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IN INDIANA**



**PROCEEDINGS OF
THE 155th ANNUAL CONCLAVE
OF THE
GRAND COMMANDERY OF INDIANA**

*HELD IN THE CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS
APRIL 23th, 24th and 25th, 2009*

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OF THE

**Grand Commandery
Knights Templar
of Indiana**

**ONE HUNDRED FIFTY-FIFTH
ANNUAL CONCLAVE**

Held at Indianapolis

CONNERSVILLE COMMANDERY No. 6, HOST

April 23, 24, 25, 2009

Presiding

**SIR KNIGHT DAVID MAXWELL BERTCH
Right Eminent Grand Commander
Indiana**

Elected

**SIR KNIGHT LARRY WAYNE BROWN
Anderson Commandery No. 32**

2010 Conclave will be held at Indianapolis, Indiana on April 22, 23, 24, 2010

Anderson Commandery No. 32 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 155th Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar, were approved unless otherwise indicated or explained.

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**Inspecting Officer
Sir Knight William Howard Koon, II
Most Eminent Grand Master
Grand Encampment, Knights Templar, USA**



**William H. Koon II, GCT
M. E. Grand Master (2007 - 2012)
of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar
President of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc.**

S.K. Koon was born in Lima, Ohio on March 12, 1949 to William H. and Vivian Brown Koon. He is a graduate of Bath High School, and attended the Ohio State University. He is a member of the Columbus Grove United Church of Christ. Bill is married to Elizabeth Jane Thornley, and they reside less than a mile from the family farm where he grew up near Columbus Grove, Ohio. They have a daughter, Andrea Koon Gillespie; son-in-law, Adam Gillespie; two grandsons, Adam Kade Gillespie, Silas Robert Gillespie; and son, William Steven Winebrenner. Bill is the President of Lord's Enterprises Inc. and Republic Mills Inc., both family agri-businesses including, livestock feed manufacturing, grain elevators, and a farming operation. He is involved in many professional and civic organizations, both locally, and statewide.

Masonically, Bill is a Senior DeMolay of Fidelity Chapter in Lima, and holds the Chevalier, Cross of Honor, Active Legion of Honor, is an Active Member of the International Supreme Council Order of DeMolay, and in 2006 was invested with the DeMolay Grand Cross. He was raised a Master Mason in 1970 in Ada Lodge No. 344, and demitted to Rufus Putnam Lodge No. 364 in Columbus Grove, where he served 3 years as Worshipful Master. In 2001 he became a dual member of Ft. Amanda Lodge No. 706 in Lima. He is a Past High Priest of Lima Chapter No. 49 RAM, and Past Illustrious Master of Lima Council No. 20 R&SM. In 2008 Bill was appointed the Grand Representative of the Grand Council of Romania R&SM near the Grand Council of Ohio. He was knighted in Shawnee Commandery No. 14 by his father on March 13, 1971, and was elected Eminent Commander in 1980. He is a member of Shawnee Commandery No. 14 Drill Team, marching in 7 Triennial Drills beginning in Chicago in 1973, including twice as Captain. He is a member, and Charter Commander of St. George Commandery No. 76, Ivanhoe Commandery No. 54, Van Wert, OH, St. Bernard Commandery No. 41, Denver, CO, Frankfort Commandery No. 4, Frankfort, KY, and Blaney Commandery No. 5, Tremont, IL. In addition to Ohio, Bill is a member and voting delegate of the Grand Commanderies of Ohio, Colorado, Illinois, and Kentucky. In 2006, Bill was elected an Honorary Member of the Wyoming Black Horse Troop.

Sir Knight Koon first served the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Ohio, as an Aide-de-Camp to S.K. William J. Faul, KCT, during his term as Grand Commander and received the Meritorious Service Award for his efforts in 1981. Bill served the First Division of the Grand Commandery of Ohio as Deputy Division Commander from 1985 - 1987, and was appointed Grand Sentinel by Sir Knight Frank W. Crane, KCT, REGC in 1987. He was elected Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Ohio on September 13, 1996. In 2007 he was declared a Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Ohio and its Jurisdiction, PHA. In 2009 he was made an Honorary Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Virginia.

In June 2009 he was elected an Honorary Past Commander of King Ferdinand Commandery No. 1 in Bucharest, Romania, and at the LXIV Triennial he was elected an Honorary Past

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Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Romania, which was the first official action taken after the formation of that Grand Commandery.

Bill served the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the USA, as a member of the Easter Sunrise Breakfast Committee, and an ad-hoc member of the Committee on Drill Regulations from 1991 - 1994, and was Co-Chairman of the Committee on Drill Regulations during the 1994 - 1997 Triennium. He served 8 years as the personal Aide to S.K. Ned E. Dull, GCT, MEPGM of the Grand Encampment, and as the Affinity Coordinator for the Knights Templar Eye Foundation MasterCard program from 1991 to 1999. Bill was invested with the rank and dignity of Knight Commander of the Temple by the Grand Encampment in 1992, and is currently the Deputy for the Ohio KCT Program. He was appointed Department Commander of the East Central Department for the 1997 - 2000 Triennium. Bill was elected Right Eminent Grand Captain General of the Grand Encampment on August 15, 2000 in Nashville, Tennessee. Upon Installation into that Office, he was invested with the Knight Grand Cross of the Temple. On August 16, 2006, he was installed as Right Eminent Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Encampment. In 2007, he was appointed Grand Representative of the Great Priory of the United Masonic, Religious and Military Orders of The Temple and Sepulcher and of The Hospital of Saint-John of Jerusalem and of Palestine, Rhodes and Malta for France near the Grand Encampment, and in 2009 was advanced to the Honor and Dignity of the Knight Grand Cross (pro causa). Upon the resignation of S.K. Richard B. Baldwin, GCT, MEGM on August 28, 2007 for reasons of health, he was installed as Most Eminent Grand Master by S.K. Thurman Cleveland Pace, KGC, MEHPGM. On August 18, 2009, he was elected by acclamation as Most Eminent Grand Master for the LXV Triennium, and was installed the next day, again by Sir Knight Thurman Cleveland Pace, KGC, MEHPGM. Five Days later he was made an Honorary Member and Honorary Past Supreme Grand Master of the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada.

Illustrious Brother Koon is a member of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, Valley of Toledo and a dual member of the Valley of Dayton, receiving the Thirty-Third Degree from the Supreme Council Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, NMJ, in Grand Rapids on September 23, 1997. In June, 2004 he was elected to the Board of Trustees of the Valley of Toledo, and in 2008 was elected Chairman. In 2007 he was made an Honorary Knight Commander Court of Honor (KCCH) of the Valley of New Orleans, Louisiana.

He is a member of appendant organizations including, Royal Order of Scotland; Zenobia Temple AAONMS of Toledo, OH, their Crusader Unit, and the Lima Shrine Club; Charter Sovereign and current Recorder of Charlemagne Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine in Lima, OH, Dual Member of Holy Grail Conclave, in Dayton, OH, Honorary Member of St. Leonard Conclave, in Jackson MS, St. Hilary Conclave, Ft. Wayne, IN, Lafayette Conclave, Athens, OH, St. Columba Conclave, Cincinnati, OH, and served the United Grand Imperial Council of the Red Cross of Constantine as Grand Herald 1999 - 2000, Intendant General at Large 2002 - 2003, and was invested with the Knight Commander of Constantine by the Imperial Council RCC of France in 2007; Past Preceptor of Prince of Peace Tabernacle X, HRAKTP, Past

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Grand Preceptor of the Grand College of America, Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests, and awarded the GC (Grand Cross) of the Order, One of Five Honorary Members of the Grand College of Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests, York, England, and recipient of their Certificate of Merit. In 2009 he was Knighted in Rose of Sharon Priory No. 2, Knights of the York Cross of Honor and advanced to the rank and dignity of Knight Grand Cross of the York Cross of Honor with 1 Quadrant. He is an honorary member of Lily of the Valley Priory No. 1.

Bill was the Charter and Past Chief Adept, IX^o Grade, Ohio College SRICF, Honorary Member of Illinois College, New Jersey College, and Wisconsin College SRICF, in 1998 he was elected Junior Deputy Supreme Magus, and invested with the rank and title of Knight Grand Cross (KGC), and on February 8, 2007, he was elected Supreme Magus of the High Council SRICF, and on February 7, 2008 was awarded the Knight Grand Cross (KGC) of the former SRIG (Societas Rosicruciana in Gallia), he has been honored as an Honorary Past Supreme Magus of the SRIC (Societas Rosicruciana in Canada), and SRIR (Societas Rosicruciana in Romania); Centennial College No. 87, Blackstone College No. 195, Sovereign York Rite College, Order of the Purple Cross of York 1997; Past Sovereign of Buckeye Council No. 92 AMD, Charter Member Shawnee Council No. 355 AMD, Awarded the Red Branch of Eri, and appointed Grand Tyler of the Grand Council AMD in 2005; Past Grand Chancellor of the Grand College of Rites of the USA; Charter Member of Irish Council No. 67 Knight Masons of the USA; Past Grand Tall of Ohio Northern Forest No. 188 Tall Cedars of Lebanon; Most Eminent Supreme Grand Master ad vitam, and Grand Commander Occidental of the Royal Society of Knights Occidental; Secretary of the Program Committee for AMD Week in Washington D.C.; Daniel Boone Chapter of National Sojourners Inc; Past-President of the Forty-Fivers; Grove Chapter No. 527 OES; Lima Shrine No. 20, White Shrine of Jerusalem; Bryn Athyn Quarry Assemblage, Allentown, PA, and High Twelve International Club No. 590. 9/1/2009.

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**SIR KNIGHT DUANE LEE VAUGHT
RIGHT EMINENT GRAND CAPTAIN GENERAL,
OF THE GRAND ENCAMPMENT,
KNIGHTS TEMPLAR, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**



SIR KNIGHT DUANE LEE VAUGHT, P.G.C. (IN)
Right Eminent Grand Captain General

Duane L. Vaught was born February 17, 1956 in Crawfordsville, Indiana. He graduated from North Montgomery High School and from Indiana University, the latter with a Bachelors of Science degree in Accounting. He was baptized and confirmed as a member of the Methodist Church. In December 2000 he married Georgia Jean Nagai Goode.

Duane Vaught began his professional career with a national accounting firm, during which time he was licensed as a Certified Public Accountant. Since 1995 he has been with Stampfli Associates, CPAs, P.C. in Bloomington IN. Since October 2008 he has been president of that firm. Professionally, not-for-profit entities are his primary specialty. He is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, Indiana State CPA Society and the Bloomington Chapter of the Institute of Management Accountants.

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

Vaught was initiated, passed and raised a Master Mason in Montgomery Lodge, no. 50, in Crawfordsville IN. He served as Worshipful Master of Spencer Lodge no. 95 in 1993 receiving the Grand Master's Award with Distinction. He also served as Worshipful Master of Dwight L. Smith Lodge of Research. He served on several Grand Lodge committees and was appointed as the Grand Representative of Oregon. He was elected the 157th Most Worshipful Grand Master of Indiana for 2007 – 2008. In May 2008 he was elected a Trustee of the Grand Lodge and in 2009 became president of the board of Trustees.

Vaught received the degrees of Royal Arch Masonry, Cryptic Masonry and the Orders of Chivalric Masonry in 1977. He Served as High Priest of Crawfordsville Chapter No. 40 and Illustrious Master of Montgomery Council No. 34 in 1983. In 1995 he was appointed as Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of Oregon and in 2007 the Grand Representative of the Grand Council of Arkansas.

Sir Knight Vaught served as Eminent Commander of Crawfordsville Commandery No. 25 in 1981 and 1982 and has received the Distinguished Service and Knight Commander of the Temple awards. He is Grand Representative of the Grand Commandery of Illinois near Indiana and also holds memberships in Bloomington Commandery No. 63 and St Anselm Commandery UD. He served ten years as an officer of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Indiana culminating in serving as the 140th Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Indiana in 2001 - 2002. Sir Knight Vaught was later appointed to the finance committee of the Grand Encampment Knights Templar of the USA.

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(Continuation of Sir Knight Duane Lee Vaught)

Vaught is a Past Governor of Banks of the Wabash York Rite College No. 72 and has received the Gold Honor Award and Order of the Purple Cross. He is a Past Excellent Chief of Indiana Council No. 15, Knight Masons and Past Director General of Indianapolis Preceptory, Yeomen of York. In the Allied Masonic Degrees he is a Past Sovereign Master of St. Bernard de Clairvaux Council 256. He is a Knight Commander of the Red Branch of Eri and has served as Secretary of his council for the last ten years. He is currently chairman of the Grand Council AMD finance committee.

Duane Vaught is currently serving as Puissant Sovereign of St Basil Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine and as an officer of St Andrew Tabernacle XXXV Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests He is a member, IX degree, Knight Grand Cross, of Indiana College, Masonic Societas Rosicruciana in Civitatibus Foederatis, MSCRIF, and serves as Treasurer General of the High Council, MSCRIF of the United States.

He is a member of J. Herbert Nichols and Robert A. Woods Pories of KYCH, Terre Haute Valley, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, Royal Order of Scotland, Murat Shrine AAONMS, Sahara Grotto MOVPER, Knights of Pythias, Grand College of Rites, Order of Knights Preceptor, and Indiana Past Commanders Association. In 2005 he was crowned a Sovereign Grand Inspector General, 33^o NMJ. He is a Grand Cross of the Royal Society of Knights Occidental and an Honorary Kentucky Colonel.

In August 2007 he was appointed and installed to the office of Grand Captain General of the Grand Encampment KT when that office became vacant upon the regretted resignation, due to health, of Grand Master Richard B. Baldwin and the advancement of the other members of the Grand Encampment line.

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**SIR KNIGHT FRANKLIN COOPER BONER, KCT
EAST CENTRAL DEPARTMENT COMMANDER
GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF THE USA**



SIR KNIGHT FRANKLIN COOPER BONER, KCT
East Central Department Commander

CIVIL AND PROFESSIONAL RECORD

Sir Knight Franklin Cooper Boner was born on October 22, 1939 in Bellville, Ohio; he is the eldest child of Walter Cooper and Anna M. Boner. He graduated from Johnsville High School in 1957, and earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Management from Park College, Parkville, Missouri in 1984. He was employed as a Management Analyst at the Newark Air Force Base, retiring in 1993 following 30 years of service. He served in the United States Navy 1957 -1960, and US Naval Reserves, retiring December 7, 1997. On May 27, 2000 he was united in marriage with Betty L. Jones. Frank and Betty have 4 children and 5 grandchildren and 1 great grandson. Frank is a member of several Genealogical Societies, and is a past treasurer of the Licking County Society. Frank is a member of the Benjamin Franklin Chapter of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution. Frank is a member of the Christ United Methodist Church, Newark, Ohio, where he is a member of the Finance Committee, Administrative

MASONIC RECORD

Worshipful Brother Boner began his Masonic Career in Center Lodge No. 86 F & AM, Johnstown, Ohio. He was raised January 6, 1965, and served as Worshipful Master in 1972. He was elected Secretary in 1990, an office he still holds.

He was Exalted in Gilead Chapter No. 59, RAM, Mt. Gilead, Ohio, on May 27, 1968, High Priest in 1971; receiving the Order of High Priesthood in 1971. He served as their Secretary from 1971 thru 1982. He was a member of Warren Chapter No.6, Newark, Ohio, served as High Priest in 1984, and Secretary from 1985 thru 1986. He served as District Deputy Grand High Priest of the 14th Capitular District from 1986 thru 1989. He is presently a member of Clinton Chapter No. 26, Mt. Vernon, Ohio serving as High Priest in 1998. He was appointed Grand Representative to the Grand Chapter RAM of Ireland near the Grand Chapter RAM of Ohio. He is a member of the Chapter of Research of the Grand Chapter RAM of Ohio.

He was received and acknowledged in Kinsman Council No. 76; Mt. Vernon, Ohio served as Illustrious Master in 1974, and received the Order of the Silver Trowel in 1974. He was knighted on March 6, 1971 in Clinton Commandery No.5, of Mt. Vernon, Ohio serving as Eminent Commander in 1979 and holds plural memberships in Mt. Vernon Commandery No.1, DeMolay Commandery No.9, St. Luke's Commandery No. 34, and St. George's Commandery No. 76. He served as President and Secretary of the 5th Division C.T.A., as well as Deputy Division Commander 1984-1986. Sir Knight Richard A. Meacham, KCT, PGC, appointed him Grand Sentinel in 1992. He was appointed Grand Representative to the Grand Commandery of Virginia near the Grand Commandery of Ohio in 1992.

Invested with the rank and dignity of Knight Commander of the Temple in 2000, Grand Master William Jackson Jones appointed him to the Committee on Competitive Drill for the 2003 Triennium. He was elected a member of Ohio Priory No. 18, Knights of the York Cross of Honor in November 1979.

Frank is a member of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, Valley of Columbus, where he has been an active participant in the Licking County Scottish Rite Club. Over the years they have conferred the 9th, 10th, and 11th degrees, of which Frank has taken major parts. Frank was elected to receive the Thirty-Third and Last Degree of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry at St. Louis in

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September 2003. He is a member of Aladdin Temple Shrine of Columbus, as well as Baldwin and Newark Shrine Clubs and a member of Teheran Grotto, Newark, Ohio. Frank is a Founder of Morrow Chapter Order of DeMolay in November 1973, and served as Chairman of the Advisory Council, and served as Deputy Governor 1973-1976, and received the Honorary Legion of Honor from the International Supreme Council of the Order of DeMolay. He is a past Dean of Ohio Preceptory Order of DeMolay.

He is a member of the Royal Order of Scotland, and also a member of Galilean Tabernacle No XXIII, Grand College of America Holy Royal Arch Knights Templar Priests. He is a member of Centennial York Rite College No. 87, and the Thomas Smith Webb York Rite College. He was elected to receive the "Order of the Purple Cross" at the 2003 General Assembly of the York Rite Sovereign College of North America. Frank is a Charter member of Charlemagne Conclave of the Red Cross of Constantine, and a member of Ohio College MSRICF, and was elevated to the VIII Grade in 2001, and is also a member of Galilean Council Knight Masons of Ireland.

In Washington D.C., he belongs to the Grand College of Rites, and the Royal Society of Knights Occidental. Frank is a member of Frank H. Nicklaus Council No. 208 Allied Masonic Degrees, serving as Sovereign Master in 2001, and receiving the Red Branch of Eri in 2001. He is presently serving as the Secretary of Peter J. Copeland Council No. 408 AMD, at Johnstown, Ohio. Frank was appointed Grand Secretary of the Grand Council of Allied Masonic Degrees of the United States of America in April 2001, and in February 2002 was unanimously elected to that office.

Frank is a member of Knox and Hanover Chapters of the Order of the Eastern Star, and is a member of the Shepherds of the Order of the White Shrine of Jerusalem. He is also a member of Columbus Court No. 58, Order of the Amaranth and a member of the Franklin County Memorial Lodge.

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Richard Burditt Baldwin	(2006-07)

Most Eminent Honorary Past Grand Masters

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Triennium August 15-19, 2009 -- Roanoke, VA

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RIGHT EMINENT GRAND COMMANDER
KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF THE STATE OF INDIANA**



**BIOGRAPHY OF
DAVID MAXWELL BERTCH
147th RIGHT EMINENT GRAND COMMANDER
GRAND COMMANDERY, KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF INDIANA**

David Maxwell Bertch was born in Richmond, Indiana on April 9, 1944 to John Maxwell and Dorothy Deich Bertch, now deceased. David is a life long resident of Liberty, Indiana. After graduating from Short High School in 1962, he attended Miami University and received a Bachelor's Degree in 1966. He also received a Master's degree from Ball State University in 1969. He worked in the education field for eight years following his graduation from Miami and then in 1974 joined the family firm of J. A. Bertch & Son, Inc, where he now is Secretary/Treasurer. He has one brother John Bertch, two nieces, a nephew and two grand nephews.

He is a member of the Edwards Memorial United Methodist Church where he served as a trustee and sang in the choir for many years. He is also a member of the Bay View Association of the United Methodist Church, Bay View, Michigan.

His Masonic journey began when he was Raised a Master Mason in Liberty Lodge #58 in 1985. He started through the chairs at that Lodge and served as Worshipful Master in 1991. He is also a member of Bartimaeus Lodge U.D. He became a member of the York Rite in 1992 at a class in Ft. Wayne honoring then Most Worshipful Grand Master Daniel Leonard and has been affiliated with the Connersville York Rite Bodies since that time. He has served as High Priest of Maxwell Chapter #18, Illustrious Master of Fayette Counsel #6 and Eminent Commander of Connersville Commandery #6. He served several years as an Area Representative for the Grand Lodge of Indiana. He is also a member of the Scottish Rite, Valley of Indianapolis and the Whitewater Valley Scottish Rite Club, Murat Temple AAONMS and a past board member the Tarum Shrine Club. He is Past Sovereign Master of W. M. Avery Council #409 AMD, and a member of Robert A. Woods Priory KYCH, Indianapolis Preceptory #4 Yeomen of York, Marvin L. Isley York Rite College No. 129, The Royal Order of Scotland, and St Basil Conclave Red Cross of Constantine, He was appointed Grand Sentinel in 2002 by T. Jeffrey Conquest, elected Grand Jr. Warden in 2003 and installed the 147th Grand Commander of Knights Templar of Indiana in 2008.

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Battalion VIII – Bruning

Division 3 – Sohn

Battalion IV – Fleming
Battalion V – Harms

Division 2 – Dove

Battalion II – Ritter
Battalion III – Jenkins

Division 4 – Cole

Battalion VI – Wallace
Battalion VII – Ramsey

Commander Battalion I

DBC Battalion I
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Patrick Baird

Michael D. Ritter

G Donald Laudeman, III
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John Smiley
James Kerns

John T. Fleming

Kent Watts
Brad Wooten
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Phil Wisner
Jerald L. Miller
Andrew W. Wiley

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**OFFICIAL PROGRAM
155th ANNUAL CONCLAVE**

GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF INDIANA



David M. Bertch

Right Eminent Grand Commander
Presiding

April 22, 23, 24, 2009

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Registration Friday April 23, 2008
Marriott Inn
E.S.T. prevailing

Indiana Grand Commandery Official Headquarters Indianapolis Marriott Inn East

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Phone (317) 352-1231

Registration: Thursday and Friday
Marriott Inn East Atrium
Eastern Standard Time

Thursday, April 22, 2008

**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

2:00 PM Jurisprudence Committee
meeting

Hospitality Room
Closing at 5 PM

Evening

6:00 PM Divine Services

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

After the Banquet: Dancing
"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 23, 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"

8:30 AM Connorsville Commandery
No.6 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 2009-2010
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 24, 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



DIVINE SERVICES

April 23, 2009

Acknowledgements:

SK Edward Sebring, GPE
SK John Logan, Grand Organist

Vocalist



Greetings

Call to Worship --Luke 9: 23

Opening Prayer

Opening Hymn – The Old Rugged Cross - SK Edward Sebring, GPE

Invitation to Confession John 1: 8, 9

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins, and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. In humility and faith, let us confess our sin to God.

Confession of sin (in unison, reading)

Eternal God, our judge and redeemer, we confess that we have tried to hide from you, for we have done wrong. We have lived for ourselves, and apart from you. We have turned from our neighbors, and refused to bear the burdens of others. We have ignored the pain of the world, and passed by the hungry, the poor, and the oppressed. In your great mercy forgive our sins and free us from selfishness, that we may choose your will and obey your commandments; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

Assurance of Pardon: Grand Prelate

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer – ending with The Lord’s Prayer

The Apostles Creed (*in unison*) I believe in God, the Father Almighty, the maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived of the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate. Was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into Hell. The third day He arose again from the dead. He ascended Into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty, whence He shall

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come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Gloria Patri -- Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, World without end. Amen,
Amen.

Hymn: We Sing Your Mighty Power, O God

Scripture lesson: 1 Cor. vs. 17-18

Sermon:

The Cross-eyed Bear

SK Schull GP

Closing Hymn: Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus

Closing thoughts and Benediction

“By the Work You Did Today”
by Charles L. Mead, 33°, of
[Boynton Lodge No. 236](#)
Boynton Beach, Florida

Can you say tonight in parting
with the day that's slipping past,
that you helped a single brother
of the many whom you passed?
Is a single heart rejoicing
over what you did and said?
Does the man whose hopes were fading
now with courage look ahead?
Did you waste the day or lose it?
Was it well or poorly spent?
Did you leave a trail of kindness,
or a scar of discontent?
As you close your eyes in slumber,
do you think God will say,
“You have earned one more tomorrow,
by the work you did today.”?

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

The 155th Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Indiana, was held at the Marriott Hotel East, Indianapolis. The Sir Knights of Connersville Commandery No. 6, the home Commandery of the Right Eminent Grand Commander, served as hosts for the Conclave.

The lines were formed by Raper Commandery No. 1, under the direction of S. K. George D. Kivett, KCT, KCTH, HPGC. Distinguished guests were received under the guidance of S. K. Dwight Lanman, KCT, PGC, George A. Ingles, Jr., KCT, PGC and Irvin L. Bitting, KCT, PGC.

DEPUTY BATTALION COMMANDERS AND AIDES TO THE GRAND COMMANDER:
Marvin J. Ramsay, BC 7, Jerry J. Bruning, BC 8, Philip D. Whisner, DBC 5 Gary A. Nicholson, Aid to REGC, Clarence D. Harter, Aid to REGC, Donald D. Olvey, Aid to VEDGC.

RECIPIENTS OF THE KNIGHTS TEMPLAR CROSS OF HONOR: George D. Kivett, HPGC, H. E. "Gene" Lackey HPGC, and Larry E. Gray, PGGHP.

GRAND PRELATE EMERTIS: Robert S. Flint, Edward L. Sebring, Wayne A. Sheets, C. Joe Friend, Don Borchert.

YORK RITE SOVEREIGN COLLEGE: James H. Hodge, Indiana Grand Governor, Charles C. Johnson, Indiana Deputy Grand Governor.

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

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

GRAND COUNCIL CRYPTIC MASONS OF INDIANA: Sir Knight and Companion Gary G. Wyne, Most Illustrious Grand Master, and his corps of Officers and Past Grand Officers.

JUNIOR GRAND OFFICER OF OTHER JURISDICTIONS: Sir Knight Archie R. Smallwood, EGG, Kentucky; William P. Herlihy, VEDGC, Michigan; Roy A. Ickes, EGCG, Michigan; Cortland C. Rule, EGSW, Michigan; Howard H. Crumit, Jr., EGJW, Michigan; Paul W. Roggow, EGSB, Michigan; John I. Miller, VEDGC, Ohio; Jerry C. Holzer, EGCG, Ohio, William H. VanZile, EGG, Wisconsin; Wilmer E. Hall, EGSW, Pennsylvania; William E. Eltzroth, Rep., MA/RI, John M. Laughlin, Rep., South Dakota .

PAST GRAND COMMANDERS OF OTHER JURISDICTIONS: Sir Knight Vernon T. Barnhart, PGC/EGR, Michigan

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GRAND COMMANDERS OF OTHER JURISDICTIONS: Sir Knight Jesse L. Johns, REGC, Illinois; Raleigh C. Foster, REGC, Kentucky; David L. Seyferth, REGC, Michigan; Richard M. Holcombe, REGC, Ohio; Lauren R. Handeland, REGC, Wisconsin.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS: Sir Knight Steven J. Barton, R. E. Past Department Commander, Sir Knight Robert E. Price, KGC, Honorary R. E. Past Department Commander,

DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS OF THE EAST CENTRAL DEPARTMENT OF THE GRAND ENCAMPMENT: Sir Knight Frank C. Boner, PGC (OH) Right Eminent Department Commander of the East Central Department of the Grand Encampment.

GRAND ENCAMPMENT OFFICERS: Sir Knight Duane L. Vaught, GCT, PGC, Right Eminent Grand Captain General of the Grand Encampment Knights Templar of the United States of America, Past Grand Master of Masons for the State of Indiana; Rodney A. Mann KCT, PGC, Aide to the REGCG; and Austin C. Gray, KCT, PC, Aide to the REGCG; Bruce D. Basil, KCT, PGC, GR, Ohio, Aide to Sir Knight William Howard Koon II, Most Eminent Grand Master of the Grand Encampment Knights Templar of the United States of America.

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GRAND LODGE OF INDIANA: Sir Knight George A. Ingles, Jr., PGC Senior Grand Deacon and the Personal Representative of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Jeffery P. Zaring.

After the introductions of Distinguished Guests were complete, Sir Knight Bertch called for a quorum. After the preliminary report from the Credentials committee the Grand Commander Bertch declared the Grand Commandery open. Sir Knight Bertch thanked Raper Commandery for the fine job they did forming the lines. He then ordered the lines dismissed and thanked them again for a job well done. He also thanked Sir Knight Dwight Lanman, Sir Knight Irvin L. Bitting KCT, PGC, and Sir Knight George A. Ingles, KCT, PGC, for a job well done and the manner in which the guests were introduced.

WELCOME

Sir Knights:

Welcome to the 155th Annual Conclave Knights Templar of Indiana. My name is Malcolm Keasling and I am acting as Commander of Connersville Commandery No.6, the home Commander of Sir Knight David M. Bertch the Grand Commander. On behalf of the Officers and the Sir Knights of Connersville Commandery #6, we as the hosts of the Conclave hope your stay will be enjoyable and if we can be of assistance to you, please feel free to ask. Again Welcome! And thank you for being with us.

Fraternally,

SK Malcolm M. Keasling
Acting Eminent Commander, Connersville Commandery No. 6

RESPONSE TO WELCOME

Eminent Commander and Sir Knights of Connersville Commandery No. 6:

On behalf of the Officers of the Grand Commandery, all distinguished guests, our ladies and all Sir Knights present, we wish to thank you for hosting the 155th Annual Conclave.

We thank you for all the courtesies and hospitality that you have extended to us. To the Eminent Commander, Malcolm W. Keasling, Sir Knights and Ladies of Connersville Commandery we thank you for the support that you have given to the Right Eminent Grand Commander, David M. Bertch.

We are sure that our stay here with you will be pleasant and enjoyable and that the Conclave will be good for all in attendance.

Thank you,

Larry W. Brown

Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander

HOUSE KEEPING BY THE GRAND COMMANDER

Please turn off all cell phones. We will have a break at 10:15 as some of us need to respond to the call of nature and we will have a final Credentials report at 10:30 AM with the voting beginning at 10:35 AM.

**JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE
APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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

I move that the proceeding of the 154th Annual Conclave be approved subject to the review and distribution.

Respectfully Submitted

Duane L. Vaught, GCT, PGC

For the Committee

**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 be received and included in the proceedings.

Respectfully Submitted

Duane L. Vaught, GCT, PGC

For the Committee

ROLL CALL OF GRAND 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 40 Grand Representatives present, 5 excused, 3 absent and 2 open. Grand Commander Bertch 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 assumed command of the Grand Commandery

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

GRAND COMMANDER'S ALLOCUTION

April 24, 2009

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

It is an honor to welcome you to this One Hundred Fifty-Fifth Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Indiana. To our Distinguished Guests from the Grand Encampment and our good friends from other Grand Jurisdictions, your presence here today might be called the icing on the cake of this session. We hope you all have an enjoyable time. If there is anything we can do to make your stay with us more pleasant, please feel free to contact any of the Officers.

My term as Grand Commander is about to end. For better or worse therefore it is my duty to give an accounting of my activities during this past Templar Year.

At the Winter Meeting in January 2008, I presented a brief outline of the program which I wished for the Grand Commandery to undertake in the 2008 – 2009 Templar Year. Since there had been rather large and ambitious modifications to the general program the previous year, and since the Officers of the Grand Commandery had agreed to support that new program for at least two years with minor modifications, the program which I presented was one of continuity with some clarification and needed house keeping.

1. For ceremonial purposes the Officers in the West were installed at the end of the Grand Session in 2008. Those officers are primarily Battalion Commanders and 99% of what they do is the work of a Battalion Commander. However, there are times during the Templar Year when the Officers in the West are needed for official duties such as a Color Guard.
2. The Responsibilities and Duties of the Battalion Commanders were clarified. It is now in writing that no matter who the Inspecting officer might be, the Battalion Commander is responsible for seeing that all pre-inspection paperwork related to the Inspection of a Commandery is to be forwarded to the proper local officers and that all post Inspection paper work is to be forwarded to the proper officers of the Grand Commandery. Battalion Commanders also select their own Deputy Battalion Commanders

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Project Inner Focus, instituted by Past Grand Commander Ronald Ellis, continues. This effort to retain members and close the back door should continue to be an essential part of our membership program. By making personal contact with members about to be suspended for non payment of dues, we are able to slow some of the drop in membership numbers and make those non attending members feel wanted.

During the last Templar Year, then Grand Commander Andrew Jackson began the process of sending a personally signed letter to members simply thanking them for being a Knight Templar. There was no mention of money or dues in the letter, just thanking them for their membership and urging them to take pride in being a Knight Templar. I continued the process this past year – leaving one third of the membership still to be contacted.

New Member and Officer Mentoring: was continued. Only by working with our new members, one on one can we make them feel welcome and get them involved in our organization. Only by mentoring our Officers as they come up through the line either at the local level or the state level can we train and maintain an effective Officer Corps.

Communication between the Officers of the Grand Commandery: One of my goals was to increase the level of communication between the Officers of the Grand Commandery. While efforts were made to do this, I regret that it did not succeed as I had wished.

York Rite Cooperation on the state level: I am pleased to say that cooperation and coordination between the three Grand York Rite Bodies has been good this year. On August 9, 2008 a one day York Rite Class was held at the Murat Center in honor of Most Worshipful Grand Master Jeffrey P. Zaring. The class resulted in fifty-one Knighting and the work presented was excellent. Also, the three bodies had an event day at Huntington on November 1, 2008 which was deemed a success. I can honestly say that the friendship developed between me and my counterparts in Grand Chapter and Grand Council has been wonderful and I am confident that it will continue.

Membership and Public Relations: The DVD and tri-fold York Rite membership flier created two years ago continues to be most useful and have been available for member recruitment. The bumper sticker, which says Knights Templar / Christian Mason, continues to show our pride of membership. The Templar Crusader program, begun last year continued this year. Templar Crusaders are men trained to visit Symbolic Lodges and present the York Rite story. Last year Templar Crusader jackets were awarded to top line signers which resulted in five Knightings and local Commanders whose Commandery had a net gain of one also received a jacket. This year the jackets will again be awarded and Sir Knights who received one last year and have accumulated an additional five top line singings resulting in Knighting will receive an additional emblem to be placed on the jacket they have already received. Sir Knight James L. Dove, Grand Generalissimo has been conducting a study of the effectiveness of the Templar Crusaders and will report on that later in this session

Working with and for the Grand Lodge: What a pleasure it has been to serve as Grand Commander at the same time that Most Worshipful Brother Jeffrey P. Zaring has served as Grand Master of Masons in Indiana. This past year, immediately following the installation of the Officers of the Grand Lodge, the Grand Commandery led a procession to Freemason's Hall to begin celebration of the 100th anniversary of that edifice. The Grand Commandery was honored to present the United States Flag at the Indiana Masonic Home on Memorial Day and lead the parade at Home Day in August. SK's Paul Cole, Carson Smith and I were also present at the observance of Veteran's Day at the Home. I was a guest at the banquet the evening prior to the Convocation of the Grand Lodge this past May and was received by then Most Worshipful Grand Master Duane L. Vaught with other guests during the opening portion of

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the meeting. The three Grand York Rite Bodies also participated in Masonic night at Symphony on the Prairie at Conner Prairie on August 31.

