larry Brown, Phil Herthel, Pat Diller, Paul Friend, Mark Genung, Carson Smith, Jim Hodge, John Stevens, Rick Elman, Jim Adamson, Michael Klepper, Kris Phillips, Justin Crisp, and Leon Langner

**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:

Sir Knight Vernon T. Barnhart, Right Eminent Grand Commander of Michigan

Sir Knight Roger D. Linger Right Eminent Grand of West Virginia

Sir Knight Pressly A. Laird Right Eminent Grand Commander of Illinois

Sir Knight David M. Snyder, Sr. Right Eminent Grand Commander of Ohio

Jeffery W. Williamson Grand Representative from New York near Indiana

Chris Quigley our visitor from England

Respectfully submitted,

John V. Stevens, P.G.C., G.R.

For the Committee

**Remarks on Behalf of Visiting Grand Commanders**

Remarks were brought by Sir Knight David Snyder: Right Eminent Grand Commander, Ohio. Most Worshipful Grand Master and distinguished Sir Knights, my theme this is year is light my fire. It's quite evident that somebody stated your fire. That's why you're here that's why you're doing what you're doing. On behalf of the Red Cords we would like to thank you for your hospitality you have shown to us and our ladies. We appreciate this so very, very much and extend to you an invitation to attend our sessions. If you make them all we'll be very happy.

**Report of Holy Land Pilgrimage**

To the Right Eminent Grand Commander Officers and Sir Knights:

The Holy Land Committee for 2006 we had six Christian Ministers who went to the Holy Land February 21, 2006, on their way for spiritual enrichment in the place where Jesus walked. Now this brings a total to 170 Pastors that have gone from Indiana, these joined with 155 other Pastors from varied Grand Commanderies in the United States. Indiana participated in 24 of these Pilgrimages which began in 1977 Our Grand Commandery ranks second in our efforts to send Ministers to the Holy Land. Michigan of course is first and Ohio is third. One thousand five hundred and sixty-four Christian Ministers have been awarded the trip through your generosity and God's love, God bless you Sir Knights. This year from we had Columbus Commandery #14 Reverend James C. Campbell, E. H. Gary #57, Reverend William L. Hudson, Hammond Commandery #41 Reverend Geraldine Colvin, Grant County Commandery #21 Reverend Blake J. Neff, Seymour Commandery #56 Reverend Rosa E. Harris, and Reverend Gene Pogue. A very exciting time was had on this trip, particularly on our crossing of the Atlantic Ocean. We got into a storm, I had 61 of these Ministers scattered throughout the plane 450 passengers in all. I leaned over to the person next to me and said I think we are going down. Well the hydraulic system had gone out of the airplane and here we are flying across the ocean at 37,000 feet. I turned and thanked those 61 Pastors because I know that 61 prayers had been offered up to God and that he had answered those prayers. Things were just a bit different on this trip. To appreciation of the tension which has been brought on by the tension in the Middle East of course. Much stricter security on the air line, this is one reason we fly El Al.

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We went to Jaffa, but since our plane got in late it was dark before we even got to go through Joppa. The first evening we spent at the Grand Beach hotel in Tel Aviv. After dinner we had a get acquainted session and the Pastors in the following morning were on their way. We went along the coastal road to Caesarea built by Herod the Great. It was there that Peter was imprisoned for two years. We visited the Crusader fortress and Roman ruins. We drove to Beit Shearim ancient city of the Sanhedrin and visited the Catacomb that was once the most important synagogue in Israel. We went to Megego, the ancient chariot city of King Solomon and Ahab. We visited Mt. Tabor the traditional site of the Transfiguration. We always enjoy that trip up and down the trip up and down to Mt. Tabor. Friday we went to the Mt. of the Beatitudes this is traditionally the site of Jesus sermon on the Mt. A reading was held there by the sea by the 61 Pastors we had there in our Group. In our group there was six lady Ministers and guess where they came from, Indiana. And you Sir Knights I sure appreciated you sending those girls over, because I rode on that bus four days and not the other bus two days. It was kind of dull on the other bus but these galls would sing and go on and everything, boy I tell you it was something else. On Saturday we drove to Cana of Gallia where Jesus performed his first miracle, turning the water into wine and then to Nazareth to visit the Church of the Annunciation. Joseph's workshop and Mary's well. At Belvoir we visited the Crusader's Castle upon the Mt. which was built back in the twelfth century. At Beit She'an we saw the excavations and visited the Roman Theater. Sunday we attended Church together in the church across from the Garden Tomb. The only thing about the Church was that it lasted about an hour and a half and being a Baptist, I am used to only about half an hour, but we got by, had communion.

Monday we prayed at the West Wall for peace in Israel. On our procession of the 14 Stations of the Cross along the Via Dolorosa then to the Church of the Holy Sepulcher then on to Mt. Zion to see David's Tomb. We were all conducted through the tunnel that runs under the Wall; then driven to the Israel Museum and the Shrine of the Book.

Tuesday we had communion at the Garden Tomb they still have services there but not on Sundays due to the unrest in the Middle East and it being near a Palestine bus terminal. What beautiful day the sunshine the clouds drifting over and the birds singing. We had eight days of beautiful weather and it was really great.

We went to Bethlehem and of course when you go to Bethlehem you go to the check point between the two countries and get off your bus and get on the Palestine bus to go to Bethlehem which we did. Visited the Church of the Nativity where Mary had the Christ Child at birth.

On Wednesday we drove to the Yad Vashem memorial to the six million Jewish martyrs of World War II. Sir Knight I was surprised at the changes that had taken place in the five years that we didn't go on our trip. We used to have to through rock and mud paths to get to it but it is no more.

We did not visit Bethany, we didn't visit Jericho, we didn't get to go to the Good Samaritan Inn, or Jacob's well, and he told us we couldn't go to the Dome of the Rock, but ole Frank persisted or insisted and we had our guide convinced that we were going even if we had to get off at the check point and go ourselves. So what does he do but, calls up six Israeli Soldiers and has them escort us to the Door, it didn't help matters but we did get to go up to the Dome of the Rock. Of course all these Pastors give us a survey of how they feel about the trip and of their appreciation. He then read some of the survey praising the Sir Knights for their efforts in expressing their experience with God. Praise the Lord and please consider a contribution to this Ministry. The next pilgrimage for Indiana will be February 19<sup>th</sup> Through February 28 in 2007. So you will have time to have application coming soon.

Thank you Sir Knights all, in these efforts and may God Bless.

Fraternally,

R. Frank Williams, KCT, PGC, HPDC

Sir Knight Robert J. Frazer then presented a check for \$3,500.00 to the Holy Land Pilgrimage from the Templar Crusader a program booklet whose profits are contributed to the Holy Land fund.

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**HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE 2006 CONTRIBUTION  
BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD**

**\$28,657.23**

**COMMITTED:**

Anderson Cmdry #32	Rev. Probosco	(\$1,800.00)	
Columbus Cmdry #14	Rev. Campbell	(\$1,800.00)	
E H Gray Cmdry #57	Rev. William L. Hudson	(\$1,000.00)	
Hammond Cmdry #41	Rev. Steven M. Conger	(\$1,950.00)	
Grant Co Cmdry #21	Rev. Blake J. Neff	(\$1,950.00)	\$20,157.23
2/4/05 Greenfield Cmdry #39	Lern Butler - H.A.Dencx #	\$20.00	\$20,177.23
2/9/05 Knightstown Cmdry #9		\$69.00	\$20,246.23
2/5/05 Ck #154 Seymour Cmdry Refund #56		(\$5,850.00)	\$14,396.23
Rev. Christopher G. Criminger			
Rev. James D. Goble			
Rev. Russell J. Pattie			
2/23/05 Grand Commandery		\$50.00	\$14,446.23
Greenfield Cmdry #39		\$20.00	\$14,466.23
Knightstown Cmdry #9		\$69.00	\$14,535.23
3/4/05 Kokomo Cmdry #36: In memory of 6 KT's:		\$60.00	\$14,595.23
George R. Ballentine, Terrence D. Kelley, Phillip E. V. Peterson			
John Duncan, Jr., Robert R. Schietze, Hugh F. Nixon			
3/21/05 Accumulated Interest - 27 years 1978-2005		\$4,046.45	\$18,641.68
3/30/05 Apperson Council AMD #307		\$100.00	\$18,741.68
8/1/05 Ck# 17413 Jackson Lodge #146 KT#56		\$3,800.00	\$22,541.68
Rev Rosa E. Harris, Pastor Jean Pogue			
9/22/05 GC Lawrence Kaminsky #41		\$1,000.00	\$23,541.68
Rev Geraldine Carol Colvin			
9/23/05 Columbus Cmdry # 14 Ck #1029		\$200.00	\$23,741.68
10/29/05 Cash Trinity Cmdry #62		\$55.00	\$23,796.68
11/8/05 Ck# 155 Gate I Travel -6 @ 2G Advance		(\$1,200.00)	\$22,596.68
11/28/05 Connersville Cmdry #5 in memory Woodrow Alleri		\$10.00	\$22,606.68
12/5/05 Noal A. Stephens LaValette Cmdry #15		\$25.00	\$22,631.68
12/18/05 Refund GC Lawrence Kaminsky #41		(\$1,000.00)	\$21,631.68
Ck#156 E-mail request dated 12/18/05			
1/16/06 SOOB #156 Bloomington		\$200.00	\$21,831.68
1/26/06 Elkhart Commandery #31		\$150.00	\$21,981.68
1/27/06 R. Frank Williams, PGC Chris Ellen Wallace		\$1,900.00	\$23,881.68
4/3/06 Gate #1 Travel Service Ref Photo Cancellation		\$1,485.00	\$25,366.68
4/10/06 John L. Scheidel, Ref Domestic Cancelled #15		\$450.00	\$25,816.68
4/15/06 R. Frank Williams - Memorial David Poling		\$25.00	\$25,841.68
4/15/06 R. Frank Williams - Memorial Marjorie Phillips		\$25.00	\$25,866.68
3/14/06 Russell R. Henney - Donation Columbus Cmdry #14		\$50.00	\$25,916.68
4/19/06 Accumulated Interest 2006 thru 4/19/06		\$35.51	\$25,952.19
Add back committed		\$8,500.00	\$34,452.19
<b>Integra Bank Statement</b>			<b>\$22,143.25 Difference \$149.06</b>
4/15/06 Kokomo Commandery #36 Memorials		\$60.00	\$34,512.19
4/1 5/06 Kokomo Commandery #36 Easter Service Collection		\$109.00	\$22,252.25
Committed: 2007 Anderson Cmdry #32 Rev. Probosco		(\$1,800.00)	<b>\$20,452.25</b>



### **Knight Templar Eye Foundation Report**

The Eye Foundation Committee is completing the voluntary campaign in Indiana we have received donations of \$17, 216.00 as of April 21<sup>st</sup> we are running quite a bit ahead of last year and we expect to finish the campaign strong. In 2005 there were 57 cases approved totaling 133,263.00. The Sir Knights working with the committee have done an outstanding job, Paul E. Barnett, GPE and Sir Knight of Hammond Commandery No. 41 passed away this past year and left more than \$117,000.00 to the Eye Foundation in the name of his Commandery. Last night, in his honor, a silver sword was presented to Hammond Commandery, from the Grand Encampment.

Fraternally

Rodney A. Mann, chairman for the Committee

### **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 sixty-two Sir Knights, throughout the Grand Commandery of The Great State of Indiana received their final summons and pass from our view.

Included among these Sir Knights were two of our Past Grand Commanders Sir Knight Herbert A. Newman, KCT 1974-1975 and Sir Knight David R. Poling, KCT, 1976-1977.

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, and 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

Donald L. Borchert, Grand Prelate

R Frank Williams, PGC

Kenneth E Gibson, PGC

**Eulogy for Herbert A. Newman, KCT, PGC, GT**

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

In Memoriam: Herbert A. Newman Grand Commander 1974-1975.

Sir Knight Herb the 113<sup>th</sup> Right Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Indiana was born July 10, 1918 in Indianapolis, Indiana

He attended public school in Indianapolis and graduated from Emerick Manual Training High School in 1936 and received his BS Degree from Butler University in 1940.

Sir Knight Herb worked in the International Harvester Farm Machinery Business with Doctor Millard Dill who later became the Superintendent of the Indiana Masonic Home. In 1946 he joined the Ace Auto Radiator Company where he remained until 1955. He then sold his interest in the Radiator Company and took a position with R.R. Howard Company a distributor of Bailer twine. September 1966 Sir Knight Newman joined the Glen Roy Construction company as the Secretary Treasurer.

July 1946 he was joined in marriage with Kathleen M. Hill, in the Methodist church in Shelburne, Indiana. From this union came two sons and two daughters, Sir Knight Herb and Kathleen were members of the Irvington United Methodist Church.

His Masonic record; Sir Knight Herb was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason in Irvington Lodge No. 666 free and Accepted Masons on June 27, 1942. He served as Worshipful Master in 1948; he was Secretary 1950 to 1969 Treasurer 1970 until his death. He was exalted a Royal Arch Mason in Irvington Chapter 158 Royal Arch Masons. He was greeted Royal and Select Master in Indianapolis Council No. 2 Royal and Select Masters. He was knighted in Raper Commandery No. 1 on October 2, 1949 and served as Eminent Commander in 1962. A member of Raper Drill Team since 1949 and participated as left Guide in 19 Triennials. He was elected as Captain of the Guard Knight for the Grand Commandery Templar of Indiana in 1965 in South Bend. He was a member of Bartimaeus Lodge. He was active in the Irvington Chapter Order of DeMolay received the DeMolay Cross of Honor. Member of Indianapolis Valley of the Scottish Rite receiving the Illustrious Honor of 33 degree. Herb was also belonged to Murat Shrine, St. Andrew Tabernacle XXXV Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests, Past Intendant General for Indiana Red Cross of Constantine; The York Rite Sovereign College of North America; and several other Masonic bodies.

From this Sir Knight, I was most impressed as a real true friend. When I came in this morning I looked down at the end of the officers and Herbie wasn't there. We all miss Herb. Life is eternal, the Good Lord said, so don't think of our loved ones as dead. For death is but a stepping stone to a beautiful life we have never known. A place where God promised man he would be eternally happy safe and free, God speed Herby good speed.

Submitted by

R. Frank Williams, KCT, PGC, HPDC

**Eulogy for David R. Poling, KCT, PGC**

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

In Memoriam: David Robert Poling, Jr., Grand Commander 1976-1977.

It is with great sadness that I report to you another of our Illustrious Sir Knights has departed this life to be united with the Supreme Architect of the Universe.

Sir Knight David Robert Poling, Jr. passed away on Wednesday March 22, 2006 at his home.

David was born on March 8, 1918 in Perry county Ohio. He was wed to Leona Mae Rittgers on June 10, 1946 who survives.

He was an Army veteran having served in the U. S. Signal Corps in Puerto Rico and the South Pacific. He was an employed by General Telephone Company beginning in 1946 and later became construction supervisor in charge of the cable department. He was a former member of the Lafayette Presbyterian Church. After moving to Logan Ohio he attended the Ebenezer Baptist Church in Maxville, Ohio.

David began his Masonic career in West Lafayette where he was raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason and later served as Worshipful Master of that Lodge. He was a member of Lafayette, In York Rite. He was Exalted a Royal Arch Mason in Lafayette Chapter No. 3 on 2/14/1949 and served as High Priest in 1970, Greeted a Royal and Select Master in Tippecanoe Council No. 68 on 3/14/1949 and served as Illustrious Master in 1968, Created a Knight Templar in Lafayette Commandery No. 3 on 2/18/1950 and served as Eminent Commander in 1959. He began as Grand Captain of the Guard in the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Indiana and progressed through the line and was elected Right Eminent Grand Commander and served the year of 1976-1977. He was appointed as Grand Representative to the Grand Commandery of Ohio, received the Knight Commander of the Temple from the Grand Encampment of the United States of America, he was a member and Past Puissant Sovereign of St. Basil Conclave of the Red Cross of Constantine, a member and Past Preceptor of Gennesaret Tabernacle Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests, a member of Robert A. Woods No.62 Knights of York Cross of Honor, a member of the Valley of Indianapolis Scottish Rite, Murat Shrine of Indianapolis, West Lafayette Order of the Eastern Star and Past Patron, Order of the Amaranth and Past Royal Patron, received Honorary Legion of Honor from the Order of DeMolay, member of the White Shrine, Lafayette Shrine Club and Hocking Hills Shrine Club, American Legion, D. A. V. of Ohio and was commissioned a Colonel of the Honorable Order of Kentucky Colonels.

Upon request a Masonic service was preformed by the Symbolic Lodge of Logan, Ohio on Saturday evening of March 25, 2006. A religious service was held on March 26, 2006 and burial was in Ebenezer Cemetery, Monday Creek Township, Perry County, Ohio.

Submitted by

Irvin L. Bitting, KCT, PGC

**JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE**  
**Actions of the Grand Commander**

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 are consistent with Templar law and are acceptable.

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.

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 in many outside our asylums.

The Jurisprudence Committee has reviewed the Dispensations Granted and find them consistent and acceptable with Templar law.

The Jurisprudence Committee has reviewed the appointment of Sir Knight Irvin L. Bitting, PGC as the Special Deputy to South Bend Commandery No. 13; and find that this action is consistent and acceptable with Templar law.

The Jurisprudence Committee has reviewed the appointment of Sir Knight George A. Ingles, Jr., PGC as the Special Deputy to Wabash Commandery No. 37 and find that this action is consistent and acceptable with Templar law.

The Jurisprudence Committee has reviewed the removal of Wabash Commandery No. 37 from probation and finds that this action is consistent and acceptable with Templar law.

The Jurisprudence Committee has reviewed the merging of New Castle Commandery No. 44 with Knightstown Commandery No. 9 and the merging of Brazil No. 47 with Greencastle No. 11 and find that these actions are consistent and acceptable with Templar law.

I move the approval of these actions.

Respectfully submitted  
Steven J. Barton, Chairman

**Remarks from the Grand Lodge  
Deputy Grand Master Dennis T. Herrell**

Right Eminent Grand Commander, I've often found myself in a situation just such as this when they needed a filler, when they were looking for a filibuster. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you Sir Knight and all the Sir Knights for the many courtesies extended to my wife Sharon and me. I have enjoyed my stay with this particular order these last two days and I was thinking the other evening of the all of the honors and titles bestowed upon this august group. And many of us have received those and rightly so. I would like to thank all the men in here with the many titles that are out here before me. I was just taken by looking at all the many years of service that you men have given to Masonry, in particular Indiana Freemasonry. We have about 75,000 Freemasons in this state, now there are many needs among the 75,000. There are also thousands that answer those needs. I am telling you that what impresses me are all those brothers that serve those brothers that serve this Fraternity and so often receive so very little. I am thinking now about situations such as in Paoli when an elderly gentleman 89 year old and 59 year Mason, he was in need of some help and I called on this brother and I don't know exactly what he needed. When I approached his steps I saw that the steps were rotted and they were in need of repair. The exterior of his home was in need of repair also but the interior was immaculate. This man had spent his life in education; he had given so much to many. So many people had benefited from his teaching. He found himself in his twilight years, frankly he needed someone. I called the Master of the Lodge in Paoli and I asked him, "have you called on him, have you seen him?" He said maybe no. I took that to mean, no. I said you know I would like for someone from the Lodge to call on him and see if they could repair the steps and his porch. He said, "Yes, Grand Master, I am going to do that as soon as my two son in-laws return from vacation and I am going to call on him and we'll see what we can do." Today you can drive by and old porch is gone and it is now extended, they put his glider upon the porch and it didn't have a roof over it but now it has one. They installed hand rails so he wouldn't fall. And you know, these brothers who did this work, really enjoyed themselves and even the newspapers were out there and took pictures. They received a lot of good PR but that's not what they were looking for. What I am saying today is we have those people out there who need our attention. They aren't going to ask for it, we need to be vigil; we need to see and call on these brothers to see what we could do and how we could help them. I have a Secretary in a Lodge in southern Indiana that mowed another brother's lawn for about two years now. This man is about 94 years of age and can no longer do it. This takes the time from his busy schedule and mows his lawn and never takes or asks for anything. This is Masonry in action. This is as it should be. This is what we each need to be doing.

Brethren, I do thank you to for being able to be here again. I wish you great success in your endeavors and I see great things coming from York Rite Masonry. I look about this audience and I see some of the finest Masons in our Grand jurisdiction. I know you in your Symbolic Lodges and in other bodies of Masonry and I ask of you to ask yourselves, "Is there more I can give, is there more I can do?" Thank you my Brethren.

**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 –	103
Total Past Commanders (Not otherwise registered) –	41
Total Grand officers and Past Grand Commanders (Not otherwise registered) –	50
Total eligible to vote –	194

The following Commanderies have representatives missing as follows.

LaValette #15	EC, CG	Apollo #19	G, CG
Johnson County #23	CG	Jeffersonville #27	G, CG
Mich. City #30	G	Kokomo #36	CG
Wabash #37	G, CG	Bedford #42	G, CG
Clinton #48	G, CG	Goshen #50	CG
Seymour #56	G	Wright #64	CG

I would like to thank the following Sir Knights that assisted with my duties as Credentials Committee Chairman.

Respectfully Submitted,

James L. Dove, G.J.W. Chairman

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**CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE FINAL REPORT (cont.)**

Number	Name	Office	Proxy
1	Raper	E.C. Phillip D. Whisner G. Phillip A. Garver C.G. John C. Gray	
2	Shelbyville	E.C. Randal P. Ellington G. Jack Wallace C.G. Philip Herthel	Proxy Proxy
3	Lafayette	E.C. Walter J. Colburn G. Jacob E. Wiebrs C.G. Rudell Wilburn	Proxy
4	Ft. Wayne	E.C. James B. Coleman G. John Tuttle C.G. Bill Hosler	
5	New Albany	E.C. Douglas Elsler G. Edward Young C.G. Terry L. Smith	
6	Connersville	E.C. Robert E. Price G. Malcolm W. Keasling C.G. David M. Bertch	
8	Richmond	E.C. Jeffery D. Naylor G. Robert J. Frazer C.G. Elmer E. Pohlenz	Proxy
9	Knightstown	E.C. Derek Davis G. Floyd K. Dunn, II C.G. Michael Alter	
11	Greencastle	E.C. Thomas Stinger G. Joseph G. Conniff C.G. Martin Susns	
12	LaPorte	E.C. James L. Dove G. Patrick W. Baird C.G. William T. Dove	Proxy Proxy

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**CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE FINAL REPORT (cont.)**

13	S. Bend	E.C.	William Fox, Jr.	
		G.	James L. Bolinger	
		C.G.	William G. Davis	
14	Columbus	E.C.	Ronald W. Woods, Jr.	
		G.	Erwin E. Brown	
		C.G.	James N. Butler	
15	LaValette	G.	Jerry J. Bruning	
16	Terre Haute	E.C.	David Jenkins	
		G.	Marvin Williams	
		C.G.	Glen Miller	
19	Apollo	E.C.	John A. Campbell, Jr.	
20	Vincennes	E.C.	Edward L. Sebring	Proxy
		G.	Christopher W. Kimmel	
		C.G.	Paul D. Keen	
21	Grant County	E.C.	Floyd Earl	
		G.	Jerry Owen	
		C.G.	Michael W. Winters	
23	Johnson County	E.C.	Harry W. Cartwright	
		G.	Joseph R. Haydock	
24	St. John	E.C.	Wayne G. Rusnak	
		G.	Charles W. maple	
		C. G.	James L. Kerns	
25	Crawfordsville	E.C.	Marvin Ramsay	
		G.	Michael Morrison	
		C.G.	Irving E. Brissie	Proxy
27	Jeffersonville	E.C.	Carl Price	
28	Valparaiso	E.C.	Wayne Shobe	Proxy
		G.	Charles L. Combi	Proxy
		C.G.	Jim L. Dove	Proxy
29	Frankfort	E. C.	Michael Mane	Proxy
		G.	Virgil Humphrey	Proxy
		C.G.	Dennis Tuder	



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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.	Steven K. Lawler	
		G.	Vernon Dearduff	
		C.G.	Larry W. Brown	
35	Huntington	E.C.	Gene A. Pelters, Jr.	
		G.	Samuel M. Kaiser	Proxy
		C.G.	Charl Bandelier	
36	Kokomo	E.C.	Donald L. Parvin	
		G.	Thomas P. Sadler	
37	Wabash	E.C.	Jerry McVickers	
39	Greenfield	E.C.	Rex Sohn	
		G.	John Fleming	
		C.G.	Peter T. McLeod	
41	Hammond	E.C.	Clarence R. Shultz	
		G.	Scott G. Inman	
		C.G.	Charles V. Horton	
42	Bedford	E.C.	Carl O. Farley	
45	Angola	E.C.	John Zion	
		G.	Dwight E. Lanman, Jr.	
		C.G.	John D. Myers	
48	Clinton	E.C.	Arthur S. Nowling	Proxy
50	Goshen	E.C.	Phillip W. Crusemeyer	Proxy
		G.	Jacob Demott	
56	Seymour	E.C.	Thomas Neimeyer	
		C.G.	Ernie Ball	
57	E.H. Gary	E.C.	Harold D Ronk, Jr.	
		G.	Frank E. McKinnon, Jr.	Proxy
		C.G.	Richard Somers	Proxy

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61	Noblesville	E.C. G. C.G.	Thomas W. Harper Tony Peterson Jeffery M. Jordan	Proxy
62	Trinity	E.C. G. C.G.	Kevin Comstock Carson C. Smith Jerald L. Miller	Proxy
63	Bloomington	E.C. G. C.G.	Larry G. Huffman Michael C. Stoner Eric Shaw	
64	Wright	E.C. G	Charles M. Huff Robert G. Bragg	Proxy Proxy
65	Wm. G. Bray	E.C. G. C.G.	Charles D. Wood, Jr. Ronald J. Davis George A. Ingles	Proxy
66	H.W. Matthewson	E.C. G. C.G.	Irvin L. Bitting Terry D. Elijah John E. Hylemon	Proxy
67	Lawrence	E.C. G. C.G.	Joseph M. Ketterman Charles R. Bowling H. E. Lackey	
68	St. Anselm	E.C. G. C.G.	Ronald L. Ellis George A. Ingles H.E. "Gene" Lackey	Proxy

## **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

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

Rodney A. Mann, GC	Andrew A. Jackson, DGC	David M. Bertch, GG
Larry W. Brown, GCG	James L. Dove, GSW	Patrick S. Diller, GJW
Robert J. Frazer, KCT, PGC, GT	John V. Stevens, KCT, PGC, GR	
Trustee (1) Years Steven J. Barton, PGC, DC	Trustee (2) Years Ronald L. Ellis, PGC	
	Trustee (3) Years Kenneth Gibson	

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

The Grand Commander elect then announced the following appointments:

Carroll Joe Friend, GP	Rex Sohn, GStB	Paul A. Cole, GSWB
Michael C. Stoner, GW	Michael R. Payne, GS	Carleton Hinshaw, GO

## **Grand Commandery Knight Templar of Indiana Acceptance Speech for 2006 Election to Grand Commander**

I humbly accept the Office of Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Knights Templar of Indiana for the 2006-2007 Templar Year. I want to thank the Sir Knights of Indiana for the confidence they have placed in me. I pledge to each of you to do my best each day for Templary in Indiana and for Freemasonry. When we take the obligations of the degrees and orders we are just repeating the words. I have read and reread the words in the obligations. I do not take those obligations lightly. I have committed myself to following those obligations each and every day.

One passage that strikes me is given by the Junior Warden to the Knight of Malta who is in the Chamber of Reflection. The Junior Warden tells him “Knight, you are now seated in the Chamber of Reflection, where, in silence and solitude, you will have the opportunity for meditation. The first three degrees of Masonry inculcate the cardinal virtues, Temperance, Fortitude, Prudence, and Justice. Charity was taught to you as Mark Master, Moderation as a Past Master, your industry was rewarded as a Master Excellent Master, and when you passed under the Living Arch you received a lesson of Humility. When you were created a Companion of the Red Cross you were impressed with the almighty force and the importance of Truth. When you were admitted a Knight of Malta you were instructed to be zealous and vigilant for the honor of Knighthood.”

As a Knight Templar the Prelate instructs us that “Charity and hospitality are the grand characteristics of this Valiant and Magnanimous Order. As Knights Templar we are bound to give alms to poor and weary pilgrims traveling from afar, clothe the naked, and bind up the wounds of the afflicted. We are to wage war against the enemies of innocent maidens, destitute widows, helpless orphans and the Christian Religion” Non Members only know what a Knight Templar is by our actions. As Knights Templar we must strive to let these lessons we have learned shine in our daily lives.

We must never forget we are dedicated to the Christian religion. I am requesting each Commander hold a religious service during the year. It can be an Ascension Day Service, Christmas Service or

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Easter Service. I am requesting the service be open to the non members and wear your uniform. It is important to not hide this part of our heritage so no one will see it.

The inspections will be done on any of the three Orders by your Battalion Commander. You will work with him to set up the time and date.

This Templar year the main goal is new members. The Grand Commandery has developed some great tools to work with. We will have the ITA and Templar Crusader Training in September. The Grand Commandery will teach you how to sell the York Rite as a Templar Crusader and teach you how to run a Commandery in this Years ITA. If you would like to be trained as a Templar Crusader or attend the ITA contact Sir Knight Paul Cole. His contact information is in the Magazine Supplement. The Receptions this year will be used as a tool to help recruit new members. I am asking you to invite your family, friends, masons, and non masons to the reception. We will use the reception to put on a great show for them. Our motto this year will be "Crusade for 300" I am setting a goal of "300" new Knightings by the Grand Conclave next year. Each Sir Knight who top line signs "5" petitions will receive a Templar Jacket from the Grand Commandery as a Templar Crusader. I hope to present many of these jackets this year.

I want to again thank you and I look forward to serving you this year.

Yours in Templary,  
Rodney A. Mann, V.E.D.G.C.

**BY-LAWS COMMITTEE REPORT**

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

The By-Laws Committee reports the 8 Commanderies revised their By-Laws this year as follows:

Fort Wayne Commandery #4	Meeting Date
New Albany Commandery #5	Complete Revision
Connersville Commandery #6	Dues Restructure
Greencastle Commandery #11	Meeting Date Change
LaValette Commandery #15	Dues Increase
Frankfort Commandery #29	Complete Revision
St. John Commandery #24	Complete Revision
Wright Commandery #64	Complete Revision

Respectfully submitted for the Committee,

John V. Stevens, Chairman

**REPORT OF THE LIFE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE**

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

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

<u>Year</u>	<u>Dues Paid to Commanderies</u>	<u>Members</u>	<u>Active Members</u>
1991	\$1658.00	56	56
1992	\$2008.50	101	101
1993	\$2905.00	167	165
1994	\$3190.70	198	192
1995	\$3431.05	213	204
1996	\$3661.10	223	206
1997	\$4069.60	235	212
1998	\$4199.60	261	231
1999	\$4219.60	274	240
2000	\$4965.80	303	252
2001	\$4782.80	315	257
2002	\$4834.30	320	253
2003	\$4619.95	325	250
2004	\$4412.40	329	243
2005	\$4689.15	342	235
2006	\$4535.95	357	242

As of December 31, 2005, a total of 357 life memberships have been issued since the start of the plan. With 115 members deceased, suspended or demitted, the plan has 242 active members. Fifteen new Life Members joined in 2005. The total cash received into the plan as of December 31, 2005 was \$77,827.00. The Grand Trustees are holding the assets in long-term certificates of deposit and money market accounts, at interest rates ranging from 3.11% to 4.41%. On December 31, 2005, there was \$40,570.88 in assets, in the form of 4 Certificates of Deposit worth \$33,000.00 and a money market account of \$7,570.88.

