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**PROCEEDINGS OF  
THE 162<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL CONCLAVE  
OF THE  
GRAND COMMANDERY OF INDIANA**

*HELD IN THE CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS  
APRIL 29<sup>th</sup> 30<sup>th</sup>, 2016*

*Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Indiana*

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**ONE HUNDRED SIXTY-SECOND  
ANNUAL CONCLAVE**

**Held at Indianapolis**

**ANGOLA COMMANDERY No. 45, HOST**

**April 29, 30, 2016**

**Presiding**

**SIR KNIGHT James L. Bolinger  
Right Eminent Grand Commander  
Indiana**

**Elected**

**SIR KNIGHT Donald D. Olvey  
William G. Bray Commandery No. 65**

**2017 Conclave will be held at Columbus, Indiana on April 28, 29, 2017**

**Wm. G. Bray Commandery No. 65 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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**SIR KNIGHT DUANE LEE VAUGHT, GCT, PGC (IN)**  
**Most Eminent Grand Master**

Duane Lee Vaught was born in 1956 in Crawfordsville, Indiana, the first of three sons of Lloyd E Vaught and Maxine Vaught.

He was baptized and confirmed as a member of the Methodist Church. In 2000 he married Georgia Jean Nagai Goode. Sir Knight Vaught has two brothers, both residing in Indiana. Georgia has a sister, living in Atlanta, Georgia.

Duane Vaught began his professional career with a national accounting firm in its Indianapolis office, during which time he passed the CPA exam and was licensed as a Certified Public Accountant. He subsequently moved to a local accounting firm in Bloomington Indiana. He advanced in that firm to the level of partner. In 1995 he joined the firm of Stampfli Associates CPAs as Vice-President. In 2008 he became President of that firm. Although he works with individuals and many kinds of businesses, not-for-profit entities are one of his primary specialties. He served as president of his chapter of Kiwanis, is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, its Not-For-Profit practice section, Indiana State CPA Society and the Bloomington Chapter of the Institute of Management Accountants, in which last organization he served several years as Vice-president for Professional Education. Duane Vaught began his Masonic career in 1971 when he was initiated into Montgomery Chapter of the Order of DeMolay. In DeMolay he served as Master Councilor of his Chapter, Illustrious Knight Commander of DeMolay Order of Knighthood in Indiana and two years as an appointed officer of the DeMolay State Council. He has received the DeMolay honors of Representative DeMolay, Chevalier, and Legion of Honor (Active)

Sir Knight Vaught was initiated, passed and raised a Master Mason in 1977, in his hometown of Crawfordsville Indian. He served as Worshipful Master of Spencer Lodge no. 95 in 1993 during which year the lodge received the Grand Master's Award with Distinction. He has also served as Worshipful Master of Dwight L. Smith Lodge of Research.

From May 2002 through May 2008 he served as an officer of the Grand Lodge F&AM of Indiana, the last year of that period as Most Worshipful Grand Master. He is also the Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of New York near Indiana. In 2008 he was elected to a three-year term as trustee. For five years he also served on the Board of Directors of the Indiana Masonic Home. Vaught received the degrees of Royal Arch Masonry, Cryptic Masonry and the Orders of Chivalric Masonry on October 22, 1977 in a festival, held in Muncie, in honor of then presiding Most Eminent Grand Master, Willard M. Avery. He Served as High Priest of Crawfordsville Chapter No. 40 and Illustrious Master of Montgomery Council No. 34 in 1983.

Sir Knight Vaught served as Eminent Commander of Crawfordsville Commandery No. 25 in 1981 and 1982 and has received the Distinguished Service Award, Knight Commander of the Temple, and Knight Grand Cross 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 in Indiana. He also holds memberships in Commanderies in Ohio and Colorado. He holds honorary memberships in several other Grand Commanderies. 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 is a Past Sovereign of St. Basil Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine. Past Governor of Banks of the Wabash York Rite College No. 72 and has received the Gold Honor Award and Order of



**(continuation of Biography of Duane Lee Vaught)**

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 served over ten years as Secretary of his council.

Vaught is a Past Preceptor of St Andrew Tabernacle XXXV Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests and an officer of the Grand College. He is and officer of the Grand College of Rites. 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, MSRICF of the United States.

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

Sir Knight Vaught was appointed Right Eminent Grand Captain General, Grand Encampment, and Knights Templar on August 29, 2007 by Sir Knight William Koon II, Grand Master and was elected to remain in the office of Grand Captain General of the Grand Encampment at the 64th Triennial Conclave, August 2009, in Roanoke Virginia. He was advanced to Right Eminent Grand Generalissimo on November 22, 2010 following the Death of Sid C. Doris III, elected Deputy Grand Master in Alexandria VA. in August 2012 and elected Grand Master of the Grand Encampment Knights Templar in August 2015 in Buffalo NY.



**SIR KNIGHT LOREN A. WINN, KCT  
EAST CENTRAL DEPARTMENT COMMANDER  
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**SIR KNIGHT LOREN A. WINN, KCT, PGC  
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Loren A. Winn was born March 29, 1952 in Detroit, Michigan and was educated in the South Redford Michigan school system. He graduated from Michigan State University in 1974 with Degrees in Education and Industrial Engineering, he also went on to earn post graduate degrees and attended Eastern Michigan University. He then went on to become a teacher of architecture and automotive mechanics. He also worked as an electrical engineer and finished his last 25 years teaching in Special Education. Loren is an Eagle Scout and during his evenings was very active as a Boy Scout Leader and also Taught Tae Kwon Do Karate with his wife Gail who is also a Black Belt Master. Sir Knight Winn and his lady of 43 years, Gail, are the parents of one son, Brian and a Granddaughter Anastasia.

Sir Knight Winn was raised a Master Mason in Livingston Lodge No 76 and also belongs to Olive Lodge and Civil War Lodge of Research AF&AM. He served as Master in 2010. He is a Past High Priest of Livingston RAM and Thrice Illustrious Master Livingston R&SM. Sir Knight Winn was knighted in Howell Commandery No 28 and served as Commander in 2002. He is a Past Grand Commander of Michigan 2010 and served as Grand Recorder. He received the KCT in 2008. SK Winn is a 33rd Degree, MSA, member of the Detroit Valley AASR, serving as Most Wise Master, Commander n Chief, Board of Directors, Learning Center Board, and local club president. He is a member and Past Governor of King Athelstan York Rite College, Officer of Michigan Priory No 22, member of St. Clement Conclave of the Red Cross of Constantine, member of Michigan College MSRICF, member and Past Sovereign Master of Thistle & Rose Council No. 27 AMD, member and officer of Gate of the Tabernacle No. LXV HRAKTP, member Yeoman of York Angola, member and Past Patron of Pinckney Chapter 145 Order of the Eastern Star. Sir Knight Winn was elected for 10 years as a Trustee of Hamburg Township, Michigan and on their Planning Commission. He also served for years as local President of Chelsea Education Association and as President of Lakelands Golf & C.C.

S.K. Winn was appointed as East Central Department Commander by Sir Knight Duane L. Vaught, Most Eminent Grand Master at the 66th Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment on August 12, 2015 in Buffalo, N. Y.

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**SIR KNIGHT JAMES L. BOLINGER  
RIGHT EMINENT GRAND COMMANDER 2015-16  
KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF THE STATE OF INDIANA**

**Biography of James Lee Bolinger  
154<sup>th</sup> Grand Commander  
Knights Templar of Indiana**

James Lee Bolinger was born in South Bend, Indiana on August 13, 1950 to Jack Laverne and Galeelah (Johnson) Bolinger. Jim graduated from South Bend John Adams High School and attended a four-year electrical apprenticeship program. Jim married Deborah (Debbie) Manspeaker in 1971. They have two children, James and Rebecca (Dundek) and three grandsons, David, Andrew and Jacques.

Jim was employed as a construction electrician/foreman for 42 years in several cities in Indiana and Illinois which included many projects at the University of Notre Dame, Goshen College and several area hospitals.

Jim's Masonic history began in South Bend, Indiana with Portage Lodge #675 where he was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason on March 20, 1979. He served Portage Lodge #679 as Worshipful Master in 1983 and 1999. Portage Lodge #675 merged with St. Joseph Lodge #45 in 2001 and Jim Bolinger served as Master of St. Joseph Lodge #45 in 2009 and Secretary of the Lodge from 2001 to 2006.

Jim became a member of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite Valley of South Bend in 1979. He completed the Lodge of Perfection line as Thrice Potent Master in 2005 and was coroneted a 33<sup>rd</sup> degree Scottish Rite Mason in 2007 in Washington, DC.

Jim was exalted to a Royal Arch Mason in South Bend Chapter #29, greeted as a Cryptic Mason in South Bend Council #82 and became a Knight Templar in South Bend Commandery #13 on March 19, 2005. He served as Excellent High Priest of South Bend Chapter #29 in 2010, Illustrious Master of South Bend Council #82 in 2006/2007, and Eminent Commander of South Bend Commandery #13 in 2008/2009. He is a dual member of St. Anselm Commandery and became a dual member of Angola York Rite in 2012.

In 2009, Sir Knight Jim was appointed as Grand Sword Bearer of the Grand Commandery of Indiana. He also served as Grand Standard Bearer before being elected to the progressive line of the Grand Commandery as Grand Junior Warden.

Jim and Debbie have taken on the responsibility of organizing and managing the annual Grand Encampment Easter Pilgrimage to Washington, DC, including the laying of the wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier for the past four of years.

Other Masonic memberships and honors include membership in Orak Shrine in Michigan City since 1979, Yeoman of York Elkhart Preceptory No. 5, Northwest Indiana York Rite College #73, J. Herbert Nichols Priory #76, Knight York Cross of Honor, St. Hillary Conclave of Fort Wayne Red Cross of Constantine and Royal Order of Jesters Michigan City Court #43.

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BATTALION STRUCTURE 2015 – 2016**

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**John W. Patterson**

**Battalion #1**

LaPorte - 12

Valparaiso - 28

Michigan City - 30

Hammond - 41

E. H. Gary - 57

**Battalion Commander**

**James L. Davis**

**Battalion #2**

South Bend - 13

Apollo - 19

Elkhart - 31

Angola - 45

**Battalion Commander**

**Edward E. Fodrea**

**Battalion #3**

Fort Wayne - 4

Grant County – 21

Anderson - 32

Huntington - 35

Noblesville - 61

**Battalion Commander**

**Lawrence J. Williams**

**Battalion #4**

Lafayette - 3

Crawfordsville - 25

Frankfort - 29

Kokomo - 36

**Battalion Commander**

**Donnie A. Robinette**

**Battalion #5**

Baldwin - 2

Greencastle - 11

Johnson County 23

Prather – 62

\*W.G. Bray - 65

**Battalion Commander**

**Matthew E. Lowe**

**Battalion #6**

Raper - 1

\*Connersville - 6

\*Richmond - 8

Greenfield - 39

\*H.E. Lackey - 67

**Battalion Commander**

**Terry L. Kehrer**

**Battalion #7**

New Albany – 5

Columbus - 14

\*Bedford - 42

\*Bloomington - 63

**Battalion Commander**

**Michael F. Robbins**

**Battalion #8**

LaValette – 15 (ct)

Terre Haute – 16

\*Vincennes – 20 (ct)

Wright - 64



Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Indiana  
Committees 2015-2016



**Executive Committee**  
James L. Bolinger, GC - Chair  
All elected Grand Officers

**Jurisprudence**  
Duane L. Vaught, PGC, REDGM - Chair  
Steven J. Barton, PGC, PDC - Vice  
All Past Grand Commanders

**Finance**  
Bobby J. Roberts, PGC (Don)  
James L. Dove, PGC (Larry)  
Ronald L. Ellis, PGC (Terry)  
Lawrence V. Kaminsky, PGC, GR  
Robert J. Frazer, PGC, GT

**Credentials**  
Donnie A. Robinette, GJW - Chair  
Edward E. Fodrea, GSTdB - Vice  
Other Sir Knights as needed

**Dispensations & Charters**  
Jack F. Wallace, PGC - Chair  
Rodney A. Mann, PGC - Vice  
Larry W. Brown, PGC, ECDC

**Visiting SK & Distinguished Guests**  
Harrison E. Lackey, HPGC - Chair  
Michael F. Robbins, GSW - Vice  
All Elected Grand Officers

**Grievances & Appeals**  
Ronald D. Simpson, PGC - Chair  
Steve Barton, PGC, PDC  
Paul W. Friend, PGC

**Unfinished Business**  
Donald D. Olvey, DGC - Chair  
Terry L. Keltner, GCG

**Necrology**  
Steve A. Arlington, GP - Chair  
Robert S. Flint, GPE - Vice

**KT Supplement Editor**  
Ed Sebring, GPE

**Templar Uniform**  
Donnie F. Robinette, GJW - Chair  
Michael F. Robbins, GSW Vice  
Carson Smith #1  
John Patterson GSWdB

**Holy Land Pilgrimages**  
Robert J. Frazer, PGC, GT - Chair  
Adam E. Jackson, GPE - Vice  
Byron Schall, GPE (4-11)  
Ed Sebring, GPE (4-10)  
Tony Peterson, GPE

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John A. Bridgroom - Vice  
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Lawrence J. Williams, GG  
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Matthew E. Lowe, GS

**Tellers**  
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**Masonic Youth**  
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**Life Membership**  
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**Templar Education**  
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All Battalion Commanders

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Wayne A. Sheets, GPE (4-13)  
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Jack Wallace, PGC - Vice (4-14)  
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James L. Dove, PGC  
Jack F. Wallace, PGC (4-14)  
Lawrence V. Kaminsky, PGC GR

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Terry L. Keltner, GCG

**Ritual & Tactics**  
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George A. Ingles, Jr., PGC

**Competitive Drills**  
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George D. Kivett, HPGC - Vice  
Irvin L. Bittng, PGC  
Jack F. Wallace, PGC  
David L. Miller #1

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Lawrence J. Williams, GG  
Terry L. Keltner - GCG

**Indiana K.T. Website**  
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Lawrence V. Kaminsky, PGC, GR

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Donald D. Olvey, DGC  
Lawrence J. Williams, GG

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Kurt A. Begue - Vice  
David Pass  
Jason Smith  
John Freeland  
Kevin Spencer  
Lawrence J. Williams, GG

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Lawrence J. Williams, GG  
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Larry W. Brown, PGC, ECDC (14-17)  
James L. Dove, PGC (15-18)

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Edward L. Sebring .....	2007-08
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**SIR KNIGHT DONALD D. OLVEY  
RIGHT EMINENT GRAND COMMANDER ELECT 2016-17  
KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF THE STATE OF INDIANA**

**DONALD D. OLVEY**  
**155<sup>TH</sup> GRAND COMMANDER**  
**KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF INDIANA**

Donald Dwight Olvey was born September 28, 1941 in Mattoon, Illinois He has been happily married to Nina Neel Olvey, for over 50 years. They have one daughter Christine Clark (Mark) and three grandchildren, of whom they are extremely proud. Sarah is a school teacher, in North Salem. Matt is a Sargent in the U.S. Marine Corp. and Zach is a student at Indiana University. The entire family are members of Plainfield United Methodist Church.

Don, attended Indiana Central University and Indiana University - Purdue University, Indianapolis.

Don, is a United States Air Force veteran. Retiring from Delta Airlines in 1995 after thirty-one years of service. He then started a consulting company and continued working until 2007 when he retired from the industry as Vice President of Republic Airways Holdings.

Don was raised a Master Mason in Plainfield Lodge #653 in 2003 and served as Master in 2010, and is a member of King Solomon's Past Masters Association.

He is a member of Westside Chapter #138, Royal Arch Masons, serving as High Priest in 2009. He received the Distinguished Companion Award in 2010. He is a plural member of Indiana Chapter #1845, UD, and became a member of the Indiana Council of Anointed High Priests in 2010

In the Holy Royal Arch Masons of Indiana Grand Chapter, he is currently serving as Grand Scribe.

A member of Forest A. Wakeman Council #110, Cryptic Masons, serving as Illustrious Master in 2009. He has received the Super Excellent Master Degree, and is a member of the Indiana Council of Thrice Illustrious Masters.

A member of William G. Bray Commandery #65, serving as Eminent Commander, in 2008. Serving as Recorder from 2009 - 2014. He received the Distinguished Service Award. A member of the Indiana Past Commander's Association.

He is a Charter Member member of Greene County Commandery UD, and Saint Anselm Commandery UD.

Appointed to the Grand Commandery line by Larry W. Brown and serving in 2008. He was elected as Junior Grand Warden in 2010 and was elected as Grand Commander April 2016.

A member of the Scottish Rite, Valley of Indianapolis, serving in the Dramatic Department

A member of Murat Shriners, Indianapolis. Past President of three Kowad 'Al Sabikin, Dramatic Cast, and the Hendricks County Shrine Clubs.

Regional Representative 2006, Potentate's Aide 2007. 2014, 2015, 2016, Executive Aide 2009 - 2011.

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Banks of the Wabash York Rite College, currently Deputy Governor

Indiana Council #15 - Knight Masons, serving as, Director of Ceremonies

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Grand Preceptory, Yeoman of York, Grand Master of Ceremonies,

Robert A. Woods Priory #62, Knights of York Cross of Honor

Edward C. Echison Council #326 AMD, Chaplin

Marvin L. Isley York Rite College #129, Gold Honor Award

Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priest, Saint Andrews Tabernacle

Red Cross of Constantine, Saint Basil Conclave He is also a member of the Knights of Pythias a Fraternal organization similar to Masonry and based on Friendship, Charity and Benevolence.



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**OFFICIAL PROGRAM  
162<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL CONCLAVE  
GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF INDIANA**



**James E. Bolinger**

Right Eminent Grand Commander Presiding

**April 29, 30, 2016**

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Registration Friday April 29, 2016

Sheraton Indianapolis City Center

EST. prevailing

**Indiana Grand Commandery Official Headquarters  
Sheraton Indianapolis City Center**

31 West Ohio Street  
Indianapolis, IN 46204  
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Registration: Friday  
Sheraton 21<sup>st</sup> Floor Library  
Eastern Standard Time

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**Friday, April 29, 2016**

**21st Floor**  
7:00 A.M.  
Past Commander's Association Conferral.  
**Room "A" Fee \$35.00**

7:30 A.M.  
Registration  
**"Library"**

8:30 A.M.  
Grand Commandery Opens  
**"Panorama Ball Rm"**

9:00 A.M.  
Receive Distinguished Guests  
Assemble @ **8:45 — Rm "B"**

12:00 Noon  
Sir Knights Lunch  
**Room "A"**

12:00 Noon  
**Ladies Luncheon & Program**  
**"Breaking Bread Together"**  
**"Library"**

1:00 P.M.  
Conclave Resumes

2:30 P.M.  
Installation of Officers  
**"Panorama Ball Rm"**

4:00 P.M.  
Divine Services  
**"Panorama Ball Rm"**

6:00 P.M.  
Social Hour  
**Level "LL" "Meridian East"**

7:00 P.M.  
Past Grand Commander's Banquet  
Men - Templar Uniform, less sword and Chapeaux  
Tuxedo or Business Suit  
Ladies - Dinner or Long Dress

**Saturday, April 30, 2016**

8:00 A.M.  
Competitive Drills  
Tyndall Armory, 711 N. Pennsylvania St.

11:00 A.M.  
Drill Awards & Luncheon,  
**2nd Fl. Freemason's Hall**

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

The 162<sup>nd</sup> Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Indiana, was held at the City Center Sheraton, Indianapolis on April 29-30, 2016. The Sir Knights of Angola Commandery No. 45, the Commandery of the Right Eminent Grand Commander, served as hosts for the Conclave.

On Friday morning, the lines were formed by Raper Commandery No. 1, under the direction of S. K. Carson C. Smith. Sir Knight James L. Bolinger, Right Eminent Grand Commander and his Officers were received. The Grand Commander then introduced his officers as listed below:

V. E. Deputy Grand Commander	Donald D. Olvey
Grand Generalissimo	Lawrence A. Williams
Grand Captain General	Terry Kehrer
Grand Treasurer	Bobby J. Frazer, KCT, PGC
Grand Recorder	George A. Ingles, Jr., KCT, PGC
Grand Senior Warden	Michael Robins
Grand Junior Warden	Donnie Robinette
Grand Prelate	Steven A. Arlington
Grand Marshal	David M. Bertch, KCT, PGC
Grand Standard Bearer	Edward E. Fodrea
Grand Sword Bearer	James Davis
Grand Warder	Matthew Lowe
Grand Organist	Marvin L. Rees

The Grand Officers then assumed the stations relinquished by the Officers of Angola Commandery No. 45.

The Grand Commander then called Angola Commandery at ease and invited the guests into the Asylum for introductions of Distinguish Guests. The Distinguished Guests were received as follow:

The Past Grand Commanders of Indiana were received and introduced. They included: Paul W. Friend, Steven J. Barton, Robert J. Frazer, Irvin L. Bitting, Duane L. Vaught, George A. Ingles, Jr., Ronald L. Ellis, Rodney A. Mann, Larry W. Brown, James L. Dove, David M. Bertch. Jack F. Wallace, and Michael D. Ritter.

Distinguished guests were received under the guidance of Irvin L. Bitting, KCT, PGC, The Past Grand Commanders of Indiana then assisted in the following introductions.

Grand Commander Aides received including Michael C. Anderson, Vance A. Roberts, Phillip D. Whisner, Edward L. Sebring, Supplement Editor, Grand Prelate Emeritus and Kurt Begue, Web Master. Deputy Grand Commander Aides were also Introduced including, Tony S. Peterson, Henry T. Bear and Thomas R. Retherford.

Grand Prelate Emeritus: Robert S. Flint, KCT, KTCH, Edward L. Sebring, KCT, KTCH, Randal Ellington and Adam Jackson.

*Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Indiana*

Knight Templar Cross of Honor: Gary A. Nicholson, Virgil G. Humphrey, KCT, and Carson C. Smith, KCT, Aide to the Most Eminent Grand Master of Grand Encampment USA and Grand Master's Banner Bearer.

Companion and Sir Knight Wesley Kris Phillips, KCT, PGHP, Grand Governor, York Rite Colleges of Indiana.

Companion and Sir Knight Gary G. Wyne, PMIGM, Right Eminent Grand Sentinel, Convent General, Knights of the Grand Cross of Honor, Executive Secretary, Cryptic Masons Medical Research Foundation, Past Most Wise Master, Indianapolis Chapter of Rose Croix, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite.

Companion and Sir Knight Carl D. Froedge, Most Excellent Grand High Priest of Royal Arch Masons of Indiana, his officers and Past Grand High Priests were received and introduced.

Companion and Sir Knight Christopher W. Wright, Right Illustrious Deputy Grand Master, Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Indiana and the officers were received and introduced.

Companion and Sir Knight Charles Combi, Past Grand Royal Patron, Order of the Amaranth, was received and introduced.

Companion Sir Knight, Larry E. Gray, PGHP, KCT, KTCH, Grand Secretary Emeritus, Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Indiana, Past General Grand High Priest, and General Grand Secretary of the General Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons, International, Intendant General Division of Indiana, Red Cross of Constantine and Appendant Orders, USA, Mexico and The Philippines, Past Most Eminent Grand Preceptor, Grand College of America, Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests was separately received and introduced.

The following Officers of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Indiana were present: Rodney A. Mann, Senior Grand Warden, KCT, PGC, and Richard J. Elman, PGM, Honorary MIPGM, Grand buddy of KT of Indiana and Grand Secretary were received and introduced.

The visiting Past Grand Commanders present were introduced as follows: William Eltzrorth, KCT and Representative to Indiana of Massachusetts, and Vernon T. Barnhart, KCT of Michigan and Representative to Indiana. Thomas A. Gault, Sr. KCT of Ohio.