NECROLOGY

This past Templar Year has seen the passing of 136 of the Fraters of this Grand Commandery. We miss their friendship and kindness and extend the sympathy of all of us to their families.

This past year we experienced the sudden loss of Sir Knight Willard R. Clutter KCT, PGC, and PDC. I know we all extend our best wishes to Lady Donna on his passing. I wish to personally thank Sir Knight Brian Harms Grand Sentinel for organizing the Templar Guards for Sir Knight Clutter's calling. Sir Knight Kenneth E. Gibson KCT, PGC will speak further of Sir Knight Clutter later in the session.

TRAINING BATTALION COMMANDERS AND DBC'S

On March 29, 2008 Sir Knight Ronald Ellis KCT, PGC and designated Grand Inspector General of the Grand Commandery held a training workshop at Greenfield for those who would be the Inspecting Officers during the ensuing year. Sir Knight Ellis used actual sets of books from different Commanderies to show how to go over the books which was most helpful. Those attending were also instructed in the various forms used in the Inspections and a unified scoring system was agreed upon. Those attending also received CD's with all the forms on them ready to be printed out as needed.

THREE-WAY RECEPTION

On the evening of Friday, April 25, 2008 a reception and banquet was held for Companion W. Kris Phillips Most Excellent Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Indiana and Lady Chere, Companion Gary G. Wyne Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council, Cryptic Masons of Indiana and Lady Cheryl, and David M. Bertch Right Eminent Grand Commander, Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Indiana. Also present were Most Worshipful Brother Duane L. Vaught, Grand Master of Masons in Indiana and Lady Georgia and Right Worshipful Brother Jeffrey P. Zaring Deputy Grand Master and Lady Margie. Brother, Companion and Sir Knight Zaring served as Master of Ceremonies. A large and pleasant group of Brothers, Companions, Sir Knights, family and friends were present and a good time was had by all.

GRAND COMMANDERY PICNIC

The Grand Commandery picnic was again held at the home of Harrison E. "Gene" Lackey, KTCH, KTC, and HPGC on June 9. Those present enjoyed grand fellowship and much good food. We thank "Uncle" Gene and Lady Zelma for their hospitality.

SUMMER MEETING

The Summer Meeting of the Grand Commandery was held in New Albany on July 18th and 19th 2008. Grand Officers, Past Grand Officers, Battalion Commanders, Deputy Battalion Commanders and Sir Knights were present. Reports were received from Committee Chairmen and additional requests were made of various committees to have their work ready prior to Winter Meeting. The Grand Chapter and Grand Council also held meetings in New Albany at the same time, and all three groups participated in the rededication of the Crypt at Indiana Council #1. On Saturday evening the groups again joined together for a dinner cruise on the Ohio River.

HOLIDAY PARTY

The Grand Commandery Holiday Party was held on November 30 at the Rainbow Lodge near Edinburgh. Good fun and fellowship were enjoyed by all present. I wish to thank S.K. Scott Inman for organizing the placing of the Grand Commandery Nativity Scene at the Masonic Home that morning and S.K. Randal Ellington for organizing some young men from DeMolay to paint and repair the Nativity Shelter.

WINTER MEETING

The Winter Meeting of the Grand Commandery was held on January 10 at the Marriott in Indianapolis. Interim Battalion reports and committee reports were received. Proposed legislation was presented to the Jurisprudence Committee to make certain it was in proper form to be placed on the floor during Grand Session.

NEWBY – AVERY BANQUET

The annual Newby – Avery Banquet was held at the Marriott on the evening of January 10, 2009. We were honored by the attendance of Most Worshipful Brother and S.K. Jeffrey P. Zaring Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Indiana and Lady Margie; S.K. Duane L Vaught, R.E. Grand Captain General of the Grand Encampment Knights Templar of the United States of America and Lady Georgia; S.K. Franklin C. Boner R.E. Department Commander for the East Central Department, Grand Encampment Knights Templar and Lady Betty; S.K. William Jackson Jones, Past Most Eminent Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, Knights Templar of the United States of America; Companion and S.K. W. Kris Phillips, Most Excellent Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Indiana and Lady Chere; and Companion and S.K. Gary G. Wyne, Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council, Cryptic Masons of Indiana and Lady Cheryl. A pleasant evening was had by all in attendance.

EAST CENTRAL DEPARTMENT MEETING

The East Central Department Meeting was held in Perrysburg, Ohio on March 13 and 14. Representatives from the six states in the Department attended and much good information was presented by the officers of the Grand Encampment.

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

The Annual Easter Sunrise trip to Washington D.C. ran from April 8 to 12. As has been the case in the past, SK Irvin Bitting KCT, PGC and Lady Doris took care of arrangements. On April 8 we journeyed to Williamsburg, Virginia and on the 9th had a walking tour of that town. On the morning of the 10th we toured Jamestown and Yorktown and then in the afternoon journeyed to Alexandria Virginia. On the morning of the 11th the Grand Commandery of Indiana placed a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington Cemetery. This was a most moving experience. On the evening of the 11th we attended a banquet sponsored by the Grand Encampment Knights Templar of the United State of America. Then on Easter Morning we attended the very inspiring Grand Encampment Easter Sunrise Service at the George Washington National Masonic Memorial in Alexandria, Virginia. We then boarded our bus and arrived back in Indianapolis late that evening.

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FOREIGN VISITATIONS

June 19-20, 2008 – Grand Commandery of Wisconsin – S K Lawrence Catellier presiding.

August 1-2, 2008 – Grand Commandery of Illinois – S K Howard Hoffman presiding.

August 7-8, 2008 – Grand Commandery of Michigan – S K Glenn Leeper, Jr. presiding.

September 18-19, 2008 – Grand Commandery of Kentucky – S K Daniel Coleman presiding.

October 9-10, 2008 – Grand Commandery of Ohio – S K Burch Zehner presiding

VISITATIONS IN INDIANA

April 25	Three way reception and banquet
April 26	Competitive drills and drill lunch
May 5	Liberty Lodge stated meeting
May 7	Connersville York Rite joint meeting
May 12	Area Chapter Inspection at Richmond
May 14	Huntington Commandery #35
May 19	Grand Lodge Dinner – Holiday Inn
May 20	Grand Lodge – Scottish Rite Cathedral Grand Lodge Banquet – Murat Center
May 21	Grand Lodge – Scottish Rite Cathedral Lead procession from Scottish Rite to Freemason’s Hall
May 25	Presented Flag at Masonic Home Memorial Day Observance
May 31	Kris Phillips reception at Greencastle
June 2	Richmond Commandery #8 – introduced Grand Prelate
June 3	Order of Amaranth informal opening
June 4	Connersville York Rite joint meeting Connersville Commandery Ascension Observance
June 7	DeMolay board meeting at Scottish Rite
June 13	Grand Chapter Order of Eastern Star – informal opening
June 15	Grand Commandery summer picnic – Gene and Zelma Lackey’s
June 19	Grand Commandery of Wisconsin
June 20	Grand Commandery of Wisconsin
July 2	Connersville York Rite joint meeting
July 4	Annual Breakfast and MM – Liberty Lodge
July 7	Liberty Lodge stated meeting
July 17	Went to New Albany in P M
July 18	Grand Commandery Summer Meeting
July 19	Form Lines for Crypt Rededication – for Grand Council Grand Commandery Summer Meeting Dinner Cruise with Grand Chapter and Grand Council
July 24	W. M. Avery AMD meeting
July 27	State DeMolay meeting at DePauw University
August 1	Grand Commandery of Illinois
August 2	Grand Commandery of Illinois

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VISITATIONS IN INDIANA (Continued)

- August 3 Masonic Home Day
Presented colors at Opening
Assisted with Church Service
Lead Parade
- August 4 Liberty Lodge stated meeting
- August 6 Connersville York Rite joint meeting
- August 7 Grand Commandery of Michigan
Grand Commandery of Michigan
- August 8 One Day Grand York Rite Class at Murat Center
- August 14 George Kivett – 50 year Symbolic Lodge presentation
- August 16 Reception for MW Brother Jeffrey P Zaring in Plainfield
- August 28 Presented Flag at General Grand Chapter – Larry Gray GGHP
- August 29 Attended funeral of MW Brother Robert E. Hancock Jr.
- August 31 York Rite booth – Masonic night Symphony on the Prairie
- September 6 Joint Reception – H W Matthewson #66 and Lafayette #3
- September 19 Grand Commandery of Kentucky
- September 20 Grand Commandery of Kentucky
Reception at New Albany #5
- September 22 Reception at Trinity #62 – received MW GM Zaring
- September 23 Joint Reception Michigan City #30 and Valparaiso #28
- September 25 Reception E.H. Gary #57
- September 26 York Rite dinner at Greencastle
- September 27 Battalion VII Reception – Clinton #48, Greencastle #11, Crawfordsville #25, Terre Haute #16 – at Terre Haute
- October 1 Connersville York Rite – joint meeting – Red Cross Instructional
- October 2 Calling – W.R. Clutter
- October 3 Funeral – W. R. Clutter
- October 4 Battalion VIII Reception – LaValette #15, Vincennes #20, Bedford #42, Wright #64 – at Evansville
- October 5 State York Rite meeting
- October 9 Grand Commandery of Ohio
- October 10 Grand Commandery of Ohio
- October 11 Joint Reception Columbus #14 and Seymour #56 – noon – at Columbus
Reception Baldwin #2 – evening
- October 18 Joint Receptions – LaPorte #12 and South Bend #13 – at LaPorte
- October 20 Reception – Hammond #41
- October 23 Reception – Greenfield #39
- October 24 Reception – Grant County #21
- October 25 Joint Reception – Ft Wayne #4 and Huntington #35 – at Ft Wayne
- October 27 Joint Receptions – Wm G Bray #65 and Johnson County #23 –
At Mooresville
- October 28 Reception – Noblesville #61
- November 1 Grand York Rite exhibition Degree and Orders Huntington
- November 3 Liberty Lodge – stated meeting
- November 5 Connersville York Rite – joint stated meeting
- November 7 Joint Reception – Anderson #32 and Muncie #18 – at Anderson

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VISITATIONS IN INDIANA (Continued)

- November 8 Reception – Frankfort #29 – noon
Reception – Raper #1 – evening
- November 10 Reception – Richmond #8
- November 11 Veterans Day at the Masonic Home
Reception and OT - Elkhart #31
- November 12 Reception - Connersville #6
- November 14 Met with Marriott about menus for session
- November 17 Reception – H. E. Lackey #67
- November 31 Put up Nativity Scene at Masonic Home
Grand Commandery Holiday Party
- December 1 Liberty Lodge – stated meeting
- December 3 Connersville York Rite – joint stated meeting
Connersville Commandery Christmas Observance
- December 27 Feast of St John – Joint Liberty 58 Brownsville 70
- January 5 Liberty Lodge – stated meeting
- January 7 Connersville York Rite – joint stated meeting
- January 9 VEDGC Brown’s meeting with Officers
- January 10 Winter Meeting
- January 10 Newby / Avery Banquet
- January 11 Took down Nativity Scene at Masonic Home
- January 17 Grand Lodge Founder’s Day
- January 26 FC degree at Liberty Lodge
- January 31 Officer’s meeting at Kokomo
- February 18 50 Year Commandery Presentation – Ft Wayne
- February 23 Confer EA Degree – Liberty Lodge
- March 12 50 Year Commandery Presentation – Kokomo
- March 13 East Central Department Meeting – Perrysburg, Ohio
- March 14 East Central Department Meeting – Perrysburg, Ohio
- March 18 W. M. Avery AMD – stated meeting
- March 24 50 Year Commandery Presentation – Bloomington
- March 25 50 Year Commandery Presentation – Columbus
- March 30 MM Degree – Liberty Lodge
- April 1 Connersville York Rite – joint stated meeting; Easter Observance
- April 3 Council Instructional at Greenfield
- April 6 Liberty Lodge – stated meeting
- April 7 Indianapolis – late afternoon
- April 8 Bus trip to Williamsburg
- April 9 Toured Williamsburg
- April 10 Toured Jamestown and Yorktown morning; Bus to Alexandria afternoon
- April 11 Wreath Laying at Arlington Cemetery
Banquet with Grand Master Koon evening
- April 12 Grand Encampment Sunrise Service; Bus – return to Indianapolis
- April 15 Battalion meeting – Parker City – as EC of Connersville
- April 21 Helped set up Hospitality room
Grand Chapter Banquet
- April 22 Grand Chapter meeting
Grand Council Banquet

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VISITATIONS IN INDIANA (Continued)

April 23	Grand Council meeting Grand Commander's Banquet
April 24	155 th Conclave Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Indiana Installation of New Officers Three Way Reception and banquet
April 25	Competitive Drills Drill Lunch

MISSED VISITATIONS

June 21	Jobs Daughters State Meeting at Taylor University – represented by SK Paul Cole G.G.
June 27-28	Council of Deliberation – Work Conflicts
July 10 – 12	State Meeting Order of Rainbow – Work Conflicts – represented by SK Jack Wallace GStB
July 21	Red Cross of Constantine – Work Conflicts
October 4	Red Cross of Constantine – attending Battalion VIII Reception

GENERAL ORDERS

- General Order No. 1 was issued April 26, 2008 pertaining to the Annual Inspection of Constituent Commanderies.
- General Order No. 2 was issued April 26, 2008 pertaining to Special Dispensations: Uniforms, Joint Meetings, etc.
- General Order No. 3 was issued April 26, 2008 pertaining to the Eminent Commander Certificate of Merit Award.
- General Order No. 4 was issued April 26, 2008 pertaining to Libations for Candidates under the age of 21.
- General Order No. 5 was issued April 26, 2008 pertaining to the renewal of St. Anslem Commandery U.D.
- General Order No. 6 was issued September 22, 2008 pertaining to the resignation of SK J. Rex Sohn and the appointment of SK Scott G. Inman as Senior Warden of the Grand Commandery
- General Order No. 7 was issued April 26, 2008 pertaining to the nominations for Distinguished Service Award.
- General Order No. 8 was issued September 1, 2008 pertaining to nomination for the Knight Templar Cross of Honor.
- General Order No. 9 was issued November 30, 2008 pertaining to the appointment of Bobby J. Roberts as Grand Junior Warden of the Grand Commandery.

BULLETINS

- Bulletin No. 1: 154th Conclave Digest
- Bulletin No. 2: Membership Crusade for 2008-09
- Bulletin No. 3: Holy Land Pilgrimage for Christian Ministers
- Bulletin No. 4: Christmas Message
- Bulletin No. 5: Easter Message

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GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

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

7/25/2008	David R. Urlich	Wyoming
4/23/2009	Scott G. Inman	Virginia
4/23/2009	Lawrence V. Kaminsky	Michigan

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

6/22/2008	Philip G. Buchholz	Wyoming
7/19/2008	John B. Studell	Minnesota
4/8/2009	Michael A. Pardon, Jr.	Florida
4/24/2009	Bruce D. Basil, KCT, PGC, GR	Ohio

SPECIAL DEPUTY APPOINTMENTS

- Andrew R. Jackson, KCT, PGC was appointed a Special Deputy to exercise a general supervision and to aid in the merger of Jeffersonville Commandery No. 27 into New Albany Commandery No. 5
- Scott G. Inman, GSW, was appointed a Special Deputy to assist Bedford Commandery during reorganization.

DISPENSATIONS GRANTED

- Dispensation is granted to hold a special election for the office of Eminent Commander at the May stated meeting of William G. Bray Commandery #65.
- Due to a lack of quorum at the stated conclave of May, 2008, dispensation is herein granted to hold a special election for the office of Eminent Commander at the June stated meeting of William G. Bray Commandery #65.
- Dispensation granted to hold a special election for the office of Eminent Commander at the next stated meeting of Fort Wayne Commandery #4.
- Dispensation granted to move the charter of Connersville Commandery No 6 to the Murat Temple in Indianapolis, Indiana for the purpose of hosting an All Day York Rite Class on Saturday, August 9, 2008.
- Dispensation granted to hold a special election for the office of Generalissimo at the next stated meeting of Angola Commandery No. 45.
- Dispensation is herein granted to move the charter of Trinity Commandery No. 62 to the Grand Lodge Building in Indianapolis, Indiana for the purpose of hosting a reception for the Grand Commander.
- Due to the inclement weather, dispensation is herein granted for Raper Commandery No. 1 to hold a special meeting on December 30, 2008 for the purpose of election of officers for the Templar Year 2009 and the payment of regular bills. Per these instructions, no other business may be conducted.
- Due to the inclement weather, dispensation is herein granted for LaPorte Commandery No. 12 to hold a special meeting on December 30, 2008 for the purpose of election of officers for the Templar Year 2009 and the payment of regular bills. Per these instructions, no other business may be conducted.

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- Dispensation granted to hold a special election for the office of Senior Warden at the next stated meeting of H.E. Lackey Commandery No. 67.
- Dispensation granted to move the charter of Connersville Commandery No 6 to the Marriott Hotel East in Indianapolis, Indiana for the purpose of hosting the 155th Annual Conclave of Knights Templar of Indiana.

FIFTY YEAR AWARDS

Submitted	Comm.	Name	Knighted
04/01/2008	39	Hubert Darrell Miller	04/28/1958
04/01/2008	39	Richard David Barton	02/13/1958
11/15/2008	36	Donald R Beckom	05/20/1958
11/15/2008	36	William Keith Davies	03/24/1958
11/21/2008	41	David James Allen	05/26/1958
11/21/2008	41	Albert Edwin Wickland, Jr	05/05/1958
11/30/2008	04	James Stewart De Mond	12/06/1958
11/30/2008	04	Albert H. McClelland	11/20/1958
12/13/2008	63	Richard Earl Hickam	06/14/1958
12/13/2008	63	William Harold Roper	11/18/1958
12/21/2008	36	Arthur Edward Hollingsworth	02/24/1959
01/25/2009	13	Roy Francis Denniston, Jr	05/01/1958
01/29/2009	24	James L. Lund	11/09/1957
01/29/2009	39	Rodney Grant Fleming	11/24/1958
02/10/2009	03	Robert Wendell Yost	04/28/1959
02/13/2009	14	Robert J. Maple, Sr	02/28/1959
02/25/2009	36	Dennis Owen Rohrer	03/01/1959
02/26/2009	03	Wendell Kenneth McCormick	03/11/1959

BY-LAWS APPROVED

Greencastle No. 11	Dues Increase
Trinity Commandery No. 62	Time change of Stated Conclave
Angola Commandery No. 45	Rewrite of Bylaws
South Bend Commandery No. 13	Change date of Stated Conclaves

COMMANDERIES OPENED AND CLOSED

Jeffersonville Commandery No. 27 merged with New Albany Commandery No. 5 on 10/17/2008.

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARDS

Twenty-one (21) 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, five (5) of these were for Friends of the Commandery.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. I recommend that, if it proves to be working, the Templar Crusader Program be continued.
2. I recommend that the new Officers of the Grand Commandery continue needed housekeeping legislation and clarification.
3. I recommend that the expense fund for the Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander be increased.
4. I recommend that St. Anselm Commandery U. D. be continued.
5. I recommend that the Grand Commandery continue to work closely with the other Grand York Rite Bodies and the Grand Lodge.
6. I recommend that the Grand Commandery continue its financial support of the Order of Rainbow, Jobs Daughters and the Order of DeMolay.
7. I recommend that personal letters sent to individual Sir Knights in Indiana be completed during the ensuing Templar Year.
8. I recommend that the Grand Commandery continue to push for the formation of drill teams – either at individual Commanderies or on a Battalion Basis.
9. I recommend that some accommodation be made for storage of Grand Commandery property entrusted to the Grand Commander.

CONCLUSIONS

Sir Knights, as I stated in my goals, this has been a year of continuity and house keeping. The team work effort by the Officers of the Grand Commandery – started some years ago – has proven a worthy undertaking in what are often difficult times. The efforts by the Officers of your Grand Commandery continue to be directed in the best interest of Templary.

To those who came before me, I owe a debt which can not be paid; I can only give my humble thanks. In many ways MW Brother Max Carpenter started me on this journey when he appointed me as Representative for Grand Lodge and I began traveling around the East Central part of Indiana. To SK Keith Dunn who appointed me as a Deputy Battalion Commander and to my good friend SK George Ingles who had a large part in my initial appointment to the Grand Commandery line – I am eternally grateful.

To my friend, mentor and confidant SK Robert Eugene Price and Lady Nancy, your support through the last seven years has been wonderful – what else can I say.

To SK's Larry Kaminsky and Andy Jackson – two years ago when I was wavering about dropping out do to health problems, your pep talks with me let me see that I could continue to fulfill the obligations of this line to the best of my ability.

To the Family of the Grand Commandery with whom I have been privileged to serve – the fellowship and friendship we have experienced together will always mean so much.

To the Ladies of the Grand Commandery and the Constituent Commanderies - thank you for putting up with, mothering and helping the grouchy old bachelor all these years.

To all the Sir Knights and Ladies at the Receptions last fall; the friendship and kindness which you demonstrated and your respect for the office I have been privileged to hold shows me what really class people you are.

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To the Brothers of my Lodge – Liberty 58 – thank you for your support and understanding my sometimes being unable to attend everything over these last years.

Finally to my brother and business partner John Bertch – not a member of the Fraternity - but supportive and understanding of my absences from work over these last several years.
Thank you – I love you and your family very much.

Respectfully submitted,

David M. Bertch, Grand Commander

JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE
Division and References

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

I move 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 address that refers to By-laws approved be referred to the By-laws Committee.

That so much of the address that refers to Commanderies opened or closed be referred to the Dispensations and Charters Committee.

That so much of the Grand Commander’s address referring to dispensations granted be referred to the Jurisprudence Committee.

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

Committee	Recommendation
Finance	Recommendation #s 3 & 6
Jurisprudence Committee	General Order #4
York Rite Coordination	Recommendation #5
Executive Committee	Recommendation #s1, 2, 7 &9
Youth Committee	Recommendation #6
Drill Committee	Recommendation #8
Dispensations and Charters	General Order # 5 / Recommendation #4

Respectfully Submitted
Duane L. Vaught, GCT, PGC
For the Committee

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE FINAL REPORT

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

Pursuant to your orders - the Credentials Committee files the following final report:

Total Official Delegates Registered	117
Total Past Commanders (Not otherwise registered) –	46
Total Grand officers and Past Grand Commanders (Not otherwise registered) –	21
Total eligible to vote –	184

The following Commanderies have representatives missing as follows:

Baldwin #2	G	E. H. Gary #57	G
Michigan City #30	G	Wright #64	CG
Clinton #48	G, CG		

I would like to thank those Sir Knights that assisted with my duties as Credentials Committee Chairman, Carson Smith #1 and Andrew Wiley #67.

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

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	

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Number	Name	Office	Proxy
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
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 G. Christopher W. Kimmel C.G. Paul D. Keen	Proxy
21	Grant County	E.C. Floyd Earl G. Jerry Owen C.G. Michael W. Winters	

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Number	Name	Office	Proxy
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 G. Charles L. Combi C.G. Jim L. Dove	Proxy Proxy Proxy
29	Frankfort	E. C. Michael Mane G. Virgil Humphrey C.G. Dennis Tudor	Proxy Proxy
30	Michigan City	G. Charles E. Johnson C.G. John W. Franks	
31	Elkhart	E.C. Rex Hogan G. Russell Anderson C.G. Warren R. Deferberche	Proxy 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 C.G. Charl Bandelier	Proxy
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	

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE FINAL REPORT (cont.)

Number	Name	Office	Proxy
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. Crussemeyer G. Jacob Demott	Proxy
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. C.G. Richard Somers	Proxy Proxy
61	Noblesville	E.C. Thomas W. Harper G. Tony Peterson C.G. Jeffery M. Jordan	Proxy
62	Trinity	E.C. Kevin Comstock G. Carson C. Smith C.G. Jerald L. Miller	Proxy
63	Bloomington	E.C. Larry G. Huffman G. Michael C. Stoner C.G. Eric Shaw	
64	Wright	E.C. Charles M. Huff G. Robert G. Bragg	Proxy Proxy
65	Wm. G. Bray	E.C. Charles D. Wood, Jr. G. Ronald J. Davis C.G. George A. Ingles	Proxy
66	H.W. Matthewson	E.C. Irvin L. Bitting G. Terry D. Elijah C.G. John E. Hylemon	Proxy

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE FINAL REPORT (cont.)

Number	Name	Office	Proxy
67	Lawrence	E.C. Joseph M. Ketterman G. Charles R. Bowling C.G. H. E. Lackey	
68	St. Anselm	E.C. Ronald L. Ellis G. George A. Ingles C.G. H.E. "Gene" Lackey	Proxy

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

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

Larry W. Brown, GC James L. Dove, DGC Paul A. Cole, GG
Scott Inman, GCG Bobby J. Roberts, GSW Jack A. Wallace, GJW
Robert J. Frazer, KCT, PGC, GT Lawrence V. Kaminsky, KCT, PGC, GR

Trustee (1) Rodney A. Mann, KCT, PGC
Trustee (2) Years Kenneth Gibson, KCT, PGC
Trustee (3) Years Ronald L. Ellis, KCT, PGC, Elected
Those who were elected signified their acceptance to the elected offices.

GRAND RECORDER REPORTS PROBLEMS

Sir Knight Kaminsky reported that he was having difficulties with our normal Jewelers getting our Past Grand Commander's Jewels repaired, our Grand Prelate Jewels and our Distinguished Service Awards. He will have them as soon as he can find a new Jeweler and will distribute them when they arrive. We are closing out the jacket program this year and will not be doing the program next year.

REPORT OF THE GRAND RECORDER FOR 2008 – 2009

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	41	
Number of Commanderies under dispensation	1	
Total Membership January 1, 2008		4550
Additions for 2008		
Knights Templar conferred on:	196	
Affiliated	204	
Reinstated	16	
Adjustments	<u>0</u>	
		416
Deductions for 2008:		
Deceased	138	
Demitted	308	
Suspended	<u>118</u>	
		564
Net Loss for the year		-148
Total Membership December 31, 2008		4402

COMPARATIVE STATISTICS

	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Number of Commanderies	46	46	46	45	44	42	42
Net Loss in Membership	214	182	231	175	12	184	148
# of Commanderies w/no Knightings	7	11	8	10	7	5	5
# of Commanderies w/Gain	11	9	10	13	17	12	12
# of Commanderies staying even	0	4	5	2	3	3	3
Total Affiliations	21	22	18	18	42	52	204
Total Reinstated	22	12	12	24	16	25	16
Total Deaths	186	138	138	162	139	160	138
Total Demits	117	89	89	92	108	193	308
Total Suspensions	112	197	197	151	161	130	118
Total Remissions	325	305	305	275	287	305	343

Commanderies with less than 100 members	27
Commanderies with 101-200 members	11
Commanderies with 201-300 members	4
Commanderies with 300+ members	1
Smallest Commandery – Clinton No. 48	32
Largest Commandery – Greenfield No. 39	318

**GRAND COMMANDERY, KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF INDIANA
INSURANCE AND BOND COVERAGE
MAY 1, 2008**

CONTENTS and LIABILITY COVERAGE –

Killingbeck Insurance Agency, 1501 E Markland, PO Box 2946, Kokomo, IN 46904

Policy # 029-030-408997

Comprehensive General Liability Coverage - \$1,000,000 aggregate and \$1,000,000 each occurrence

No building coverages but \$15,825 coverage for contents for fire, Theft, etc.

Money and Securities are covered up to \$10,000 on premises and \$5,000 off premises, \$500 deductible.

Premium: \$400.00 (one year)

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 12-01-2011

Named Insured: Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Indiana, its Constituent Commanderies, and Knights Templar Educational Foundation

Form A Employees Dishonesty Coverage - \$10,000.00

Blanket Excess Employees Dishonesty Coverage - \$200,000 on Grand Recorder in that position;
\$50,000.00 on Secretary – Treasurer of Educational Foundation in that position:

Excess coverage carries the primary coverage as deductible so that \$50,000.00 is maximum coverage.

Premium \$1,773.00 (3 years)

**PROPERTIES OWNED BY THE GRAND COMMANDERY
KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF INDIANA
AND THE EDUCATION FOUNDATION, INDIANA DIVISION
(MAY 1, 2008)**

<u>Item (Date of Acquisition)</u>	<u>Purchase Price</u>	<u>Est. Value</u>
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”		0.00
Card File Units for dead files		0.00
Swintec Electronic Typewriter	618.73	65.00
Model 98016-Ser. 4 (5-20-87)		
Brother IntelliFAX (3-30-94)	479.95	100.00
Canon GP200S Floor Copier (8-12-1999)	4,256.64	500.00
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 2007		
Proceedings of the Grand Encampment		
Complete to date – Bound		
60 Skull Caps for 5 th Libation		100.00
Collar for Grand Commander’s Jewel		250.00
Compaq Computer & Accessories	3,250.00	1,200.00
Office supplies and other items for sale- estimated		300.00
ITA Pins	(30)	
50 year pins	(20)	
DSA awards – Members	(0) 0.00	0.00
DSA awards – Friends	(0) 0.00	0.00
Newby-Avery Pins (all varieties)	3,500.00	3,500.00
150 Year Books (30)	5.00	150.00
Total estimated value:		\$6,410.00

All of the above items are located in the Grand Commandery Office at 3516 Duluth Place, Highland, IN

Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Indiana

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 2008-09

OPERATING FUND

Balance on hand 4-1-2008 (in the following 2 accounts) \$75,604.52

RECEIPTS

Accounts:

Commandery Checking Beginning Balance 4/1/2008	\$9,682.84	
Commandery Checking Deposits	\$79,001.89	
Commandery Checks Disbursed	\$82,867.92	
Ending Balance 3/31/2009		\$5,816.81
Commandery Savings Beginning Balance 4/1/2008	\$65,921.68	
Per Capita	\$68,551.24	
Transfer from Life Membership	\$0.00	
Rituals	\$510.96	
DSA Awards	\$1,118.00	
Decals	\$478.20	
Membership Development	\$0.00	
Miscellaneous	\$334.46	
Interest on Savings	\$366.50	
Commandery Savings Deposits	\$71,359.36	
Commandery Savings Withdrawals	\$79,001.89	
Ending Balance 3/31/2009		\$58,315.51
Total Accounts 3/31/2009		\$64,132.32

DISBURSEMENTS

Audit	\$967.70
Distinguished Guests	\$2,720.37
Drills	\$745.76
DSA Awards	\$0.00
Equipment	\$1,719.61
Grand Commanders Contingent Fund	\$0.00
Grand Encampment Per Capita	\$43,912.00
Grand Officers Expense	\$0.00
Grand Commander's Expense	\$4,890.00
Grand Recorder Expense	\$9,999.96
Grand Recorder Office Expense	\$2,184.30
Grand Treasurer Expense	\$200.00
K.T. Supplement Editor	\$150.00
G.I.G. Expense	\$767.40
Insurance	\$2,173.00
Membership Development Expense	\$1,910.00
Miscellaneous	\$468.95
Payroll Taxes	\$873.78
PGC & GPE Jewels	\$101.65
Postage	\$3,656.44
Printing	\$260.10
Proceedings – Annual & Advanced	\$592.16
Rituals & Tactics	\$702.33
Technology	\$1,467.02
Telephone	\$755.40

Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Indiana

Triennial Expense	\$125.00	
Trophies & Awards	\$389.73	
York Rite Association	\$600.00	
Youth	\$1,000.00	
	\$83,332.66	\$83,332.66

Fund Balances within the Operating Account:

Checking Account	\$5,816.81	
Savings Account	\$58,315.51	
Total Operating Accounts:	\$64,132.32	\$64,132.32
Per Capita Account (Held in Savings Account)	\$68,551.24	
Membership Development Held in Savings Account)	\$500.00	
Newby Avery Fund (Held in Savings Account)	\$7,886.06	
Total Sub Accounts	\$76,937.30	\$76,937.30
General Fund (Operating Account less Per Capita)		-\$12,804.98

Other Funds held in Separate Accounts:

Commandery Life Member Savings Balance 4/1/2008	\$36,108.67	
Life Membership Savings Deposits	\$3,251.50	
Life Membership Savings Withdrawals	\$0.00	
Life Membership Savings Interest	\$435.93	
Ending Balance 3/31/2009		\$39,796.10
Life Membership Investments (CD's)	\$6,000.00	
Total Life Membership Accounts		\$45,796.10
Triennial Beginning Balance 4/1/2008	\$1,215.53	
Triennial Deposits	\$0.00	
Triennial Withdrawals	\$0.00	
Triennial Savings Interest	\$5.43	
Ending Balance 3/31/2009		\$1,220.96
Membership Development Reserve (CD) (A.G. Edwards)	\$10,000.00	
Total		\$10,000.00
Holy Land Pilgrimage Fund	\$21,920.75	
Total		\$21,970.75
Total Other Funds		\$118,783.91

Permanent Fund (Raymond James)

Beginning Balance 4/1/2008	\$293,432.19	
Ending Balance 3/31/2009	\$200,135.27	
		-\$93,296.92

Education Fund (Raymond James)

Beginning Balance 4/1/2008	\$218,006.17	
Ending Balance 3/31/2009	\$148,974.88	
		-\$69,031.29

Respectfully Submitted,
Robert J. Frazer, KCT, P.G.C., G.T.

TRUSTEE'S REPORT

Right Eminent Grand Commander, The trustee met with our investment advisor on Monday, two of us were there Ken Gibson, PGC and myself. As you know our portfolio has pretty much mirrored how the rest of the rest of the Stock Market performed. Our money is invested in a moderate growth portfolio it is 65% in stocks and 35% Bonds and mutual funds It is designed to where when the market drops we don't drop and much as the market but we also don't get all the upside either. So our investments are down we will continue in that fund we will need to bring money out of that fund for the operation of the Grand Commandery and we will do that when directed to do so.

Fraternally submitted,

Rodney A. Mann, KCT, PGC

Report was accepted and received.



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, 2009 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 3, 2009

Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Indiana

GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF INDIANA
STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION
- CASH BASIS -
MARCH 31, 2009

Assets:	
Cash and Cash Equivalents:	
General Checking Account	\$ 910.26
Triennial Savings Account	1,220.96
Life Membership Savings Account	39,796.10
Per Capita Savings Account	73,315.51
Money Market Account	2,937.56
Total Cash and Cash Equivalents	<u>118,180.39</u>
Investments:	
Certificate of Deposits	0.00
Raymond James Investments	200,135.27
Total Investments	<u>200,135.27</u>
Accounts Receivable	0.00
Inventory Assets	<u>0.00</u>
Total Assets	\$ <u>318,315.66</u>
Net Assets:	
Unrestricted	\$ <u>318,315.66</u>
Total Net Assets	\$ <u>318,315.66</u>

See accompanying notes and accountants' compilation report

Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Indiana

GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS OF TEMPLAR OF INDIANA
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
- CASH BASIS -
FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2009

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Temporarily Restricted</u>	<u>Permanently Restricted</u>	<u>Total</u>
Revenues and Other Support:				
Per Capita Holding	\$ 68,551.24	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 68,551.24
Interest & Dividend Income	8,917.41	-	-	8,917.41
DSA Awards Payments Received	-	-	-	-
Realized Gain on Investment	3,706.25	-	-	3,706.25
Unrealized Gain/(Loss) on Investments	(114,977.02)	-	-	(114,977.02)
Drill Teams	-	-	-	-
Membership Development Interest	-	-	-	-
Other Receipts for Rituals & Publications	2,822.53	-	-	2,822.53
Contributions & Life Memberships	<u>3,526.50</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,526.50</u>
Total Revenue and Other Support	<u>(27,453.09)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(27,453.09)</u>
Expenses:				
Program Expenses	70,794.02	-	-	70,794.02
Payment to Beneficiaries of Life Estates	-	-	-	-
Management and General Expenses	<u>16,512.10</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>16,512.10</u>
Total Expenses	<u>87,306.12</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>87,306.12</u>
Change in Net Assets	<u>(114,759.21)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(114,759.21)</u>
Net Assets at Beginning of Year	<u>433,074.87</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>433,074.87</u>
Net Assets at End of Year	<u>\$ 318,315.66</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 318,315.66</u>

See accompanying notes and accountants' compilation report

Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Indiana

GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS OF TEMPLAR OF INDIANA
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
MARCH 31, 2009

NOTE 1 - 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 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 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.
- (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.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

To the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Indiana

The finance committee met to consider the budget for templar years 2009-2010 and 2010-2011. The Grand Treasurer, Grand Recorder and two of the dais officers were also present.