The Trustees of the Grand Commandery will continue to monitor for the best options for investing the assets of the Life Membership program.

A display on the current Life Membership program is on exhibit in the foyer for those that want to learn more about the advantages of joining.

Respectfully submitted:

Paul W. Friend, K.C.T., P.G.C., Chairman

Larry W. Brown, GSW

Herbert G. Roach, K.C.T., P.G.C.

Harrison E. Lackey, K.T.C.H., K.C.T., H.P.G.C.

**REPORT OF GRIEVANCES & APPEALS**

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

The committee on Grievances and appeals is pleased to report that we have received no official appeals or reports of grievances during the templar year ending today.

Respectfully submitted,

Duane L. Vaught  
Committee Chair

**Remarks from the Representative of the Scottish Rite  
William Fox, Jr., Active for Indiana**

Illustrious Brother and Eminent Commander of South Bend Commandery William Fox brought remarks from the Scottish Rite:

My remarks will be short at this time. This is a time of mourning for the Scottish Rite, with the loss of our Sovereign Grand Commander. For those of you who aren't aware Walter E. Webber our Sovereign Grand Commander of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction went to the Grand Lodge above last Saturday evening after a year's bout with cancer.

Our leadership remains in good hands with one of Indiana's finest Illustrious Brothers, John William McNaughton, who is our 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant Commander. On his behalf and Robert Elrod, Deputy for the State of Indiana, we thank you very much for this opportunity to be recognized here and we extend to you congratulations on a great year and best wishes for continued success in your Asylum.

**CHARTERS AND DISPENSATIONS REPORT**

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

Your Committee on Charters and Dispensations reports that no Charter requests were received during the year, thus no actions were necessary.

No other referrals or expulsions have been brought to the attention of this Committee for the year 2005-2006.

Respectfully submitted,

Kenneth E. Gibson, P.G.C., Chairman  
Dwight E. Lanman, Jr., P.G.C.  
Rodney A. Mann, D.G.C.  
Andrew R. Jackson, G.G.

**RECODIFICATION of THE INDIANA KNIGHTS TEMPLAR LAWS**

The recodified Laws of Grand Commander of Indiana has been review by several members of this Grand Commandery. The edits do to typos are in the process of being corrected. The Jurisprudence Committee recommends that the recodified laws be placed on the webpage of the Grand Commandery on or before March 1, 2007 for review by the members of this Grand Commandery before the next conclave and approved for printing at the 2007 Conclave.

Steven J. Barton, PGC  
Chairman of Jurisprudence Committee

**Resolutions received for consideration**  
**152<sup>nd</sup> Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Indiana**

<b>Old Section</b>	<b>New Section</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Submitted</b>	<b>R-Num</b>
410	414	Delete reference to Hospitaler Committee	G. Ingles	R-01
433e	414	Delete reference to Hospitaler Committee	L. Brown	R-02
433a	580	Delete requirement to serve as Battalion Commander	L. Kaminsky	R-03
454	752	Update reference to Royal and Select Masters	S. Davis	R-04
Resolution 2	835	Update Ritual issuance	A. Jackson	R-05
473	851	Remove Salary of Grand Inspector General	D. Bertch	R-06
484	901	Change references to new numbering system	P. Diller	R-07
433-433e	579-588	Duties of Grand Officers	G. Ingles	R-08
		Honorary Past Grand Commander	S. Barton	R-09
403	610	Resolution on Revenues	Finance	R-10
Resolution 7	612	Resolution on Permanent Fund	Finance	R-11

Steven J. Barton, PGC  
Chairman Jurisprudence Committee

Resolutions as listed below were presented and adopted as follows:

Resolution # R-08 was passed

Resolution # R-02 & R-03 were deleted

Resolution # R-01 was approved

Resolution # R-04 was approved

Resolution # R-05 was approved

Resolution # R-06 was approved

Resolution # R-07 was approved

Resolution # R-09 was approved in the AM following the opening of Grand Commandery.

Resolution # R-10 & R -11 were separately presented by the Finance Committee Chairman Sir Knight Vaught and both were approved.

**R-01**

*Whereas:* Section 414 New 410 reads:

**DIGEST-ADVANCE REPORTS**

**SECTION 414 (410):** Within two weeks following the date of adjournment of a Grand Commandery Conclave, the Grand Commander shall require the Grand Recorder to prepare a complete digest and informative summary of all transactions of the Conclave, have the same printed as a general order or bulletin, and mail a copy thereof to. (1) The Recorder of each constituent Commandery and (2) each officer and past officer of the Grand Commandery

The Grand Commander shall require the Grand Recorder to print the annual reports of the Grand Commander, Grand Treasurer, Grand Recorder, Educational Foundation Committee, and Hospitaler Committee in advance of the convening of the Grand Commandery and cause a copy thereof to be distributed to each member of that body registering for attendance upon the Conclave. Each of said officers and committees shall have a copy of their respective reports in the hands of the Grand Recorder for such printing and distribution not less than thirty days in advance of the date of the Annual Conclave at which said reports are to be presented.

*Whereas:* The Hospitaler committee has been eliminated from the committees of the Grand Commandery of Indiana.

*Therefore:* be it resolved that Section 414 new 410 shall read:

**SECTION 414 (410):** Within two weeks following the date of adjournment of a Grand Commandery Conclave, the Grand Commander shall require the Grand Recorder to prepare a complete digest and informative summary of all transactions of the Conclave, have the same printed as a general order or bulletin, and mail a copy thereof to. (1) The

Recorder of each constituent Commandery and (2) each officer and past officer of the Grand Commandery

The Grand Commander shall require the Grand Recorder to print the annual reports of the Grand Commander, Grand Treasurer, Grand Recorder, and Educational Foundation Committee, in advance of the convening of the Grand Commandery and cause a copy thereof to be distributed to each member of that body registering for attendance upon the Conclave. Each of said officers and committees shall have a copy of their respective reports in the hands of the Grand Recorder for such printing and distribution not less than thirty days in advance of the date of the Annual Conclave at which said reports are to be presented.

Fraternally Submitted,

George A. Ingles, PGC



**R-02**

Whereas; it is desired to renumber the Sections of the Laws of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Indiana to improve their usability, and

Whereas; there is no longer a Hospitalers Committee

**SECTION 433e:**

Therefore; be it resolved that Section 433e which currently reads;

Grand Junior Warden: (1) Will maintain the “Indiana Knights Templar Officers Handbook.” (2) Will serve on the following committees: Credentials (Chairman), Membership, Hospitaler, and Templar Uniform committees. (3) Serve as Battalion Commander.

Shall be amended and becomes Section 588 as follows:

Grand Junior Warden: (1) Will maintain the “Indiana Knights Templar Officers Handbook.” (2) Will serve on the following committees: Credentials (Chairman), Membership, and Templar Uniform committees. (3) Serve as Battalion Commander.

Fraternally Submitted,

Larry Brown, GSW

**R-03**

Section: 580 (433a)

Commentary:

Whereas it has been several years since the Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander has served as a Battalion Commander and whereas Section: 580 (433a) states that he will serve as a Battalion Commander, therefore this is a housekeeping change to remove that requirement. If in the future, it becomes necessary for the Deputy Grand Commander to again assume command of a battalion, he may do so without change to section 580 (433a).

**Current Reading:**

**SECTION 580 (433a):**

**Deputy Grand Commander:**

- (1). Will report his Templar annual plan at the winter officers meeting preceding his election as Grand Commander.
- (2). Be a member of the following committees, By-Laws, Long Range Planning, and the Charters and Dispensation Committee.
- (3). Representative at the State York Rite Association.
- (4). Serve as Battalion Commander.

**Proposed Reading:**

**SECTION 580 (433a):**

**Deputy Grand Commander:**

- (1). Will report his Templar annual plan at the winter officers meeting preceding his election as Grand Commander.
- (2). **Will** be a member of the following committees, By-Laws, Long Range Planning, and the Charters and Dispensation Committee.
- (3). **Will be the Templar** Representative at the State York Rite Association.
- (4). **Will** serve as Battalion Commander, **if needed.**

Fraternally Submitted,

Lawrence V Kaminsky, GC

**R-04**

Whereas Section 752 (454) refers to the old title of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Indiana which reads:

**YORK RITE COORDINATING COMMITTEE**

**SECTION 752 (454):** In accordance with recommendation made to, and approval given by the Grand Commandery at its annual Conclave held in May of 1951, there shall be appointed each year, a York Rite Coordinating Committee, consisting of four members who shall be the Grand Commander, the Deputy Grand Commander, the Grand Generalissimo and a Past Grand Commander, It shall be the duty of this Committee to work with like committees created by the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons and The Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters, said Committee to constitute a joint Committee on York Rite Coordination The object of said Committee shall be understood to be, to promote and coordinate the interests of the Grand and Constituent bodies of Capitular, Cryptic, and Chivalric: Masonry in the State of Indiana and to encourage cooperative action by and between these respective bodies.

Therefore be it resolved that: Section 752 (454) shall Read:

**YORK RITE COORDINATING COMMITTEE**

**SECTION 752 (454):** In accordance with recommendation made to, and approval given by the Grand Commandery at its annual Conclave held in May of 1951, there shall be appointed each year, a York Rite Coordinating Committee, consisting of four members who shall be the Grand Commander, the Deputy Grand Commander, the Grand Generalissimo and a Past Grand Commander, It shall be the duty of this Committee to work with like committees created by the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons and The Grand Council of **Cryptic Masons**, said Committee to constitute a joint Committee on York Rite Coordination The object of said Committee shall be understood to be, to promote and coordinate the interests of the Grand and Constituent bodies of Capitular, Cryptic, and Chivalric: Masonry in the State of Indiana and to encourage cooperative action by and between these respective bodies.

Fraternally submitted,

E. Stanton Davis, Aide to the GC

**R-05**

*Whereas Section: (Old Resolution No. 2) (New 835):*

**RITUALS**

**SECTION 835 (Resolution No.2.)** 1 All Rituals now chargeable to Indiana as shown on the Records of the Grand Encampment shall be purchased by the Grand Commandery of Indiana.

2 That all rules and regulations relating to Rituals shall from time to time be made by this Grand Commandery.

3. That the Grand Commandery will pay for the original quantity of Rituals now in the hands of Constituent Commanderies and the charge will not be passed on.

4. That Rituals may hereafter be purchased only by Commanderies; that said purchases shall be made through the office of the Grand Recorder for the sum of seven (\$7.00) dollars; that a credit will be given upon the purchase of a Ritual of three (\$3.00) for each worn or used Ritual tendered to the Grand Recorder at the time of the purchase of a new Ritual.

5. That the Grand Recorder shall make a record of the Rituals now in the possession of each Commandery and of the Grand Commandery and shall keep said record to date as Rituals are from time to time tendered to him and purchased from him.

6. Each Commandery shall at the time of its Annual inspection have a minimum of eleven of its Rituals in good condition on the Recorder's desk to be inspected by the inspecting officer. (*Adopted 1965*)

*Whereas paragraph 4.states:*

4. That Rituals may hereafter be purchased only by Commanderies; that said purchases shall be made through the office of the Grand Recorder for the sum of seven (\$7.00) dollars; that a credit will be given upon the purchase of a Ritual of three (\$3.00) for each worn or used Ritual tendered to the Grand Recorder at the time of the purchase of a new Ritual.

*Whereas:* The costs of all supplies are subject to the supplier charges *and:*

*Whereas:* the Commanderies are not returning the worn or used Rituals, *and:*

*Whereas:* the present cost of the Ritual is more than the stated seven (\$7.00) dollars.

*Therefore be it resolved that:* Paragraph 4 of Section (new 835) (Old Resolution 2) be amended to read:

4. That Rituals may hereafter be purchased only by Commanderies; that said purchases shall be made through the office of the Grand Recorder.

Fraternally submitted,

George A. Ingles, PGC

**R-06**

CURRENT READING

Whereas Old Section 851 New Section 762 Reads

**INSPECTION OF COMMANDERIES APPOINTMENT,  
PAY AND DUTIES OF INSPECTION**

**SECTION 851 (473):** Commanderies of this Grand Jurisdiction shall be inspected annually under the direction and control of the Grand Commander, who may, subject to the approval of the Committee on Jurisprudence, appoint one competent Sir Knight to make all of the inspections at a salary of \$1,200,00 per annum, which shall include his expenses, or the Grand Commander may assign a Line Officer to each of the districts as now constituted and established, to make such inspections, who shall receive his actual expenses only. The duties of such inspector shall be to inspect, correct errors and give such instruction and information immediately after inspection, as the inspector may deem necessary and in accordance with the interpretation of the ritual and tactics as provided by the Grand Encampment. Such inspector shall make a report to the Grand Commander immediately after each inspection; provided that in the event any inspector shall be unable to perform his duties as such, then the Grand Commander shall appoint another competent Knight Templar his stead as such inspector. It shall be the duty of each Commander to assemble his Commandery for inspection at such time as may be designated by the inspector It is further provided that the Grand Commander may from time to time call such school or schools of instruction as may seem fit and proper, and require the attendance of such inspectors thereat.

*And Whereas:* This paragraph could cause confusion under the present Battalion Structure

Therefore be it resolved that said paragraph be modified to read as follows:

**INSPECTION OF COMMANDERIES APPOINTMENT,  
PAY AND DUTIES OF INSPECTION**

**SECTION 851 (473):** Commanderies of this Grand Jurisdiction shall be inspected annually under the direction and control of the Grand Commander, who may, subject to the approval of the Committee on Jurisprudence, appoint one competent Sir Knight to make *some or* all of the inspections at a salary, *which shall be set in the Annual Budget of this Grand Commandery* , which shall include his expenses, or the Grand Commander may assign a *Grand Officer* to each of the *Battalions* as now constituted and established, to make such inspections, who shall receive his actual expenses only. The duties of such inspector shall be to inspect, correct errors and give such instruction and information immediately after inspection, as the inspector may deem necessary and in accordance with the interpretation of the ritual and tactics as provided by the Grand Encampment. Such inspector shall make a report to the Grand Commander immediately after each inspection; provided that in the event any inspector shall be unable to perform his duties as such, then the Grand Commander shall appoint another competent Knight Templar his stead as such inspector.

It shall be the duty of each Commander to assemble his Commandery for inspection at such time as may be designated by the inspector It is further provided that the Grand Commander may from time to time call such school or schools of instruction as may seem fit and proper, and require the attendance of such inspectors thereat.

Fraternally Submitted,

David M. Bertch GSW

**R-07**

**NEW SECTION NUMBER**

Whereas the laws of the Grand Commandery have been recodified and whereas existing section references need to be updated to conform to the new section numbers.

**CURRENT READING**

**SECTION 901:** It is the intention that this section shall void the use of the "old style high collar uniform" except for those Sir Knights who own and utilize such uniform. No candidate for the Orders who is Knighted after April 1983, shall be knighted in, or shall thereafter appear in such style uniform. The long coat with lapel collar may continue to be worn. It is the further intention of this section that the coat as described in Section 483(a) is now and shall hereafter be the style of coat to be purchased and worn by Indiana Templars

Be amended to read:

**SECTION 901:** It is the intention that this section shall void the use of the "old style high collar uniform" except for those Sir Knights who own and utilize such uniform. No candidate for the Orders who is Knighted after April 1983, shall be knighted in, or shall thereafter appear in such style uniform. The long coat with lapel collar may continue to be worn. It is the further intention of this section that the coat as described in Section 910 is now and shall hereafter be the style of coat to be purchased and worn by Indiana Templars.

Fraternally submitted,

Patrick Diller, G.S.

**R—08**

*Whereas:* Old Section 579 through 588; New Section 433 through 433e: Reads

**DUTIES OF GRAND OFFICERS (1994)**

**SECTION 579 (433):** The Duty of all other officers of the Grand Commandery shall be as are fixed by the Ritual and that may be fixed by the Grand Commandery and the Grand Encampment. The duties and responsibilities of the elected Grand Commandery Officers shall include the following:

**SECTION 580 (433a): Deputy Grand Commander:** (1). Will report his Templar annual plan at the winter officers meeting preceding his election as Grand Commander. (2). Be a member of the following committees, By-Laws, Long Range Planning, and the Charters and Dispensation Committee. (3). Representative at the State York Rite Association. (4). Serve as Battalion Commander.

**SECTION 582 (433b): Grand Generalissimo:** (1). Will be responsible for the Summary of the results from the Annual Templar inspections. (2). Vice-Chairman of the Membership Committee. (3). Member of the Dispensation and Charters committee and the By-laws Committee. (4). Serve as Battalion Commander.

**SECTION 584 (433c): Grand Captain General:** (1). Will serve as Vice-chairman of the Competitive Drill competition. (2). Implement the orders of the Grand Commander for Battalion and Deputy Battalion Meetings, which will include functionally directing the Officers in the “West.” (3). Coordinate schools of instructions for the Battalion and Deputy Battalion Commanders. (4). Serve on the Membership Committee. and (5). Serve as Battalion Commander.

**SECTION 586 (433d): Grand Senior Warden:** (1). Serve on the following committees: Templar Uniform, Membership, Ritual and Tactics, and the Visiting Sir Knight and Distinguished Guest Committee. (2). Serve as Battalion Commander.

**SECTION 588 (433e): Grand Junior Warden:** (1). Will maintain the “Indiana Knights Templar Officers Handbook.” (2). Will serve on the following committees: Credentials (Chairman), Membership, Hospitaler, and Templar Uniform committees. (3). Serve as Battalion Commander.

*Whereas:* In recent years there have been many changes in the duties of the Grand Officers as a result of the decreasing number of Commanderies, changes in the make up of the Grand Officers, elimination of some committees and general house keeping *and*.

*Whereas:* The Grand Commander has served with the officers for a number of years and has a good knowledge of their abilities *and*.

*Whereas:* A new Grand Commandery Officers Handbook has been developed which includes recommendations and suggestions for committee appointments and officers duties.

*Therefore be it resolved:* That Section 579 New 433 shall read.

**SECTION 579 (433):** The Duty of all other officers of the Grand Commandery shall be as are fixed by the Ritual and that may be fixed by the Grand Commandery and the Grand Encampment.

*And that Sections:* 580 through 588, New 433a through 433e, are deleted in there entirety.

Fraternally Submitted,

George A. Ingles, PGC

**R—09**

**RESOLUTION ON HONORARY PAST GRAND COMMANDER**

**Whereas our distinguished Sir Knight George Dewey Kivett, KTCH, KCT has long served this Grand Commandery in outstanding, exemplary manner and has represented the Grand Commandery of Indiana as drill captain for Raper Commandery No. 1 winning six national titles**

**And**

**Upon petition of the Grand Commander, Knights Templar of Indiana to the Grand Master of the Grand Encampment**

**And**

**Whereas Sir Knight Kenneth Bernard Fisher, Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, Knights Templar of the United States of America has given his written approval according to Section 237 (a)**

**Therefore I propose the title of Honorary Past Grand Commander be bestowed upon Sir Knight Kivett.**

**Steven J. Barton**

**Passed April 28, 2006**



**R—10**

**RESOLUTION ON REVENUES**

Whereas the time has come after many years when a change in the per capita assessment is appropriate and

Whereas more regular small changes are preferable to large sudden changes brought about by a desire to avoid modification of our Grand Law and

Whereas it is desirable to not require reprinting or re-issuance of our Grand Laws whenever a change in per capita is made and

Whereas many Masonic organizations, such as Indiana Symbolic Lodges are successfully adopting annual setting of dues

Therefore be it resolved that section 610 of the laws of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Indiana which now reads:

**SECTION 610** (403) The revenues of the Grand Commandery shall consist of fees for Charters issued to Commanderies within its jurisdiction, which shall be the sum of \$100.00, a fee of \$10.00 for each Knight Templar created therein and an annual per capita of \$4.50, plus such annual per capita amount as shall from time to time be assessed by the Grand Encampment, K. T., U. S. A., upon each member thereof, and all fees and dues that may be charged to or provided to be paid by the Commanderies and the members thereto to the Grand Commandery, all of which shall be paid on or before the 1st day of February each year; and 20 cents of the per capita is to be set aside as a special fund to be expended under the direction of the Triennial Committee, as approved by the Grand Commander; and 15 cents of which is to be set aside for Annual Conclave expenses to be expended under the direction of the Finance Committee, as approved by the Grand Commander; also said revenues shall consist of interest and profits on deposits and invested funds. Provided, that Commanderies may remit by vote at a Stated Conclave the dues of any member having attained a record of 50 years as a Knight Templar and the Commandery shall not be required to pay Grand Commandery dues upon such members whose dues shall be thus remitted.

Nor shall the Commandery be required to pay to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation the assessment upon those members whose dues were remitted because of their inability to pay dues. (Section 19 Grand Encampment 1961) The Commandery shall be required to pay to the Grand Commandery the annual Knights Templar Eye Foundation assessment upon those members whose dues were remitted because of 50 years of membership. (1992)

Be amended to read:

**SECTION 610** The revenues of the Grand Commandery shall consist of 1) fees for Charters issued to Commanderies within its jurisdiction, which shall be \$100.00, 2) a fee of \$10.00 for each Knight Templar created therein and 3) an annual per capita as approved each year at the preceding annual Grand Conclave, plus such annual per capita amount as shall from time to time be assessed by the Grand Encampment, K. T., U. S. A., upon each member thereof, and 4) all fees and dues that may be charged to or provided to be paid by the Commanderies and the members thereto to the Grand Commandery, all of which shall be paid on or before the 1st day of February each year; also said revenues shall consist of interest and profits on deposits and invested funds. Provided, that Commanderies may remit by vote at a Stated Conclave the dues of any member

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Fraternaly submitted,

Duane L Vaught PGC  
George A Ingles Jr. PGC  
Lloyd Marsh PC

**R—11**

**RESOLUTION ON PERMANENT FUND**

Whereas the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Indiana established a permanent fund to ensure the continued financial viability of the Grand Commandery and

Whereas a resolution was passed in 1992 to collect \$1 per year per capita to increase the fund for at least the following five years and

Whereas that annual per capita has been continued and it is considered wise to continue this investment in the future indefinitely and

Whereas the use of funds in, or generated by, the permanent funds have been regulated loosely and

Whereas it is now considered prudent to make the use of these funds more stable

Therefore be it resolved that section 612 of the laws of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Indiana which now reads:

SECTION 612 (Resolution No.7.) It is the sense and purpose of this Grand Commandery that for so long as it is budgetarily feasible, and in no case for less than a five-year period beginning with the per capita paid in January of 1993. \$1.00 of the per capita of this Grand Commandery shall be paid into the Permanent Investment Fund of this Grand Commandery in order to build it into a fund that will be adequate to finance the operations of this Grand Commandery during the balance of this decade.

(Adopted 1992)

Be amended to read:

SECTION 612. For each member subject to, and for which per capita fees are received, \$1.00 of the per capita of this Grand Commandery shall be paid into the Permanent Investment Fund of this Grand Commandery in order to partially finance the operations of this Grand Commandery.

The permanent and un-expendable portion of the fund shall be \$279,096, as of December 31, 2005 plus all per capita fees and contributions contributed to the fund after that date.

Each year, beginning with the 2007-2008 Grand Commandery year, the permanent fund shall transfer to the general fund, for operations, five percent (5%) of the previous calendar year end value of the permanent fund except that such transfer shall be limited as follows. The maximum annual transfer shall be no more than the amount that would reduce the permanent fund as of the previous calendar year end to the permanent, un-expendable balance of the fund.

Fraternally Submitted,

Duane L. Vaught PGC

George A. Ingles Jr. PGC

Lloyd Marsh PC

**GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR  
OF INDIANA  
REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RITUAL AND TACTICS  
2005-06 TEMPLAR YEAR**

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

Your Committee on Ritual and Tactics wishes to report the following recommendations:

1. As to the correct point in the Tactics for “Return Swords” at the time of forming the Triangle, it is the opinion of your committee that the traditional command should be used. If the Triangle is correctly formed, there should be space for the “Return Swords” order to be given at the Triangle and not prior to formation of the Triangle.
2. The optional method for the Standard Guard to return to the West after the Flag is returned to the East at the conclusion of the Flag Ceremony is being used successfully by several Commanderies and should be accepted as an alternate method.
3. Upon request of the Committee on Inactive Participation, the Ritual and Tactics Committee is recommending the addition of a 25 Year Award Presentation to the Tactics. This ceremony may be used by a Commandery to honor a Sir Knight who has achieved 25 years of service to Templary. Additionally, it can serve to bring back to the Asylum Sir Knights who may not have attended regularly for some time. The full ceremony is attached to this report.
4. Finally, your committee has received a proposed addition to the tactics for a reception line to welcome guests into the Asylum at the time of the Public Opening. Your Committee recommends that since this is a separate section of tactics and does not affect the remaining tactics, that Commanderies may use this on a trial basis during the 2006-2007 Templar Year. Your Committee would not recommend that this ceremony be counted in any scoring at this time. A copy of this welcoming ceremony is attached to this report.

Your committee wishes to thank the Grand Commander for his confidence and all who had input into this report.

Respectfully Submitted for the Committee

David M. Bertch GCG - Chairman

**Ritual and Tactics**  
**For 25 Year Award Presentation**

Every Knights Templar who has attained 25 years in good standing is entitled to be presented with a Grand Commandery 25-year award which will be supplied by the Grand Recorder upon request of the local Recorder. The ceremony is recommended to be conducted at a meeting open to the public. The Right Eminent Grand Commander, Battalion Commander, or his representative should present the award.

General Guidelines

- A) The Asylum or meeting room should be arranged as shown in the diagram.
- B) The officers and Sir Knights taking part should have at least one practice and should make an attempt to recite the ceremony from memory.
- C) If possible, there should be a short musical program before the ceremony. Five minutes before the scheduled start time, the Dais Officers and Prelate assume their stations. The Sir Knights chosen for detail should be seated three on the south and three on the north.
- D) The Recorder should have as complete of Masonic Record of the honored Sir Knight as possible, including Blue Lodge and other appendant body affiliations and offices held.

Ritual

C: *At the scheduled time should rise, and after a short welcome to all present continue:*

Twenty-Five years ago, outside our Asylum stood a poor and weary Pilgrim, who desired to join with us in the noble and glorious work of defending the innocent, the helpless, and the Christian Religion.

His journey to knighthood was filled with revelations and danger; however, his courage, faith, and purity of heart guided his journey to a safe ending. At the conclusion of his trials, he sealed his vows and his desire to be numbered among us was fulfilled. He knelt at the foot of the lines to be dubbed and created a Knights Templar.

Today, we gather to pay honor to Sir Knight \_\_\_\_\_, who for 25 years has practiced the virtues of a Knights Templar.

C: Sir Knight Captain General, *hand salute*, Form the lines for the reception of our honored Sir Knight.

*Captain General arises; steps forward one pace, salutes the Commander, faces west, and draws sword and commands:*

CG: Detail, Attention. Fall In.

*At the command of Attention, all Sir Knights Chosen for detail come to attention, including the Generalissimo. At the command of Fall In, the detail marches from their chairs into line. The Generalissimo descends from the dais and takes his position at the foot of the line on the North. The C.G. descends dais and takes his position at the foot of the line on the South.*

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CG: Detail. Draw...Swords. Present Swords.

*All but the Captain General comes to Present Sword.*

*Captain General faces Commander, salutes and reports.*

CG: Eminent Commander, the detail awaits your pleasure.

*C. salutes C.G. who then steps into line (at carry).*

CG: *quietly commands* Carry. Swords.

C: Sir Knights Senior and Junior Warden, *hand salute*, escort our 25-year Knight Templar to the foot of the line.

SW: *Quietly to JW*: Left wheel -- March

*The JW closes ranks with the SW.*

Left Wheel....March. Left Wheel...March.

*SW and JW march directly to honored guests chair, salute the honored guest, and ask him to arise. The SW and JW about face, honored Sir Knight falls in between them and they march one pace west of the foot of the lines.*

*Prelate: Marches out to behind the Honored Sir Knight, raises his right hand, places his left hand on the right shoulder of the honored Knight.*

C: Commandery, Attention.

CG: Detail, Order...Swords.

C: Uncover.

P: Almighty Father, giver of life, we ask that you wrap your protective arms around our beloved Sir Knight, who for 25 years has dedicated his life to thy service. O Lord, grant him continued health and strength to defend against the evils of this world and the detractors of the Christian Religion. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy Kingdom Come, thy will be done, in Earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not, into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the Kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

*Prelate returns to his seat.*

C: Recover. Sir Knights on the sidelines be seated.

CG: Detail. Carry...swords.

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C: Sir Knights Junior and Senior Warden, conduct our honored Sir Knight through the lines.

*Wardens and honored S.K. wait until:*

CG: Present...Swords.

*Then step off with their left foot, and march through the lines until 2 paces past the C.G. and G.*

*After Wardens and honored S.K. pass the C.G., he commands:*

CG: Detail, Carry Swords. Return Swords. About Face. Dismissed.

*S.K.'s in the detail return to their chairs. C.G. and G. reassume their stations on the dais. SW and JW stay with the honored Knight, and step two paces to the rear.*

C: Sir Knight Recorder, you will read the Masonic history of Sir Knight \_\_\_\_\_.

*Recorder should read all Masonic history of the honored S.K. that is available.*

C: Sir Knights, Ladies, and Guests, it is my honor to present Sir Knight \_\_\_\_\_ Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Indiana who will present the 25 year Commandery Award of Silver to our beloved Sir Knight.

*Alternate forms:...to present S.K.\_\_\_\_ Battalion Commander of Battalion Number\_\_\_\_, Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Indiana....*

*Or:...to present S.K.\_\_\_\_, personal representative of S.K.\_\_\_\_ Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Indiana...*

G.C.: Eminent Commander, Distinguished Guests, Honored Sir Knight, Sir Knights and friends. We have heard the Masonic record of our faithful Frater who we are honoring at this time. For 25 years, you have dedicated your life to the ideals of Knights Templar and the Christian Religion.

*G.C. Draws sword*

GC: We are taught that the sword is endowed with three excellent properties, the hilt with Justice, its blade with Fortitude, and the point with Mercy. Let this day serve as a reminder to your dedication to living your life by these principals.

*G.C. returns sword.*

GC: Therefore Sir Knight\_\_\_\_\_, in recognition of your dedication to God and to Knights Templars, the Grand Commandery of Indiana has seen it fit to prepare and bestow upon you a silver cross as a fitting reward for 25 years of service.

C: Commandery, Attention.

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GC: This symbol of faith, the Christians Hope and Trust, we again place upon your breast, there to remain until the last trumpet shall sound, forever to be worn as a visible mark as a 25 year Christian Mason and Knights Templar.

By virtue of the authority in me vested, by the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of the State of Indiana, it now becomes my privilege for and on behalf of all Knights Templar to present you with your 25-year award of Silver.

*Wife, family member, friend, or Grand Commandery may place the Silver Cross upon the honored S.K.*

C: Commandery, Be Seated.

Conclusion

G.C. escorts the honored Sir Knight to the Dais. He or any other person may make remarks at this time. There may be a short musical interlude, or other program as desired.