Visiting Grand Commanders from other Jurisdictions were greeted as follows: Gerald G. Pugh, KCT, Ohio; Raymond P. Swanson, Kentucky; Albert F. Johnson, Michigan;

Visiting Grand Officers of other jurisdictions included:

From Michigan; Donald L. Trumbull, KCT Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander: Darrel W. "Butch" Winslow, Eminent Grand Sr. Warden: John E. Porritt, Eminent Jr. Warden: Stephen F. Lambert, KCT, Eminent Grand Standard Bearer.

From Ohio: Ronald L. Vicars, Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander: Martin R. Trent, KCT, Eminent Grand Captain General, and Paxton Mendelssohn, Eminent Grand Sr. Warden.

Also present were Sir Knights, Steven J. Barton, and Larry W. Brown Right, Eminent Past Department Commander of the East Central Department of the Grand Encampment.



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Sir Knight Loren A. Winn., Right Eminent Department Commander for the East Central Department of the Grand Encampment, United States of America was received.

Sir Knight Jeffery N. Nelson, GCT, Right Eminent Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, Knights Templar of the United States of America was received.

The Inspecting Officer was Sir Knight Duane L. Vaught, GCT, Most Eminent Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, Knights Templar of the United States of America.

Sir Knight and Brother William A. Reiners, Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Indiana was received and introduced.

Sir Knight Edward Sebring talked about how to send information to him and what he and the readers want to see.

Sir Knight George A. Ingles, Jr., KCT, PGC, GR then presented Sir Knight Sebring with a Diamond Ring with 2 crosses on it. It was a small ring with a dime glued on the ring and 2 small crosses on a ribbon tied on the ring. Thus a dime on ring with 2 crosses.

Most Eminent Grand Master Duane Vaught then presented Sir Knight Sebring with the Knight Templar Cross of Honor.

Sir Knight Sebring remarked of what an Honor it was to receive the Knight Templar Cross of Honor and that he would cherish it but more especially all the friendships he had made over the years in this Grand Commandery.

The guests were then excused.

### **Credentials Committee Preliminary Report**

Preliminary report of the Credentials Committee was called for and a quorum was present. Thirty-three of the thirty-five Commanderies were represented.

There being a quorum present the Grand Commandery order the Grand Commander dully convened.

### **Grand Commander's this and that**

Turn off your cell phone, or pay the price for not listening. Does all voting members have voting cards? Voting Cards will be used for all votes not requiring a secret Ballot. Elections at 10:35 Sharpe, Parking tickets must see the Grand Recorder to get their parking tickets validate to lower the cost from \$25.00 to \$6.00.

### **Welcome Address**

Was presented by Sir Knight Benton Davis Eminent Commander of Angola Commandery. Right Eminent Grand Commander, Distinguish Guest and Sir Knight all. I want to welcome on behalf of the Sir Knights of Angola Commandery you to the 162<sup>nd</sup> Annual Conclave of the Knights Templar of Indiana.

## **Response**

by Deputy Grand Commandery, Donald Olvey: Eminent Commander Benton, on behalf of the Grand Commandery, Distinguish Guest, our ladies and all Sir Knights. We thank you and your committee for the effort you have put into this memorable event except for the elevators. (Only one of 4 was working) It has been running very smoothly, so thank you and all the people involved in this effort.

## **Jurisprudence**

Duane L. Vaught: Presented a motion to receive the preprinted reports in the Advanced Proceedings, and that they be printed in the Annual Proceedings. 2<sup>nd</sup> and passed

## **Minutes of the 161<sup>st</sup> Annual Conclave**

Grand Commander called for the minute to be read Grand Recorder Sir Knight Ingles: said page No.1 and then moved that the minute be approved as they will be distributed. The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> and passed. Sir Knight Ingles remarked that: **“Next year when I say page number 1 there will be 187 to follow.”**

## **GRAND COMMANDER’S ALLOCUTION**

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

It is my honor to welcome you to the 162<sup>nd</sup> Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Indiana. We are looking forward to making your visit with us enjoyable and our proceedings interesting and memorable. I am pleased that all of you have taken time to be with us today and if there is anything we, the Sir Knights of Indiana can do to assist you, please do not hesitate to ask.

## **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Our year began the day after the Annual Conclave with the first Executive Committee meeting to discuss the goals and responsibilities of the officers for the upcoming year. The Executive Committee met several times during the year to update the Officers on possible schedule changes or any other concerns that would need to be addressed. All the Officers were invited to attend the Executive Committee meetings.

## **BATTALION AND DBC TRAINING**

The training this year was on June 6, 2015 at Frankfort Commandery #29. This year it was conducted a little differently as to be more hands on. I asked the members of Frankfort Commandery to confer the Ten Man Public Reception, which Battalion Commanders and Deputy Battalion Commanders graded. The hope was to promote more consistency in our grading. We also discussed the proper way to fill out the forms for the inspection of a Commandery and answered other questions from those in attendance.

## **HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE GOLF OUTING**

The first annual Holy Land Pilgrimage Golf Outing was held on June 27, 2015, at Richmond Elks County Club, Richmond Indiana. Playing golf were a total of five four-man teams. After the play we enjoyed a hamburger and hot dog lunch. A good time was had by all. We were able to earn \$1200.00 for the Holy Land Pilgrimage fund. Through the generosity of our Sir Knight, Indiana was able to send three ministers to the Holy Lands

## **ANGOLA FOURTH OF JULY PARADE**

Angola Commandery #45 put in a large effort in the planning of Masonic participation in the annual City of Angola Fourth of July Parade. We were honored that Martin Evens, our Grand Most Excellent High Priest and Michael "Doc" Stoner, our Most Illustrious Grand Master joined us for the Parade. We also had members from many other Masonic bodies present. In all, more than fifty Masons participated in the Parade. Afterword, we met in the dining room of Angola Commandery for a wonderful lunch and fellowship.

## **SUMMER MEETING**

The Summer Meeting was held at Kokomo Commandery #36 on July 11, 2015. The primary purpose of this meeting was for the Committee Chairman to present a progress report which was followed with a general discussion. The meeting was adjourned for lunch which was provided by Lady Debbie with help in serving from the ladies present. After lunch we continued the meeting and built a schedule for the upcoming Inspections with information supplied by the Battalion Commanders.

## **GRAND COMMANDERY SUMMER PICNIC**

On July 26 2015 the Grand Commandery Family Picnic was held at the Indiana Masonic Home Pavilion. For a nominal fee, the Masonic Home catering department provided and cooked hamburgers and hot dogs. The ladies present brought dishes to share. After we ate, we all enjoyed a Cornhole Tournament where the winning team received gift certificates to Dairy Queen. I hope George Ingles and Bob Frazer enjoyed their ice cream.

## **GRAND ENCAMPMENT TRIENNIAL CONCLAVE**

The 66<sup>th</sup> Triennial of the Grand Encampment Knights Templar of the United States of America was held from August 8<sup>th</sup> through August 12, 2015, in Buffalo, NY, with our Most Eminent Grand Master, Sir Knight David Dixon Goodwin presiding. The session started with Drill Competitions where Indiana's four Drill Teams fared well. I was very proud of each of them. The Triennial concluded with Indiana's very own Sir Knight Duane L. Vaught being installed as the 58<sup>th</sup> Most Eminent Grand Master of the Grand Encampment.

## **GRAND COMMANDER'S RECEPTIONS**

Nearly all the Indiana Commanderies, either alone or together with other nearby Commanderies, participated in open Receptions. Even working together, three Commanderies could not put enough member together to perform a reception and did a table temple instead. The work that I witnesses in the rest of the Commanderies was of high quality and I was proud of the effort that each Commandery made.

## **YORK RITE GRAND MASTERS CLASS**

On October 22, 2015, the Grand Commandery conferred the Order of the Temple for the York Rite Grand Masters Class honoring Most Worshipful Grand Master William A. Reiners. Though many had to travel long distances to the class in Evansville, all but three excused Grand Officers were present to take part in the Order.

## **WINTER OFFICERS' MEETING**

On January 20, 2016, the Grand Officers and other members of Indiana Templary met at the Indianapolis Sheraton, City Centre to deliver Committee Reports, discuss and conduct the business of the Grand Commandery.

## **NEWBY-AVERY BANQUET**

The Annual Newby-Avery Banquet was held in conjunction with the Winter Meeting at the Indianapolis Sheraton City Centre on Saturday, January 30th. Following the Winter Meeting the Newby-Avery Banquet took place with eighty Sir Knights, their Ladys and friends in attendance including distinguished guests from the Grand Encampment Knights Templar of the United States of America as well as from other Appendant Bodies, widows of our Past Grand Commanders and we were honored to have the Grand Master of Indiana.

## **EAST CENTRAL DEPARTMENT CONFERENCE**

On March 12, 2016, the East Central Department Conference was held in Fort Wayne, IN. The Conference was attended by Indiana Grand Commandery dais officers and other interested Sir Knights. The Ladies were entertained with a luncheon and tour of the recently renovated Embassy Theatre. A banquet hosted by the Grand Encampment was held in the evening.

## **EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE BUS TRIP**

The Easter Sunrise Service Trip began this year on March 22, 2016, at the former LaQuinta Indianapolis East. On our way to Arlington, VA we made stops at the American Whistle Factory in Columbus, OH as well as the Wheeling Suspension Bridge in West Virginia. While in Arlington, we toured the National Cathedral and the Holocaust Museum and other places of interest in Washington, DC. I had the honor of placing a wreath on the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington Cemetery, VA. All enjoyed the Banquet and breakfast hosted by the Grand Encampment. Easter morning Indiana knights proudly marched up Shooters Hill at the George Washington Masonic Memorial before the inspirational Easter Sunrise Service. We returned tired but happy to Indianapolis on Easter evening.

## **PUBLIC APPEARANCES**

The officers of the Indiana Grand Commandery participated in many events around the state over the year including parades, presentation and Flag presentations. With others Sir Knights from around the state, the Grand Commandery Officers presented the US flag at the opening ceremonies of the Masonic Home Festival and lead the Parade at the conclusion. On Veterans Day the Grand Commandery returned to the Masonic Home to present the Colors.

## **GENERAL ORDERS ISSUED**

General Order No. 1 Inspection  
General Order No. 2 Dispensations  
General Order No. 3 Mentoring  
General Order No. 4 Libations  
General Order No. 5 R. Frank Williams Award  
General Order No. 6 Patterson Resignation

## **BULLETINS ISSUED**

Bulletin No. 1 Conclave Summary  
Bulletin No. 2 Certificate of Merit  
Bulletin No. 3 Distinguished Service Award  
Bulletin No. 4 Knight Templar Cross of Honor  
Bulletin No. 5 Holy Land Pilgrimage for Christian Ministers  
Bulletin No. 6 Christmas Message  
Bulletin No. 7 Easter Message  
Bulletin No. 8 Passing of Grand Recorder and Appointment of George Ingles  
Bulletin No. 9 Conferring of Orders in another Jurisdiction

## **DISPENSATIONS GRANTED**

- Dispensation was granted to Levant Preceptory to travel to the Dayton Masonic Center in Dayton, Ohio on July 18, 2015 to confer the Order of the Temple in period dress.
- Dispensation was granted to Angola Commandery No. 45 to hold their annual election of officers at the next stated conclave, due to the officers attending the funeral service for Sir Knight Lawrence V. Kaminsky.
- Dispensation was granted to South Bend Commandery No 13 to hold their annual election of officers at the next stated conclave, due to a lack of attendance at their December meeting night.
- Dispensation was granted to Huntington Commandery No 35 to move their Charter. Due to the selling of the Masonic building in which they were located, Huntington Commandery No. 35 needed to move their Charter to the new location of Amity Lodge 483 in the City of Huntington, IN.

## **LETTER OF REPRIMAND**

A Letter of Reprimand was issued to a Sir Knight for the improper referral of the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross and Order of the Malta.

## 50 YEAR AWARDS

<u>Commandery</u>	<u>Recipient</u>	<u>Knighthood</u>
Greencastle 11	Jack Thomas	09-22-1965
Columbus 14	Jack Campbell Fisher	11-25-1965
LaValette 15	Joseph David Barnett	11-08-1956
LaValette 15	Robert Wilburn Bogan	10-02-1956
LaValette 15	Doyne Wilford Haley	04-26-1962
LaValette 15	Robert Whiting Howe	10-18-1956
LaValette 15	George Wood Keneipp	12-06-1957
LaValette 15	Willard Julian Kolb	09-24-1960
LaValette 15	Leonard Dewayne Lee	04-26-1962
LaValette 15	Rebert Dale Sheet	10-02-1965
LaValette 15	William Walter Simmons Jr.	10-13-1960
LaValette 15	Randolph Cater Thompson Sr.	03-21-1957
LaValette 15	Claude Maurice Wilder	10-02-1665
Frankfort 29	James McMahan	06-08-1965
Frankfort 29	Larry D. Shepard	03-12-1966
Frankfort 29	Donald L. Ward	03-12-1966
Michigan City 30	John Earl Bauer	05-07-1965
Greenfield 39	Paul Daugherty	04-10-1965
Greenfield 39	Anthony Riley	04-10-1965
Greenfield 39	Faye Crowell	06-28-1965
Greenfield 39	James Garrett	11-20-1965

## COMMANDERIES OPENED OR CLOSED

Hammond Commandery #41 merged Valparaiso #28 on January 1, 2016 Approval to be requested at his Annual Conclave.

## DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARDS

Eighteen Distinguished Service Awards were awarded to worthy recipients

## FOREIGN VISITATIONS

August 7-12, 2015 – 66<sup>th</sup> Triennial Conclave - Buffalo, NY – SK David Dixon Godwin presiding  
August 20-22, 2015 – Grand Commandery of Michigan – SK Paul G. Roggow presiding  
September 20-21, 2015 – Grand Commandery of Kentucky – SK William P. Jackson presiding  
October 8-9, 2015 – Grand Commandery of Ohio – SK Thomas H. Gault, Sr. presiding  
February 5, 2016 – Florida Visitation of the Grand Lodge of IN – Bonita Springs, FL  
March 5, 2016 – Tri-State Festival – Michigan Center, MI  
March 23-27, 2016 – Bus Trip – Arlington, VA  
March 26, 2015 – Wreath Laying - Tomb of the Unknown Soldier – Arlington, VA  
March 27, 2016 – Grand Encampment Easter Sunrise Service – Alexandria, VA

## **VISITATIONS IN INDIANA**

May 1, 2015 – Three Way Reception and Banquet - Indianapolis  
May 2, 2015 – Indiana Commandery Drill Competition and Lunch - Indianapolis  
May 4, 2015 - St. Joseph Lodge 45 – Stated Meeting – South Bend  
May 7, 2015 – Angola York Rite –Joint Meeting - Angola  
May 9, 2015 – Northwest York Rite College 73 – Valparaiso  
May 14, 2015 – Angola York Rite - Angola  
May 11, 2015 – St. Joseph Lodge 45 Fraternity Night – South Bend  
May 12, 2015 – Elkhart Commandery 31 – Stated Conclave  
May 13, 2015 – Order of the Eastern Star St. Joseph Chapter 569– Stated Assembly – South Bend  
May 14, 2015 – Angola York Rite – Angola  
May 18-20, 2015 – Grand Lodge of Indiana (arch of Steel) Scottish Rite Cathedral  
May 20, 2015 – Ft. Wayne York Rite – Joint Meeting – Ft. Wayne  
May 21 – 2015 – South Bend York Rite – Joint Meeting – South Bend  
May 25, 2015 – Mishawaka Memorial Day Parade and Cook Out  
May 27, 2015 – St. Hilary Red Cross of Constantine Banquet – Alcona CC – Elkhart  
May 30, 2015 – Rededication of Noblesville Lodge 57 (Arch of Steel)  
June 1, 2015 – Hammond York Rite – Joint Meeting – Hammond  
June 4, 2015 – Grand Court of the Order of Amaranth – informal opening – Merrillville  
June 5, 2015 – Battalion Commander/Deputy Battalion Commander Training – Frankfort  
June 9, 2015 – Elkhart Commandery 31 – Stated Conclave – Elkhart  
June 10, 2015 – Order of the Eastern Star South Bend Chapter 569 – Stated Assembly  
June 11, 2015 – Angola York Rite – Joint Meeting – Angola  
June 12, 2015 – Order of the Eastern Star – informal opening – Indianapolis Marriott East  
June 13, 2015 – Battalion 2 Meeting – South Bend  
June 15, 2015 – St. Joseph Lodge 45 – Entered Apprentice Degree – South Bend  
June 17, 2015 – 33 Degree Dinner – Heston’s Restaurant – Heston  
June 19, 2015 – Indiana Job’s Daughters – informal opening – North Manchester  
June 24, 2015 – Order of the Eastern Star, St. Joseph Chapter 569 – Installation of Officers – South Bend  
June 25, 2015 – LaPorte York Rite – Degree - Laporte  
June 25-26, 2015 – Indiana Commandery – Holy Land Pilgrimage Charity Golf Outing – Richmond  
June 29, 2015 – Funeral for Lady Willa Fay Robert, wife of PGC Bobby Roberts  
July 4, 2015 – 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade – Angola  
July 10, 2015 – Elkhart Commandery 31 Steak Fry Fund Raiser – Elkhart  
July 11, 2015 – Indiana Grand Commandery Summer Meeting – Kokomo  
July 16, 2015 – Indiana Rainbow Girls – informal opening – Columbus, IN  
July 17-19, 2015 – Form Lines for Rededication of the Old Crypt for Grand Council – New Albany  
July 23, 2015 - DeMolay Grand Sessions – Huntington University - Huntington  
July 25 – 26, 2015 Grand Commandery Summer Picnic – Masonic Home – Franklin  
August 7-12, 2015 – Grand Encampment Triennial – Buffalo, NY  
August 14-15, 2015 – Reception with Vincennes 20, LaValette 15 and Wright 64 Commanderies – Vincennes  
August 20-22, 2015 – Grand Commandery of Michigan  
August 22-23, 2015 – Reception for the Most Worshipful Grand Master, William A. Reiners – Evansville  
August 25, 2015 Elkhart Commandery 31 – Practice – Elkhart

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August 29, 2015 – Reception with Greencastle 11, Crawfordville 25 and Terre Haute 16 Commanderies - Greencastle  
August 31, 2015 – St. Joseph Lodge 45 – Degree Practice & Executive Meeting – South Bend  
September 1, 2015 – Order of the Eastern Star – Ashleigh Chapter – Flag Presentation - Ashleigh  
September 12, 2015 – Masonic Home Festival –  
Presented the Colors at the Opening  
Led the Parade to Close  
September 20-21 – Grand Commandery of Kentucky  
September 24, 2015 – South Bend York Rite – Practice – South Bend  
September 25, 2015 - Reception with Michigan City Commandery 30 and Valparaiso Commandery 28 – Michigan City  
September 26, 2015 AM – Reception with E. H. Gary Commandery 57 and Hammond 41 at E.H. Gary  
September 26, 2015 PM - Reception with South Bend 13 and LaPorte 12 - South Bend  
September 28, 2015 – Angola York Rite – Angola  
September 30, 2015 –Yeoman of York, Elkhart Preceptory 5 – Elkhart  
October 1, 2015 – Angola York Rite – Joint Meeting – Angola  
October 2, 2015 – Greencastle Fund Raiser Dinner  
October 3, 2015 – Reception at Columbus Commandery 14 – Columbus  
October 3, 2015 – ISH SODI Council Fund Raiser – Indianapolis  
October 5, 2015 – Hammond York Rite – Joint Meeting  
October 8-9, 2015 – Grand Commandery of Ohio  
October 9, 2015 – Grand Masters Class in honor of MW Grand Master William A. Reiners – Evansville  
October 13, 2015 – LaPorte Commandery 12 – Practice – LaPorte  
October 14, 2015 – Order of the Eastern Star St. Joseph Chapter 569 – Stated Assembly – South Bend  
October 15, 2015 – LaPorte Commandery 12 and South Bend Commandery 13 – joint Inspection – LaPorte  
October 17, 2015 – Reception/Inspection with Angola Commandery 31 and Apollo Commandery 19 – Angola  
October 19, 2015 – St. Joseph Lodge 45 – Fellow craft Degree – South Bend  
October 22, 2015 – Reception at Greenfield Commandery 39– Greenfield  
October 24, 2015 – DeMolay Reception honoring the State Master Councilor, Darien A. Koons– Muncie  
October 26, 2015 – Reception at Prather Commandery 62 – Indianapolis  
October 27, 2015 – Reception at Noblesville Commandery 61 – Noblesville  
October 28, 2015 – 50 Year Presentation –Frankfort York Rite - Frankfort  
October 30, 2015 – Reception at William G. Bray Commandery 65 – Mooresville  
October 31, 2015 - Reception at H. E. Lackey Commandery 67 – Indianapolis  
October 31, 2015 – Inspection/Reception at Elkhart Commandery 31 – Elkhart  
November 6, 2015 – Reception with Kokomo Commandery 36 and Anderson Commandery 32 – Kokomo  
November 7, 2015 – Inspection/Reception with Bedford Commandery 42 and Bloomington Commandery 63 – Bedford  
November 9, 2015 – Reception at Richmond Commandery 8 – Richmond  
November 10, 2015 – Elkhart Commandery 31 Stated Conclave – Elkhart  
November 11, 2015 – Masonic Home Veterans Day – Presented Colors – Franklin  
November 11, 2015 – Reception at Connersville Commandery 6 – Connersville



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November 14, 2015 – Reception with Huntington 35, Ft. Wayne 4 and Grant County 21  
Commanderies – Huntington

November 21, 2015 AM – Elkhart Yeoman of York 5 - Elkhart

November 21, 2015 PM – Reception at Raper Commandery 1 – Indianapolis

November 23, 2015 – Anderson Council 69 – Royal Master & Select Master Degrees w/candidate -  
Anderson

November 25, 2015 – Apollo Commandery 19 – Stated Conclave

November 28-29, 2015 – Grand Commandery Holiday Party at Rainbow Camp – Edinburgh

December 1, 2015 – Grant County Commandery 21 – Joint Meeting – Gas City

December 3, 2015 – Honor Guard and Masonic Memorial at the viewing for SK Lawrence Kaminsky –  
Highland

December 4, 2015 – Funeral for SK Lawrence Kaminsky – Highland

December 5, 2015 – Inspection/Reception with Frankfort Commandery 29 and Lafayette Commandery  
3 – Frankfort

January 4, 2016 – St. Joseph Lodge 45 – Stated Meeting – South Bend

January 7, 2016 – Angola York Rite – Joint Meeting – Angola

January 8, 2016 – Michigan City Court 43, Royal Order of Jesters - Annual Meeting – Orak Shire  
Center – Michigan City

January 9, 2016 – Founders Day – Scottish Rite Cathedral – Indianapolis

January 21, 2015 – South Bend York Rite – Joint Meeting – South Bend

January 29 – 30, 2016 – IN Grand Commandery Winter Meeting – Sheraton City Centre – Indianapolis

January 30, 2016 – Newby Avery Annual Banquet – Sheraton City Centre – Indianapolis

February 5, 2016 – IN Grand Lodge Florida Visitation

February 15, 2016 – St. Joseph Lodge 45 – Family Night at Hacienda Restaurant – Mishawaka

February 18, 2016 – South Bend York Rite – Joint Meeting – South Bend

February 25, 2016 – Angola Chapter 58 – Practice Mark Master Degree – Angola

February 27, 2016 – Tri-State Festival – Angola

March 2, 2016 – Concord Chapter 101/Elkhart Council 79 – Stated Meeting - Elkhart

March 3, 2016 – Angola York Rite – Joint Meeting – Angola

March 5, 2016 – Tri-State Festival – Michigan Center, MI

March 7, 2016 – St. Joseph Lodge 45 – Stated Meeting – South Bend

March 8, 2016 – Elkhart Commandery 31 – Stated Conclave – Elkhart

March 9, 2016 – Order of Eastern Star, St. Joseph Chapter 569 – Stated Assemble

March 11-12, 2016 – Grand Encampment East Central Department Meeting – Ft. Wayne

March 16, 2016 – Angola Masonic Meet and Greet

March 17, 2016 – South Bend York Rite – Joint Meeting – South Bend

March 18, 2016 – Battalion 1 Meeting – LaPorte

March 22-27, 2016 – Indiana Grand Commandery Bus Trip

- March 22 – Indianapolis Conference Center – Bus Meet Up
- March 23 – Columbus, OH – Whistle Factory, Wheeling, WV Suspension Bridge
- March 24 – Washington, DC – National Cathedral
- March 25 – Washington DC – Smithsonian Museums
- March 26 – Arlington VA – National Cemetery – Wreath Laying & GE Banquet
- March 27 – Alexandria, VA George Washington Masonic Memorial – GE Easter  
Sunrise Service – to Indianapolis

March 30, 2016 – Order of Eastern Star, St. Joseph Chapter 569, Murder Mystery Dinner

April 2, 2016 – Battalion 2 Meeting – Elkhart

April 4, 2016 – St. Joseph Lodge 45 – Stated Meeting – South Bend

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April 7, 2016 – Indiana Grand Council Grand Illustrious Masters Banquet - Columbus  
April 8, 2016 – Indiana Grand Council Grand Session – Columbus  
April 8, 2016 – Indiana Grand Chapter Royal Arch Grand High Priest Banquet – Columbus  
April 9, 2016 – Indiana Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons Grand Sessions – Columbus  
April 9, 2016 – Indiana Grand Council & Chapter Joint Banquet - Columbus  
April 12, 2016 – Elkhart Commandery 31 – Stated Conclave – Elkhart  
April 13, 2016 – Order of Eastern Star, St. Joseph Chapter 569 – Stated Assembly  
April 21, 2016 – South Bend York Rite – Joint Meeting – South Bend  
April 23, 2016 – Spencer County Library Cornerstone Plaque Rededication – Rockport, IN  
April 26, 2016 Fifty-year award presentation – Frankfort, IN.  
April 28-29, 2016 – Indiana Grand Commandery Annual Conclave – Sheraton City Centre – Indianapolis

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 1) I recommend continuing the R. Frank Williams Award Program and the Annual Golf Outing for the benefit of the Holy Land Pilgrimage.
- 2) I recommend continuing the incentive program for Commanderies that achieve a seven percent membership growth.
- 3) I recommend the formation of a permanent Annual Conclave committee to work with the dais officers to select the location and arrange the affairs of the Conclave.
- 4) I recommend that the Grand Commandery continue to support the Order of DeMolay, Rainbow Girls and Job's Daughters.
- 5) I recommend that the Grand Commandery continue to place emphasis on the duties of the Inactive Participation Committee. It is time to quit talking about it and to implement a plan that our Commanderies throughout the state can adopt to help them fight suspensions from non-payment of dues and demits.