First it should be observed that the last year, and in particular the last eight months, have been financially difficult. Perhaps some of you may have noticed that for yourselves. It might be nice to think we can gather and enjoy ourselves without concern for such mundane matters but alas such is not the case. The permanent fund which was anticipated to provide between 25% and 30% of the discretionary funds for this Grand Commandery has been badly hurt by the economy. Our trustees will be reporting to you about this.

We also have the routine problems of a membership still in decline (even if not as fast as in the past) and inflation in costs, gasoline for example.

In order to produce a balanced budget it was necessary to take some steps. The Grand Recorder and Grand Trustees did not transfer funds from the permanent to the general fund in either of the last two years. Although we would prefer not to do so we must now take those funds and they have been included in the budget in the amounts of \$10,000 each the next two years. The money raised from the Templar Crusader has previously been used only for charity. Our current budget provides that \$2,000 and \$1,000 of those funds be contributed to the general fund in the next two years.

Expenses have also been cut. It has been the desire of the committee for several years to pump some money each year into the life membership fund to assure its stability. This will be cut back to \$500 for 2010-2011 and nothing for the coming year.

We have held the line on other expenses where possible and in fact the budget presented shows decreased total expenses two years out.

The final budget for 2009-2010 shows a surplus of \$11. The preliminary budget for 2010-2011 shows a surplus of only \$143. However even under these conditions it will necessary to increase Per Capita. The committee therefore recommends that the Per Capita to be collected on each dues paying member and remitted to the Grand Commandery in the early 2010 be set at \$9.00 to which will be added the Per Capita for Grand Encampment. This is an increase of 50 cents.

The committee thanks the Grand Treasurer, Grand Recorder and Grand Trustees for their assistance in projecting our income and expenses.

Fraternally submitted

Duane L. Vaught GCT PGC Chairman
Irvin L. Bitting KCT PGC
George A. Ingles Jr. KCT PGC

Motion to receive and print the finance committee report
Motion to adopt the per capita was passed

Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Indiana

2009 – 2010 Budget

	Budget 2009-10	Budget 2010 -11
<u>MEMBERS</u>		
Members	4,100	3,950
less remissions	343	340
Total	<u>3,757</u>	<u>3,610</u>
Creations	<u>185</u>	<u>185</u>
Per Capita	8.50	9.00
Grand Encampment per Capita	9.00	9.00
Total Per Capita	<u>17.50</u>	<u>18.00</u>

RECEIPTS

Per Capita Dues - Indiana	31,935	32,490
Per Capita Dues - Grand Encampment	36,900	35,550
K. T. Eye Foundation Assessment	3,082	3,082
Knighting Fees	1,850	1,850
Sales of material	500	500
DSA Payments	1,000	2,000
Interest Earned	65	65
Membership Development Income	450	425
Permanent Fund Transfer	10,000	10,000
Publications	2,000	1,000
Rituals	600	600
Miscellaneous	200	200
Total Income	<u>88,582</u>	<u>87,762</u>

DISBURSEMENTS

NON-DISCRETIONARY AND SPECIAL ACCOUNTS

Grand Encampment Per Capita	36,900	35,550
K. T. Eye Foundation Assessment	3,082	3,082
Life membership shortfall		500
Permanent Fund	3,757	3,610
Triennial Payroll	751	722
	<u>44,490</u>	<u>43,464</u>

Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Indiana

DISCRETIONARY

Accounting	980	1,080
Conclave		
Awards	500	500
Drills	700	725
Distinguished Guests	3,200	3,300
Equipment		500
Grand Commander	5,200	5,200
Grand Officers Expense	3,000	3,000
Grand Recorder		
Grand Recorder		
Contingent/office	3,400	3,400
Compensation / expense	10,000	10,000
Grand Treasurer Expense	200	200
Insurance	850	850
K.T. Supplement	150	150
Membership Development Expense	2,500	1,500
Newby Avery / 50ypins	400	400
PGC & GPE Jewels	500	500
Postage	2,500	2,700
Proceedings – Annual & Advanced	3,000	3,000
Technology	1,000	1,000
Contingency	1,850	2,000
Red Book	600	600
Youth	750	750
Subtotal	<u>41,280</u>	<u>41,355</u>

INVENTORY ITEMS

DSA Awards	2,000	2,000
Rituals	600	600
Other	200	200
	<u>2,800</u>	<u>2,800</u>

Total Expenses **88,570** **87,619**

Surplus / deficit **11** **143**

Motion to adopt the 2009-2010 budget was passed

EDUCATION FOUNDATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Right Eminent Grand Commander, Officers, Sir Knights, The Educational Foundation about three years ago decided to try to get out loan end and get into the scholarship business. In the last two years we have been awarding a \$5,000.00 scholarship to the Christian Theological Seminary here in Indianapolis. This scholarship of \$5,000.00 each year is for a student who is working on his or her Master or Doctors Degree in Divinity. We have promised CTS that we would work with them for two year guaranteeing them \$10,000.00 in scholarships and then we would review and at that time hoped to continue with them and at that time had hoped to start another program in another part of the state with another Seminary school. As the trustee stated in the financial report due to the financial conditions we will not be able to start another scholarship, but we will continue with the one \$5,000.00 scholarship. We are again talking to CTS but also to some Seminary schools in the northern part of the state. We may, on the decision of the committee decide move the scholarship there. In the loans we current have nine active loans who still owe us money, in the amount about \$23,000.00 two of those are just now coming due and we have no worry on those. The seven others are in late payment the committee decided we are going to file in small claims court against those after notification we are going after that part of the \$23,000.00.

I move the acceptance of this report.

You will also note the budget in the preprinted report. While we don't have much of a budget for expenses we have \$1,500.00 for mailings, attorney fees and such to collect the outstanding loans. So I also ask for the approval of the Budget for the Educational Foundation.

Steven J. Barton, PGC, PDC
For the committee.

**KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION
ADMINISTRATION EXPENSE BUDGET**

**DIVISION OF GRAND COMMANDERY OF INDIANA
FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2010**

After Adoption by the Division Grand Commandery, this budget is to be submitted for approval by the Educational Foundation of the Grand Encampment no later that the first day of November of the current year. (See Section 14d of Regulations and Standard Practice.)

Forward three (3) copies of the budget to: Lawrence E. Tucker, Secretary, 5909 West Loop South, Suite 495, Bellaire, Texas 77401.

One copy, indicating approval status under the name of the Chairman, will be returned to you.

		INCOME	
		Total Income:	Amount Available for Administration Expenses
Interest from student loans:			\$
(75% available for administration expenses)	\$ 106.72	<u>106.72</u>	<u>80.04</u>
Realized Income from Investments:			\$
(10% available for administrative expenses)	\$ (70,219.75)	<u>(70,219.75)</u>	<u>(7,021.98)</u>
(See Section 14b of Regulations and Standard Practice.)	TOTAL	<u>\$ (70,113.03)</u>	<u>\$ (6,941.94)</u>

Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Indiana

ADMINISTRATION EXPENSE BUDGET

Salaries: (Give Gross Totals, Including Withholding for Income Tax)

Secretary/Treasurer	\$ -
Other salaries	\$ -
	\$
Attorney or Collection Fees	1,200.00
Rent	\$ -
Safe Deposit Box	\$ -
Fidelity Bonds	\$ -
Social Security (FICA) <i>Employer Only</i>	\$ -
Unemployment Compensation (FUTA)	\$ -
Audit	\$ -
Committee Meetings	\$ -
Traveling Expense Contacting Loanees	\$ -

Postage & Express	\$ 100.00
Telephone, Telegraph	\$ 100.00
Stationery, Supplies etc.,	\$ 100.00
Furniture, Equipment, Repairs	\$ -
Premiums on Investments	\$ -
Miscellaneous (Itemize below)	\$ -

(Do Not Include item of 5% paid to Grand Encampment Committee, shown on Annual Financial Statement, Page 1, Line 20)
 Itemize: _____

TOTAL ADMINISTRATION EXPENSE: \$ 1,500.00

(NOT to Exceed Total Amount Available for Administration Expense.)

AMOUNT AVAILABLE FOR SCHOLARSHIPS AND GRANTS

Total Realized Income	\$ (70,113.03)
Less Administrative Expense	\$ 1,500.00
	\$
Less Consumer Price Index (2008 4.1%)	(2,874.63)
Net Amount Available	\$ (68,738.40)

Lawrence V. Kaminsky

Division Chairman, Educational Committee

Division Secretary, Educational Committee

Approved: _____

Grand Encampment Chairman of Committee on Educational Foundation

If it is anticipated that Scholarships, Fellowships or Grants will be awarded during the year of 2009 in accordance with the Division's Plan, please list recipient's names and amount on the rear of this sheet.

(See Section 22 of Regulations and Standard Practice.)

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE REPORT

April 24, 2009

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

It is with great pleasure that I announce that Indiana sent seven (7) Ministers to the Holy Land this year.

Four (4) went on the February 9-19 trip and three (3) that went on the February 23- March 5 trip.

Rev. Michael Seaney	Seymour #56
Rev. Joseph A. Augsburger	Knightstown #9 & Greenfield #39
Rev. Stephen Adams	William G. Bray #65
Rev. Alvis Styron, Jr.	Columbus #14
Rev. David L. Trexler	Hammond #41
Rev. Tammy S. Scheller	LaValette #15
Rev. Thomas P. Hansen	Ft. Wayne #4

We had a total of eight going and one Minister had to drop out do to health reasons.

She will be going next year, which will be the trip in Feb. 2010

Rev. Amanda A. Hines	Richmond #8
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In his name,

Robert J. Frazer, PGC, GT,
Chairman of the Indiana Holy Land Pilgrimage

1. Anderson Cmdry #32 Rev. Probosco **(\$1,800.00)**
2. Seymour Cmdry #56 Rev. Michael J. Seaney
3. Knightstown Cmdry #9 Rev. Joseph Anthony Augsburger
4. Richmond Cmdry #8 Rev. Amanda Alicia Hines
5. William G. Bray Cmdry #65 Rev. Stephen A. Adams
6. Columbus Cmdry #14 Rev. Alvis Holms Styron, Jr.
7. Hammond Cmdry #41 Rev. David Lee Trexler

DATE	COMMANDERY	FROM	MINISTER	CURRENT	BALANCE
12/31/2007	Year End Balance				\$27,612.06
1/15/2008	Interest			\$10.14	\$27,622.20
2/11/2008	Rev. Steven Conger	Air Fare to NY		(\$234.00)	\$27,388.20
2/15/2008	Interest			\$10.18	\$27,398.38
2/24/2008	Knightstown York Rite	Knightstown York Rite	Rev. Joseph A. Augsburger	\$2,500.00	\$29,898.38
3/15/2008	Interest			\$9.53	\$29,907.91
4/3/2008	Kokomo Cmdry #36	Kokomo Cmrdy #36		\$150.00	\$30,057.91
4/15/2008	Interest			\$11.17	\$30,069.08
5/15/2008	Interest			\$10.85	\$30,079.93
6/7/2008	Connersville Cmdry #6	Connersville Cmdry #6		\$50.00	\$30,129.93
6/14/2008	Interest			\$10.86	\$30,140.79
6/18/2008	Program Fund	Program Fund		\$3,000.00	\$33,140.79
6/18/2008	William G. Bray #65	William G. Bray #65		\$50.00	\$33,190.79
7/15/2008	Interest			\$12.40	\$33,203.19

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8/14/2008	Ft. Wayne #4	Ft. Wayne #4	Father Hansen	\$2,500.00	\$35,703.19
8/15/2008	Interest			\$12.60	\$35,715.79
9/3/2008	Evansville York Rite	Evansville York Rite	Rev. Tammy Scheller	\$200.00	\$35,915.79
9/3/2008	Seymour Cmdry #56	Jackson Lodge #146	Rev. Michael Seaney	\$2,800.00	\$38,715.79
9/15/2008	Interest			\$14.12	\$38,729.91
9/18/2008	Evansville York Rite	Charles H. Lockyear	Rev. Tammy Scheller	100.00	\$38,829.91
9/24/2008	Kokomo Cmdry #36	Kokomo Cmrdy #36		\$100.00	\$38,929.91
9/24/2008	E. H. Gary Cmdry #57	E.H. Gary Cmdry #57		\$500.00	\$39,429.91
10/15/2008	Interest			\$14.72	\$39,444.63
10/30/2008	Greenfield Cmdry #39	Greenfield Cmdry #39		\$230.00	\$39,674.63
11/11/2008	Gate 1	Gate 1	7 Ministers	(\$700.00)	\$38,974.63
11/13/2008	Gary Wyne	Memorial Willard R. Clutter		\$366.00	\$39,340.63
11/15/2008	Interest			\$15.61	\$39,356.24
			Final payment 7		
12/10/2008	Gate 1	Gate 1	Ministers	(\$17,481.10)	\$21,875.14
12/15/2008	Greenfield Cmdry #39	Greenfield Cmdry #39	Hale, Razor, Jr., Wright	\$30.00	\$21,905.14
12/15/2008	Interest			\$15.61	\$21,920.75
12/31/2008	Year End Balance				\$21,920.75
4/23/2009	Respectfully submitted, Robert J. Frazer, Holy Land Pilgrimage Chairman				

JURISPRUDENCE
REPORT OF THE GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS COMMITTEE
April 24, 2009

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

Your Committee on Grievances and appeals reports no complaints or appeals for redress have been submitted to this Committee.

Courteously and fraternally submitted for the Committee,

James Stewart De Mond, KGC, PDC

TEMPLAR UNIFORM COMMITTEE
2008-2009 Annual Report

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

Your committee for the ‘Templar Uniform’ makes the following report:

Item 1)

Legislation has been prepared and presented to the Jurisprudence Committee for the review and adoption of the use of a **Summer Uniform** for the benefit of the Commanderies interested in such.

The results of this legislation should be announced at the upcoming Grand Session and copies distributed as required.

Item 2)

A verbal inquiry has been received from a specific Commandery regarding the Malta Jewel. This request consists of defining the proper form for wearing the Malta Jewel for the State of Indiana, specifically regarding the metallic color and ornamentation of the hardware of which the jewel is composed. The inquiry concerns the interest of style and rank.

After discussions held at the Winter Meeting, it was determined that matters of style can subjective by each individual Commandery, so long as the minimum design, per that described in the Ritual book, is complied with.

Item 3)

This committee is still observing jewels being worn on the Templar Uniform which are inconsistent with the Sections 920 (483 (b)) & 920 (d) Resolution No. 10. As every effort is being made to correct errors as possible, another suggestion could be to have each Commandery sent a copy of these Regulations along with a copy of the DVD prepared for this matter urging each Eminent Commander to put on an in-house presentation (showing the DVD where possible) and distributing written copies as required to the Sir Knights of each Commandery.

Respectfully Submitted,

Scott G Inman, GSW
Bobby Roberts, GJW
Jack Wallace, G ST.B, Comm. Bat IV
Ron Simpson, PGC
Marvin Ramsey, Comm. Bat VII

Summer Attire Resolution

GENERAL

SECTION 993 (A) The summer attire will consist of a white garrison cap, white short sleeve pilot's shirt with epaulets and two (2) flat pockets on the breast, black necktie, black trousers, black belt, sword & scabbard together with black shoes and black hose. The appearance of a Sir Knight in public shall be permitted at parades and civic activities, drill exhibitions and drill competitions and Stated and Special Conclaves held between Memorial Day and Labor Day, and at the discretion of the officer in charge of the detail. **The summer attire is not to be worn for the conferral of the Order of the Temple.**

CAP

SECTION 993 (B) The cap shall be a regulation U.S. Navy CPO, Officers frame or garrison cap. The cap shall have a black headband and visor with a white top. The chin strap and buttons shall be regulation silver for all Sir Knights below the rank of Commander and gold for all Sir Knights with the rank of Commander or higher. The visor shall be plain black for all Sir Knights below the rank of Grand Commander and shall have a single row of acorns and oak leaves in gold for the rank of Grand Commander and Past Grand Commander.

CAP DEVICE

SECTION 993 (C) The metallic cap device shall be worn centered above the cap headband and shall consist of a 2-1/4" (inch) Templar Cross in purple for Past Grand Commanders, the same Templar Cross in red for Grand Commandery Officers, a 1-3/8" (inch) Passion Cross with a red center surrounded by gold rays for Past Commanders and Commanders, and a 1-3/8" (inch) Passion Cross with red center surrounded by silver edging and without rays of light for all other Sir Knights.

SHIRT

SECTION 993 (D) The shirt shall be a white, short sleeve, of military style with shoulder epaulets and two (2) flap pockets, one on each breast, consisting of a cotton or cotton blend fabric. The collar will be plain versus button-down, snap-tab, or collar pin types. The weave of the fabric will be plain rather than a patterned weave.

Pinned over the center of the wearer's right pocket flap and with the bottom edge touching the top flap seam shall be an optional gold metal name badge with the wearer's full name in black letter conforming to SECTION 914 (483(m))

Pinned over the center of the wearer's left pocket flap and with the bottom edge touching the top flap seam shall be a metal bar representing the three (3) Orders of the Commandery. The metal bar shall contain three (3) black panels, each surrounded with a silver line. Each of the panels shall be 1/2" (inch) wide by 1" (inch) long.

SHOULDER INSIGNIA

SECTION 993 (E) A Cross shall be worn in the center of each shoulder epaulet with the long axis of the Cross following the shoulder line, and the base of the Cross toward the outside of the shoulder. In each case, a 1-1/2" (inch) wide colored grosgrain ribbon shoulder loop shall be worn around each epaulet and under the appropriate Cross and centered thereon.

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For Past Grand commanders, it shall be a purple metal Templar Cross surrounded by a gold line and shall be 1"x 1" (inch). The shoulder loop shall be of purple color.

For Grand Commandery Officer, it shall be a red metal Templar Cross surrounded by a gold line and shall be 1"x 1" (inch). The shoulder loop shall be of red color.

For Past Commanders, it shall be a red metal Passion Cross surrounded by a gold line and rays and shall be 1"x 1" (inch). The shoulder loop shall be of red color.

For Commanders, it shall be a red metal Passion Cross surrounded by a gold line and rays and shall be 1"x ¾" (inch). The shoulder loop shall be green.

For other Commandery Dias Officers (Generalissimo, Captain General and Prelate), it shall be a red metal Passion Cross surrounded by a silver line and without rays and shall be 1"x ¾" (inch). The shoulder loop shall be of green color.

For all other Sir Knights, it shall be a red metal Passion Cross surrounded by a silver line and without rays and shall be 1"x ¾" (inch). The shoulder loop shall be of silver color.

SHIRT COLLAR INSIGNIA

SECTION 993 (F) For Past Grand Commanders and Grand Commandery Officers shall be two (2) die cut gold metal state insignia (IN) to be worn one on each collar tip. For Past Commanders and Commanders shall be one (1) die cut gold metal state insignia (IN) and one (1) die cut gold metal Commandery Number. For Sir Knights, both collar insignia shall be the same as for Commanders except the color shall be silver. The state insignia shall be worn on the wearer's right collar and the Commandery Number shall be worn on the wearer's left collar. These insignia shall be worn centered on an imaginary line which bisects the angle of the collar tip and the center of the pins shall be located 1-3/4" (inch) back from the tip. Both collar insignia will appear to be parallel to the floor.

TROUSERS

SECTION 993 (G) The trousers will conform to SECTION 930 (483(h)).

BELT

SECTION 993 (H) The preferred belt is a standard military black web belt with gold metal buckle for the Commanders and higher in rank and silver metal buckle for Sir Knights below the rank of Commander. Optionally, a plain black leather belt shall be permitted with either gold or silver metal buckle as would be appropriate to the rank indicated.

SWORD SLING

SECTION 993 (I) The preferred method of wearing the scabbard shall be a black leather frog or black leather belt sling with two (2) clips for attaching the scabbard rings and worn over the wearer's belt on the left side of the body. Optionally permitted shall be only the white, over the shoulder sling. Old style Commandery belts and chain are not permitted with the summer attire.

SWORD & SCABBARD

SECTION 993 (J) Sword and Scabbard shall conform to SECTION 945 (483(k)).

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NECKTIE

SECTION 993 (K) Necktie shall conform to SECTION 928 (483(d)).

GLOVES

SECTION 993 (L) Gloves shall conform to SECTION 945 (483(e)).

HOSE

SECTION 993 (M) Hose shall conform to SECTION 932.

SHOES

SECTION 993 (N) Shoes shall conform to SECTION 934.

The Summer Attire was modeled as worn by Sir Knight Bobby Joe Frazer, KCT, PGC, GT and information given by Sir Knight Scott Inman.

**JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE
SUMMER ATTIRE**

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

Your Jurisprudence has investigated the Summer Attire Resolution and concurs.

Fraternally Submitted

Irvin L. Bitting, KCT, PGC
For the Committee

Sir Knight Inman then moved for the adoption of the Summer Uniform Resolution. A vote was taken and passed.

JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE
Dispensations, General Order #4, Grand Representatives, and Special Deputy

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

The Jurisprudence Committee has reviewed the dispensations granted and finds them to be consistent to the Templar Law.

We then reviewed General Order #4 and found that to be in order and proper response to Indiana Law.

The committee also considered Grand Representatives nominated and appointed, and Special Deputy appointment. We found them to be within the legal and proper discretion of the Grand Commander.

The Jurisprudence Committee recommends that General Order Number 4, Dispensations granted, the appointments and nominations of Grand Representatives and the appointment of Special Deputy be approved and this report be received and included in the proceedings

Respectfully Submitted
Duane L. Vaught, GCT, PGC
For the Jurisprudence Committee

Motion Passed

JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE
RESOLUTION ON GRAND COMMANDERY OFFICERS

Whereas the continuity of officers, the opportunity for officers to obtain experience and the opportunity to train and evaluate the future leaders of our Fraternity are matters of great importance,

And whereas the officers of the Grand Commandery, having been duly elected to their respective offices deserve the opportunity to take reasonable actions in furtherance of those duties,

And whereas the system of officers reestablished during the term of office of Dwight E. Lanman, Jr., Past Grand Commander has been a great success.

Therefore be it resolved that section 412 which reads:

NOMINATIONS-ELECTIONS

SECTION 408. The elected officers of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Indiana shall be:

- 1 Right Eminent Grand Commander
- 2 Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander
- 3 Eminent Grand Generalissimo
- 4 Eminent Grand Captain General

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- 5 Eminent Grand Senior Warden
- 6 Eminent Grand Junior Warden
- 7 Eminent Grand Treasurer
- 8 Eminent Grand Recorder
- 9 A Grand Trustee

Each such officer shall receive a majority of the votes cast by the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Indiana.

The Eminent Grand Prelate shall be appointed by the newly elected Right Eminent Grand Commander prior to his installation.

The elected officers enumerated above, as well as the Grand Prelate, shall be installed as soon after their election as practicable, and before entering upon the duties of their respective offices.

The appointment of Eminent Grand Standard Bearer, Eminent Grand Sword Bearer, Eminent Grand Warder, and Eminent Grand Sentinel may be announced by the Right Eminent Grand Commander at the winter meeting prior to the Grand Commandery session over which he will preside. The Right Eminent Grand Commander may install such appointments, at his convenience, prior to the opening of the Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery. The duties of such appointed officers shall be at the discretion of the Right Eminent Grand Commander. Their appointment shall terminate with the adjournment of the Annual Conclave for which they were appointed, and no Past Grand Rank shall accrue to a member by virtue of such temporary appointment.

Where more than one name is in nomination the election shall be by ballot and where one name is in nomination the election may be by acclamation.

In putting names in nomination, no nominating speeches shall be made further than to give the name of the nominee, his residence, his business, his church affiliation, and the Commandery of which he is a member.

Shall be amended to read:

NOMINATIONS-ELECTIONS

SECTION 408. The elected officers of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Indiana shall be:

- 1 Right Eminent Grand Commander
- 2 Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander
- 3 Eminent Grand Generalissimo
- 4 Eminent Grand Captain General
- 5 Eminent Grand Senior Warden
- 6 Eminent Grand Junior Warden
- 7 Eminent Grand Treasurer
- 8 Eminent Grand Recorder
- 9 Three Grand Trustees

Each such officer shall be elected by a majority of the votes cast by the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Indiana in lawful session.

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Where more than one name is in nomination the election shall be by ballot and where one name is in nomination the election may be by acclamation.

In putting names in nomination, no nominating speeches shall be made further than to give the name of the nominee, his residence, his business, his church affiliation, and the Commandery of which he is a member.

The Eminent Grand Prelate shall be appointed by the newly elected Right Eminent Grand Commander prior to his installation.

All officers elected or appointed, shall be installed as soon after their election as practicable, and before entering upon the duties of their respective offices.

The Grand Commander may appoint an Eminent Grand Standard Bearer, Eminent Grand Sword Bearer, Eminent Grand Warder, and Eminent Grand Sentinel. The duties of such appointed officers shall be at the discretion of the Right Eminent Grand Commander. Their appointment shall terminate at the discretion of the Grand Commander or, if no such action is taken, at the adjournment of the Annual Conclave following their appointment. No Past Grand Rank shall accrue to a member by virtue of such temporary appointment.

Fraternally Submitted

Duane L. Vaught
Past Grand Commander

**JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE
RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE WEST APPOINTMENT TIME FRAME**

The jurisprudence Committee has reviewed the resolution relating to the appointment of the officers in the West that being the Standard Bearer, the Sword Bearer the Warder and the Sentinel and find it in proper form and recommend the adoption of the resolution.

Fraternally,

Steven J. Barton, PGC, PDC
For the committee

Motion passed

RESOLUTION CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOL UNDER-AGE

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

Whereas the Grand Lodge Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Indiana has set the age eighteen (18) as the minimum age requirement for membership, and

Whereas the Grand Commandery Knight Templar has followed this example, and

Whereas the minimum age prescribed by the State of Indiana for consumption of alcoholic beverages is the age twenty-one (21).

Therefore I propose a new section of our Law numbered #831 which will state

#831 Any candidate for an Order who is under the legal age for the consumption of alcoholic beverages as prescribed by the statutes of the State of Indiana, shall not receive alcoholic beverages during the conferral of an Order and shall only receive non-alcoholic beverages.

Respectfully Submitted,

David M. Bertch, REGC

JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE

RESOLUTION CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOL UNDER-AGE

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

The Jurisprudence Committee has reviewed the Resolution pertaining to the consumption of alcoholic beverages of candidates under the legal age. The Jurisprudence Committee recommends the adoption of this resolution.

Respectfully Submitted

Paul Friend, KCT, PGC
For the Committee

Motion Passed

RESOLUTION ON PAST GRAND COMMANDER'S JEWEL

Whereas difficulties have arisen in connection with the terms of the agreement on jewels pertaining to Past Grand Commanders

And Whereas the rights on the Grand Commandery should be protected

Therefore be it resolved that the form of agreement provided in section 675 which now reads

FORM OF PAST GRAND COMMANDER'S JEWEL AGREEMENT

To the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Indiana:

According to Section 460A of the Indiana Laws of Templar Masonry, the Past Grand Commander's jewel remains the property of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Indiana and upon my death is to be returned to that organization.

My wife and I both concur in this agreement and signify our acceptance to these terms by signing this agreement below.

Be amended to read as follows:

FORM OF PAST GRAND COMMANDER'S JEWEL AGREEMENT

To the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Indiana:

According to the Indiana Laws of Templar Masonry, the Past Grand Commander's jewel issued to me remains the property of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Indiana and is to be returned to that organization upon the termination of my membership therein.

My wife and I both concur in this agreement and signify our acceptance to these terms by signing this agreement below.

And that it be also provided that all Past Grand Commanders completing their terms of office after 1994 be asked to sign revised agreements.

Fraternally Submitted

Duane L. Vaught
Past Grand Commander

**JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE
RESOLUTION ON PAST GRAND COMMANDER'S JEWEL**

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

The Jurisprudence Committee has reviewed the Resolution pertaining to the Past Grand Commander's Jewel and find it to be in proper form.

The Jurisprudence Committee recommends the adoption of this resolution.

Fraternally submitted,
Ronald L. Ellis

Motion Passed

NATIVITY SCENE COMMITTEE REPORT

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

Your committee for the 'Nativity Scene' makes the following report:

The Nativity Scene was set up Sunday, November 30th, 2008 at the Masonic Home and was disassembled Sunday, January 11th, 2009 at 10:00 AM (EST).

A special THANK-YOU is gratefully extended to REGC David M Bertch. His efforts to ensure that a new concrete pad was in place made the assembly of the Nativity Scene a snap. Additionally, REGC David M Bertch donated hinges which were applied to the wall sections. This will make the assembly and disassembly of this display much easier in the future and will result in product longevity.

The pad is made with red dye resulting in a beautiful display. Electrical service was integrated at specific locations with GFCI outlets for further convenience and efficiency.

We also need to extend another well deserved THANK-YOU to SK Randy Ellington, DBC for his organizing the Franklin and Greenwood DeMolay in painting the Nativity Scene sections. This made the entire display seem as new as the pad.

Respectfully Submitted,

Scott G Inman, GSW
Brian Harms, G S, Comm. Bat V
John T Fleming, Comm. Bat IV
Ron Ellis, GIG, PGC
Andrew Wiley, DBC

**JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE
HONORARY MEMBERSHIPS**

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 155th Annual Conclave, do hereby confer upon each of them the title of Honorary Member of the Grand Commandery of Indiana to wit:

Jesse Lee Johns	Illinois
Raleigh Charles Foster	Kentucky
David L. Seyferth	Michigan
Richard Charles Holcombe	Ohio
Lauren R. Handeland	Wisconsin
Wilmer E. Hall	Pennsylvania

Respectfully submitted

Lawrence V. Kaminsky, KCT, PGC, GR

Motion passed and the Honorary Membership was distributed to the Sir Knight present by the Grand Commander.

RESPONSE FROM THE RED CORDS

Right Eminent Grand Commander, Most Eminent Grand Master, Right Eminent Grand Captain General, Right Eminent Department Commander, Grand Commandery Officers, Sir Knights one and all.

I believe it is still morning, so Good Morning. On behalf of the visiting Grand Commanders of the various jurisdictions here in attendance today on what we are commonly referred to as the Red Cords. I bring to you on their behalf I bring to you fraternal greetings. Sir Knight David, congratulations on a most successful year. Sir Knight Larry, I am certain that you and after your installation your officer that will accompany you will have a wonderful year and all those who will follow will benefit from your leadership for the ensuing year. Right Eminent Grand Commander my fellow Sir Knights I and my fellow Red Cords wish for you a very production and harmonious 155th Annual Conclave of this Grand Commandery.

Now before I leave I've noticed that this you have seen fit to elect into your line a retired Command Sergeant Major from the United States Army. As man who got no further than the rank of First Sergeant, I will tell you this, Only from personal experience, I am certain that from now on everyone in the Grand Commandery of Indiana will have to before long get up extremely early in the morning and suck in your girt lines run five miles find every cigarette butt on the planet and go to bed extremely late every night. Right Eminent Grand Commander, thank you for this opportunity.

Raleigh Charles Foster, GC, Kentucky
April, 2009

DRILL AND TACTICS COMMITTEE REPORT

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

The Drill Committee as of March 31, 2009 submits the following report:

The drill competition will be held Saturday, April 25, 2009 at the Marriott Hotel East. The Fort Wayne Band will play at the Awards Luncheon.

A letter was sent to every Commandery in the state, inviting them to participate in this year's state conclave. The Battalion and Deputy Commanders were asked for their help within their groups.

A meeting was held with the Drill Committee discussing the following topics:

- A firm commitment is needed for a drill floor, its location, allotted time needed for the drills, Pass-in Review and the Awards Luncheon.
- The committee discussed whether drill bars should be awarded to those Sir Knights who Pass-in-Review. It was the consensus of committee that drill bars should only be given to the Sir Knights who are members of a drill team and participated in the competition. A certificate of recognition would be given to the Commanderies who Passed-in-Review, which could be displayed in their Commandery. These changes would begin next year.
- Sir Knight Steven Barton, KCT, PDC and a member of the drill committee presented a version of a six man Class "D" Asylum Tactics drill. The committee feels this drill would be ideal for those Commanderies passing in review to consider.
- Judges, auditors and additional staff personnel are being contacted to assist us at the conclave. At this time there is one "B" team, one "C" team and two "D" teams entered for competition. Eight Commanderies are also scheduled to Pass-in-Review.

The committee would like to thank everyone who has volunteered their time.