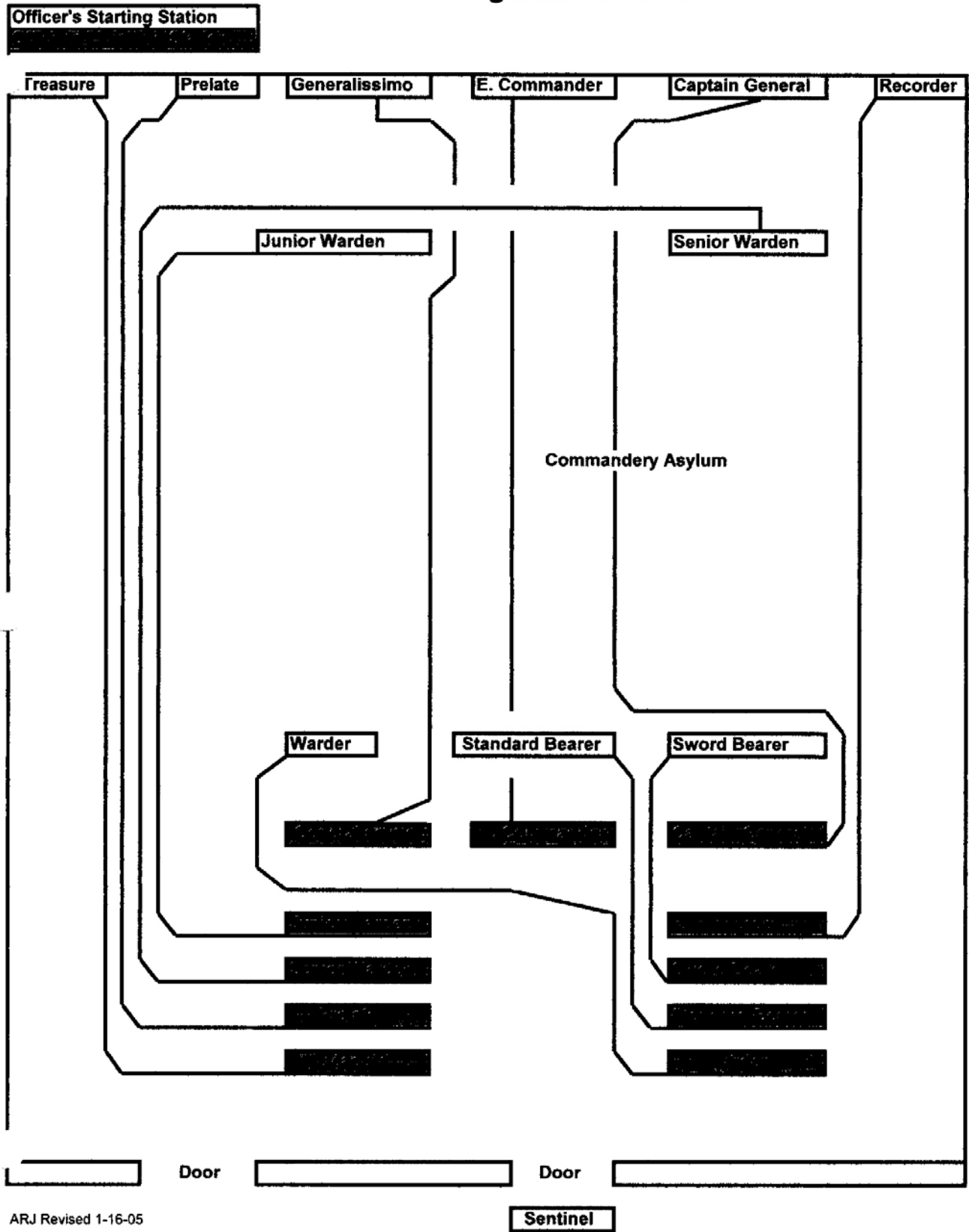


**2005-06 Ritual And Tactics Committee Attachment Two  
PUBLIC OPENING**

ADDED TACTIC'S FOR 2007-8

- O C: "COMMANDERY ATTENTION"*
- O C: "SKCG" (HS) "FORM THE LINES TO RECEIVE OUR GUESTS." (HS)*
- O CG: "OFFICERS DRAW SWORDS. OFFICERS FORM THE LINES TO RECEIVE OUR GUESTS, INTO LINE MARCH".*
- O ALL OFFICERS; THREE KNIGHTS IN THE WEST, RIGHT WHEEL, FORWARD MARCH,  
HALT, ABOUT FACE FORMING A LINE RUNING EAST TO WEST NEAR THE WEST DOOR FACEING NORTH FORMING THE SOUTH LINE, THE RECORDER MARCHES TO THE CLOSEST END OF THAT LINE. SW LEFT FACES MARCHES TO THE JW. THEY BOTH LEFT WHEEL PICKING UP THE TRESURER AND PRELETE AND MARCH, IN FOURS, TO THE WEST DOOR. THEY LEFT WHEEL, HALT AND LINE UP THE FACING SOUTH AND ACROSS FROM THE THREE KNIGHTS FROM THE WEST AND RECORDER. THIS FORMS TWO RECEIVING LINES. THE COMMANDER, G, CG MARCH WEST HALTING EIGHT FEET FROM THE HEAD OF THE TWO LINES, FACEING WEST, FORMING A "T" ALLOWING THE INCOMING GUESTS TO ENTER, TURNING LEFT OR RIGHT TO THEIR SEATS.*
- O CG: "OFFICERS, RETURN SWORDS"*
- O CG: "EC (HS) THE LINES ARE FORMED." (HS)*
- O EC: "OFFICERS AT EASE" "OFFICERS, LET US GREET OUR GUESTS"*
- O EC: "SIR KNIGHT WARDER," (HS) "OPEN THE DOOR AND ALLOW OUR GUESTS ENTER FOR OUR INSPECTION" (HS)*
- O W: OPENS DOOR AND ANNOUNCES "GREETINGS, PLEASE ENTER" AFTER THE GUESTS HAVE BEEN GREETED*
- O EC: "OFFICERS DISMISSED"*

### Receiving Lines Tactics



ARJ Revised 1-16-05

**Report of the Educational Foundation Committee**

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

The Education Foundation Committee met on January 6 and February 4 of 2006 to determine the future of our commitment to the education of the youth of Indiana. Initially, it was decided to keep the loan program that is in place and to offer scholarships to deserving students from Indiana attending Indiana colleges and universities. The outstanding loans, as they are re-paid, will provide the money for future loans. Commercial interest rates should increase to make our loans attractive once again. The interest from our current investments will amount to \$1 OK in 2006 and this money will be available for scholarships or grants in 2007.

Several curricula for scholarships were proposed that are consistent with Templar teachings including bio-medical engineering, education and ecclesiastical. The latter two were selected as of primary interest. In order to make our awards prestigious, we decided to offer two scholarships of \$5k each in these areas. We will select a college or university offering these curricula and ask that they choose 2 candidates and we review their credentials (transcripts of high school and college courses, as well as, an essay) and select the winner. The agreement with the college will be for 2 years subject to review to continue the program.

Student commitment is of primary importance to us. So, we concluded that we would sponsor a seminary student and a primary or secondary teacher at a summer seminar or workshop. The seminar should be in the area of special education, math or science and it should enhance his or her teaching skills. A workshop may last for 6 weeks, meeting once a week, at a cost of \$50 or more each. So, the teacher seminar idea needs further review. At our March 4 meeting a representative from the Indiana Department of Education was asked to attend to offer insight into how we may help, through charity, teachers, who are already committed, to be more effective in the classroom. However, the meeting was canceled.

In the future, the committee will continue to research Indiana seminaries and summer programs for teachers, so that we will be ready for the 2007 academic year.

Courteously submitted, Ronald L. Ellis, KCT, PGC

For the committee

**KNIGHT TEMPLAR EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION  
ADMINISTRATION EXPENSE BUDGET**

Salaries: (Give Gross Totals, including Withholding for Income Tax)		Postage and Express	<b>\$ 700.00</b>
Secretary/Treasurer	<b>\$ 2,400.00</b>	Telephone and Telegraph	<b>\$ 100.00</b>
Other Salaries	<b>\$ 960.00</b>	Stationary, Supplies, Etc.	<b>\$ 200.00</b>
Attorney or Collection Fees	<b>\$ 0.00</b>	Furniture, Equipment and Repairs	<b>\$ 200.00</b>
Rent	<b>\$ 600.00</b>	Premiums on Investments	<b>\$ 0.00</b>
Safe Deposit Box	<b>\$ 35.00</b>	Miscellaneous (Itemize Below)	<b>\$ 50.00</b>
Fidelity Bonds	<b>\$ 0.00</b>	(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)	<b>\$ 257.04</b>	(Itemize: _____)	
Unemployment Compensation (F.U.T.A.)	<b>\$ 0.00</b>	_____	
Audit	<b>\$ 50.00</b>	_____	
Committee Meetings	<b>\$ 0.00</b>	_____	
Traveling Expense Contacting Loanees	<b>\$ 600.00</b>	_____	
		<b>TOTAL EXPENSE</b>	<b>\$6,152.04</b>
<u>John V. Stevens</u> Division Secretary, Educational Committee		<u>Ronald L. Ellis</u> Division Chairman, Educational Committee	

**REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE**

To the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Indiana

At the 2005 Annual Grand Conclave, Past Grand Commander Irvin L. Bitting reported that the Grand Commandery Per Capita fees had not been increased since 1992, and that at that time the finance committee promised that there would be no increase for at least five years. He reported that changes would be required this year and he was correct. It has now been 14 years and it is time to act.

The finance committee spent considerable time over the last year reviewing our financial condition and developing a plan for long term stability. This plan is composed of several parts.

First the budget categories have been reorganized to make that document more easily understood and provide greater flexibility in the day to day operations.

The resolution on Revenues will allow the per capita fees to be adjusted annually so that large changes can hopefully be avoided in future.

The resolution on the Permanent Fund will allow an increasing source of investment income so that in coming years a large part of routine operations can be financed from that source without resorting to per capita increases.

The budget for the 2006 — 2007 Templar year must be based upon the per capita fees already collected since December. It was therefore necessary to significantly limit expenditures for programs which are of great importance. Nonetheless, we completed a budget which is sufficient to operate the Grand Commandery for the coming year and the committee proposes the adoption of that budget.

We have also prepared a draft budget for the 2007 — 2008 and computed our needs. Based on those needs we propose that the per capita to be paid to the Grand Commandery next year be \$8.50 per dues paying member not including the Grand Encampment and Knights Templar Eye Foundation assessments. The committee considered the large one time assessments that several of our sister states have adopted but decided that a smaller annual amount would be more sustainable and more easily collected by our constituent Commanderies.

We believe that with these adjustments we will again be in a good sustainable position for the next several years.

Fraternally submitted

Finance Committee

Duane L. Vaught PGC Chairman

George Ingles Jr. PGC

Lloyd Marsh, PC, KTCH

**GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR  
OF INDIANA  
BUDGET 2006 - 2007**

**MEMBERS**

Members - estimated		4900
less remissions - estimated		<u>300</u>
	Total	<u>4,600</u>
Creations - estimated		<u>150</u>
Per Capita - Indiana	\$	4.50
Per Capita - Grand Encampment	\$	3.30

**RECEIPTS**

Per Capita Dues - Indiana	\$	20,700.00
Per Capita Dues - Grand Encampment	\$	16,170.00
K. T. Eye Foundation Assessment	\$	3,082.00
Knighting Fees	\$	1,500.00
Contributions - special drill awards	\$	2,250.00
DSA Payments	\$	2,000.00
Interest earned	\$	65.00
Membership Development Income	\$	2,000.00
Permanent Fund Transfer	\$	8,657.00
Rituals	\$	600.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b><u>\$ 57,024.00</u></b>

**DISBURSEMENTS**

**NON-DISCRETIONARY AND SPECIAL ACCOUNTS**

Grand Encampment Per Capita	\$	16,170.00
K.T. Eye Foundation	\$	3,082.00
Triennial Conclave Savings	\$	920.00
	<b>Total Non-Discretionary</b>	<b><u>\$ 20,172.00</u></b>

**DISCRETIONARY**

Accounting	\$	660.00
Clerical	\$	300.00
Grand Conclave - 2007		
Awards	\$	600.00
Drills	\$	400.00
Special drill awards	\$	2,250.00
Distinguished Guests	\$	2,500.00
Grand Conclave - other	\$	692.00
Equipment	\$	500.00
Grand Commander	\$	5,250.00
Grand officers expense (10 officers)	\$	3,000.00

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Grand Recorder	\$ 5,600.00
Grand Recorder's office expense	\$ 1,600.00
Grand Treasurer Expense	\$ 200.00
Insurance	\$ 900.00
K.T. Supplement	\$ 150.00
Membership Development Expense	\$ 2,000.00
PGC & GPE Jewels	\$ 500.00
Postage and Printing	\$ 2,000.00
Proceedings - Annual and Advanced	\$ 600.00
Technology	\$ 1,000.00
Contingency	\$ 2,000.00
York Rite Association	\$ 800.00
Youth	\$ 750.00
Subtotal	<u><u>\$ 34,252.00</u></u>
INVENTORY ITEMS	
DSA Awards	\$ 2,000.00
Rituals	\$ 600.00
Subtotal	<u><u>\$ 2,600.00</u></u>
Total Expenses	<u><u>\$ 57,024.00</u></u>
Surplus / Deficit	<u><u>\$0.00</u></u>

Finance Committee  
Duane L. Vaught PGC Chairman  
George Ingles Jr. PGC  
Lloyd Marsh, PC, KTCH

**Grand Commandery of Indiana**  
**York Rite Coordinating Committee Report**  
**April 28, 2006**

To the Grand Commander, Officers and Members of the Grand Commandery:

The three York Rite Officers and their ladies have met on numerous occasions since 2003. We usually met to have lunch at the Marriott to discuss any issues we were faced with. These meetings grew to produce a very good working relationship as well as some very good friends. James H. Hodge, MEGHP and Charles D. Wood, MIGM both served on the Commandery Membership Committee and performed with great enthusiasm for the common good of the York Rite as a whole. I pledged my full support to the other bodies and did my best to fulfill that promise.

I attended the Royal Arch Research Assistance Dinner with my counterparts and had a great time. Unfortunately my wife was under the weather and could not attend. I also attended the reception for Larry E. Gray, General Grand High Priest.

I managed to attend the Grand Council Crypt rededication in New Albany and enjoyed being with my fellow Companions. I also attended several Council meetings in the state and also enjoyed them.

The heads of the three York Rite bodies have met on several occasions informally and continue to do so.

The one thing you might have noticed was that there were no golf outings on my agenda. There is a good reason for that, which I won't go into here (hint: 162).

Respectfully Submitted

Lawrence V. Kaminsky, GC, Chairman  
Rodney A. Mann, DGC  
Andrew R. Jackson, GG  
George A. Ingles, PGC

**Drill Committee Report  
April 28, 2006  
Grand Commandery, K. T. of Indiana**

To the Right Eminent Grand Commander, Officers and Members of the Grand Commandery:  
The Competitive Drill Committee submits the following report.

- Competitive drills are scheduled to be held Saturday, April 29, 2006 at the Marriott East. Floor size 60' x 100'
- The 2006 Grand Commandery Encampment Drills with a few changes and special instructions have been revised and will be used.
- Score sheets have been made for the drill judges and auditors who have agreed to assist us.
- Letters of invitation, E-mails, Web site and personal contact has been made with every Commandery in the State, inviting them to our conclave, to floor a drill team or to participate in the Pass-in-Review.
- A special Awards Program was established by our Right Eminent Commander Lawrence V. Kaminsky. Copies of the Special Awards Program were mailed to each Commandery and captains of previous drill teams.
- The Right Eminent Commander asked each Battalion to floor one drill team from three separate Commanderies within the same Battalion. Battalion commanders put forth a strong effort with little success.
- A training program on basic field drills and method of certifying judges for Field Drill Competition was presented at the East Central Department meeting held at the Adams Mark Motel on March 10, 2006. It was well attended by Sir Knights from through out the Department.
- Drill Committee members have visited and assisted several Commanderies throughout the state.
- Drill team bars and trophies have been ordered and received.
- The Ft. Wayne Band is scheduled to perform at our Awards Luncheon.
- As of this date we have the following drill teams scheduled to drill: Angola #45, Baldwin #2, Bray #65, New Albany #5, Greenfield #39, Knightstown #9 and Raper #1

As chairman of the Drill Committee and on behalf of the committee, I want to thank those Commanderies and captains who have put forth the effort and time it takes to floor a team. A lot of time and effort has been made trying to increase interest in our drill teams. The special awards program was new and creative.

Out of all the personal letters of invitation and E-mails sent, I received only 2 responses, excluding the 7 teams entered from the Commanderies through out the state. If we are going to continue Indiana's long history of Field Drill Activities through out the state and National recognition, we must have cooperation and support of every Commandery and Sir Knight in our state.

Respectfully submitted,  
George D. Kivett, KTCH, Chairman  
David Bertch, (3CG, Vice Chairman  
Steven J. Barton, PGC, ECDC  
Irvin L. Bitting, PGC, GIG  
Wayne Sheets, GPE



### **Templar Uniform Committee Report**

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

There was a presentation of the Templar Uniform during the Templar Academy of 2005. The proper way to wear the uniform and the cap and mantle were explained and demonstrated, plus the placement of jewels on the uniform.

There was emphasis put on having the uniform clean, neat and in good repair. The impression you make in the Asylum can do a great deal of good. If you are proud of your uniform, it can influence Sir Knights to follow your example.

As Grand Commandery Officers we noticed that we were not all on the same page and Grand Commander Lawrence V. Kaminsky gave us direction as to the following:

1. Lapels: Grand Officers Red Metal Templar Crosses "IN" in gold on both lapels
2. Shoulder Boards: Grand Officer
3. Coat Sleeves: 2" sewn on Grand Templar Crosses
4. Chapeau: Grand Officer Rosette

Respectfully Submitted,

Larry W. Brown, GSW  
James L. Dove, GJW  
Patrick S. Diller, GStB  
David Bertch, GCG  
Duane Stucker, PGC

### **Report of the Long Range Planning Committee**

To: Right Eminent Grand Commander Lawrence V Kaminsky

The Committee on Long Range Planning made an electronic version of the Long Range Plan. The Long Range Plan is still a workable document. There are many good ideas in the Plan.

The areas the Grand Commandery needs to continue to discuss are:

- 1) Long Range Financial stability for the Grand Commandery
- 2) Membership recruitment and retention
- 3) Make the Knights Templar known among Freemasons in Indiana

Respectfully Submitted:

Rodney A Mann – DGC Chairman  
Andrew R Jackson – GG  
David M Bertch – GCG  
Larry W Brown – GSW  
Patrick Diller – GSTDB  
John V Stevens – GR, PGC, KCT  
Willard R Clutter – PGC, PDC, KCT  
Robert J Frazer – PGC, KCT  
Ronald L Ellis – PGC, KCT

## **PATRIOTIC ACTIVITIES REPORT**

To the Right Eminent Grand Commander:

The Patriotic Activities Committee is pleased to report the following Commandery Patriotic Activities during 2005-2006:

- 21 Commanderies reported the Presentation of the USA Flag
  - 10 Commanderies presented the flag at Symbolic Lodges.
  - 3 Commanderies presented the flag at Order of Eastern Star.
  - 4 Commanderies presented the flag at youth group activities.
- 6 Commanderies participated in Memorial Day Patriotic Services.
- 2 Commanderies performed Honor Guard duties.
- 1 Commandery participated In the patriotic dedication of a new flagpole.
- 3 Commanderies marched In local Patriotic Parades.
- Grand Commandery — presented the USA Flag and marched in the Masonic Home Festival Parade.
- 4 Commanderies participated in Veteran's Day patriotic activities — including the presentation of the USA Flag at the Indiana Masonic Home for Veteran's Day.
- 1 Commandery marched in a downtown patriotic Christmas Parade.

Respectfully Submitted - In Christian Masonry and Templary,

SK Herbert Roach, Past Grand Commander  
SK Ronald L. Ellis, Past Grand Commander  
SK Paul A. Cole, GW - Chairman  
SK Carroll Joe Friend, GS

## **YOUTH COMMITTEE REPORT**

The Grand Commander attended the State Wide All Youth Class last April, which seen a number of new Youth being initiated in DeMolay, Job's Daughters, and Rainbow for Girls.

The Grand Assembly for Rainbow for Girls in Indiana where he served as judge for their flags / banners. Again for the third year we attended our Grand Commandery Holiday party at the Rainbow Lodge near Flat Rock, Indiana. The facilities are great and the gathering gets us all in the mood for the Holidays.

The Grand Commander attended the DeMolay Foundation meeting at the Masonic Home, and their Grand Conclave in July.

At the opening of Grand Session Job's Daughters we were represented by our Deputy Grand Commander Sir Knight Rodney A. Mann who presented the Grand Bethel a check for use to cover a day spent in a meeting called "Leadership Conference." The conference was well attended and the subjects covered were many which could have been useful to all organizations.

Job's Daughters are having the International Supreme meeting in Merrillville, IN during the last week of July 2007. I will be calling on members of this Grand Commandery to be visible and assist during this International event in Indiana.

At the Grand Commanders Banquet Thursday evening a representative from each of the Youth Groups were invited to make comments at the dinner. Each of the speakers did an excellent job of representing their organization.

Fraternally,  
George A. Ingles, PGC, for the Committee

## **Templar Crusader Report**

**April 24, 2006**

To the R.E. Grand Commander, R.E. Past Grand Commander's, Grand Officer's and Sir Knight's:

It is with pleasure that I report the finances of the Templar Crusader. We had 22 Commanderies place Ads this year. This was great!!!!

Total Ads for 2006 Templar year was	\$4317.00
2 ads have not been paid for a total of	\$550.00
	\$3767.00

Balance in checkbook as 5/4/05	\$2719.16
Deposit	\$3767.00
	\$6486.16

Expenses		
Postmaster	\$58.05	
Office Max	\$72.59	
Paust Printer	\$1474.46	
Total	\$1605.10	- \$1605.10

Checkbook Balance as 4/24/06		\$4881.06
Holy Land Pilgrimage 4/25/06	\$3,500.00	-\$3500.00

Checkbook Balance 4/25/06		\$1,381.06
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Submitted Respectively,

Robert J. Frazer, KCT, PGC

## **Templar Education Committee Report 2006**

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

As Chairman, I assigned topics to the members of the committee to prepare a teaching aid on the following topics.

Officers Duties:

Joe Friend-EC, Generalissimo, CG and Prelate

Jeff Reich-SW, JW, Recorder

Tactics, wearing of jewels, Cap and Mantle, Paraphernalia and Protocol:

Charles Johnson

Appointing committee members, What the 5 key committees do, and develop measurable criteria to determine the success of the education:

Alan Martinez, Terry Kehrer

Financial Planning:

Jeff Reich

Lodge Ambassadors:

Joe Friend

Committee Goals, Cast Building, Community Charity Interaction:

Ron Ellis

Officers Handbook Update:

Joe Friend, Ron Ellis

The goal of the committee was to prepare a practical Templar course on “how to run a Commandery,” to present it at this winter meeting and to implement it by the 2006-2007 Templar year. A committee meeting was for December 12 at the Marriott to discuss each of the topics. However, inclement weather forced cancellation. Each member was then asked to prepare a report for the winter meeting.

Attached are notes on the topics of committee goals, cast building and community interaction.

The Officers Handbook Update has been submitted to the Grand Commander for review.

### **Pennsylvania Line Officers Meeting, Nov. 12, 2005**

The meeting covered many topics familiar to us in Indiana, such as, membership, public relations, Sword Drill and Tactics, for example. The meeting has followed the same format for several years. One of the Past Grand Commanders of Pennsylvania said that he was afraid that attendance would decline in the future if the content does not change.

### **Correspondence Course**

About 4 months ago, SK Bill Hosler proposed that we start a correspondence course. However, I feel that this method of teaching has a distinct drawback; it does not promote interaction among the instructor and students in a class atmosphere.

Due to a lack of participation by the committee members, the goal of preparing and presenting a course, this Templar year, on “how to run a Commandery” will not be realized.

Courteously submitted for the Committee

Ronald Ellis, PGC, Chairman

**REPORT ON THE INDIANA KNIGHTS TEMPLAR WEB SITE – 2006**

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

The Grand Commandery of Indiana now has its own web address. The URL (Uniform Resource Locator) is:

<http://www.knightstemplarindiana.com/>

The site can still be reached from Indiana Grand Lodge web site. Its URL (Uniform Resource Locator) is:

<http://www.indianamasons.org/>

The site has been redesigned to make it uniquely our own, and we are still working to improve it. We welcome suggestions from the Sir Knights.

This year we put the Grand York Rite program, the Hotel registration and Meal reservation forms on the *Home* page in Adobe Acrobat format with a link to download Adobe's free Acrobat Reader program. We will continue to use this format (whenever possible), because the Reader program allows printing on almost any system.

On the *Forms* page, we have included the following forms and booklets (also in Adobe Acrobat format):

Membership Booklet  
New Member Packet  
York Rite Petition  
Pocket Petition  
Tri-Fold Brochure  
2005-06 York Rite Pamphlets

We've also added a *Contact* page which allows a visitor to fill in the form and send it directly to the Chairman of the Membership Committee.

The main purpose of our web site is to inform our members, the Masonic community and the general public about the York Rite in general and the Knights Templar in particular. I hope those who visit the site find it interesting and informative. If you find mistakes or omissions, let me know by e-mail.

Fraternally submitted,

James W. Prairie, KCT, P.G.C. Co-Webmaster

**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.

## Grand Commandery Inspection Tallies 2005

Commandery	Open/Close Score	Members Inspection Attendance	Total Inspection Attendance	Commanderies Present	Bylaws Updated	Activity Sheet Tallies						Total Activity Score	Order Score	Number Sir Knights Visiting
						Activities	Membership	Attendance	Relief	Communications	Leadership			
<b>(Dove)</b>														
<b><u>Battalion I</u></b>														
LaPorte No. 12	153	15	31	8	2005	775	335	96	125	25	50	1406	288	10
Valparaiso No. 28	0	2	10	6	2000	150	95	90	110	50	10	505	0	6
Michigan City No. 30	0	6	25	8	2002	350	170	25	75	50	30	700	288	12
Hammond No. 41	147	10	31	13	2002	1125	50	56	220	50	80	1581	285	19
Elbert H. Gary No. 57	118	6	6	6	2000	225	10	54	50	50	90	479	273	7
H.W. Matthewson No. 66	0	7	32	13	2002	500	100	81	35	50	50	816	192	12
<b>(Diller)</b>														
<b><u>Battalion II</u></b>														
Ft. Wayne No. 4	124	22	18	9	2005	975	145	55	105	75	70	1425	269	13
South Bend No. 13	115	0	0	0	2002	450	210	56	140	100	50	1006	0	1
Apollo No. 19	0	4	32	9	1975	50	120	5	0	0	20	195	0	10
Elkhart No. 31	126	9	12	5	2003	350	35	81	75	50	70	661	276	10
Huntington No. 35	115	6	34	9	2001	125	0	0	25	0	20	170	0	13
Angola No. 45	130	10	32	9	2002	1025	105	6	125	75	80	1416	282	10
Goshen No. 50	0	2	4	2	2002	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
<b>(Brown)</b>														
<b><u>Battalion III</u></b>														
Lafayette No. 3	153	15	33		2003	1000	220	84	35	25	60	1524	192	10
Grant County No.21	70	5	12	7	1999	125	5	87	50	0	20	287	0	8
St John No. 24	123	3	13	7	2004	175	0	82	50	25	70	402	0	9
Frankfort No. 29	158	12	22	14	1997	350	305	28	95	50	50	888	184	7
Kokomo No. 36	138	7	13	7	2004	300	0	85	70	0	100	555	0	8
Wabash No. 37	75	5	16	8	2002	100	20	50	50	25	0	245	0	7
<b>(Sohn)</b>														
<b><u>Battalion IV</u></b>														
Connersville No. 6	124	9	28	11	2005	250	0	57	80	50	30	467	287	23
Richmond No. 8	122	10	22	9	2005	850	220	6	135	0	185	1236	287	16
Knightstown No. 9	135	9	26	11	2004	1225	120	55	40	0	40	1480	281	19
Anderson No. 32	135	9	40	13	2005	850	70	42	50	75	70	1157	280	27
Greenfield No. 39	135	0	0	0	2004	600	55	117	80	25	40	917	304	1

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						Activities	Membership	Attendance	Relief	Communications	Leadership			
<b>Commandery (Bertch)</b>														
<b><u>Battalion V</u></b>														
Raper No. 1	123	9	24	13	2001	950	70	104	65	25	0	1214	255	16
Johnson County No. 23	0	3	20	8	2003	25	0	56	45	0	0	126	0	6
Noblesville No. 61	112	6	16	10	2005	475	15	55	85	0	0	630	296	9
Trinity No. 62	124	43	70	13	2004	850	520	95	160	75	60	1760	296	12
Wm. G. Bray No. 65	103	8	18	10	2003	925	100	81	85	75	40	1251	300	13
H.E. Lackey No. 67	128	17	25	6	2004	175	290	91	110	25	30	711	275	8
<b>Commandery (Friend)</b>														
<b><u>Battalion VI</u></b>														
Baldwin No. 2	195	12	26	12	2003	1250	140	81	110	50	70	1701	0	16
New Albany No. 5	192	12	20	8	1997	200	70	57	50	75	60	512	293	7
Columbus No. 14	157	13	7	7	2004	950	125	66	195	25	20	1385	0	8
Jeffersonville No. 27	0	4	10	5	2004	0	120	10	50	20	20	240	0	9
Seymour No. 56	0	8	13		2004	175	25	5	80	25	0	310	0	5
<b>Commandery (Cole)</b>														
<b><u>Battalion VII</u></b>														
Greencastle No. 11	0	6	24	7	2004	500	340	56	110	50	30	1086	299	9
Terre Haute No. 16	278	9	18	6	2004	725	180	37	50	50	50	1092	279	6
Crawfordsville No. 25	278	12	18	7	2004	650	355	83	90	50	50	1278	299	9
Brazil No. 47	0	3	27	7	1998	25	0	0	0	0	20	45	0	9
Clinton No.48	0	3	18	6	2004	75	20	5	25	0	20	145	279	6
<b>Commandery (Jackson)</b>														
<b><u>Battalion VIII</u></b>														
LaValette No 15	0	5	13	6	2004	775	200	88	50	25	20	1158	0	8
Vincennes No. 20	0	4	16	6	2005	425	30	55	75	25	20	630	0	8
Bedford No. 42	0	1	11	6	1991	100	160	63	50	20	20	418	0	6
Bloomington No. 63	75	5	11	6	2005	650	135	80	25	25	40	955	0	6
Wright No. 64	126	8	12	6	1995	275	175	86	95	25	60	716	0	8





### **EASTER SUNRISE TRIP**

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

The trip to Washington D. C. and Alexandria VA was a great success this year. We loaded and boarded the bus in the parking lot of the Marriott Hotel at 6:00 A.M. on April 12, 2006 and was on the road at 6:45 A. M.. Our first stop was in Kentucky where changed bus drivers. We then proceeded on to Williamsburg, VA. We arrived there approximately 10:00 P. M. After checking in the hotel it was found that our Grand Commanders room had no mattresses on the beds. So after juggling Doris and I from our room we got Larry and Janet settled in.

Upon rising Thursday morning it was sunny and bright. After breakfast compliments of the hotel we departed for Colonial Williamsburg where we had scheduled a guided tour. After picking up our guides we proceeded to the historical section of town. When we arrived we left the bus in front of the Masonic Temple. As the guide was explaining the history of the Temple one of the Lodge members arrived to do some work, on seeing our Masonic emblems on our caps and shirts he invited us in to tour the Temple. Our guide just stood there amazed that we were invited in. After we left the Temple he told us that having guided over fifteen hundred tours we were the first group to ever get a tour of the Temple. After the guided tour we were left on our own. The afternoon was very exciting as the street scenes were preformed by actors from the historical society and actors from London, England.