### **CONCLUSION**

To the Sir Knights and Ladies of South Bend Commandery #13 I thank you for all of your support and assistance throughout this year. To the Sir Knights of Angola Commandery #45 you have been with me throughout my journey of the past seven years in the Grand Commandery line. Your knights have served as Deputy Battalion Commanders, my representative to the finance committee, my aide for the past two years, Chairman of the Annual Conclave Committee and my appointee to the Grand Commandery Line. When there was an event that the Grand Commandery was involved in, I would look up and there you would be, ready to help out. To the Ladies of Angola Commandery your support to our Commandery is truly remarkable and your assistance to Lady Debbie and myself has been amazing. I'd be remiss if I did not mention my masonic dad, Dwight Lanman. He nominated me to become the Junior Warden and Grand Commander. He was always there to whisper, sometimes shout, good and timely council in my ear. He has been my mentor and always and most of all my good friend. My brothers of Angola York Rite I cannot express the gratitude that Lady Debbie and I feel towards all of you. You are truly our good friends.

I need to thank James Dove for introducing me to the Grand Line and Larry Brown for appointing to the Grand line. It has been truly a wonderful experience.

To Grand Master William A. Reiners I have very much enjoyed getting to know you and Lady Brenda your friendship has been most appreciated. To Marty Evens Past Most Excellent Grand High Priest and Michael (Doc) Stoner Past Most Illustrious Grand Master getting to know the two of you on our journeys through the Grand Lines of the York Rite has been a true joy. The past year I always looked

forward to being able to spend time with you two when our paths cross at the different Masonic that we attended. I'm looking forward to meeting up with each of you in the future.

Sir Knights of Indiana thank you for allowing me to represent you, as your Grand Commander. I am very humbled by your support and your trust in me to represent you and keep the best interest of the Knights of Indiana in mind at all times. I can't express the extent of my gratitude for the honor and kindness that was shown to me over and over again as I traveled the state attending receptions, meetings and events. Most Eminent Grand Master Vaught, it was my privilege to serve the Grand Encampment and I am especially grateful that I was able to attend this year's Triennial to witness you, our own Indiana Knight and Brother, attain your office. We know that Indiana Commandery holds a special place in your heart just as we hold you in a special place in ours.

This year we the Sir Knights of Indiana lost a good friend in Sir Knight Lawrence V. Kaminsky. I know we all miss him and I never expected that he would not be sitting behind the recorder desk today at this Conclave. After the shock of losing Larry it was my duty to find a grand recorder. All I can say is George Ingles you are my hero. You stepped up at my darkest hour and accepted the office of Grand Recorder. I know you are the right man for the job and I will always be grateful to you and Karen for your generosity in serving our great organization.

To my wife of forty-five years Lady Debbie. You have always been my biggest supporter and have been at my side for everything that I have ever worked to accomplish. You have been with me on most of my travels through the state of Indiana and the East Central Department. Together we have made many friends. It is impossible for me to express how much I appreciate your support. I love you and look forward to being together for the rest of our lives.

Fraternal Submitted

James L. Bolinger, Grand Commander

## **REPORT OF THE JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE Division and References**

To the Right Eminent Grand Commander, officers and members of the Grand Commander Knights Templar of Indiana

The committee on jurisprudence has reviewed the allocation of the Grand Commander and other preprinted reports and makes the following motion.

- 1) That General Orders 1 through 6 be referred to the Jurisprudence committee.
- 2) That the subject matter in bulletins 8 and 9 be referred to the Jurisprudence committee.
- 3) That the portion on dispensations except for Huntington Commandery be referred to the jurisprudence committee.
- 4) That the dispensation on Huntington Commandery be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence jointly with the committee on Charters and Dispensations and Charters.
- 5) That the unreported dispensation relative to St. Anselm Commandery be referred to the committee on Dispensations and Charters.
- 6) That the portion on letter of reprimand be referred to the Jurisprudence committee.
- 7) That the portion on Commandery Closed be referred to the committee on Charters and Dispensations.
- 8) That recommendation number 1 be referred to the Holy Land Pilgrimage Committee.

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- 9) That recommendation number 2 regarding a Membership incentive plan be referred jointly to the membership and finance committees.
- 10) That recommendation number 4 be referred to the Masonic Youth committee
- 11) That recommendation number 5 be referred to the Inactive Participation Committee.
- 12) That the legislative proposal on finance be referred to the Trustees, Finance and Jurisprudence committees.
- 13) That the legislative proposal on Commandery Dues be referred to the By-Laws committee and Jurisprudence committee.
- 14) That the legislative proposal on Digest-Advance Reports be referred to the Jurisprudence committee.
- 15) That the legislative proposal on Annual Report be referred to the Jurisprudence committee.
- 16) That the legislative proposal on Jurisprudence be referred to the Jurisprudence committee.

Courteously submitted for the committee

Duane L. Vaught, GCT, PGC, Chairman

Moved to adopt the report by SK Vaught, it was second, motion passed.

**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 Eminent Commanders, Generalissimos & Captain Generals	91
Total Past Commanders (Not otherwise registered) –	21
Total Grand officers and Past Grand Commanders (Not otherwise registered) –	18
Total Past Grand Commanders (Not otherwise registered)	5
Total eligible to vote –	135

The following Commanderies have representatives missing as follows.

Lafayette #3	G, CG	Greencastle #11	CG
South Bend #13	CG	Columbus #14	CG
LaValette #15	G	Apollo #19	CG, G & CG
Grant County #21	CG	Johnson County #23	G
Elkhart #31	CG	Huntington #35	EC

I would like to thank those Sir Knights that assisted with my duties as Credentials Committee

Respectfully Submitted,

Donnie Robinette, Chairman.

**CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE FINAL REPORT**

Number	Commandery	Office	Name	Proxy
1	Raper	E.C. G. C.G.	Jack Moorman David Strader, Sr. Carson C. Smith	
2	Baldwin	E.C. G. C.G.	Randy Darling Christopher Thomas Lewis Jack Hill	
3	Lafayette	E.C. G. C.G.	Gary Steinhart	
4	Ft. Wayne	E.C. G. C.G.	Mike Doxsee Mark Goebel Jason Miller	
5	New Albany	E.C. G. C.G.	Benjamin Sapp Archie Smallwood Terry Kehrer	Proxy Proxy
6	Connersville	E.C. G. C.G.	Jerry Fray Rick Johnson Marvin Rees	Proxy
8	Richmond	E.C. G. C.G.	Charles A. Maines Robert E. Thomas David Bertch	
11	Greencastle	E.C. G. C.G.	Forrest Brewer Martin Evans	
12	LaPorte	E.C. G. C.G.	Jon Beach James L/ Dove Douglas Masterson	Proxy
13	South Bend	E.C. G. C.G.	William Gray Alfred Lemmon	
14	Columbus	E.C. G. C.G.	Gary Nicholson Ed Brown	

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15	LaValette	E.C.	Rex A. Goodman	
		G.		
		C.G.	William A. Reiners	Proxy
16	Terre Haute	E.C.	Jerry Burns	
		G.	Tim Long	
		C.G.	George McAfoos	
19	Apollo	E.C.		
		G.		
		C.G.		
20	Vincennes	E.C.	Cecil Scott	
		G.	Neal Ward	
		C.G.		
21	Grant County	E.C.	Michael Winters	
		G.	Harold Landers	
		C.G.		
23	Johnson County	E.C.	George Hall	
		G.		
		C.G.	Harry Cartwright	Proxy
25	Crawfordsville	E.C.	John Phillips	
		G.	Thomas DeBusk	
		C.G.	Michael Morrison	
28	Valparaiso	E.C.	Chuck Combi	Proxy
		G.	Tom Johnson	
		C.G.	Steven Arlington	Proxy
29	Frankfort	E. C.	Virgil Humphrey	Proxy
		G.	Robert Hill	
		C.G.	Eric Downing	
30	Michigan City	E. C.	Arthur Craig	
		G.	Larry Williams	
		C.G.	Charles Johnson	
31	Elkhart	E.C.	Douglas Green	
		G.	Vance Roberts	
		C.G.		

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32	Anderson	E.C. Phillip Ritter G. Larry Brown C.G. Michael Ritter	
35	Huntington	E.C. Robert Crispen G. Ed Fodrea C.G. Roger Diamond	
36	Kokomo	E.C. Basil K. Isaac G. Barry Closer C.G. Robert Flint	Proxy
39	Greenfield	E.C. Christopher C. Steel G. Steve Shambaugh C.G. Jack Hartlerodee	
42	Bedford	E.C. Sam Hanners G. Scott Hurley C.G. Mike Robbins	
45	Angola	E.C. Benton Davis G. Ian Mountfield C.G. Paul Friend	
57	E. H. Gary	E.C. Arthur Tuesburg G. James A. Hall C.G. Gordon Hall	
61	Noblesville	E.C. Peter McKay G. Tony Peterson C.G. Jeffrey Jorden	Proxy Proxy
62	Prather	E.C. Frank E. Capler, Jr G. Jason Greth C.G. Mark Lewis	
63	Bloomington	E.C. Robert L. Brown G. Michael Stoner C.G. Harley Eggers	Proxy Proxy
64	Wright	E.C. Kevin Spencer G. Phillip Stroud C.G. Marlin Gray	Proxy Proxy

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(continued)**

65	Wm. G. Bray	E.C.	Stephen Click
		G.	Henry Bear
		C.G.	Patrick Briney
67	Lawrence	E.C.	Lloyd Atterson, Jr.
		G.	Andrew Hoffman
		C.G.	Bruce Frazer

**JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE  
ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

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

I nominate that the current Deputy Grand Commander, Grand Generalissimo, Grand Captain General, Grand Senior Warden and Grand Junior Warden be advanced to the next highest office and that the Grand Treasurer be re-elected to his present office and that a Grand Recorder and Grand Junior Warden be elected.

Respectfully Submitted,

Duane L. Vaught, GCT, PGC  
For the Committee  
Motion was second and Passed

Sir Knight Ingles was nominated for the office of Grand Recorder by Sir Knight Donald D. Olvey GC elect and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sir Knight Duane Vaught. Nominations were closed and He was elected.

Sir Knight Ed Fodrea was nominated for the office of Grand Junior Warden by Sir Knight Irv Biting, KCT, PGC, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sir Knight Paul Friend. Nominations were closed and SK. Fodrea was elected.

**ELECTIONS**

Following the Credentials report, the election was held with the following results:

Donald D. Olvey, GC	Lawrence J. Williams, DGC	Terry L. Kehrer, GG
Michael F. Robbins, GCG	Donnie A. Robinette, GSW	Edward Fodrea, GJW
Robert J. Frazer, KCT, PGC, GT	George A. Ingles, Jr, KCT, PGC, GR	

David Bertch, KCT, PGC was elected Grand Trustee for a term of 3 years. All of the elected officers gave their assent to accepting the position they were elected to. The Grand Commander then excused the Tellers Committee.



**APPOINTMENTS BY GRAND COMMANDER ELECT**

Grand Commander-elect Donald D. Olvey then announced the following appointments:  
Charles P. King, GP; Marvin L. Rees, GO; Tony S. Peterson, Grand Marshall; Matthew Lowe, GStdB;  
James L. Davis, GSwdB; Phillip D. Whisner GW; and Thomas D. Johnson, GS.

**ACCEPTANCE OF NOMINATION**

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

I would like to thank the Sir Knights of Indiana for showing their confidence and support in me by electing me as their Grand Commander. I also would like to thank you for electing the officers that will be serving with me this year. They are a fine group of men, that will always have your best interest at heart.

Fraternally,

Donald D. Olvey

**JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE REPORT  
LETTER OF REPRIMAND**

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

The Jurisprudence Committee has reviewed the letter of reprimand to a Sir Knight for improper referral of the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross and the Order of Malta, was referred to Jurisprudence Committee.

I move the acceptance of this action.

Respectfully submitted,  
Michael D. Ritter, PGC  
For the Jurisprudence Committee

**GRAND REPRESENTATIVES**

Roll call of Grand Representatives showed that 29 were present, 16 were absent, 4 were excused and 1 position open. During the roll call the Grand Commander of Michigan presented Grand Commander Bolinger with his certificate as Representative to Michigan.

## **GRAND RECORDER'S REPORT**

Right Eminent Grand Commander, Distinguish East, and Sir Knights all:

These past few months have been a steep learning curve for me and I have made some mistakes along the way. Like you, I hate long reports, however please be patient and follow along.

As a Recorder for Wm. G. Bray Commandery for 10 year ending in 2008, I waited until Jan. 1 to file my Annual Reports and it was in the mail the next day that the Post Office was open for business to the Grand Recorder. He then prepared all the information and returned my Recap Statement and I paid the bill. I assumed he then gathered my information along with all the other Commanderies and sent that information to the Grand Encampment who then sent him an invoice according to the information from the Commanderies. Thus about April, the Grand Encampment knew the exact number of Sir Knights and charged us accordingly.

Thus, I assumed things happened today as they did 8 years ago. WAKE UP GEORGE this is now on line information and is available to the Grand Encampment each day.

I not only allowed but in some cases made changes after December 31, 2015 to the (YRIS) York Rite Information System, which is today known as (MMS) or Masonic Memberships Solutions.

BIG mistake on my part. Grand Encampment doesn't consider any changes made after December 31. What's in the system that day is the number of Knights the Grand Commandery will be charged for period..... Grand Encampment shows 3,326 and my report show 3,255 or some 71 additional Knight I need to pay \$9.00 for in my Annual Report to Grand Encampment. So, those of you who updated your recorders before Dec 31 Thank You. Not only for keeping your recorders up to date but for helping to pay for those who did not.

That said how can I avoid the same thing next year.

The answer is very simple. COMMUNICATIONS!!! Recorders and Commanders of our constituent Commanderies I need your help.

The 1<sup>st</sup> step is passage of proposed legislation today concerning Establishing Dues in June for the coming year and notifying the Grand Recorder's office of the amount, will set the stage for the Annual report being completed on time.

2<sup>nd</sup> I have established an email list of Recorders and Commanders. I will send emails to them for any updates from the Grand Recorders office. As a follow up that day or the day after I will use a "Call em All" Phone system to remind the Recorders and Commanders to check their email for information. Don't have email, contact your Recorder. Each Recorder has an email address.

3<sup>rd</sup> Specifically; for the MMS or Masonic Membership Solutions. If you don't want to learn the MMS system; Call me after your meeting and tell me the activities which happened at that Conclave. Or a step up, I will send to ALL the Recorder and Commanders a monthly report form. If you want to make reports via paper, I ask you to make copies of the "monthly report form" write any OR No Activities for the month and send it to me via US Mail. Step up. Or a step up, Use the form on your PC to type the information save that information for the month attach it to an email to me and send it. In each one of these, I will input the information into the system and keep your Commandery updated.

Step up, IF you want to learn the MMS Date system. Pick up the phone call me and I will help you get on line to use the system. Then help you to sign in and for the next year after any meeting or information which changes your Commandery numbers, (to include Knightings, Affiliations, Reinstatements,

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Demits, Suspensions, Expulsions and Deaths) call me and I will help you get the information into the system. **YOU** cannot break the system. If something you did happens and we can't fix the problem. I will call Grand Encampment and tell them "**I** made a mistake please help." NOT YOU.... Step up and over the top. You feel comfortable and can make your changes, HAPPY DAYS are here. Go for it.

November 1, November 15, December 1, December 15, I will send an email and make a call to remind you to get your information updated. See above for assistance. What I see in the system Jan. 1, is what you will be charged for.....

You will receive your Re-Cap Statement via email by Jan. 3 at the latest. That will allow you time to print and take it to your January Stated Conclave and the Commandery can then pay the Per Capita by Jan. 31.

Fraternally Submitted,

George A. Ingles, Jr, KCT, PGC, GR

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**REPORT OF THE GRAND RECORDER STATICAL FOR 2015**

**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	36	
Number of Commanderies under dispensation	1	
Total Membership January 1, 2014		3,433
Additions for 2014:		
Knights Templar conferred on:		
Affiliated	100	
Reinstated	72	
		16
		149
Deductions for 2014:		
Deceased	100124	
Demitted	187	
Suspended	99	
Adjustments	2	
		327
Net Loss for the year		-178
Total Membership December 31, 2014		<b>3,255</b>
Dual Members		85
Total Unique Members on Roll as of December 31, 2014		3,170

**COMPARATIVE STATISTICS**

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Number of Commanderies	44	44	42	41	41	40	38	38	36	36
Net Loss in Membership	175	175	148	118	136	157	159	143	138	178
# of Commanderies w/no Knightings	7	7	5	8	10	10	8	8	8	10
# of Commanderies w/Gain	17	17	12	12	10	9	5	12	7	3
# of Commanderies staying even	3	3	3	2	2	4	6	3	3	2
Total Affiliations	42	45	204	67	37	51	111	36	72	33
Total Reinstated	16	25	16	25	14	14	13	28	17	16
Total Deaths	139	160	138	107	136	114	133	93	100	124
Total Demits	108	193	308	155	176	148	181	98	150	87
Total Suspensions	161	130	118	120	185	115	146	174	99	114
Remissions for Cause	100	87	343	137	101	85	67	72	87	104
Remissions for 50 Year Members	227	218	254	275	283	287	281	291	264	251

Commanderies with less than 100 members	22
Commanderies with 101-200 members	14
Commanderies with 201-300 members	0
Commanderies with 300+ members	0
Smallest Commandery	26
Largest Commandery	198

Respectfully submitted,  
George A. Ingles, Jr, KCT, PGC, GR

**GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT**

Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Indiana

Treasurer's Report

April 1, 2015 – March 31, 2016

**Operating Fund:**

**Balance on Hand 4/1/015 Checking & Savings Accounts) \$119,312.51**

Accounts:

Commandery Checking Beginning Balance 4/1/2015		<b>\$3,161.16</b>
Un-cleared Transactions	\$1,544.90	
Balance on Statement	\$4,706.06	
Checking Deposits	\$81,378.57	
Checking Withdrawals	\$80,939.80	
<b>Ending Balance</b>		<b>\$3,520.49</b>
Un-cleared Transactions	\$1,623.70	
Balance on Statement 3/31/2016	\$5,144.19	

**Commandery Savings Beginning Balance 4/1/2015 \$116,146.35**

**Deposits (4/1/2015 - 3/31/2016)**

5202 Per Capita 2014	\$ 5,041.50
5203 Per Capita 2015	\$60,197.50
5210 St. Anselm Dues	\$ 373.00
5215 Newby/Avery Donations	\$ 250.00
5310 Interest Savings Short Term	\$ 75.90
5406 Ritual Awards Program	\$ 80.00
5408 Ritual / Tactics	\$ 436.22
5409 DSA Awards	\$ 1,185.00
5490 Miscellaneous Income	\$ 78.24

Commandery Savings Deposits \$ 67,075.36

Commandery Savings Withdrawals \$ 71,016.57

**Ending Balance \$112,205.14**

**Disbursements (4/1/2015 – 3/31/2016)**

7310 - Per Capita	\$33,084.00
7320 – Triennial	\$ 4,213.65
7415 – G.C. Expense 2014	\$ 4,519.50
7415 – G.C. Expense 2015	\$ 5,200.00
7420 - G. R. Expenses	\$ 9166.63
7425 - G. T. Expense	\$ 329.60
7430 - KT Editor Supplies	\$ 250.00
7450 - G. C. Contingency	\$ 516.28
7502 - Office Move	\$ 221.28
7510 – Audit	\$ 1,150.00
7514 – Funeral Expense	\$ 266.26
7550 - Travel & Meeting Conclave Expenses	\$ 3,473.00
7553 - Drill Competition Expenses	\$ 700.00
7555 – Insurance	\$ 500.00
7620 - Ritual & Tactics	\$ 391.97
7625 - Uniform Supplies	\$ 495.81
7651 - G.C. Jewel	\$ 909.00
7653 Newby Avery Pins	\$ 1,113.50
7705 - DSA Awards	\$ 3,309.50
7710 - Ribbons, Plaques, Trophies	\$ 442.64
7715 - Drill Bars	\$ 177.51
7800 - Membership Development	\$ 960.00
7920 – Job's Daughters	\$ 250.00
7930 – Rainbow for Girls	\$ 250.00

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7940 – DeMolay	\$ 250.00	
7962 - KT Education Foundation	\$ 371.11	
8110 - Office Supplies	\$ 1,565.54	
8120 – Telephone	\$ 866.02	
8121 – Auto Calling service	\$ 20.00	
8130 – Internet	\$ 840.48	
8131 – Web Hosting	\$ 150.00	
8136 – Computer Hardware	\$ 1,970.23	
8139 – Shipping Other	\$ 10.99	
8140 – Postage	\$ 574.68	
8144 - P.O. Box	\$ 232.00	
8161 - Pitney Bowes	\$ 199.19	
8171 – Advanced Proceedings	\$ 439.00	
8175 - Red Book	\$ 600.00	
8178 - G. R. Printing	\$ 56.55	
<b>Total Disbursements (4/1/2015 -3/31/2016)</b>	<b>\$80,938.80</b>	
<b>Balance on Hand 3/31/2016 (Checking and Savings Accounts)</b>		<b>115,725.63</b>
<b>FUNDS HELD IN SEPERATE ACCOUNTS:</b>		
Commandery Life Membership Savings Account Balance 4/1/2015	\$ 44,776.65	
Life Membership Deposits	\$ .00	
Life Membership Interest	\$ 181.37	
Life Membership Withdrawals	\$ 13,476.00	
Ending Balance (3/31/2016)	\$ <b>31,482.02</b>	
Life Membership Investment (CD)	\$ 6,000.00	
Life Membership Savings Account	\$ 31,482.02	
<b>Total Life Membership Accounts</b>		<b>\$ 37,482.02</b>
Triennial Beginning Balance 4/1/2015	\$ 1,228.76	
Triennial Deposits	\$ .00	
Triennial Withdrawals	\$ .00	
Triennial Savings Interest	\$ .61	
<b>Ending Balance 3/31/2016</b>	<b>\$ 1,229.37</b>	
<b>Total Triennial Account</b>		<b>\$ 1,229.37</b>
Life Membership Development Investment (CD)		<b>\$ 10,000.00</b>
<b>Holy Land Pilgrimage Fund Beginning Balance (4/1/2015)</b>	<b>\$14,393.75</b>	
Holy Land Pilgrimage Deposits	\$10,708.00	
Interest	\$ 23.54	
Withdrawals for Holy Land Trip	\$10,470.60	
<b>Holy Land Pilgrimage Fund Balance (3/31/2016)</b>	<b>\$14,654.69</b>	
<b>Total Holy Land Pilgrimage Fund</b>		<b>\$14,654.69</b>
<b>Total Other Funds</b>		<b>\$63,366.08</b>
Morgan Stanley Permanent Fund 4/1/2015	\$352,320.78	
Morgan Stanley Permanent Fund Gain (Losses)	\$ -7,150.73	
Morgan Stanley Permanent Fund 3/31/2016	\$343,145.05	
Morgan Stanley Educational Fund 4/1/2015	\$220,380.77	
Morgan Stanley Educational Fund Gain (Losses)	\$ -4,980.91	
Morgan Stanley Educational Fund 3/31/2016	\$215,399.86	

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<b>Morgan Stanley Totals</b>	<b>\$558,544.91</b>
<b>Total All Accounts</b>	<b>\$749,841.76</b>

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert J. Frazer, KCT, PGC, GT



GRAND COMMANDERY  
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Financial Statements  
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To the Grand Commandery,  
Knights Templar of Indiana

**Independent Accountants' Compilation Report**

Management is responsible for the accompanying financial statements of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Indiana (a nonprofit organization), which comprise the statement of assets and net assets – Cash Basis as of March 31, 2016, and the related statement of revenues, expenses, and other changes in net assets – cash basis for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements in accordance with the cash basis of accounting, and for determining that the cash basis of accounting is an acceptable financial reporting framework. We have performed a compilation engagement in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services promulgated by the Accounting and Review Services Committee of the AICPA. We did not audit or review the financial statement nor were we required to perform any procedures to verify the accuracy or completeness of the information provided by management. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion, a conclusion, nor provide any form of assurance on these financial statements.