Respectfully Submitted

Drill Committee

George D Kivett, Chairman
Steven J Barton, KCT, PDC
Gary A. Nicholson,
David Miller, II

New Drill for 2010 Class T-6; Min. of 9 Sir Knights, Captain General, Senior Warden, Junior Warden and 6 man line (2 sets of Threes), and be expanded to 12 man line (4 sets of Threes)

Drill will be demonstrated at the end of the drill competition on Saturday

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<u>Seq</u>	<u>Order</u>	<u>Command</u>	<u>Movements</u>
<u>1</u>	<u>CG</u>	<u>Report to the No. 3 Judge</u>	<u>Not Judged</u>
		-	<u># 3 Judge position himself in position marked EAST the CG presents the team with a Commandery Front - Commands Presents Swords and reports to the # 3 Judge. After instructions from the Judges has team return swords and team is dismissed, but stays in the area.</u>
		<u>SK: Return Swords</u>	<u>SK's Return Swords, After SK's Return GC returns his Sword</u>
<u>2</u>	<u>CG</u>	<u>Detail Dismissed</u>	<u>Not Judged</u>
		-	<u>Team members stay area</u>
		-	<u>Judging Starts</u>
		-	
<u>3</u>	<u>CG</u>	<u>SKSW: Form The Line</u>	<u>CG moves to position marked as the EAST, Sword Not Draw and commands:(Exchange Hand Salutes) SKSW: Form The Line (Exchange Hand Salutes)</u>
<u>4</u>	<u>SW</u>	<u>1)SK's Chosen for the Detail, 2)Atten, 3)-TION</u>	<u>SW Draws sword, Goes to his position three paces in front of where the center of the line will be formed Facing South and Commands: SK's Chosen for the Detail, Atten-TION, SK's will come to attention.</u>
<u>5</u>	<u>SW</u>	<u>1) Detail, 2) Fall In</u>	<u>At the command: Knights will fall in according to par. 33 School of Knights JW assists with the forming of the lines, he does not step into line.</u>
<u>6</u>	<u>SW</u>	<u>1) Left, 2) Face</u>	<u>according to par. 33 School of Knights</u>
<u>7</u>	<u>SW</u>	<u>SK Draw Swords</u>	<u>SK's Draw Swords : ----- CG (Sword not drawn) Marches to his post two paces in the rear of the SW, halts, executes Left Face and stands at Attention</u>
<u>8</u>	<u>SW</u>	<u>1) Count 2)Twos</u>	<u>At the command: all Knights except the SW will execute "Eyes Right" and commencing with the #1 Knight, the Knights count in a sharp, quick tone of voice "One, Two, Three, One, Two, Three, etc. Each turns his head and eyes to the front as he counts.</u>
<u>9</u>	<u>SW</u>	<u>1) Count 2)Threes</u>	<u>Twos are counted in the same manner</u>
<u>10</u>	<u>SW</u>	<u>1)Those on my left are the First Platoon 2) those on my Right are the Second Platoon</u>	<u>SW: then designates the divisions between platoons with the hilt of his sword saying:Those on my left are the First Platoon those on my Right are the Second Platoon JW draws his sword behind the lines, comes to carry, and steps into his post on the left of the line.</u>
<u>11</u>	<u>SW</u>	<u>1)Present 2)SWORDS</u>	<u>SW commands: Present SWORDS. Faces about and salutes the CG with Sword the CG returns the salute with hand and</u>

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<u>Seq</u>	<u>Order</u>	<u>Command</u>	<u>Movements</u>
<u>11.5</u>	<u>SW</u>	<u>1)"SKCG, 2)the line is formed</u>	<u>says "SKCG, the line is formed Exchange salutes- SW faces about and marches directly to his post on the right of the Detail, setps from the front throught the rear of the line, halts, faces about, and steps into and dresses on the line, and comes to Present</u>
<u>12</u>	<u>CG</u>	<u>1) Carry, 2) SWORDS</u>	<u>CG draws his swords, steps froward two paces while the SW is taking his post on the right of the line and commands Carry Swords after the SW has come to present Swords</u>
<u>13</u>	<u>CG</u>	<u>1)Forward, 2)Half Step, 3)March, 4)Guide Right</u>	<u>CG: faces the line Commands: Forward, Half Step, faces about and commands: March, Guide Right</u>
<u>14</u>	<u>CG</u>	<u>1)Detail 2)Halt</u>	<u>When the detail reaches a point abreast of the Commander's station Commands:</u>
<u>15</u>	<u>CG</u>	<u>1)Right 2)Dress</u>	<u>School of Knights: Par# 34.1</u>
<u>15.5</u>	<u>CG</u>	<u>1) Front</u>	<u>School of Knights: Par# 34.12</u>
<u>16</u>	<u>CG</u>	<u>1)Open 2)Ranks</u>	<u>SW and JW 6 Back Steps</u>
<u>16.1</u>		-	<u>C.G. Check Alignment of SW and JW</u>
<u>16.2</u>	<u>CG</u>	<u>1)March</u>	<u>No 2 Knights, 7 Back Step and then up 1 half step</u>
<u>16.3</u>		-	<u>CG. Align Front Rank, SW Rear Rank</u>
<u>16.4</u>	<u>CG</u>	<u>1) Front</u>	<u>CG. in front of SW two paces. JW. Moves to the Front Rank</u>
<u>17</u>	<u>CG</u>	<u>Form two Divisions, Files, Cover</u>	<u>No. 2 move two half steps to Right</u>
<u>18</u>	<u>CG</u>	<u>1)Front Rank, 2)About 3)FACE</u>	<u>Front Rank about Faces, J.W about faces marches behind Rear Rank opposite SW</u>
<u>19.00</u>	<u>CG</u>	<u>1On 2) GUARD</u>	-
<u>19.05</u>	<u>CG</u>	<u>1)Parry 2)FOUR</u>	-
<u>19.10</u>	<u>CG</u>	<u>1)Carry 2)SWORDS</u>	-
<u>19.15</u>	<u>CG</u>	<u>1)Present SWORDS</u>	-
<u>19.20</u>	<u>CG</u>	<u>1)Carry 2)SWORDS</u>	-
<u>19.25</u>	<u>CG</u>	<u>1)From Arch of Steel, 2)Cross 3)SWORDS</u>	-
<u>19.30</u>	<u>CG</u>	<u>1)Carry 2)SWORDS</u>	-
<u>19.35</u>	<u>CG</u>	<u>1)Swords 2)PORT</u>	-
<u>19.40</u>	<u>CG</u>	<u>1)Carry 2)SWORDS</u>	-
<u>19.45</u>	<u>CG</u>	<u>1)Salute 2)SWORDS</u>	-
<u>19.50</u>	<u>CG</u>	<u>1)Carry 2)SWORDS</u>	-
<u>19.55</u>	<u>CG</u>	<u>1)Sir Knights, 2)Return 3)SWORDS</u>	-
<u>19.60</u>	<u>CG</u>	<u>1)Sir Knights, 2)Draw 3)SWORDS</u>	-
<u>19.65</u>	<u>CG</u>	<u>1)Order 2)SWORDS</u>	-
<u>19.70</u>	<u>CG</u>	<u>1)Stand at 2)EASE</u>	-
<u>19.75</u>	<u>CG</u>	<u>1)detail 2)Attent-ION</u>	-
<u>19.80</u>	<u>CG</u>	<u>1)Carry 2)SWORDS</u>	-
<u>20</u>	<u>CG</u>	<u>1)First Division About 2)FACE</u>	<u>JW takes position at left of First Division. EC moves</u>
<u>21</u>	<u>CG</u>	<u>1)Close Ranks, 2)MARCHMarch</u>	-
<u>22</u>	<u>CG</u>	<u>1)Right by Threes, 2)MARCH</u>	-

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<u>Seq</u>	<u>Order</u>	<u>Command</u>	<u>Movements</u>
<u>23</u>	<u>CG</u>	<u>1)Column Left, 2)MARCH</u>	-
<u>24</u>	<u>CG</u>	<u>1)Column Left, 2)MARCH</u>	-
<u>25</u>	<u>CG</u>	<u>1)Column Left, 2)MARCH</u>	<u>3rd JUDGE sets up EAST for Pass in Review</u>
<u>26</u>	<u>CG</u>	<u>1)Column Left, 2)MARCH</u>	-
<u>27</u>	<u>CG</u>	<u>Eyes Right</u>	<u>CG gives Officers Salute, PAR# 438, SW&JW do not execute eyes right, Knights execute eyes right</u>
<u>28</u>	<u>CG</u>	<u>Front</u>	<u>CG resumes the Carry,</u>
<u>29</u>	<u>CG</u>	<u>1)Column Left, 2)MARCH</u>	-
<u>30</u>	<u>CG</u>	<u>1)Column Left, 2)MARCH</u>	-
<u>31</u>	<u>CG</u>	<u>1)Column Left, 2)MARCH</u>	-
<u>32</u>	<u>CG</u>	<u>1)Threes Left 2) MARCH, 3) Detail, 4)HALT, 5)Right Dress, 6)Front</u>	-
<u>33</u>	<u>CG</u>	<u>1)Form Triangle, 2)Right by Threes, 3)MARCH</u>	-
<u>34</u>	<u>CG</u>	<u>1)Column Left, 2)MARCH</u>	-
<u>35</u>	<u>CG</u>	<u>1)Column Left, 2)MARCH</u>	<u>JW drops off and sets the North West corner of the triangle</u>
<u>36</u>	<u>CG</u>	<u>1)Column Left, 2)MARCH</u>	<u>SW steps out and sets the South West corner of the triangle</u>
<u>37</u>	<u>CG</u>	<u>1)Column Left, 2)MARCH</u>	-
<u>38</u>	<u>CG</u>	<u>1)Column Left, 2)MARCH</u>	<u>Files separate at CG, 1&2 to Right, 3 to Left, 2's Form the Base</u>
<u>39</u>	<u>CG</u>	<u>1)Detail 2)Halt</u>	<u>Knights continue to mark time until the Halt</u>
<u>40</u>	<u>CG</u>	<u>1) Inward FACE, 2)Right Dress, 3)Front</u>	-
<u>41</u>	<u>CG</u>	<u>1)Sir Knights, 2)Return 3)SWORDS</u>	<u>CG returns sword after Knights</u>
<u>41.1</u>	<u>CG</u>	<u>1)Un- COVER</u>	-
<u>41.2</u>	<u>CG</u>	<u>1)Re-RECOVER</u>	-
<u>41.3</u>	<u>CG</u>	<u>1)Sir Knights, 2)Draw 3)SWORDS</u>	-
<u>45</u>	<u>CG</u>	<u>1)Reform Column, 2)Right and Left FACE</u>	<u>Resume marching position</u>
<u>46</u>	<u>CG</u>	<u>1)Number Twos and Threes Mark Time, 2)Number Ones Column Left, 3) MARCH</u>	-
<u>47</u>	<u>CG</u>	<u>1)Column Left, 2)MARCH</u>	-
<u>48</u>	<u>CG</u>	<u>1)Column Left, 2)MARCH</u>	-
<u>49</u>	<u>CG</u>	<u>1)Column Left, 2)MARCH</u>	-
<u>50</u>	<u>CG</u>	<u>1)Column Left, 2)MARCH</u>	-
<u>52</u>	<u>CG</u>	<u>1)Threes Left, 2)MARCH, 3) Detail, 4)Halt, Right Dress</u>	-
<u>53</u>	<u>CG</u>	<u>1)Front</u>	-
<u>54</u>	<u>CG</u>	<u>1)Present SWORDS</u>	-

2009 GRAND COMMANDERY EASTER TRIP

As has been the custom for many years, the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Indiana sponsored a trip to attend the Grand Encampment Easter Sunrise Service again this year. On Wednesday, April 8, we boarded our bus early in the morning in Indianapolis and spent the day motoring to Williamsburg, Virginia.

The weather on April 9 and 10 could not have been better – warm spring breezes to thaw out some frozen Hoosiers. Thursday consisted of a general walking tour of Williamsburg with a guided tour of the Palace of the Governors. We then were turned loose to walk around the historic district on our own. Most interesting to me are the persons dressed in colonial costume walking the street and staying in character while speaking with the flocks of tourists. A highlight of that day was a chance to visit the Williamsburg Masonic Lodge which was established in 1778 as its own Grand Lodge and not under English rule. The Lodge itself had been established many years earlier under an English Charter.

On the evening of the 9th, the group walked to a nearby restaurant for an Indiana dinner and assisted the then Grand Commander in marking his birthday. (Thanks again everyone)

On the morning of the 10th we toured Jamestown and Yorktown for a look at the primitive conditions prevalent prior to those more sophisticated in Williamsburg. Ongoing archeological exploration is continuing at both sites. We then journeyed in the afternoon to our hotel in Alexandria, Virginia.

On the morning of April 11, Indiana had the great honor of placing a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery. Your then Grand Commander accompanied by Most Eminent Grand Master William H. Koon II of the Grand Encampment performed the duty. Sir Knights, I can honestly say that this ceremony was not only the highlight of my year as Grand Commander, but – to date – the highlight of my life.

On Saturday afternoon, those who wanted to tour the monuments in Washington, D.C. were taken in our bus to the monument area, dropped off, and picked up some hours later. Others of us, just decided to rest in the Indiana hospitality room. Saturday evening featured a banquet for the Sir Knights and ladies from all the delegations in attendance. Your then Grand Commander was accused by the Grand Master of associating with Sir Knights from Ohio, but upon explanation that he was an Alumni of Miami University, dispensation was granted.

Early Easter morning, we journeyed to the George Washington National Masonic Memorial in Alexandria for the Grand Encampment East Sunrise Service. This is a most inspiring event for Christian Knights. Returning to our hotel after the service, we then quickly loaded the bus and drove to Indianapolis, arriving at about 9:00 P.M.

Thanks must go to Sir Knight Irving L. Bitting and Lady Doris for the many years they have planned and guided this trip. This year – at the last minute due to health problems – Sir Knight Robert Frazer and Lady Nancy hosted the event. Again thank you to both couples.

Sir Knights, if you have not participated in this trip before, please give it your earnest consideration for next year. Meeting with old friends, making new friends, good fellowship, interesting and inspiring sites are all a part of this trip.

Respectfully submitted

David M. Bertch, KCT, PGC

DISPENSATIONS AND CHARTERS REPORT

April 24, 2009

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

Jeffersonville No. 27 - Chartered April 26, 1876. Charter surrendered October 13, 2008, and merged with New Albany No. 5.

The Committee on Dispensations & Charters has received a request to change the name of Oriental Commandery No. 62 (Currently called Trinity Commandery) to Prather Commandery No. 62.

In March of 1969, there was a petition to move Oriental Commandery No. 62 from Irvington Lodge No. 666 to move to the Temple at East Washington and Johnson. Motion to move was made and seconded at the Stated Conclave on March 10, 1969 and laid over to the April Stated Conclave, where it was approved. At the 115th Annual Conclave in 1969, the petition was read and voted on to allow the move, but no mention was made of a name change. The move was approved.

In the 1970 proceedings of the 116th Annual Conclave Bulletin No. 1 "Annual Conclave Digest" of the 115th (1969) Annual Conclave was printed. There it stated that the move and name change was approved.

The list of Constituent Commanderies in the 1969, 1970 and 1971 proceedings still said the Commandery was named Oriental (DeMolay). I can only assume it was missed when printing the proceedings. In 1972 the name in the proceedings changed to Trinity (DeMolay) in the Constituent Commandery list.

This petition will clear up the confusion by renaming (DeMolay, Oriental, Trinity) Commandery to Prather Commandery No. 62. The Committee is in favor of this request and recommends approval of this petition. This will require a vote at the annual Conclave by the Sir Knight's.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert J. Frazer, PGC, GT
Chairman of Dispensations & Charters

Dwight E. Lanman, PGC
Larry W. Brown, VEDGC
James L. Dove, GG

**RESOLUTION: NAME CHANGE FROM TRINITY COMMANDERY NO. 62 TO
PRATHER COMMANDERY NO. 62**

A motion was placed on the floor by Sir Knight Tony Peterson, to change the name of Trinity Commandery #62 to Prather Commandery #62. The motion being seconded a vote was taken and passed.

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 nineteenth 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	\$4577.10	357	242
2007	\$5400.20	362	242
2008	\$6623.20	373	239
2009	\$6798.70	377	230

As of December 31, 2008, a total of 377 life memberships have been issued since the start of the plan. With 147 members deceased, suspended or demitted, the plan had 230 active members. Four new Life Members joined in 2008. The total cash received into the plan as of December 31, 2008 was \$87,591.00. The Grand Trustees are holding the assets in long-term certificates of deposit and money market accounts. On December 31, 2008, there was \$45,796.10 in assets, in the form of Certificates of Deposit and money market accounts.

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, KCT, P.G.C., Chairman

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

Rodney A. Mann, KCT, P.G.C.

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PATRIOTIC COMMITTEE REPORT

TO: The Right Eminent Grand Commander, Officers of Grand Commandery, Past Grand Commanders, Officers, and Sir Knights.

The York Rite membership has been very active this year, participating in many Patriotic activities.

Your Grand Commandery Officers have presented the Flag Presentation several times throughout the year. Among activities at the Home included presenting the Flag on Memorial Day, leading the parade at the Home Day, and attending at Veterans' Day there. The Grand Commandery Officers attended the Anniversary activities for Vincennes York Rite, where Raper Commandery # 1, led the parade. They were also active at LaPorte's Parade, Eastern Star meetings, and various Blue Lodges' activities throughout the State.

Many Commanderies participated in Flag Presentations, Memorial Day wreath - laying, Veterans' Day parades, Lord's Day observance, Ascension Day Services, and Palm Sunday, and Easter Services.

At Fort Wayne, Palm Sunday Service was conducted by "all Masonic members", with all speaking parts presented by Masonic members. The Sermon was given by a member of Fort Wayne Commandery # 4, The Rev. Thomas Hansen, Rector of Trinity Episcopal Church, Fort Wayne. York Rite Commandery # 4 sent him to the Holy Land Pilgrimage in February.

The State Group #3 has presented Square and Compass pins to many Master Masons upon receiving their Master Mason Degree. This is an opportunity for Sir Knights to mention York Rite to a newly made Master Mason.

I am enthused, and looking forward to the coming year, and to all York Rite Bodies being active in Patriotic activities. We need to tell the world that we are CHRISTIAN MASONS. This is a way to convey this message.

Yours in Christian Templary,

Fraternally submitted,
Harold D. Black, KYCH,
Chairman of Patriotic Committee

LANYARD CORD PROGRAM REPORT

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

This report on the lanyard cord program includes Knightings reported to your lanyard cord coordinator thru the Office of the Grand Recorder from your constituent Commanderies for 2008. Some Knightings are not included in this report (such as South Bend), and will be included in the 2009 reporting. All lanyard cords included in this report were distributed at either the Grand sessions in April 2008 or the winter meeting on January 10, 2009. There were a total of 169 Knightings reported for 2008 for TLS's and 39 cords were distributed for the year. Battalion Commanders are urged to pick up the used cords when presenting a new cord and return to your cord coordinator for possible use again, to help save Grand Commandery some additional expense.

Distribution of Awards

<u>Award Color</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Issued 2008</u>	<u>Totals 2008</u>	<u>Totals 2007</u>
White	3	19	321	302
Silver	6	4	120	116
Gold	9	7	89	82
Red	15	3	40	37
Red & White	20	1	17	16
Red & Silver	25	1	14	13
Red & Gold	30	1	11	10
Red & Purple	35	1	6	5
Purple & White	40	1	2	1
Purple & Silver	45	0	1	1
Purple & Gold	50	0	2	2
Green & White	55	0	3	3
Green & Silver	60	0	3	3
Green & Gold	65	0	2	2
Green & Red	70	0	1	1
Blue & White	75	0	0	0
Blue & Silver	80	0	0	0
Blue & Gold	85	0	1	1
Blue & Red	90	0	0	0
Blue & Purple	95	0	0	0
Black & White	100	1	1	0
Cords Issued for 2008		39		
Total cords issued			634	595
Knightings for 2008			169	
Total TLS's for cords earned				3082
TLS with less than 3 Knightings			468	
Total on records for 2008			3550	

Respectfully submitted,
Virgil G. Humphrey, PC, OPC
Lanyard Cord Coordinator

LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE

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

This committee met once this past year but we have had numerous communications throughout the year. The committee discussed many topics concerning the future of the Grand Commandery and how the Grand Commandery could assist the constituent Commanderies in their endeavors.

Items of importance that have been discussed are membership, new and old; leadership in the grand line and on a local basic within the Commanderies; financial stability as well as the ritual work and the grading of Orders and tactics; and the Battalion structure.

Membership: In reference to membership, the Templar Crusader Program needs to be revamped and a means to measure our success in obtaining new members also needs to be developed. Also, after a new brother has been knighted we must immediately determine how to get this new Sir Knight to feel welcome and want to come back into the asylum; he came to us for a reason and we need to take ownership for his success.

Leadership: We feel that the ITA school needs to return and become a more viable tool for our local Commanderies. It was felt that leadership training is very important for the future of the Grand Commandery and it is to our benefit to train our Sir Knights.

Financial: The Past Grand Officers have done a great job in planning for the future, but our investments have taken a big hit this past year. We feel that new and different ideas are needed to protect our monies for the future and this can be accomplished by proper guidance with our investments. The Newby-Avery fund raiser needs to be revamped and continued to grow in the future.

Structure of the Grand Commandery: We feel that the Grand Commandery needs to find unified direction so that it can operate from year to year without confusion to the local Commanderies.

Fraternally and respectfully submitted,

Larry W. Brown, VEDGC, Chairman
James L. Dove, GG
Paul A. Cole, GCG
Michael D. Ritter, GW
Lawrence V. Kaminsky, PGC, GR
John LaBounty, Bat Com 1
Earl Adam, Jr., PC

MASONIC YOUTH COMMITTEE

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

The Masonic Youth Committee presents the following report:

The Indiana Supreme Session of Jobs Daughters International was held at Taylor University the week of June 19th - 22nd, 2008. Eminent Grand Captain General Sir Knight, Paul A. Cole presented Grand Standard Bearer Sir Knight Jack Wallace, Grand Warder Michael Ritter and Aide to the Grand Commander and DBC # 6 Sir Knight Gary Nicholson. Sir Knight Paul Cole then gave a short message and Sir Knight Michael Ritter presented a check to the Grand Bethel Honor Queen, Holli Slipher as a token of support from the Knights Templar of Indiana.

The Indiana Grand Assembly International Order of the Rainbow for Girls Grand Assembly was held at the Executive Inn located in Evansville, IN with the 2008-2009 Grand Worth Advisor Emily Rogers-Cline presiding. The Grand Commandery was represented by Eminent Standard Bearer Sir Knight Jack Wallace and Aide to the Grand Commander and DBC # 6 Sir Knight Gary Nicholson.

The 2008 Indiana DeMolay Conclave was held at DePauw University, Greencastle, IN, on July 25th - 28th. Right Eminent Grand Commander David M. Bertch and Sir Knight Randal P. Ellington, DBC#6 were in attendance on Sunday July 27th for the Awards Dinner of the 77th State Master Councilor Thomas C. Faulkner. Prior to dinner there were presentations for the following awards: Community Leader of the Year, Masonic Leader of the Year, Ritualist of the Year, Sportsman of the Year and the announcement of DeMolay of the Year. After the invocation, there was a wonderful dinner followed by the introduction of distinguished guests. The guests were asked to retire and gather in the Kresge Auditorium for farewell remarks from the 77th State Master Councilor Thomas C. Faulkner and the presentation of the Guild of the Leather Apron (Advisor of the Year), DeMolay of the Year and Chapter of the Year. After the presentations Ryan P. Ahearn was named Indiana's DeMolay of the Year for 2008-2009. He then knelt at the Altar, took a solemn obligation and was then installed as Indiana's 78th State Master Councilor. After Remarks from the new State Master Councilor, we were dismissed.

Respectfully Submitted in Christian Masonry,
Sir Knight Jack Wallace, Grand Standard Bearer, Chairman
Sir Knight George Ingles, PGC
Sir Knight Larry G. Huffman, PEC
Sir Knight Randal P. Ellington, DBC #6

MEMBERSHIP-PUBLICITY AND PUBLIC RELATIONS

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

The following is the annual report of the Committee on the above titled programs:

Membership: The scheduled three (3) Templar Training Academies for the early spring of 2009 was not accomplished due to means beyond the control of the Committee. This training was to be scheduled in areas of weak York Rite recruitment and new membership activity. The tentative plans were to have training in the areas of Elkhart in Battalion #2, Muncie in Battalion #4 and Bedford in Battalion #8. We need to get more activity done in these areas and get trained personnel on board to get the York Rite message out to uninformed Mason. Plans are being made for the Templar Year 2009 to get this training program going with the resources of the Officers of the Grand Commandery. We hope that these 3 Battalions can get more visitations to Blue Lodges, give presentations and generate enthusiasm within the Commanderies. Battalion 2 is moving in the right direction and we hope the trend continues. Considerable effort was placed in 2007 to train roughly 58 Templar Crusaders that would visit Blue Lodges and give presentations for the York Rite. Roughly only about 20% have accomplished this task and many are still planning on doing visitations. During 2008 there were **196** Knightings, reinstatements, affiliations and does stop the downward trend because of the **360** Demits, Suspensions and deaths so far. We must pursue the road of stopping the Demits and Suspensions through education, revitalization and fellowship and attempt to assist those in need with help with dues in these rough times to avoid losing a great Templar because he is too proud. **DON'T SAY GOODBYE, TILL YOU LOOK HIM IN THE EYE! WHAT EVER YOU DO, DON'T GIVE UP ON HIM!**

This Committee believes that in order to shut the back door on Demits and Suspensions concerned efforts must be taken by the Local Commanderies and they are: Actively promote and employ the Mentor Program for all members and Officers. Battalion Commanders are urged to visit Commanderies in their respective Battalion, meet with the Dais Officers and encourage them to follow the Mentoring Program as outlined in previous years. Battalion Commanders who are not aware of the program are urged to contact this Committee and we will get them the program. If the Battalion Commander does not believe in the Mentoring Program then how can he promote it effectively? Another means of maintaining interest in the York Rite of Freemasonry is to actively promote Family Functions in conjunction with York Rite events. Getting the spouse of a Sir Knight involved with other spouses by holding Christmas Observance's/Parties, Easter Observance's, Ascension Day Service at a local Church and Summer Picnics with the families. Each Commander should make an effort to communicate with the Sir Knights spouse personally, inviting them to the event.

Drill teams are also a way to get enthusiasm going in a Commandery to band Sir Knights together to form a group dedicated to helping each other and recognize the need to depend on each other. To actively participate in parades, as a proud band of Sir Knights displaying Templary in their communities. The Sir Knights of Battalion #1 are building a float to actively enter in parades.

Public relations: Community involvement is a great source of promoting Templary. If the public is aware of the Knights Templar then the uninformed Mason will also become aware of the York Rite of Freemasonry. A concrete pad was installed at the Indiana Masonic Home for the Knights Templar to continue to put up our Nativity Display each Christmas Season. The residents enjoy our display

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and the pad can be used the rest of the year for a picnic/ sitting area for residents. We have in the past, taken out an ad in the DeMolay Conclave Souvenir Program and have sponsored a boy to attend the Annual Session, we encourage this to continue. This will promote young men of the DeMolay to continue their Masonic education by joining the Freemasons and the York Rite of Freemasonry. This Committee also encourages all Commanderies in the State to promote and support by donations to their local food banks, Salvations Army food Banks, local Boy / Girl Scouts, Rainbow Assembly, DeMolay Chapter and Job's Daughters. The leaders of tomorrow are here with us today and we must insure that we support them and their programs.

Closing: Without the leadership, education, determination, dedication, charity, involvement and a clear vision for the Knights Templar Membership Program, its mission will not succeed. It is up to all of us to promote, be visible and unafraid to go the extra mile to get the job done. This Committee represents a small group of Templars trying to get enthusiasm going but, without the support and execution from all, we will not succeed. We must first start with a vision, develop the strategy, agree on the time frame of engagement then all of us execute the plan. We cannot measure results with only a few participating in the program. The Battalion Commanders are our front line of information to the Commanderies in their respective Battalions and should be the first one to lead the charge.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Develop a 25 Year Certificate to present to Sir Knights reaching that attainment to show appreciation for their years of dedication.
- Every top line signer of (5) petitions gets his dues remitted for the upcoming year by the Grand Commandery.
- Increase activity points for parades, public appearances in uniform and sponsorship of a local youth team.
- Have Grand Commandery fund the cost of the bus or subsidize the Easter Sunrise Service to get more attendance and have 2 pick up points in the State. This will reduce the cost of the trip and maybe we can get more to attend.
- Recognize and encourage the use of Summer Uniforms.
- Promote an outstanding Ritualistic Award.
- Promote the Indiana Commander of the Year, invite to the Banquets with spouse and publish in the Templar Magazine.
- Purchase benches or picnic tables for the pad we installed at the IMH, with a plaque as donated by the Knights Templar of Indiana.
- Hold instructional for Commanderies to assist them on Tactics and floor work on the Orders instead of Inspection.
- Award Activity Points for Public Receptions held with the 12 man opening.

Fraternally Submitted,
James L. Dove GG,
Committee Chairman

NECROLOGY REPORT

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

It is my sad duty to report the passing of the following 136 Sir Knights who were called to be with their Lord during the preceding year. If we follow and obey His Commandments, and live according to His laws, we will be re-united with these Knights in due time. That is His promise to us.

<u>Commandery</u>	<u>First</u>	<u>Middle</u>	<u>Last</u>	<u>PC</u>	<u>Date of Death</u>
1	George	Peter	Adinamis		11/5/2008
1	Robert	Emerson	Hancock, Jr.		8/19/2008
1	Raymond	J.	Wheeler, Jr.		5/11/2008
2	Glenn	Murphy	Kuhn	1958	12/10/2008
2	Maurice	Eugene	Secrest		4/6/2008
2	Ralph	Thomas	Swinford		3/17/2008
3	Robert	Reid	Rhodes, Jr.	1973	7/30/2008
3	Edward	J.	Wilson		10/15/2008
4	Ralph	Eugene	Frederick		3/9/2008
4	David	Atwell	Horn	1969	11/1/2008
5	Tom	Calvin	Baird	1987	11/4/2008
5	John	Eugene	Clipp		12/5/2008
6	Robert	Hildreth	Amos	1947	2/9/2008
6	Frederick	Earl	Cox		5/26/2008
6	Mark	E.	Newland		12/9/2008
6	James	William	Smith		8/19/2008
8	Clifton	Harrison	Bowman		3/19/2008
8	Robert	Forrest	Wolfe		2/27/2008
9	Charles	C.	Caudill, Jr.	1967	1/12/2008
9	James	D.	Gorman		1/11/2008
11	Richard	Eugene	Modisett	1978	7/5/2008
11	Arthur	Daniel	Stockton		7/6/2008
12	William	Orville	Baird		2/3/2008
12	Cloyce	Lyman	Sempsrott		8/15/2008
12	Ira	Marion	Smyrl, Jr.	1967	9/20/2008
12	Duncan	Alec	Stevens		7/4/2008
12	Owen	Leonard	Travis	1976	1/15/2008
13	Harry	Dale	Collier		3/4/2008
13	Kent	Garamond	Hoffman		1/28/2008
13	Harold	Ivan	Housewerth	1974	10/4/2008
13	Steven	Michael	Mandich, Jr.		5/19/2008
14	Charles	Linberg	Boles		4/17/2008
14	Walter	Edward	Perry, Jr		11/8/2008
14	Charles	Junior	Shull		2/6/2008
15	Ronald	Dwight	Crook	1987	8/13/2004
15	Ruben	Paul	Garrison		10/10/2008
15	Keith	Willis	Gentry		7/3/2006

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15	Marion	Victor	Healy		11/5/2006
15	Hugh	Alfred	Jennings		4/8/2008
15	Stanley	Allen	Lee		4/26/2006
15	Billy	Gene	Loveless	1966	3/15/2006
15	George	Allen	Ranes		5/31/2008
15	Noal	Orble	Stephens	1977	1/2/2008
16	Hans	Frederick	Graf	1979	9/26/2008
16	Robert	Delby	Humphrey		1/23/2008
16	John	Alkire	Kenlay		2/23/2008
16	Frederick	Stanton	Martin		7/21/2008
16	Robert	Lee	Shockley		1/21/2008
16	Noal	Orble	Stephens	1977	1/2/2008
18	Donald	Dwight	Green		11/5/2008
18	Ted	F.	Snodgrass	1988	8/25/2008
19	Robert	J.	Cramer		4/6/2008
19	Charles	G.	Draper		1/26/2008
19	Robert	Eugene	Hamel		10/10/2008
19	Alfred	G.	Somerset		9/6/2008
19	Michael	Douglas	Studebaker	1991	6/10/2008
20	Arthur	R.	Boddy		3/27/2008
20	John	Henry	Drof		10/7/2008
20	Randall	Verl	Rink		1/4/2008
20	Karl	Otto	Schafer	1954	10/7/2008
21	Donald	Durand	Brown		10/3/2008
23	William	Earl	Francis		6/30/2008
23	William	Clinton	Miller		9/7/2008
24	Richard	Arlan	Babb		5/28/2008
24	Robert	Leverne	M ^c Murtrie		7/31/2008
27	John	L.	M ^c Donald		4/12/2008
29	Leon	Mort	Colgrove		7/1/2007
31	George	Arthur	Doland	1981	6/1/2008
31	Russel	Maurice	Hite		12/4/2005
31	Harold	Ivan	Housewerth		10/4/2008
31	Wallace	Wayne	Huffman		1/11/2008
31	Dwight	Leroy	Morris		2/23/2008
31	Cloyde	Edwin	Saunders		3/29/2008
32	James	Clark	Reed	1979	9/23/2008
35	Sam	Lewis	Bowlin	1962	7/15/2008
35	Carl	Eugene	Schoeff		6/15/2008
36	Frederick	Gene	Brunk	1978	3/10/2008
36	Robert	Henry	Carter	1971	11/14/2008
36	Cletus	Adair	Kotterman		8/15/2008
36	Eugene	B.	Martin	1969	9/2/2008
36	Donald	D.	Needler		2/3/2008
36	Ervin	F.	Reinke		12/1/2008

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37	Arthur	Ratcliffe	Edwards		11/2/2007
37	Otto	Raymond	Edwards		11/12/2007
37	Rowland	David	Garver		1/24/2008
37	Richard	Lee	Gerard, Sr.	2000	6/23/2008
37	Norman	Lee	Pierson		8/9/2007
37	Robert	Arthur	Powell		8/17/2008
37	Harold	Edward	Roser		1/27/2005
37	Verl	Duckwall	Sandifur		1/4/2006
37	James	Loren	Spangler		9/1/2008
37	Harry	Norman	Updegraff, Jr.		8/5/2005
37	James	Richard	Watson	1955	12/29/2004
37	Stanley	Carl	Wilkison		7/26/2008
39	William	R.	Andrews, Sr.		8/25/2008
39	Willard	Russell	Clutter, Jr. PGC		9/28/2008
39	Francis	Lee	Hale	1969	10/10/2008
39	Wendell	Horace	Layton		9/8/2008
39	Frank	Allen	Newkirk, II	2006	1/22/2008
39	Arthur	Jesse	Razor, Sr.	1976	11/13/2007
39	Ted	F.	Snodgrass	1988	8/29/2008
39	Wayne	N.	Taylor	1990	12/16/2008
39	John	Thomas	Wright		7/24/2008
41	Bernard	Manual	Bradley	1977	3/13/2007
41	Paul	Hildred	Hensley	1997	2/21/2008
45	Karl	Lohr	Clark		5/15/2008
45	Dean	Bryan	George		9/3/2007
45	Ralph	Harold	Martin		1/28/2008
45	Benjamin	James	Sheffler		10/28/2008
45	John	E.	Walker		10/31/2007
48	Fredrick	Lee	Daniels		2/17/2008
48	Samuel		Nisbet, Jr.		10/31/2008
56	William	Gene	Noel		6/1/2008
57	Wendell	Lee	Hodges		9/1/2008
57	Hershel	Lee	Kennedy		9/19/2008
57	Allen	T.	Miller		12/13/2008
57	Richard	Peter	Somers	1975	12/29/2008
61	Willard	Russell	Clutter, Jr., PGC	1989	9/28/2008
62	Ralph	James	Buchanan		11/15/2008
62	Earl	Emory	Cline		11/15/2008
62	William	Eugene	Goshen		11/15/2008
62	David	Calvin	Heckman	1977	6/18/2008
62	Glenn	Russell	Logan		10/10/2008
62	Ronald	L.	Rech		10/14/2008
62	Randal	William	Smith		6/15/2007
63	John	J.	Carpenter, Jr.		5/14/2007
63	Jack	Allen	Davis	1981	6/10/2008
63	Donald	Wesley	Deckard		7/13/2008
63	David	Allen	Figg		9/9/2008

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63	Garland	Forrest	Hasler		5/17/2007
63	Frank	Vernon	Otto		12/20/2008
64	Edward	E.	Clutinger		9/22/2008
64	John	Doyle	Riley	1996	11/14/2008
64	Noal	Orble	Stephens	2001	1/2/2008
65	Larry	Walton	Kinimonth		4/5/2008
65	Jessie	Isaac	Mann, Jr.		3/12/2008
66	Louie	Anderson	Wilson		6/19/2008

Forasmuch as the spirit of our departed Sir Knights have entered into the life immortal, we remember their knightly qualities and commend their spirits unto you, O God. We can, with confidence, leave them in the hands of a Being who has done all things well. Delivered from the limitations of this life, their spirits live and abide in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ;

Whose life is the judgment of our works and whose resurrection is the pledge of our immortality. Sir Knights, farewell, and may the sunshine of Heaven beam bright on thy waking.