We left Williamsburg Friday morning and arrived in Washington D. C. in the afternoon, the hotel had our rooms ready so we were able to check in early. Friday evening, several of the group traveled by the Metro to Arlington, VA for dinner at the Orleans House.

Saturday morning we took the bus to Arlington Cemetery for laying a wreath on the Tomb of the Unknowns. This year we were unable to drive our bus to the Tomb, we had to charter a tour mobile. Grand Commander Lawrence V. Kaminsky laid a wreath with the assistance of Grand Master Kenneth Fisher.

Saturday noon we attended the Grand Masters luncheon. After the luncheon we took those that wished to the Mall of Memorials.

Sunday morning we were treated to coffee and donuts courtesy of the Grand Encampment. We then traveled to the George Washington National Masonic Memorial located in Alexandria, VA. The Sir Knights marched up Shooters Hill to the bleachers. After an inspiring Easter message we returned to the hotel for breakfast and checking out of the hotel and returned home. We arrived in Indianapolis Sunday night at approximately 8:30 P. M.

Fraternally Submitted

Irvin L. Bitting, PGC, Chair  
Robert J. Frazer, PGC  
Patrick Diller

## **Information Technology Committee**

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

This year, this committee worked more behind the scenes than last year. Our first goal this year was distribution of the annual proceedings on CD-ROM using ADOBE. This was completed in a timely manner at a large cost savings.

We also worked on a database program for individual recorders, which we hope by now is up on the website for anyone to download and test.

We further refined the Grand Commandery Database and will begin full implementation this coming year. We are also looking to share our learning with the Grand Council by creating a database program for them to manage their data.

A new web site was put together this year under the guidance of Sir Knights Rodney Mann, VEDGC, J.W. Crisp, DBC and Sir Knight James Prairie, KCT, PGC. Much has been accomplished, but we are just starting “what could be.”

In the next Templar year, we have five 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
- Implementation of a full accounting package for the Recorder, Treasurer
- Continued work on the constituent recorder’s program

These will not all be accomplished in a one year time period, but this is what we are working on.

Fraternally submitted,

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

**REPORT OF THE INACTIVE PARTICIPATION COMMITTEE  
APRIL 2006**

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

Your Committee on Inactive Participation respectfully submits the following Report:

Your Inactive Participation Committee is pleased to report that the **Inactive Participation Folder** passed out at the 151<sup>st</sup> Grand Conclave has been of use and are still being used. As reported by the Battalion Commanders, suggested programs from this folder have been used to help Commanderies to bring the Inactive Sir Knights to Active Status, promote social events, patriotic functions, Easter and Christmas Observances and Public Awareness. One Commandery even took the complete folder to further use as a guide to assist them in their efforts of membership retention and participation.

- Future recommendations include a 25-Year Award Ceremony that is in the hands of the Ritual and Tactics Committee for review and recommendations. We feel that by recognizing 25-Year Members we will add to their value of appreciation and dedication to Templary. We have many Sir Knights who are being knighted at middle age and this recognition will pay tribute to those who may not live to see 50 Years to show our appreciation.
- A 25-Year jewel to be designed for the 25-Year Members, once the 25-Year Program is approved and adopted.

Finally, we are continually working in the direction of membership retention, active participation, civic programs, Christian Services and Leadership in constituent Commanderies. Any Commandery may have their own copy of the Inactive Participation Folder by contacting any one of the Committee Members.

Respectfully Submitted,

James L. Dove, GJW, Chairman  
Patrick S. Duller, GSTB  
Paul A. Cole, GW  
Byron Schull No. 8

**Masonic Home Nativity Scene Report**

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

The Indiana Masonic Home Nativity Scene was erected on November 27, 2005 at 9:30 a.m. Our residents, employees, and members and the general public again received our Nativity Scene with open arms.

Our Scene is located in the center of all the activity, in front of the Administration Building, in the circle center of our Indiana Masonic Home.

On January 8, 2006 at 1:00 p.m. the Grand Commandery of Knight Templar disassembled the Nativity Scene and stored it away for next year. It was examined and appeared to be in good shape for next season.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Larry W. Brown, GSW  
Ronald L. Ellis, PGC  
Irvin L. Bitting, PGC, GIG  
James L. Dove, GJW  
Carroll Joe Friend, GS  
Paul A. Cole, GW  
Byron Schull, GSwB

**Remarks by Sir Knight Steven J. Barton Right Eminent Department Commander of the East  
Central Department of the Grand Encampment of the United States of America**

On behalf of the Most Eminent Grand Master Kenneth B. Fisher, it is a pleasure to be here and he wishes all of you to travel to Houston to attend the Triennial Session of the Grand Encampment. The Grand Master and the Grand Commandery of Texas have put together an excellent program and for those of you who are voting delegates for the future of the Grand Encampment, because it trickles on down from the Grand Encampment to the Grand Commandery to the Local Commandery to the Sir Knight. We encourage you to be there, you know what they say "If you're not there to vote keep your mouth shut." Well we encourage you to be there and vote. This is kind of difficult, you know I've been here and I've been to this mike and brought things from the Jurisprudence Committee. I've written some things down I want to bring to the Grand Encampment. This year in Indiana, as you have heard, we have lost two Commanderies by mergers. They didn't fold, they didn't just go away they did merge, but that's kind of going away. My Commandery was involved in one of those; we accepted New Castle Commandery #44. New Castle has been struggling. They probably haven't been able to legally hold a meeting for a year. Their Dais officers have been ill and they just haven't got the people, but they were a Commandery who had money but they just didn't have people. I think we have a lot of places like that. We have money to do things we just don't have people to make it happen. But we just can't get the people out. Why can't we do that? As an example of what we can do. We have used their money to support other activities. We have had within the last two weeks a 50 year presentation and we invited all our 50 year members to come and we picked up their tab. It was a buffet dinner it didn't cost us that much but we still invited them in. From New Castle we have been having probably 3-4 people there who were not officers who came to these other activities and I think these are things we need to do to get people involved in activities other than Commandery. Give them something else besides coming to the meetings and listening to the reports and the minutes and paying the bills. I want to thank everyone for the hospitality accorded to me and my lady Sherri.

**Response by Robert E. Price, KGC, HPDC**

I think if the Most Eminent Grand Master had been here he would have bragged on the fine job Steve has done in serving as Department Commander these past three years. And I think we have properly recognized that and the amount of work that Steve has put in, in traveling in the Department to hosting the Department conference and just solving all the problems that go along with the job. And you know I feel like I have a great deal of pride in what Steve has done. You probably haven't read your Crusader all the way through yet but his biography is in the Crusader and one of the things he says is that Steve served the Grand Commandery of Indiana as Deputy Battalion Commander of Battalion No. 6, Sir Knight Robert E. Price in 1978-1979. Steve and I invented the Deputy Battalion system. It didn't exist before then and I think they have been a good addition to the work of the Grand Commandery and the various Commanderies over that period of time so Steve set the pattern for the one who followed him. And I think he has set an example throughout his life and if you knew his family and I knew them well, they were all dedicated Knights Templar. Steve certainly has carried on the family tradition. We as the Grand Commandery owe him a debt of gratitude and we should show him that appreciation with a standing ovation at this time.

**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

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

We find no unfinished business at this time.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry W. Brown, GSW,  
For the Committee

**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

**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. We feel that you have exhibited a lot of positive things this year among them:

- Getting committees to be active
- Visibility
- Visitation at the Commandery Inspections (Grand Commander's Receptions)
- Encouraging the Educational Committee, Finance Committee and Trustees to take charge of their committees
- Format of Indiana Templary Academy
- Encouraging the Membership Committee to complete the DVD on Templary and the York Rite in Indiana
- Encouragement and drill teams

I think that you and your counter parts this year have continued and built upon the already excellent spirit of corporation that exists here in the state of Indiana. You have solicited the advice and respected the experience of those who have gone before you. And we all have had fun. This duty which I am carrying out here today was done for years by our esteemed Ed Ball. He was an old army man and he always referred to the Past Grand Commanders and the 'Burnt powder gang'. So in his sprite and in his memory, we say. Well done Larry and welcome to the "Burnt Power Group".

Respectfully submitted

Robert E. Price, for the Committee

**Invitation for the 153rd Annual Conclave  
Of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Indiana**

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

My name is Randal P. Ellington. I am the Eminent Commander of Baldwin Commandery No. 2. I would like to take this opportunity to invite each of the Commanderies of Indiana and all distinguished guests to attend the 153rd Grand Conclave of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Indiana. We will meet here at the Marriott Hotel East in Indianapolis, Indiana, on April 27, 2007, with Baldwin Commandery No. 2 serving as host.

Fraternally submitted,

Randal P. Ellington

**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 Baldwin Commandery No. 2 to host the 153<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conclave in Indianapolis in 2006. We look forward to a most successful and productive Conclave.

Respectfully submitted

Ronald L. Ellis, PGC  
For the Committee



Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Indiana

General Order No. 1 Kaminsky

April 29, 2005

**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 designated 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. Each Inspecting Officer will send a “Notice of Inspection” courtesy letter to the Eminent Commander and Recorder at least 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 Officers upon his arrival.
4. The records Inspection shall consist of:
  - A report on the membership efforts.
  - Examination of the books, records, and accounts.
  - Examination of the paraphernalia and property of the Commandery.
  - Examination of the Activity sheet.
5. 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 seven (7) days. Failure to comply may cause the Commandery to be placed upon probation until the obligation has been fulfilled.
6. Each Inspection shall start promptly on the date and time mutually agreed upon with the respective Inspecting Officer. The inspection process may be completed over two meetings, with one meeting for the Reception inspection and another meeting for the conferral of the Order of the Temple. The full inspection may be done in one day, if desired. A full meal without green beans is optional. All inspections must be complete by November 30, 2005.
7. 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.

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8. An Inspection may consist of up to three (3) separate Commanderies participating together for an official inspection, when approved by the Battalion Commander. Points for the inspection will only be awarded when a participating Commandery has nine (9) or more of its members present (subject to review by the Battalion Commander and the Grand Commander).
9. The participating Commanderies will open a Commandery of Knights Templar in Full Form using the Ten Man or Twelve Man Opening in accordance with the most recent official interpretation of the Ritual and official Indiana Asylum Tactics. 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.
  - A Commandery of Knights Templar shall be opened in Full Form with Rehearsal of Duties then closed (if the Order of the Temple is being done at another time).
  - Upon completion of each inspection and prior to closing, 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.
  - Violating proper protocol as prescribed in Indiana Tactics General Regulations shall constitute a no score for your inspection and thus require an additional inspection scheduled by the Right Eminent Grand Commander.
  - The public may be invited into the Asylum while the Commandery:
    - The Commandery receives the Commander
    - The Commander receives Distinguished Guests
    - The sword manual is performed
    - The Commandery is inspected for uniform
    - The Triangle is formed
    - The United States Flag and lecture is given
10. The participating Commanderies will exemplify the Full Ceremonial of the Order of the Temple. 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. The inspection of the Order of the Temple may occur anytime after May 1, 2005 and prior to November 30, 2005.
  - A single Commandery may perform the Order of the Temple for points as graded by the Order of the Temple score sheet by the Battalion Commander and staff, if the majority of parts are filled by the inspected Commandery or Commanderies.
  - Same as above with the exception that up to three (3) Commanderies in the Battalion may participate with the points divided among the Commanderies based upon the level and percentage of participation.
  - An Instructional meeting may be held instead of any, or all, ritualistic work when the Inspecting Officer, with the concurrence of the Grand Inspector General, deems that change to be in the best interests of the Commandery.
11. The Inspecting Officer shall make his inspection report of each Commandery to the Grand Inspector General and the Deputy Grand Commander as well as the Eminent Commander and the

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Recorder of the inspected Commandery within fourteen (14) days following the completion of the inspection. A full report of the Inspections will be discussed at the winter meeting and presented for publication and appropriate recognition at the Annual Conclave.

12. The Battalion Guidon will be awarded to the Commandery in each Battalion who has the highest ritualistic score. The ritualistic score shall be the score of the opening and closing combined with that of the Order conferred (Activity scores excluded). All Commanderies will be graded according to the forms and procedures adopted for that purpose.
13. The two Commanderies scoring highest in each battalion on the activity score sheet will also be recognized by a ribbon that may be attached to the Commandery Beauceant. The Commandery with the highest activity score in the state will receive the Grand Commandery Guidon for 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 29<sup>th</sup> day of April 2005, A. O. 887.

Lawrence V. Kaminsky  
Right Eminent Grand Commander

ATTESTED:

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



**Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Indiana**

General Order No. 2 Kaminsky

May 1, 2005

**Special Dispensation**

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, 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.

READ THIS GENERAL ORDER IN FULL AT YOUR NEXT STATED CONCLAVE.

Given under my hand and seal this 1st day of May 2005, A. O. 887.

Lawrence V Kaminsky  
Right Eminent Grand Commander

ATTESTED:

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



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General Order No. 3 Kaminsky

May 1, 2005

**Eminent Commander Certificate of Merit Award**

In order to honor the Eminent Commanders of Indiana who have completed a full term in 2005 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 28, 2006.

- ◆ 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 2005.
- ◆ 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 250 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 2006.

Given under my hand and seal this 1<sup>st</sup> day of May 2005, A. O. 887.

Lawrence V. Kaminsky  
Right Eminent Grand Commander

ATTESTED:

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



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General Order No. 4 Kaminsky

May 1, 2005

**Libations for Candidates under the Age of 21**

During the Order of the Temple, any candidate who is under 21 years of age may only receive non-alcoholic libations.

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

Given under my hand and seal this 1<sup>st</sup> day of May 2005, A.O. 887.

Lawrence V. Kaminsky  
Right Eminent Grand Commander

ATTESTED:

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



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General Order No. 5 Kaminsky

August 1, 2005

**Vacancy, Grand Treasurer**

On Saturday July 28, 2005, our Eminent Grand Treasurer, Herbert A. Newman, KCT, PGC passed to his eternal reward. He was a man on solid character, sound judgment and a deep commitment to the good of our order. Those of us fortunate enough to know him will miss him. We will miss his counsel, his humor and his leadership.

It is with deep regret that a general order such as this should ever be required, but our order must go on without our esteemed frater. Therefore it is necessary to direct as follows.

- 1) Sir Knight Robert J. Frazer, KCT, PGC has been appointed to fulfill the duties of the office of Grand Treasurer in accordance with section 48b of the Constitution of the Grand Encampment Knights Templar until regular elections to be held on April 28, 2006.
- 2) As a consequence of the above, Sir Knight Robert J. Frazer, KCT, PGC has been removed from the Finance Committee as his continued Chairmanship there would create a conflict of interest. Further, be it known that the composition of the Finance Committee will now be as follows:  
Sir Knight Duane L. Vaught, KCT, PGC Chairman  
Sir Knight George A. Ingles, Jr., KCT, PGC  
Sir Knight Lloyd Marsh, PC
- 3) Sir Knight Robert J. Frazer, KCT, PGC will replace Herbert A. Newman, KCT, PGC on the Education Foundation Committee for the remainder of the term (2004-2008).
- 4) All officers of the Grand Commander Knights Templar of Indiana are directed to drape their jewels of office in black from now until the commencement of the Grand Commandery Installation in April 2006. Past Grand Commanders are permitted to so drape their Past Grand Commander Jewels for the same period.
- 5) All officers of constituent Commanderies under Charter of this Grand Commandery are permitted to drape their jewels of office from now until April 28, 2006.
- 6) All Commanderies under charter from the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Indiana are directed to drape their charters in black from now until April 26, 2002.

**Given under my hand and seal this 1st day of August 2005, A. O. 887.**

Lawrence V. Kaminsky  
Right Eminent Grand Commander

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



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General Order No. 6 Kaminsky

September 21, 2005

**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 1, 2006. The cost of the jewel (about \$58.00 for Knights and \$26.00 for Friends) is billed to the Commandery presenting it. The Grand Commandery furnishes a certificate. As an alternate to the jewel, a service bar may be secured at a cost of about \$10.00. Full details of the award can be found in Permanent Resolution No. 3, page 30 of the Indiana Grand Laws. Further questions may be address to the Grand Commander or 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 it receipt and be made a part of the minutes.

**Given under my hand and seal this 21st day of September 2005, A. O. 887.**

Lawrence V. Kaminsky  
Grand Commander

ATTESTED:

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





**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 15 of each year for the preceding year. The Grand Commandery may appoint the Grand Recorder and the Special Activities Committee to assist him in the selection of recipients.
3. Those chosen to receive the award shall be made known by the Right Eminent Grand Commander at the Grand Commandery Conclave each year. The names of the nominees to receive the award shall be kept strictly confidential until announced by the Grand Commander.
4. The award shall be limited to one (1) member from each Commandery in Indiana each year starting with the year 1977.
5. The award is to be presented to the recipient by the Eminent Commander of the recipient's Commandery, such presentation to be at a Stated or Called Conclave. It is strongly recommended that such presentation be open to the public, visitors and friends and is performed with proper ceremony with Sir Knights present wearing full Templar uniforms.
6. The award shall consist of a jewel engraved with the words "DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD, Grand Commandery of Indiana," with the name of the recipient and date of the award engraved on the back. In addition thereto, an appropriate certificate of the award shall be prepared and signed by the Right Eminent Grand Commander, attested by the Grand Recorder. Also, the signature of the Eminent Commander and attested by the Recorder of the Commandery. The jewel and certificate shall be the same for all Commanderies and under the control of the Grand Commandery of Indiana.
7. The cost of the jewel, certificate and engraving shall be borne by each Commandery presenting a nomination. Each Commandery will be billed for the cost by the Grand Recorder.

**DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD FOR FRIENDS  
of the  
GRAND COMMANDERY, KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF INDIANA**

Rules and Regulations

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

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

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September 21, 2005

**Knights Templar Cross of Honor**

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

In accordance with the provisions of Section 237.5 of the Statutes of the Grand Encampment, Knights Templar, USA, a meritorious award known as the Knights Templar Cross of Honor may be conferred by the Grand Master upon a deserving Sir Knight of each Grand Commandery once each year.

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

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

1. Pass a resolution in your Commandery, naming the Sir Knight to be nominated.
2. Write to the Grand Recorder for a nomination form.
3. Read the instructions on the reverse side of the form. Fill it out and forward it directly to the Grand Commander, Lawrence V. Kaminsky, 3516 Duluth Place, Highland IN 46322-1304.

The nomination form must be in the hands of the Grand Commander prior to February 1, 2006. Incomplete forms and those received after that dated will not be considered. Your Commandery should reconsider those Sir Knights who have been nominated previously but who have never received the award.

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 21st day of September 2005, A. O. 887.**

Lawrence V. Kaminsky  
Grand Commander  
ATTESTED:

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



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May 1, 2005

151st CONCLAVE DIGEST

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 #4, 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, Jr., K.C.T., P.G.C. and Harrison E. Lackey, H.P.G.C. Inspecting officer was S. K. David D. Goodwin, Right Eminent Grand Captain General and Personal Representative of S.K. Kenneth B. Fischer, Most Eminent Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, Knights Templar of the United States of America. Also present was Right Eminent Department Commander of the East Central Department of the Grand Encampment, S. K. Steven J. Barton and S. K. Willard R. Clutter, Jr., R. E. Past Department Commander for Subordinate Commanderies of the Grand Encampment. In addition, S. K.'s K. Edwin Applegate, K.C.T., R. E. Past Department Commander; S. K. Robert E. Price, K.G.C., Honorary Past Department Commander; and S. K. R. Frank Williams, K.C.T., Honorary Past Department Commander were in attendance. S. K. Robert G. Elrod, 33<sup>rd</sup>, Deputy for Indiana for the Supreme Council, 33<sup>rd</sup>, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, Northern Masonic Jurisdiction; and S. K. Richard J. Elman, Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Indiana, were present and took an active part in all of the proceedings.

Roll call of Grand Representatives showed that 39 were present, 9 were absent, and 2 were excused. The report of the Necrology Committee paid tribute to those 197 Sir Knights who have passed to their eternal rest. The Grand Recorder reported a loss of 231 for the year 2004 with 153 new Sir Knights having been created.

The Holy Land pilgrimage Committee report again showed that due to the unrest in the Middle East, the Grand Encampment canceled the 2005 pilgrimage. If all goes well this year, the hopes are that they will be able to again make the trip in 2006. The Educational Loan Foundation Committee reported that 1 loan of \$3,000.00 was made during the year and that outstanding loans totaled \$43,731.40 at years end. There were 8 loans paid off last year totaling \$23,500.00.

The official Conclave Program Book, "The Templar Crusader", was again successful and Richmond Commandery #8 received the award for selling the most ads. Forty-Five Sir Knights, Ladies and guests attended the Easter Sunrise Service in Washington, D.C., and the Indiana delegation, joined by a number of others, including the M.E. Grand Master, again placed a wreath on the Tomb of the Unknowns in Arlington Cemetery.

The final report of the Credentials Committee showed that all Commanderies were represented by at least one delegate except for No.'s 44 and 50. Following this report, the election was held with the following results:

Lawrence V. Kaminsky, G.C.

Rodney A. Mann, D.G.C.

Andrew R. Jackson,

G.G.

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David M. Bertch, G.C.G.  
G.J.W.

Larry W. Brown, G.S.W.

James L. Dove,

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

John V. Stevens, K.C.T., P.G.C., G.R.

S. K. Paul W. Friend chose to retire from the Trustees and T. Jeffrey Conquest having moved to California, the following Sir Knights were elected; Ronald L. Ellis, Grand Trustee (3 years) and Steven J. Barton, Grand Trustee (1 year).

The Grand Commander-elect then announced the following appointments:

Donald L. Borchert, G.P.

Patrick S. Diller, G.St.B.

Byron Schull, G.Sw.B.

Paul A. Cole, G.W.

C. Joe Friend, G.S.

Carleton G. Hinshaw, G.O.

Harrison E. Lackey, K.C.T., H.P.G.C., Grand Marshall

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

**MEMBERSHIP AND OTHER AWARDS PRESENTED**

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

GRAND COMMANDER'S TROPHY (Highest # of Knightings) – Trinity Commandery #62

J. RUFUS HINSHAW TROPHY (Greatest Net Increase) – Crawfordsville #25 & H.E. Lackey #67

COMMANDERY OF THE YEAR – Fort Wayne #4

BATTALION SCROLLS (Highest Percentage of Gain)

Battalion #1 – Michigan City #30 - 4.00%

Battalion #5 – H.E. Lackey #67 – 12.77%

Battalion #2 – South Bend #13 - 3.23%

Battalion #8 – Clinton #48 – 8.33%

There were no winners in Battalions 3-4-6 & 7.

Guidons were presented in each Battalion to the Commandery having the highest score on the opening and closing ceremonies at Inspection. The names will be published in the proceedings.

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARDS – Eight Sir Knights and ten Friends were nominated to receive this award, which may be given to two Sir Knights and two Friends in each Commandery annually for outstanding service. As usual, these names are not divulged until the presentations are made in the individual Commanderies.

STAR RECORDER OF THE YEAR – This Award, based on criteria set up by the Grand Commander and Grand Recorder, and based on nominations made by Battalion Commanders went to G. Leon Weber, long-time Recorder of Crawfordsville #25.

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR CROSS OF HONOR – This coveted Templar award was presented to Sir Knight Russell Oscar Anderson of Elkhart Commandery #31.

The business of the 151st Annual Conclave having been completed, the new officers were installed by S.K. Irvin L. Bitting as Installing Officer, S.K. George A. Ingles as Installing Marshall, S.K. Steven J. Barton as Assistant Marshall, S.K. Robert E. Price as Installing Recorder, and S.K. R. Frank Williams as Installing Prelate. After remarks and introductions by the new Grand Commander, Lawrence Vincent Kaminsky, he then declared Columbus Commandery #14 closed in ample form and the 151st Annual Conclave adjourned.

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The Divine Service was held prior to dinner on Thursday evening with 79 Sir Knights and ladies in attendance. The service was under the direction of S.K. James N. Butler, Grand Prelate, who brought the message. \$281.00 was collected and given to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation.

COMPETITIVE DRILLS

The competitive drills were held on Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, under the direction of George Kivett, K.T.C.H. and Drill Chairman. Eight teams participated with the following results: CLASS B...1<sup>ST</sup> Place – Raper #1 with 884...2nd place Knightstown #9 with 865.....CLASS C ...1<sup>st</sup> Place – Greenfield #39 with 796.....CLASS D...1<sup>st</sup> Place Wm. G. Bray #65 with 897...2<sup>nd</sup> Place - Baldwin #2 with 859...3<sup>rd</sup> Place Angola/Fort Wayne with 655. An awards luncheon followed the drills.

The 152nd Annual Conclave of the Grand Commander of Indiana will be held at the Marriott Hotel East in Indianapolis on April 28, 2006.

BATTALION STRUCTURE FOR 2005-2006

- Battalion I (Dove) 12, 28, 30, 41, 57, 66
- Battalion II (Diller) 4, 13, 19, 31, 35, 45, 50
- Battalion III (Brown) 3, 21, 24, 29, 36, 37
- Battalion IV (Schull) 6, 8, 9, 32, 39, 44
- Battalion V (Bertch) 1, 23, 61, 62, 65, 67
- Battalion VI (Friend) 2, 5, 14, 27, 56
- Battalion VII (Cole) 11, 16, 25, 47, 48
- Battalion VIII (Jackson) 15, 20, 42, 63, 64

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

Lawrence V. Kaminsky, Grand Commander

ATTEST:

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



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**Lawrence V. Kaminsky, G. C.  
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**Project Outreach**

Project Outreach is a voluntary program for the constituent Commanderies of Indiana. To participate, they will schedule activities in an area of the state that does not have an active Commandery. The activity may be one of their choice, but it will include Sir Knights from the host Commandery, as well as, Sir Knights from the guest area. The Battalion Commander for the host Commandery may award activity points at his discretion, per the Activities Sheet. The host Commandery will also receive special recognition at the 2006 Grand Conclave.

The purpose of the project is to promote fellowship and maintain communication with the inactive Sir Knights in the guest area.

Given under my hand and seal this 1<sup>st</sup> day of May 2005, A.O. 887.

Lawrence V. Kaminsky  
Right Eminent Grand Commander

ATTESTED:

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



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#### **Bulletin No. 3                      Membership-Present and Future**

Membership is a two-sided coin. One side represents the membership that we would like to recruit for the future. The Grand Encampment has an excellent booklet, "Building and Sustaining Membership" on their web-site to help you recruit new members, as well as, handout packets for prospective members. However, visitation is still the best method of maintaining visibility with the active members of any Blue Lodge. These Brethren may wish to continue their Masonic education in the York Rite in the future. Remember all Christian Masons should be Knights Templar and we owe them the opportunity to join.

The second side of the coin is the current membership. Most of the Sir Knights in a Commandery do not regularly attend the Stated Conclaves. Many times the only contact that we have with them is when we send them their dues statement and dues card. They are missing one of the best benefits of membership-fellowship. Fellowship may only be shared and sustained through entertaining activities or interesting meetings. This year every Commandery shall plan an event and make personal contact preferably by telephone, and invite the inactive Sir Knights within a forty mile radius to the activity. They may decline the invitation, but you will have made a favorable impression with the one-on-one conversation. This is something that he may not have had for a long time, especially if he lives too far away to attend. Each Battalion Commander is requested to offer assistance, if needed, in planning the event and give advice on the best modes of contacting the membership.

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

Given under my hand and seal this 1st day of May 2005, A. O. 887.

Lawrence V. Kaminsky  
Right Eminent Grand Commander

ATTESTED:

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





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#### **Bulletin No. 4 Mentoring New Members and Junior Officers**

Maintaining interest in new Sir Knights and preparing Junior Officers for future leadership are important issues in the life of any Commandery. An active mentoring program can achieve these goals and the following program is directed for implementation and monitoring by each Commandery.

- Upon Knighting, each new Sir Knight will have a mentor assigned whose responsibility it will be to cause the new Sir Knight to remain an active member by inviting him to all functions personally, helping him become involved in the Commandery to the extent the new Sir Knight is able, and answering all questions that he and his family may pose.
- The mentor will also be responsible to provide a member packet to the new Sir Knight containing information about the Commandery and Templary. This may include a calendar, newsletter, Commandery history, philanthropies, and information on Conclaves, activities, and officers.
- Each new officer in the line will also be assigned a mentor, preferably a Past Commander or Dais Officer, to provide guidance and encouragement to the new officer and to instruct and answer questions he will have as he advances.
- The officer's mentor shall make certain that the new officer has the proper ritual, tactics, officer's handbook bylaws, and other information he needs to succeed. The mentor shall assist the new officer in preparing his uniform and equipment and assist him with proficiency in protocols, practices and the School of the Knight.

The Recorder will maintain a record of the assignment of mentors and include that information with his books for annual inspection. A suggested place for keeping this information is the membership book or log of the Commandery.

The Generalissimo will be assigned to administer and monitor the mentorship program and to oversee the development of new Sir Knights and officers. I have requested the Battalion Commanders and Deputies to assist you, the Generalissimo, in implementing the program.

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

Given under my hand and seal this 1st day of May 2005, A. O. 887.

Lawrence V. Kaminsky  
Right Eminent Grand Commander

ATTESTED:

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



*Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Indiana*

## **Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Indiana**

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### **Grand Commander's Bulletin 2005**

#### **Bulletin No. 5 Holy Land Pilgrimage For Christian Ministers**

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

We are pleased to announce the **2006 Holy Land Pilgrimage**. The Pilgrimage will depart from Newark, N.J. on February 20, 2006, and return on March 2, 2006. The itinerary will cover the major Holy Land sites. The pilgrim ministers chosen will have their entire round trip air fare paid from Indianapolis, IN to Newark, NJ, then ELAL Airlines to Tel Aviv. As a guest of the Knights Templar, they will also receive three meals per day while in the Holy Land, lodging in a quality hotel, all admission fees to the various inspirational sites, gratuities for driver and guide, departure tax on return from Israel. Subject to release by the *Grand Master of the Grand Encampment*.

**This will be a most exciting experience and is one, which every Knight Templar in Indiana can be proud to support. The Knights Templar of Indiana has sent 164 ministers to Israel thus far. Praise the Lord!!!**

The number of ministers to be selected will depend on the amount of funds raised. The cost of sending a minister is approximately \$1,900.00. A goal of sending 20 ministers is set. To the work, Sir Knights, draw your swords in defense of the Christian religion. Monies for eight (8) ministers have been paid thus far.

A Holy Land Committee should be appointed. Sir Knights nominate an Ordained Christian Minister for your Commandery - support this minister with your monies to see that he or she goes. Send your recommendation to the Grand Commandery of Indiana on the enclosed Holy Land Pilgrimage form. Mail the form along with contributions to: Robert J. Frazer, Holy Land Pilgrimage Committee, 3208 N. W. "C" Street, Richmond, IN 47374. Checks should be made payable to: **"Holy Land Pilgrimage"**.

Instructions for making recommendations and a minister questionnaire form are enclosed.