We draw attention to Note 1(b) of the financial statements, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial statements are prepared in accordance with the cash basis of accounting, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

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Kokomo, Indiana  
July 5, 2016

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GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF INDIANA  
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND NET ASSETS  
- CASH BASIS -  
MARCH 31, 2016

Assets:	
Cash and Cash Equivalents:	
General Checking Account	\$ 3,523.64
Triennial Savings Account	1,229.37
Life Membership Savings Account	31,482.02
Per Capita Savings Account	112,205.14
Money Market Account	
Total Cash and Cash Equivalents	<u>148,440.17</u>
Investments:	
Certificate of Deposits	15,000.00
Education Fund	<u>343,145.05</u>
Total Investments	<u>358,145.05</u>
Accounts Receivable	6.47
Total Assets	<u>\$ 506,591.69</u>
Net Assets:	
Unrestricted	<u>\$ 506,591.69</u>
Total Net Assets	<u>\$ 506,591.69</u>

See accompanying notes and accountants' compilation report

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GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF INDIANA  
STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND EXPENSE  
- CASH BASIS -  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2016

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Temporarily Restricted</u>	<u>Permanently Restricted</u>	<u>Total</u>
Revenues and Other Support:				
Per Capita Holding	\$ 63,588.97	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 63,588.97
Membership Dues	623.00			623.00
Interest & Dividend Income	10,300.67	-	-	10,300.67
DSA Awards Payments Received	1,185.00	-	-	1,185.00
Realized Gain on Investment	(1,765.80)	-	-	(1,765.80)
Unrealized Gain/(Loss) on Investments	(15,227.88)	-	-	(15,227.88)
Other Receipts for Rituals & Publications	516.22	-	-	516.22
Receipts from Education Savings				-
Contributions & Life Memberships				-
Miscellaneous Revenue	78.24	-	-	78.24
	<u>78.24</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>78.24</u>
Total Revenue and Other Support	<u>59,298.42</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>59,298.42</u>
Expenses:				
Program Expenses	72,802.71	-	-	72,802.71
Payment to Beneficiaries of Life Estates	-	-	-	-
Management and General Expenses	12,694.19	-	-	12,694.19
	<u>12,694.19</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>12,694.19</u>
Total Expenses	<u>85,496.90</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>85,496.90</u>
Change in Net Assets	<u>(26,198.48)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(26,198.48)</u>
Net Assets at Beginning of Year	<u>532,790.17</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>532,790.17</u>
Net Assets at End of Year	<u>\$ 506,591.69</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 506,591.69</u>

See accompanying notes and accountants' compilation report

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GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF INDIANA  
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
MARCH 31, 2016

**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 carries investments in marketable securities with readily determinable fair values and all investments in debt securities at their fair values in the statement of financial position. Unrealized gains and losses on investment are included in the change in net assets in the accompanying 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) Restricted and Unrestricted Revenue - Contributions received are recorded as increases in unrestricted, temporarily restricted, or permanently restricted net assets, depending on the existence and/or nature of any donor restrictions.
- (h) The Organization has evaluated subsequent events through July 5, 2016, the date which the financial statements were available to be issued.

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GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF INDIANA  
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, CONTINUED  
MARCH 31, 2016

**NOTE 2 - TAX STATUS**

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

**NOTE 3 - FUNCTIONAL ALLOCATION OF EXPENSES**

**Detail of Program Expenses**

Jewels	\$	909.00
Printing & Copying		1,095.55
Trophies and Awards		5,743.15
Uniforms		495.81
Conferences, Conventions, Meetings		3,473.00
Membership Development		960.00
Grand Officers Expense		21,315.47
Tactics & Rituals		391.97
Triennial Expense		4,213.65
Per Capita Payment		33,084.00
Contributions		1,121.11
Total	\$	<u>72,802.71</u>

**Detail of Management and General Expenses**

Professional Fees	\$	1,150.00
Office Expense		1,764.72
Postage		817.67
Insurance		500.00
Telephone & Telecommunications		1,726.50
Computer Software, Expenses		2,120.23
Investment Advisory Fees		4,348.81
All Other		266.26
Total	\$	<u>12,694.19</u>

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**GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF INDIANA  
2016 Budget**

Accounting  
Number

**RECEIPTS**

Per Capita Dues - Indiana	\$ 33,650.00
Per Capita Dues - Grand Encampment	\$ 26,335.00
K. T. Eye Foundation Assessment	\$ 1,850.00
Knighting Fees	\$ 1,675.00
DSA Payments	\$ 2,000.00
Interest earned	\$ 50.00
Permanent Fund	\$ 6,785.00
Transfer from Life Membership	\$ 6,725.00
Rituals	\$ 600.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 79,670.00</b>

**DISBURSEMENTS**

**NON-DISCRETIONARY AND SPECIAL ACCOUNT:**

Grand Encampment Per Capita	\$ 29,304.00
K.T. Eye Foundation	\$ 1,850.00
Grand Encampment Total <b>Sub Total</b>	<b>8605 \$ 31,154.00</b>

**DISCRETIONARY**

Awards 50 year	\$ 1.00
Permanent Fund Transfer \$1.00 per member	\$ 3,250.00
Accounting (Audit)	7520 \$ 1,000.00
Taxes	7250 \$ 500.00
Triennial	7509 \$ 618.20
<b>Grand Conclave</b>	
Drills	8535 \$ 700.00
Distinguished Guests	8320 \$ 3,200.00
Grand Conclave - other	\$ 700.00
Grand Commander	8501 \$ 5,200.00
Grand Officers expense	\$ 2,750.00
GIG Expense	8505 \$ 800.00
Grand Recorder	8502 \$ 10,000.00
Grand Treasurer Expense	8503 \$ 200.00
G. R Expense	8110 \$ 2,500.00
G.R. Contingent Fund	8605 \$ 1,000.00
Telephone	8130 \$ 800.00
Internet	\$ 960.00
Postage and Printing	8140 \$ 3,100.00
Grand Recorder's office expense	8161 \$ 800.00
Equipment	\$ 500.00
Insurance	8520 \$ 400.00
BOND Insurance - Grand Recorder Triennial	8522 \$ 600.00
Proceedings - Annual and Advanced	8171 \$ 1,500.00
Technology	8135 \$ 1,000.00
Internet Web Page	8560 \$ 175.00

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PGC & GPE Jewels	7506	\$	1,000.00
Uniform	7505	\$	1,200.00
Membership Development /Publicity Expense	8539	\$	2,000.00
Contingency	7512	\$	1,000.00
Misc	8590	\$	500.00
Red Book	8175	\$	600.00
Youth	8582/4	\$	750.00
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>\$</b>	<b>49,304.20</b>

<b>INVENTORY ITEMS</b>			
DSA Awards		\$	1,000.00
Rituals	8105	\$	500.00
<b>Subtotal</b>		<b>\$</b>	<b>1,500.00</b>

Total Expenses	<b>\$ 81,958.20</b>
Surplus / Deficit	\$ (2,288.20)

**FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT**

At this time the Committee recommends the Per Capita remain the same as last year at, \$11.50 per dues paying member.

Fraternally Submitted

Bobby J. Roberts, PGC, Chairman  
James L. Dove, PGC  
Ronald L. Ellis, PGC  
Robert J. Frazer, PGC, GT  
George A. Ingles, Jr., PGC, GR



**TRUSTEE'S REPORT PERMANENT FUND**

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

As of 3/31/2016

Permanent Fund: \$343,145.05

Respectfully submitted by:

Larry W. Brown, PGC, PDC

James L. Dove, PGC

David A. Bertch, PGC

George A. Ingles, Grand Recorder, PGC

Robert J. Frazier, Grand Treasurer, PGC

**TRUSTEE'S REPORT EDUCATION FUND**

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

As of 3/31/2016

Education Fund: \$214,661.77

There were no grants awarded this year due to looking for a Seminary school that will acknowledge the Knights Templar donation. Also, seeking individual students needing grant money.

Respectfully submitted by:

Larry W. Brown, PGC, PDC

James L. Dove, PGC

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Robert J. Frazier, Grand Treasurer, PGC

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**KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION  
ADMINISTRATION EXPENSE BUDGET**

**DIVISION OF GRAND COMMANDERY OF INDIANA  
FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2015**

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: 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**

	<b>2015 Total Income:</b>	Amount Available for Administration Expenses
Interest from student loans: (75% available for administration expenses)	\$0.00	\$0.00
Income from Investments: (10% available for administrative expenses) (See Section 14b of Regulations and Standard Practice.)	-\$5,820.44	\$0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>-\$5,820.44</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>

**ADMINISTRATION EXPENSE BUDGET**

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

Secretary/Treasurer	\$				
Other salaries	\$		Postage & Express	\$0.00	
Attorney or Collection Fees	\$		Telephone, Telegraph	\$0.00	
Rent	\$		Stationery, Supplies etc.,	\$	
Safe Deposit Box	\$		Furniture, Equipment, Repairs	\$	
Fidelity Bonds	\$		Premiums on Investments	\$	
Social Security (FICA) <i>Employer Only</i>	\$		Miscellaneous (Itemize below)	\$0.00	
Unemployment Compensation (FUTA)	\$		(Do Not Include item of 5% paid to Grand Encampment Commit shown on Annual Financial Statement, Page 1, Line 20)		
Audit	\$		Itemize:	To be used in collection effort.	
Committee Meetings	\$				
Traveling Expense Contacting Loanees	\$				
			<b>TOTAL EXPENSE:</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	

**AMOUNT AVAILABLE FOR SCHOLARSHIPS AND GRANTS**

Total Income	-\$5,820.44
Administrative Expense	\$0.00
Consumer Price Index (2007 3.3%)	\$0.00
Amount Available	-\$5,820.44

Larry W. Brown  
*Division Chairman, Educational Committee*

George A. Ingles, Jr.  
*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 **2013** in accordance with the Division's Plan, please list recipients names and amount on the rear of this sheet.  
(See Section 22 of Regulations and Standard Practice.)

## **NECROLOGY REPORT**

Every year at about this time, the Excellent Grand Prelate is expected to provide a Necrology report that chronicles those who have departed this life to enter the world to come. It is with sadness that this list is submitted, but it is with prudence I add the following.

It is easy for us, in our human condition, to get lost in the names in this report. Seeing them immediately brings forth memories of voices, smiles, personalities and stories. However, when we take a more purposed look at this list, in a selfless way, we suddenly realize that these Sir Knights also left behind wives, children and in most cases friends, for whom their absence has left an enormous void.

We should make the effort to reach out to them. Take the time to find their contact information. Maybe add in your planner a few days through the rest of the year to give them a call. Let us remember to help the ones we are capable of helping, as our dear departed brethren are in a place where the wicked cease from troubling and the weary shall find rest.

Respectfully Submitted,

Steven A. Arlington

<b>Commandery</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Birth date</b>	<b>Passed</b>
Raper No.1	James Wayman Blazier	02/20/1940	04/02/2015
Baldwin No. 2	Dennis Lee Runshe	07/28/1957	01/12/2016
Baldwin No. 2	Russell L. Steffey	04/25/1926	03/16/2015
Lafayette No. 3	Joe Vernon Chancello	08/17/1918	01/03/2010
Lafayette No. 3	John Robert Christopher	10/08/1931	01/01/2015
Lafayette No. 3	Colliver Edwin Gilbert	01/01/1933	04/02/2015
Lafayette No. 3	Charles Byron Gluys	02/15/1929	03/11/2012
Lafayette No. 3	John Leonard Hileman Jr.	09/14/1933	09/25/2015
Lafayette No. 3	Donald W. Keller	08/24/1924	04/10/2015
Lafayette No. 3	Wendell Kenneth McCormick	11/21/1924	07/28/2013
Lafayette No. 3	George James Quisenberry	10/22/1955	05/28/2013
Lafayette No. 3	Austin Linn Shelley	04/09/1922	07/14/2015
Lafayette No. 3	Donald L. Smith	12/04/1933	02/05/2013
Fort Wayne No. 4	Charles M. Cook	06/15/1913	06/01/2004
Fort Wayne No. 4	Kenneth Eugene Gibson, PGC	06/19/1933	04/21/2015
Fort Wayne No. 4	Arthur Shull Jr.	02/23/1933	09/26/2015
New Albany No. 5	Ned William Baumbach, Sr.	09/03/1939	06/14/2015
New Albany No. 5	Jewett William Borden, Jr.	01/26/1931	07/28/2014
New Albany No. 5	Kenneth D. Carter	08/29/1935	09/23/2014
New Albany No. 5	Ed Sizemore	11/06/1939	11/20/2015

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New Albany No. 5	Preston Smith	02/18/1925	04/01/2015
New Albany No. 5	Jack Tiesing, Sr.	04/15/1946	11/15/2015
Connersville No. 6	Robert Edward Lines	07/03/1921	10/17/2015
Connersville No. 6	Lloyd Laverne Marsh	06/17/1928	08/17/2015
Connersville No. 6	Lowell Rea Maze	07/19/1936	02/18/2016
Connersville No. 6	Mauzy R. McManus	03/30/1923	07/25/2015
Connersville No. 6	Byron Elden Oldham	07/27/1923	12/07/2015
Richmond No. 8	Roy W. Brown	05/12/1926	02/07/2015
Greencastle No. 11	Clinton B. Gass	01/09/1920	07/27/2015
Greencastle No. 11	Norman L. Handy	06/09/1927	01/08/2016
Greencastle No. 11	Otis H. Patrick	06/05/1929	02/02/2016
South Bend No. 13	Jacob Richard Brunner	04/17/1917	11/14/2012
South Bend No. 13	Dennis Joseph Dillman	05/27/1939	10/27/2014
South Bend No. 13	Kenneth Dale Englehart	06/29/1935	05/11/2015
South Bend No. 13	Richard Allen Joseph Hall	04/26/1943	04/02/2014
South Bend No. 13	Gerald Archer Jank	12/01/1922	03/30/2015
South Bend No. 13	Louis Bakish Macakanja	11/02/1939	11/02/2014
South Bend No. 13	James Carl Varner	06/08/1932	02/03/2015
South Bend No. 13	Marko Vojnovich	03/13/1926	05/01/2014
Columbus No. 14	Robert L. Branigan	02/04/1947	01/02/2016
Columbus No. 14	Ronald Brown	02/06/1938	12/18/2015
Columbus No. 14	William E. Fisher	04/03/1942	08/24/2015
Columbus No. 14	Richard W. Franz	06/21/1940	01/13/2016
Columbus No. 14	Stephen Gibson Miller	07/29/1942	01/20/2015
Columbus No. 14	Richard Gary Nolan	07/25/1941	07/23/2015
Columbus No. 14	Frederick Phillip VanGilder	10/31/1933	04/24/2014
Columbus No. 14	Paul Kenneth Albert Warren II	10/19/1943	06/09/2015
Columbus No. 14	Wilbur Eugene Wilds	11/10/1932	10/21/2015
LaValette No. 15	Theodore Linden Beach	05/20/1928	01/01/2009
LaValette No. 15	Paul Oscar Boling	05/06/1942	02/05/2016
LaValette No. 15	Billy Max Colliins	10/18/1925	10/31/2014
LaValette No. 15	Kenneth Warren Harper	10/25/1933	12/17/2014
LaValette No. 15	Robert Louis Hensz	11/30/1922	05/14/2015
LaValette No. 15	Paul Louis Sowders	08/15/1944	06/16/2015
LaValette No. 15	William Coale Standring	05/28/1923	05/15/2015
LaValette No. 15	Darrell Alves Veach, PGM	12/21/1928	11/23/2015
Terre Haute No. 16	Jerry P. Armstrong	12/01/1929	05/09/2015
Terre Haute No. 16	John Ax	11/21/1925	09/24/2015

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Terre Haute No. 16	Frederick T. Bauer	12/29/1935	10/04/2015
Terre Haute No. 16	Benton Eugene Dudgeon	08/30/1930	11/29/2015
Terre Haute No. 16	William H. Reik	06/10/1940	02/14/2016
Apolo No. 19	Ralph Eugene Heiser	02/01/1931	01/18/2016
Apolo No. 19	James D. Sims	11/12/1935	11/03/2015
Vincennes No. 20	Steven Michael Thais	04/09/1925	05/26/2015
Grant Co. No. 21	Frank Linton Butterworth, Jr.	04/25/1927	01/19/2015
Grant Co. No. 21	William Doyle Lewis	05/25/1936	08/17/2014
Grant Co. No. 21	Robert Clifford Martin	01/23/1921	11/11/2014
Johnson Co. No. 23	Joseph Ruel Haydock	01/11/1943	01/28/2014
Johnson Co. No. 23	Norris Christian Long, Jr.	08/04/1922	05/15/2015
Johnson Co. No. 23	James P. Smith, III	02/04/1938	02/16/2015
Johnson Co. No. 23	Robert Harrison Whiteis	07/31/1939	05/15/2014
Johnson Co. No. 23	Dennis Leon Zook	01/01/1942	07/08/2014
Crawfordsville No. 25	Carl A. Jolley	07/03/1938	02/10/2011
Crawfordsville No. 25	Carl Frederick Schroeder	10/08/1919	03/19/2015
Valpariso No. 28	Arthur Cushman	12/30/1923	12/21/2014
Valpariso No. 28	James C. Monroe	04/21/1932	12/29/2015
Frankfort No. 29	Samuel I. Holliger	10/11/1926	12/06/2015
Frankfort No. 29	Donald D. Irmeger	06/02/1926	10/14/2014
Frankfort No. 29	Herbert J. Pickle	01/28/1923	11/16/2014
Frankfort No. 29	Jack A. Rice	08/16/1934	07/14/2015
Frankfort No. 29	Robert Lee Timmons	08/31/1934	04/16/2015
Frankfort No. 29	David Mark Wandrei	02/05/1942	01/01/2000
Michigan City No. 30	Edward David McCarthy	07/27/1937	05/01/2015
Michigan City No. 30	Charles Morris	07/31/1940	06/03/2014
Elkhart No. 31	Forrest M. Kendall	01/10/1915	11/27/2015
Anderson No. 32	Lawrence Edwin Bond, Sr.	02/21/1961	09/05/2015
Anderson No. 32	Frederick T. Gates	10/07/1936	01/14/2016
Anderson No. 32	Orville Hilligoss, Jr.	11/14/1924	06/22/2015
Anderson No. 32	Lemuel G. Myers	12/05/1923	07/24/2015
Anderson No. 32	Octavian Conwell Plymate	10/01/1926	05/20/2015
Anderson No. 32	Herbert Warren Stohler	06/13/1928	08/03/2015
Huntington No. 35	Rogel Brown	12/20/1929	12/09/2015
Huntington No. 35	Eldon Wayne McKinley	09/02/1929	08/05/2015

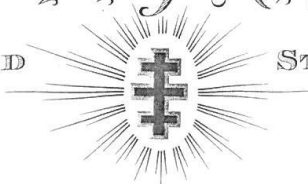
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Kokomo No. 35	Robert D. Crider	01/11/1936	01/16/2016
Kokomo No. 35	Willy Emil Kommans	01/24/1944	02/16/2015
Kokomo No. 35	Danny Glenn Myers	02/11/1960	09/15/2015
Kokomo No. 35	Elvin M. Sommers	06/02/1930	07/27/2015
Kokomo No. 35	Charles Leroy Troupe	06/14/1946	11/04/2015
Greenfield No. 39	Max W. Avery	08/21/1938	01/13/2016
Greenfield No. 39	William John Curtis	03/03/1936	01/04/2016
Greenfield No. 39	Glennis E. Early	10/04/1936	10/03/2015
Greenfield No. 39	James Kenneth Payton	06/19/1941	02/13/2016
Greenfield No. 39	Earl Harry Powers	02/04/1943	05/24/2015
Greenfield No. 39	Leslie A. Scrogam, Jr.	11/13/1942	05/27/2015
Hammond No. 41	Lawrence Vincent Kaminsky	03/09/1941	11/30/2015
Bedford No. 42	Larry Douglas Clark	02/07/1941	09/10/2015
Bedford No. 42	Dan Ellis	11/11/1949	03/16/2015
Bedford No. 42	Dennis Ray Griffith	08/24/1952	09/17/2015
Noblesville No. 61	John O. Brown	02/26/1926	04/25/2015
Prather No. 62	James Wayman Blazier	02/20/1940	04/02/2015
Prather No. 62	Craig Trent Hinshaw	02/08/1940	02/19/2015
Bloomington No. 63	Dana Lee McDade	11/02/1938	01/07/2014
Bloomington No. 63	William Harold Roper, Jr.	04/23/1921	03/28/2013
Bloomington No. 63	George Albert Rusnak	09/30/1927	10/19/2014
Bloomington No. 63	James Lee Stafford	10/25/1931	02/19/2015
Wright No. 64	Wendell B. Selvidge	04/22/1944	03/20/2015
Wm. G. Bray No. 65	Robert Edwin Williams	10/18/1940	09/17/2013
H.E. Lackey No. 67	Floyd Glen Sendmeyer	03/06/1935	03/21/2015
St. Anselm U.D.	Lawrence Vincent Kaminsky	03/09/1941	11/30/2015

# Grand Encampment of Knights Templar

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OFFICE OF  
DUANE L. VAUGHT, GCT  
MOST EMINENT GRAND MASTER

April 11, 2016

To the Sir Knights Under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar— My Dear Fraters:

It is with deep sadness that I advise you of the death of our beloved Sir Knight James McCorry Willson, Jr., GCT, Most Eminent Honorary Past Grand Master and Right Eminent Grand Treasurer.