Respectfully and humbly submitted,

Byron W. Schull, Eminent Grand Prelate

WILLARD RUSSELL CLUTTER, JR.

Died September 28, 2008 – 33rd Funeral Ceremony & Masonic Service was held Friday, October 3, 2008, in the Leppert Mortuary, Nora Chapel, Indianapolis, Indiana.

He was survived by his wife Donna.

Willard Russell Clutter, Jr. was born in Newark, Ohio on October 7, 1945, the son of Willard R. and Frances (House) Clutter. He graduated from Franklin University in Columbus, Ohio with a B.S. Degree in Business Administration. He continued his education by completing an MBA at Butler University in Indianapolis, Indiana.

In 1990 he married Donna Mae Ostermeyer of Greenfield, Indiana. They were members of the United Methodist Church. Bill has two daughters, Holly Anne and Jennifer Lynn (Schmelzer) both residing in Columbus, Ohio area. He has a sister Joanne Clutter (Kelly) residing in Pickerington, Ohio.

Bill's entire professional life was in the telecommunications field starting with GTE in 1966 and was assigned additional management responsibilities advancing to General Sales Manager. In 1982 he was transferred to Indiana as Marketing Planning Director and 1987 he was promoted to Regional Sales Director for GTE, Manufacturing Division, of GTE Communication Systems. In 1991, AT&T, Inc. acquired GTECS, and he became the Regional Sales Director for AT&T Network Systems in

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Indianapolis. His new management responsibilities covered a seventeen state area of the middle United States. He retired from Lucent Technologies in 1998.

Active in many community organizations during his vocational career led to his receiving many awards for his leadership roles in community service work.

Brother Clutter was raised a Master Mason in Guernsey Lodge No. 632, at Cambridge, Ohio on July 21, 1969. After moving to Indiana he demitted from Guernsey Lodge No. 632 and affiliated with Noblesville Lodge No. 57, F. & A.M., Noblesville, Indiana in 1982. He served as Worshipful Master in Noblesville Lodge in 1988 and was presently serving as a Trustee. He was a founding member of Century Lodge No. 764, served as Worshipful Master in 1999 and 2000. He was elected as Treasurer in 2002-04. He was elected as Secretary in 2005-08. He was exalted a Royal Arch Mason in Noblesville Chapter No. 120, R.A.M. on May 9, 1984. He served as High Priest in 1986 and 1991. He was greeted as a Select Master in Noblesville Council No. 89, R. & S.M on May 31, 1984. He served as Illustrious Master in 1987 and 1988. He was created Knight Templar in Noblesville Commandery No. 61 on October 17, 1984. He served as Commander in 1988, 1990, and 1995. He received the Knight Templar Distinguished Service Award in 1995 from his Commandery.

Sir Knight Clutter was elected Grand Junior Warden of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Indiana on April 26, 1991. He advanced through the Grand Commandery Line and was elected Grand Commander on April 26, 1996. Sir Knight Clutter was appointed a Department Commander in 2000 by William J. Jones, M.E. Grand Master of the Grand Encampment Knights Templar of the USA. He became a member of the Grand Encampment College of Honors and was awarded the Knight Cross of the Temple Award for his leadership and continued service to Templary in 1999.

Sir Knight Clutter was a member of Murat Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S. in Indianapolis.

He was a member of the Indianapolis Valley of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, N.M.J. He served as Thrice Potent Master in 2004. He was coroneted a Sovereign Grand Inspector General 33^o Degree at Cincinnati, Ohio on September 29, 1998.

He served as the Grand Marshal of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Indiana in 1997. He served on the Masonic Home Board of Directors of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Indiana in 1999-2000. He served as Preceptor General of the York Rite Sovereign College of North America in 2006-07. He was appointed Personnel Representative of the Grand Master General of the Convent General of the Knight York Cross of Honor in 2004-2007. He was appointed Grand Sentinel of the Convent General of the Knight York Cross of Honor in 2007.

Sir Knight Clutter's Appendant Masonic memberships included: Radiant Chapter No. 200; Order of Easter Star, St Basil Conclave and St. Hilary Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine; Sagamore Valley No. 133, York Rite Sovereign College; St. Bernard de Clairvaux Council No. 256, Allied Masonic Degrees; Robert A. Woods, Priory No. 62, K.Y.C.H.; Gennesaret Tabernacle, H.R.A.K.P.; Royal Order of Scotland; Yeoman of York, Angola No. 2, Grand Council of Knight Masons, Indiana No. 15; Indiana College of Societies Rosicruciana; and the Indiana Past Commanders Association. He had served as the presiding officer in many of these organizations over the years.

David M. Bertch, GC for
Kenneth E. Gibson, KCT, P.G.C.

**WILLIAM H. KOON, II
ADDITION TO THE NECROLOGY REPORT**

Right Eminent Grand Commander, thank you for this opportunity to be a part of your necrology report.

Sir Knights, I made a statement a long time ago that it's no blessing being a young man in an old man's organization because you bury so many of your friends. You have heard your Grand Prelate give your necrology report and certainly the men that are listed in your preprinted proceedings were special in the hearts of all that knew them. The good works that any of us do are remembered so long as there are men who remember each of us. The Grand Encampment has lost several powerful leaders in the last few months. On February the 5th this past year Sir Knight Richard B. Baldwin our Grand Master of our Grand Encampment passed to his eternal reward. He visited this Grand Commandery on several occasions. He liked Indiana. He particularly enjoyed his visits to the East Central Department. He was a man who touched me very deeply, being a fellow officer with him. He laid the ground work for this triennial that we are currently in. We will be paying tribute to him at this triennial in Roanoke, when I hope most of you go there in August. His contribution to our fraternity is very near and dear in the hearts of us who knew him. About a week ago we lost another old timer, if you will. When I came into Templary one of the greats and you knew many of them, Ed Ball, Willard Avery who is still among us, G. Wilbur Bell, Gary Wilson, the list could go on. Sam Hilburn from Texas was one of those leaders of who many of us felt in awe. Sam was a very excellent speaker. He was very quiet. He could sway a crowd by speaking very softly and selling what he had to sell. He had outstanding financial acumens, he was a Past Grand Commander of the State of Texas, and he served this Grand Encampment as its Grand Treasurer. He was nominated back in 2000 to be an Honorary Past Grand Master of this Grand Encampment, Sam passed to his eternal reward last week, Larry Tucker attended his funeral Monday and ironically enough there were not that many people in attendance at his funeral. He had out lived most of his friends. Sam Hilburn, when he was appointed Grand Treasurer, he was appointed by William Henry Thornley, Jr. There were two men who were being considered for the job. Anyone know who the second was? Anyone? It was Bob Price. I don't know what swayed the decision but Bob Price was in contention. A bit of trivia I thought you may want to know. Right Eminent Grand Commander, I thank you for giving me the opportunity of paying a tribute to these two outstanding men.

**MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER JEFFERY P. ZARING
REMARKS**

Thank you Right Eminent Grand Commander and Most Eminent Grand Master, It's good to be with you. I really don't have much to say. The presiding officers of the York Rite Bodies have been kind enough to give me time at the banquets, and so this morning I only want to do two things. First, I want thank you for what you have done for the Grand Lodge of Indiana this year. Every time the Grand Master needed you, you were there, starting with my installation when the Sir Knights led the parade over to dedicate Free Masons Hall, when called upon, and the Sir Knights were there. The other thing I want to remind you of is that you were really responsible for me, whether you know it or not. When I got married I was not a Freemason. My Father-in-law was. He was a great man a great Mason. He is part of the reason I am a Freemason. The other reason was when I would visit my in-laws my father-in-law always had a Knight Templar magazine laying around I don't know if he left it out where I would see it or find it but I always did and that always interested me as a Christian as a someone to be incline toward that I did become a Freemason, a York Rite Mason and a Christian Mason and I certainly have not regretted any of that. I thank you for your work, thank you for your service to the fraternity, and I appreciate that you support Symbolic Freemasonry. I appreciate the fact that the Grand Commander is giving out membership awards today, that is so very, very important. I know I heard your Grand Chapter is going to set goals. Your Grand Lodge is going to set membership goals. We recently evaluated our Strategic Plan and we are or will be about setting measures and setting targets. Some of those targets are going to be challenging goals and I would encourage you to do the same. A goal should be achievable but needs to workable otherwise you have set it too low. So thank you for what you do. Work on membership brings other Free Masons in Christian Masonry.

Jeffery P. Zaring, GM.

REPORT OF THE TRIENNIAL COMMITTEE

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

The 64th Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment, Knights Templar of the United States of America, will be held in the city of Roanoke, Virginia on August 15-18, 2009. The Hotel Roanoke is the headquarters for the Triennial, but rooms are also available at the Sheraton Roanoke and the Holiday Inn, Tanglewood. Bus transportation will be provided to the Roanoke Civic Center for the Dills, and a loop schedule is being planned to provide transportation to and from the participating hotels. Indiana expects to have its usual compliment of drill teams in attendance and current information reflects that this expectation will be met in the person of, Greenfield, Baldwin, and Raper Commanderies. Indiana has taken out a full page ad in the program as is our usual practice, honoring our Past Grand Master Duane Vaught plus our drill teams and current officers. Look for it. The incoming Grand Commander has made arrangements for an Indiana Dinner on Monday evening. He will be announcing full details soon. With the Conclave being within easy driving distance (about 8 hours) we expect there will be a good attendance of Indiana Delegates. If the Triennial Committee can be of assistance to the drill teams or individual Sir Knights please do not hesitate to call us.

Respectfully submitted by:

Willard M. Avery, PGM, Chairman

Larry W. Brown, VEDGC

John V. Stevens, PGC

INACTIVE PARTICIPATION REPORT

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

Your committee for Inactive Participation makes the following report:

This committee defers to many of the excellent points and the incredible degree of information provided by this same committee at the Grand Conclave, then chaired by SK James Stewart De Mond, KGC, PGC, and PDC.

No report on this subject could be more intense or complete than that provided by SK De Mond's committee. Further recapitulation to that great report would only be redundant.

It is with this in mind, that this committee now recommends the implementation of many of SK De Mond's committee suggestions.

To humbly embellish those suggestions, this new committee adds one more item to the list: MENTORING.

In this chairman's travels throughout this great state, one thing seems to continually persist in comments from the general membership. This is the feeling of being detached from the activities of the body to which that membership belong.

Making personal contact to our membership is invaluable. Personally keeping members "in the loop" is priceless in most opinions. This mentoring can also be considered accountability.

Although it is impossible to make that personal contact to everyone every time, a beginning point can be established. To this, the author of this report suggests a "Step aside" program.

This will allow contact to existing members as well as newly knighted SK's to embrace any part of a ritual, learn it and then participate. Make them feel needed. This could lead to new officers. We should dispel the perception that only certain men perform certain parts and there is no room for anyone new.

Therefore, it is recommended by this committee to:

- Create more activities for our membership.
- Become more visible in our respective communities.
- Re-establish or create a mentoring program.
- Re-establish or create a "phone tree" calling program.
- Create a committee to send cards for Birthdays & Anniversaries.
- Create a phone tree committee (possibly consisting of inactive members) keeping members abreast of events.
- Make personal requests of members to be willing to participate in a portion of an Order or on committee.
- Make personal requests of members to set-up/take down for Orders.

Inactive Participation (cont)

- Create (where applicable) a drill team to participate in a minimum of a 'Pass-In-Review' at the next Grand Session.
- Have an education night providing information on the Eye Foundation, Holy Land Pilgrimage, Scholarship program and the DC Easter Sunrise Service trip.
- Create a committee for banquets consisting of: Father & child night; Widows and Wives night; Past Commanders Honor night and Family picnics.
- Create a committee for presenting the US Flag at: a Blue Lodge, School, Easter Star/Amaranth, Scottish Rite event and any youth group (DeMolay, Job's Daughters, and Rainbow Girls).
- Create a committee for marching in a Patriotic Parade.
- As you can see, many of these suggestions are directly from the Activity Sheet which your Commandery is evaluated on.
- Make every attempt possible to create these activities in your Commandery using the services and talents of inactive members as well as any new Sir Knights who will participate.

This will be a Top Down implementation. It will begin with your officers and/or core members. Move the elements around, shift what works to reflect **your** membership. Stay flexible. Most of all do something, even if it doesn't work. Remember, Edison took 2,000 attempts to perfect the light bulb. When asked, he said "well, I found 1,999 how not to make one". Those who do nothing, never fail.

SK De Mond was perfectly accurate in his "outside the box" approach. An old wise proverb goes: ***"If you always do what you have always done, then you will always get what you have always gotten."***

Courteously and fraternally submitted,

Scott G Inman, EGJW

Jack Wallace, GStB, Comm. Bat VI

David Jenkins, GSwB, Comm. Bat III

Mike Ritter, GW, Comm. Bat II

KNIGHT TEMPLAR CRUSADER MAGAZINE

Right Eminent Grand Commander, Right Eminent Past Grand Commanders, Sir Knight all:

As you know the Commanderies compete for this trophy by selling or buying ads for the Knight Templar Crusader magazine. I would like to personally thank everyone who purchased an ad this past year.

It is with pleasure that I report that the Knights Templar Crusader magazine in its 13th year. We took in \$3,424.00, and it cost \$1,915.00 to publish the magazine. Next year, the letter will be coming out a little bit earlier.

We had several Commanderies competing this year, Greenfield sold \$450.00, Kokomo \$325.00, H.E. Lackey \$300.00, the winner Richmond Commandery, Would the Commander of Richmond please come up, we're going to take this home.

I am the Commandery of Richmond. Believe it or not this is the first time I have had my name on the trophy. I move the acceptance of this report.

Fraternally submitted,

Bobby Joe Frazer, KCT, PGC

REPORT OF THE GRAND INSPECTOR GENERAL, 2008-09

April 24, 2009

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

We have completed the Inspection schedule for 2008-2009. I would like to address some issues that have surfaced during this period.

Problems

- Several reports were not submitted until after both the Inspection and Reception were complete. I would have preferred that they be sent after each is completed.
- Many reports were not sent until after the two week limit for the inspection. This needs to be improved.
- Bray and Johnson County Commanderies did not have an instructional until January. This delay should be avoided in the future.
- Bloomington Commandery did not participate in the Battalion Inspection /Reception on the date that it was planned. This creates extra work for the inspecting officers because they must set another date for this Commandery to complete the inspection. And, this lack of cooperation creates a bad image for the rest of the Commanderies in the Battalion.
- Mergers should always be a concern for us. Jeffersonville Commandery No. 27 has merged with New Albany Commandery. The members of a merged Commandery, especially, if they must travel a distance to attend a meeting, may lose interest and eventually demit or not pay their dues.
- There were several By-Laws dates excluded from the Inspecting Officer's Report. This date indicates whether or not the By-Laws are current.

Strong or Weak Commanderies

I can tell whether a Commandery is strong or weak by looking at the Activities Sheet, Activities Score and Leadership Score, in particular. The activities score indicates if the Commandery is doing anything of interest for its members. The leadership score shows if there is a plan of action (one year) or one for the future (5 years). Very few Commanderies have both plans. All other activity scores on the sheet are a reflection of these two scores.

Kudos

I wish to thank you, Right Eminent Grand Commander for the opportunity to serve as Grand Inspector General this year. It was a fulfilling experience that went smoothly with the Battalion Commanders and the help of the Deputy Grand Inspector Generals, SK Wayne Sheets and SK Stanton Davis.

Recommendations

- All reports are to be filed with the GIG and DGC within 2 weeks after the Inspection or Reception date. This may have bearing on officer rating.
- There will be no Inspection/Reception/Instructional dates allowed after December 15.
- Continue to stress the importance of 1 and 5 year plans and keeping the By-Laws current (updated every 5 years) with the Commanderies in your Battalion.
- The Battalion Commanders need to review the results of the Inspection/Reception with the Commandery at their next Stated Conclave.

Submitted in Templary,
Ronald L. Ellis, GIG, Wayne Sheets, DGIG, Stanton Davis, DGIG

Grand Commandery Inspection Tallies 2008

						Activity Data								Ritual Data			
	Open/Close Score	Members Inspection Attendance	Total Inspection Attendance	Commanderies Present	By-Laws Updated	Activities	Membership	Attendance	Relief	Communications	Leadership	Total Activity Score	Blue ribbon highest, Red Second Highest	Order Score	Battalion Guidon	Total Score	Guidon Winner
Battalion I {LaBounty}																	
LaPorte #12	205	10	30	11	6/29/05	675	375	90	115	25	50	1330		190	x	1520	
South Bend #13	205	10	30	11	6/28/05	185	20	58	50	0	20	333		190	x	523	
Valparaiso #28	211	7	28	7	9/14/07	675	350	95	135	75	80	1410	red	183		1593	
Michigan City #30	211	9	28	7	6/28/07	850	100	32	50	25	20	1077		183		1260	
Hammond #41	232	12	18	15	6/25/05	1250	170	57	260	0	70	1807	blue	190	x	1997	
Elbert H. Gary #57	178	6	20	6	unkn	300	210	6	300	50	90	956		178		1134	
Battalion II {Ritter}																	
Ft. Wayne #4	157	15	25	9	2/1/04	1250	350	88	335	75	100	2198	blue	269		2467	
Apollo #19	163	4	35	13	11/11/75	125	25	30	0	25	20	225		296	x	521	x
Elkhart #31	160	14	17	6	7/8/07	500	115	57	50	25	50	797		267		1064	
Huntington #35	157	4	25	9	2/1/04	475	195	80	40	25	40	855		269		1124	
Angola #45	163	8	35	13	unkn	700	130	83	110	75	50	1148	red	296	x	1444	x
Battalion III {Jenkins}																	
Lafayette #3	187	8	20	6	6/24/05	800	0	58	65	25	90	1038		265		1303	
Grant County #21	163	8	18	10	8/19/99	1025	90	80	75	25	40	1335	red	276		1611	
St. John #24	0	8	9	2	unkn	175	0	0	0	0	0	175		0		175	
Frankfort #29	184	14	28	11	4/20/07	450	195	15	70	25	50	805				805	
Kokomo #36	135	11	22	11	3/17/07	450	30	90	140	0	20	730		291	x	1021	
Matthewson #66	187	7	20	6	6/28/05	1200	140	56	35	0	0	1431	blue	265		1696	
Battalion IV {Fleming}																	
Connersville #6	Inst	14	17	3	6/28/05	325	10	56	55	25	0	471		Inst		471	
Richmond #8	163	12	24	5	8/1/06	550	80	55	75	25	60	845		283	x	1128	
Anderson #32	158	15	48	7	unkn	950	245	82	50	75	40	1442	blue	258		1700	
Greenfield #39	157	16	18		2/17/06	650	70	84	145	75	90	1115	red	283	x	1398	
	158	6	39	7	unkn	750	60	65	25	25	40	965		258		1223	
Battalion V {Harms}																	
Raper #1	128	13	38	14	7/10/01	1200	420	98	220	75	100	2113	blue	128		2241	
Johnson County #23	Inst	2	30	10	7/10/01	50	0	84	60	0	50	244		0		244	
Noblesville #61	120	11	17	10	3/20/07	1100	145	60	125	25	10	1465		237		1702	
Trinity #62	133	18	32	10	10/25/04	1450	255	41	85	25	60	1916	red	244	x	2160	
William G. Bray #65	Inst	13	30	10	1/5/06	725	140	56	50	0	20	991		111		1102	
H. E. Lackey #67	131	18	31	10	4/26/07	1025	185	57	150	0	50	1467		236		1703	

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Battalion VI {Wallace}																
Baldwin #2	108	10	20	8	12/1/07	425	5	55	0	0	0	485		238		723
New Albany #5	111	13	21	10	7/16/07	850	10	56	150	25	80	1171	red	229		1400
Columbus #14	114	9	15	4	5/26/04	750	135	88	310	25	40	1348	blue	292	x	1640
Jeffersonville #27 (merged)												0				0
Seymour #56	Inst	13	17	3	6/1/08	50	55	55	100	0	0	260		Inst		260
Battalion VII {Ramsey}																
Greencastle #11	126	4	19	6	6/30/05	425	5	55	110	25	30	650	red	272	x	922
Terre Haute No. 16	124	7	19	6	7/7/07	1000	230	6	0	50	50	1336	blue	234		1570
Crawfordsville No. 25	126	4	19	6	6/28/05	25	200	55	100	50	50	480		272	x	752
Clinton No. 48	124	2	19	6	unkn	125	0	25	25	0	0	175		234		409
Battalion VIII {Bruning}																
LaValette #15	145	12	28	8	12/31/04	1200	310	41	65	50	10	1676	blue	0	x	1676
Vincennes #20	107	5	28	8	4/2/05	375	5	63	70	75	50	858	red	0		858
Bedford #42	1	1	28	8	7/8/91	50	315	81	135	25	0	606		0		606
Bloomington #63	Inst	5	13	6	1/29/05	400	105	5	25	0	20	555		0		555
Wright #64	102	7	28	8	11/10/95	100	85	9	95	50	100	459		0		459

Guidon winner has highest ritualistic score

Blue ribbon highest activity

Red ribbon 2nd highest activity

BATTALION REPORTS

Battalion #1

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

The Commanderies of Battalion I have grown by 32 new knights since the last Grand Conclave and have been active since a number of Sir Knights participated in the pass-in-review. Several Commanderies have marched in parades over the Fourth of July and Labor Day and are now talking about forming a battalion drill team. Several Commanderies were represented at South Bend's Palm Sunday representation of the "Living Cross." South Bend, La Porte, Hammond and Valparaiso all have an Easter observance, and E.H. Gary has an annual Christmas observance. Hammond and E.H. Gary both provided Honor Guards for Blue Lodge installations. Almost everywhere I went, I saw Sir Knights visiting in large numbers and I think this bodes well for the battalion. I feel that the new Battalion Commander is going to have a lot of fun this coming year.

Respectfully Submitted,

John La Bounty, B.C.

Battalion #2

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

Inspections

All the Commanderies participated in their receptions/inspections this year. All the Commanderies performed the Order of the Temple, except Ft. Wayne and Huntington which did the Order of Malta at Ft. Wayne.

The inspection schedule for 2009 has been submitted and we are looking forward to a great year in Battalion #2.

Meetings

The Battalion meeting was held in March at the Ft. Wayne Asylum. This meeting was well attended by the Commanderies in Battalion #2. Sir Knight Larry W. Brown, Very Eminent Deputy Grant Commander shared his goals for 2009/2010. There was also some discussion of activities this year, as well as, activities for the upcoming year.

Status of Commanderies:

Ft. Wayne Commandery No. 4

Ft. Wayne continues to be very active in the Commandery. They have done several American Flag presentations. On June 24 there was a "Masonic Service", with all the Service's membership officiating, being Masons. Ft. Wayne continues to help in Battalion #2 to perform degree work in the state and local area Commanderies. They have participated in the, "Tri State York Rite Festival" held on the last Saturday in February, and the first Saturday in March. The conferrers of degrees are from Indiana, Ohio, and Michigan. On November 1, Ft. Wayne took the lead to organize and performed the Order of Red

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Cross at Huntington for the Grand Commandery. There were several Commanderies from Battalion # 2, who helped out for this order.

Apollo Commandery No. 19

Apollo has been involved in activities so far this year. They participated in the Memorial Day services at Garret American Legion. Sir Knight John Campbell recently has taken over the books as recorder and is working hard to bring the books up to date. Apollo continues to have concerns on getting Sir Knights actively involved in meetings and having new Knights coming into the Commandery. Apollo does not have a recruitment program at this time to obtain new candidates from the surrounding lodges.

Grant County Commandery No 21

Grant County continues to have a central core of members that are active and doing the work. They have participated in the Veterans Day parade. Grant County has candidates ready to take degree work. Grant County is using the all day degree days to provide the opportunity for the candidates to complete their work.

Grant County has concerns that they are trying to address. One the inactivity of its membership, and they have a hard time getting members present for their meetings. For the year 2009 Grant County is creating new activities to attract members to come and participate, Grant County is continuing to rebuild its York Rite bodies.

Elkhart Commandery No. 31

Elkhart has strong officers leading their Commandery and continues to be active. In May they had a Lord's Day observance at the Faith United Church in Goshen, Indiana. They are doing presentation about the York Rite in the Blue lodges and are adding Sir Knights to the Commandery. Elkhart did a Flag presentation at the Eastern Star in Warsaw. Elkhart continues to build their Commandery. And has a good presents in the community

Huntington Commandery No. 35

Huntington has increased their activities this year. They have Knighted 5 new Sir. Knights this year and have been involved in several activities so far. They are working on starting a drill team and getting new uniforms for the drill team through fund raising activities. They participated in two parades in June and July. Huntington has worked with other Commanderies in the all day degree.

Huntington continues to have concerns on getting Sir Knights actively involved in their meetings.

Huntington also, needs to look at their financial structure to insure that they have sufficient funds to pay their expenses in the future, and have funds for local activities.

Angola Commandery No. 45

Angola has some new candidates going through the degrees for the Chapter and Council but is not ready for the Commandery Orders yet. They have a recruitment program were the York Rite body give all new Master Masons there Masonic pins when they are raised in the Blue lodges. Angola also, hosted the "Tri State York Rite Festival" in Angola this year on the last Saturday in March. They have worked with other Commanderies in Battalion #2, as well as, Michigan and Ohio to put on the Orders of the Commandery and have done some exceptional work for the candidates. Angola continues have a great presents in the community.

Summary Remarks

The strength in Battalion #2 comes from the Commanderies working together in several events throughout the year for the benefit of York Rite Commanderies. Together the Commanderies have worked to put on the, "Tri State York Rite Festival" held on the last Saturday in February, and the first

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Saturday in March, the degree's at Huntington on Nov. 1, and other activities during the year. All of the Commanderies in Battalion #2 have been involved in several activities in their communities. The Commanderies in Battalion #2 continue to build their Commandery and has a good presents in the community. They are working on developing recruitment programs form their Blue Lodges and need to send Sir Knights form each Commandery to the Crusader College for training. All the Commanderies in Battalion #2 needs to work on increasing social activities that will help bring additional interest into the York Rite bodies.

Respectfully Submitted,
Michael D. Ritter, Grand Warder, Battalion #2 Commander

Battalion #3

In general, Battalion 3 is in good condition. The records and books of each Commandery have been excellent and the Recorder and Treasurer of each Commandery should be commended for their work. St. John #24 must overcome two problems in the future, one being active participation and two having access to an Asylum after this year. If the membership decides possibly a few Sir Knights could step up and help them overcome this. I would also like to thank the Deputy Battalion Commanders Jim Kerns and Dennis Tudor for their assistance, and EGG James Dove for his help in inspecting Kokomo #36 this year.

Respectfully submitted,
David L. Jenkins
Grand Sword Bearer
Commander, Battalion 3

Battalion #5

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

It has been an honor and a pleasure to have the opportunity to serve the Grand Commandery during this past Templar year. It has been an enjoyable experience to travel throughout Battalion 5 and throughout the State of Indiana; meeting and becoming friends with many new Sir Knights.

The Commanderies of Battalion 5 have been busy this year; with all but one having a net gain in membership, which is incredible, and the Battalion as a whole having a net gain of over fifty members; the Offices and Sir Knights of Battalion 5 should be commended for their efforts toward recruitment. There has also been an increase in Templar focused activities this year; encouraging more and more Sir Knights to become active with their local Commanderies. A passionate effort has been made by these Commanderies to increase the presence of Knights Templar across all Masonic groups, with Sir Knights appearing in uniform at every major Masonic event in the area and many events outside of Battalion 5. There were five receptions and four inspections on Orders this year across Battalion 5; all of which went very well. I am very proud of the work that has gone on this past year by these Commanderies.

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I would like to thank the Sir Knights of Battalion 5 for their hard work and the hospitality they have shown me this year. I would also like to thank the Deputy Battalion Commanders that have served the Grand Commandery and this Battalion the past year: Joe Korschot, Andrew Wiley, Ryan Lentz, Carson Smith, Jerald Miller, and Phil 'Bear' Whisner. Their assistance and company during my travels this year was invaluable and greatly appreciated.

It has been a pleasure to serve the Grand Commandery as Eminent Grand Sentinel and Battalion Commander during the 2008-2009 year. I appreciate the REGC for giving me this opportunity, the friendships that have been forged with the Officers of the Grand Commandery, and the courtesies extended to me by all of the Commanderies I have had the pleasure to visit.

Fraternally,
Sir Knight Brian David Harms
Eminent Grand Sentinel
Battalion Commander, 5th Battalion

Battalion #6

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

The past year has seen the merger of Jeffersonville Commandery #27 with New Albany Commandery No. 5. New Albany Commandery # 5 is doing well. A York Rite Class was held that resulted in the Knighting of 9 Sir Knights.

Baldwin Commandery #2 has seen a membership decline over the past year due to a purging of the records and a few demits. Activities are being planned that we hope will result in an increase in membership participation and an increase in membership.

Columbus Commandery #14 is doing well and are maintaining membership and member participation in Commandery programs and activities.

Seymour Commandery #56 is not doing as well as expected. Assistance may be needed to help with their program

Respectfully Submitted
J. F. Wallace, Battalion Commander, Battalion # VI

Battalion #7

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

All Commanderies in the Battalion were involved in joint inspections. They participated in a Battalion Open Reception, held in Terre Haute.

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Every Commandery but one, either Knighted or have a candidate in waiting this year, this will amount to about 15 new Sir Knights.

All Commanderies were in good financial at the end of the year.

The strength of the Battalion is that the new Sir Knights are good ritualists and are eager to get involved in their respective Commanderies.

I would like to thank the Right Eminent Grand Commander for letting me be the Battalion Commander of Battalion VII.

Respectfully Submitted,
Marvin Ramsay, BC
Battalion VII

Battalion #8

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

Overview

Battalion #8 consists of; LaValette #15, Vincennes #20, Bedford #42, Bloomington #63 and Wright #64.

These Commanderies show that the enthusiasm is there, the desire is there, the participation is there, but some fine tuning must be done on the tactics. These Asylums are teeming with SK's willing to make any improvement(s) necessary to succeed. Their work is adequate, but these SK's strive for above average performance which is driven with superior than average attitude and desire.

SK Jerry Bruning, BC has done an excellent job of leading not only his Commandery (LaValette), but Battalion #8 in general. His attitude is excellent; never seeming unbalanced under any circumstances and assumes the leadership role so many SK's in Battalion #8 have come to expect of him. Although SK Bruning announced his resignation as BC at our winter meeting, he has given me his assurances he will continue to help and assist in any way he can. This attitude is only a part of what has made SK Bruning the great man that he is.

I selfishly depended on SK Ed Sebring, GPE and DBC, to keep me informed of the work at his Commandery (Vincennes) as well as the entire Battalion. SK Ed has his finger on the pulse of Templary in Southwestern Indiana. SK Sebring is a great representative for Templary everywhere. He travels anywhere he is asked, always brings a great attitude and a perspective which I have come to depend on.

I now wish to acknowledge the extreme effort SK Don New, has made for all the years he personally held Bedford Commandery together. SK Don was there, not only for all the good times Bedford Commandery enjoyed, but during the most difficult years they endured. Had SK Don not been so determined, the recent events there may have never been possible to experience.

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With the new SK's filling officer positions throughout this Battalion, along with the combination of Blue Lodge presentations, participation in area parades & civic functions, membership should flourish. The leadership is looking forward to the excitement that all this bring.

Summary

In conclusion, Battalion #8 has work to perform to become more visible within the Templar community. Activities must be completed. Blue Lodge presentations will produce petitions. All Commanderies must participate in this. The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar Indiana is well respected throughout Battalion #8, but we as a Grand body must do our part. We must maintain a visible presence for the boost of confidence these great men need to elevate themselves to the level of performance not seen in their communities in years. These SK's need us to be there on a regular basis.

SK Scott G Inman, EGSW
Division Commander
Battalion #8



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154th CONCLAVE DIGEST

The 154th Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Indiana, was held at the Marriott Hotel East, Indianapolis. The Sir Knights of Raper Commandery No. 1, the home Commandery of the Right Eminent Grand Commander, served as hosts for the Conclave.

The Divine Service was held prior to dinner on Thursday evening with 95 Sir Knights and ladies in attendance. The service was under the direction of S.K. Edward Sebring, Grand Prelate, who brought the message. The Divine Service was followed by the Grand Commander's Banquet with 165 in attendance. This was followed by a Grand Tournoi and an ice cream social. A wonderful time was had by all.

The lines were formed by Raper Commandery No. 1, under the direction of S. K. George D. Kivett, KCT, KCTH, HPGC. Distinguished guests were received under the guidance of S. K. Irvin L. Bitting, KCT, PGC, George A. Ingles, Jr., KCT, PGC and Dwight E. Lanman, Jr., KCT, PGC.

The following Past Grand Commanders were received: Robert E. Price, Kenneth E. Gibson, Paul W. Friend, John V. Stevens, Steven J. Barton, Dwight E. Lanman, Duane Stucker, Robert J. Frazer, Duane L. Vaught, George A. Ingles, Ronald L. Ellis, Lawrence V. Kaminsky, Rodney A. Mann, Harrison E. Lackey, and George D. Kivett.

Sir Knight Gary Snyder, PMEGHP of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Indiana and his Corp of officers were received, introduced and greeted. James H. Hodge, PMEGHP, Deputy General Grand High Priest for the East Central Region and currently serving as General Grand Secretary for the General Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons International. Also in attendance and received was Larry E. Gray, PMEGHP, Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Indiana and General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, International.

Sir Knight Michael W. Klepper, PMIGM of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Indiana and his Corp of Officers were received, introduced and greeted.

Also received, presented and welcomed was Bobby W. Roberts, Indiana Grand Governor of the York Rite Sovereign College of North America. Also present was Larry W. Brown and James H. Hodge, Deputy Governors for Indiana.

S. K. Robert G. Elrod, 33rd, Deputy for Indiana for the Supreme Council, 33rd, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, Northern Masonic Jurisdiction was presented and welcomed.

Sir Knight Douglas O. Fegenbush, PMIGM and Past Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Indiana. Also received, was Sir Knight Roger S.

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Van Gordon, HPMIGM and Past Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Indiana.

We had several states represented by Junior Grand Officers including Pennsylvania, Ohio, Wisconsin, Michigan, Kentucky and Louisiana.

The following Grand Commanders were introduced and presented with Honorary Memberships: Glenn V. Leeper, Jr., Michigan; Daniel L. Coleman, Kentucky; Lawrence A. Catellier, Wisconsin and Burch E. Zehner, Ohio. Also presented an Honorary Membership was Richard L. James, PGC and Grand Representative to Indiana near Louisiana and Bryan C. Cunningham, Provincial Grand Prior of Ontario, Canada.

Also present and received were S. K. Franklin C. Boner, the Right Eminent Department Commander of the East Central Department of the Grand Encampment, United States of America and S. K. Steven J. Barton., R. E. Past Department Commander for the East Central Department of the Grand Encampment, United States of America. Rodney A. Mann and Austin C. Gray, Jr., Aides to the Right Eminent Grand Captain General were also introduced. In addition, S. K. Robert E. Price, K.G.C., Honorary Past Department Commander was in attendance.

The Inspecting Officer was S. K. Duane L. Vaught, Right Eminent Grand Captain General and Personal Representative of S.K. William H. Koon, II, Most Eminent Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, Knights Templar of the United States of America and Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Indiana.