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

Lawrence V. Kaminsky  
Grand Commander

ATTESTED:

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



*Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Indiana*

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE QUESTIONNAIRE FOR MINISTERS

1. FULL NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

2. HOME ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: AREA CODE: (    ) \_\_\_\_\_ E MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

3. BIRTHDAY: \_\_\_\_\_

4. SPOUSES NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

5. NUMBER OF YEARS MARRIED: \_\_\_\_\_

6. CHILDREN'S NAME (S) AND AGE (S), IF ANY \_\_\_\_\_

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7. DEGREES: NAME OF SCHOOL, YEARS ATTENDED, DEGREES AND YEAR  
ORDAINED:

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8. NAME OF PRESENT CHURCH, ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBER:

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9. NUMBER OF YEARS IN FULL TIME MINISTRY, GIVE NAME OF CHURCHES AND YEARS  
SERVED:

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10. HAVE YOU EVER BEEN TO THE HOLY LAND? \_\_\_\_\_

IF YES, GIVE THE DATE(S) AND THE MOST INSPIRING SITE VISITED:

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11. MASONIC AFFILIATION, IF ANY: \_\_\_\_\_

12. WHY WOULD YOU LIKE TO VISIT THE HOLY LAND?

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13. WHY DID YOU ELECT TO BECOME A MINISTER?

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14. IF INVITED TO VISIT THE HOLY LAND AS A GUEST OF THE KNIGHTS TEMPLAR, WOULD YOU HAVE TO OBTAIN PERMISSION FROM A SUPERVISOR WITHIN YOUR ORGANIZATION? \_\_\_\_\_ IF YES, GIVE SUPERVISOR'S NAME, ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBER:

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15. WOULD YOU BE WILLING TO VISIT THE HOLY LAND AS A GUEST OF THE KNIGHTS TEMPLAR? \_\_\_\_\_

16. WOULD YOU BE WILLING TO VISIT THE HOLY LAND, WITHOUT YOUR SPOUSE, IF ANY AND WITH MEMBERS OF OTHER CHRISTIAN DENOMINATIONS? \_\_\_\_\_

17. DO YOU KNOW OF ANY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR IN YOUR CHURCH? \_\_\_\_\_ IF SO, PLEASE GIVE NAMES:

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18. ARE YOU AWARE OF ANY HEALTH PROBLEMS PREVENTING OR LIMITING YOUR TRAVEL TO THE HOLY LAND?

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WHAT MEDICATIONS DO YOU REQUIRE?

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*Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Indiana*

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19. SIZE OF YOUR CONGREGATION: \_\_\_\_\_
20. NUMBER OF MINISTERS IN YOUR CONGREGATION: \_\_\_\_\_
21. DO YOU HOLD A VALID PASSPORT FOR TRAVEL TO THE HOLY LAND? \_\_\_\_\_  
DO YOU FORESEE ANY DIFFICULTY IN OBTAINING ONE? \_\_\_\_\_
22. WOULD YOU BE ABLE TO GO TO THE HOLY LAND ON OR ABOUT FEBRUARY  
20<sup>th</sup> FOR 10 DAYS? \_\_\_\_\_
23. HAS YOUR NAME EVER BEEN SUBMITTED AS A HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE  
NOMINEE IN THE PAST? \_\_\_\_\_

REVEREND \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

RECOMMENDED BY: \_\_\_\_\_ COMMANDERY NO. \_\_\_\_\_

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EMMINENT COMMANDER

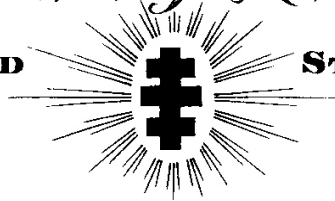
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RECORDER

RETURN TO: Robert J. Frazer, KCT, PGC  
Holy Land Pilgrimage Committee  
3208 N. W. "C" Street  
Richmond, IN 47374

# Grand Encampment of Knights Templar

OF THE UNITED



STATES OF AMERICA

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

Christmas, Anno Domini 2005

Salutations and Knightly greetings:

To all Valiant and Magnanimous Knights of the Temple, wheresoever dispersed throughout Christendom:

### A TOAST IN TRIBUTE TO OUR MOST EMINENT GRAND MASTER

How often we take one another for granted. And yet how important we are to one another! Christmas helps us focus our attention on family and friends. We plan to be with them if we can. We send greetings, at least, if we can't...and we remember both sadly and gladly those who are no longer with us to share the fellowship of these special days.

We read in the Gospel of Luke that Jesus had a family: His parents, Mary and Joseph; His aunt Elizabeth; and His cousin, John the Baptist; plus numerous other relatives.

Thinking about family serves to remind us that we are part of the great "Family of Faith," children of the Heavenly Father, who sent His only-begotten Son to be our Brother. By the forgiveness He won for us on a Friday, we are assured of a place at the heavenly feast with all our loved ones—and our loving Lord—forever.

Most Eminent Grand Master, we are pleased to have your leadership of our family of Knights of the Temple. We pray that your family and all the families of Templary may know peace, love, and joy this Christmas.

Faithfully submitted by:  
The Committee on Religious Activities  
Robert J. Cave, P.G.C., Chairman  
Donald W. Monson, P.G.C.  
James C. Taylor, P.D.C.  
Rev. Thomas G. Keithly, P.C., Grand Prelate

(This toast was prepared by Sir Knight Donald W. Monson, P.G.C. of Arizona and a member of the Committee on Religious Activities.)

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**GRAND MASTER'S RESPONSE**

To the Grand Prelate, the Committee on Religious Activities, and to all Sir Knights, wheresoever dispersed: Greetings!

Christmas for most people is a very special time, and this is especially true for Knights Templar. It is the time of year when we celebrate the Birth of the Great Captain of Our Salvation. It is the time when we gather with our families and friends to express that most noble attribute of Jesus—Love for one another.

We do this in many ways. Some ways are: the exchange of gifts, cards, and letters (maybe even e-mail greetings); social functions; simple verbal expressions of greeting, and so forth.

Whatever the way may be, we enjoy the feeling that Christ's Love brings.

It is my wish that you have the Happiest Christmas holiday possible and that you receive and share His Love with all whom you contact.

In His Service,  
Kenneth B. Fischer, GCT  
Grand Master

The foregoing Toast to the Most Eminent Grand Master and his response thereto are transmitted to you with the request that you extend an invitation through the proper offices to all Sir Knights within your jurisdiction to join in the sentiments thus conveyed at some convenient hour, on or near the birthday of Christ, commonly called Christmas Day, December twenty-fifth, in the Year of Grace 2005.



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**Grand Commander's Bulletin 2005**

**Bulletin No. 6**

**GRAND COMMANDER'S CHRISTMAS MESSAGE**

"Behold, the virgin shall be with Child, and shall bring forth a Son, and they shall call His Name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us." Matthew 1:23

Christmas peace to all people of good will on this great feast of our salvation! This Feast of the Nativity 2005, like every Christmas, is a celebration of the incarnation of God in the person of Jesus Christ. As in years passed, we marvel and rejoice that our God "took flesh, was born of woman, and dwelt among us as a brother." Again this year, in our liturgies, carols, cards and conversations, we will claim that the King of Kings, the Prince of Peace, and the Lord of Lords emptied Himself and joined our human family. We give thanks because it is precisely through this unity with our human condition that God was able to lift us up to the heights of His divinity.

This Christmas, however, there is something very different. Unlike any previous Christmas, I sense that we have new and deeper insight into the frailty of our human condition. I believe the pain and suffering that we have witnessed give us cause to look into the manger with fresh eyes, wide open to just how frail a humanity Jesus took upon Himself. God comes to us as a vulnerable, fully-human child, not even able to lift his head, just like the rest of us; "an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes." The striking aspect of this year's Christmas is the realization that the first incarnation was not a singular event at all, but the beginning of a process of salvation that is working its way out even to this day through and in frail human beings. Just as God lie frail in his mother's arms that first Christmas Eve, so Jesus Christ cries out today, in frail, compromised human flesh.

As we ponder the resplendent face of that infant Jesus in the manger this year, let's recall that God entrusts his mission today to that same frail humanity, sinfulness included. God needs us today as always. We celebrate this feast of our salvation amidst unprecedented darkness, cynicism, sinfulness, and fear. But we who walk in darkness have seen a great light and that light is the love of Christ shining through our human lives, shining out to those who need the love of Christ. The mission of that frail infant Jesus on Christmas morn was to be *God in the flesh: Emmanuel*. This Christmas that same mission is ours; to be united to broken humanity, and precisely in that way, to bring salvation to the world.

May the grace and healing, the reconciliation and peace of the newborn King, Jesus Christ, live in your hearts today and bless you every day of this New Year!

This bulletin is to be read at the next stated conclave of your Commandery.

Lawrence V. Kaminsky, G.C.

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## **Grand Prelates Christmas Message 2005**

**John 3:16** "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life".

We have all seen this text from the Scriptures many times, but just what does it mean to me. I thought about this and the feeling of freshness and renewal always came to mind.

I grew up on the South Side of Chicago in a blue collar neighborhood called the Bush. It was right next to US Steel South Works, which was where most of my neighbors worked. It was a community rich in tradition and the Christian Faith. On Christmas Eve, it was my family's practice to go to Midnight Mass at our local Church. My first recollection of this event was holding onto my mothers hand when entering this magnificent structure (which was more like a Cathedral than a Church). We had to leave early, because there were so many people attending that if you arrived on time it would be standing room only. When you entered you would smell the scent of fresh cut pine trees which decorated the front of the Church. It was also very festive with hundreds of multi-colored candles around the altar.

The service would be long and contained many Christmas Carols accompanied by the huge pipe organ. Starting as the above child and continuing into young adulthood, a feeling of togetherness and peace came over me every time I attended this Midnight Mass. However, what sticks in my mind the most, was when we exited the Church at the end of the service, a feeling of Freshness and the Renewal of Life that the Christ Child gives us came over me. The Father gave Him to us and then sacrificed Him. He did this for us to atone for our sins and also so we could start anew. How many of us could do the same.

Praise Him for the incarnation,  
for the word made flesh.  
I will not sing of shepherds  
watching flocks on frosty nights,  
or angel choristers.  
I will not sing of a stable bare in Bethlehem,  
or lowing oxen,  
wise men trailing star with gold,  
frankincense, and myrrh.  
Tonight I will sing praise to the Father  
who stood on heaven's threshold  
and said farewell to his Son  
as he stepped across the stars  
to Bethlehem and Jerusalem.  
And I will sing praise to the infinite, eternal Son,  
who became most finite, a baby  
who would one day be executed for my crime.  
Praise him in the heavens,  
Praise him in the stable,  
and Praise him in my heart.

**"Joseph Bayly"**

I wish you a Merry Christmas and May God Bless You and Yours with a Happy New Year

Donald L. Borchert, Grand Prelate

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**Grand Commander's Bulletin 2005**

**Bulletin No. 7**

**GRAND COMMANDER'S EASTER MESSAGE**

"He has risen, He is not here." (St. Mark 16:6) A simple statement: brief, unadorned, and explicit.

And yet this concise statement confirms a fact, an event, a phenomenon, which was – and still is – beyond the realm of human experience. The man who had been dead and buried for three days – placed in a grave which was sealed with a huge stone and guarded by Roman legionnaires – had emerged from the tomb.

Christ's earthly mission, which was completed with His crucifixion and burial, should at best have been remembered only within the immediate circle of His followers. This, after all, had been the case with the missions of many of His contemporaries and predecessors. A few wonderful ideas, some sublime moral principles, perhaps the memory of a smile on a kindly face, would have been Christ's legacy in the annals of history.

*And this would indeed have been the case* – had it not been for His unimaginable, unprecedented and ineffable resurrection front the dead.

The Resurrection is the high point of Christ's life and mission: the seal of truth on the teachings He bequeathed to humankind. Although their Master had spoken to them about His resurrection, simple human rationality made this difficult to believe. Some of the disciples even found it astonishing that Christ was unable to save Himself from death on the cross. Yet the unimaginable came to pass. The impossible became possible. Christ rose from the dead!

Two millennia have elapsed since that morning when Christ left behind Him the tomb, and opened before us the gate to eternal life. They had laid Him in a grave, not realizing that Light, Truth and Justice do not tolerate the grave. To the contrary, through His resurrection Christ laid in the grave all things related to sin and death.

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life”.....John 3:16"

Wishing you a blessed Easter!

Lawrence V. Kaminsky, Grand Commander

## **GRAND PRELATE'S EASTER MESSAGE**

Easter is the extraordinary event of Christ's overcoming death, of his leaving the tomb, where he had been buried and mourned, and showing to us, definitively, the power of life everlasting. How shall we understand this day? How shall we profess and proclaim it? How are we to live now in its power? It is surely a primary, defining event of our faith, essential to our Christian understanding. So how, then, are our lives affected by it? How are they shaped and changed by it forever?

Let me invite you to look at it in this manner... Do you remember the story of the baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River? Read it again in the third chapter of the Gospel of Matthew. In this event, Jesus joins in with the great multitude of people who had come to be baptized by the austere, compelling man named John. And when Jesus joined that great throng of people there in those muddy waters, he was identifying himself with them; he was emphasizing his humanity as one person in solidarity with all humanity, there in the midst of others. Through this action, both real and symbolic, he was proclaiming the truth of his humanness, of his full identification with and participation in our human life.

It's useful to think of the death and Resurrection of Jesus as the partner pieces to the action of his birth and baptism. "Fully human and fully divine," it's often said of him. And that is fully so. In the Easter event of Jesus' being raised from death and ascending to heaven, it is his divinity, his eternal oneness with God that is being proclaimed and affirmed. There isn't any way we can actually prove the miracle of his Resurrection, any more than we can prove the miracle of his birth - or than we can prove the power of love or forgiveness, of tragedy or sorrow, to change our lives forever. Yet we have all experienced these at some point, and somehow we know them to be real and true.

One way to try to grasp all of this is to bring into our deep and probing thoughts this consideration: that we human beings are a part of eternal life always. We live in eternal life before we are born on earth; we live in eternal life as human beings while we are on this earth; and we live in eternal life still after our human death. Each of us, always, is a part of eternal life. And Jesus, through his unique relationship with God and through the particularly powerful and transparent events of his own life, has revealed to us this truth, this Easter truth of life eternal.

### **A Prayer before Easter Sunday Dinner**

Creative God and Lord of Life, You who call forth from the darkness of death all those who love you, we rejoice, on this Easter Sunday, in resurrection from the dead of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Visit our home and this table with Your bright blessing of peace and life. We pause in the midst of this prayer to remember all the holy dead of our family who live now in You and who await the final and glorious resurrection of the dead. May they and we, because of our faith in You, our God, taste in the victory of life over death. May the Risen Christ, our Lord and Savior, be our guest as we celebrate His resurrection with this Easter Sunday dinner. Bless those who's work to prepare this meal has truly been a work of prayer, and bless all of us who shall share it with Easter love and joy. May You then, bless this table and this food, and each of us in Your Holy Name. Amen

Wishing You All A Happy Easter in Christ

From The Grand Commander and Officers of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Indiana

Donald L. Borchert, Grand Prelate

**GRAND ENCAMPMENT AWARDS AND HONORS**

**KNIGHTS TEMPLAR CROSS OF HONOR AWARD**

This coveted Templar Award is presented to one Sir Knight in Indiana each year. Sir Knight Steven J. Barton, Right Eminent Department Commander, East Central Department of the Grand Encampment presented the award to Sir Knight Frank E. McKinnon of E.H. Gary Commandery #57.

**KNIGHT COMMANDER of the TEMPLE**

**Lawrence V. Kaminsky Charles V. Horton A. Dwayne Evensen Harry W. McLaren**

**GRAND COMMANDERY AWARDS AND HONORS**

**COMMANDERY OF THE YEAR**

**Trinity Commandery No. 62**

**STAR RECORDER OF THE YEAR**

**Earl W. Adam Jr., New Albany No. 5**

**GRAND COMMANDER'S TROPHY  
HIGHEST # OF KNIGHTINGS**

**Trinity Commandery No. 62**

**J. RUFUS HINSHAW TROPHY  
HIGHEST NET INCREASE IN MEMBERSHIP**

**Trinity Commandery No. 62**

**HIGHEST % OF MEMBERSHIP GAIN  
BATTALION SCROLLS**

<b>Battalion I</b>	<b>LaPorte #12</b>	<b>6.57%</b>
<b>Battalion II</b>	<b>Goshen #50</b>	<b>7.25%</b>
<b>Battalion III</b>	<b>Frankfort #29</b>	<b>1.52%</b>
<b>Battalion V</b>	<b>Trinity #62</b>	<b>26.36%</b>
<b>Battalion VI</b>	<b>New Albany #5</b>	<b>0.81%</b>
<b>Battalion VII</b>	<b>Greencastle #11</b>	<b>3.88%</b>

**ACTIVITY AWARDS**

**GRAND COMMANDERY GUIDON**

**Trinity #62**

**RIBBONS FOR GUIDONS**

<b>Battalion I</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Hammond #41</b>	<b>1581</b>
	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> LaPorte #12</b>	<b>1406</b>
	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> H. W. Matthewson #66</b>	<b>816</b>
<b>Battalion II</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Fort Wayne #4</b>	<b>1425</b>
	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Angola #45</b>	<b>1416</b>
	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Elkhart #31</b>	<b>661</b>
<b>Battalion III</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Lafayette #3</b>	<b>1524</b>
	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Frankfort #29</b>	<b>888</b>
	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Kokomo #36</b>	<b>555</b>
<b>Battalion IV</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Knightstown #9</b>	<b>1480</b>
	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Richmond #8</b>	<b>1236</b>
	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Anderson #32</b>	<b>1157</b>
<b>Battalion V</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Trinity #62</b>	<b>1760</b>
	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Wm. G. Bray #65</b>	<b>1251</b>
	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Raper #1</b>	<b>1214</b>
<b>Battalion VI</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Baldwin #2</b>	<b>1701</b>
	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Columbus #14</b>	<b>1385</b>
	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> New Albany #5</b>	<b>512</b>
<b>Battalion VII</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Crawfordsville #25</b>	<b>1287</b>
	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Terre Haute #16</b>	<b>1092</b>
	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Greencastle #11</b>	<b>1086</b>
<b>Battalion VIII</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> LaValette #15</b>	<b>1058</b>
	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Bloomington #63</b>	<b>955</b>
	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Wright #64</b>	<b>716</b>

**GRAND COMMANDERY, KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF INDIANA**

**Eminent Commander's Certificate of Merit  
2005-2006**

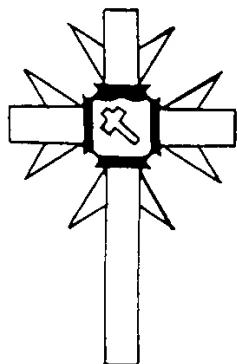
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EC Irvin L. Bitting, KCT, PGC	H.W. Matthewson Commandery No. 66
EC Harold Black	Ft Wayne Commandery No. 4
EC Justin W. Crisp	William G. Bray Commandery No. 65
EC Paul A. Cole	Baldwin Commandery No. 2
EC Joseph Coniff	Greencastle Commandery No.11
EC Charles L. Compton	Terre Haute Commandery No.16
EC Marvin J. Ramsay	Crawfordsville Commandery No.25

**DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARDS**

1. Lonnie John Sylvia	Richmond #8
2. Edward Lorentz Sebring	Vincennes #20
3. Raymond E. King	Vincennes #20
4. Barbara K. Black	Fort Wayne #4*
5. John William McNaughton	Fort Wayne #4
6. Curtis Don Munden	Trinity #62
7. Jaye E. Blaizer	Trinity #62
8. Sharon Troutt	Trinity #62*
9. Karen Sue Johnson	Michigan City #30*
10. Lewis A. Enlow	New Albany #5
11. Nancy Eiler	New Albany #5*
12. Betty Ann Metcalf	Hammond #41*
13. Clarence Robert Schultz	Hammond #41**
14. Christopher Hodapp	Raper #1**
15. James Little	Hammond #41
16. Leon James Langner	Hammond #41
17. Ronald L. Ellis	Columbus #14
18. Beverly K. Ellis	Columbus #14*
19. Mary L. Bressie	Crawfordsville #25*
20. Maxine G. Stevens	Crawfordsville #25*
21. Kermit Lindsey	Wright #64
22. Dean Dove	LaPorte #12*
23. Judith Cooley	LaPorte #12*
24. Brian David Harms	Lafayette #3
25. Joseph G. Conniff	Greencastle #11
26. Suanna Brown	Anderson # 32*
27. Helen Stottlemyer	Anderson # 32*
28. Alan L. Martinez	Anderson # 32

\* Denotes Awarded to Friends of the Commandery

\*\* Denotes Awarded by the Grand Commander's



Indiana  
Past Commander's  
Association  
Knights Templar



The Twentieth Annual Conclave of the Indiana Association of Past Commanders met at 7 A.M. On April 28, 2006. The Conclave was called to order by Knight Commander Norman O. Hittson and the pledge was given to the Flag of our Country.

The following officers were in the stations as follows;

Knight Commander	Norman O. Hittson	Knight Recorder/Treas.	Ronald D. Simpson
Knight Generalissimo	William G. Davis	Knight Warder	Charles W. Merlau Jr.
Knight Captain General	Joseph Conniff	Knight Sentinel	Gerald L. Morphey
Knight Prelate	Terry L. Smith		

Motions

Two motions were passed. 1. That we induct candidates before the business meeting and 2. that the list of candidates be approved.

Lecturers

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| 1. Carl C. Reed Jr. (5)    | 8. Paul A. Cole (2)             |
| 2. Michael W. Winters (21) | 9. David L. Gundrum (39)        |
| 3. Richard A. Lochner (28) | 10. Kermit E. Rosenthal (51 CA) |
| 4. Russell O Anderson (31) | 11. Warren R. DeFerbache (31)   |
| 5. Rod Gardner (32)        | 12. Edward L. Sebring (20)      |
| 6. Jeffrey M. Jordan (61)  | 13. Ronald Snell (5)            |
| 7. Michael R. Payne (62)   | 14. Harold Black (4)            |

Candidates

- |                                |                               |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1. Douglas Wayne Elser (5)     | 11. Clarence R. Schultz (41)  |
| 2. Donald Lynn Parvin (36)     | 12. Lee W. Langlotz (67)      |
| 3. David Lester Jenkins (16)   | 13. Phillip Whisner (1)       |
| 4. John L. Zion Jr. (45)       | 14. William Fox Jr. (13)      |
| 5. Ian Mountfield (45)         | 15. James B. Coleman (4)      |
| 6. Floyd E. Broegman (21)      | 16. John A. Campbell Jr. (19) |
| 7. Wayne George Rusnak (24)    | 17. Thomas K. Stringer (11)   |
| 8. Jeffrey David Naylor (8)    | 18. Stephen K. Lawler (32)    |
| 9. Joseph M. Ketterman (67)    | 19. Kevin L. Comstock (62)    |
| 10. Harland Dale Ronk Jr. (57) |                               |

*Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Indiana*

Sir Knight Donald L. Parvin was selected to be the exemplar candidate for the class.

Business

The minutes of the Nineteenth Annual Conclave were read and approved.  
The Audit Committee Report, signed by Knight William G. Davis and Knight Russell O. Anderson was read and approved.  
The financial report of the Recorder/Treasurer was read and approved.

Bills

The following bill was submitted by the Recorder/ Treasurer.  
Printing, envelopes and postage \$82.34.  
Upon a motion and second this bill was allowed.

Memorials

Past Knight Commander Warren DeFerbache gave a memorial in memory of our deceased members.

Report of the Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee recommended that all the officers move up one station except for the Recorder/Treasurer, and that Knight Michael W. Winters of Grant County #21 be elected as Sentinel. This was so moved and passed.

Presentation

Knight Norman O. Hittson was presented a jewel of a Past Knight Commander by Knight Ronald D. Simpson.

Installation

Knight Simpson and Knight Hittson, as Marshall, installed the new Officers into office as follows for the year 2006-2007.  
Knight Commander William G. Davis  
Knight Generalissimo Joseph G. Conniff  
Knight Captain General Terry L. Smith  
Knight Prelate Charles W. Merlau Jr.  
Knight Warden Gerald L. Morphey  
Knight Sentinel Michael W. Winters

Closing

The business being completed, the Conclave was closed in ample form at 8:05 AM.

Fraternally Submitted,



Ronald D. Simpson P.K.C.  
Recorder/ Treasurer



Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Indiana

THE INDIANA ASSOCIATION OF PAST COMMANDERS

April 11, 2006

FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE SECRETARY-TREASURER

Balance on hand April 18, 2005		4498.90
Received Candidate fees	210.00	
Received Interest	<u>23.75</u>	
Total Income	233.75	<u>233.75</u>
Total Receipts		4732.65
Expenditures		
Secretary expense 2004 & 2005	248.23	
Withdrawal transfer to CD	<u>3807.63</u>	
Total Expenses	4055.86	<u>4055.86</u>
Balance on hand April 11, 2006 in savings account		676.79

Balance on hand April 19, 2005 CD	1180.18	
Earned interest	<u>12.19</u>	
Closed out CD acct 50245	1192.37	
transferred from savings	<u>3807.63</u>	
Deposited in new CD acct # 55608	5000.00	
Balance on hand in CD April 11, 2006		5000.00

REPORT OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE

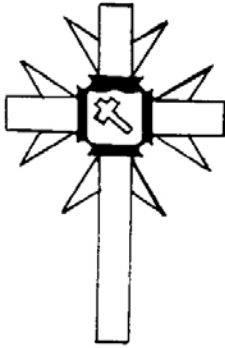
We have checked the cashbook, check book, minutes and receipts of the Secretary/Treasurer for the period of April 19, 2005 to April 11, 2006 and find the accounts correct as reported.

*Wm S Davis 4/27/06*  
*Russell O. Anderson 4-27-06*

Fraternally Submitted,

*Ronald D. Simpson*

Ronald D. Simpson Sec./Treas.



Indiana  
Past Commander's  
Association  
Knights Templar



Ronald D. Simpson  
323 E. Main  
Greentown, In. 46936  
(765) 628-7674

**ELECTED OFFICERS 2006-2007**  
**THE INDIANA ASSOCIATION OF PAST COMMANDERS**

**Knight Commander**  
William G. Davis (Lari)  
2821 S. Main St.  
South Bend, IN. 46614  
(574) 299-1662

**Knight Generalissimo**  
Joseph G. Conniff (Rebecca)  
345 Mill Springs  
Filmore, IN. 46128  
(765) 246-6199

**Knight Captain General**  
Terry L. Smith (Sue)  
4240 E. Whiskey Run NE  
Georgetown, IN. 47122  
(812) 366-3361

**Knight Prelate**  
Charles W. Merlau Jr. (Judi)  
2657 W. 300 S.  
Greenfield, IN. 46140  
(317) 861-5753

**Knight Recorder- Treasurer**  
Ronald D. Simpson (Jean)  
323 E. Main St.  
Greentown, IN. 46936  
(765) 628-7674

**Knight Warder**  
Gerald L. Morphey  
216 Bex Hill Dr.  
Carmel, IN. 46032-1960  
(317) 846-6408

**Knight Sentinel**  
Michael W. Winters (Jean)  
208 E. South A St.  
Gas City, IN. 46933-1707  
(765) 674-2120

Past Knight Commanders

Kenneth E. Gibson	1986-89 (Rita)	**George W. Polk	1999-2000	(Peggy)
Peter T. Zivanovich	1989-90 (Lee)	Ronald D. Simpson	1999-2000	(Jean)
Duane Stucker	1990-91 (Mary)	Kermit E. Rosenthal	2000-2001	(Willow)
*F. Monroe Higginbotham	1991-92 (Elizabeth)	Lloyd E. Atterson	2001-2002	(Barbara)
*Donald L. Shutt	1992-93 (Helen)	Gary A. Sherritze	2002-2003	
*David M. Beard	1993-94 (Delores)	Howard A. Farrand	2003-2004	(Carla)
Robert D. Childers	1994-95	William O. Cooley	2004-2005	(Judy)
Warren R. DeFerbache	1995-96 (Rosemary)	Norman O. Hitton	2005-2006	(Helen)
Carl N. Allinder	1996-97 (Bonnie)			
Russell O. Anderson	1997-98 (Pauline)			
James D. Ramey	1998-99			

\*Deceased    \*\*Honorary

## **INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR 2006 – 2007**

The Installation of Officers of the Grand Commandery of Indiana was conducted at approximately 3:00 PM by the following corps of Installing Officers.

INSTALLING OFFICER: George A. Ingles, KCT, PGC  
INSTALLING MARSHAL: Duane L. Vaught, KCT, PGC  
INSTALLING RECORDER: Roger S. VanGorden, PC, PGM  
INSTALLING PRELATE: Duane Stucker, KCT, PGC

### **Grand Commandery Knight Templar of Indiana After Installation Remarks as Grand Commander**

I want to thank each one of you that has taken time from your busy schedule to support me and the Officers of the Grand Commandery today. I will faithfully serve as your Grand Commander for the next Templar year. I will lead by example, working hard for Templary each day. I will do the best I can to represent the Sir Knights of Indiana in a positive manner. I will ever remember that I am your servant and at the end of this Templar year I will return to my Commandery as a Sir Knight.

I would like to thank Malia for all the support she has given me. I met Malia in 1977. Malia is the most loving wonderful person I have ever met. I love her very much. She has been the wind under my wings.

I would like to thank my installing Officers: George Ingles, Duane Stucker, Duane Vaught, and Roger VanGorden. Each one of you has been a dear special friend to me. Thank you for being there when I needed a friend.

I would like to thank Andy Jackson. Andy hired me when I was without a job. Andy pointed me to a new career as an accountant. Andy has been understanding and supportive.

I would like to thank Larry Kaminsky whom I have followed through the line for being a special friend. Larry has helped me to push toward the dreams I have for the Grand Commandery. Larry has helped me to have fun in Templary. Thank you, Larry.

I would like to thank Sir Knight George Kivett for helping me learn to be a Drill Captain. I hope I can be as good as George someday.

I would like to thank the members of Farmers Lodge for being here today. They have been true brothers to me.

Lastly, I would like to thank the members of Baldwin Commandery who have encouraged me and been there for me. I had very large shows to fill when Emil Steffey passed away. I wish Emil were here today. He encouraged me and was a great help to me. I am dedicating this year in honor of his service to York Rite Freemasonry.

Thank you and May God bless each of you.  
Rodney A. Mann, G.C.

# Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Indiana

## Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Indiana 2006 - 2007 Committees

### Executive Committee

Rodney A Mann, GC Chairman  
All elected Grand Officers

### Jurisprudence

Steven J. Barton, PGC, DC Chair  
George A Ingles, PGC  
All Past Grand Commanders

### Finance

George A Ingles, PGC 2007  
Lloyd L Marsh #6 2008  
Brian D Harms #3 2009  
John V. Stevens, PGC, GR  
Lawrence V Kaminsky, PGC, AGR

### Dispensations & Charters

Kenneth E. Gibson, PGC Chair  
Dwight E. Lanman, Jr. PGC  
Andrew R Jackson, DGC  
David Bertch, GG

### Templar Education & Templar Crusader

Ronald L. Ellis, PGC Chair  
Andrew R Jackson , DGC  
Paul A Cole, GSwdB  
Michael R Payne, GS  
Jeffery D Naylor #8  
Jeffery M Jordan #61  
Michael A Moxley #62

### Long Range Planning

Andrew R Jackson, DGC Chair  
David M Bertch, GG V Chair  
Larry W. Brown, GCG  
James L Dove, GSW  
Patrick S Diller, GJW  
Rex Sohn, GStdB  
Robert J. Frazer, PGC, GT  
Ronald L Ellis, PGC  
John V. Stevens, PGC, GR  
Lawrence V Kaminsky - PGC, AGR

### Membership \* / Publicity & P. R.

Larry W. Brown, GCG Chair  
James L Dove, GSW V Chair  
David M Bertch, GG  
Michael A Moxley #62  
Philip D Herthel #2  
Paul W. Friend, PGC  
Charles D Wood #65  
Michael W Klepper #2  
Patrick S Diller, GJW  
Michael R Payne, GS

### Competitive Drills

George Kivett, Jr., HPGC Chair  
Larry W Brown, GCG V Chair  
Steven J. Barton, PGC, DC  
Patrick S. Diller, GJW  
Andrew R Jackson, DGC

### KT Eye Foundation

George A. Ingles, PGC Chair 2007  
Ronald L Ellis, PGC V Chair 2009  
William D. Everhart #50 2008  
Robert J Frazer, PGC, GT 2010  
Rodney A Mann, GC 2011  
John V. Stevens, PGC, GR  
Lawrence V Kaminsky, PGC, AGR

### Educational Foundation

Steven J. Barton, PGC, DC Chair 2011  
K. Edwin Applegate, PDC 2007  
Kenneth E. Gibson, PGC 2008  
Robert J Frazer, PGC, GT 2009  
Ronald L Ellis, PGC 2010

John V. Stevens, PGC, GR  
Lawrence V Kaminsky, PGC, AGR

### York Rite Coordinating

Rodney A Mann, GC Chair  
Andrew R Jackson, DGC  
David Bertch, GG  
Larry W Brown, GCG  
James L Dove GSW

### Templar Uniform

James L Dove, GSW Chair  
Patrick S Diller, GJW V Chair  
George A Ingles, PGC, GIG  
Wayne A Sheets #1  
Rex Sohn, GStdB

### By-Laws

John V. Stevens, PGC, GR Chair  
Lawrence V Kaminsky, PGC, AGR  
Andrew R Jackson, DGC  
David M Bertch, GG

### Triennial 04-06

Willard M. Avery, PMGM Chair  
Lawrence V Kaminsky, PGC, AGR  
Rodney A. Mann, GC

### Grievances & Appeals

Duane L. Vaught, PGC Chair  
Robert E. Price, HPDC V Chair  
James S. DeMond, PDC

### Visiting SK & Distinguished Guest

Steven J. Barton, PGC, DC Chair  
Robert E. Price, HPDC V Chair  
Dwight E. Lanman, Jr., PGC  
Harrison E. Lackey, HPGC  
James L Dove, GSW  
John V. Stevens, PGC, GR  
Lawrence V Kaminsky, PGC, AGR

### Ritual & Tactics

Larry W Brown, GCG Chair  
George A. Ingles, PGC, GIG, V Chair  
James L Dove GSW  
Patrick S. Diller, GJW  
George Kivett, Jr.  
Steven J. Barton, PGC, DC

### Patriotic Activities

Paul A Cole, GSwdB Chair  
Rex Sohn, GStdB V Chair  
Michael C Stoner, GW  
Ronald L. Ellis, PGC

Wayne A Sheets #1

### Holy Land Pilgrimage

Robert J. Frazer, PGC, GT Chair 2007  
R. Frank Williams, HPDC PDC 2011  
Rev. Cleon H. Wright # 23 2008  
Robert S. Flint, GPE 2009  
Samuel M Robinson, GPE 2010  
All GPE ex officio

### Unfinished Business

James L Dove, GSW Chair  
Peter T. Zivanovich, PGC  
Patrick S Diller, GJW

### Credentials

Jeffery M Jordan #61 Chair  
Larry Huffman #63

### Necrology

Carroll Joe Friend, GP Chair  
R. Frank Williams, PGC V Chair  
Kenneth E. Gibson, PGC

### Trustees

Steven J. Barton, PGC, DC, Chair 2007  
Ronald L. Ellis, PGC 2008  
Kenneth E. Gibson PGC 2009

## CONCLUSION

The Grand Commander then thanked the installing Officers and there being no further business to come before the Grand Commandery he declared Hammond Commandery No. 41 closed and the Grand Commandery adjourned until the next Conclave.

Fraternally,

John V. Stevens, KCT, PGC  
Grand Recorder

## COMPETITIVE DRILLS Marriott Hotel, Indianapolis, Indiana Saturday, April 29, 2006

The competition was held at Raymond Park Middle School under the direction of George D. Kivett, KTCH, Drill Chairman. Six Teams competed with the following results:

Class "B"	1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Raper #1
Class "C"	1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Knightstown #9
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Greenfield #39
Class "D"	1 <sup>st</sup> Place	New Albany #5
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Baldwin #2
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place	Ft. Wayne / Angola

Following Competition returning to the Hotel, the Fort Wayne Band played, lunch was served and awards presented to the Captains of the Teams.

## BATTALION STRUCTURE FOR 2006 – 2007

Battalion #I	(Dove)	12, 28, 30, 41, 57, 66
Battalion #II	(Diller)	4, 13, 19, 31, 35, 45, 50
Battalion #III	(Brown)	3, 21, 24, 29, 36, 37
Battalion #IV	(Schull)	6, 8, 9, 32, 39
Battalion #V	(Bertch)	1, 23, 61, 62, 65, 67
Battalion #VI	(Friend)	2, 5, 14, 27, 56
Battalion #VII	(Cole)	11, 16, 25, 47, 48
Battalion #VIII	(Jackson)	15, 20, 42, 63, 64

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2005-2006 Committees**

Executive Committee

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All elected Grand Officers

Jurisprudence

Steven J. Barton, PGC, ECDC Chairman  
George A. Ingles, PGC Vice Chairman  
All Past Grand Commanders

Finance 2005-06 (3)

Robert J. Frazer, PGC, GT Chairman 04-06  
Duane L. Vaught, PGC 03-06, Chairman  
George A. Ingles, PGC 04-07  
Lloyd C. Marsh, 05-08  
John V. Stevens, PGC, GR

Triennial 04-06 (3)

Willard M. Avery, PMGM Chairman  
Rodney A. Mann, DGC  
John V. Stevens, PGC, GR

Credentials

James L. Dove, GJW Chairman  
Terry L. Kehrer # 5  
Robert Flint # 36  
Larry Huffman # 63  
Norman O. Hittson # 32  
James Lindsey # 1  
Alan Martinez # 32

Dispensations & Charters

Kenneth E. Gibson, PGC Chairman  
Dwight E. Lanman, Jr. PGC  
Rodney A. Mann, DGC  
Andrew R. Jackson, GG

Visiting SK & Distinguished Guest

Irvin L. Bitting, PGC, GIG Chairman  
Larry W. Brown, GSW, Vice Chairman  
Steven J. Barton, PGC, ECDC  
Robert E. Price, HPDC  
Willard R. Clutter, Jr. PGC, PDC

Membership (>5 & <16)

Andrew R. Jackson, GG Chairman  
Rodney A. Mann, DGC Vice Chairman  
David Bertch, GCG  
Larry W. Brown, GSW  
Patrick S. Diller, GStB  
Paul W. Friend, PGC  
Richard J. Elman, GM # 41  
Mark Genung # 65  
Jim Adamson # 5  
W. Keith Stiner #32  
Carson Smith # 62  
Kris Phillips # 32

Long Range Planning (9)

Rodney A. Mann, DGC Chairman  
Andrew R. Jackson, GG  
John V. Stevens, PGC, GR  
Robert J. Frazer, PGC, GT  
Willard R. Clutter, Jr. PGC, PDC 05-07  
Ronald L. Ellis, PGC 05-07  
David Bertch, GCG 04-06  
Larry W. Brown, GSW 04-06  
Patrick S. Diller, GStB 04-06

KT Eye Foundation (6)

Rodney A. Mann, DGC 01-06 Chairman  
George A. Ingles, PGC 04-09 Vice Chairman  
William D. Everhart #50 03-08  
Howard Farrand 04-09  
Robert J. Frazer, PGC, GT 05-10  
John V. Stevens, PGC, GR

Educational Foundation (5)

Steven J. Barton, PGC, ECDC Chairman 01-06  
Edwin Applegate, PGC, PDC 02-06  
Kenneth E. Gibson, PGC 03-07  
J.W. Crisp, 05-08  
Ronald L. Ellis, PGC 05-09  
John V. Stevens, PGC, GR (ex officio)

Publicity & Public Relations (7)

Andrew R. Jackson, GG Chairman  
Rodney A. Mann, DGC Vice Chairman  
David Bertch, GCG  
Larry W. Brown, GSW  
Patrick S. Diller, GStB  
Paul W. Friend, PGC  
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Jim Adamson # 5  
W. Keith Stiner #32  
Carson Smith # 62  
Kris Phillips # 32  
Leon J. Langner, #41 (ex officio)

Tellers

Ronald L. Ellis, PGC Chairman  
Other appointments as needed

Masonic Youth

George A. Ingles, PGC Chairman  
Lawrence V. Kaminsky, GC Vice Chairman  
Duane L. Vaught, PGC  
A. Ernie Ball # 50  
Larry G. Huffman, # 63 DBC

Life Membership

Paul W. Friend, PGC Chairman  
Larry W. Brown, GSW  
Herbert G. Roach, PGC  
Harrison E. Lackey, HPGC

Easter Sunrise Service

Irvin L. Bitting, PGC Chairman  
Patrick S. Diller, GStB Vice Chairman  
Robert J. Frazer, PGC, GT  
Donald L. Borchert, GP

Templar Education

Ronald L. Ellis, PGC Chairman  
Carroll Joe Friend, GS  
Alan Martinez # 32

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**2005-2006 Committees (continued)**

Visiting SK & Distinguished Guest (cont.)

Dwight E. Lanman, Jr., PGC

Henry E. LaHurreau, PGC

Harrison E. Lackey, HPGC

Duane Stucker, PGC

Paul A. Cole, GW

John V. Stevens, PGC, GR

Grievances & Appeals

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James S. DeMond, PDC, PGC

Unfinished Business

Larry W. Brown, GSW Chairman

Peter T. Zivanovich, PGC

James L. Dove, GJW

Necrology (3)

Donald L. Borchert, GP Chairman

R. Frank Williams, HPDC Vice Chairman

Kenneth E. Gibson, PGC

Templar Uniform (5)

Larry W. Brown, GSW Chairman

James L. Dove, GJW Vice Chairman

Patrick S. Diller, GStB

David Bertch, GCG

Duane Stucker, PGC

By-Laws (3)

John V. Stevens, PGC, GR Chairman

Lawrence V. Kaminsky, GC

Rodney A. Mann, DGC

Andrew R. Jackson, GG

Information Technology

Lawrence V. Kaminsky, GC Chairman

Rodney A. Mann, DGC

John V. Stevens, PGC, GR

York Rite Coordinating (4)

Lawrence V. Kaminsky, GC Chairman

Rodney A. Mann, DGC

Andrew R. Jackson, GG

George A. Ingles, PGC

Ritual & Tactics (5)

David Bertch, GCG Chairman

Irvin L. Bitting, PGC, GIG Vice Chairman

George A. Ingles, PGC

Steven J. Barton, PGC, ECDC

George Kivett, Jr.

Competitive Drills (5)

George Kivett Jr., KCT, KTCH, # 1 Chairman

David Bertch, GCG Vice Chairman

Steven J. Barton, PGC, ECDC

Irvin L. Bitting, PGC, GIG

Wayne Sheets, GPE

Patriotic Activities (5)

Paul A. Cole, GW Chairman

Herbert G. Roach, PGC Vice Chairman

Rex Sohn, GSWB

Ronald L. Ellis, PGC

Carroll Joe Friend, GS

Holy Land Pilgrimage (5)

R. Frank Williams, HPDC 01-06 Chairman

Robert J. Frazer, PGC, GT 02-07 Vice Chairman

Rev. Cleon H. Wright # 23 03-08

Robert S. Flint, GPE 04-09

Samuel M Robinson, GPE 05-10

All GPE ex officio

Indiana K. T. Website

James W. Prairie, PGC, Co-Web Master

J.W. Crisp, Co-Web Master

Trustees

Kenneth E. Gibson, PGC Chairman

Steven J. Barton, PGC, ECDC

Ronald L. Ellis, PGC

Templar Education (cont.)

Charles Johnson # 30

Terry L. Kehrer # 5

Jeff C. Reich # 57

KT Supplement Editor

Leon J. Langner, #41

Masonic Home Nativity Scene

Larry W. Brown, GSW, Chairman

Ronald L. Ellis, PGC, Vice Chairman

Irvin L. Bitting, PGC, GIG

James L. Dove, GJW

Carroll Joe Friend, GS

Paul A. Cole, GW

Rex Sohn, GSWB

Knights Templar Charities

Steven J. Barton, PGC ECDC Chairman

Robert J. Frazer, PGC, GT Vice Chairman

R. Frank Williams, HPDC

Duane Stucker, PGC

Duane L. Vaught, PGC

Inactive Participation

James Dove, GJW Chairman

Patrick S. Diller, GStB

Rex Sohn, GSWB

Paul A. Cole, GW

ITA Committee

Andrew R. Jackson, GG Chair (Speaker)

Richard J. Elman, GM # 41 (Speaker)

James H. Hodge, MEGHP (Speaker)

Charles D. Wood, MIGM (Speaker)

Carson Smith # 62 (Speaker)

James L. Dove, GJW (Speaker)

Rodney A. Mann, DGC (Speaker)

Willard R. Clutter, PDC (Research)

*Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Indiana*

**DECEASED FRATERS OF INDIANA**

**RAPER No. 1**

Charles William McNeely	July 25, 2000	Gordon Harris Derby	November 8, 2004
Fredrick Louis Hicks Jr.	April 9, 2005	Albert Houser Wood	June 15, 2005
Herbert Alonzo Newman	July 28, 2005	Clayton Arthur Graham	November 26, 2005
Ivan Clark Franks	December 16, 2005		

**BALDWIN No. 2**

Basil Leon Sullivan	March 27, 2005	Harold E. Hatton, Jr.	October 13, 2005
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**LAFAYETTE No. 3**

Frank Vernon Talbott, Jr.	May 13, 2005	Kenneth Alan Kenoyer	October 11, 2005
Jack Wilson Ferrell	November 24, 2005		

**FORT WAYNE No. 4**

Maurice James Burlkey	April 15, 2005		
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**NEW ALBANY No. 5**

James Monroe Jones	January 29, 2005	Leslie Eugene Spray	March 9, 2005
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**CONNERSVILLE No. 6**

Henry Thomas Silvey	February 28, 2005	Frederick Turk	March 24, 2005
Clarence Willard Worth	October 2, 2005	James J. Henry, Jr.	November 13, 2005

**RICHMOND No. 8**

Jack Glen Hardwick	September 13, 2005	John Henry Mader	December 26, 2005
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**KNIGHTSTOWN No. 9**

Joseph Clinton Cooney	July 21, 2005	Marshall Herndon Gardner	August 12, 2005
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**GRENCastle No. 11**

Charles Arthur Lyon	October 25, 2005		
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**LAPORTE No. 12**

Everett Austin Koomler	February 1, 2005	Thomas Caldwell McAlpine	February 8, 2005
Robert Francis Burns	April 15, 2005		

**SOUTH BEND No. 13**

Lloyd Russell Bare	March 15, 2005	James Frederick Haag	April 5, 2005
Charles Henry Goss	April 19, 2005	Donald Warren Zellers	June 3, 2005
Harold Homes Taylor	December 11, 2005		

**COLUMBUS No. 14**

Chester Omer Clark	July 1, 2004	Robert Elmer Turner	September 13, 2004
Leonard J. Rucker	March 22, 2005	William Calvert Brand	June 29, 2005
John Frank Corbin	June 25, 2005	Royce Kenneth Low	June 29, 2005
Campbell B. McIntyre, II	August 26, 2005	Howard Nichols Mitchell	September 5, 2005

**LA VALETTE No. 15**

Charles Louis Kotis	May 20, 2004	Felix B. Colo	January 16, 2004
James Devin Arthur	August 26, 2004	Elbert Earnest Colson, Jr.	January 20, 2005
Bruce Alan Adkins	July 28, 2005	Melvin Monroe Fuquay	August 8, 2005

**TERRE HAUTE No. 16**

Paul E. Roberts	March 23, 2005		
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APOLLO No.19	James Richard Habig	November 15, 2005		
VINCENNES No. 20	Robert Wayne Nordhorn	February 2, 2005	Howard Ray Wright	June 8, 2005
	James Lewis Stone	July 4, 2005	Archie Knox Miller	October 19, 2005
GRANT COUNTY No. 21	Frederick M. Hatfield	March 14, 2005	Homer Dean McGibbson	December 25, 2005
JOHNSON COUNTY No. 23	Kenneth Orman Wheat	January 29, 2005		
ST. JOHN No. 24	Ward B. Lesh	January 3, 2005	Robert William Dotterer	March 28, 2005
	Paul Raymond Todd, Sr.	March 28, 2005	Earl Lester Burch	July 23, 2005
	Donald E. Freehafer	July 23, 2005	Joseph G. Herd	July 23, 2005
	Theodore Robert Lipscome	December 30, 2005		March 28, 2005
CRAWFORDSVILLE No. 25	Marvin Wayne Abston	April 4, 2005	Lester Warren Smith	June 8, 2005
	Melvin Earl covey	September 5, 2005		
VALPARAISO No. 28	Lester R. Barkley	February 2, 2005	Edwin Russell Johnson, Jr.	February 15, 2005
FRANKFORT No. 29	Maurice Estle Raikes	August 26, 2005	Herbert Scripture Switzer	September 1, 2005
	Otto Emerson Springer	September 18, 2005		
MICHIGAN CITY No. 30	William Roger Edinger	January 17, 2005	Charles Franklin Goede.	March 19, 2005
	Robert F. Jaske	November 21, 2005		
ELKHART No. 31	Harry Robert Stoner	February 26, 2005	Hugh Elbert Warner, Jr.	April 4, 2005
	Russell Eugene Kreider	April 26, 2005	John Henry Jessen, Sr.	April 30, 2005
	John Wilbur Dewees	July 25, 2005	Donald Virigle Teagardin	November 22, 2005
ANDERSON No. 32	John W. Clevenger, Jr.	December 8, 2000	John Richard Cheney	September 3, 2002
	George Lake Williams	January 17, 2005	Claudean Webb	December 20, 2005
	Paul Norman Nottingham	February 25, 2005	Zelda Earl Vaughn	March 11, 2005
	Clifford Wilbert Quick	March 25, 2005	Joseph Albert Lewis	May 5, 2005
	Clayton Merrill Crowder	June 4, 2005	James C. Keesling	June 11, 2005
	George Henry Cox	June 14, 2005	Robert Kenneth Zigler	August 7, 2005
	Robert Francis Pierce	September 23, 2005	John Wesley Riggan	October 29, 2005
HUNTINGTON No. 35	Richard Allen Johnson	January 15, 2005	George Craig Allen	March 16, 2005
	John Albert Crago	July 12, 2005		
KOKOMO No. 36	Anderw Wolfe	July 13, 2004	Gary Willoughby Ireson	February 1, 2005
	Hobert E. Dodd	March 19, 2005	Maurice E. Ewing	April 16, 2005
	Billy D. Plake	July 25, 2005	James Lilly	October 17, 2005

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WABASH No. 37			
Benjamin Carl Wilkison	March 15, 2005	Norval Faurot, Jr.	August 15, 2005
GREENFIELD No. 39			
Harold Aaron Denoon	January 30, 2005	Lemuel Robert Butler	February 1, 2005
James H. Clements, Jr.	August 3, 2005	George Howard Labolt	September 21, 2005
HAMMOND No. 41			
Leslie Kenneth Conquest	January 6, 2005	Bernard William Bolls	February 12, 2005
Wilbur William Kendel	February 25, 2005	Frank John Macewicz	March 4, 2005
Robert Lewis Howisen	March 31, 2005	Rudolph Mamala, Jr.	June 25, 2005
Clare Emerson Oesterle	July 11, 2005	Glenn Melvin Swanson	August 17, 2005
BEDFORD No. 42			
David Henry Rariden	July 25, 2005		
NEW CASTLE No. 44			
Jarrell Ray Winchester	July 19, 2003	Eugene Sexton	April 16, 2004
Kenneth Grimes Hill	February 17, 2005	Freddie Riley Jones	June 20, 2005
Astor Mark Main	October 25, 2005	James Harley Brinson	November 8, 2005
Merlin E. Thrasher	December 4, 2005		
ANGOLA No. 45			
Frank Ernest Rademacher	January 9, 2004	Donald J. Myers	October 21, 2004
Bill O. Hammond	July 21, 2005	Gregory Lynn Penrod	October 5, 2005
Roy Clinton Crandall	December 12, 2005	Donald J. Myers	October 21, 2004
BRAZIL No. 47			
Harry Ellsworth Mayle, Sr.	January 22, 2005		
CLINTON No. 48			
Donald Robert Kemper	April 19, 2005	Carl Franklin Cloyd	April 24, 2005
Jack Lewis McMullen	September 25, 2005	Charles Edward Abrams	November 6, 2005
GOSHEN No. 50			
James John Klondaris	November 28, 2005		
SEYMOUR No. 56			
William Albert Niccum	January 30, 2004	James Allen Byrns	November 3, 2005
E. H. GARY No. 57			
George Carter Allred	March 9, 2005	David Lynn Worthington	March 10, 2005
Virgil L. Cornett	May 21, 2005	Alfred Bruce, Sr.	June 27, 2005
NOBLESVILLE No. 61			
Larry Donald Beets	February 2, 2005	Rudy Eugene Snipes	May 2, 2005
Richard David Vanmeter	August 4, 2005	Larry Wayne Sutton	December 29, 2005
TRINITY No. 62			
Raymond Floyd Fenton	March 3, 2005	Herbert Cleveland Derado	May 17, 2005
BLOOMINGTON No. 63			
Harold Young McCammon	February 9, 2005	Glenn Oran Owens	March 3, 2005
William Scales Day	April 20, 2005	Alfred Junior Owens	September 2, 2005
Donald Lee Peters	October 4, 2005		

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WRIGHT No. 64

Jack Roy Aders  
Victor Grant Hood

November 26, 2004  
September 18, 2004

Leonard Jerry Sigler  
Paul Elijah Williamson

October 14, 2005  
January 6, 2003

WM. G. BRAY No. 65

Vernon Theodore Suhre  
Wendell Harold Phillips

November 15, 2005  
December 24, 2005

Richard Eli Anderson

November 24, 2005

H. W. MATTHEWSON No. 66

Kenneth Allen Kenoyer

October 11, 2005

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**OFFICERS of the Constituent Commanderies**

<b>No.</b>	<b>Commandery</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Commander 2005</b>	<b>Recorder 2005</b>
1	Raper	Indianapolis	Phillip D. Wisner	Wayne G. Williams
2	Baldwin	Shelbyville	Randal P. Ellington	Rodney A. Mann
3	Lafayette	Lafayette	Brian Harms	Irvin L. Bitting
4	Fort Wayne	Fort Wayne	James Coleman	Henry LaHurreau
5	New Albany	New Albany	Douglas Eisler	Earl W. Adams
6	Connersville	Connersville	Robert E. Price	Lloyd A. Marsh
8	Richmond	Richmond	Jeffery D. Naylor	Dennis H. Rigsby
9	Knightstown	Knightstown	Derek Davis	Steven J. Barton
11	Greencastle	Greencastle	Thomas Stringer	W. Kris Phillips
12	LaPorte	LaPorte	James L. Dove	Patrick W. Baird
13	South Bend	South Bend	William Fox, Jr.	R. Daniel Gaby
14	Columbus	Columbus	Ronald Woods, Jr.	Wilford L. Lutes
15	LaValette	Evansville	Rodney H. Grove	Jerry J. Bruning
16	Terre Haute	Terre Haute	David Jenkins	Mark A. Kester, Sr.
19	Apollo	Auburn	John Campbell	Robert G. Metcalf
20	Vincennes	Vincennes	Robert E. King	Burnell R. Davis
21	Grant County	Jonesboro	Floyd E. Bergman	Gary A. Sherritze
23	Johnson County	Greenwood	Harry E. Cartwright	Philip E. Fowler
24	St. John	Logansport	Wayne G. Rusnak	John V. Stevens
25	Crawfordsville	Crawfordsville	Marvin Ramsay	G. Leon Weber
27	Jeffersonville	Jeffersonville	Carl Price	William Sorg
28	Valparaiso	Valparaiso	Tom Russell	Charles C. Combi
29	Frankfort	Frankfort	John Smiley	Michael A. Mang
30	Michigan City	Michigan City	Richard Bechinske	Robert C. Reicher
31	Elkhart	Elkhart	Rex D. Hogan	Phillip Crussemeyer
32	Anderson	Anderson	Steve K. Lawler	James F. Garland
35	Huntington	Huntington	Gene A. Pelter, Jr.	Von G. Pogue
36	Kokomo	Kokomo	Donald L. Parvin	John V. Stevens
37	Wabash	Peru	Jerry McVicker	James L. Lund
39	Greenfield	Greenfield	Frank Newkirk	David L. Gundrum
41	Hammond	Highland	Clarence R. Schultz	Larry V. Kaminsky
42	Bedford	Bedford	Carl O. Farley	David D. Howler
45	Angola	Angola	John Zion	Robert A Hobbs
47	Brazil	Brazil	Howard A. Farrand	Richard E. Modesitt
48	Clinton	Clinton	Charles R. Bartlett	Arthur S. Nowling
50	Goshen	Goshen	C. Lee Chrisman	H. C. Scott Billings
56	Seymour	Seymour	Thomas Niemeter	Michael M. Dutton
57	E. H. Gary	Portage	Harland D. Ronk, Jr.	Jeffery C. Reich
61	Noblesville	Noblesville	C. Don Munden	Charles R. Bowling
62	Trinity	Indianapolis	Kevin L. Comstock	Thomas W. Harper
63	Bloomington	Bloomington	Larry G. Huffman	James W. Prairie
64	Wright	Jasper	Phillip W. Stroud	Charles M. Huff
65	William G. Bray	Mooreville	Charles D. Wood, Jr.	George A. Ingles, Jr.
66	H. W. Matthewson	Rensselaer	Irvin L. Bitting	John E. Hylemon
67	H. E. Lackey	Lawrence	Joseph M. Ketterman	John D. Huffman
U.D.	St. Anselm		T. Jeffery Conquest	Duane Stucker

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GRAND COMMANDERY, KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF INDIANA

RECEIPTS FROM INDIANA COMMANDERIES FOR YEAR ENDING MARCH 31, 2005

COMMANDERY	Dues	G.E. Remitted	Eye Foundation	Triennial Fund	Special Conclave	Knighting Fees	Misc. Charges	Totals
Raper #1	\$953.60	\$42.90	\$138.00	\$29.60	\$22.20	\$70.00	\$0.00	\$1,256.30
Baldwin #2	\$797.15	\$19.80	\$14.00	\$23.40	\$17.55	\$40.00	\$0.00	\$911.90
Lafayette #3	\$692.85	\$46.20	\$89.00	\$22.20	\$16.65	\$40.00	\$0.00	\$906.90
Fort Wayne #4	\$1,288.85	\$56.10	\$184.00	\$39.60	\$29.70	\$80.00	\$0.00	\$1,678.25
New Albany #5	\$856.75	\$3.30	\$83.00	\$24.80	\$18.60	\$90.00	\$0.00	\$1,076.45
Connersville #6	\$826.95	\$19.80	\$40.00	\$23.40	\$17.55	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$927.70
Richmond #8	\$469.35	\$9.90	\$62.00	\$13.60	\$10.20	\$20.00	\$0.00	\$585.05
Knightstown #9	\$797.15	\$9.90	\$59.00	\$22.40	\$16.80	\$20.00	\$0.00	\$925.25
Greencastle #11	\$379.95	\$0.00	\$42.00	\$10.80	\$8.10	\$30.00	\$0.00	\$470.85
LaPorte #12	\$424.65	\$6.60	\$53.00	\$13.00	\$9.75	\$60.00	\$0.00	\$567.00
South Bend #13	\$469.35	\$69.30	\$79.00	\$18.20	\$13.65	\$70.00	\$0.00	\$719.50
Columbus #14	\$1,139.85	\$39.60	\$89.00	\$33.20	\$24.90	\$10.00	\$0.00	\$1,336.55
LaValette #15	\$1,564.50	\$33.00	\$197.00	\$45.60	\$34.20	\$80.00	\$0.00	\$1,954.30
Terre Haute #16	\$640.70	\$19.80	\$93.00	\$19.60	\$14.70	\$60.00	\$0.00	\$847.80
Apollo #19	\$648.15	\$9.90	\$74.00	\$18.80	\$14.10	\$40.00	\$0.00	\$804.95
Vincennes #20	\$543.85	\$39.60	\$67.00	\$17.20	\$12.90	\$10.00	\$0.00	\$690.55
Grant County #21	\$305.45	\$13.20	\$42.00	\$9.40	\$7.05	\$20.00	\$0.00	\$397.10
Johnson County #23	\$603.45	\$3.30	\$81.00	\$16.40	\$12.30	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$716.45
St. John #24	\$387.40	\$13.20	\$47.00	\$11.20	\$8.40	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$467.20
Crawfordsville #25	\$521.50	\$39.60	\$64.00	\$17.40	\$13.05	\$40.00	\$0.00	\$695.55
Jeffersonville #27	\$357.60	\$6.60	\$44.00	\$10.00	\$7.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$425.70
Valparaiso #28	\$320.35	\$16.50	\$45.00	\$9.80	\$7.35	\$10.00	\$0.00	\$409.00
Frankfort #29	\$879.10	\$36.30	\$126.00	\$26.80	\$20.10	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$1,138.30
Michigan City #30	\$305.45	\$19.80	\$47.00	\$9.60	\$7.20	\$10.00	\$0.00	\$399.05
Elkhart #31	\$521.50	\$9.90	\$13.00	\$14.80	\$11.10	\$10.00	\$0.00	\$580.30
Anderson #32	\$2,272.25	\$16.50	\$259.00	\$63.60	\$47.70	\$80.00	\$0.00	\$2,739.05
Huntington #35	\$447.00	\$16.50	\$50.00	\$13.00	\$9.75	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$536.25
Kokomo #36	\$1,080.25	\$13.20	\$100.00	\$29.80	\$22.35	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,245.60
Wabash #37	\$447.00	\$3.30	\$56.00	\$12.40	\$9.30	\$10.00	\$0.00	\$538.00
Greenfield #39	\$1,616.65	\$6.60	\$203.00	\$44.20	\$33.15	\$20.00	\$0.00	\$1,923.60
Hammond #41	\$879.10	\$82.50	\$57.00	\$29.60	\$22.20	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$1,120.40
Bedford #42	\$536.40	\$3.30	\$16.00	\$14.60	\$10.95	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$581.25
New Castle #44	\$387.40	\$19.80	\$52.00	\$12.00	\$9.00	\$20.00	\$0.00	\$500.20
Angola #45	\$789.70	\$39.60	\$59.00	\$24.20	\$18.15	\$30.00	\$0.00	\$960.65
Brazil #47	\$238.40	\$13.20	\$36.00	\$7.20	\$5.40	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$300.20
Clinton #48	\$223.50	\$9.90	\$31.00	\$6.80	\$5.10	\$10.00	\$0.00	\$286.30
Goshen #50	\$476.80	\$16.50	\$12.00	\$14.80	\$11.10	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$581.20
Seymour #56	\$558.75	\$0.00	\$68.00	\$15.20	\$11.40	\$10.00	\$0.00	\$663.35
E. H. Gary #57	\$1,206.90	\$19.80	\$8.00	\$34.00	\$25.50	\$20.00	\$0.00	\$1,314.20
Noblesville #61	\$320.35	\$19.80	\$3.00	\$10.20	\$7.65	\$20.00	\$0.00	\$381.00
Trinity #62	\$894.00	\$0.00	\$156.00	\$32.60	\$24.45	\$430.00	\$0.00	\$1,537.05
Bloomington #63	\$1,795.45	\$36.30	\$188.00	\$51.00	\$38.25	\$30.00	\$0.00	\$2,139.00
Wright #64	\$417.20	\$16.50	\$23.00	\$12.40	\$9.30	\$10.00	\$0.00	\$488.40
Wm. G. Bray #65	\$618.35	\$6.60	\$48.00	\$18.20	\$13.65	\$60.00	\$0.00	\$764.80
H.W. Matthewson #66	\$320.35	\$0.00	\$27.00	\$9.00	\$6.75	\$20.00	\$0.00	\$383.10
Lawrence #67	\$394.85	\$0.00	\$40.00	\$11.60	\$8.70	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$505.15
St. Anselm, U.D.	\$268.20	\$0.00	\$30.00	\$7.20	\$5.40	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$310.80
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$32,884.30</b>	<b>\$924.00</b>	<b>\$3,394.00</b>	<b>\$974.40</b>	<b>\$730.80</b>	<b>\$1,780.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$40,687.50</b>