Sir Knight Willson served as Right Eminent Grand Commander of Texas in 1973-1974. He was appointed Right Eminent Department Commander for the South Central Department in 1985-1988. He was elected to two nine-year terms (1979-1988 and 1997-2006) as Trustee of the Permanent Fund. He was appointed Right Eminent Grand Treasurer on Friday, November 17, 2006, by Sir Knight Richard Burditt Baldwin. He was subsequently re-elected Right Eminent Grand Treasurer: on Tuesday, August 18, 2009, at Roanoke, Virginia; on Tuesday, August 14, 2012, at Alexandria, Virginia; and, on Tuesday, August 11, 2015, at Buffalo, New York. Sir Knight Willson was elected an Honorary Past Grand Master on Tuesday, August 18, 2009, in Roanoke, Virginia.

Sir Knight Willson laid down his sword and entered the Supreme Asylum above on Saturday, April 9, 2016.

It is my order that the Charters of all Commanderies under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment be draped in Sir Knight Willson's honor at their next Stated Conclave following receipt of this notice. The Charter is to remain draped until the following Stated Conclave.

I further direct that the Charters of all Grand Commanderies under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment be draped in Sir Knight Willson's honor during their Annual Conclave.

Each Commandery and Grand Commandery is expected to pay appropriate tribute to Sir Knight Willson at their Annual Memorial Service. Please remember Sir Knight Willson's family in your prayers.

Yours in Templary,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Duane Lee Vaught".

Duane Lee Vaught, GCT  
Grand Master

After a few personal remarks Sir Knight Vaught move the acceptance of his report. It was 2nd and Passed.

## **Lawrence Vincent Kaminsky, KCT, PGC March 9, 1941 – November 30, 2015**



Lawrence V. Kaminsky age 74 of Highland, IN passed away Monday, November 30, 2015 after a brief illness. He is preceded in death by his parents, Vincent and Mary (Palenik) Kaminsky and his granddaughter Cassandra Polster. He is survived by his wife Janet (Gard) Kaminsky of 52 years and his four children Jennifer (Terry) Wilkinson, John (Felicia) Kaminsky, Janel (Scott) Polster, and Jason (Mariah) Kaminsky. He was also very proud of his three surviving grandchildren, Amber Kaminsky, Joel Wilkinson, and Kyle Polster and great granddaughter Ayla Mora. He is also survived by his brother, Carl (Judy) Kaminsky, Joan (Tony) Kras and Mary (Paul) Johnson. Larry was widely known as a man of exceptional integrity, was devoted to his family, and was an advocate of higher education, in all forms. He graduated from George Rogers Clark High School in 1959, and went to work at AMF, Junior Toy Division in Hammond while attending Purdue University Calumet. He then attended IBM

school and was then employed at Hartford Insurance in Chicago. In 1963 he married Janet C. Gard. During his career, Larry also worked at Contemporary Books, Inc., Huntington Industries, Inc., and retired from the Quaker Oats Co. He received an Associate Degree in Management from Purdue University Calumet; Bachelor of Arts from St. Joseph College in Management; Associate Program in Logistics Excellence at the University of Wisconsin, Madison; and earned the certification as a Certified Data Processor at the Institute of Certification of Computer Professionals. He worked with the Boy Scouts of America at many levels for over 16 years and served as an assistant Chapter Advisor in the Willis R. Ford, Order of DeMolay for several years. Larry received his Masonic degrees in Garfield Lodge #569, Hammond, IN during 1970, served as Worshipful Master in 1981, served as assistant secretary from 1971 through 2010 and served as treasurer for 10 years. He joined the Hammond York Rite bodies in 1975 and served as High Priest in 1999, Illustrious Master 1997 and Eminent Commander in 1999. He served as Secretary/Recorder of the Hammond York Rite 2000-09. Larry served at the state level with the Grand Council Cryptic Masons as the Group Officer for the Arch 1 from 1995-1999. He started his Grand Commandery service as a Deputy Battalion Commander in Battalion 1 in 1996, was appointed as Grand Warden in 1999, elected and served as the 144th Grand Commander, Knights Templar of Indiana for the Templar year 2005-06. He had served as the Grand Recorder since 2006. He was a member of many other Masonic-affiliated organizations and earned many accolades, degrees, and recognition for his lifetime of devoted service. Funeral services were held on Friday, December 4, 2015 at Glory to God Church, 3711 Ridge Road, Highland at 10 AM with Pastor David Adams officiating.

What the above information fails to mention is, that he was a great Mentor. While you were discussing things with Larry and feeling you were imparting great wisdom to him, in fact he was allowing you to find the answers to the questions you were asking him for assistance. Thus in truth by his listening skills you left feeling you had given him knowledge and yet in fact you had learned a great deal more by his silence or asking you for advice. He was a strong person who believed and practiced the art of two ears and one mouth meaning you should listen twice as much as you talk, in order to educate those who knew all the answers.

Larry, his wife Janet, my wife Karen and I were married the same day in 1963. We have celebrated our anniversaries together many of the last ten – fifteen years. While only a few of those were on August 31



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the day we were married, we did celebrate them with many friends. Our last celebration was in Buffalo NY, when we celebrated our 104 years of marriage. While the century mark was a mile-stone I am sure he, just like myself looked forward too many more celebrations together. So it is death is a part life, we will all miss our friend and our mentor.

Grand Commander while here and fresh in everyone mind, I would move that the title of Grand Recorder Emeritus be conferred upon Sir Knight Lawrence Vincent Kaminsky. With the stipulation that it must be approved in accordance with Section 237 (a) subsection (a) of the Grand Encampment Statues, requiring the written approval of Most Eminent Grand Master Vaught.

Fraternally submitted,

George A. Ingles, Jr., KTC, PGC, GR

I move that the title of Grand Recorder Emeritus be requested for Sir Knight Kaminsky. It was 2<sup>nd</sup> and passed. Grand Mast Vaught privately conveyed that while he wished he had thought of the idea he would not be able to grant that request as Grand Master.

**JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE**  
**Honorary Membership**

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

The Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Indiana, in recognition of the unique fraternal contributions to Templary and Freemasonry in general, of several distinguished Fraters who are present with us here in this 160th Annual Conclave, do hereby confer upon each of them the title of Honorary Member of the Grand Commandery of Indiana to wit:

Gerald G. Pugh.	Grand Commander	Ohio
Albert F. Johnson	Grand Commander	Michigan
Raymond P. Swanson	Grand Commander	Kentucky
Martin Evans	Grand High Priest	Indiana
Michael Stoner	MIGM of Grand Council	Indiana

Respectfully submitted,

George A. Ingles, Jr., KCT, PGC, GR

For the Committee

Motion to approve the list by George A. Ingles, Jr. PGC, which was 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed

The Grand Commander then presented each present a certificate acknowledging him as an honoree member of the Grand Commandery of Indiana and called on Sir Knight Pugh to make any remarks on behalf of the Red Cords present.

**RESPONSE BY THE RED CORDS**  
**Sir Knight Gerald G. Pugh. GC OF Ohio**

Right Eminent Grand Commander, Right Eminent Department Commander, Most Worshipful Grand Master, Grand Officer's and Sir Knight's:

It is my distinct pleasure for and on behalf of the visiting Grand Commanders to bring you warm fraternal greeting. It is always a pleasure to visit here in the great state of Indiana. We thank you for the Honorary Memberships in your Grand Commandery and will cherish them always.

I look forward too many Sir Knights from this jurisdiction visiting at our annual conclave and we will endeavor in Ohio to return the hospitality which has been extended to all the visiting Sir Knight at this your annual conclave.

I look forward too many more years of our friendship and wish you continued success in this your present conclave. Again thank you for all the hospitality you and the Sir Knights of Indiana have extended to we who are enjoying your Hoosier Hospitality.

**INSURANCE AND BOND COVERAGE**  
**MAY 1, 2016**

**CONTENTS and LIABILITY COVERAGE –**

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

Policy # 029-030-408997

Comprehensive General Liability Coverage - \$1,000,000.00 aggregate and \$1,000,000.00 each occurrence

No building coverage 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 12-01-2017

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, 2015)**

<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
Pitney Bowes Postage Meter & Scales	Leased	
Seal of the Grand Commandery (no art work)	100.00	100.00
30 Skull Caps for 5 <sup>th</sup> Libation		100.00
Toshiba Computer & Accessories (2015)	900.00	250.00
HP Printer Copier Scanner (pro 8630) (2015)	450.00	200.00
Office supplies and other items for sale- estimated		300.00
ITA Pins (30)		
50 year pins (20)		
DSA awards – Members (100)	0.00	0.00
DSA awards – Friends (0)	0.00	0.00
Newby-Avery Pins (all varieties)	3,500.00	3,000.00
150 Year Books (30)	5.00	150.00
Total estimated value:		\$4,145.00

All of the above items are located in the Grand Commandery Office at:  
3601 N. Vienna Woods Dr., Muncie IN

**EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT**

To the Right Eminent Grand Commander, Past Grand Commanders, Grand Recorder, Grand Commandery Officers, Deputy Battalion Commanders Sir Knights.

Education Report

The education committee would like to report that it is the consensus of the Sir Knights though out the state that an ITA be held in various part of the state with one of the topic being a uniform presentation like was presented two years ago along with two new topics.

It is the recommendation of the committee this recommendation be considered by the new elected Right Eminent Grand Commander

Fraternally submitted,

Ed Fodrea GStdB  
Education Committee Chair  
Grand Standard Bearer

Sir Knight Fodrea moved for the adoption of this report. It was second and passed

## **HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE REPORT**

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

Proud to say that Indiana sent three (3) Ministers this year.

Rev. John T. Hogsett                      Elkhart Commandery No. 31  
Rev. Stanley F. Hoffman                LaValette Commandery No. 15 (Evansville)  
Rev. Garet Olaf Alexander McHugh Raper Commandery No. 1  
Rev. Gary W. Pitcock \*

After the Tickets had been paid for in December the Rev. Gary W. Pitcock informed Emmett Mills, PGC of Michigan who is in charge of the Holy Land Pilgrimage, that he could not go to the Holy Land, so Emmett call me, so we had to scramble to get another minister at the last minute. So Adam E. Jackson, GPE got the REV. Garet Olaf Alexander McHugh to go in place of Rev. Gary W. Pitcock.

We lost a total of \$200.80. In the future we will have a form to re-cover this loss of money from the ministers going.

Fraternally,

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

### **R. Frank Williams Award**

R. Frank would be proud of all the Commanderys that helped send Minister's to the Holy Land. We had 2 Commanderys that sent 2 Ministers to the Holy Land this year and they were Elkhart No. 31 and Raper No.1. LaValette No.15 nominated a Minister. So in all we sent 3 Minister's to the Holy Land. We collected a total of \$9396.50 this year for the Holy Land Pilgrimage. This is Great. The Winner of the R. Frank Williams Trophy is Raper No. 1. They contributed \$4500.00

**A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL THE COMMANDIES THAT CONTRIBUTED TO THE HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE.**

FRATNERALLY,

Robert J. Frazer, PGC, GT

*Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Indiana*

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

Date	Reason	From	Income	Balance
04/01/15				\$14,393.75
04/30/15	Interest		\$ 1.70	\$14,395.45
05/04/15	Deposit	Devine Service	\$ 462.00	\$14,857.45
05/22/15	Deposit	Larry Williams Golf	\$ 130.00	\$15,187.45
05/31/15	Interest		\$ 1.86	\$15,189.31
06/03/15	Deposit	William Pond Hole Sponsor	\$ 100.00	\$15,289.31
06/08/15	Deposit	Richmond Cmdy #8	\$ 50.00	\$15,339.31
06/10/15	Deposit	Don Olvey Hole Sponsor	\$ 50.00	\$15,389.31
06/15/15	Deposit	Mike Robbins Hole Sponsor	\$ 50.00	\$15,439.31
06/25/15	Deposit	Golf	\$ 420.00	\$15,859.31
06/30/15	Interest		\$ 1.88	\$15,861.19
07/13/15	Deposit	Golf	\$ 755.00	\$16,616.19
07/31/15	Interest		\$ 2.09	\$16,618.28
08/05/15	Deposit	Elkhart #31 Rev. Hogdett	\$ 3,190.00	\$19,808.28
08/10/15	Withdraw	Holy Land Pilgrimage Inc. Hoffman & Hogsett	\$ (6,380.00)	\$13,428.28
08/31/15	Interest		\$ 2.62	\$13,430.90
09/30/15	Interest		\$ 2.56	\$13,433.46
10/01/15	Deposit	Raper #1 Rev. Pitcock	\$ 2,000.00	\$15,433.46
10/01/15	Deposit	H. E. Gary #57	\$ 200.00	\$15,644.46
10/01/15	Deposit	Anderson #32	\$ 200.00	\$15,833.46
10/01/15	Deposit	Connersville #6	\$ 17.00	\$15,850.46
10/06/15	Withdraw	Holy Land Pilgrimage Inc.	\$ (3,190.00)	\$12,660.46
10/08/15	Deposit	LaValette #15	\$ 100.00	\$12,760.46
10/08/15	Deposit	Kokomo #36	\$ 100.00	\$12,860.46
10/08/15	Deposit	Greencastle #11	\$ 100.00	\$12,960.46
10/31/15	Interest		\$ 2.02	\$12,962.48
11/02/15	Deposit	Raper #1 Rev. Pitcock	\$ 2,000.00	\$14,962.48
11/02/15	Deposit	Hammond #41	\$ 120.00	\$15,082.48
11/19/15	Deposit	Greencastle #11	\$ 200.00	\$15,282.48
11/19/15	Deposit	Hammond #41	\$ 24.00	\$15,306.48
11/24/15	Withdraw	Gate 1 Travel Pitcock, Hoffman, Hogdett	\$ (900.60)	\$14,405.88
11/30/15	Interest		\$ 1.83	\$14,407.71
12/31/15	Interest		\$ 1.76	\$14,409.47
01/31/16	Interest		\$ 1.77	\$14,411.24
02/29/16	Interest		\$ 1.66	\$14,412.90
03/16/16	Deposit	Frankfort #29	\$ 100.00	\$14,512.90
03/16/16	Deposit	New Albany #5	\$ 100.00	\$14,612.90
03/16/16	Deposit	Ft. Wayne #4	\$ 40.00	\$14,652.90
03/31/16	Interest		\$ 1.79	\$14,654.69

**TEMPLAR FINANCIAL REPORT**

Total in Program Fund	April 28, 2015	\$9121.66
Total in Coin & Binder Fund	April 28, 2015	<u>\$ 180.76</u>
<b>Total in Check Book</b>	<b>April 28, 2015</b>	<b>\$9302.42</b>

Program Fund	Total	\$9,121.66
Ad's Deposits	\$505.00	
	\$200.00	
	<u>\$200.00</u>	
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$905.00</b>	
		\$10,026.66

:	Expenses	Office Max	\$ 66.32	
		Office Max	\$ 77.02	
		Infinite Print	<u>\$ 65.06</u>	
	<b>Total Expenses</b>		<b>\$ 208.40</b>	
<b>Program Fund</b>	Total			<b>\$9,818.66</b>

<b>Coin &amp; Binder Fund</b>	Total			<b>\$180.76</b>
	Deposits:		<u>\$320.00</u>	
	Total Income		\$320.00	
	Total Expenses		\$ .00	

<b>Coin &amp; Binder Fund</b>		<b>\$500.76</b>
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Total in Program Fund	April 1, 2016	\$9,818.26
Total in Coin & Binder Fund	April 1,2016	<u>\$500.76</u>
<b>Total in Check Book</b>	<b>April 1, 2016</b>	<b>\$10,319.02</b>

**JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE  
LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS**

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

The Jurisprudence Committee have reviewed the Legislative Proposals in the 2015-2016 Advance Proceedings and have determined the following:

- We find the legislative proposal on Finance Sec 612 to be in legal form.
- We find the legislative proposal on Commandery Dues Sec. 806 to be proper in form.
- We find the legislative proposal on Electronic Notification Sec 414 to be proper in form.
- We find the legislative proposal of the Annual Report Sec. 502 to be proper in form.

I move the acceptance of this report.

Respectfully submitted  
Paul W. Friend, KCT, PGC, for the committee

**LEGISLATION PROPOSAL  
FINANCE**

*Section 612: currently reads:*

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

The permanent and un-expendable portion of the fund shall be \$279,096.00 as of December 31, 2005 plus all per capita fees and contributions contributed to the fund after that date.

Each year, beginning with the 2007-2008 Grand Commandery year, the permanent fund shall transfer to the general fund, for operations, five percent (5%) of the previous calendar year end value of the permanent fund except that such transfer shall be limited as follows. The maximum annual transfer shall be no more than the amount that would reduce the permanent fund as of the previous calendar year end to the permanent, un-expendable balance of the fund. (April 2006)

*Section 612 change to read:*

**SECTION 612:** The Purpose of the Permanent Investment Fund of this Grand Commandery is to partially finance the operations of this Grand Commandery.

The permanent and un-expendable portion of the fund shall be \$279,096.00 as of December 31, 2005 plus all per capita fees and contributions contributed to the fund after that date.

Each year, beginning with the 2007-2008 Grand Commandery year, the permanent fund shall transfer **as necessary** to the general fund, for operations, **up to** five percent (5%) of the **fund effective December 31<sup>st</sup> of each year. Except that such transfer shall be limited to total return on investment earned (net income) and shall not include any of the un-expendable portions of the fund as described above,** the previous calendar year end value of the permanent fund except that such transfer shall be limited as follows. The maximum annual transfer shall be no more than the amount that would reduce the permanent fund as of the previous calendar year end to the permanent, un-expendable balance of the fund. (April 2006) (May 2016)

**Reasoning:**

*1<sup>st</sup>:* Replace the 1<sup>st</sup> sentence. The first sentence in effect lowers the amount available to the General Fund by the number of members in the Grand Commandery. In a year when the fund may have a down year with little income the 5% would not be available. The purpose of the Permanent Fund is to supplement the General Fund and thus in a bad market year the General Fund instead of receiving income from Permanent Fund would be supplementing the Permanent Fund. The 1<sup>st</sup> sentence now states the exact purpose of the Permanent Fund.

*2<sup>nd</sup>:* By adding “as necessary” “up to” Gives the Treasurer, Recorder and Trustees more flexibility to transfer funds while still maintaining a cap on the total amount to be transferred to the General Fund. Adding “December 31<sup>st</sup>” gives the Finance Committee the total amount available when necessary for transfer of funds from the Permanent Fund to the General Fund that year, and not a variable amount during the year.

Respectfully Submitted,

George A. Ingles, Jr., KCT, PGC, GR

Sir Knight Brown move for the adoption of the legislation. It was seconded.

*The Jurisprudence committee having reported that the proposal was in order and recommended it be placed on the floor for adoption or rejection.*

**The motion pass.**

**New Section Indiana Law**

***Commandery Dues***

**Section 806.**

(a) Commanderys shall include in their by-laws the first stated conclave in June as the designated meeting at which dues of the Commandery shall be discussed and the amount set. Every Commandery shall designate in its by-laws the amount of dues to be paid by each member annually. The amount of these dues shall include the amount determined by each Commandery for their operation plus the amount set by the Grand Commandery for the Grand Commandery General Fund and the Grand Encampment Assessment, plus \$1.00 for all non-life or higher sponsors of the Eye Foundation. All dues and assessments are payable in advance and must be collected when due or considered in arrears.

(b) Dues are chargeable to all Knights Templar in good standing and end on the date that his membership is terminated, or when he becomes a fifty-year member.

(c) Should the membership of a Knight Templar terminate in any other manner than by his death before the end of the term for which his dues and assessments are paid, the Commandery shall refund to him the pro rata of his dues and assessments for the period during which he was not a member of the Commandery.

(d) within ten (10) days following the June stated conclave the Recorder of the Commandery shall forward to the Grand Recorder the amount the membership of the Commandery shall be charged for the following year dues. Any Commandery failing to forward the information to the Grand Recorder in that time frame the last recorded dues shall apply.

***Reasoning:*** Currently the majority of changes to Bylaws are for the increase of dues for the Commandery. Thus less cost to the Commandery, less book work for the Recorder and Grand Recorder. Notification of the amount of the dues in June or early July will give everyone the amount of the dues for the following and a part of the Annual Report can be completed. The process has been implemented in Grand Lodge for nearly fifteen (15) years and is very successful.

The By-laws committee has and will submit a Standard set of Commandery By-laws.

Fraternally Submitted,

George A. Ingles, Jr., KCT, PGC Chairman for the committee  
Grand Recorder

Sir Knight Dove move for the adoption of the legislation. It was seconded.

*The Jurisprudence committee having reported that the proposal was in order and recommended it be placed on the floor for adoption or rejection.*

**After discussion a motion was introduced to amend the proposal to delete (c) The amendment pass and the motion passed as amended.**



**DIGEST-ADVANCE REPORTS**

***Section 414 currently reads:***

**SECTION 414:** Within two weeks following the date of adjournment of a Grand Commandery Conclave, the Grand Commander shall require the Grand Recorder to prepare a complete digest and informative summary of all transactions of the Conclave, have the same printed as a general order or bulletin, and mail a copy thereof to. (1) The Recorder of each constituent Commandery and (2) each officer and past officer of the Grand Commandery. The Grand Commander shall require the Grand Recorder to print the annual reports of the Grand Commander, Grand Treasurer, Grand Recorder, and Educational Foundation Committee, in advance of the convening of the Grand Commandery and cause a copy thereof to be distributed to each member of that body registering for attendance upon the Conclave. Each of said officers and committees shall have a copy of their respective reports in the hands of the Grand Recorder for such printing and distribution not less than thirty days in advance of the date of the Annual Conclave at which said reports are to be presented. *(April 2006)*

***Change to read:***

**SECTION 414:** Within two weeks following the date of adjournment of a Grand Commandery Conclave, the Grand Commander shall require the Grand Recorder to prepare a complete digest and informative summary of all transactions of the Conclave, ~~have the same printed~~ as a general order or bulletin, and ~~mail~~ **provide** a copy thereof to. (1) The Recorder of each constituent Commandery and (2) each officer and past officer of the Grand Commandery. The Grand Commander shall require the Grand Recorder to print the annual reports of the Grand Commander, Grand Treasurer, Grand Recorder, and Educational Foundation Committee, in advance of the convening of the Grand Commandery and cause a copy thereof to be distributed to each member of that body registering for attendance upon the Conclave. Each of said officers and committees shall have a copy of their respective reports in the hands of the Grand Recorder for such printing and distribution not less than thirty days in advance of the date of the Annual Conclave at which said reports are to be presented. *(April 2006)*

***Reasoning:*** Deleting the words “*have the same printed*” and “*mail*” insert the word “*provide*” gives the Grand Recorder the option of using electronic mail or US postal service to provide the necessary information in either format to the Sir Knights listed.

Fraternally Submitted,

George A. Ingles, KCT, PGC, GR

Sir Knight Ingles move for the adoption of the legislation. It was seconded.