Roll call of Grand Representatives showed that 40 were present, 3 were absent, 5 were excused and 2 open for appointment. The report of the Necrology Committee paid tribute to those 159 Sir Knights who have passed to their eternal rest. The Grand Recorder reported a loss of 196 for the year 2007 with 202 new Sir Knights having been created.

The Grand Commander then read his Allocution, which drew a standing ovation.

The Treasurers' Report was approved.

The Holy Land Pilgrimage Committee reports that the State of Indiana sent two (2) Ministers to the Holy Land this past year. They went on Feb. 19 – Feb. 29, 2008. They were Rev. Gary Meek from Richmond Commandery KT #8 and Rev. Steven Conger from Hammond Commandery KT #41. And it is with great pleasure that I report that at this time we have 5 ministers to be voted on by the committee for next year (2009) and hope that you have more to go to the Holy Land next year.

ELECTIONS: The final report of the Credentials Committee showed that all Commanderies were represented by at least one delegate except for No.19. Following this report, the election was held with the following results:

David M. Bertch, G.C.	Larry W. Brown, D.G.C.	James L. Dove, G.G.
Paul A. Cole, G.C.G.	J. Rex Sohn, G.S.W.	Scott G. Inman, G.J.W.
Robert J. Frazer, KCT, P.G.C., G.T.	Lawrence V. Kaminsky, KCT, P.G.C., G.R.	

Kenneth Gibson, KCT, P.G.C. was elected Grand Trustee for a term of 3 years.

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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):

Trinity Commandery #62

COMMANDERY OF THE YEAR – Angola Commandery No.45 (Total Combined Score)

BATTALION SCROLLS (Highest Percentage of Gain)

Battalion #1 – LaPorte #12

Battalion #5 – Trinity #62

Battalion #2 – Fort Wayne #4

Battalion #6 – No Winner

Battalion #3 – Grant County # 21

Battalion #7 – Terre Haute #16

Battalion #4 - No Winner

Battalion #8 – No Winner

Guidons were presented in each Battalion to the Commandery having the highest score on the opening and closing ceremonies at Inspection.

Battalion #1 – LaPorte #12

Battalion #2 – Angola #45

Battalion #3 – Frankfort #29

Battalion #4 – Anderson Commandery #32

Battalion #5 – Raper #1

Battalion #6 – Baldwin #2

Battalion #7 – Terre Haute #16

Battalion #8 – LaValette #15

Grand Commandery Guidon was presented to Angola Commandery No. 45.

EMINENT COMMANDER CERTIFICATES OF MERIT 2007-08

Battalion 1

William Fox, Jr.

South Bend No. 13

Richard J. Bechinski

Michigan City No. 30

Scott G. Inman

Hammond No. 41 (by LVK)

James Lee White

E H Gary No. 57

Battalion 2

James B. Coleman

Fort Wayne No. 4

Battalion 3

Dennis J. Tuder

Frankfort No. 29

Battalion 4

John T. Fleming

Greenfield No. 39

Battalion 5

Phillip A. Garver

Raper No. 1

Battalion 6

Jack F. Wallace

Baldwin No. 2

Edward H. Young

New Albany No. 5

Battalion 7

Joseph B. Coniff

Greencastle No. 11

Marvin L. Williams

Terre Haute No. 16

Michael S. Morrison

Crawfordsville No. 25

Battalion 8

Christopher W. Kimmel

Vincennes No. 20

Michael C. Stoner

Bloomington No. 63

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Three resolutions were proposed this year:

1. A clarification that the Life membership fund stops paying the Commandery at the time the member reaches 50 years, after which his dues are remitted. Motion passed.
2. A change to how the Jurisprudence Committee is appointed. It is now within the power of the Grand Commander to appoint all committees. Motion passed.
3. A proposal was made to allow an "OPC" bar to be worn on the uniform. The proposal was not in the proper form and was sent back to the Uniform Committee for further study.

The Educational Loan Foundation Committee reported that the decision by the Education Foundation Board to offer a scholarship this year came to fruition. Steven J. Barton, PGC, PDC presented a check in the amount of \$5,000 to Wayne E. Pruner, Director of Planned and Major Gifts at the Christian Theological Seminary for the benefit of our scholarship recipient, Terri Thorn. She is a Masters of Divinity student. The Educational Foundation has committed to give \$5,000 in scholarship money to CTS for the next year after which we will re-evaluate our progress.

The official Conclave Program Book, "The Templar Crusader", was again successful and H.E. Lackey Commandery No. 67 received the traveling award for selling the most ads. The Crusader Committee was able to donate \$3,000 to the Holy Land Pilgrimage Fund this year.

The Finance Committee Report was given and accepted. The Budget for 2008-09, holding the per-capita at \$8.50 per member for the Grand Commandery was approved.

The Easter Sunrise committee put together another great trip this year. We departed from the Marriott Hotel on Wednesday morning March 19 and traveled to PA where we toured a home designed and built by Frank Lloyd Wright called Kentuck Knob. It was a very interesting home. Thursday morning we went on in to Washington D. C. and toured the Eastern Star International Temple, for all of the members of the Grand Commandery that are Eastern Star members you need to see this building. Thursday afternoon we toured the George Washington National Masonic Memorial Temple. A great building to visit, every Mason should visit this building. Friday morning we toured the House of the Temple, which is the headquarters of the 33rd degree Scottish Rite Southern Jurisdiction, a beautiful building. Friday afternoon we toured the Pentagon. Saturday morning the Grand Commander along with the Grand Master of the Grand Encampment William H. Koon, II, the Grand Master of Masons of Indiana Most Worshipful Brother Duane L. Vaught and Warren G. Eubanks a veteran of the Korean Conflict placed a Wreath on the Tomb of the Unknowns. Saturday afternoon was spent at the Mall of the Memorials. Saturday evening we attended the Banquet in honor of the Grand Commanders that were in attendance. Sunday morning after a buffet breakfast we attended Sunrise Service conducted by the Grand Prelate of the Grand Encampment. After the service we departed for home.

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARDS: Thirteen Sir Knights and six 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 John E. Hylemon, long-time Recorder of H.W. Matthewson Commandery No. 66. A second Star Recorder award was given this year to Henry E. LaHurreau for his dedicated service to Fort Wayne Commandery No. 4.

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR CROSS OF HONOR: This coveted Templar award was presented to Sir Knight Thomas Harper of Trinity Commandery No. 62.

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The Grand Commander-elect then announced the following appointments:

Byron Schull, GP; John Logan, Sr., GO; Harrison E. Lackey, KCT, KTCH, HPGC, Grand Marshall; and Ronald L. Ellis, KCT, PGC, GIG.

INSTALLATION: The business of the 154th Annual Conclave having been completed, the new officers were installed by S.K. Robert E. Price as Installing Officer, S.K. Steven J. Barton as Installing Marshall, Robert S. Flint as Installing Prelate, and S.K. George A. Ingles as Installing Recorder. After remarks and introductions by the new Grand Commander, David M. Bertch; he then declared the 154th Annual Conclave adjourned and Raper Commandery No. 1 closed in ample form.

The 154th Annual Conclave of the Grand Commander of Indiana will be held at the Marriott Hotel East in Indianapolis on April 24, 2009.

COMPETITIVE DRILLS: The competitive drills were held on Saturday, April 26th, under the direction of George Kivett, KCT, KTCH, HPGC and Drill Chairman. Three teams participated with the following results:

CLASS B...Raper #1

CLASS C...Greenfield Commandery #39

CLASS D...New Albany #5

Members of Baldwin #2, Greencastle #11, Columbus #14, Terre Haute #16, Crawfordsville #25, Valparaiso #28, Kokomo #36, Hammond #41, Clinton #48 and H.E. Lackey #67 passed in review with the drill teams. An awards luncheon attended by 64 Sir Knights and guests followed the drills.

BATTALION STRUCTURE FOR 2008-2009

Battalion I (LaBounty) 12, 13, 28, 30, 41, 57

Battalion II (Ritter) 4, 19, 21, 31, 35, 45

Battalion III (Jenkins) 3, 24, 29, 36, 66

Battalion IV (Fleming) 6, 8, 18, 32, 39


Battalion V (Harms) 1, 23, 61, 62, 65, 67

Battalion VI (Wallace) 2, 5, 14, 27, 56

Battalion VII (Ramsay) 11, 16, 25, 48

Battalion VIII (Bruning) 15, 20, 42, 63, 64

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



David M. Bertch, Grand Commander



ATTEST:

Lawrence V. Kaminsky, KCT, PGC
Grand Recorder





**GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR
OF INDIANA**



**David M. Bertch, Grand Commander
102 E Seminary St, Liberty, IN 47353**

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April 26, 2008

Membership Crusade for 2008-09

The Membership Crusade goal for 2008-09 is to maintain the statewide membership numbers at their present level and not experience any net loss of membership.

Each Sir Knight who top line signs five (5) petitions which are completed to Knighting will receive a Templar Crusader Jacket from the Grand Commandery. The Knightings must take place between April 26, 2008 and April 23, 2009.

The Eminent Commander of any Commandery which has a net gain in membership during the same time period shall receive a Templar Crusader Jacket.

To be eligible, all Knightings must have been reported by the local Recorder to the Grand Recorder in a timely manner on the monthly reports.

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 26th day of April 2008, A. O. 890

David M. Bertch
Grand Commander



ATTESTED:

Lawrence V. Kaminsky, KCT, PGC
Grand Recorder



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May 8, 2008

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 **2009 Holy Land Pilgrimage**. The first Pilgrimage will depart from Newark, N.J. on February 9, 2009, and return on February 19, 2009. The second Pilgrimage will depart from Newark, N.J. on February 23, 2009, and return on March 5, 2009. 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 190 ministers to Israel thus far. The number of ministers to be selected will depend on the amount of funds raised. The cost of sending a minister is approximately \$2,000.00. A goal of sending 45 ministers is set. To the work, Sir Knights, draw your swords in defense of the Christian religion.

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, 3208 N.W. "C" St., Richmond, IN 47374 Checks should be made payable to: "Holy Land Pilgrimage".

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 26th day of April 2008, A. O. 890

David M. Bertch
Grand Commander

ATTESTED:

Lawrence V. Kaminsky, KCT, PGC
Grand Recorder



Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Indiana

1. Date: _____
2. Full name: _____
3. Home address: _____
4. City: _____ State: _____ Zip code: _____
5. Phone: () _____
6. E-Mail: _____
7. Birthday: (MM/DD/YYYY) _____
8. Social Security Number: _____
9. Spouse's name: _____
10. Number of years married: _____
11. Children's name(s) and age (s), if any: _____

12. Name of school, years attended, degrees awarded and year ordained:

13. Name of present church, address and phone number:

14. Size of your congregation: _____
15. Number of ministers in your church: _____
16. Number of years in full time ministry, give name of church and years served:

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17. Have you ever been to the Holy Land? _____

18. If yes, give the dates and the most inspiring site visited:

19. Why would you like to visit the Holy Land?

20. Why did you elect to become a minister?

21. 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:

22. Would you be willing to visit the Holy Land as a guest of the Knights Templar? _____

23. Would you be willing to visit the Holy Land without your spouse and with members of other Christian Denominations? _____

24. Do you know of any Knights Templars in your church? _____
If so, please give names:

25. Are you affiliated with the Masonic Fraternity? If so, give affiliation:

26. There is a lot of walking on rough and uneven ground. Will you have a problem with that? _____

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27. Are you aware of any health problems that would prevent or limit your travel to the Holy Land?

28. What medications, if any, do you require?

29. Do you hold a valid passport for travel to the Holy Land? _____
If no, do you foresee any difficulty in obtaining one? _____

30. Would you be available to go to the Holy Land on or about the middle of February for 10 days?

31. Has your name ever been submitted as a Holy Land Pilgrimage nominee in the past? _____

Minister's signature: _____

Printed name: _____

Recommended by: _____ Commandery No. _____

Eminent Commander

Recorder



Upon completion, this form must be approved by the constituent Commandery over the signature of the Eminent Commander and Recorder and forwarded to the Chairman of the Committee of the HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE.

Send this completed form to:

SK Robert J. Frazer, KCT, PGC, GT
Chairman, Holy Land Pilgrimage Committee
3208 NW "C" Street
Richmond, Indiana 47374

Application should be received by September 1 and no later. A Commandery recommending a pastor that has been before, shall submit the money for the pastor by September 1 along with application.



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**David M. Bertch, Grand Commander
102 E Seminary St, Liberty, IN 47353**

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Bulletin No. 4 - Bertch – 2008-09

November 22, 2008

Christmas Message

“Joy to the World, the Lord is Come” – one of my favorite Christmas Carols and maybe one of yours. What a season of Joy this time of year really can be to each of us.

Joy, that we might spend special times with family and friends – possibly celebrating some special traditional observances – possibly creating future fond memories – whatever they might be, I hope your joy of the season is meaningful and abundant.

As Knights Templars we especially are joyous to celebrate again the birth of Our Lord and Savior. Think of it – from the most humble of beginnings in a stable, a ministry that lasted only three years, a horrible death – yet he has become the King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

My Fraters this is a time to renew your Christian thoughts and actions. By a kind word, a smile, an act of assistance, you can spread Joy to others who may be in a time of trouble or hurt. We know the Joy of having our Lord with us each day, and by spreading the Good News to others, we are fulfilling that which we wish to do.

On a personal note, the Joy each of you have brought to me during this Templar Year, continues to uplift me as nothing else could.

May the Joy of this season continue in our hearts and minds.

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 26th day of April 2008, A. O. 890

David M. Bertch
Grand Commander

ATTESTED:
Lawrence V. Kaminsky, KCT, PGC
Grand Recorder



Grand Prelate's Christmas Message
SK Byron W. Schull, Eminent Grand Prelate
December 2008

“Go sing it on the mountain – for Jesus Christ is Born!”

The words of this old spiritual say it all. Jesus is born. This is His birthday. Let us rejoice! Why was He born? Because God knew that man needed a tangible sign that He, God was real. To make His miracle all the more miraculous, He brought His Son to us by virgin birth. Jesus was born to give us life, another miracle of God, another sign of His great love for us. As we ponder this miracle of birth, and the bringing of a new life, new hope for all, and the promise of a better life, and eternal life, and to have it all, we just have to believe. What a gift! What love!

As we were growing up, we went to church and learned of this beautiful story, not only from the pulpit, but in the wondrous carols we sang. I would quote from one of them now, called “Softly the Night is Sleeping”.

*Softly the night is sleeping on Bethlehem's peaceful hill,
Silent the shepherds watching their gentle flocks are still,
But hark the wondrous music falls from the opening sky,
Glory to God it rings again,
Peace on earth, goodwill to men.
Come with the gladsome shepherds quick hastening from the fold,
Come with the wise men bringing incense and myrrh and gold,
Come with our hearts of sunshine and sing the angel's song,
Glory to God tell out again,
Peace on earth, goodwill to men.
Wave ye the wreath unfading, the fir tree and the pine,
Green from the snows of winter to deck the holy shrine,
Bring ye the happy children for this is Christmas morn,
Jesus the sinless infant, Jesus the Lord is born.
Gory to God, to God again,
Peace on earth, goodwill to men.*

As Templars, we have taken up the sword to defend the Christian religion, and spread the love and hope and promise of God to man, given to us in the birth of His son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. Let us rejoice and celebrate His birth by attending the church of our choice.



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**David M. Bertch, Grand Commander
102 E Seminary St, Liberty, IN 47353**

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April 1, 2009

Easter Message

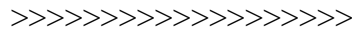
Birth, Life, Death, Resurrection, Ascension - familiar terms to Templars.

Easter is the season marking the Resurrection of Jesus Christ – our Lord and Savior. While many of us may put a more important emphasis on Christmas, in the Eastern Church, Easter is probably the most important observance of the Christian Year.

Because this delineates the miraculous time when God made man suffered and died for us and for our sins, rose from the dead on the third day, was seen by his disciples, then was taken up into the clouds - with the promise that one day he will return. What a wonderful hope for all humankind.

As Knights Templars we should not forget that we ourselves must in word and deed be disciples. Each of us, in his own way, must strive spread the Good News.

It is my hope that each of you and your families are able to celebrate a most meaningful Easter this year.



Sir Knights, if your Commandery has an Easter Observance, keep up the good work. If it is not the habit of your Commandery to Observe Easter, please give it your sincere consideration this year.

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 26th day of April 2008, A. O. 890

David M. Bertch
Grand Commander

ATTESTED:
Lawrence V. Kaminsky, KCT, PGC
Grand Recorder





**GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR
OF INDIANA**



General Order No. 1 Bertch

May 7, 2008

Annual Inspection of Constituent Commanderies

1. Pursuant to the provisions of Section 851 (473) and 852 (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.
 - a. The Grand Inspector General will inspect the designated primary Commandery of each elected Grand Officer, excluding the Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder.
 - b. A Division Commander 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.
 - c. A Battalion Commander may not inspect his home Commandery, such inspection shall be performed by the Division Commander and if that is also the home Commandery of the Division Commander the inspection would be performed by the Grand Inspector General.
3. Each Inspecting Officer shall 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 Officer upon his arrival.
4. The records Inspection shall consist of
 - a. A report on membership
 - b. Examination of books, records, and accounts
 - c. Examination of the paraphernalia and property of the Commandery
 - d. Examination of the Activity sheet.
5. No Inspection will be considered complete until the Inspecting Officer has reviewed all books and financial records. If such records are not present 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 Inspecting officer. Dates and times may only be changed by permission of the Grand Commander. All Inspections must be complete by December 15, 2008.

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7. It is preferred that the regularly elected and appointed officers of the Commandery fill their respective stations during the Full Form Opening. If necessary, visitors or other members may assume some of the stations. 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.
8. An Inspection may consist of up to three (3) separate Commanderies or of a Battalion participating together for an official inspection, when approved by the Battalion Commander and the Grand Commander. Points for the inspection will be awarded when a participating Commandery has nine (9) or more of its members present (subject to review by the Division Commander and the Grand Commander).
9. A Commandery of Knights Templars shall be opened in Full Form with Rehearsal of Duties. Any of the three Orders may be exemplified. If the Order of Red Cross or the Order of Malta is exemplified, work shall be suspended in the Commandery and a Council or Priory declared open. Upon completion of the Order the Council or Priory shall be closed and business resumed in the Commandery
10. Upon completion of the Inspection, the Inspecting Officer will give his remarks; he will then call on anyone else for remarks and then call on the Grand Commander or his official Representative for remarks. The Grand Commander or his official Representative speaks last.
11. A single Commandery may exemplify an order for scoring by the Battalion Commander based on the generally accepted score sheet, if a majority of the parts are filled by members of that Commandery.
12. Up to three Commanderies, or by permission, a Battalion, may exemplify an order for scoring based on the generally accepted score sheet. To receive a score in a joint exemplification, a Commandery must actually participate in the Order with a reasonable number of participants.
13. An instructional meeting on any Order may be held by the Battalion Commander or the Grand Inspector General at a Commandery which requests such meeting. This may be done instead of an Order exemplification. The Commandery will receive no points for this meeting.
14. The Inspecting Officer shall make his report to the Grand Inspector General and the Deputy Grand Commander within fourteen (14) days following the completion of the Inspection. The Inspection scores will be discussed at Winter Meeting and published in the Annual Proceedings.
15. The Battalion Guidon shall be awarded to the Commandery in each Battalion having the highest Ritualistic Score. The Ritualistic score shall be the combined score for Opening and Closing and Exemplification of an Order.
16. The Commandery receiving the highest Ritualistic Score in the state, shall receive the Grand Commandery Guidon.
17. The two Commanderies in each Battalion having the highest Activity Score shall receive a ribbon which may be attached to the Commandery Beauceant.

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18. 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 26th day of April 2008, A. O. 890



David M. Bertch
Grand Commander

ATTESTED:



Lawrence V. Kaminsky, KCT, PGC
Grand Recorder





**GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR
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General Order No. 2 – Bertch

April 26, 2008

Special Dispensations

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. A Commandery may not appear in uniform at any partisan political event.
- ITEM NO. 2 Dispensation is hereby granted to all Constituent Commanderies 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.

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 26th day of April 2008, A. O. 890

David M. Bertch
Grand Commander

ATTESTED:

Lawrence V. Kaminsky, KCT, PGC
Grand Recorder





**GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR
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General Order 3 – Bertch

April 26, 2008

Eminent Commander Certificate of Merit Award

In order to honor the Eminent Commanders of Indiana who have completed a full term in 2008 and who have demonstrated that they are effective leaders by fulfilling the below listed requirements, the Grand Commandery of Indiana will present the Eminent Commander Certificate of Merit award on April 24, 2009.

1. An Officer mentoring program in functioning in the Commandery.
2. The Commandery has made person contact by telephone or visited all inactive Sir Knights in the local area.
3. The Commandery has Knighted at least one (1) candidate in 2008.
4. The Commandery can Open and Close the Commandery without the use of an open Ritual.
5. The Commandery has participated with a quorum present in a local Order (an Order for Inspection qualifies).
6. The Commandery has accumulated at least 250 activity points on the Activities Sheet.
7. 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 2009.

This Order shall be read in all Constituent Commanderies of the first Stated Conclave following its receipt and be made a part of the minutes.

Given under my hand and seal this 26th day of April, A.D. 2008, A.O. 890

David M. Bertch
Grand Commander

ATTESTED:

Lawrence V. Kaminsky, KCT, PGC
Grand Recorder



**GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR
OF INDIANA**



General Order No. 4 – Bertch

April 26, 2008

Libations for Candidates under the age of 21

During the Order of the Temple, any candidate who is below the legal age for consumption of alcoholic beverages in the State of Indiana shall 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 a part of the minutes.

Given under my hand and seal this 26th day of April 2008, A. O. 890.

David M. Bertch
Grand Commander

ATTESTED:

Lawrence V. Kaminsky, KCT, PGC
Grand Recorder





**GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR
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General Order No. 5 – Bertch

April 26, 2008

Special Dispensation – St. Anselm Commandery U.D.

By Order of the Grand Commander, the following information is hereby disseminated:

Dispensation is hereby granted to St. Anselm Commandery U.D. to operate in accordance with Section 48C of the Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America, and it is authorized to continue under such dispensation until the Grand Conclave on April 24, 2009. St. Anselm shall continue to operate in accordance with the Rules of Chapter VII of the Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America.

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

Given under my hand and seal this 26th day of April 2008, A.O. 890.

David M. Bertch
Grand Commander

ATTESTED:

Lawrence V. Kaminsky, KCT, PGC
Grand Recorder





**GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR
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General Order No. 6 – Bertch

September 22, 2008

Vacancy in the Office of the Grand Senior Warden

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

Sir Knight J. Rex Sohn, the Grand Senior Warden of the Grand Commandery of Indiana, has tendered his resignation.

Due to the vacancy, Sir Knight Scott G. Inman, the Grand Junior Warden will move up to the station of Grand Senior Warden per Section 48 (b) of the Constitution of the Grand Encampment of the United States of America. His duties include those fixed by the Ritual and those that may be fixed by the Grand Commandery and the Grand Encampment.

The appointment of a new Grand Junior Warden will follow at a later date.

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 22nd day of September 2008, A. O. 890.

David M. Bertch
Grand Commander

ATTESTED:

Lawrence V. Kaminsky, KCT, PGC
Grand Recorder





**GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR
OF INDIANA**



General Order No.7 – Bertch

September 22, 2008

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 provisions of Section 237 ½ of the Statues of the Grand Encampment , Knights Templar of the United States of America, a meritorious award known as the Knights Templar Cross of Honor may be conferred upon a deserving Sir Knight of each Grand Commandery once each year.

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

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

1. Pass a resolution in your Commandery, naming the Sir Knight to be nominated.
2. Write to the Grand Recorder for a nomination form.
3. Read the instructions on the reverse side of the form, fill it out, and forward the form directly to the Grand Commander, David M. Bertch, 102 E. Seminary St. Liberty, IN 47353.

The nomination form must be in the hands of the Grand Commander prior to February 1, 2009. Incomplete forms and those mailed after that date will not be considered. Your Commandery should consider those submitted previously but who did not receive the award at that time.

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

Given under my hand and seal this 22nd day of September, 2008, ^..O. 890

David M. Bertch
Grand Commander

ATTESTED:

Lawrence V. Kaminsky KCT, PGC
Grand Recorder



**“KNIGHTS TEMPLAR CROSS OF HONOR”
RULES AND REGULATIONS**

(1) In accordance with the provisions of Section 237½ of the Statutes of the Grand Encampment, as amended at the 50th Triennial Conclave, the meritorious Award known as the KNIGHTS TEMPLAR CROSS OF HONOR, shall be conferred by the Grand Master on behalf of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar to deserving Sir Knights of Constituent and Subordinate Commanderies upon certain conditions hereinafter set forth.

(2) The KNIGHTS TEMPLAR CROSS OF HONOR shall be awarded “only for exceptional and meritorious service rendered to the Order, far beyond the call of duty, and beyond the service usually expected of an officer or member.” In deciding upon the award, precedents shall be entirely ignored and each case shall be decided upon its own unusual merits. No posthumous award shall be made, and no present or past elected Grand Officer of a Grand Commandery shall be eligible for the award.

(3) Only one nomination may be made from a Grand Commandery membership of 5,000 or less, plus one additional nomination may be made by a Grand Commandery for each additional 5,000 of its members, or major fraction thereof, during any one year. Only one nomination may be made from the total of the Subordinate Commanderies during one year.

(4) The procedure to be followed for making nominations for this Award shall be as follows:

- a. Any Constituent Commandery desiring to make a nomination shall first adopt a formal resolution, setting forth the full name of its nominee, and the nature of the meritorious service upon which such nomination is based.
- b. The Commander of such Constituent Commandery shall thereupon cause to be filled-in a Nomination Form to be supplied by the Grand Recorder of his Grand Commandery, giving the date, full name of the nominee, address, Templar rank, name of his Commandery and a statement of the nature of the meritorious service upon which such nomination is based.
- c. Such Nomination Form shall be signed by the Commander of such Constituent Commandery and shall be forwarded by him to the Grand Commander of his jurisdiction for consideration.
- d. Such Grand Commander shall consider all nominations made by Constituent Commanderies of his Grand Commandery upon Nomination Forms and shall select only one nominee (more where qualified) in any one year; upon making such selection, the Grand Commander shall affix his written approval to such Nomination Form and shall thereupon send the name to the Grand Master.
- e. Any Subordinate Commandery desiring to make a nomination for this Award shall follow the same procedure as is set forth above for Constituent Commanderies, except that such Subordinate Commandery desiring to make a nomination, shall forward the Nomination Form to be supplied by the Grand Recorder of the Grand Encampment, and the same shall bear the written approval of the Commander of such Subordinate Commandery before being sent by him to the Grand Master.

(5) The KNIGHTS TEMPLAR CROSS OF HONOR medal shall consist of a round, gold-finished medal, the outer circle of which shall bear the words “KNIGHTS TEMPLAR CROSS OF HONOR,” showing through in black enamel, and in the center shall appear the Patriarchal Cross of the Grand Encampment in purple enamel. Such medal shall be suspended from a gold-finished bar by two small chain links on either side; upon the face of the bar shall be engraved the name of the Sir Knight who shall be the recipient thereof.

The KNIGHTS TEMPLAR CROSS OF HONOR Medal may be worn upon the Commandery uniform by the recipient upon all occasions.

(6) A suitable Certificate of Award, issued by the Grand Encampment, signed by the Grand Master and the Grand Recorder, and bearing the seal of the Grand Encampment thereon, shall accompany the medal. The Certificate of Award shall contain a summary of the Citation upon which such Award is based.

(7) It shall be the responsibility of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar to provide the medals, the Certificates of Award for the KNIGHTS TEMPLAR CROSS OF HONOR, without any cost to the recipient or to his Constituent or Grand Commandery, or his Subordinate Commandery. Presentation of the KNIGHTS TEMPLAR CROSS OF HONOR Medals, Certificates shall be made at an appropriate ceremony by Grand Commanderies and Subordinate Commanderies, and a report thereof shall be sent by the respective Recorder to the Grand Recorder of the Grand Encampment within thirty days thereafter.

Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Indiana

**NOMINATION
for the Award of
"KNIGHTS TEMPLAR CROSS OF HONOR"**

_____ Commandery No. _____, K.T., stationed at _____,
_____ State, on _____ day of _____, _____ Year, adopted

a motion to nominate the following Sir Knight, one of its own members, to be awarded the "Knights Templar Cross of Honor" for the Templar Year _____.

1. His full name: _____
(Print Full Name)

2. His residence is: _____
Street (Number) City State Zip Code

3. His Templar Rank: _____

4. The following facts are submitted as a justification for his Nomination: _____

Approved this _____ day of _____, 20____; by _____

Commander of _____ Commandery No. _____

Approved this _____ day of _____, 20____; by _____

Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of _____

Approved this _____ day of _____, 20____; by _____

Grand Master

IMPORTANT: Please follow instructions for filling in the form for Nomination for the Award of Knights Templar Cross of Honor. Rules and Regulations appear on the reverse side of this form.

Must be in the Grand Encampment office AT LEAST two (2) months prior to presentation



Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Indiana
**GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR
 OF INDIANA**



General Order No. 8 Bertch

September 22, 2008

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, 2008. The cost of the jewel (about \$94.00 for Knights and \$40.00 for Friends) is billed to the Commandery presenting it. The Grand Commandery furnishes a certificate. Full details of the award can be found in Permanent Resolution No. 3, page 30 of the Indiana Grand Laws. Further questions may be address to the Grand Commander or 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 must 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 22nd day of September, A. O. 890.

David M. Bertch
 Grand Commander

Attested:

Lawrence V. Kaminsky, KCT, PGC
 Grand Recorder



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 1st of each year for the preceding year. The Grand Commandery may appoint the Grand Recorder to assist him in the selection of recipients.
3. Those chosen to receive the award shall be made known by the Right Eminent Grand Commander at the Grand Commandery Conclave each year. The names of the nominees to receive the award shall be kept strictly confidential until announced by the Grand Commander.
4. The award shall be limited to two (2) members from each Commandery in Indiana each year 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" 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 any additional engraving shall be borne by each Commandery presenting a nomination. Each Commandery will be billed for the cost by the Grand Recorder.

**NOMINATION FOR
SIR KNIGHT DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD
of
THE GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF INDIANA**

TO: The Right Eminent Grand Commander:

It is the unanimous recommendation of the Eminent Commander, Generalissimo and Captain General of _____ Commandery No. _____, stationed at _____ that the following Sir Knight, a member of said Commandery, be and hereby is nominated to receive the Distinguished Service Award for the Templar year

1. His full name is _____

2. His residence is _____

3. The following facts are submitted as a justification for his nomination:

(If further space is required, continue on backside or attach a separate sheet.)

Approved this _____ day of _____, _____.

Eminent Commander



Approved: Grand
Commander _____

Attest: Grand Recorder _____

Date _____

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD FOR FRIENDS

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. Each nomination shall be forwarded to the Right Eminent Grand Commander no later than February 1st 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 two (2) nominations from each Commandery in Indiana each year starting with the year 1998.
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.

NOMINATION
for
THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD FOR FRIENDS
of
THE GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF INDIANA

TO: The Right Eminent Grand Commander:

It is the unanimous recommendation of the Eminent Commander, Generalissimo and Captain General of _____ Commandery No. _____, stationed at _____ that the following Friend of said Commandery, be and hereby is nominated to receive the Distinguished Service Award for Friends the Templar year _____.

4. His/Her full name is _____

5. His/Her residence is _____

6. The following facts are submitted as a justification for His/Her nomination:

(If further space is required, continue on backside or attach a separate sheet.)
Approved this _____ day of _____, _____.

Eminent Commander



Approved: Grand Commander _____

Attest: Grand Recorder _____

Date _____



**GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR
OF INDIANA**



General Order No. 9 Bertch

November 30, 2008

APPOINTMENT OF GRAND JUNIOR WARDEN

Sir Knight J. Rex Sohn has tendered his resignation as Grand Senior Warden effective September 22, 2008. I want to thank Rex for his service to the Grand Commandery.

Therefore it is necessary to direct as follows.

Sir Knight Bobby J. Roberts has been appointed to fulfill the duties of the office of Grand Junior Warden in accordance with section 48b of the Constitution of the Grand Encampment Knights Templar until regular elections to be held on April 24, 2009.

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 30th day of November, A. O. 890.

David M. Bertch
Grand Commander



Attested:

Lawrence V. Kaminsky, KCT, PGC
Grand Recorder



**GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR
OF INDIANA**



**David M. Bertch, Grand Commander
102 E Seminary St, Liberty, IN 47353**

APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL DEPUTY

General Order No. 10 Bertch

December 1, 2008

There have been some problems reported to me regarding Bedford Commandery No. 42. Therefore in order to resolve any problems or issues in a professional manner, I have appointed Sir Knight Scott G. Inman, GSW a Special Deputy representing me to work directly with the Sir Knights of Bedford Commandery. Sir Knight Scott Inman has been empowered by me to take whatever actions he deems necessary to improve the situation at Bedford. I trust you will take his role very seriously as his recommendations will help govern the future of Bedford Commandery No. 42.

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 December 2008, A. O. 890

David M. Bertch
Grand Commander

ATTESTED:
Lawrence V. Kaminsky, KCT, PGC
Grand Recorder



2008-09 COMMITTEES

revised 12/02/08

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David M. Bertch GC - Chairman
All elected Grand Officers

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All Past Grand Commanders

Finance (3)

George Ingles PGC
Duane Vaught PGC
Irving L. Bitting PGC
Lawrence V. Kaminsky GR ex off

Triennial

Willard M Avery PGM chairman
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John V. Stevens PGC

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Andrew Wiley #67

Educational Foundation

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Steven Barton PDC (411) Chair
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All GPE ex officio

PRESENTATIONS AND AWARDS

Two Ole Friends and Serving Together

The Grand Commander called on Sir Knight Lawrence V. Kaminsky, KCT, PGC and GR for Indiana and Sir Knight Vernon T. Barnhart, KCT, PGC and GR for Michigan, who served together as Grand Commanders of their respective States in the years 2005 – 2006 and the following year became Grand Recorders. They each meet in the near East and exchanged stories [lies about each other] and Representative Certificates for their respective States.

50 Year Presentation

The Grand Commander then called on Sir Knight George A. Ingles, KCT, PGC, and Representative to PA who called on Sir Knight Wilmer Hall, Jr. Grand Warden of PA and Representative to Indiana to assist in presenting a 50 year membership to a Sir Knight from PA who is living in Carmel, Indiana.