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MEMBERSHIP STATISTICAL TABLE

COMMANDERY	Membership 12.31.04	Knights	Affiliated	Reinstated	Demitted	Suspended	Deceased	Adjustments	Membership 12.31.05	Gain/Loss	Remit for Cause	Remit 50 Year
Raper #1	152	7	1	0	2	3	7	0	148	-4	10	3
Baldwin #2	139	4	0	0	6	18	2	0	117	-22	0	6
Lafayette #3	118	4	0	0	6	1	4	0	111	-7	1	13
Fort Wayne #4	204	8	0	4	5	12	1	0	198	-6	9	8
New Albany #5	123	9	0	0	6	1	2	+1	124	+1	1	1
Connersville #6	121	0	0	1	0	0	4	-1	117	-4	3	3
Richmond #8	69	2	0	0	1	0	2	0	68	-1	1	2
Knightstown #9	115	2	0	0	3	0	2	0	112	-3	1	2
Greencastle #11	52	3	0	0	0	0	1	0	54	+2	0	0
LaPorte #12	61	6	1	0	0	0	3	0	65	+4	1	1
South Bend #13	96	7	0	0	0	6	6	0	91	-5	2	19
Columbus #14	174	1	1	3	0	6	8	+1	166	-8	4	8
LaValette #15	254	8	1	3	11	21	6	0	228	-26	0	10
Terre Haute #16	97	6	0	1	0	5	1	0	98	+1	0	4
Apollo #19	93	4	0	0	1	0	2	0	94	+1	1	1
Vincennes #20	92	1	0	1	1	3	4	0	86	-6	2	10
Grant County #21	50	2	0	0	1	2	2	0	47	-3	1	3
Johnson County #23	87	0	0	2	3	3	2	1	82	-5	1	0
St. John #24	55	0	0	0	3	2	7	+13	56	+1	0	4
Crawfordsville #25	86	4	1	0	1	3	3	0	86	0	5	7
Jeffersonville #27	50	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	0	0	2
Valparaiso #28	55	1	1	0	6	0	2	0	49	-6	3	2
Frankfort #29	132	5	0	0	0	0	3	0	134	+2	0	11
Michigan City #30	52	1	0	0	2	0	3	0	48	-4	4	2
Elkhart #31	78	1	1	0	0	1	6	+1	74	-4	1	2
Anderson #32	325	8	0	0	1	0	14	0	318	-7	0	0
Huntington #35	71	0	0	0	0	3	3	0	65	-6	2	3
Kokomo #36	166	0	0	0	2	10	6	+1	149	-17	0	4
Wabash #37	64	1	0	0	0	0	2	+1	62	-2	0	1
Greenfield #39	224	2	0	0	1	0	4	0	221	-3	0	2
Hammond #41	157	5	0	1	3	4	8	0	148	-9	19	9
Bedford #42	76	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	73	-3	0	1
New Castle #44	72	0	0	1	5	2	8	0	60	-12	6	0
Angola #45	132	3	0	0	2	7	5	0	121	-11	2	10
Brazil #47	37	0	0	2	1	1	1	0	36	-1	2	2
Clinton #48	39	1	0	0	2	0	4	0	34	-5	1	2
Goshen #50	69	5	1	0	2	2	1	+4	74	+5	0	5
Seymour #56	80	1	0	0	3	0	2	0	76	-4	0	0
E. H. Gary #57	190	2	0	1	3	16	4	0	170	-20	0	5
Noblesville #61	52	2	1	1	0	2	4	+1	51	-1	3	3
Trinity #62	129	43	2	0	1	8	2	0	163	+34	0	0
Bloomington #63	270	3	0	0	4	9	5	0	255	-15	1	10
Wright #64	65	1	0	1	3	0	2	0	62	-3	5	0
Wm. G. Bray #65	88	6	3	1	4	0	3	0	91	+3	2	0
H.W. Matthewson #66	43	2	2	1	1	0	1	-1	45	+2	0	0
H. E. Lackey #67	55	5	1	0	1	0	1	0	57	+2	0	0
St. Anselm, U.D.	35	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	36	+1	0	0
Totals	5044	167	18	24	92	151	162	+21	4746		94	181

**GRAND ENCAMPMENT COLLEGE OF HONORS**

During the 1991-1994 Triennium, a College of Honors was set up by the Grand Encampment with the following designations being conferred by the Most Eminent Grand Master:

The following Indiana Sir Knights have been so honored:

**GRAND CROSS TEMPLAR**

- |   |                                      |           |
|---|--------------------------------------|-----------|
| 1 | Willard M. Avery, P.M.E.G.M.         | 21-Oct-92 |
| 2 | Edmund F. Ball, P.G.T., H.P.M.E.G.M. | 30-Oct-92 |

**KNIGHT GRAND CROSS OF THE TEMPLE**

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|---|--------------------------------------|-----------|
| 1 | Willard M. Avery, P.M.E.G.M.         | 21-Oct-92 |
| 2 | Edmund F. Ball, P.G.T., H.P.M.E.G.M. | 30-Oct-92 |
| 3 | Robert E. Price, P.G.C., H.P.D.C.    | 6-Jan-00  |
| 4 | James D. DeMond, P.G.C., P.D.C.      | 5-Jan-02  |

**KNIGHT COMMANDER OF THE TEMPLE**

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| 1  | James S. DeMond, P.G.C., P.D.C.                  | 21-Oct-92   |
| 2  | K. Edwin Applegate, P.G.C., P.D.C.               | 30-Oct-92   |
| 3  | Robert E. Price, P.G.C., G.R.E.                  | 30-Oct-92   |
| 4  | R. Frank Williams, P.G.C., G.P.E.                | 30-Oct-92   |
| 5  | Herbert A. Newman, P.G.C., G.T.                  | 30-Oct-92   |
| 6  | John Willard McNaughton, Deputy for IN, A.A.S.R. | 30-Oct-92   |
| 7  | Max L. Carpenter, P.G.M., G.S.                   | 30-Oct-92   |
| 8  | Kenneth E. Gibson, P.G.C.                        | 1993        |
| 9  | Paul W. Friend, P.G.C.                           | 24-Sep-92   |
| 10 | John V. Stevens, P.G.C.                          | 26-Jul-93   |
| 11 | Steven J. Barton, P.G.C.                         | 1994        |
| 12 | Marion K. Crum, P.M.I.G.M.                       | 24-Sep-93   |
| 13 | Donald E. Friend, P.M.E.G.H.P.                   | 15-Dec-93   |
| 14 | David R. Poling, Jr., P.G.C.                     | (Ohio) 1994 |
| 15 | Dwight E. Lanman, Jr., P.G.C.                    | 25-May-94   |
| 16 | Bill C. Anthis, Deputy for IN, A.A.S.R.          | 1995        |
| 17 | Michael D. Brumback, P.G.M.                      | 1995        |
| 18 | Robert B. Bailey, P.I.P.                         | Jul-95      |
| 19 | Thomas D. Barton, P.M.I.G.M.                     | 1994        |
| 20 | William L. Leffler, P.G.C.                       | 1995        |
| 21 | William D. Blasingame, P.G.M.                    | 1995-96     |
| 22 | Ronald D. Simpson, P.G.C.                        | 1995-96     |
| 23 | Ray G. Glick, G.P.E, Y.R.S.C.                    | 1995-96     |
| 24 | Walter P. Worland, P.G.C.                        | 1996        |
| 25 | Vonn G. Hoffman, P.M.I.G.M.                      | 1996        |

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26	Douglas O. Fegenbush, P.G.M., P.M.I.G.M.	1996
27	Ronald L. Tungett, P.G.C.	(Michigan)
28	Ronald W. Adkins, P.M.I.G.M.	1997
29	Ronald S. Ringenberg, P.M.E.G.H.P.	1997
30	Duane Stucker, P.G.C.	1997
31	Peter T. Zivanovich, P.G.C.	1997
32	James W. Roberts, P.G.C.	1998
33	Larry E. Gray, P.M.E.G.H.P.	1998
34	Willard R. Clutter, Jr., P.G.C.	1998
35	Robert E. Durham, Jr., P.M.I.G.M.	1999
36	James W. Prairie, P.G.C.	1999
37	Ishmael D. Ison, P.G.M.	1999
38	Robert J. Frazer, P.G.C.	2000
39	Harrison E. Lackey, K.T.C.H., H.P.G.C.	2000
40	John C. Gray, P. M.I.G.M.	2001
41	William Gould Frazier, M.E.P. Grand Preceptor	2001
42	William Wallace Roberts, K.T.C.H., G.P.E.	2001
43	Henry LaHurreau, P.G.C.	2001
44	Herbert G. Roach, P.G.C.	2002
45	Irvin L. Bitting, P.G.C.	2002
46	Duane L. Vaught, P.G.C.	2002
47	Roger Van Gorden, D.G.M., G.L. of IN	2002
48	Robert G. Elrod, Deputy of IN, AASR	2002
49	Omar E. Hager, P.G.C.	2003
50	T. Jeffery Conquest, P.G.C.	2003
51	Howard Farrand, Grand Patron, O.E.S.	2003
52	Edgar McGonigal, Potentate of Murat Shrine	2003
53	Robert S. Flint, G.P.E., Grand Governor	2004
54	George A. Ingles, P.G.C.	2004
55	Richard John Elman, Most Worshipful Grand Master	2005
56	John A. Bleich, P.C.	2005
57	Ronald L. Ellis, P.G.C.	2005
58	William K. Bissey, K.T.	2005
59	Harry McLaren, P.C.	2006
60	Lawrence V. Kaminsky, P.G.C.	2006
61	Charles V. Horton, P.C. P.M.I.G.M.	2006
62	A. Dwayne Evensen, P.C., P.M.E.G.H.P.	2006



**COMPANIONS OF THE TEMPLE**

- 1997 - Margaret Avery (Mrs. Willard M. Avery)  
Virginia Ball (Mrs. Edmund F. Ball)  
Nancy Price (Mrs. Robert E. Price)  
Patricia DeMond (Mrs. James S. DeMond)  
Donna Clutter (Mrs. Willard R. Clutter, Jr.)  
Katie Newman (Mrs. Herbert A. Newman)  
Betty Applegate (Mrs. K. Edwin Applegate)
- 1998 - Gracie Williams (Mrs. R. Frank Williams)
- 2004 - Sherry Barton (Mrs. Steven J. Barton)  
Rebecca Stevens (Mrs. John Stevens)  
Doris Bitting (Mrs. Irvin L. Bitting)
- 2006 Karen Ingles (Mrs. George A. Ingles, Jr.)  
Janet Kaminsky (Mrs. Lawrence V. Kaminsky)  
Nancy Frazer (Mrs. Robert J. Frazer)

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

**HISTORICAL LIST OF OTHER GRAND COMMANDERY AWARDS**

**EMINENT COMMANDER OF THE YEAR**

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

**COMMANDERY OF THE YEAR**

- 1998 - William G. Bray Commandery #65, Mooresville
- 1999 - Lawrence Commandery #67, Lawrence
- 2000 - Greenfield #39, Greenfield
- 2001 - Raper Commandery #1, Indianapolis
- 2002 - Angola Commandery # 45, Angola
- 2003 - Raper Commandery #1, Indianapolis
- 2004 – Ft. Wayne Commandery No. 4, Ft. Wayne
- 2005 – Trinity Commandery No. 62, Indianapolis

**STAR RECORDER OF THE YEAR**

- 1994 - Lloyd L. Marsh, Connersville #6
- 1995 - Jacob M. Collins, Lebanon #43
- 1996 - Roger W. Shafer, Fort Wayne #4
- 1997 - Jerry M<sup>c</sup>Vicker, Wabash #37
- 1998 - Frederick W. Eicke, Hammond #41
- 1999 - Phillip W. Crussemeyer, Elkhart #31
- 2000 - Emil Steffey, Baldwin #2
- 2001 - Lawrence V. Kaminsky, Hammond #41
- 2002 - Wayne G. Williams, Raper #1
- 2003 – Wilford Lutz, Columbus #14
- 2004 – G. Leon Weber, Crawfordsville #25
- 2005 – Earl W. Adam, Jr., New Albany #5

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

**YEAR**

1965.....	Branson C. Barton*
1966.....	Lloyd W. Young*
1967.....	Leslie J. Barrow*
1968.....	Park H. Snyder*
1969.....	Owen L. Shanteau*
1970.....	James G. Wright**
1971.....	Brown Cooper*
1972.....	Roy Parker*
1973.....	Archie W. Franklin*
1974.....	Frank J. Krug*
1975.....	John W. Pherson*
1976.....	Emil L. Steffey*
1977.....	Arno G. Siefker*
1978.....	Donald F. Butler
1979.....	Richard M. Stephenson*
1980.....	Walter E. Koehler*
1981.....	Harold W. Sauerhebr
1982.....	James C. Reed
1983.....	D. Devon Hossler
1984.....	Bernard L. Smith*
1985.....	John C. Fulton
1986.....	Ernest R. Roller*
1987.....	Bernard Manuel Bradley
1988.....	Robert H. Barksdale, Sr.
1989.....	Dean N. Goranson*
1990.....	Noal Orble Stephens
1991.....	Robert Leslie Thompson
1992.....	Claude Herbert Riedel*
1993.....	George Dewey Kivett, Jr.
1994.....	Tom Calvin Baird
1995.....	Paul Russell Ferrell*
1996.....	Oscar Glenn Stepp*
1997.....	Lloyd L. Marsh
1998.....	Harrison Eugene Lackey
1999.....	William W. Roberts
2000.....	Norbert O. Parrot
2001.....	Michael Bruce Montgomery
2002.....	Larry E. Gray
2003.....	Otis H. Brown*
2004.....	Robert C. Childers
2005.....	Russell O. Anderson
2006.....	Frank E. McKinnon

(\*Deceased) (\*\*Demitted)

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**Membership Historical Information Table**

Year	1970	1971	1972	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979	1980	1981
<b>Commanderies</b>	58	58	57	56	55	55	55	55	54	54	54	54
<b>Knighted</b>	405	402	403	417	366	418	411	347	347	318	328	496
<b>Affiliated</b>	20	36	69	135	82	27	27	21	15	77	31	45
<b>Reinstated</b>	22	17	24	15	24	16	23	29	18	14	23	17
<b>Died</b>	299	305	320	302	284	310	298	293	303	307	287	298
<b>Demitted</b>	180	172	209	271	205	141	136	134	111	206	139	141
<b>Suspended</b>	169	182	132	102	87	151	85	98	85	124	133	164
<b>Adjustments</b>	-2	-11	6	9	22	22	9	-31	-40	-3	-5	-9
<b>No. of Members</b>	11874	11666	11498	11408	11318	11184	11141	10962	10839	10617	10431	10358
<b>Gain (Loss)</b>	-28	-208	-168	-90	-90	-134	-43	-179	-123	-222	-188	-46
<b>Remitted</b>	397	394	355	498	491	479	501	500	499	461	455	468

Year	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993
<b>Commanderies</b>	54	54	53	53	53	54	53	53	53	54	56	57
<b>Knighted</b>	253	301	314	216	224	309	233	173	127	189	250	349
<b>Affiliated</b>	27	17	173	25	27	34	146	16	22	30	94	44
<b>Reinstated</b>	25	23	24	22	16	22	28	24	26	37	26	20
<b>Died</b>	257	273	297	261	259	270	269	235	257	262	230	232
<b>Demitted</b>	128	103	277	147	146	171	257	121	141	130	134	106
<b>Suspended</b>	121	109	123	125	148	157	166	219	131	169	117	103
<b>Adjustments</b>	-9	0	-11	0	-10	-90	0	1	-6	1	-56	-13
<b>No. of Members</b>	10173	10030	9831	9555	9265	8948	8659	8300	7951	7636	7463	7422
<b>Gain (Loss)</b>	-212	-143	-199	-276	-290	-317	-289	-359	-349	-315	-173	-41
<b>Remitted</b>	475	471	437	466	414	396	375	497	379	411	370	405

Year	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
<b>Commanderies</b>	56	54	55	54	53	53	51	46	46	46	46	45
<b>Knighted</b>	191	266	100	141	154	109	164	174	133	158	153	167
<b>Affiliated</b>	87	486	62	110	53	34	248	16	21	41	22	18
<b>Reinstated</b>	22	13	14	22	27	17	16	24	22	15	12	24
<b>Died</b>	225	231	218	213	195	206	190	195	186	172	197	162
<b>Demitted</b>	203	531	150	213	153	113	317	105	117	124	138	92
<b>Suspended</b>	101	113	105	126	100	89	68	81	112	100	89	151
<b>Adjustments</b>	5	4	-7	1	-5	-8	-21	0	0	3	6	21
<b>No. of Members</b>	7198	7084	6794	6514	6285	6029	5861	5694	5455	5275	5047	4746
<b>Gain (Loss)</b>	-224	-114	-290	-280	-209	-249	-148	-167	-239	-182	-231	-175
<b>Remitted</b>	364	389	415	402	390	352	295	322	325	321	305	275

(Tables reflecting membership from 1854 - 1970 have been published in the proceedings of 1991 - 1993)

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**HISTORICAL LIST OF GRAND COMMANDERY OFFICERS**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Grand Commander</b>	<b>Deputy Grand Commander</b>	<b>Grand Generalissimo</b>	<b>Grand Captain General</b>	<b>Grand Treasurer</b>	<b>Grand Recorder</b>	<b>Grand Prelate</b>
1984	Ronald D. Simpson	Herbert G. Roach	Robert E. DuBois	William L. Leffler	Harold L. Hoolihan	Richard D. Unger	Thomas C. Paterson
1985	Herbert G. Roach	Robert E. DuBois	William L. Leffler	Paul W. Friend	Harold L. Hoolihan	Richard D. Unger	R. Frank Williams
1986	Robert E. DuBois	William L. Leffler	Paul W. Friend	John V. Stevens	Harold L. Hoolihan	Robert E. Price	Bernard M. Bradley
1987	William L. Leffler	Paul W. Friend	John V. Stevens	Steven J. Barton	Harold L. Hoolihan	Robert E. Price	Dr. Marvin E. Utler
1988	Paul W. Friend	John V. Stevens	Steven J. Barton	Dwight E. Lanman, Jr.	Harold L. Hoolihan	Robert E. Price	Dean N. Goranson
1989	John V. Stevens	Steven J. Barton	Dwight E. Lanman, Jr.	Gerald A. Sullivan, Jr.	Harold L. Hoolihan	Robert E. Price	Harold F. Noble
1990	Steven J. Barton	Dwight E. Lanman, Jr.	Gerald A. Sullivan, Jr.	Peter T. Zivanovich	Herbert A. Newman	Robert E. Price	Dennis R. York
1991	Dwight E. Lanman, Jr.	Gerald A. Sullivan, Jr.	Peter T. Zivanovich	Duane Stucker	Herbert A. Newman	Robert E. Price	J. William Meyers
1992	Gerald A. Sullivan, Jr.	Peter T. Zivanovich	Duane Stucker	James W. Roberts	Herbert A. Newman	Robert E. Price	Robert S. Flint
1993	Peter T. Zivanovich	Duane Stucker	James W. Roberts	Willard R. Clutter, Jr.	Herbert A. Newman	Robert E. Price	James W. Roberts
1994	Duane Stucker	James W. Roberts	Willard R. Clutter, Jr.	James W. Prairie	Herbert A. Newman	Robert E. Price	Rowland C. Gorman
1995	James W. Roberts	Willard R. Clutter, Jr.	James W. Prairie	Robert J. Frazer	Herbert A. Newman	Robert E. Price	Gary K. Fentress
1996	Willard R. Clutter, Jr.	James W. Prairie	Robert J. Frazer	Henry E. LaHurreau	Herbert A. Newman	Robert E. Price	J. Robert Fiers
1997	James W. Prairie	Robert J. Frazer	Henry E. LaHurreau	Irvin L. Bitting	Herbert A. Newman	Robert E. Price	Robert C. Childress
1998	Robert J. Frazer	Henry E. LaHurreau	Irvin L. Bitting	Duane L. Vaught	Herbert A. Newman	Robert E. Price	Robert L. Thompson
1999	Henry E. LaHurreau	Irvin L. Bitting	Duane L. Vaught	William A. Pruitt	Herbert A. Newman	John V. Stevens	Vonn G. Hoffman
2000	Irvin L. Bitting	Duane L. Vaught	William A. Pruitt	T. Jeffery Conquest	Herbert A. Newman	John V. Stevens	Samuel M. Robinson
2001	Duane L. Vaught	William A. Pruitt	T. Jeffery Conquest	George A. Ingles	Herbert A. Newman	John V. Stevens	Gregory E. Snipes
2002	T. Jeffery Conquest	George A. Ingles	Ronald L. Ellis	Lawrence V. Kaminsky	Herbert A. Newman	John V. Stevens	James Dimitri
2003	George A. Ingles	Ronald L. Ellis	Lawrence V. Kaminsky	Rodney A. Mann	Herbert A. Newman	John V. Stevens	Wayne A. Sheets
2004	Ronald L. Ellis	Lawrence V. Kaminsky	Rodney A. Mann	Andrew R. Jackson	Herbert A. Newman	John V. Stevens	James N. Butler
2005	Lawrence V. Kaminsky	Rodney A. Mann	Andrew R. Jackson	David M. Bertch	Herbert A. Newman	John V. Stevens	Donald L. Borchert

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<b>Year</b>	<b>Senior Warden</b>	<b>Junior Warden</b>	<b>Standard Bearer</b>	<b>Sword Bearer</b>	<b>Warder</b>	<b>Sentinel</b>	<b>Organist</b>	<b>Inspector General</b>
1984	Paul W. Friend	John V. Stevens	Dan R. Biddle	John C. Fulton	Emmett G. Beisel	Monroe Higginbotham	J. Richard McElheny	
1985	John V. Stevens	James C. Bunnell	Noel Stephens	Monon Nortman	David Joe Day	Harley W. Summit	Jerry Burns	
1986	James C. Bunnell	Steven J. Barton	Jerry Warman	Dwight E. Lanman, Jr.	Gerald A. Sullivan, Jr.	Robert Mehringer	J. Richard McElheny	
1987	Steven J. Barton	Jerry Warman	Dwight E. Lanman, Jr.	Gerald A. Sullivan, Jr.	Robert Mehringer	Larry Ozust	DeWard E. Theobald	
1988	Jerry W. Warman	Dwight E. Lanman, Jr.	Gerald A. Sullivan, Jr.	Robert Mehringer	Peter T. Zivanovich	Duane Stucker	Curtis C. Herl	
1989	Dwight E. Lanman, Jr.	Gerald A. Sullivan, Jr.	James E. Harris	Thomas C. Patterson	Robert S. Flint	Charles W. Maples	Jerry Burns	
1990	Duane Stucker	James W. Roberts	William Mohler	James E. Browing	C. Michael Alter	Thomas D. Barton	DeWard E. Theobald	
1991	James W. Roberts	Willard R. Clutter, Jr.	Wayne A. Sheets	Michael B. Montgomery	James W. Prairie	Robert J. Frazer	John W. Simons II	
1992	Willard R. Clutter, Jr.	James W. Prairie	Robert J. Frazer	Henry E. LaHurreau	Irvin L. Bitting	Duane L. Vaught	John W. Simons II	
1993	James W. Prairie	Robert J. Frazer	Henry E. LaHurreau	Irvin L. Bitting	Duane L. Vaught	Neil V. Welch	John W. Simons II	
1994	Robert J. Frazer	Henry E. LaHurreau	Irvin L. Bitting	Duane L. Vaught	Gregory E. Snipes	Jack E. Todd	Robert L. Claypool	Dwight E. Lanman, Jr.
1995	Henry E. LaHurreau	Irvin L. Bitting	Duane L. Vaught	Jack E. Todd	Gregory E. Snipes	Tom C. Baird	Robert L. Claypool	Dwight E. Lanman, Jr.
1996	Irvin L. Bitting	Duane L. Vaught	Gregory E. Snipes	Jack E. Todd	William A. Pruitt	Gary B. Fry	Robert L. Claypool	Ronald D. Simpson
1997	Duane L. Vaught	Gregory E. Snipes	Jack E. Todd	William A. Pruitt	Gary B. Fry	T. Jeffery Conquest	Robert L. Claypool	Dwight E. Lanman, Jr.
1998	William A. Pruitt	T. Jeffery Conquest	Floyd K. Dunn, II	George A. Ingles, Jr.	Ronald L. Ellis	Virgil G. Humphrey	John W. Logan	Robert J. Frazer
1999	T. Jeffery Conquest	George A. Ingles, Jr.	Floyd K. Dunn, II	Ronald L. Ellis	Virgil G. Humphrey	Harry W. McLaren	John W. Logan	Robert J. Frazer
2000	George A. Ingles, Jr.	Floyd K. Dunn, II	Ronald L. Ellis	Harry W. McLaren	Lawrence V. Kaminsky	Andrew R. Jackson	John W. Logan	Robert J. Frazer
2001	Floyd K. Dunn, II	Ronald L. Ellis	Lawrence V. Kaminsky	Andrew R. Jackson	David R. Ulrich	John A. Bleich	John W. Logan	Dwight E. Lanman, Jr.
2002	Rodney A. Mann	Andrew R. Jackson	David R. Ulrich	John A. Bleich	David M. Bertch	Michael B. Montgomery	John W. Logan	Irvin L. Bitting
2003	Andrew R. Jackson	David M. Bertch	John A. Bleich	Rex Sohn	Larry W. Brown	James L. Dove	Carleton Hinshaw	Irvin L. Bitting
2004	David M. Bertch	Larry W. Brown	James L. Dove	Byron W. Schull	E. Stanton Davis	Patrick S. Diller	Carleton Hinshaw	Irvin L. Bitting
2005	Larry W. Brown	James L. Dove	Patrick S. Diller	Rex Sohn	Paul A. Cole	Carroll Joe Friend	Carleton Hinshaw	Irvin L. Bitting

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

<b>Grand Commandery</b>	<b>Representatives</b>	<b>City</b>
Alabama	Douglas O. Fegenbush	Indianapolis
Arizona	John V. Stevens	Kokomo
Arkansas	E. Stanton Davis	Greenfield
California	T. Jeffery Conquest	California
Colorado	Kenneth E. Gibson	Indianapolis
Connecticut	John A. Bleich	Ft. Wayne
Delaware	James W. Roberts	New Albany
District of Columbia	Henry E. LaHurreau	Ft. Wayne
Florida	Robert J. Frazer	Indianapolis
Georgia	George D. Kivett	Boynton, FL
Idaho	R. Frank Williams	Fort Branch
Illinois	Duane L. Vaught	Bloomington
Italy	Lloyd E. Atterson	Indianapolis
Iowa	Larry W. Brown	Selma
Kansas	Rodney A. Mann	Sellersburg
Kentucky	Andrew R. Jackson	Greenwood
Louisiana	Robert E. Price	Connersville
Maine	Dennis York	Greenfield
Maryland	K. Edwin Applegate	Bloomington
Mass. & R. I.	James W. Prairie	Morgantown
Michigan	Willard R. Clutter, Jr.	Carmel
Minnesota	Robert S. Flint	Kokomo
Mississippi	David R. Ulrich	Crown Point
Missouri	Clarence Harter	Cedar Lake
Montana	David M. Bertch	Greenfield
Nebraska	Irvin L. Bitting	Roselawn
Nevada	Patrick S. Diller	S. Bend
New Hampshire	Gary A. Sherritz	Amboy
New Jersey	Larry E. Gray	Greenfield
New Mexico	Paul A. Cole	Shelbyville
New York	Paul W. Friend	Angola
North Carolina	Rex Sohn	Greenfield
North Dakota	James L. Dove	LaPorte
Ohio	Dwight E. Lanman, Jr.	Angola
Oklahoma	Floyd K. Dunn, II	New Castle
Oregon	Carol Joe Friend	Greensburg
Pennsylvania	George A. Ingles, Jr.	Brownsburg
Philippines	Jeffery C. Reich	Portage
Portugal	Byron Schull	Richmond
South Carolina	Samuel M. Robinson	Lafayette
South Dakota	Wayne A. Sheets	Brownsburg
Tennessee	Thomas D. Barton	Knightstown
Texas	Willard M. Avery	Knightstown
Utah	Harold D. Black	Ft. Wayne
Vermont	Lawrence V. Kaminsky	Highland

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<b>Grand Commandery</b>	<b>Representatives</b>	<b>City</b>
Virginia	Rudell Wilburn	Lafayette
Washington	Ronald L. Ellis	Columbus
West Virginia	Harrison E. Lackey	Indianapolis
Wisconsin	Steven J. Barton	Greenfield
Wyoming	Ronald W. Adkins	Indianapolis



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**GRAND REPRESENTATIVES NEAR  
OTHER GRAND COMMANDERIES**

<b>Grand Commandery</b>	<b>Representatives</b>	<b>City</b>
Alabama	Arthur Lee Campbell	Prattville
Arizona	Joseph F. Edwards	Benson
Arkansas	Wiley B. Lowe, Jr.	Prescot
California	Kermit Rosenthal	Norwalk
Colorado	U. Dean Mathena	Broomfield
Connecticut	Robert D. Shooshan	Middletown
Delaware	Richard E. Wise	Smyrna
District of Columbia	Charles H. Nails	Washington, DC
Florida	George T. Collier	Orlando
Georgia	Lloyd C. Odem	Fort Valley
Idaho	Dave S. Call	Salmon
Illinois	Chester A. Owings	Godfrey
Iowa	W. Andrew Emmert	Newton
Kansas	K. Maynard Curts	Lenexa
Kentucky	Samuel E. Lowe	Louisville
Louisiana	Richard Leo James	West Monroe
Maine	William Ernest Eltzroth	Bellingham
Maryland	Richard A. Ottis, Sr.	Baltimore
Mass. & R. I.	Donald E. Bowden	Orland
Michigan	Richard Webb, Jr.	Farmington Hills
Minnesota	Ervin E. Engle	St. Peter
Mississippi	Gregory Alan Dykes	Oxford
Missouri	James E. Snavely	Farmington
Montana	C. David Burgess	Bozeman
Nebraska	Gorden B. Pinney	Whitney
Nevada	David K. Hamilton	Tonopa
New Hampshire	Phillip H. White	Grantham
New Jersey	William J. Berenbroick	Leonia
New Mexico	William B. Pieper	Las Cruces
New York	Jeffrey Williamson	Akron
North Carolina	Kenneth W. Beck	Salisbury
North Dakota	Troy D. Eck	APO
Ohio	Roy C. Ritter	Ashtabula
Oklahoma	Calvin E. Mettee	Enid
Oregon	Joel C. Bingner, PDC, PGC	La Grande
Pennsylvania	Wilmer E. Hall	Watsontown
Philippines	Magdaleno B. Dimarana	Los Banos, Philippines
Portugal	Jose Joao Cardosa	
South Carolina	Richard W. Sealy	Rock Hill
South Dakota	Robert D. Klatt	Pierre
Tennessee	C. Douglas Mayo	Greeneville
Texas	Lawrence E. Tucker	Bellaire
Utah	W. Wayne Motley	Draper
Vermont	Eugene C. Corliss	Waterbury Center
Virginia	Mark W. Underwood	Centreville
Washington	Harry Houston	Bremerton
West Virginia	George J. Price	Mannington
Wisconsin	Richard Bersenberg	Sauk City