*The Jurisprudence committee having reported that the proposal was in order and recommended it be placed on the floor for adoption or rejection.*

**The motion pass.**

**JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE REPORT**  
**Approval of change to Section Referring to Jurisprudence**

To the Right Eminent Grand Commander, officers and members of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Indiana

The Committee on Jurisprudence has revived the resolution on Jurisprudence Committee. Our Law currently provides that the committee meet at 2pm the day before our annual conclave. The resolution would revise that so the day and time of the meeting would be set and announced by the chairman. This would allow flexibility relative to the schedule of the annual Conclave including such matters as whether we are meeting in conjunction with the Grand Chapter and Grand Council or not. By majority vote of the committee we recommend approval of this resolution.

Courteously submitted for the committee.

Duane L. Vaught, GCT, PGC, Chairman

*Section 705: Currently reads:*

**JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE**

**SECTION 705:** The Committee on Templar Jurisprudence shall be composed of a Chairman and a minimum of four (4) members. It shall meet ~~at two o'clock p.m. of the day immediately~~ **preceding** ~~proceeding the first day of the Annual Conclave and on such other days as may be necessary.~~

*Change to read:*

**SECTION 705:** The Committee on Templar Jurisprudence shall be composed of a Chairman and a minimum of four (4) members. It shall meet preceding the Annual Conclave and on such other days as may be necessary.

**Reasoning:** With the amount of business conducted during the Annual Conclave and the advances in technology allowing better communications. A shorter time on many occasions may be all that is necessary to conduct the business of the committee. This change does not restrict the committee meeting time or date. The committee may wish to meet on the day preceding the Annual Conclave, or two days before, or the day of the Annual Conclave, according to the time necessary to conduct its business. Changing the word “proceeding” to “preceding” is to correct the grammar. Proceeding indicates to move forward while preceding indicates before.

Fraternally Submitted,

George A. Ingles, Jr., KCT, PGC, GR

Sir Knight Ingles move for the adoption of the legislation. It was seconded.

*The Jurisprudence committee having reported that the proposal was in order and recommended it be placed on the floor for adoption or rejection.*

**The motion pass.**

**CHARTERS AND DISPENSATIONS**  
**Merger of Hammond Commandery #41**  
**Into**  
**Valparaiso Commandery #28**

To the Right Eminent Grand Commander, Members of the Dispensations & Charters Committee, Grand Recorder, Officers of the Grand Commandery, Past Grand Commanders, Officers and Sir Knights all:

I was assigned by the Grand Commander to act as a Special Deputy for the merger of Hammond Commandery #41 with Valparaiso Commandery #28.

On August 13<sup>th</sup>, 2015 Valparaiso Commandery #28 extended an invitation to Hammond #41 to merge with Valparaiso #28. A letter was then sent out to the membership of Hammond in September informing them of the invitation to merge with Valparaiso and that a discussion and vote would be held on that subject at their October stated conclave.

The stated conclave was held on October 5<sup>th</sup>. There were 14 members present from Hammond. After a lengthy discussion on the pros and cons of the proposed merger, the vote was taken with the following results: 8 in favor of the merger and 6 against the merger. (Final approval will be at Grand Conclave on April 29, 2016.)

On December 14<sup>th</sup> I, along with the Special Deputies from the Grand Chapter and Grand Council met with the Dias Officers of Hammond to discuss the final date of the closing and to audit the books for their respective bodies.

As stated above an audit was conducted on December 14<sup>th</sup> and everything was found in order. At the time of this audit report Hammond Commandery had two (2) outstanding checks, the first was for rent to Highland Lodge where they meet and the second was for the Per Capita to the Grand Commandery for 2015. They will be transferring \$23,253.82 to Valparaiso. (All funds have been transferred, as of January 31, 2016.)

On January 1, 2016, Hammond was effectively closed and the entire membership of 123 members was moved from Hammond #41 to Valparaiso #28 by the Grand Encampment in the MMS data base.

I returned the Commandery Seal, Charter and Beauceant of Hammond Commandery #41 to the Grand Recorder at the Winter Meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lawrence Williams,  
Grand Generalissimo  
Special Deputy for the Merger

**JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE REPORT  
DISPENSATION GRANTED AND REFERRED**

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

The Jurisprudence Committee has reviewed the 1<sup>st</sup> through 3<sup>rd</sup> Dispensations Granted, found in the Grand Commander's Allocation, reported on page 5 of the Advanced Proceedings and find them consistent and acceptable with Templar Law.

Dispensation number 4, reported on page 5 Granted to Huntington Commandery No. 35 to move their Charter. Due to the selling of the Masonic building in which they were located was referred to Dispensations and Charters Committee.

I move the acceptance of this action.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael D. Ritter, KCT, PGC  
For the Jurisprudence Committee

**Charters and Dispensations Committee**

The Committee approves the Dispensation to move the Commandery to the new location.

Fraternally Submitted,

Jack F. Wallace, KCT, PGC, Chairman  
Sir Knight Wallace, moved that the report be approved it was 2<sup>nd</sup> and passed

## **MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT**

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

### **Committee Members**

The Members of the Committee were chosen, not only due to their familiarity with the subject, but because they are, with the exception of the Committee Chairman, Grand Officers who are able to represent at least one of our three (3) Grand York Rite Bodies.

Sir Knight Steven A. Arlington, EGP  
Grand Royal Arch Captain of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Indiana

Sir Knight John A. Bridegroom, OPC, KCT  
Grand Captain of the Guard of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Indiana

Sir Knight Terry L. Kehrer, EGCG  
Grand Captain General of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Indiana

Sir Knight Lawrence J. Williams, EGG  
Grand Generalissimo of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Indiana

Sir Knight Carson C. Smith, KCT, KTCH  
Committee Chairman

### **Acknowledgements**

The Committee is indebted to Sir Knight Lawrence V. Kaminsky, KCT, PGC, Eminent Grand Recorder of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Indiana, who provided extensive examples of the work that has been completed by their predecessors.

### **“Whence come you?”**

It is frequently reported that Membership in the Knights Templar in the State of Indiana has been, as is the case with all of our Masonic Bodies, decreasing since 1969.

In an effort to slow the decline, recruitment programs have been developed that have included everything from brochures, to posters, to DVD's, to window decals.

Both the Grand Encampment, and the Grand Commandery, have incentivized new member recruitment efforts by offering medals, cordons and embroidered jackets.

The programs developed have enjoyed varying degrees of success, but the fact of the matter is that deaths and demits continue to thwart our efforts to increase membership. Halting our decline, maintaining and increasing our membership, requires a three-fold approach that emphasizes (1) Recruitment, (2) Retention and (3) Restoration.

Note: Refer to the Report of the Inactive Participation Committee.

### **Communication**

By improving our communication, by every means available to us, and by meeting, and exceeding, the expectations of our Sir Knights, we can significantly reduce demits.

To reach a digital generation that lives online, we must communicate as they do, through frequent email, interactive websites and Social Media, including Facebook and Twitter.

If all that our Sir Knights ever receive from their Commandery is a dues statement, our younger members, in particular, will continue to leave, and our Commanderies will fold.

### **“Whither are you travelling?”**

Unlike the Chapter and the Council, which are derivatives of Ancient Craft Masonry, the Commandery has a language, usages and practices that are peculiar to Templary.

While we recognize our position as one part of the York Rite, the unique aspects of Templary create a singular identity, and serve to foster pride of membership.

And there are Commanderies that draw Sir Knights from other Commanderies, by way of affiliation or transfer, due to their emphasis upon maintaining “a Templar culture”.

To paraphrase Dwight L. Smith, in *Whither Are We Traveling*, “Let’s try Templary.”

Are your New Sir Knights given the Grand Encampment’s New Member Packet?

Are your New Sir Knights given the links to our York Rite Websites?

Are your New Sir Knights given a mentor, assigned a role or task, large or small?

“Let’s try Templary.”

Do your Sir Knights have their own copy of the Official Ritual?

Do your Sir Knights have their own copy of the latest revision of the Indiana Tactics?

Do your Sir Knights have their own copy of the Officer’s Manual?”

“Let’s try Templary.”

Do you open your Commandery monthly?

Do you open your Commandery monthly, and in uniform?

Do you open your Commandery monthly, and in uniform, with Rehearsal of Duties?

“Let’s try Templary.”

Do your Sir Knights have well maintained uniforms and do they wear them correctly?

Do your Sir Knights understand Templar Protocol?

Do your Sir Knights know their Sword Arm from their Bridle Arm?

*Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Indiana*

“Let’s try Templary.”

Do you have a Program for Templar Education, Ancient and Modern?  
Do you have a Drill Team and, if not, are you capable of attempting a Pass in Review?  
Do you have a Beauceant, or a Ladies Auxiliary, or Family Activities?

“Let’s try Templary.”

Do your Sir Knights go to the Blue Lodge to present the US Flag?  
Do your Sir Knights go to the Blue Lodge to present the York Rite?  
Do your Sir Knights go to the Blue Lodge to present the Commandery?

“Let’s try Templary.”

Do your Members believe that being a Templar is something special?  
Do your Members believe that being a Templar is simply a completion of the York Rite?  
Do your Members believe that being a Templar is just one more dues card?

“Let’s try Templary.”

We must acknowledge, without apology, that Templary, at every level, was, is and shall remain, for the foreseeable future, the costliest body to which one may belong.

“There is nothing in the world that some man cannot make a little worse, and sell a little cheaper, and he who considers price only is that man's lawful prey.” - John Ruskin

We must not, in the pursuit of our objectives, be tempted to lower our standards, or be seduced by the notion that bigger is better. Bigger is not better. Better is better.

### **Implementation**

A Power Point, based upon of the Reports of the Membership and Inactive Participation Committees, has been developed for presentation in our constituent Commanderies.

Fraternally submitted,

Sir Knight Carson C. Smith, KCT, KTCH  
Committee Chairman

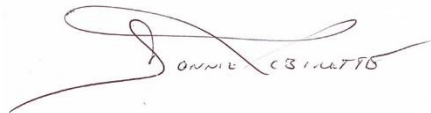
## **TEPMLAR UNIFORM COMMITTEE**

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

As of March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016 the Templar Uniform committee has received no formal requests from Commanderies to review and report.

However, several Sir Knights have informally discussed with Templar Uniform Committee members about an addition to the uniform to allow Drill Corps participants distinction (in addition to drill bars, that are currently allowed under regulations). I have advised these Sir Knights to place a formal request for the committee to review and study, along with the Jurisprudence Committee.

Fraternally & Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Donnie A. Robinette".

Donnie A. Robinette, GJW  
Chairman – Templar Uniform Committee

## **TRIENNIAL COMMITTEE REPORT**

To: Right Eminent Grand Commander, Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander, Grand Commandery Officers, Past Grand Commanders, and Sir Knights.

We had a great time at the 66th Triennial Conclave at Buffalo, New York, August 8-12, 2015. Even had a fire drill at the hotel, during the Conclave. A Hospitality Room was manned for Indiana.

We had the Indiana State dinner. Several Sir Knights and their Ladies attended.

The Triennial for 2018 is rapidly approaching and plans will be in the works for necessary actions for that one to be held in Indianapolis, in support of our own Most Eminent Grand Master, Sir Knight Duane L. Vaught.

Lapel pins are available.

A Malta Jewel is available and may be ordered in bulk by your Commandery Recorder from the Grand Encampment office. They will be available through December of 2016 and the cost is \$25 each (has a black ribbon) Each new Sir Knight knighted this year will receive a special Malta Jewel in his new member packet (has a black and white ribbon).

We had 4 drill teams competing at the Triennial they were as follows: Raper #1, "C", Baldwin #2 "D", Greenfield #39, "C", Bedford #42 "D".

Fraternally submitted,  
Terry L. Kehrer, GCG, Chairman for the committee



## **PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT**

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

As stated in a previous report, Public Relations is defined as "...the business of fostering public goodwill toward a person, firm or institution".

Public Relations are an ongoing operation. It never ends and nor should it. It is multifaceted and it requires constant over-viewing and reinvention. With this in mind and to help achieve the goal of better Public Relations for the York Rite in general and the Commandery specifically, we make the following four (4) recommendations:

1. The "Indiana Freemason" is a free resource that is not being fully utilized. We feel that an article should be submitted for every issue of the magazine. Among the different subjects to be considered are the following:
  - Who we are and what we do
  - History of the York Rite/Templary
    - In General, and Indiana specifically
  - Explain Grand Encampment Programs
    - Holy Land Pilgrimage
    - Eye Foundation
2. After reviewing the current brochure for the York Rite there were found errors with the web address for the Grand Commandery web site and a redirect for the Grand Lodge web site. We have corrected these problems and have added address for the Grand Chapter and Grand Council web sites for further information about these respective bodies.

We have taken the initiative of rewriting the brochure and have order 2,500 copies of the new brochure at the cost of \$685.00.
3. Reinstate the "York Rite Ambassador" program in the Blue Lodges
  - The ambassador would be assigned from his local Commandery and would inform his blue lodge members on a quarterly or semi-annual basis what the York Rite is and what we do.
4. I will have been working with my counterparts in the Grand Chapter and Grand Council on a new survey aimed at our newer members of five (5) years or less. The purpose of the survey is an effort to find what inspired them to join the York Rite and if they are receiving what they were looking for.
  - The cost of this project will be split three ways between the three Grand Bodies for the printing and postage.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lawrence J. Williams, GG  
Chairman of the Public Relations Committee

## **LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT**

To: Right Eminent Grand Commander, Grand Commandery Officers, Past Grand Commanders and Sir Knights All.

The Committee has found no need to revise the current plan. The Committee remains open to, and will consider, all suggestions for modification of the current plan.

Respectfully Submitted,

Don Olvey, VEDGC, Chairman

## **YOUTH COMMITTEE REPORT**

To the Right Eminent Grand Commander James L. Bolinger and the Officers of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Indiana.

The Masonic Youth Committee presents the following report:

Your Masonic Youth Groups in Indiana have put several miles on their cars, Advisor's Cars and air miles in support of their Masonic Youth Groups. Several have traveled outside of Indiana and the Continental US to represent their respective Indiana Masonic Youth Groups and also hold International Titles within their Originations. Indiana is very well respected not only in Indiana but across the world.

Below is but a few events for each Organization for 2015-2016. Our Youth give of their time to the tune of about 2 stated meetings a month, 2 rec nights and then at least 1 weekend event or more a month. This does not include the traveling to extracurricular activities or International and Regional Events too.

Indiana DeMolay:

June 20<sup>th</sup>, the Franklin Chapter Order of DeMolay had their Installation of Officers with Brother Tyler Ferrell being Installed as Master Councilor. Sir Knight Donnie Robinette, GSW was the presiding Officer of the Installation with Sir Knight Randal Ellington, GPE as Installing Junior Councilor. Sir Knight Jack Wallace, PGC was in attendance and escorted Brother Justin Ferrell to the East after he took his Obligation that was administered to him by his Brother Justin Ferrell, PMC. Brother's Justin and Tyler are 2<sup>nd</sup> Generation DeMolay's and also the grandsons of the late Sir Knight Paul Ferrell, PC of Baldwin Commandery #2 who was remember as his Chapeau and Sword were in the East during the Ceremony.

June 19<sup>th</sup> through June 26<sup>th</sup> Greenfield Chapter Order of DeMolay and Bethel #67 Indiana Job's Daughters assisted the Hancock County York Rite in their Pizza booth at the Hancock County Fair.

June 29<sup>th</sup> through July 4<sup>th</sup>, Franklin Chapter Order of DeMolay at the Shelby County Fair  
The Members of the Franklin Chapter Order of DeMolay assisted the Drill Team of Baldwin Commandery #2 in a night of Fraternal Fun at the Shelby County Fair at the Pizza Booth of Baldwin Commandery. The Franklin Chapter assisted in making and delivering pizzas to the customers and having a good time. In turn the Baldwin Commandery sponsored a pizza party and placed an ad in the annual Indiana DeMolay Conclave program.

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July 23<sup>th</sup>, Indiana DeMolay Conclave the Opening Session of the Indiana DeMolay Conclave was attended by Sir Knight James L. Bolinger, REGC, SK Donald Olvey, DGC, SK “Dad” Donnie A. Robinette, GJW, SK “Dad” Randal P. Ellington, GPE, Chairman of the Grand Commandery Masonic Youth Committee, and SK “Dad” Jordan Demaree, PC Baldwin Commandery #2, and several other Sir Knight and Companions from the Grand Chapter and Grand Council. REGC Bollinger made remarks and brought Fraternal Greetings to Indiana DeMolay on behalf of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Indiana and presented State Master Councilor Tyler Horoho a \$250.00 check from the Grand Commandery. Speedway DeMolay comes away with Chapter of the Year for a 3<sup>rd</sup> straight year in a row and Brother Darien Koons was installed as the Indiana State Master Councilor for 2015-2016.

August 23<sup>rd</sup> Evansville, all 3 Masonic Youth Groups attend Grand Master William Reiner’s Reception. August 30<sup>th</sup>, Members of Indiana DeMolay attended the Vesper Service and also assisted with the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction Scottish Rite Supreme Session held at the Scottish Rite in Indianapolis.

September 12<sup>th</sup> All 3 Masonic Youth Organizations participated in the Indiana Masonic Home Festival with both food booths and also informational booths. The Franklin Chapter continues to be a strong part of the Festivities.

September 21<sup>st</sup> Indianapolis Colts Game, The Presentation of American Flag prior to the Colts Game, several Job’s Daughters, Rainbow Girls and DeMolay’s helped in the Presentation.

October 3<sup>rd</sup> Whiteland and Franklin, In Whiteland the Greenwood Assembly of Rainbow Girls and the Franklin Chapter Order of DeMolay shared an information booth for their Masonic Youth Groups, while other members of Franklin also held a Fundraiser on the Franklin downtown square as part of their fall festival.

November 8<sup>th</sup> the 49<sup>th</sup> DeMolay International Congress has appointed Indiana State Master Councilor Darien Koons as a Cabinet Member in charge of the Congress Jurisdictional Officer Directory Initiative.

November 22<sup>nd</sup>. Indiana Masonic Home: After a morning of Masonic Service of pushing wheel chairs at the Masonic Home the Franklin Chapter Order of DeMolay put up the Grand Commandery Nativity Scene under the Arch at the Front of the Indiana Masonic Home. SK’s Donnie Robinette. GJW and Randal Ellington, GPE were also in attendance and participated in the erecting of the Manger.

December 5<sup>th</sup> Initiation Day for DeMolay, 3 Chapter’s in 3 parts of the State held Initiation’s: Franklin, John Chapman (Warsaw), and Carmel Chapters all held both the Initiatory and DeMolay degrees that brought in approximately 10 new members to the Order of DeMolay for multiple Chapters. “DAD” and REPG Michael Ritter, made the journey down to Franklin Chapter with a couple of new members for E.B. Ball Chapter in Muncie. Dad Ritter and Dad Adam Jackson, GPE are new Chapter Advisors for E. B. Ball Chapter in Muncie

December 14<sup>th</sup> Frank S. Land Lodge#758 Indiana DeMolay State Master Councilor joins the Masonic Fraternity. The Master Mason Degree was conferred on Brother Darrien Koons who becomes yet another Active DeMolay to join the Masonic Fraternity.

December 19<sup>th</sup> Franklin, Franklin Chapter Order of DeMolay helped in the Installation of Sir Knight and Worshipful Master Rod Blevins of Franklin Lodge #107, Sir Knights from Baldwin Commandery #2

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and WM. G. Bray Commandery #65 along with 4 members of Franklin Chapter assisted in an Honor Guard, Grand Officers Sir Knights Donald Olvey, DGC and SK Donnie Robinette, GJW and SK Randal Ellington, GPE assisted in the Honor Guard. After the Franklin Lodge Installation, the Sir Knights also Assisted in the Installation of the Franklin Chapter Order of DeMolay which SK Donnie Robinette, GJW & Chapter Chairman presided as Installing Master Councilor, SK Randal Ellington, GPE as Installing Junior Councilor and the Sir Knights of Baldwin Commandery #2 and WM. G. Bray Commandery #65 and Raper Commandery #1 preformed an Honor Guard for Master Councilor Brandon Whiteman. While Sir Knight Phillip Whisner, DGIG, participated in the honor Guard his son grandson Connor Mitchell was installed as Junior Councilor. Sir Knights of Baldwin Commander and Wm G. Bray Commandery presented the Flag during the Installation under the direction of SK Donald Olvey, DGC.

December 19<sup>th</sup> Kokomo, J. McLean Moulder Chapter along with their Sponsoring Lodge Howard Lodge # 93 held their Installation day and Installed Dad Sean Coffey as WM of Howard Lodge #93 and Brother Ben Hibbs as Master Councilor. Several other Dad's were also installed as Officers of Howard Lodge, there were members of Speedway Chapter and their Advisors, Indiana State Master Councilor Darien Koons and Grand Nature Lauren Maines of Indian Rainbow for Girls whose brother Rees is a member of J. McLean Moulder Chapter that were on hand for the Installation and concluded with a special Christmas Service by the Kokomo Commandery # 36.

December 21<sup>st</sup> 14 days = 14 new members! That's exactly what has happened in Indiana DeMolay! Thanks to some outstanding membership recruitment by Carmel Chapter, Edmund Burke Ball Chapter, Franklin Chapter, John Chapman Chapter, Joseph A. Batchelor Chapter and Speedway Chapter fourteen new young men have joined DeMolay! Way to go brothers! What is your chapter doing the next two weeks to welcome new members? This post comes from the DeMolay International Facebook Page, Indiana ranks #2 in creations of new members in the World!

December 2015, January, February and March 2016 Franklin Chapter Order of DeMolay's Advisors were able to participate in 3 Master Mason Degrees in 2 weeks and raised 3 Active DeMolay's to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason and also had fourth Active DeMolay take his Fellow Craft Degree. J. McLean Moulder Chapter 's Master Councilor petition and has now been Initiated as an Entered Apprentice and also 2 Active DeMolay's from Edmund Burke Ball Chapter received their MM Degree's in December of 2015. This total's at least 8 Active DeMolay's that we have welcomed to our Masonic Fraternity.

February 13<sup>th</sup> Indiana DeMolay Ritual Tournament and Indianapolis Chapter Sweetheart Dance. Members and Advisors converged on the Grand Lodge building downtown Indianapolis for the Annual Ritual Competition where all DeMolay's can compete with a chance to go to the Heartland Ritual Competition. After a great morning of Ritual and pizza for lunch we journeyed to the Scottish Rite Cathedral for Indianapolis Chapter's Annual Sweetheart dance where the Sir Knights of Raper Commander #1 provided an Honor Guard for Distinguished members of Indiana DeMolay, Job's Daughters and Rainbow for Girls.

March 5<sup>th</sup> Youth Day in Honor of our Grand Master William Reiners at the Grand Lodge of Indiana. All 3 Masonic Youth Groups preformed ritual work in honor of Senior DeMolay and Grand Master Reiners.

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March 9th Indiana DeMolay Grows! Members of several Chapters travel to Montgomery Lodge #50 in Crawfordsville to Re-Charter Montgomery Chapter Order of DeMolay by initiating 6 new members.

Indiana Job's Daughters:

June 20th, The 93<sup>rd</sup> Annual Session of the Indiana Supreme Session of the Job's Daughters International was held at Manchester College in North Manchester. The Opening Ceremony was attended by REGC Sir Knight James L. Bolinger; and Becca Cooper, Grand Bethel Honored Queen; presided over the session. The formal opening was preceded by a formal banquet. The new officers were elected on Saturday and the installation of 2015-2016 Grand Guardian Council & Grand Bethel officers followed, REGC Bollinger made remarks and brought Fraternal Greetings to the Job's Daughters of Indiana on behalf of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Indiana presented the Grand Bethel Honored Queen with a \$250.00 check. The Grand Bethel Guardian for 2015-2016 is Shelby Cooksey and Miss Indiana Job's Daughters Markanda Baugh.