GRAND COMMANDERY, KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF INDIANA EMINENT COMMANDER'S CERTIFICATE OF MERIT AWARD

Was awarded to the following Sir Knights:

- Gary M. Messer of Raper #1**
- Irvin L. Bitting of Lafayette #3**
- James L. Bolinger of South Bend #13**
- James W. Friedlund of Valparaiso #28**
- Dennis J. Tudor of Frankfort #29**
- Larry J. Williams of Michigan City #30**
- Rex D. Hogan of Elkhart of #31**
- Michael D, Ritter of Anderson #32**
- Danny J. Spears of Kokomo #36**
- Scott G. Inman of Hammond #41**
- Tony S. Peterson of Noblesville #61**
- Michael J. Smith of Trinity #62**
- Joseph K. Hedges of H. E. Lackey #67**

College of Honors

Knight Commander of the Temple

Harold D. Black, Ft. Wayne #4

Star Recorder of the Year

Burnell R. Davis

2008-09

Vincennes Commandery No. 20

Knights Templar Cross of Honor

E. Stanton Davis

2008-09

Greenfield Commandery No. 39

Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Indiana

Highest % Increase in Membership 2007

Battalion I	Valparaiso Commandery No. 28	15.1%
Battalion II	Huntington Commandery No. 35	17.2%
Battalion III	H.W. Matthewson Commandery No. 66	11.6%
Battalion IV	Muncie Commandery No. 18	50.0%
Battalion V	Noblesville Commandery No. 61	18.9%
Battalion VI	Columbus Commandery No. 14	6.2%
Battalion VII	Bedford Commandery No. 42	15.1%

Grand Commander's Trophy

Highest Number of Knightings
Raper Commandery No.1
Bedford Commandery No. 42
Trinity Commandery No. 62

J. Rufus Hinshaw Trophy

Highest Net Increase in Membership
Muncie Commandery No. 18
Plate to be engraved

Activity Awards (Ribbons)

Battalion I	Hammond Commandery No. 41	1807	Blue
Battalion I	Valparaiso Commandery No. 28	1410	Red
Battalion II	Fort Wayne Commandery No. 4	2198	Blue
Battalion II	Angola Commandery No. 45	1148	Red
Battalion III	H.W. Matthewson Commandery No. 66	1431	Blue
Battalion III	Grant County Commandery No. 21	1335	Red
Battalion IV	Anderson Commandery No. 32	1442	Blue
Battalion IV	Greenfield Commandery No. 39	1115	Red
Battalion V	Raper Commandery No. 1	2113	Blue
Battalion V	Trinity Commandery No. 62	1916	Red
Battalion VI	Columbus Commandery No. 14	1348	Blue
Battalion VI	New Albany Commandery No. 5	1171	Red
Battalion VII	Terre Haute Commandery No. 16	1336	Blue
Battalion VII	Greencastle Commandery No. 11	650	Red
Battalion VIII	LaValette Commandery No. 15	1676	Blue
Battalion VIII	Vincennes Commandery No. 20	858	Red

**Remarks of William H. Koon, II
Most Eminent Grand Master
Grand Encampment Knights Templar USA**

Right Eminent Captain General, Right Eminent Department Commander, where is Steve Barton? Would you escort Sir Knight Dwight Lanman, remove his jacket, his hat, and assist me to get a chair out here. I tell you what, anyone who gets his head shaved for money for the Eye Foundation deserves my approbation, let's give him a hand. He then proceeded to shave Dwight's head with numerous remarks. [Dwight remarked afterward, "They didn't shave my head, they butchered it."] After completing the task he then returned to the East and continued with his remarks as follows:

Dwight I am proud of you give him a round of applause. I have watched this Grand Commandery operate and your Grand Commandery is fortunate to have a fine corps of officers to work with. In Ohio, is the Grand Commander in here? He left? He left and I am going to talk about him? He's got a fine corps of officer to work with him. We have a fine corps of officer to work with throughout this Grand Encampment.

Duane Vaught, it was my privilege to appoint when Dick Baldwin resigned for health reasons and you heard me tell you Dick died last February. Sid Doris is in charge of the magazine David Goodwin is in charge of the Eye Foundation. Everything that Dick Baldwin inherited from Ken Fisher because of Ken's efforts to get the office moved to Houston was in varying shades of disarray for whatever reasons. Our Grand Encampment Decisions carry a date of 1988. Our Constitution carries a date of 87. So isn't it great that this is 2009 and no updates have been done in the last twenty years. The data processing was state of the art in 1985 the Knights Templar magazine was straight out of the 50s. This corps of officers started by my good friend Dick Baldwin is tried to move us forward within the confines of the 64th triennial. Duane Vaught, stand up Duane when I am talking about you, has taken on the job of updating the constitution. Now before we had a Constitution and we stuck addendums in the front of the book, and if you wanted to know what going on you, don't sit down yet, you had to pull the addendums out to see what it said; problem with the addendums is they weren't correct. Couple that with the fact that all the legislation which had been adopted since 1987 was current. They did have it all, Duane had to go back and read every proceeding to make sure he didn't miss any legislation which had been adopted. Today the Constitution is up to date it is on line and all you have to do is go on line, push the print and it doesn't cost you anything. He is going to finish up with putting the book of decisions with the constitution by Triennial, right Sir Knight Vaught? But as a Grand Commandery of Indiana you have a right to expect of your Grand Encampment your constitution ought to be up to date. How can you expect do the business you have to do, without having the current laws? Why we let that go on as long as we did is beyond me. But by golly we are year to date now and Bruce Basil is right in the middle of and I think Sir Knight Kaminsky is in the middle of the program YRIS. YRIS is an anagram for York Rite Information Service. We started working on coming up with a new data processing program almost since the last triennial, and there was some good people and I'll name them there was Kevin Samples Grand Recorder of Missouri, Andy Lovett, many of you may remember him through the St. Thomas Alcon ads the Grand Recorder of Georgia, and they came to the office and said if you're going to do the data processing system, why don't you do it for the entire York Rite? And that's what we did. By the end of this year we are going to have available the opportunity for every Grand Chapter and every Grand Council to us the same data processing system we are going to be using right now. Why did we do that? Because, right now there are 26 Grand Recorders of Grand Commanderies who are also Grand Secretaries of Grand Chapters and Grand Recorders of Grand Councils. How many of you are Recorders in your Commanderies? How many are also Secretaries and Recorder of you local York Rite Bodies? Quite a few, that's because the hardest job to fill in any York Rite Body is the Recorder, or Secretary of

that body. If we have a data processing system that's easy it won't be so hard to get Records. When you have all three filled by the same person we want to make the job easy. We should be full operational by this summer, by triennial the Records should be on it. By our next Department conferences Andy Lovett is going to travel and encourage Grand Chapters and Grand Councils to come in. There's going to be a buy in for Grand Chapters and Grand Councils, your dues are paying for your portion so that one of the things we are doing for you in Grand Encampment. Magazine changes are going to continue, if you just stay static you are going nowhere, that's what happened to us before.

Roanoke is coming up soon. It is one most beautiful parts of the country. Bruce Basil is here, stand up Bruce let them see you, he is taking care of your room reservations and is should be an outstanding time for all who attend. I noticed that you adopted the Summer Uniform, I'll give you all some warning, if your coming of the triennial bring your uniform. We are not going to encourage different uniforms. I am not going to say I am not going to let you in but on the other hand, this is an official meeting and you all need to look good and I think you all want to.

I heard Duane talk to you about your money, I would have thought someone might have stood up and said why don't we make our per capita an even \$20.00. I have watched for a lot of years and have been involved in a lot of financial things. When Ohio went after the five dollar assessment I wanted to do it for three. We were sitting in one of those cabins by a lake and the committee was meeting. We didn't have an excel format, that was back in 1996, there was no program that could do that we had to do it by hand. We presented it the finance committee and it was just about agreed it was going to be \$3.00 per year for 10 years. Paul Jonathon, I don't know how many of you remember Paul because he was the Department Commander at the time, my father was in the suite because he had the suite of rooms and was in the suite watching TV, he wasn't on the finance committee and Paul said Bill, my dad was a little hard hearing they had to say it three times, he said what do you think about this. My dad looked at him as said well I think you are making a mistake, you should go for \$5.00 for 10 years. He said I know my boy, he wants to cut is close, he wants to cut it close and not ask for more, just ask for what you think you can get by with. That whole committee turned on a dime. We went to \$5.00 per year for 10 years. It was the smartest thing we ever did. I am so glad Paul asked my dad what he thought. When you ask for just what you need you are never going to have anything for the future. I travel for you all over the country and it is not a-typical to come in and listen to people talking about money issues. But .50 cents, we wasted more than .50 cent on shave cream on Dwight Lanman. I think you need to take a look at your financial situation. Maybe it's time to try something a little different. I am not going to tell you what to do. You people are bright people, you can make it happen.

When we passed the Grand Encampment \$5.70 increase, I'll be candid with you the mandate was to go 15 to 20 years into the future before you ask for another per capita increase. And it took a little extra to make that happen. Are we on track? You bet we are on track because we have cut expenses and have managed your money better. We haven't lost as many members as we thought we would. Will we go 20 years into the future? We better. I am 60 years old I plan on being here until I am 85. I know some of you will be to and I am going to hear about it when I am standing here with my cane and Duane Vaught is Grand Master.

Which brings us to Duane Vaught, we need to make this happen. I've got the ball rolling. I've got him in front of the membership. This Department must get behind this and make it happen; we in this Department made the Grand Encampment stand in awe. We had the audacity to suggest the Grand Encampment ought to be more receptive to the membership. Grand Encampment is what we make it, if we elect people who don't care about the voting delegates of Grand Encampment you are going to get just that. There was a past Grand Commander who said if you start a ding-a-ling in the bottom of the line you are going to have a ding-a-ling Grand Commander, and he's right. Leaders are made not born, but there are people who no matter how much you work with them, they are stuck on something, we've met them all. We have to take charge of our own affairs in our Grand Commandery, especially in Grand Encampment,

Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Indiana

Right now at this moment in time we have as fine a corps of officers as we've had in a long time because they go back to making me look good but these guys make me look good. It's going to be critical that we keep Duane there. It's going to be more critical who we get at the bottom of the line in 2012, because that's our future.

We are receptive right now to your needs, we are attentive to your needs and we are cleaning up the messes we have inherited and we expect the Grand Commanders, once we get our house in order, somebody said well, what's our next step? Well I said for the Grand Commanderies to get their house in order. Wisconsin are you guys as good as you could be? Well how are you going to get there and what can we do to help? Because right now people are coming to our classes, right now young people are coming to us. Young people are seeking Templary. Two weeks ago I was in Washington D.C. with a group of Croatians who were knighted in a DC Commandery; those guys are thrilled to be Knights Templar. A month and a half ago I was in Portugal those people are proud to be American Knights Templars. We're proud to be Templars as well we know that there are people out there ought to be a part of us. Sure we got to be able to pay for it. That is why you got to put these money problems behind you. I wish someone had stood up when Duane was talking and said I think it ought to be \$10.00, maybe next year.

We have a wonderful opportunity to make things happen you have some outstanding leaders. I have been coming to Indiana for a long time, I haven't been here recently, but some of the Past Grand Commanders you guys have got working, are not here to be obstructionist. I can remember Steve Barton when he and I were young, we were wishing the Past Grand Commanders would leave us alone; we were pretty smart; we knew what we were doing. But a lot of those guys weren't there to help you they resented your youth. But that's not true today. The Past Grand Commanders I have worked with in Indiana, Ohio or the East Central Department are glad to have young people who are interested. They are glad to have young people who are going to lead this fraternity and they are here to help. We need to capitalize on our assets and move forward.

I hope you come to Roanoke and please help us get Duane elected.

Right Eminent Grand Commander, thank you for the hospitality extended my wife and I am having wonderful time, thank you so much, thank you.

Unfinished Business

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

Your committee for the 'Unfinished Business' makes the following report:

This committee finds no unfinished business to report.

Respectfully Submitted,

Scott G Inman, GSW
John T. Fleming, Comm. Bat IV

Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Indiana

**INVITATION TO ATTEND THE 156TH
ANNUAL COMMUNICATION**

Right Eminent Grand Commander

April 25, 2009

Right Eminent Past Grand Commanders, Officers of Indiana Grand Commandery, Sir Knights,

On behalf of Anderson Commandery No. 32 it is my privilege to extend an invitation to the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Indiana to attend the 156th Annual Conclave at the Marriott Hotel in the City of Indianapolis, Indiana on the 23rd day of April 2010. Anderson Commandery, No. 32 will be your host.

Norman O. Hittson, PC
Anderson Commandery, No. 32

**JURISPRUDENCE
ACCEPTANCE OF INVITATION**

Right Eminent Grand Commander, the committee after long and hard discussion and decisions think it would be wise to accept the invitation of Anderson Commander to host the 156th annual Conclave to be held in Indianapolis, Indiana. And we would move the acceptance of the invitation.

Fraternally submitted,

Duane L. Vaught, PGC

The motion was adopted.

**JURISPRUDENCE
FINAL REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE**

To: The Right Eminent Grand Commander. Officers and Sir Knights, It has been a tradition for many years for the senior member of the Jurisprudence Committee has been given the privilege of making this final report. We recognize the Right Eminent Grand Commander David Maxwell Bertch as one who has carried out the responsibilities of his office in an enthusiastic and Knightly manner. He has traveled extensively in the performance of his duties, reflecting honor on our Grand Commandery. He has been humble in his presentations and stalwart in addressing those situations which arise in which require decisions, and courteous in all his decisions. He has been a fine example of a Christian Knight. All this has been done in the face of health issues that might have been difficult to one of lesser courage. It is my pleasure to be associated with him in his home Commandery and as a friend. It is therefore the decision of the decision of the Past Grand Commanders of Indiana to welcome him to our ranks and to say well done good and faithful servant.

Courteously submitted on behalf of the committee,

Robert E. Price, KGC, PGC, HPDC

INSTALLATION OF OFFICER FOR THE YEAR 2009 – 2010

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: Irvin L. Bitting, KCT, PGC
 - INSTALLING RECORDER: John V. Stevens, KCT, PGC
 - INSTALLING PRELATE: Duane Stucker, KCT, PGC
- The following Officers were installed:

Officers for the Year 2009 – 2010

- Right Eminent Grand Commander*.....*Larry W. Brown*
- Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander**James L. Dove*
- Grand Generalissimo*.....*Paul A. Cole*
- Grand Captain General*.....*Scott G. Inman*
- Senior Grand Warden*.....*Bobby J. Roberts*
- Junior Grand Warden**Jack F. Wallace*
- Grand Treasurer*.....*Robert J. Frazer, KCT, PGC*
- Grand Recorder*.....*Lawrence V. Kaminsky, KCT, PGC*
- Grand Prelate*.....*Jerry O. Deeter*
- Grand Standard Bearer**Michael D. Ritter*
- Grand Sword Bearer*.....*James L. Bolinger*
- Grand Warder*.....*Gary A. Nicholson*
- Grand Sentinel*.....*G. Donald Laudeman*
- Grand Trustee**Rodney A. Mann, KCT, PGC {3} Years*
- Grand Trustee**Ronald L. Ellis, KCT, PGC, {2} Years*
- Grand Trustee*.....*Kenneth E. Gibson, KCT, PG, {1} Year*

ADDRESS OF GRAND COMMANDER LARRY W. BROWN

First, I want to thank Past Grand Commanders George A. Ingles, John V. Stevens, Irvin L. Bitting, and Duane Stucker for giving of their time and effort to this Grand Commandery by installing myself and the Grand Commandery officers for the year 2009-2010.

It is with much gratitude to our Lord and Savior and the Sir Knights of Indiana, that I have been given the awesome opportunity to serve as your Grand Commander.

During this year we must not forget our philanthropies, the Holy Land Pilgrimage, Knights Templar Eye Foundation, and the Educational Foundation. Our philanthropies are important to those who benefit from them.

Our local Commanderies and the Sir Knights is the most important thing to this Grand Commandery. A successful Commandery has good membership, good officers with a positive agenda and good communications. We all need to work together to make this happen.

On behalf of the Grand Commandery Officers I pledge our support to Templary to each and every one of you this year.

In closing I want to thank all of the Sir Knights and guests who have attended this conclave.

I would now like to introduce the First Lady of the Grand Commandery, Suanna Brown. She is the love of my life and my best friend. She has given her full support to the Ladies of Indiana.

I now introduce my family that's in attendance.

My appointments are as follows:

Jerry O. Deeter, GP
John W. Logan, Sr., GO
Harrison E. Lackey, KCT, KTCH, HPGC, Grand Marshall
Ronald L. Ellis, KCT, PGC, GIG
James L. Bolinger, GStdB
Gary A. Nicholson, GSwb
Donald D. Olvey, GW
Joseph K. Hedges, GS

Thank you and God bless America and each of you.

Since there is no further business appearing before the Conclave, I now declare Connersville Commandery #6 closed in ample form and that this 155th Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Indiana is duly adjourned.

Larry W. Brown, GC



Larry W. Brown Grand Commander 2009 – 2010

Biography of Larry W. Brown **148th Grand Commander of Knights Templar of Indiana**

Larry W. Brown was born June 23, 1947 to Donald E. Brown and Waneta M. (Kean) Brown. He was born in Bluffton, Indiana and graduated from Bluffton High School. He was in the US Naval Reserve and in 1966 joined the US Air Force as a military police officer. After leaving the Air Force, he moved to Muncie, Indiana and became a Muncie Police Officer., and met his wife, Suanna. He retired from the Muncie Police Force after 30 years of service, advancing to the position of Deputy Police Chief. Larry and Suanna have 5 children: Larry II, Tonya, Jason, Aaron, and Amy. They also have 6 grandchildren.

Larry graduated from Indiana Vocational Technical College with a degree in Building Construction. He also graduated from the FBI National Academy in 1993. He attended North Western University for Budgeting and Administration. In pursuit of a Bachelors degree in Criminal Justice, he attended Ball State University for 2 years and also took classes at Northwestern University, University of Louisville and the University of Virginia. Larry was elected to two 4 year terms as township Trustee Assessor and 2 terms as Precinct Committeeman. He is a past board member of Big Brothers & Big Sisters and a past board member with the Mental Health Association. He also was an Explorer Scout Advisor earning the Commissioner Award for East Central United States.

Larry and Suanna belonged to DeSoto United Methodist Church where he was on several boards and together he and Suanna taught Junior High Sunday School. They now belong to New Burlington United Methodist Church.

He is currently a Real Estate Professional and an Indiana Venture Capitalist.

Sir Knight Brown began his Masonic career in April of 1962 when he received the DeMolay Degrees. He was raised a Master Mason in Whitney Lodge #229 F&AM New Burlington, Indiana on December 2, 1986. He served as Worshipful Master in 1995. He was exalted a Royal Arch Mason in Muncie Chapter #30, R.A.M. and served as Excellent High Priest in 2000. He was greeted a Cryptic Mason in Muncie Council #16 and served as Illustrious Master in 1998. He was created a Knight Templar at Muncie's Commandery #18 and served as Eminent Commander in 1998 and 1999. He received the Commandery's Distinguished Service Award in 2000. Larry is now affiliated with the Anderson York Rite, where he served as Eminent Commander in 2005. He was appointed Grand Warder in the Grand Commandery Knights Templar in 2003 and was elected Grand Junior Warden in 2004. He is also the Grand Representative to Iowa near Indiana for the Grand Commandery.

Larry also received the Scottish Rite degrees in the Valley of Indianapolis in 1987 and is a dual member with the Valley of Fort Wayne. He is currently Master of Ceremonies in Darius Council Princes of Jerusalem appointed in 2007. He also became of a Knight of St Andrew at the Fort Wayne Scottish Rite in 2007. He became a member of the Royal Order of Scotland in 2008

Larry was elected to receive the Degrees of the York Rite Sovereign College of North America in 1988 in Fort Wayne College #55 where he served as Governor in 2005 and received the Order of the Purple Cross in Spokane, Washington in 2005. He was appointed Indiana Deputy Grand Governor in 2006.

Other Affiliations Include:

- Indiana Council of Anointed High Priests
- Indiana Past Commanders Association (1998)

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- Knight York Cross of Honor, Fort Wayne Priory #8 (2001)
- J. Herbert Nichols Priory # 73 (2008)
- Yeoman of York, Indianapolis Preceptory #4 (2003)
- Allied Masonic Degrees of United States of America, Willard M. Avery #409 (2005)
- Red Cross of Constantine, Saint Basil Conclave (2007)
- Max L. Carpenter #699 High Twelve Club
- Order of the Scarlet Cord 3rd Grade (2010)
- Ancient Order of Corks (2010)
- Masonic Order of the Bath (2010)
- The Grand College of Rites of the USA (2010)
- Indiana Past Commanders Association (1998)
- Sovereign Order of Knights Preceptor (2010)
- International Order of DeMolay, Wells County Chapter Senior DeMolay; Received the DeMolay Legion of Honor (Active) 2007.
- Honorable Order of Kentucky Colonels (2010)
- The Royal Society of Knights Occidental, Washington, DC (2010)

Officers for the year 2009 - 2010



Left to Right Front Row – Robert J. Frazer, PGC, GT; Paul A. Cole, G.G.; James L. Dove, DGC; Larry W. Brown, GC; Scott G. Inman, GCG;
Lawrence V. Kaminsky, PGC, GR
Back Row – Ronald L. Ellis, PGC, GIG; Gary A. Nichols, GSwB; James I. Bolinger, GStB; Michael D. Ritter, GStB; Jack F. Wallace, GJW;
Jerry O. Deeter, GP; Bobby J. Roberts, GSW; Donald Lauteman, GS

DRILL COMPETITION

The following 4 teams competed in the drills Saturday:

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| (1) Raper #1 | Class "B" | Gregg Aitken, Captain |
| (2) Greenfield #39 | Class "C" | David Miller, II, Captain |
| (3) New Albany #5 | Class "D" | Terry Smith, Captain 1 st Place Winner |
| (4) Trinity #62 | Class "D" | Jerry Miller, Captain 2 nd Place Winner |

Pass-in-Review lineup:

1. Ft. Wayne #4
2. New Albany #5
3. Kokomo #36
4. Valparaiso #28
5. Muncie #18
6. Bray #65
7. Raper #1
8. Baldwin #2
9. Anderson #32
10. Trinity #62
11. Lackey #67
12. Greenfield #9
13. Crawfordsville #25

Six Man Asylum Tactics Exhibition Drill was performed under the direction of Steve J. Barton, PGC, PDC.

Courteously submitted,

George D. Kivett, KCT, KTCH, HPGC

OFFICERS OF THE CONSTITUENT COMMANDERIES

No.	Commandery	Location	Commander 2008	Recorder 2008
1	Raper	Indianapolis	Gary Messer	Wayne G. Williams
2	Baldwin	Shelbyville	Gary Nicholson	Rodney A. Mann
3	Lafayette	Lafayette	Irvin L. Biting	Daniel G. Leaman
4	Fort Wayne	Fort Wayne	William C. Hosler	Henry LaHurreau
5	New Albany	New Albany	Dennis Spencer	Earl W. Adams
6	Connersville	Connersville	Malcolm W. Keasling	Lloyd A. Marsh
8	Richmond	Richmond	Robert J. Frazer	Dennis H. Rigsby
9	Knightstown	Knightstown	Tim Glover	Steven J. Barton
11	Greencastle	Greencastle	Joseph Coniff	W. Kris Phillips
12	LaPorte	LaPorte	Jack E. Cook	Lloyd R. Forney
13	South Bend	South Bend	James L. Bolinger	R. Daniel Gaby
14	Columbus	Columbus	Larry W. Glenn.	Wilford L. Lutes
15	LaValette	Evansville	Jerry J. Bruning	William A. Reiners
16	Terre Haute	Terre Haute	David Jenkins	Mark A. Kester, Sr.
18	Muncie	Parker City	Bobby J. Roberts	George Brutchen
19	Apollo	Auburn	Larry Spade	John Campbell
20	Vincennes	Vincennes	Michael M. Newton	Burnell R. Davis
21	Grant County	Jonesboro	Harold E. Landers	Gary A. Sherritze
23	Johnson County	Greenwood	Joseph R. Haydock	Philip E. Fowler
24	St. John	Logansport	James Kearns	John V. Stevens
25	Crawfordsville	Crawfordsville	Marvin Ramsay	Micheal Morrison
27	Jeffersonville	Jeffersonville	Carl Price	Charles Crowder
28	Valparaiso	Valparaiso	Jim Freelund	Charles C. Combi
29	Frankfort	Frankfort	Dennis Tudor	Michael A. Mang
30	Michigan City	Michigan City	Lawrence Williams	Robert C. Reicher
31	Elkhart	Elkhart	Rex D. Hogan	Phillip Crusemeyer
32	Anderson	Anderson	Michael D. Ritter	Michael D. Dailey
35	Huntington	Huntington	Rodger Dimond	Mark S. Johnson, Sr.
36	Kokomo	Kokomo	Danny J. Spear	Ronald D. Simpson
37	Wabash	Peru	Jerry McVicker	James L. Lund
39	Greenfield	Greenfield	Pete T. McLeod	David L. Gundrum
41	Hammond	Highland	Clarence R. Schultz	Larry V. Kaminsky
42	Bedford	Bedford	Carl O. Farley	Donald K. New
45	Angola	Angola	Donald S. Williams	John D. Myer
48	Clinton	Clinton	James W. Helms	Arthur S. Nowling
56	Seymour	Seymour	Thomas Niemeter	Michael M. Dutton
57	E. H. Gary	Portage	William L. Hudson	Jeffery C. Reich
61	Noblesville	Noblesville	Tony S. Peterson	Charles R. Bowling
62	Trinity	Indianapolis	Michael J. Smith	Thomas W. Harper
63	Bloomington	Bloomington	Amzie Wenning	James W. Prairie
64	Wright	Jasper	J. Ralph Sadler	Charles M. Huff
65	William G. Bray	Mooresville	Cecil D. Anderson	George A. Ingles, Jr.
66	H. W. Matthewson	Rensselaer	James W. Cannon	John E. Hylemon
67	H. E. Lackey	Lawrence	Joseph K. Hedges	John D. Huffman
U.D.	St. Anselm		Harrison E. Lackey	Irvin L. Bitting

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Commandery Receipts

12/31/2008 Commandery	No.	Total Members	Chargeable Members	G.C. Dues @ \$8.50	G.E. Dues @ \$9.00	G. E. Remitted	Eye Foundation	Knighting Fees	Misc. Charges	From Life Member Fund	Amount Due	Amount Paid
Raper	1	161	131	\$1,113.50	\$1,179.00	\$117.00	\$153.00	\$140.00	\$0.00	\$549.50	\$2,153.00	\$2,153.00
Baldwin	2	112	89	\$756.50	\$801.00	\$0.00	\$9.00	\$20.00	\$0.00	\$648.00	\$938.50	\$938.50
Lafayette	3	90	73	\$620.50	\$657.00	\$0.00	\$61.00	\$30.00	\$0.00	\$97.00	\$1,271.50	\$1,271.50
Fort Wayne	4	188	158	\$1,343.00	\$1,422.00	\$63.00	\$173.00	\$110.00	\$0.00	\$138.00	\$2,973.00	\$2,973.00
New Albany	5	164	161	\$1,368.50	\$1,449.00	\$72.00	\$122.00	\$70.00	\$0.00	\$453.50	\$2,628.00	\$2,313.00
Connerville	6	104	79	\$671.50	\$711.00	\$9.00	\$32.00	\$20.00	\$0.00	\$120.00	\$1,323.50	\$1,323.50
Richmond	8	65	57	\$484.50	\$513.00	\$9.00	\$55.00	\$30.00	\$0.00	\$49.00	\$1,042.50	\$1,042.50
Greencastle	11	74	68	\$578.00	\$612.00	\$9.00	\$55.00	\$10.00	\$0.00	\$120.00	\$1,144.00	\$1,144.00
LaPorte	12	67	54	\$459.00	\$486.00	\$0.00	\$52.00	\$70.00	\$0.00	\$21.00	\$1,046.00	\$1,046.00
South Bend	13	95	72	\$612.00	\$648.00	\$27.00	\$86.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$45.00	\$1,378.00	\$1,378.00
Columbus	14	161	148	\$1,258.00	\$1,332.00	\$36.00	\$87.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$621.00	\$2,192.00	\$2,192.00
LaValette	15	224	191	\$1,623.50	\$1,719.00	\$0.00	\$199.00	\$90.00	\$0.00	\$163.00	\$3,468.50	\$3,468.50
Terre Haute	16	98	81	\$688.50	\$729.00	\$9.00	\$87.00	\$40.00	\$0.00	\$46.00	\$1,507.50	\$1,507.50
Muncie	18	36	46	\$391.00	\$414.00	\$0.00	\$37.00	\$40.00	\$0.00	\$84.00	\$798.00	\$798.00
Apollo	19	89	81	\$688.50	\$729.00	\$0.00	\$63.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$19.00	\$1,461.50	\$1,461.50
Vincennes	20	82	71	\$603.50	\$639.00	\$9.00	\$56.00	\$10.00	\$0.00	\$247.00	\$1,070.50	\$1,070.50
Grant County Johnson County	21	45	40	\$340.00	\$360.00	\$18.00	\$38.00	\$20.00	\$0.00	\$117.00	\$659.00	\$659.00
St. John	23	85	79	\$671.50	\$711.00	\$0.00	\$80.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$116.00	\$1,346.50	\$1,346.50
Crawfordsville	24	51	39	\$331.50	\$351.00	\$9.00	\$42.00	\$10.00	\$0.00	\$51.00	\$692.50	\$692.50
Valparaiso	25	70	59	\$501.50	\$531.00	\$18.00	\$56.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,106.50	\$1,106.50
Frankfort	28	53	44	\$374.00	\$396.00	\$27.00	\$58.00	\$80.00	\$0.00	\$19.00	\$916.00	\$916.00
Michigan City	29	135	116	\$986.00	\$1,044.00	\$9.00	\$127.00	\$10.00	\$0.00	\$25.00	\$2,151.00	\$2,151.00
Elkhart	30	47	40	\$340.00	\$360.00	\$27.00	\$46.00	\$40.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$813.00	\$813.00
Anderson	31	120	112	\$952.00	\$1,008.00	\$9.00	\$42.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$223.00	\$1,838.00	\$1,838.00
Huntington	32	205	182	\$1,547.00	\$1,638.00	\$9.00	\$148.00	\$70.00	\$0.00	\$338.50	\$3,073.50	\$3,073.50
Kokomo	35	64	62	\$527.00	\$558.00	\$0.00	\$63.00	\$40.00	\$0.00	\$22.00	\$1,166.00	\$1,166.00
Greenfield	36	120	95	\$807.50	\$855.00	\$9.00	\$50.00	\$10.00	\$0.00	\$492.00	\$1,239.50	\$1,239.50
Hammond	39	206	263	\$2,235.50	\$2,367.00	\$45.00	\$242.00	\$80.00	\$0.00	\$196.00	\$4,773.50	\$4,773.50
Bedford	41	143	109	\$926.50	\$981.00	\$162.00	\$61.00	\$60.00	\$0.00	\$170.00	\$2,020.50	\$2,020.50
Angola	42	66	56	\$476.00	\$504.00	\$0.00	\$32.00	\$140.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,152.00	\$1,152.00
Clinton	45	116	101	\$858.50	\$909.00	\$0.00	\$5.00	\$30.00	\$0.00	\$104.00	\$1,698.50	\$1,698.50
Seymour	48	34	30	\$255.00	\$270.00	\$0.00	\$29.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$108.00	\$446.00	\$446.00
E.H. Gary	56	74	68	\$578.00	\$612.00	\$0.00	\$63.00	\$10.00	\$0.00	\$22.00	\$1,241.00	\$1,241.00
Noblesville	57	154	130	\$1,105.00	\$1,170.00	\$0.00	\$5.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$104.00	\$2,176.00	\$2,176.00
Trinity	61	53	56	\$476.00	\$504.00	\$27.00	\$23.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$105.00	\$975.00	\$975.00
Bloomington	62	227	221	\$1,878.50	\$1,989.00	\$0.00	\$221.00	\$130.00	\$0.00	\$102.00	\$4,116.50	\$4,116.50
Wright	63	222	188	\$1,598.00	\$1,692.00	\$18.00	\$723.00	\$20.00	\$0.00	\$78.50	\$3,972.50	\$3,972.50
William G. Bray	64	57	47	\$399.50	\$423.00	\$0.00	\$22.00	\$30.00	\$0.00	\$21.00	\$853.50	\$853.50
H.W. Matthewson	65	88	86	\$731.00	\$774.00	\$0.00	\$63.00	\$110.00	\$0.00	\$720.00	\$958.00	\$958.00
H.E. Lackey	66	43	39	\$331.50	\$351.00	\$9.00	\$29.00	\$70.00	\$0.00	\$30.00	\$760.50	\$760.50
St. Anselm U.D.	67	62	61	\$518.50	\$549.00	\$0.00	\$49.00	\$70.00	\$0.00	\$133.50	\$1,053.00	\$1,053.00
U.D.	U.D.	33	31	\$263.50	\$279.00	\$9.00	\$41.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$592.50	\$592.50
	43	4,383	3,914	\$33,269.00	\$35,226.00	\$765.00	\$3,685.00	\$1,960.00	\$0.00	\$6,718.50	\$68,186.50	\$67,871.50

Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Indiana

Membership Statistics

Commandery	No.	12/31/2007 Membership	12/31/2008 Membership	Gain (Loss)	Knighthood	Affiliated	Reinstated	Deaths	Demits	Suspensions	Remitted For Cause	50 Year Members	Life Members
Raper	1	161	164	3	14	1	1	3	6	5	13	5	11
Baldwin	2	112	97	-15	2	0	0	3	8	8	0	4	12
Lafayette	3	90	83	-7	3	1	3	2	1	3	0	15	3
Fort Wayne	4	188	187	-1	11	1	1	2	4	10	7	9	4
New Albany	5	123	164	41	7	49	0	2	4	1	8	14	13
Connorsville	6	104	96	-8	2	1	0	4	3	4	1	14	4
Richmond	8	65	61	-4	3	0	0	2	4	1	1	0	2
Knightstown	9	158	0	-158	0	0	0	0	158	0	0	0	0
Greencastle	11	74	73	-1	1	0	0	2	1	0	1	2	4
LaPorte	12	67	62	-5	7	0	0	5	6	1	0	1	1
South Bend	13	95	96	1	5	1	0	4	0	1	3	16	2
Columbus	14	161	171	10	10	6	0	3	2	2	4	8	21
LaValette	15	224	221	-3	9	1	0	14	4	0	0	16	18
Terre Haute	16	98	91	-7	4	4	1	5	4	8	1	4	1
Muncie	18	36	54	18	4	14	0	2	1	0	0	1	8
Apollo	19	89	82	-7	0	0	0	5	2	0	0	1	2
Vincennes	20	82	79	-3	1	1	0	4	0	0	1	7	7
Grant County	21	45	44	-1	2	0	0	1	2	0	2	0	6
Johnson County	23	85	81	-4	0	0	0	2	3	0	0	2	9
St. John	24	51	50	-1	1	3	0	2	4	1	1	7	2
Crawfordsville	25	70	68	-2	0	0	1	0	2	1	2	7	0
Jeffersonville	27	51	0	-51	0	0	0	0	51	0	0	0	0
Valparaiso	28	53	61	8	8	0	1	0	2	1	3	4	1
Frankfort	29	135	135	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	17	1
Michigan City	30	47	49	2	4	0	0	0	1	1	3	2	0
Elkhart	31	120	121	1	5	1	2	5	1	1	1	3	8
Anderson	32	205	188	-17	7	1	0	1	5	0	1	17	11
Huntington	35	64	75	11	4	6	1	2	0	0	0	7	1
Kokomo	36	120	105	-15	1	0	0	6	3	7	1	8	13
Greenfield	39	206	293	87	8	102	2	9	11	6	5	16	8
Hammond	41	143	143	0	6	1	1	3	3	0	18	12	5
Bedford	42	66	72	6	14	0	0	1	4	4	0	1	0
Angola	45	116	114	-2	3	0	0	3	0	3	0	9	5
Clinton	48	34	32	-2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	5
Seymour	56	74	72	-2	1	0	0	1	2	0	0	3	1
E.H. Gary	57	154	137	-17	0	1	0	4	3	12	0	6	5
Noblesville	61	53	63	10	5	9	1	1	1	0	2	2	3
Trinity	62	227	227	0	13	1	0	4	2	0	0	1	3
Bloomington	63	222	201	-21	2	1	0	6	6	10	2	11	0
Wright	64	57	50	-7	3	0	0	3	3	4	0	0	1
William G. Bray	65	88	97	9	11	1	1	2	0	2	0	0	23
H.W. Matthewson	66	43	48	5	7	0	0	1	0	1	1	4	1
H.E. Lackey	67	64	68	4	7	1	0	1	3	0	0	0	5
St. Anselm Adjustment	U.D.	35	41	6	0	10	0	0	3	1	1	9	0
		4,555	4,389	-166	196	218	16	123	323	99	84	267	224