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**GRAND COMMANDERS of the GRAND COMMANDERY  
KNIGHTS TEMPLAR of INDIANA**

**From organization in 1854 to date, the year given being the year of installation into office**

1.	Henry C. Lawrence*	Lafayette	(3)	1854	1855	1856	
2.	Ephraim Colestock*	Indianapolis	(1)			1857	
3.	George W. Porter*	New Albany	(5)			1858	
4.	William Pelan*	Connersville	(6)			1859	
5.	Solomon D. Bayless*	Fort Wayne	(4)	1860	1861	1862,	1863
6.	William Hacker*	Shelbyville	(2)		1864	1865	
7.	Harvey G. Hazelrigg*	Lebanon	(43)		1866	1867	
8.	Thomas Newby*	Connersville	(6)		1868	1869	
9.	David W. Whedon*	Fort Wayne	(4)			1870	
10.	Elbridge G. Hamilton*	LaPorte	(12)			1871	
11.	Charles Cruft*	Terre Haute	(16)			1872	
12.	Edwin D. Palmer*	Richmond	(8)			1873	
13.	Andrew H. Hamilton*	Fort Wayne	(4)			1874	
14.	Nicholas R. Ruckle*	Indianapolis	(1)			1875	
15.	Ervile B. Bishop*	Muncie	(18)			1876	
16.	Agustus D. Lynch*	Indianapolis	(1)			1877	
17.	Alexander Thomas*	Terre Haute	(16)			1878	
18.	Salathiel T. Williams*	Kendalville	(19)			1879	
19.	Henry G. Thayer*	Plymouth	(26)			1880	
20.	John H. Hess*	Columbus	(14)			1881	
21.	Samuel B. Sweet*	Indianapolis	(1)			1882	
22.	Richard L. Woolsey*	Jeffersonville	(27)			1883	
23.	Walter Vail*	Michigan City	(30)			1884	
24.	Henry C. Adams*	Indianapolis	(1)			1885	
25.	Ephraim W. Patrick*	Evansville	(15)			1886	
26.	George W. F. Kirk*	Shelbyville	(2)			1887	
27.	Reuben Peden*	Knightstown	(9)			1888	
28.	Duncan T. Bacon*	Indianapolis	(1)			1889	
29.	Henry H. Lancaster*	Lafayette	(3)			1890	
30.	Irvin B. Webber*	Warsaw	(10)			1891	
31.	Joseph A. Manning*	Michigan City	(30)			1892	
32.	Simeon S. Johnson*	Jeffersonville	(27)			1893	
33.	Charles W. Slick*	Mishawaka	(51)			1894	
34.	Walter M. Hindman*	Vincennes	(20)			1895	
35.	Winfield T. Durbin*	Anderson	(32)			1896	
36.	John E. Redmond*	Logansport	(24)			1897	
37.	John H. Nicholson*	Richmond	(8)			1898	
38.	William E. Perryman*	Terre Haute	(16)			1899	
39.	Eugene W. Kelly*	Muncie	(18)			1900	
40.	Leonidas P. Newby*	Knightstown	(9)			1901	
41.	Sidney W. Douglas*	Evansville	(15)			1902	
42.	Frederick Glass*	Madison	(22)			1903	
43.	Charles Goltra*	Crawfordsville	(25)			1904	
44.	Nathan L. Agnew †	Valparaiso	(28)			1905	
45.	Oliver Gard*	Frankfort	(29)			1906	

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**From organization in 1854 to date, the year given being the year of installation into office**

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

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From organization in 1854 to date, the year given being the year of installation into office

91.	Alfred E. Braam*	Highland	(41)	1952
92.	Paul G. Smiley*	Washington	(33)	1953
93.	Charles E. Cook*	N Manchester	(37)	1954
94.	Samuel S. Geake*	Fort Wayne	(4)	1955
95.	Willard M. Avery	Knightstown	(9)	1956
96.	Edwin M. Demlow*	Indianapolis	(62)	1957
97.	C. Wilbur Foster*	Indianapolis	(1)	1958
98.	Joseph R. Erb*	Buck Creek	(3)	1959
99.	Marvin M. Foulke*	Terre Haute	(16)	1960
100.	James A. Wills*	Evansville	(15)	1961
101.	Russell D. Huffington*	Gary	(57)	1962
102.	Adam S. Riggin*	Muncie	(18)	1963
103.	David J. Miller*	Goshen	(50)	1964
104.	James G. Frey*	Vincennes	(20)	1965
105.	Harold R. Hoolihan*	Angola	(45)	1966
106.	Richard D. Unger*	Morristown	(2)	1967
107.	Harry F. Otterman*	Frankfort	(29)	1968
108.	K. Edwin Applegate	Bloomington	(63)	1969
109.	Walter P. Worland	Greenfield	(39)	1970
110.	Omar E. Hager	Hammond	(41)	1971
111.	Forrest L. Mock*	Muncie	(18)	1972
112.	Russell R. Aulm*	South Bend	(13)	1973
113.	Herbert A. Newman*	Indianapolis	(1)	1974
114.	James S. DeMond	Fort Wayne	(4)	1975
115.	David R. Poling, Jr.*	Lafayette	(3)	1976
116.	R. Frank Williams	Evansville	(15)	1977
117.	Robert E. Price	Connersville	(6)	1978
118.	Ernest G. Cunningham*	Hammond	(41)	1979
119.	Harold F. Thieman*	Columbus	(14)	1980
120.	Joseph A. Barnes*	Indianapolis	(62)	1981
121.	Ronald L. Tungett	Elkhart	(31)	1982
122.	Kenneth E. Gibson	Fort Wayne	(4)	1983
123.	Ronald D. Simpson	Kokomo	(36)	1984
124.	Herbert G. Roach	Vincennes	(20)	1985
125.	Robert E. DuBois*	Highland	(58)	1986
126.	William L. Leffler*	Baldwin	(2)	1987
127.	Paul W. Friend	Angola	(45)	1988
128.	John V. Stevens	Kokomo	(36)	1989
129.	Steven J. Barton	Knightstown	(9)	1990
130.	Dwight E. Lanman, Jr.	Angola	(45)	1991
131.	Gerald A. Sullivan, Jr. ^	Indianapolis	(1)	1992
132.	Peter T. Zivanovich	Highland	(58)	1993
133.	Duane Stucker	Baldwin	(2)	1994
134.	James W. Roberts	New Albany	(5)	1995
135.	Willard R. Clutter, Jr.	Noblesville	(61)	1996

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136.	James W. Prairie	Morgantown	(63)	1997
137.	Robert J. Frazer	Richmond	(8)	1998
138.	Henry E. LaHurreau	Fort Wayne	(4)	1999
139.	Irvin L. Bitting	DeMotte	(3)	2000
140.	Duane L. Vaught	Crawfordsville	(25)	2001
141.	T. Jeffery Conquest	Angola	(45)	2002
142.	George A. Ingles	William G. Bray	(65)	2003
143.	Ronald L. Ellis	Columbus	(14)	2004
144.	Lawrence V. Kaminsky	Hammond	(41)	2005

\* Deceased    ^ Demit    † Not affiliated in Indiana at time of death

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

<b>No.</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Commandery</b>	<b>Dates</b>
1.	Francis King*	(1)	1854 to 1865
2.	William Hacker*	(2)	1866 to 1868
3.	John M. Bramwell*		1868 to November 10, 1888
4.	William J. Smythe*	(11)	November 10, 1888 to February 11, 1901
5.	Jacob W. Smith*		February 11, 1901 to April 18, 1901
6.	Calvin W. Prather*	(32)	April 18, 1901 to August 1, 1920
7.	William H. Swintz*	(13)	September 13, 1920 to February 12, 1948
8.	John T. Boyd*	(20)	February 12, 1948 to March 26, 1956
9.	Paul G. Smiley*	(33)	March 26, 1956 to July 5, 1958
10.	Edwin M. Demlow*	(62)	July 5, 1958 to July 31, 1971
11.	Richard D. Unger*	(2)	July 31, 1971 to July 31, 1985
12.	Robert E. Price	(6)	July 31, 1985 to August 31, 1998
13.	John V. Stevens	(36)	August 31, 1998 to Present

\* Deceased

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

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<b>No.</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>Held At</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Presiding</b>	<b>Residence</b>
45.	1899	Richmond	April 19, 20, 1899	John H. Nicholson, G.C.	Richmond
46.	1900	Indianapolis	April 18, 19, 1900	William E. Perryman, G.C.	Terre Haute
47.	1901	Muncie	April 17, 18, 1901	Eugene W. Kelly, G.C.	Muncie
48.	1902	South Bend	April 16, 17, 1902	Leonidas P. Newby, G.C.	Knightstown
49.	1903	Fort Wayne	April 15, 16, 1903	Sidney W. Douglas, G.C.	Evansville
50.	1904	Indianapolis	May 10, 11, 1904	Frederick Glass, G.C.	Madison
51.	1905	Indianapolis	May 10, 11, 1905	Charles Goltra, G.C.	Crawfordsville
52.	1906	Winona	May 9, 10, 11, 1906	Nathan L. Agnew, G.C.	Valparaiso
53.	1907	Indianapolis	May 8, 9, 1907	Oliver Gard, G.C.	Frankfort
54.	1908	Winona	June 10, 11, 12, 1908	Vestal Woodward, G.C.	Indianapolis
55.	1909	Indianapolis	May 12, 13, 1909	Charles Day, G.C.	New Albany
56.	1910	Indianapolis	May 11, 12, 1910	Luther Short, G.C.	Franklin
57.	1911	Indianapolis	May 10, 11, 1911	Wm. B. Hosford, G.C.	Mishawaka
58.	1912	Indianapolis	May 8, 9, 1912	John L. Rupe, G.C.	Richmond
59.	1913	Crawfordsville	May 14, 15, 1913	Charles M. Zion, G.C.	Lebanon
60.	1914	Indianapolis	May 13, 14, 1914	Joseph G. Ibach, G.C.	Hammond
61.	1915	Indianapolis	May 13, 14, 1915	Harry G. Strickland, G.C.	Greenfield
62.	1916	Indianapolis	May 10, 11, 1916	Adrian Hammersley, G.C.	Washington
63.	1917	Kokomo	May 9, 10, 1917	James Randall, G.C.	Greencastle
64.	1918	Evansville	May 8, 9, 1918	George H. Steel, G.C.	Evansville
65.	1919	Indianapolis	May 14, 15, 1919	George S. Parker, G.C.	Anderson
66.	1920	Indianapolis	May 12, 13, 1920	Henri T. Conde, G.C.	Indianapolis
67.	1921	Indianapolis	May 11, 12, 1921	Harry C. Moore, G.C.	Marion
68.	1922	Indianapolis	May 10, 11, 1922	Eugene Vatet, G.C.	Muncie
69.	1923	Winona	June 19, 20, 21, 1923	George A. Newhouse	New Albany
70.	1924	Fort Wayne	May 14, 15, 1924	Gaylard M. Leslie, G.C.	Fort Wayne
71.	1925	Indianapolis	May 12, 13, 14, 1925	Edward J. Schoonover, G.C.	Indianapolis
72.	1926	Terre Haute	May 12, 13, 1926	George F. Hitchcock, G.C.	Plymouth
73.	1927	Muncie	May 11, 12, 1927	Will M. Sparks, G.C.,	Rushville
74.	1928	South Bend	May 9, 10, 1928	Clarence H. Snoke, G.C.	South Bend
75.	1929	Indianapolis	May 8, 9, 1929	William W. Suckow, G.C.	Franklin
76.	1930	Evansville	May 14, 15, 1930	Arthur F. Funkhouser, G.C.	Evansville
77.	1931	Indianapolis	May 13, 14, 1931	George L. Davis, G.C.	Kokomo
78.	1932	Huntington	May 11, 12, 1932	Meade Vestal, G.C.	Noblesville
79.	1933	Indianapolis	May 10, 1933	John T. Boyd, G.C.	Vincennes
80.	1934	Bloomington	May 8, 9, 1934	J. Rufus Hinshaw, G.C.	New Castle
81.	1935	Indianapolis	May 8, 1935	Roy D. Smiley, G.C.	Washington
82.	1936	Muncie	May 13, 1936	Ralph Howard, G.C.	Greencastle
83.	1937	Elkhart	May 12, 13, 1937	Harvey S. Wambaugh, G.C.	Elkhart
84.	1938	Lafayette	May 11, 12, 1938	Fred N. Prass, G.C.	Lafayette
85.	1939	Indianapolis	May 10, 11, 1939	Clyde E. Titus, G.C.	Indianapolis
86.	1940	Richmond	May 8, 9, 1940	Ralph Cain, G.C.	Richmond
87.	1941	Gary	May 12, 1941	John Bush, G.C.	Gary
88.	1942	Indianapolis	May 12, 1942	George J. Leininger, G.C.	Columbia City

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89.	1943	Indianapolis	May 12, 1943	Walter G. Rice, G.C.	Terre Haute
90.	1944	Indianapolis	May 10, 1944	Hugh E. Mauzy, G.C.	Rushville
91.	1945	Indianapolis	August 8, 1945	Alvah D. Alexander, G.C.	Evansville
92.	1946	South Bend	May 8, 9, 1946	Perry C. Traver, G.C.	South Bend
93.	1947	Muncie	May 9, 10, 1947	Edmund F. Ball, G.C.	Muncie
94.	1948	Indianapolis	May 12, 13, 1948	Floyd Kresge, G.C.	Indianapolis
95.	1949	Indianapolis	May 11, 12, 1949	Philip N. Kestner, G.C.	Madison
96.	1950	Elkhart	May 12, 13, 1950	Howard F. Christner, G.C.	Elkhart
97.	1951	Bloomington	May 10, 11, 1951	Don P. Carpenter, G.C.	Brazil
98.	1952	Lafayette	May 14, 15, 1952	G. Max Fowler, G.C.	Frankfort
99.	1953	Hammond	May 8, 9, 1953	Alfred E. Braam, G.C.	Highland
100.	1954	Indianapolis	May 12, 13, 1954	Paul G. Smiley, G.C.	Washington
101.	1955	Muncie	May 13, 14, 1955	Charles E. Cook, G.C.	N Manchester
102.	1956	Fort Wayne	May 11, 12, 1956	Samuel S. Geake, G.C.	Fort Wayne
103.	1957	Bloomington	May 17, 18, 1957	Willard M. Avery G.C.	Knightstown
104.	1958	Indianapolis	May 9, 10, 1958	Edwin M. Demlow, G.C.	Indianapolis
105.	1959	Indianapolis	May 8, 9, 1959	C. Wilbur Foster, G.C.	Indianapolis
106.	1960	Lafayette	May 20, 21, 1960	Joseph R. Erb, G.C.	Lafayette
107.	1961	Terre Haute	May 12, 13, 1961	Marvin E. Foulke, G.C.	Terre Haute
108.	1962	Evansville	May 11, 12, 1962	James A. Wills, G.C.	Evansville
109.	1963	Gary	May 10, 11, 1963	Russell D. Huffington, G.C.	Gary
110.	1964	Muncie	May 8, 9, 1964	Adam S. Riggan, G.C.	Muncie
111.	1965	South Bend	May 14, 15, 1965	David J. Miller, G.C.	Goshen
112.	1966	Vincennes	May 13, 14, 1966	James G. Frey, G.C.	Vincennes
113.	1967	Fort Wayne	May 12, 13, 1967	Harold R. Hoolihan, G.C.	Angola
114.	1968	Columbus	May 10, 11, 1968	Richard D. Unger, G.C.	Baldwin
115.	1969	Lafayette	May 23, 24, 1969	Harry F. Otterman, G.C.	Frankfort
116.	1970	Bloomington	May 22, 23, 1970	K. Edwin Applegate, G.C.	Bloomington
117.	1971	Indianapolis	May 7, 8, 1971	Walter P. Worland, G.C.	Greenfield
118.	1972	Hammond	May 12, 13, 1972	Omar E. Hager, G.C.	Hammond
119.	1973	Muncie	May 4, 5, 1973	Forrest L. Mock, G.C.	Muncie
120.	1974	South Bend	May 3, 4, 1974	Russell R. Aulm, G.C.	South Bend
121.	1975	Indianapolis	April 25, 26, 1975	Herbert A. Newman, G.C.	Indianapolis
122.	1976	Fort Wayne	April 30, May 1, 1976	James S. DeMond, G.C.	Fort Wayne
123.	1977	Lafayette	May 6, 7, 1977	David R. Poling, Jr., G.C.	Lafayette
124.	1978	Evansville	May 20, 21, 22, 1978	R. Frank Williams, G.C.	Fort Branch
125.	1979	Indianapolis	April 27, 28, 1979	Robert E. Price, G.C.	Connersville
126.	1980	Merrillville	May 1, 2, 3, 1980	Ernest G. Cunningham, G.C.	Munster
127.	1981	Columbus	April 24, 25, 1981	Harold F. Thieman, G.C.	Columbus
128.	1982	Indianapolis	April 23, 24, 1982	Joseph A. Barnes, G.C.	Beech Grove
129.	1983	Elkhart	April 29, 30, 1983	Ronald L. Tungett, G.C.	Elkhart
130.	1984	Fort Wayne	May 4, 5, 1984	Kenneth E. Gibson, G.C.	Fort Wayne
131.	1985	Indianapolis	April 26, 27, 1985	Ronald D. Simpson, G.C.	Greentown
132.	1986	Vincennes	May 2, 3, 1986	Herbert G. Roach, G.C.	Odon



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133.	1987	Indianapolis	April 24, 25, 1987	Robert E. DuBois, G.C.	Highland
134.	1988	Indianapolis	April 29, 30, 1988	William L. Leffler, G.C.	Shelbyville
135.	1989	Indianapolis	April 28, 29, 1989	Paul W. Friend, G.C.	Angola
136.	1990	Indianapolis	April 20, 21, 1990	John V. Stevens, G.C.	Kokomo
137.	1991,	Indianapolis	April 26, 27, 1991	Steven J. Barton, G.C.	Greenfield
138.	1992	Indianapolis	May 1, 2, 1992	Dwight E. Lanman, Jr., G.C.	Angola
139.	1993	Indianapolis	April 30, May 1, 1993	Gerald A. Sullivan, Jr., G.C.	Indianapolis
140.	1994	Indianapolis	April 29, 30, 1994	Peter T. Zivanovich, G.C.	Highland
141.	1995	Indianapolis	April 28, 29, 1995	Duane Stucker, G.C.	Shelbyville
142.	1996	Indianapolis	April 26, 27, 1996	James W. Roberts, G.C.	New Albany
143.	1997	Indianapolis	April 26, 1997	Willard R. Clutter, Jr., G.C.	Noblesville
144.	1998	Indianapolis	April 24, 25, 1998	James W. Prairie, G.C.	Bloomington
145.	1999	Indianapolis	April 30, May 1, 1999	Robert J. Frazer, G.C.	Richmond
146.	2000	Indianapolis	April 28, 29, 2000	Henry E. LaHurreau, G.C.	Fort Wayne
147.	2001	Indianapolis	April 27, 28, 2001	Irvin L. Bitting, G.C.	Roselawn
148.	2002	Indianapolis	April 26, 27, 2002	Duane L. Vaught, G.C.	Crawfordsville
149.	2003	Indianapolis	April 25, 26, 2003	T. Jeffery Conquest, G.C.	Goshen
150.	2004	Indianapolis	April 23, 24, 2004	George A. Ingles, G.C.	Brownsburg
151.	2005	Indianapolis	April 29, 30, 2005	Ronald L. Ellis, G.C.	Columbus
152.	2006	Indianapolis	April 28, 29, 2006	Lawrence V. Kaminsky, G.C.	Hammond

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

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

**ACTIVE CONSTITUENT COMMANDERIES  
OF INDIANA (Cont.)  
GIVING DATES OF CHARTER AND PRECEDENCE**

	<b>Commandery</b>	<b>Date Chartered</b>	<b>Date Precedence</b>
38.	Noblesville No. 61	May 11, 1922	May 11, 1922
39.	Trinity No. 62	June 21, 1923	June 21, 1923
40.	Bloomington No. 63	May 14, 1925	March 31, 1925
41.	Wright No. 64	April 29, 1988	April 29, 1988
42.	William G. Bray No. 65	April 30, 1993	March 14, 1992
43.	H. W. Matthewson No. 66	April 30, 1993	August 15, 1992
44.	Lawrence No. 67	April 29, 1994	April 30, 1993
45.	St. Anselm, U.D.	Not Chartered	April 26, 1991

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

<b>No.</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Where Held</b>	<b>Presiding Officer</b>
1	June 20-21, 1816	New York, NY	DeWitt Clinton, G.G.M.
2	September 16, 1819	New York, NY	Henry Fowle, G.G.G.
3	September 18-19, 1826	New York, NY	John Snow, G.G.G.
4	September 14-15, 1829	New York, NY	Jonathon Nye, D.G.G.M.
5	Nov. 29-Dec. 1, 1832	Baltimore, MD	Jonathon Nye, D.G.G.M.
6	December 7-10, 1835	Washington, DC	Jonathon Nye, D.G.G.M.
7	September 12-14, 1838	Boston, MA	James M. Allen, G.G.M.
8	September 14-17, 1841	New York, NY	James M. Allen, G.G.M.
9	September 10-12, 1844	New Haven, CT	Joseph K. Stapleton, D.G.G.M.
10	September 14-18, 1847	Columbus, OH	Archibald Bull, G.G.M.
11	September 10-14, 1850	Boston, MA	William B. Hubbard, G.G.M.
12	September 13-19, 1853	Lexington, KY	William B. Hubbard, G.G.M.
13	September 9-15, 1856	Hartford, CT	William B. Hubbard, G.G.M.
14	September 13-19, 1859	Chicago, IL	William B. Hubbard, G.G.M.
15	September 1-4, 1862	New York, NY	Benjamin B. French, G.M.
16	September 5-7, 1865	Columbus, OH	Benjamin B. French, G.M.
17	September, 15-18, 1868	St. Louis, MO	Henry L. Palmer, G.M.
18	September 19-23, 1871	Baltimore, MD	Wm. Sewell Gardner, G.M.
19	December 1-5, 1874	New Orleans, LA	John Q. A. Fellows, G.M.
20	August 28-31, 1877	Cleveland, OH	John Herron Hopkins, G.M.
21	August 17-20, 1880	Chicago, IL	Vincent Lombard Hurlbut, G.M.
22	August 21-23, 1883	San Francisco, CA	Benjamin Dean, G.M.
23	September 21-24, 1886	St. Louis, MO	Charles Roome, G.D.M.
24	October 8-11, 1889	Washington, DC	Charles Roome, G.D.M.
25	August 9-12, 1892	Denver, CO	J. P. S. Gobin, G.M.
26	August 27-30, 1895	Boston, MA	Hugh McCurdy, G.M.
27	October 11-14, 1898	Pittsburg, PA	Warren LaRue Thomas, G.M.
28	August 27-29, 1901	Louisville, KY	R. H. Lloyd, G.M.
29	September 6-9, 1904	San Francisco, CA	Henry B. Stoddard, G.M.
30	July 9-11, 1907	Sarasota Springs, NY	George M. Moulton, G.M.
31	August 9-11, 1910	Chicago, IL	Henry W. Rugg, G.M.
32	August 12-14, 1913	Denver, CO	William B. Melish, G.M.
33	June 20-23, 1916	Los Angeles, CA	Lee S. Smith, D.G.M., A.G.M.
34	September 9-11, 1919	Philadelphia, PA	Lee S. Smith, G.M.
35	April 25-27, 1922	New Orleans, LA	Joseph Kyle Orre, G.M.
36	July 28-31, 1925	Seattle, WA	Leonidas P. Newby, G.M.
37	July 16-19, 1928	Detroit, MI	George W. Valery, G.M.
38	June 20-26, 1931	Minneapolis, MN	William L. Sharp, G.M.
39	July 7-13, 1934	San Francisco, CA	Andrew D. Agnew, G.C., A.G.M.
40	July 17-23, 1937	Miami, FL	Andrew D. Agnew, G.M.
41	July 13-19, 1940	Cleveland, OH	Mark Norris, G.M.

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OF THE GRAND ENCAMPMENT, KNIGHTS TEMPLAR,  
OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA (Cont.)**

<b>No.</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Where Held</b>	<b>Presiding Officer</b>
42	May 24-25, 1943	Chicago, IL	Harry G. Pollard, G.M.
43	Oct. 23-Nov. 1, 1946	Houston, TX	Charles Noah Orr, G.M.
44	September 17-23, 1949	San Francisco, CA	John Temple Rice, G.M.
45	September 20-26, 1952	New Orleans, LA	Robert B. Gaylord, G.M.
46	August 20-26, 1955	New York, NY	William C. Gordon, G.M.
47	August 16-22, 1958	Indianapolis, IN	Walter A. DeLamater, G.M.
48	August 12-17, 1961	Cleveland, OH	Louis H. Weiber, G.M.
49	August 22-27, 1964	Philadelphia, PA	Paul Miller Moore, G.M.
50	August 19-24, 1967	Detroit, MI	Wilber M. Brucker, G.M.
51	August 22-27, 1970	Denver, CO	John L. Crofts, G.M.
52	August 13-16, 1973	Chicago, IL	G. Wilbur Bell, G.M.
53	Aug. 28-Sept. 2, 1976	Kansas City, MO	Roy W. Riegle, G.M.
54	August 11-16, 1979	Indianapolis, IN	Willard M. Avery, G.M.
55	August 14-19, 1982	Hot Springs, AR	Kenneth C. Johnson, G.M.
56	August 10-14, 1985	Cincinnati, OH	Ned E. Dull, G.M.
57	August 5-10, 1988	Lexington, KY	Donald H. Smith, G.M.
58	August 19-21, 1991	Washington, DC	Marvin E. Fowler, G.M.
59	August 15-17, 1994	Denver, CO	William H. Thornley, Jr., G.M.
60	August 8-13, 1997	St. Louis, MO	Blair Christy Mayford, G.M.
61	August 11-16, 2000	Nashville, TN	James M. Ward, G.M.
62	August 15-20, 2003	St. Louis, MO	William Jackson Jones, G.M.
63	August 11-16, 2006	Houston, TX	Kenneth Bernard Fischer, G.M.

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

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

Cambridge City No. 6 - On April 8, 1868, the name of Connersville Commandery No. 6 was changed to Cambridge City No. 6. On April 30, 1884, this action was rescinded and both the location and name reverted to Connersville.

Bedford No. 7 - Charter date December 2, 1858. In the Proceedings of 1864, it is noted that the Charter was 'surrendered.'

William Hacker No. 9 - Organized April 4, 1866 and Chartered April 8, 1868. Name changed to Knightstown No. 9 on April 28, 1874,

Warsaw No. 10 - Chartered April 7, 1868, and merged with Goshen No. 50 on October 14, 1995.

Thomas H. Lynch No. 14 - Chartered April 4, 1868. Name changed to Columbus No. 14 on April 28, 1874.

Dowling No. 16- Chartered April 8, 1868. Name changed to Terre Haute No. 16 on April 5, 1871.

Aurora No. 17 - Chartered April 7, 1869. Charter "annulled" May 9, 1929 Revoked by action of Grand Commandery.

Marion No. 21 - Chartered April 5, 1871. Name changes to Grant County No. 21 on April 25, 1975.

Caleb Schmidlapp No. 22 - Chartered April 3, 1872. Name changed to Madison No. 22 on April 1, 1873.

Franklin No. 23 - Chartered April 3, 1872. Name changed to Johnson County No. 23 on April 20, 1990.

Plymouth No. 26 - Chartered April 28, 1875. Charter surrendered September 11, 1974, and merged with South Bend No. 13.

Washington No. 33 - Chartered April 16. 1890. Charter surrendered July 14, 1985, and merged with Vincennes No. 20.

Cyrene No. 34 - Chartered May 2, 1891. Name changed to Columbia City No. 34 on May 9, 1947.

Columbia City No. 34 - Successor to Cyrene No. 34. Charter surrendered September 4, 1968.

Bluffton No. 38 - Chartered April 18, 1895. Chartered surrendered October 20, 1994, and merged with Fort Wayne No. 4

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Delphi No. 40 - Chartered February 4, 1897. Charter surrendered December 11, 1972, and merged with Lafayette No. 3.

Lebanon No. 43 – Chartered January 31, 1899.

New Castle No. 44 Chartered April 19, 1900, Charter surrendered January 1, 2006 and merged with Knightstown # 9

Princeton No. 46 - Chartered April 26, 1903. Charter surrendered April 22, 1995, and merged with LaValette No. 15.

Brazil No. 48 – Chartered May 12, 1904, Charter surrendered April 21, 2006 and merged with Greencastle No. 11

Rushville No. 49 - Chartered May 11, 1905. Charter surrendered November 20, 1997, and merged with Connersville No. 6.

Mishawaka No. 51 - Chartered January 16, 1906. Charter surrendered March 1, 1973 and merged with South Bend No. 13.

Winchester No. 53 - Chartered July 18, 1906. Charter surrendered 1961 and merged with Muncie No. 18.

Sullivan No. 54 Chartered July 4, 1907. Charter surrendered September 20, 1979.

Martinsville No. 55 - Chartered April 14, 1908. Charter surrendered on December 1, 1932.

Gary No. 57 - Chartered May 14, 1914. Name officially changed to Elbert H. Gary No. 57 at Annual Conclave on April 28, 1995.

Peru No. 60 - Chartered February 21, 1921. Charter surrendered December 1, 1989 and merged with Wabash No. 37.

DeMolay No. 62 - Chartered June 21, 1923. Name changed to Oriental No. 62 on May 12, 1941, Oriental No. 62 - Successor to DeMolay No. 62. At the Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery in 1969, Oriental No. 62 petitioned the Grand Commandery to allow a change of location to the Irvington Masonic Temple in Indianapolis. This petition was approved by the Jurisprudence Committee and the Grand Commandery. In the 1970 Proceedings, the name appears as Trinity No. 62 but No record can be found in the Proceedings of the official change of name or of the approval of the change of By-Laws of this Commandery to change the name.

Trinity No. 62 - Charter was arrested by Grand Commander March 11, 1995. Members at that time were transferred into St. Anselm Commandery, U.D., pending final resolution of the future of the Commandery. On July 25, 1995, the charter was restored by the Grand Commander and the Commandery moved to another Indianapolis location, at Calvin Prather Lodge No. 717

Dwight L. Smith, U.D. - Dispensation issued July 13, 1996, to open Commandery at Salem. Dispensation returned April 24, 1998.

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Crown Point, U.D. – Dispensation issued May 9, 2000 to open a Commandery at Crown Point.  
Dispensation returned April 23, 2003

Lawrence Commandery No. 67 Chartered April 29, 1994. September 21, 2002, Move Charter to  
Millersville Lodge. Name changed to H. E. Lackey Commandery No. 67 on April 23, 2003.

Wright Commandery No. 64 Chartered April 29, 1988. Dispensation granted on April 29, 2005, to  
move their Charter to Echerty Lodge No. 719, Echerty, Indiana 47116 on a permanent basis.  
(05 -01-06)



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