August 7<sup>th</sup> International Order of Job's Daughters Supreme Session, several Job's Daughters from Indiana participated in and came home with several awards from the Supreme Session, including their Messenger Team and Miss Indiana Markanda Baugh also participated in the Miss International Job's Daughters Pageant.

August 23<sup>rd</sup> Evansville, all 3 Masonic Youth Groups attend Grand Master William Reiner's Reception.

September 5<sup>th</sup> Members of Indiana Job's Daughters travel to Illinois to Reconstitute the Springfield Job's Daughters Bethel.

September 12<sup>th</sup> All 3 Masonic Youth Organizations participated in the Indiana Masonic Home Festival with both food booths and also informational booths. The Franklin Chapter continues to be a strong part of the Festivities.

September 21<sup>st</sup> Indianapolis Colts Game, The Presentation of American Flag prior to the Colts Game, several Job's Daughters, Rainbow Girls and DeMolay's helped in the Presentation.

October 20<sup>th</sup> Job's Daughters International celebrated their 95<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the founding of Job's Daughters by Mom Ethel T. Weed Mick.

October 17<sup>th</sup> Indiana State University, Miss Indiana Markanda Baugh represented Indiana Job's daughters at a parade and booth for Job's Daughters during the ISU Home Coming Festivities.

March 5<sup>th</sup> Youth Day in Honor of our Grand Master William Reiners at the Grand Lodge of Indiana. All 3 Masonic Youth Groups performed ritual work in honor of Senior DeMolay and Grand Master Reiners.

March 12<sup>th</sup> Indiana Job's Daughters Ritual Contest, Job's Daughters from around the State compete with a chance to go to Supreme Session.

Indiana Rainbow Girls:

July 16-18<sup>th</sup>, Indiana Grand Assembly International Order of the Rainbow for Girls, Columbus, Indiana.

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The 75<sup>th</sup> Diamond Opening Grand Session of the Indiana Rainbow for Girls was attended by Sir Knight James L. Bolinger, REGC, and also 2 Past Grand Commanders, Sir Knight Ronald Ellis, PGC and Sir Knight Michael Ritter, PGC along with several Sir Knights hailing from multiple Commanderys but especially the Sir Knights of Columbus Commandery # 14 who has been our Host Commandery for this event. We attended the opening session and formed an Honor Guard and the Right Eminent Grand Commander James Bollinger escorted Grand Worthy Advisor Brooke Hensel. REGC Bollinger made remarks and brought Fraternal Greetings to Indiana Rainbow on behalf of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Indiana and presented them with a \$250.00 check from the Grand Commandery. He also then participated in other activities during the weekend including the Installation of Lindsey Potts as Grand Worthy Advisor for 2015-2016.

August 23<sup>rd</sup> Evansville, all 3 Masonic Youth Groups attend Grand Master William Reiner's Reception.

September 3<sup>rd</sup> GWA Lindsey Potts traveled to Louisville Kentucky to participate in a Rainbow Initiation and was the pro-term for Patriotism.

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October 14<sup>th</sup> Keystone Chapter Order of Eastern Star: Grand Worthy Advisor Lindsey Potts was initiated into the Order of Eastern Star. All 18 Officers participating in the degree work were affiliated with Rainbow. They managed to keep this a surprise to Lindsey and they had over 20 Chapters that were represented from 9 different OES Districts.

March 5<sup>th</sup> Youth Day in Honor of our Grand Master William Reiners at the Grand Lodge of Indiana. All 3 Masonic Youth Groups preformed ritual work in honor of Senior DeMolay and Grand Master Reiners.

Sir Knights and Brothers, Your Indiana Masonic Youth Groups have continued to have activities at local levels after their yearly sessions throughout the whole year. The Indiana Rainbow for Girls have continued to Shine like a Diamond after their 75<sup>th</sup> Diamond Jubilee Anniversary and Job's and DeMolay have also had a great year and several of our Commandery members and Commanderies have been active with our Youth Groups. These interactions and support is what our Youth Groups need and want.

I am Happy to inform the Right Eminent Grand Commander James Bollinger and our Grand Commandery that the Youth of our Indiana Masonic Groups (DeMolay, Job's Daughters and Rainbow for Girls) are in good shape. Some of our Chapters, Bethels and Assemblies are small and are still in rebuilding periods. Indiana DeMolay and Indiana Job's Daughters are growing in Chapters and Bethel's since this time last year with having created NEW DeMolay Chapters and NEW Bethel's this year and

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that interest is still growing. These are the same type of rebuilding periods that we continue to have in our Commanderys, Chapters and Councils also experience. We as the Grand Commandery need to continue to support our Masonic Youth as much as possible and understand that the Future of "OUR" Fraternity is right in front of us and they depend on us!

We Sir Knights need to continue to be involved with DeMolay Chapters Congratulations to Dad's Mike Ritter, PGC and Adam Jackson, GPE for your new involvement in Indiana DeMolay with E. B. Ball Chapter and to all of the Sir Knights who are Dad's and Pop's for your continued Support, Mentoring and Guidance. With your help in DeMolay's, Job's and Rainbow Girls, we will show them that the Brotherly Love and Fraternal Friendship that we enjoy in Commandery will filter down into their Chapter's, Bethel's and Assemblies and will continue to extend into their adult lives as they continue on their Masonic Journey. We can "Grow" in our Membership but if we Fail to continue to support our Masonic Youth and we Fail in the Mentoring and Guiding them towards "Light" we can lose them forever when they become of age to join our Fraternal Organizations.

In Closing I would like to leave you with a quote from "Dad" Frank Sherman Land, Founder of the Order of DeMolay, "How lonely it must be for a boy not to have a man to talk with, or a man to provide some type of inspiration and direction."

This is why "Dad" Land decided there was a need for an organization where boys would have the opportunity to associate with other boys and a place they could share common interests, learn responsibility and other skills that would benefit them throughout their lives.

Please keep this quote in mind as you journey around the State of Indiana and might approach one of our Masonic Youths.

One Last Note: I encourage you to attend a Masonic Youth Meeting or Activity in the following months and become an active and support our Masonic Youth. These Young Adults are our direct Life Line!!!

Respectfully Submitted in Christian Masonry,  
Your Masonic Youth Committee;

Sir Knight Randal P. Ellington, GPE,  
Chairman

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**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' twenty-sixth year of existence. The following summarizes the plan:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Taken in</u>	<u>Paid Out</u>	<u>Members</u>	<u>Active</u>	<u>New Adds</u>
1990	\$ 12,170.00	\$ 1,658.00	70	70	70
1991	\$ 6,101.50	\$ 1,658.00	127	127	57
1992	\$ 7,801.50	\$ 2,008.50	101	101	51
1993	\$ 4,461.00	\$ 2,905.00	167	165	20
1994	\$ 3,318.00	\$ 3,190.70	198	192	15
1995	\$ 2,755.00	\$ 3,431.05	213	204	11
1996	\$ 2,153.00	\$ 3,661.10	223	206	11
1997	\$ 6,270.50	\$ 4,069.60	235	212	26
1998	\$ 3,776.00	\$ 4,199.60	261	231	13
1999	\$ 12,060.50	\$ 4,219.60	274	240	29
2000	\$ 3,628.00	\$ 4,965.80	303	252	12
2001	\$ 1,855.00	\$ 4,782.80	315	257	5
2002	\$ 1,878.00	\$ 4,834.30	320	253	5
2003	\$ 884.00	\$ 4,619.95	325	250	3
2004	\$ 4,026.00	\$ 4,412.40	329	243	12
2005	\$ 5,459.00	\$ 4,689.15	342	235	17
2006	\$ 2,399.00	\$ 4,714.90	357	237	7
2007	\$ 3,628.00	\$ 5,417.50	362	229	9
2008	\$ 2,967.00	\$ 6,923.50	373	234	4
2009	\$ 5,612.50	\$ 6,940.50	377	230	11
2010	\$ 2,072.00	\$ 7,172.00	388	218	4
2011	\$ 2,415.00	\$ 7,225.50	392	208	4
2012	\$ 476.00	\$ 6,486.50	397	198	1
2013	\$ 1,852.00	\$ 7,123.50	399	200	2
2014	\$ 00.00	\$ 6,648.00	399	184	0
2015	\$ 00.00	\$ 6,891.00	399	177	0

The Life Membership program was frozen as of April 25, 2014. As of December 31, 2015, a total of 399 life memberships has been issued since the start of the plan. With 222 members deceased, suspended, demitted or becoming 50-year members, the plan currently has 177 active members. No new Life Members were allowed to join in 2015. The total cash received into the plan as of December 31, 2014 was \$111,831.50. The Grand Trustees are holding the assets in long-term certificates of deposit and savings accounts. On December 31, 2015, there was \$54,205.79 in assets, in various forms of savings Certificates of Deposit and a Saving accounts.

Respectfully submitted,

Jackie F. Wallace, KCT, PGC,  
Chairman



## LANYARD CORD PROGRAM

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

The report of the lanyard cord program has been modified for this Grand Commandery session in 2016 from information compiled for the years 2014 and 2015. Some information has been changed and hopefully will explain more about the lanyard cord program. Since I am now able to access the Grand Encampment database, MMS, and information from our Grand Recorder Sir Knight Ingles, I have been completely thru the lanyard cord information that we have been using and made deletions and additions that were needed to be updated. The report below gives all the current active TLS's for the lanyard cord program. A distribution at this Grand Conclave will bring the lanyard cord program further up to date. This distribution will cover TLS's since the winter sessions in January of 2016 and that information will be included in the 2016 report.

### Distribution of Awards

Award Color	Number	End 2014	Issued for 2015	Totals
White	3	151	13	164
Silver	6	85	12	97
Gold	9	68	4	72
Red	15	18	6	24
Red/White	20	8	1	9
Red/Silver	25	3	0	3
Red/Gold	30	1	0	1
Red//Purple	35	2	0	2
Purple/White	40	1	0	1
Purple/Silver	45	0	0	0
Purple/Gold	50	1	0	1
Green/White	55	0	0	0
Green/Silver	60	0	0	0
Green/Gold	65	1	1	2
Green/Red	70	0	0	0
Blue/White	75	0	0	0
Blue/Silver	80	0	0	0
Blue/Gold	85	0	0	0
Blue/Red	90	0	0	0
Blue/Purple	95	0	0	0
Black/White	100	1	0	1
End of 2013		340		
Total Cords Issued end of 2015			37	377
Total Cords Issued				377
Knightings for 2015			194	
Total TLS's for cords granted-(YE for all TLS's)			3,252	
TLS's with less than 3 signers – no cords!	326		Knights TLS on less than 3 petitions.	

Total of all TLS's end of 2015 which represent cord holders  
and those with less than 3 TLS's. 3,578

Respectfully submitted,

SK Virgil G. Humphrey, Lanyard Cord Chairman  
PC, KTCH, KCT, KYCH, OPC, ORCC, Aide too Grand Commandery

**KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EYE FOUNDATION  
AND  
VOLUNTARY CAMPAIGN REPORT**

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

Following the decision to direct Eye Foundation funds toward research rather than individual patients, the Board of the Eye Foundation decided to establish endowed professorships at leading research universities and teaching hospitals.

In August 2013 the Board approved committing \$2 million, matched dollar for dollar, to establish the first endowed professorship to be named:

“Knights Templar Eye Foundation Inc., Professor of Ophthalmology Research”  
at  
The Mayo Clinic  
Campuses in Rochester, MN; Phoenix, AZ; and Jacksonville, FL

In August 2015, the Board approved, committing another \$2 million, matched dollar for dollar, to establish the second endowed professorship to be named:

“Knights Templar Eye Foundation Inc., Professor in Ophthalmology”  
at  
The Wilmer Eye Institute of Johns Hopkins University  
Baltimore, MD

For the 45<sup>th</sup> Annual Voluntary Campaign, Indiana contributed a cumulative total of \$13,961.00 to the Foundation. This comes out to \$4.08 per active member as of May 15, 2015. Indiana ranked 44<sup>th</sup> in per capita. Possibly the Sir Knights of Indiana might dig a little deeper this next year.

Fraternally Submitted

David M. Bertch, KCT, PGC  
Chairman for the committee

## **WEBSITE COMMITTEE REPORT**

**To:** SK James L. Bolinger - Right Eminent Grand Commander, Officers of the Grand Commandery, Past Grand Commanders, Officers and Distinguished Sir Knights all:

### **Indiana Grand Commandery Website:**

Fundamentally, the website has existed unchanged since our last report. The model and engine of the website have proven robust and require no additional changes for functionality.

### **Maintenance and Updates:**

In the 2015/16 period, several incremental changes have been made to the Grand Commandery website to update current information on the site for our Officers and Members.

1. All officer updates were made, changing titles and ranks
2. All email redirects were updated and tested
3. Grand Commanders picture was updated
4. Grand Commanders pin was updated
5. Grand Commandery Officers group picture updated
6. REPGC list updated
7. Committees updated
8. Bulletins and General Orders updated
9. Battalions and Battalion Commanders changes updated
10. Calendar has been updated with all known information and dates
11. Newsletters continue to be updated on a monthly basis and available for download
12. 2016 Tri-State Festival Banner and Form created and posted
13. 2015 Easter Sunrise page was created and linked to flyer
14. 2016 Newby-Avery Flyer updated

### **Overall Performance of Website:**

1. Has received over 30,000 distinct hits
2. Continues to be one of the best designed and functional websites in Masonry
3. Has sold over 100 Medallions and a few Portfolio's for the 2018 Triennial
4. Continues to provide information available to download to all SK's

Your website committee continues to look for new and inventive ways to increase the relevance and popularity of our website. Please keep your eyes and ears open for valid input on what the SK's of Indiana are looking for in regards to additional performance attributes.

Respectfully and Fraternaly Submitted for the Committee,

Kurt A. Begue - KCT  
Webmaster

## **YORK RITE COORDINATING COMMITTEE REPORT**

To: Right Eminent Grand Commander, Grand Commandery Officers, Past Grand Commanders and Sir Knights All.

The Committee continues to feel that progress is being made using the “One on One” approach instead of the “Coordination by Committee” method. This is producing more positive results and actual progress.

The discussions have explored a way of rotating which York Rite body would open the yearly sessions. For this to work each body would need to be able to conduct its business in one day. With the Grand Commandery drill competition scheduled for the morning following the its business session this is not currently possible.

However, there being no regulatory requirement for the drill competition to be held in conjunction with the Grand Conclave it is recommended that it be moved to a date prior to the Grand Conclave and the Drill Committee be put in charge of scheduling, location and all other requirements associated with the competition.

Respectfully Submitted,

Don Olvey, VEDGC, Chairman

## **RITUAL AND TACTICS COMMITTEE REPORT**

To: Right Eminent Grand Commander, Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander, Grand Commandery Officers, Past Grand Commanders, and Sir Knights.

At the Officers Meeting held on May 2, 2015 Grand Commander Bolinger directed the Ritual & Tactics Committee to review our current score sheets to ensure that they were as correct and compatible as possible with the current Indiana Tactics Manual, Version 04/29/2011. He stated that the revised documents should be ready for presentation at the Grand Commandery Summer Meeting.

Revised score sheets were presented and approved for use at the Grand Commandery Summer Meeting held on July 1, 2015.

At this time there have been no errors, mistakes, additions, or needed corrections brought to the attention of the Ritual and Tactics Committee. Therefore, the documents stand as presented at the Grand Commandery Summer Meeting held on July 1, 2015. Being a continuing work in progress, corrections and suggestions to the documents are welcome, and will be dealt with as they arise.

Fraternally submitted,

Michael Robbins, GSW, Chairman

## **MASONIC HOME NATIVITY SCENE COMMITTEE REPORT**

To: Right Eminent Grand Commander, Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander, Grand Commandery Officers, Past Grand Commanders, and Sir Knights.

The Nativity Scene was set up by Franklin DeMolay and Sir Knights at the Indiana Masonic Home entrance on November 22, 2015 for the Christmas Season.

The Nativity Scene was taken down on January 27, 2016 by Franklin DeMolay and Sir Knights.

Fraternally submitted,

Michael F. Robbins, GSW, Chairman

## **BY-LAWS COMMITTEE REPORT**

The Committee received 5 request for change to By-Laws of their Commanderies.

Ft. Wayne No. 4 By-Laws have been withdrawn to be rewritten next year.

Columbus No. 14 By-laws complete re-write was approved.

Greencastle No. 16 By-Laws complete re-write was approved.

Valparaiso No. 28 By-Laws were returned and a request to delete one line Elkhart concerning arbitrary changes of Stated Conclave meeting days due to weather conditions.

No. 31 By-Laws complete re-write was approved.

Fraternally submitted,

George A. Ingles, Jr., KCT, PGC, GR

Donald D. Olvey, VEDGC

Larry Williams, GG

## **Inactive Participation Committee Report**

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

### **Committee Members**

The Members of the Committee were chosen, not only due to their familiarity with the subject, but because they are, with the exception of the Committee Chairman, Grand Officers who are able to represent at least one of our three (3) Grand York Rite Bodies.

Sir Knight Steven A. Arlington, EGP  
Grand Royal Arch Captain of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Indiana

Sir Knight John A. Bridegroom, OPC, KCT  
Grand Captain of the Guard of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Indiana

Sir Knight Terry L. Kehrer, EGCG  
Grand Captain General of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Indiana

Sir Knight Lawrence J. Williams, EGG  
Grand Generalissimo of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Indiana

Sir Knight Carson C. Smith, KCT, KTCH  
Committee Chairman

### **Acknowledgements**

The Committee is indebted to Sir Knight Lawrence V. Kaminsky, KCT, PGC, Eminent Grand Recorder of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Indiana, who provided extensive examples of the work that has been completed by their predecessors.

### **Recruitment**

Having placed our emphasis upon new member recruitment, we have failed to address the fact that deaths and demits continue to thwart our efforts to increase membership.

If all that our Sir Knights ever receive from their Commandery is a dues statement, our younger members, in particular, will continue to leave, and our Commanderies will fold.

Halting our decline, maintaining and increasing our membership, requires a three-fold approach that emphasizes (1) Recruitment, (2) Retention and (3) Restoration.

## **Retention**

We must engage our New Sir Knights, upon their arrival, by providing them with a thorough orientation, assigning them to a mentor, and giving them a role or task.

By improving our communication, by every means available to us, and by meeting, and exceeding, the expectations of our Sir Knights, we can significantly reduce us demits.

To reach a digital generation that lives online, we must communicate as they do, through frequent email, interactive websites and Social Media, including Facebook and Twitter.

## **Restoration**

Having exalted a Royal Arch Mason, greeted him as a Royal & Select Master, dubbed and created him as a Knight of the Temple, we allow him to demit, without a word.

Sir Knight Lawrence J. Williams has made a heroic effort to solicit input from our Sir Knights, by generating surveys which, sadly, have elicited few responses.

When we are able to provide our Sir Knights with a meaningful fraternal experience, we can go so far as to reach out to former members, and draw them back into our midst.

Note: Refer to the Report of the Membership Committee

## **Application**

"Out of every one hundred men they send me, eighty of them are nothing but targets. Ten of them shouldn't even be here. Out of the ten that are left, nine are real fighters, and we are lucky to have them, for they the battle make. Ah, but one, one is a warrior, and I must find him, for he will bring the others back, and he the battle wins." - Heraclitus

## **Implementation**

A Power Point, based upon of the Reports of the Membership and Inactive Participation Committees, is under development for presentation in our constituent Commanderies.

Fraternal submitted,

Sir Knight Carson C. Smith, KCT, KTCH  
Committee Chairman

## **PATROTIC ACTIVITIES REPORT**

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

Again this year several Indiana Commanderies participated in local patriotic parades and other patriotic celebrations, but there are still many Commanderies that are missing valuable opportunities to interact with the community in these special events. Every Commandery should be sharing the patriotism that we all feel as we hear the flag presentation done at our Masonic receptions. This Committee would like to see each Battalion Commander continue to search out where the patriotic parades or celebrations are planned in his area and encourage the Commanderies in that area to take part.

Regarding flag presentations, Commanderies should be doing presentations of the American Flag in all the local Blue Lodges. This allows us to show the pride that Sir Knights have in our country as well as letting the members of the Blue Lodges become more familiar with the Commandery and its members.

It is the firm belief of this Committee that Commandery interaction with other Masonic organizations and non-Masonic persons in the communities around the Commanderies is necessary to increase interest and awareness in Indiana Commandery.

This year our Grand Commander has increased the points on the Activity Sheet by 150 points for participation in patriotic parades and 75 points for flag presentations. It is the hope of this Committee that the increase of points may develop more interest within the Commanderies to participate in these activities.

Fraternally Submitted,

James Bolinger REGC

## **REPORT OF THE GRAND INSPECTOR GENERAL**

To the REGC, Officers and members:

The inspection season ended on December 9, 2015 with twenty-two Receptions and Inspections. The books were checked and the Orders were graded. Most of the Commanderys conferred the Order of the Temple. One Commandery did the Order of Malta and one Commandery did a Templar Board in lieu of a reception.

As our Templar year draws to a close I would like to thank the Battalion Commanders and their deputies for the assistance rendered to me this year.

We had a few glitches this year with the changing of recorders, those problems have been ironed out. Grand Commander thank you for the appointment this year. It has been great working for you. Thanks to my deputies Phil Whisner and Wayne Sheets.