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, PMEGM	1992
2	Edmund F. Ball, PGT, HPMEGM	1992
3	Duane L. Vaught, REGCG	2007

KNIGHT GRAND CROSS OF THE TEMPLE

1	Willard M. Avery, PMEGM	1992
2	Edmund F. Ball, PGT, HPMEGM	1992
3	Robert E. Price, PGC, HPDC	2000
4	James D. De Mond, PGC, PDC	2002
5	Duane L. Vaught, PGC	2005
6	T. Jeffery Conquest, PGC	2006

KNIGHT COMMANDER OF THE TEMPLE

1	James S. De Mond, PGC, PDC	1992
2	K. Edwin Applegate, PGC, PDC	1992
3	Robert E. Price, PGC, GRE, KGC, HPDC	1992
4	R. Frank Williams, PGC, HPDC, GPE	1992
5	Herbert A. Newman, PGC, GT	1992
6	John Willard McNaughton, Deputy for IN, AASR	1992
7	Max L. Carpenter, PGM, GS	1992
8	Kenneth E. Gibson, PGC	1993
9	Paul W. Friend, PGC	1992
10	John V. Stevens, PGC	1993
11	Steven J. Barton, PGC, PDC	1994
12	Marion K. Crum, PMIGM	1993
13	Donald E. Friend, PMEGHP	1993
14	David R. Poling, Jr., PGC	1994
15	Dwight E. Lanman, Jr., PGC	1994
16	Bill C. Anthis, Deputy for IN, AASR	1995
17	Michael D. Brumback, PGM	1995
18	Robert B. Bailey, PIP	1995
19	Thomas D. Barton, PMIGM	1994
20	William L. Leffler, PGC	1995
21	William D. Blasingame, PGM	1996

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22	Ronald D. Simpson, PGC	1996
23	Ray G. Glick, GPE, YRSC	1996
24	Walter P. Worland, PGC	1996
25	Vonn G. Hoffman, PMIGM	1996
26	Douglas O. Fegenbush, PGM, PMIGM	1996
27	Ronald L. Tungett, PGC	1997
28	Ronald W. Adkins, PMIGM	1997
29	Ronald S. Ringenberg, PGHP	1997
30	Duane Stucker, PGC	1997
31	Peter T. Zivanovich, PGC	1997
32	James W. Roberts, PGC	1998
33	Larry E. Gray, PMEGHP	1998
34	Willard R. Clutter, Jr., PGC	1998
35	Robert E. Durham, Jr., PMIGM	1999
36	James W. Prairie, PGC	1999
37	Ishmael D. Ison, PGM	1999
38	Robert J. Frazer, PGC, GT	2000
39	Harrison E. Lackey, KTCH, HPGC	2000
40	Dennis R. York, PGHP	2000
41	John C. Gray, PMIGM	2001
42	William Gould Frazier, MEP Grand Preceptor	2001
43	William Wallace Roberts, KTCH, GPE	2001
44	Henry LaHurreau, PGC	2001
45	Herbert G. Roach, PGC	2002
46	Irvin L. Bitting, PGC	2002
47	Duane L. Vaught, PGC, KGC, GCT	2002
48	Richard W. Wierzba, PGM	2002
49	Roger Van Gorden, DGM, GL of IN	2002
50	Robert G. Elrod, Deputy of IN, AASR	2002
51	Omar E. Hager, PGC	2003
52	T. Jeffery Conquest, PGC, KGC	2003
53	Howard Farrand, Grand Patron, OES	2003
54	Edgar McGonigal, Potentate of Murat Shrine	2003
55	James L. Chesney, PGM	2003
56	Robert S. Flint, GPE, Grand Governor	2004
57	George A. Ingles, PGC	2004
58	Richard John Elman, PGM	2005
59	John A. Bleich	2005
60	Ronald L. Ellis, PGC	2005
61	William K. Bissey	2005
62	Harry W. McLaren	2006
63	Lawrence V. Kaminsky, PGC, GR	2006
64	Charles V. Horton, PMIGM	2006

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65	A. Dwayne Evensen, PGHP	2006
66	George Earl Proctor, Potentate of Murat Shrine	2006
67	Dennis T. Herrell, PGM	2006
68	David Ralph Ulrich	2006
69	George D. Kivett, KTCH, HPGC	2006
70	James M. Barkdull, PGM	2007
71	Rodney A. Mann, PGC	2007
72	Bobby J. Roberts	2007
73	Andrew R. Jackson, PGC	2008
74	Austin C. Gray, PMIGM	2008
75	J. William Meyers	2008
76	Harold D. Black	2008
77	David M. Bertch, PGC	2009
78	Jeffery P. Zaring, PGM	2009
79	John T. Fleming	2009
80	John D. Myers	2009

COMPANIONS OF THE TEMPLE

- 1997 - Margaret Avery (Mrs. Willard M. Avery)
Virginia Ball (Mrs. Edmund F. Ball)
Nancy Price (Mrs. Robert E. Price)
Patricia De Mond (Mrs. James S. De Mond)
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)
- 2007 Malia Mann (Mrs. Rodney A. Mann)
Mary Stucker (Mrs. Duane Stucker)
Lee Zivanovich (Mrs. Peter Zivanovich)
- 2008 Mary Jackson (Mrs. Andrew R. Jackson)
Martha Kivett (Mrs. George Kivett)

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
2006 - Baldwin Commandery No. 2, Shelbyville
2007 - Trinity Commandery No. 62, Indianapolis
2008 - Bedford Commandery No. 42, Bedford

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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^cVicker, 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
- 2006 - R. Daniel Gaby, South Bend #13
- 2007 - John E. Hylemon, H.W. Matthewson No. 66
- 2007 - Henry E. LaHurreau, Fort Wayne No. 4
- 2008 - Burnell R. Davis, Vincennes No. 20
- 2009 - Mark A. Kester, Sr., Terre Haute No. 16

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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
2007.....	Wayne A. Williams
2008.....	Thomas W. Harper
2009.....	E. Stanton Davis

(*Deceased) (**Demitted)

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Membership Historical Information Table

Year	1970	1971	1972	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979	1980	1981
Commanderies	58	58	57	56	55	55	55	55	54	54	54	54
Knighted	405	402	403	417	366	418	411	347	347	318	328	496
Affiliated	20	36	69	135	82	27	27	21	15	77	31	45
Reinstated	22	17	24	15	24	16	23	29	18	14	23	17
Died	299	305	320	302	284	310	298	293	303	307	287	298
Demitted	180	172	209	271	205	141	136	134	111	206	139	141
Suspended	169	182	132	102	87	151	85	98	85	124	133	164
Adjustments	-2	-11	6	9	22	22	9	-31	-40	-3	-5	-9
No. of Members	11874	11666	11498	11408	11318	11184	11141	10962	10839	10617	10431	10358
Gain (Loss)	-28	-208	-168	-90	-90	-134	-43	-179	-123	-222	-188	-46
Remitted	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
Commanderies	54	54	53	53	53	54	53	53	53	54	56	57
Knighted	253	301	314	216	224	309	233	173	127	189	250	349
Affiliated	27	17	173	25	27	34	146	16	22	30	94	44
Reinstated	25	23	24	22	16	22	28	24	26	37	26	20
Died	257	273	297	261	259	270	269	235	257	262	230	232
Demitted	128	103	277	147	146	171	257	121	141	130	134	106
Suspended	121	109	123	125	148	157	166	219	131	169	117	103
Adjustments	-9	0	-11	0	-10	-90	0	1	-6	1	-56	-13
No. of Members	10173	10030	9831	9555	9265	8948	8659	8300	7951	7636	7463	7422
Gain (Loss)	-212	-143	-199	-276	-290	-317	-289	-359	-349	-315	-173	-41
Remitted	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
Commanderies	56	54	55	54	53	53	51	46	46	46	46	45
Knighted	191	266	100	141	154	109	164	174	133	158	153	167
Affiliated	87	486	62	110	53	34	248	16	21	41	22	18
Reinstated	22	13	14	22	27	17	16	24	22	15	12	24
Died	225	231	218	213	195	206	190	195	186	172	197	162
Demitted	203	531	150	213	153	113	317	105	117	124	138	92
Suspended	101	113	105	126	100	89	68	81	112	100	89	151
Adjustments	5	4	-7	1	-5	-8	-21	0	0	3	6	21
No. of Members	7198	7084	6794	6514	6285	6029	5861	5694	5455	5275	5047	4746
Gain (Loss)	-224	-114	-290	-280	-209	-249	-148	-167	-239	-182	-231	-175
Remitted	364	389	415	402	390	352	295	322	325	321	305	275

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Membership Historical Information Table

(Continued)

Year	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Commanderies	44	42	42									
Knighted	202	202	196									
Affiliated	42	52	204									
Reinstated	16	25	16									
Died	139	160	138									
Demitted	108	193	308									
Suspended	161	130	118									
Adjustments	0	37	0									
No. of Members	4724	4550	4402									
Gain (Loss)	-148	-174	-148									
Remitted	287	305	597									

(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

Year	Grand Commander	Deputy Grand Commander	Grand Generalissimo	Grand Captain General	Grand Treasurer
1984	Ronald D. Simpson	Herbert G. Roach	Robert E. DuBois	William L. Leffler	Harold L. Hoolihan
1985	Herbert G. Roach	Robert E. DuBois	William L. Leffler	Paul W. Friend	Harold L. Hoolihan
1986	Robert E. DuBois	William L. Leffler	Paul W. Friend	John V. Stevens	Harold L. Hoolihan
1987	William L. Leffler	Paul W. Friend	John V. Stevens	Steven J. Barton	Harold L. Hoolihan
1988	Paul W. Friend	John V. Stevens	Steven J. Barton	Dwight E. Lanman, Jr.	Harold L. Hoolihan
1989	John V. Stevens	Steven J. Barton	Dwight E. Lanman, Jr.	Gerald A. Sullivan, Jr.	Harold L. Hoolihan
1990	Steven J. Barton	Dwight E. Lanman, Jr.	Gerald A. Sullivan, Jr.	Peter T. Zivanovich	Herbert A. Newman
1991	Dwight E. Lanman, Jr.	Gerald A. Sullivan, Jr.	Peter T. Zivanovich	Duane Stucker	Herbert A. Newman
1992	Gerald A. Sullivan, Jr.	Peter T. Zivanovich	Duane Stucker	James W. Roberts	Herbert A. Newman
1993	Peter T. Zivanovich	Duane Stucker	James W. Roberts	Willard R. Clutter, Jr.	Herbert A. Newman
1994	Duane Stucker	James W. Roberts	Willard R. Clutter, Jr.	James W. Prairie	Herbert A. Newman
1995	James W. Roberts	Willard R. Clutter, Jr.	James W. Prairie	Robert J. Frazer	Herbert A. Newman
1996	Willard R. Clutter, Jr.	James W. Prairie	Robert J. Frazer	Henry E. LaHurreau	Herbert A. Newman
1997	James W. Prairie	Robert J. Frazer	Henry E. LaHurreau	Irvin L. Bitting	Herbert A. Newman
1998	Robert J. Frazer	Henry E. LaHurreau	Irvin L. Bitting	Duane L. Vaught	Herbert A. Newman
1999	Henry E. LaHurreau	Irvin L. Bitting	Duane L. Vaught	William A. Pruitt	Herbert A. Newman
2000	Irvin L. Bitting	Duane L. Vaught	William A. Pruitt	T. Jeffery Conquest	Herbert A. Newman
2001	Duane L. Vaught	William A. Pruitt	T. Jeffery Conquest	George A. Ingles	Herbert A. Newman
2002	T. Jeffery Conquest	George A. Ingles	Ronald L. Ellis	Lawrence V. Kaminsky	Herbert A. Newman
2003	George A. Ingles	Ronald L. Ellis	Lawrence V. Kaminsky	Rodney A. Mann	Herbert A. Newman
2004	Ronald L. Ellis	Lawrence V. Kaminsky	Rodney A. Mann	Andrew R. Jackson	Herbert A. Newman
2005	Lawrence V. Kaminsky	Rodney A. Mann	Andrew R. Jackson	David M. Bertch	Herbert A. Newman
2006	Rodney A. Mann	Andrew R. Jackson	David M. Bertch	Larry W. Brown	Robert J. Frazer
2007	Andrew R. Jackson	David M. Bertch	Larry W. Brown	James L. Dove	Robert J. Frazer
2008	David M. Bertch	Larry W. Brown	James L. Dove	Paul A. Cole	Robert J. Frazer

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**HISTORICAL LIST OF GRAND COMMANDERY OFFICERS
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Year	Grand Recorder	Grand Prelate	Grand Senior Warden	Grand Junior Warden	Grand Standard Bearer
1984	Richard D. Unger	Thomas C. Paterson	Paul W. Friend	John V. Stevens	Dan R. Biddle
1985	Richard D. Unger	R. Frank Williams	John V. Stevens	James C. Bunnell	Noel Stephens
1986	Robert E. Price	Bernard M. Bradley	James C. Bunnell	Steven J. Barton	Jerry Warman
1987	Robert E. Price	Dr. Marvin E. Utler	Steven J. Barton	Jerry Warman	Dwight E. Lanman, Jr.
1988	Robert E. Price	Dean N. Goranson	Jerry W. Warman	Dwight E. Lanman, Jr.	Gerald A. Sullivan, Jr.
1989	Robert E. Price	Harold F. Noble	Dwight E. Lanman, Jr.	Gerald A. Sullivan, Jr.	James E. Harris
1990	Robert E. Price	Dennis R. York	Duane Stucker	James W. Roberts	William Mohler
1991	Robert E. Price	J. William Meyers	James W. Roberts	Willard R. Clutter, Jr.	Wayne A. Sheets
1992	Robert E. Price	Robert S. Flint	Willard R. Clutter, Jr.	James W. Prairie	Robert J. Frazer
1993	Robert E. Price	James W. Roberts	James W. Prairie	Robert J. Frazer	Henry E. LaHurreau
1994	Robert E. Price	Rowland C. Gorman	Robert J. Frazer	Henry E. LaHurreau	Irvin L. Bitting
1995	Robert E. Price	Gary K. Fentress	Henry E. LaHurreau	Irvin L. Bitting	Duane L. Vaught
1996	Robert E. Price	J. Robert Fiers	Irvin L. Bitting	Duane L. Vaught	Gregory E. Snipes
1997	Robert E. Price	Robert C. Childress	Duane L. Vaught	Gregory E. Snipes	Jack E. Todd
1998	Robert E. Price	Robert L. Thompson	William A. Pruitt	T. Jeffery Conquest	Floyd K. Dunn, II
1999	John V. Stevens	Vonn G. Hoffman	T. Jeffery Conquest	George A. Ingles, Jr.	Floyd K. Dunn, II
2000	John V. Stevens	Samuel M. Robinson	George A. Ingles, Jr.	Floyd K. Dunn, II	Ronald L. Ellis
2001	John V. Stevens	Gregory E. Snipes	Floyd K. Dunn, II	Ronald L. Ellis	Lawrence V. Kaminsky
2002	John V. Stevens	James Dimitri	Rodney A. Mann	Andrew R. Jackson	David R. Ulrich
2003	John V. Stevens	Wayne A. Sheets	Andrew R. Jackson	David M. Bertch	John A. Bleich
2004	John V. Stevens	James N. Butler	David M. Bertch	Larry W. Brown	James L. Dove
2005	John V. Stevens	David Borchert	Larry W. Brown	James L. Dove	Patrick S. Diller
2006	Lawrence V. Kaminsky	Carroll Joe Friend	James L. Dove	Paul A. Cole	Rex Sohn
2007	Lawrence V. Kaminsky	Edward L. Sebring	Paul A. Cole	J, Rex Sohn	None
2008	Lawrence V. Kaminsky	Byron W. Schull	Scott G. Inman	Bobby J. Roberts	Patrick S. Diller

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**HISTORICAL LIST OF GRAND COMMANDERY OFFICERS
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Year	Grand Sword Bearer	Grand Warder	Grand Sentinel	Grand Organist	Grand Inspector General
1984	John C. Fulton	Emmett G. Beisel	Monroe Higginbotham	J. Richard McElheny	
1985	Monon Nortman	David Joe Day	Harley W. Summit	Jerry Burns	
1986	Dwight E. Lanman, Jr.	Gerald A. Sullivan, Jr.	Robert Mehringer	J. Richard McElheny	
1987	Gerald A. Sullivan, Jr.	Robert Mehringer	Larry Ozust	DeWard E. Theobald	
1988	Robert Mehringer	Peter T. Zivanovich	Duane Stucker	Curtis C. Herl	
1989	Thomas C. Patterson	Robert S. Flint	Charles W. Maples	Jerry Burns	
1990	James E. Browing	C. Michael Alter	Thomas D. Barton	DeWard E. Theobald	
1991	Michael B. Montgomery	James W. Prairie	Robert J. Frazer	John W. Simons II	
1992	Henry E. LaHurreau	Irvin L. Bitting	Duane L. Vaught	John W. Simons II	
1993	Irvin L. Bitting	Duane L. Vaught	Neil V. Welch	John W. Simons II	
1994	Duane L. Vaught	Gregory E. Snipes	Jack E. Todd	Robert L. Claypool	Dwight E. Lanman, Jr.
1995	Jack E. Todd	Gregory E. Snipes	Tom C. Baird	Robert L. Claypool	Dwight E. Lanman, Jr.
1996	Jack E. Todd	William A. Pruitt	Gary B. Fry	Robert L. Claypool	Ronald D. Simpson
1997	William A. Pruitt	Gary B. Fry	T. Jeffery Conquest	Robert L. Claypool	Dwight E. Lanman, Jr.
1998	George A. Ingles, Jr.	Ronald L. Ellis	Virgil G. Humphrey	John W. Logan	Robert J. Frazer
1999	Ronald L. Ellis	Virgil G. Humphrey	Harry W. McLaren	John W. Logan	Robert J. Frazer
2000	Harry W. McLaren	Lawrence V. Kaminsky	Andrew R. Jackson	John W. Logan	Robert J. Frazer
2001	Andrew R. Jackson	David R. Ulrich	John A. Bleich	John W. Logan	Dwight E. Lanman, Jr.
2002	John A. Bleich	David M. Bertch	Michael B. Montgomery	John W. Logan	Irvin L. Bitting
2003	Rex Sohn	Larry W. Brown	James L. Dove	Carleton Hinshaw	Irvin L. Bitting
2004	Byron W. Schull	E. Stanton Davis	Patrick S. Diller	Carleton Hinshaw	Irvin L. Bitting
2005	Rex Sohn	Paul A. Cole	Carroll Joe Friend	Carleton Hinshaw	Irvin L. Bitting
2006	E. Stanton Davis	Michael C. Stoner	Michael R. Payne	Carleton Hinshaw	Irvin L. Bitting
2007	None	None	Jack Wallace	J. Fred Klink	George A. Ingles, Jr.
2008	David L. Jenkins	Michael D. Ritter	James L. Bolinger	J. Fred Klink	Ronald L. Ellis

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

Grand Commandery	Representatives	City
Alabama	Douglas O. Fegenbush	Indianapolis
Arizona	John V. Stevens	Kokomo
Arkansas	E. Stanton Davis	Greenfield
California	Charles D. Wood, Jr	Martinsville
Colorado	Kenneth E. Gibson	Indianapolis
Connecticut	Austin C. Gray, Jr	Martinsville
Delaware	Bobby J. Roberts	Winchester
District of Columbia	Henry E. LaHurreau	Ft. Wayne
Florida	Robert J. Frazer	Indianapolis
Georgia	George D. Kivett	Indianapolis
Idaho	R. Frank Williams	Fort Branch
Illinois	Duane L. Vaught	Bloomington
Italy	Michael C. Stoner	Bloomfield
Iowa	James L. Dove	LaPorte
Kansas	Rodney A. Mann	Shelbyville
Kentucky	Andrew R. Jackson	Greenwood
Louisiana	Robert E. Price	Connersville
Maine	Gary A. Nicholson	Shelbyville
Maryland	K. Edwin Applegate	Bloomington
Mass. & R. I.	James W. Prairie	Sioux Falls, SD
Michigan	Lawrence V. Kaminsky	Highland
Minnesota	Robert S. Flint	Kokomo
Mississippi	Jack F. Wallace	Fountaintown
Missouri	Clarence D. Harter	Cedar Lake
Montana	David M. Bertch	Liberty
Nebraska	Irvin L. Bitting	Roselawn
Nevada	Donald D. Olvey	Plainfield
New Hampshire	Gary A. Sherritza	Amboy
New Jersey	Larry E. Gray	Greenfield
New Mexico	Paul A. Cole	Shelbyville
New York	Paul W. Friend	Angola
North Carolina	J. Rex Sohn	Greenfield
North Dakota	James L. Bolinger	Vandalia, MI
Ohio	Dwight E. Lanman, Jr	Angola
Oklahoma	Floyd K. Dunn, II	New Castle
Oregon	Carol Joe Friend	Greensburg
Pennsylvania	George A. Ingles, Jr	Muncie
Philippines	Jeffery C. Reich	Portage
Portugal	Byron W. Schull	Richmond
South Carolina	James R. Adamson	New Salisbury
South Dakota	Wayne A. Sheets	Brownsburg
Tennessee	Larry W. Brown	Selma
Texas	Willard M. Avery	Greenfield

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**GRAND REPRESENTATIVES NEAR THE
GRAND COMMANDERY OF INDIANA
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City	Grand Commandery	Representatives
Utah	Harold D. Black	Fort Wayne
Vermont	Duane Stucker	Shelbyville
Virginia	Michael D. Ritter	Muncie
Washington	Ronald L. Ellis	Columbus
West Virginia	Harrison E. Lackey	Indianapolis
Wisconsin	Steven J. Barton	Greenfield
Wyoming	David R. Ulrich	Columbia City

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**GRAND REPRESENTATIVES NEAR
OTHER GRAND COMMANDERIES**

Grand Commandery	Representatives	City
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	William Deickler	Ridgefield
Delaware	Gilbert E. Greenfield	Wilmington
District of Columbia	Charles H. Nails	Washington, DC
Florida	Michael A. Pardon, Jr	Orlando
Georgia	Lloyd C. Odem	Fort Valley
Idaho	Dave S. Call	Salmon
Illinois	John T. Riedas, Sr	Oak Forest
Iowa	W. Andrew Emmert	Newton
Kansas	Kelly D. Kraemer	Topeka
Kentucky	Larry N. Flowers	Bowling Green
Louisiana	Richard Leo James	West Monroe
Maine		
Maryland	Richard A. Ortt, Sr	Baltimore
Mass. & R. I.	William Ernest Eltzroth	Bellingham
Michigan	Vernon T. Barnhart, KCT, PGC	Grand Ledge
Minnesota	John B. Studell	Minneapolis
Mississippi	Gregory Alan Dykes	Oxford
Missouri	James E. Snavely	Farmington
Montana	C. David Burgess	Bozeman
Nebraska	Gorden B. Pinney	Whitney
Nevada	Michael Reinhardt	Las Vegas
New Hampshire	Phillip H. White	Grantham
New Jersey	Kenneth G. Orner	Manchester
New Mexico	Walter M. Zierman, KCT, PGC	Santa Fe
New York	Jeffrey Williamson	Akron
North Carolina	Kenneth W. Beck	Salisbury
North Dakota	Troy D. Eck	Clarksville
Ohio	Bruce D. Basil, KCT, PGC	Ashtabula
Oklahoma	Calvin E. Mettee	Enid
Oregon	Timothy R. Brinkmeyer	Portland
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	John Laughlin	Rapid City
Tennessee	Herbert Glen Beck, Jr	Bulls Gap
Texas	Lawrence E. Tucker	Bellaire
Utah	Harry B. Cohn	Ogden
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
Wyoming	Philip G. Buchholz	Saratoga

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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.	Erville B. Bishop*	Muncie	(18)			1876	
16.	Agustus D. Lynch*	Indianapolis	(1)			1877	
17.	Alexander Thomas*	Terre Haute	(16)			1878	
18.	Salathiel T. Williams*	Kendalville	(19)			1879	
19.	Henry G. Thayer*	Plymouth	(26)			1880	
20.	John H. Hess*	Columbus	(14)			1881	
21.	Samuel B. Sweet*	Indianapolis	(1)			1882	
22.	Richard L. Woolsey*	Jeffersonville	(27)			1883	
23.	Walter Vail*	Michigan City	(30)			1884	
24.	Henry C. Adams*	Indianapolis	(1)			1885	
25.	Ephraim W. Patrick*	Evansville	(15)			1886	
26.	George W. F. Kirk*	Shelbyville	(2)			1887	
27.	Reuben Peden*	Knightstown	(9)			1888	
28.	Duncan T. Bacon*	Indianapolis	(1)			1889	
29.	Henry H. Lancaster*	Lafayette	(3)			1890	
30.	Irvin B. Webber*	Warsaw	(10)			1891	
31.	Joseph A. Manning*	Michigan City	(30)			1892	
32.	Simeon S. Johnson*	Jeffersonville	(27)			1893	
33.	Charles W. Slick*	Mishawaka	(51)			1894	
34.	Walter M. Hindman*	Vincennes	(20)			1895	
35.	Winfield T. Durbin*	Anderson	(32)			1896	
36.	John E. Redmond*	Logansport	(24)			1897	
37.	John H. Nicholson*	Richmond	(8)			1898	
38.	William E. Perryman*	Terre Haute	(16)			1899	
39.	Eugene W. Kelly*	Muncie	(18)			1900	
40.	Leonidas P. Newby*	Knightstown	(9)			1901	
41.	Sidney W. Douglas*	Evansville	(15)			1902	
42.	Frederick Glass*	Madison	(22)			1903	
43.	Charles Goltra*	Crawfordsville	(25)			1904	
44.	Nathan L. Agnew †	Valparaiso	(28)			1905	
45.	Oliver Gard*	Frankfort	(29)			1906	

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46.	Vestal W. Woodward*	Indianapolis	(1)	1907
47.	Charles Day*	New Albany	(5)	1908
48.	Luther Short*	Franklin	(23)	1909
49.	William B. Hosford*	Mishawaka	(51)	1910
50.	John L. Rupe*	Richmond	(8)	1911
51.	Charles M. Zion*	Lebanon	(43)	1912
52.	Joseph G. Ibach*	Hammond	(41)	1913
53.	Harry G. Strickland*	Greenfield	(39)	1914
54.	Adrian Hammersley*	Indianapolis	(1)	1915
55.	James L. Randel*	Greencastle	(11)	1916
56.	George H. Steel*	Evansville	(15)	1917
57.	George S. Parker*	Anderson	(32)	1918
58.	Henri T. Conde*	Indianapolis	(1)	1919
59.	Harry C. Moore*	Marion	(22)	1920
60.	Eugene Vatet*	Muncie	(18)	1921
61.	George A. Newhouse*	New Albany	(5)	1922
62.	Gayland M. Leslie*	Fort Wayne	(4)	1923
63.	Edward J. Schonover*	Indianapolis	(1)	1924
64.	George F. Hitchcock*	Plymouth	(26)	1925
65.	Will M. Sparks*	Rushville	(49)	1926
66.	Clarence H. 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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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. De Mond	Fort Wayne	(4)	1975
115.	David R. Poling, Jr.*	Lafayette	(3)	1976
116.	R. Frank Williams	Evansville	(15)	1977
117.	Robert E. Price	Connerville	(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
145.	Rodney A. Mann	Baldwin	(2)	2006
145.	Andrew R. Jackson	Raper	(1)	2007
146.	David M. Bertch	Connersville	(6)	2008

* 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**

No.	Name	Commandery	Dates
1.	Francis King*	(1)	1854 to 1865
2.	William Hacker*	(2)	1866 to 1868
3.	John M. Bramwell*	(1)	1868 to November 10, 1888
4.	William J. Smythe*	(11)	November 10, 1888 to February 11, 1901
5.	Jacob W. Smith*	(1)	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 June 30, 2006
14.	Lawrence V. Kaminsky	(41)	July 1, 2006 to present

* Deceased

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No.	Year	Location	Date	Presiding	Residence
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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No.	Year	Location	Date	Presiding	Residence
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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No.	Year	Location	Date	Presiding	Residence
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. Riggin, G.C.	Muncie
111.	1965	South Bend	May 14, 15, 1965	David J. Miller, G.C.	Goshen
112.	1966	Vincennes	May 13, 14, 1966	James G. Frey, G.C.	Vincennes
113.	1967	Fort Wayne	May 12, 13, 1967	Harold R. Hoolihan, G.C.	Angola
114.	1968	Columbus	May 10, 11, 1968	Richard D. Unger, G.C.	Baldwin
115.	1969	Lafayette	May 23, 24, 1969	Harry F. Otterman, G.C.	Frankfort
116.	1970	Bloomington	May 22, 23, 1970	K. Edwin Applegate, G.C.	Bloomington
117.	1971	Indianapolis	May 7, 8, 1971	Walter P. Worland, G.C.	Greenfield
118.	1972	Hammond	May 12, 13, 1972	Omar E. Hager, G.C.	Hammond
119.	1973	Muncie	May 4, 5, 1973	Forrest L. Mock, G.C.	Muncie
120.	1974	South Bend	May 3, 4, 1974	Russell R. Aulm, G.C.	South Bend
121.	1975	Indianapolis	April 25, 26, 1975	Herbert A. Newman, G.C.	Indianapolis
122.	1976	Fort Wayne	April 30, May 1, 1976	James S. De Mond, 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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No.	Year	Location	Date	Presiding	Residence
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
153.	2007	Indianapolis	April 27, 28, 2007	Rodney A. Mann G.C.	Shelbyville
154.	2008	Indianapolis	April 25, 26, 2008	Andrew R. Jackson, G.C.	Greenwood
155.	2009	Indianapolis	April 24, 25, 2009	David M. Bertch, G.C.	Liberty

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

	Commandery	Date Chartered	Date Precedence
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.	Greencastle No. 11	April 7, 1868	April 3, 1867
9.	LaPorte, No. 12	April 7, 1868	April 3, 1867
10.	South Bend No. 13	April 8, 1868	April 3, 1867
11.	Columbus No. 14	April 8, 1868	April 8, 1868
12.	LaValette No. 15	April 7, 1868	April 8, 1867
13.	Terre Haute No. 16	April 8, 1868	April 8, 1868
14.	Muncie No. 18	April 7, 1869	April 7, 1869
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.	Valparaiso No. 28	April 26, 1876	April 26, 1876
22.	Frankfort No. 29	April 27, 1881	April 27, 1881
23.	Michigan City No. 30	April 30, 1884	April 30, 1884
24.	Elkhart No. 31	April 30, 1884	April 30, 1884
25.	Anderson No. 32	April 29, 1885	April 29, 1885
26.	Huntington No. 35	April 20, 1892	August 20, 1891
27.	Kokomo No. 36	April 20, 1892	November 6, 1891
28.	Greenfield No. 39	April 22, 1897	May 16, 1896
29.	Hammond No. 41	April 21, 1898	January 25, 1897
30.	Bedford No. 42	April 20, 1899	January 25, 1899
31.	Angola No. 45	April 17, 1902	March 24, 1902
32.	Clinton No. 48	May 12, 1904	October 29, 1903
33.	Seymour No. 56	May 11, 1911	May 26, 1910
34.	E. H. Gary No. 57	May 14, 1914	February 22, 1912
35.	Noblesville No. 61	May 11, 1922	May 11, 1922
36.	Trinity No. 62	June 21, 1923	June 21, 1923
37.	Bloomington No. 63	May 14, 1925	March 31, 1925
38.	Wright No. 64	April 29, 1988	April 29, 1988
39.	William G. Bray No. 65	April 30, 1993	March 14, 1992
40.	H. W. Matthewson No. 66	April 30, 1993	August 15, 1992
41.	H.E. Lackey No. 67	April 29, 1994	April 30, 1993
42.	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**

No.	Date	Where Held	Presiding Officer
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
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No.	Date	Where Held	Presiding Officer
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.

**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. Knightstown No. 9 surrendered their charter on March 31, 2008 and merged with Greenfield No. 39.

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.

Muncie No.18 – Chartered April 7, 1869. Charter surrendered December 11, 2000. Charter was restored on October 24, 2006.

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.

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Plymouth No. 26 - Chartered April 28, 1875. Charter surrendered September 11, 1974, and merged with South Bend No. 13.

Jeffersonville No. 27 - Chartered April 26, 1876. Charter surrendered October 13, 2008, and merged with New Albany No. 5.

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.

Wabash No. 37 – Chartered April 20, 1893. Charter surrendered April 10, 2008, and merged into St. Anselm, U.D.

Bluffton No. 38 - Chartered April 18, 1895. Charter surrendered October 20, 1994, and merged with Fort Wayne No. 4.

Delphi No. 40 - Chartered February 4, 1897. Charter surrendered December 11, 1972, and merged with Lafayette No. 3.

Lebanon No. 43 – Chartered April 20, 1899. Charter surrendered August 15, 2000 and merged with Frankfort No. 29.

New Castle No. 44 Chartered April 19, 1900, Charter surrendered January 1, 2006 and merged with Knightstown No. 9.

Princeton No. 46 - Chartered April 26, 1903. Charter surrendered April 22, 1995, and merged with LaValette No. 15.

Brazil No. 47 – Chartered May 12, 1904, Charter surrendered April 21, 2006 and merged with Greencastle No. 11.

Clinton Commandery No. 48 – Chartered May 12, 1904. Charter surrendered on June 4, 2009 and members merged into Terre Haute Commandery No. 16

Rushville No. 49 - Chartered May 11, 1905. Charter surrendered November 20, 1997, and merged with Connersville No. 6.

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Goshen Commandery No. 50 – Chartered May 11, 1905. Charter surrendered May 16, 2006, and merged with Elkhart No. 31.

Mishawaka No. 51 - Chartered January 16, 1906. Charter surrendered March 1, 1973 and merged with South Bend No. 13.

Tipton No. 52 – Chartered May 9, 1907. Charter surrendered January 1, 2001 and merged with Kokomo No. 36.

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.

East Chicago No. 58 – Chartered May 9, 1912. Charter surrendered December 31, 2000 and merged with Hammond No. 41 at the same location.

Greensburg No. 59 – Chartered May 12, 1920. Charter surrendered December 1, 2001 and merged with Columbus No. 14.

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 the only record of a name change is noted in the Conclave Bulletin No. 1. No other 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.

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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.

Wright Commandery No. 64 Chartered April 29, 1988. Dispensation granted on April 29, 2005, to move their Charter to Eckerty Lodge No. 719, Eckerty, Indiana 47116 on a permanent basis. (May 1, 2006).

Lawrence Commandery No. 67 Chartered April 29, 1994. Charter moved to Millersville Lodge September 21, 2002. Name changed to H. E. Lackey Commandery No. 67 on April 23, 2003.

Dwight L. Smith, U.D. - Dispensation issued July 13, 1996, to open Commandery at Salem. Dispensation returned April 24, 1998.

Crown Point, U.D. – Dispensation issued February 12, 2001 to open a Commandery at Crown Point. Dispensation returned April 23, 2003.

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