Irvin L. Bitting, KCT, PGC, GIG



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INSPECTION-RECEPTION TALLY SHEET 2015-16																					
Commandery	Date of Reception	Opening - Closing Score	Members Reception Attendance	Total Reception Attendance	Commanderies Represented	By-Laws Updated	Activity Sheet Sub-Categories						Total Activity Sheet Score	Conferral of Order Score	Ritualistic Score	Date of Order Conferred	Members Attending for Order	Total Attending for Order	Cmdry's Represented for Order	Remarks	
							Activities	Membership	Attendance	Relief	Communications	Leadership									
Battalion 1 Eric Pittman																					
LaPorte #12	9/26/2016	163	9	19	11	8/7/2020	1700	355	5	75	40	2320	282	441	10/15/15	6	19	6		Blue Ribbon	
Michigan City 30	10/22/2015	163	5	18	5	7/4/2007	400	10	15	100	25	590	291	291	10/22/15	6	18	4			
Hammond #41	9/26/2016	154	3	16	9	2/8/2002	500	0	55	150	25	840	263	417	10/26/15	7	8	5			
Valparaiso #28	10/22/2015	162	5	18	5	1/1/2010	275	10	46	80	25	516	291	463	10/22/15	9	18	4		Battalion Guidon	
E.H. Gary #57	9/26/2016	154	5	16	9	6/27/2015	475	205	6	310	110	1106	263	417	10/26/15	7	8	5		Red Bibbon	
Battalion 2 James L. Davis																					
South Bend #13	9/26/2015	163	10	19	11	no	650	10	15	55	0	750	282	445	10/15/15	8	18	6			
Apollo #19	10/17/2015	0	2	34	16	no	400	0	40	0	0	440	0	0	10/17/15	2	34	2			
Elkhart #31	10/31/2015	156	12	19	6	no	1676	85	46	225	25	2057	249	405	10/31/15	12	19	6		Red Bibbon	
Angola #45	10/17/2015	160	15	34	16	no	1900	5	55	255	25	2350	298	458	10/17/15	15	34	2		Battalion Guidon	
Battalion 3 Ed E. Fodrea																					
Ft. Wayne #4	11/14/2015	130	8	24	3.0	yes	1300	260	93	325	100	1256	260	390	11/14/15	8	24	3		Red Bibbon	
Huntington #35	11/14/2015	130	6	24	3	no	500	0	0	0	0	500	260	390	11/14/15	6	24	3			
Anderson #32	9/18/2015	161	2	0	2	yes	1070	0	0	280	0	1070	288	449	9/18/15	7	18	2		Battalion Guidon	
Noblesville #61	10/19/2015	133	16	16	2	yes	1100	20	57	85	50	1407	288	421	10/19/15	16	28	2		Blue Ribbon	
Grant Co. #21	11/14/2015	130	6	24	3	no	700	0	0	0	0	700	260	390	11/14/15	6	24	3			

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<b>Battalion 4</b>																				
Larry J. Williams																				
Lafayette #3	12/5/2015	161.0	7	36	14	2013	550	0	105	0	0	30	685	264.0	425.0	10/5/15	7	36	14	
Frankfort #29	12/5/2015	161.0	14	36	14	2011	2075	300	142	410	25	65	3017	264.0	425.0	12/5/15	14	36	14	Blue Ribbon
Kokomo #36	11/6/2001	161.0	8	20	8	2007	1425	0	100	150	25	0	1700	287.0	448.0	9/18/15	7	21	6	Red Ribbon
Crawfordsville #25	2015	0.0	3	17	13	2013	400	30	25	80	25	120	680	0.0	448.0	11/13/15	4	24	9	Battalion Guidon
<b>Battalion 5</b>																				
Donnie Robinette																				
Greencastle #11	8/29/2015	0	3	17	13	2015	300	40	25	115	25	80	585	0	0	11/13/15	5	24	8	
W. G. Bray #65	10/8/2015	154	13	16	3	2015	1100	70	75	100	0	160	1505	278	432	11/13/15	11	24	8	
Baldwin #2	10/10/2015	162	10	15	5	2015	1550	230	55	525	50	70	2480	246	408	10/10/15	9	13	4	Blue Ribbon
Prather #62	10/26/2015	162	13	18	6	2015	1175	110	20	25	75	95	1550	272	434	8/15/15	14	34	9	Red Ribbon
Johnson Co. #23	10/10/2015	0	1	15	5	2015	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11/13/15	1	13	4	
<b>Battalion 6</b>																				
Matthew E.Lowe																				
Richmond #8	11/27/2015	156	8	19	10	2010	200	10	81	320	0	0	611	276	432	11/11/15	8	19	10	
Connersville #6	11/27/2015	151	9	26	10	2006	300	0	80	40	0	20	440	276	427	11/11/15	9	19	10	
Greenfield #39	10/22/2015	164	12	21	9	2010	1500	10	84	0	25	20	1639	274	438	11/29/15	12	9	8	
Raper #1	10/20/2015	164	10	19	1	1/1/2016	30	132	495	25	50	70	2007	188	352	10/20/15	12	16	5	Blue Ribbon
H.E. Lackey #67	10/31/2015	165	5	15	9	2/6/2015	1150	300	145	135	100	125	1955	276	441	10/5/15	6	13	6	Red Ribbon
<b>Battalion 7</b>																				
Terry Kehrer																				
Columbus #14	10/3/2015	155	19	19	19	2013	1175	15	57	130	0	45	1422	0	155	12/9/15	10	22	5	Red Ribbon
Bloomington #63	11/24/2015	161	9	28	15	2010	1125	0	5	70	50	30	1280	291	452	11/7/15	9	28	15	
Bedford #42	11/7/2015	161	9	28	15	7/2/1905	1050	150	55	70	50	70	1445	291	452	11/7/15	9	28	15	Battalion Guidon
New Albany #5	9/21/2015	155	9	19	10	2007	975	70	8	75	50	0	1178	257	412	6/27/15	17	22	5	Blue Ribbon
<b>Battalion 8</b>																				
Michael Robbins																				
Vincennes #20	8/15/2015	154	9	37	10	2010	475	40	62	195	100	45	917	272	426	8/15/15	9	37	10	Battalion Guidon
LaValette #15	8/15/2015	14	14	37	10	2015	1550	250	19	100	75	25	2019	272	426	8/15/15	14	37	10	Blue Ribbon
Terre Haute #16	8/29/2015	149	N/A	N/A	N/A	2013	200	50	8	0	0	20	278	272	416	8/15/15	15	17	3	
Wright #64	8/15/2015	8	8	37	10	2007	700	285	65	65	50	20	1185	272	426	8/15/15	8	37	10	Red Ribbon

## **EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT**

To the Right Eminent Grand Commander, Past Grand Commanders, Grand Recorder, Grand Commandery Officers, Deputy Battalion Commanders Sir Knights.

Education Report

The education committee would like to report that it is the consensus of the Sir Knights though out the state that an ITA be held in various part of the state with one of the topic being a uniform presentation like was presented two years ago along with two new topics.

It is the recommendation of the committee this recommendation be considered by the new elected Right Eminent Grand Commander

Ed Fodrea GStdB  
Education Committee Chair  
Grand Standard Bearer  
Indiana Grand Commandery  
Knights Templar of Indiana

## **Grievances and Appeals Committee**

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

The Grievance and Appeals Committee has had no grievances or appeals during this Templar year.

Courteously submitted,

Ronald D. Simpson, KCT, PGC, Chairman  
Steven J. Barton, KCT, PGC, PDC  
Paul W. Friend, KCT, PGC

## **AWARDS DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARDS**

**Distinguished Service Awards:** Eighteen (18) Sir Knights and four (4) 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.

## **AWARDS PRESENTED**

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

### **Star Recorder of the Year 2015**

**Nathan Brindle**  
**Raper Commandery No. 1**

### **J. Rufus Hinshaw Award 2015**

Highest % Increase in Membership 2015  
(Plaque presented)

**Frankfort Commandery No. 29** **3.1%**

### **Grand Commander's Award 2015**

(Plaque presented)

Highest Number of Knightings

**Baldwin Commandery No. 2 – (11)**

### **Commandery of the Year 2015**

Highest Activity Score

Grand Commandery Guidon

**Frankfort Commandery No. 29 (3017)**

### **Activity Awards (Ribbons) 2015**

The two Commanderies scoring highest in each battalion on the activity score sheet will also be recognized by a ribbon that may be attached to the Commandery Beauceant.

		Points Award	
Battalion I	LaPorte Commandery No. 12	2320	<b>Blue</b>
Battalion I	E. H. Gary Commandery No. 57	1106	<b>Red</b>
Battalion II	Angola Commandery No. 45	2350	<b>Blue</b>
Battalion II	Elkhart Commandery No. 31	2057	<b>Red</b>
Battalion III	Noblesville Commandery No. 61	1407	<b>Blue</b>
Battalion III	Fort Wayne Commandery No. 4	1250	<b>Red</b>
Battalion IV	Frankfort Commandery No. 29	3017	<b>Blue</b>
Battalion IV	Kokomo Commandery No. 36	1700	<b>Red</b>
Battalion V	Baldwin Commandery No. 2	2480	<b>Blue</b>
Battalion V	Prather Commandery No. 62	1550	<b>Red</b>
Battalion VI	Raper Commandery No. 1	2007	<b>Blue</b>
Battalion VI	H. E. Lackey Commandery No. 67	1955	<b>Red</b>
Battalion VII	Bedford Commandery No. 42	1445	<b>Blue</b>
Battalion VII	Columbus Commandery No. 14	1422	<b>Red</b>
Battalion VIII	LaValette Commandery No. 15	2019	<b>Blue</b>
Battalion VIII	Wright Commandery No. 64	1185	<b>Red</b>

**Battalion Guidons 2015**

Highest Ritual Score in Each Battalion

Battalion I	(463)	Valparaiso Commandery No. 28
Battalion II	(458)	Angola Commandery No. 45
Battalion III	(449)	Anderson Commandery No. 32
Battalion IV	(449)	Kokomo Commandery No. 36 (449) Crawfordsville Commandery No. 25
Battalion V	(434)	Prather Commandery No. 62
Battalion VI	(441)	H. E. Lackey Commandery No. 67
Battalion VII	(452)	Bedford Commandery No.42 (452) Bloomington Commandery No. 63
Battalion VIII	(426)	Vincennes Commandery No. 20 (426) LaValette Commandery No. 15 (426) Wright Commandery No. 64

**Eminent Commander Certificate of Merit 2015**

Randal W. Spalding	Raper Commandery No. 1
Jack F. Wallace, PGC	Baldwin Commandery No. 2
James L. Dove, PGC	LaPorte Commandery No. 12
Patrick S. Holmes	South Bend Commandery No. 13
Dennis A. Schrader	LaValette Commandery No. 15
Mark A. Wallace	Vincennes Commandery No. 20
Dennis Perkins	Frankfort Commandery No. 29
Lawrence J. Williams	Michigan City Commandery No. 30
William Roose	Elkhart Commandery No. 31
Charles A. Smelser	Kokomo Commandery No. 36
John A. Bridegroom	Hammond Commandery No. 41
James D. Pinnick	Bedford Commandery No. 42
Jimmie Milliman	Angola Commandery No. 45
Peter R. McKay	Noblesville Commandery No. 61
Kevin J. Scott	Prather Commandery No. 62

**Knight Templar Cross of Honor 2015**

Sir Knight Edward Sebring, KCT and Sir Knight Michael Anderson, KCT

**REMARKS BY  
SIR KNIGHT LOREN A. WINN, KCT  
EAST CENTRAL DEPARTMENT COMMANDER,  
OF THE GRAND ENCAMPMENT,  
KNIGHTS TEMPLAR, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
AND PAST GRAND COMMANDER OF MICHIGAN**

Grand Commander, I know it's never easy to come up here during your grand session and talk like you have and try to run your session. Unless you're up here, have done it, you don't realize how difficult it really is. It's extremely emotional. You're wrapping up your year and actually years of going through the line. And it's even more difficult when you have all these Grand Masters sitting right here and one of them being extremely precise. I guess that's the safest way of really saying it. But,

Anyhow, it's always great to be here in Indiana. It's like home. There is no more friendly Grand Commandery to come and visit. And I also want to congratulate our new Grand Recorder. There's very few people that could fill in and actually do what he has done this year. Being a Grand Recorder myself, I know what that is all about and it's the heartbeat of your Grand Commandery so congratulations and thank you Grand Recorder. Sir Knights, I had the opportunity this year, well first of all, I don't have to talk this year because we've got the Grand Master who's going to be coming up here soon and that's an advantage to me. But Sir Knights, I had a distinct opportunity this year of doing the Department session and I shouldn't have had to do it for a couple of years but having that opportunity, I was able to move it to a place that's really special to my heart which is up there in Fort Wayne. When you take the East Central Department and you come to dead center, that's the dead center of our department and I always like going there to begin with. But one of the things I was really concerned about well I thought, if I move it into Indiana, which is my favorite place, all of the Indiana people will come and be there but we didn't have a great turnout from Indiana. So, I'm going to give you another opportunity in a couple years. We're going to do in Fort Wayne again, but I want to see how many of our Indiana Sir Knights we can get there. It's a great opportunity with our leadership training to bring in your new Sir Knights or any Sir Knights for that matter but especially our new ones. We were talking about retention and everything. When they attend this leadership course, I can almost guarantee you they're not going to be leaving us. It's a great course. It's geared towards leadership in masonry and they come out of it pretty excited. In fact, we had a few of them from Ohio that came to the session and they were so excited about it they're going to go right on to the next level down there in the southeast conference and take the next level there. So, anyhow, next year it's going to be in Kentucky. But in two years, it'll be back in Fort Wayne. And I'm going to really challenge all of the Sir Knights from Indiana to make sure that you show up to that and really bring some individuals, get the names to the Grand Commander so that he can make sure that they get special invitations to these leadership conferences and I think it'll be very successful. We did have a great turnout, much more than I expected, about a third more than I had planned for. But anyhow, I hope that you can attend that and like I said, it's great to be back here again and now I'll turn it over to our Grand Commander to get our Masters up here to give us a special time.

**REMARKS BY  
SIR KNIGHT JEFFERY NELSON, GCT,  
VERY EMINENT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER  
OF THE GRAND ENCAMPMENT,  
KNIGHTS TEMPLAR, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
AND PAST GRAND COMMANDER OF NORTH DOKOTA**

Thank you Sir Knights. Please be seated. Right Eminent Grand Commander, Most Worshipful Grand Master, and Most Eminent Grand Master, Sir Knights, all, I want to tell you what a, indeed it is a pleasure to be back with you here in Indiana. This is not my first visit but it's been several years since I've been able to attend your Annual Conclave. Over the years, I've become, I consider your Right Eminent Grand Commander Jim to be a good friend. We've traveled together throughout the east central, throughout the Grand Encampment, often crossing paths and it's always a joy to see you and I really value our friendship that has developed and thank you and your lady for your hospitality and the courtesy extended to me again.

We do not talk politics in Free Masonry or Templary, but many of you know that our Most Eminent Grand Master is a student of political history. He's also a collector of political memorabilia. So, at this time, really, my chief purpose to be with you is I wanted to attend the first conclave of the 21<sup>st</sup> century with your favorite son, Indiana's own Most Eminent Grand Master, Sir Knight Duane Lee Vaught. Congratulations. I think Indiana should be very, very proud of all of your achievements as Most Eminent Grand Master.

With that, in closing, Right Eminent Grand Commander, I would like to congratulate you on your year as Grand Commander. It has been most successful and the Grand Commandery of Indiana has profited by your leadership. I would like to extend my best wishes to the Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander and along with those best wishes, if there's anything that I can do or the other officers of the Grand Encampment can do to assist you to make your year more successful than it otherwise would be, don't hesitate to call upon us. And with that, again, Sir Knights, thank you for the hospitality and courtesy extended to me. Thank you so much.

**REMARKS BY THE INSPECTING OFFICER  
SIR KNIGHT DUANE LEE VAUGHT, GCT  
MOST EMINENT GRAND MASTER,  
OF THE GRAND ENCAMPMENT,  
KNIGHTS TEMPLAR, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
PAST GRAND COMMANDER OF INDIANA AND  
PAST GRAND MASTER OF THE GRAND LODGE ON INDIANA**

: Thank you, please sit down. We've had a good day of business, haven't we? It's run just a little longer than the Grand Commander planned but we did the business.

We gave attention to what needed to be given attention to. People asked intelligent questions. People made observations. You Sir Knights, you participated. This is what this is supposed to be about. This is when we gather every year to do our business of our Grand Commandery. You're not here just to be spectators. You are part of this process and it is good that you come with that attitude and it's good that you come ready and willing and alert to participate. The Sir Knight that caught that there was, let's see, what was the error, oh the numbers weren't the same in the pre-printed versus the report that was read. My congratulations to you that you're being attentive. Thank you.

There are a lot of things I could say and a lot of them you have heard before. So I'm not going simply repeat many of those things. But I will want to highlight just briefly a few things. What Grand Encampment is trying to accomplish for all of us.

First, Masonic Membership Solutions, what we used to call YRIS, York Rite Information System, is now Masonic Membership Solutions. There's reasons for that. One of those reasons is that that software was the property of a vendor and we had a long-term license, a 10-year license for that software and we were paying for updates and improvements. Last fall, we purchased that software, the, all intellectual property rights to that software we purchased outright. So, you can now for good or ill, rest assured that Masonic Membership Solutions will be with you for a very long time to come because that license isn't expiring. We're the owner. We do, however, think very highly of the software vendor that we were working with. So, we made a long-term agreement with that vendor to remain with us to service the software, to make an added improvement and enhancements and we drew that up in a manner that is intentionally attractive to that vendor so that they have a strong incentive to stay with us for a long time, to work on that software and to keep it functional, and to keep it updated for the improvements we'd like to see made. One of those improvements is top line signers. This was something that was suggested by us here in Indiana early on in the process, that Indiana has been a leader in tracking the top line signers of petitions. Virgil Humphrey, I don't know if he's still here, okay, has been tracking that for a number of years and you see what the results. There are other states that have a membership program very similar to ours with the lanyard cords. And yet, although they might be a bigger Grand Commandery, we give out more awards. How is that possible? Because in some places they wait for somebody to come forward and say, "I think I'm entitled to an award" but some people are humble. Here in Indiana, we don't wait for them to turn themselves in. We keep track and when we see they've earned an award, we put it out there. We make sure that our people get recognized for their accomplishments. We do a lot of work to keep track of those top line signers. I know it's a lot of work because I had that job before Virgil Humphrey did. And before me was Duane Stucker and for those of you who remember him and it was a hard job when he did it. Point is, Masonic Membership Solutions now has a feature to track top line signers. So, while it will be a long time before there is enough history in there to be totally useful, especially since we have 30 years of history already in our files, the day is coming and it will certainly facilitate future use to be able to know who has signed a lot of petitions. And we make a lot of improvements. We had some comments from the Grand Recorder here earlier about corrections to the system. Well, some corrections we can allow, some can't. We're not going to allow people to go back in



time and change the history because there's got to be a cut-off some place and we're just going to make the cutoff and go on. But other changes do become necessary. I believe it was a year before last, you'll be happy to know that your Grand Encampment can now resurrect people from the dead. It seems that some recorders, some local recorders when they couldn't find people they just assumed they were dead and write them off the list of the living and then they'd show up again later. So, we had to have a way to resurrect people. And we can do that now. We can un-decease them. Hallelujah. Perhaps more exciting is the Eye Foundation. Now, we give generously to the Eye Foundation and I'll tell you there's exciting things going on there. Number one, just since we last met in Grand Conclave here in Indiana, three things come to mind. One is the Apldeap Foundation in the Philippines. Philippines, Grand Commander of the Philippines is part of us. We've never done very much for them with the Eye Foundation. You know, all those decades that we did eye care, that was limited to the Continental United, well, to the United States anyway. So the Philippines contributed just like all of you but they didn't necessarily see much result Apldeap Foundation was founded by a gentleman by the name of Allan Pineda. Anybody, any signs of recognition in the room? I guess we're all too old for that. I'm told that young people recognize that as one of the principle people in the group Black Eyed Peas. He's blind. He's blind for the same reason that a lot of premature births are blind and the Eye Foundation puts a lot of effort into research on. Anyway, he has established a foundation in the Philippines, clinic, to try to help a lot of the people who don't have access to medical care. The Eye Foundation came up with \$95,000 one and only time to get some very needed equipment into that clinic. There will be probably in years to come hundreds, hundreds fewer blind, because of that contribution. We were invited to go to the Philippines for a special reception to thank us for that donation and to do the grand opening of the clinic. Now, I can be a little on the cheap side sometimes and whether it was our wallet or whether it was my back, I decided we did not want to go to the Philippines and back just to attend a Tuesday afternoon reception. So, we asked the Grand Commandery of the Philippines if they would like to send some representatives and they said sure. I believe they showed up on that Tuesday afternoon in the middle of nowhere with something like thirty-two Sir Knights to celebrate the grand opening of this clinic. I'll leave it to you to try to guess who was more impressed and who was more excited, the clinic or our Sir Knights in the Philippines but I think everybody had a good afternoon.

Another, there's a group called ARVO, Association for Research and Vision and Ophthalmology. This is an international convention where people get together to compare research on vision issues and meet other people in those fields. Last year was the first year that we made a contribution to that group. Their conference was in May of last year, as it is again this time. In fact, I will not be with you for drill tomorrow. I have an early flight in the morning. I'm going to Seattle for this year's ARVO. Why? Because, aside from the fact that they invited us, we give these starter grants to people. I think you're mostly familiar with the starter grant program where we pick young PhD's and give them funding to get their research started in the hopes that they can get enough data in a year that they can now apply for serious grants. ARVO captures an entirely different group. It captures the group of people who aren't even quite that far. They're not even quite PhD's, but they're working on it. These are travel grants. These are people for whom they are at a stage in their career, put it that way, they are at a stage in their career where a \$1,000 is the difference between whether they can afford to go to the conference or not. I think we can all remember when \$1,000 to us personally was a lot of money. That's the stage these people are in. And for the cost of one starter grant, we can send 60 people to ARVO as their first introduction into the bigger world of eye research. So I will be there to celebrate with them, and attend a reception for our grant recipients. And there are other people who sponsor travel grants to ARVO but one in every four travel grants is us. When we came in, we made a splash.

Third thing I want to mention on Eye Foundation, and this happened just two weeks ago that some of us my Deputy Grand Master, myself, and some others we were at Baltimore, Johns Hopkins University. There is now a permanent endowed Professor of Ophthalmology, the Knight Templar Eye Foundation

Ophthalmology at the Wilmer Eye Clinic at Johns Hopkins University. That's two million dollars of our Eye Foundation money matched dollar for dollar by the university to provide that permanent position. And everybody I can tell you at Wilmer is thrilled to have that new professorship position. They have managed because of our help, they have managed to recruit a really top scientist, one of the top people in the field in the world.

I want to mention that it is the bicentennial of this Grand Encampment. 200 years ago in June members from the Grand Commanderies of New York and Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and Pennsylvania a little bit, decided that this, our Knights Templar needed to become a much bigger organization, needed to expand to every part of this country and eventually beyond. And so they formed a Grand Encampment in order to facilitate that progress, 200 years ago. We talked that there's lapel pins available. We talked that there's Malta jewels for sale. We also have a celebration planned in July in New York City. This is where the original meeting forming the Grand Encampment was held so we felt it was only right to go back to New York City. Information on this is in the magazine if you want to consider going to New York City for a weekend to celebrate with us. I know, I'm from the Midwest too, and I know the trepidation of thinking, oh go to downtown New York City. Hmm, I don't know, you know, doesn't everybody who goes there get mugged or killed? I know, I've seen Law and Order so I know it's true. Well, maybe it won't be true if we're there as a group. In any case, it's going to be an interesting affair. We have a lot of things planned for it. Some of them are still in flux. You know how this works. There are things we do all the time. We do Grand Conclaves. We do one-day festivals. We do this, we do that. We know how to do those. Man, we could organize one of those in a couple of hours. We know exactly what we're doing. This is unique. It's not been done before. I don't think it's going to be done for another hundred years. So, it's a little bit three form. But I am confident it's going to be fun and anybody who comes with an open mind to just go with the flow of whatever we're doing, I think you're going to have a fine time. We are saving a fair amount of open time so that anybody who goes will have an opportunity to say, "Well as long as I'm here, maybe I should see something other than the airport and the hotel." So Times Square, close by. If you want to see a for real Broadway show, close by. The Grand Lodge building of New York, which is impressive, close by. Many other things are available and we will have people to assist you in anything you need to know to get around to do any of those things.

My point of all that is partially to bring you up to date, to tell you what your Grand Encampment is working on. But it's also my hope that you will take that as an example. You elected us not just so that we could have titles, but in the hopes that we would do something worthwhile for our organization. And we think we're doing that. We don't always make the right call. But we're in there pitching, we're trying to move this Fraternity ahead to make it better. And the point of that is, that that's what the Grand Commanderies are for also. This Grand Commandery is not Templary in Indiana. Templary in Indiana is what happens in your Commanderies. This up here is overhead. This is about trying to provide the organization, the awards, the scale, the assistance to allow your Commanderies be more easily successful. And I want to say that I am pleased to be from Indiana because I come here and I see a Grand Commandery that functions. We had a crisis a few years ago with the money. The market wasn't good in 2008. I think we all remember that. We took a big hit on our money. Some Grand Commanderies would have said, 'well that's just really a shame. We'll just go on as if nothing happened. And they'd be in a lot worse shape today, well some of them are because that's what they did. Some Grand Commanderies, like some people, would probably panic. This Grand Commandery looked the question square in the eye and said, "Okay, this is a problem. How do we deal with it?" And proposals were made and not by me. I wasn't on the finance committee in those two or three years, but your finance committee year after year looked at the situation, said here's what we think we need to do to keep this Grand Commandery strong, strong so that it doesn't have to keep coming back to you for more per capita. And those strategies have changed a little bit. There was an emergency resolution. You, the members, supported that plan to put in more money for a limited period of time to get through the

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problems. And that time period passed and that extra money stopped being collected. But this Grand Commandery is now much better off financially than it was before the crisis. And it's because the officers here and you, the members, are willing to step up and do what's necessary for our Templary and as long as Indiana has officers who can do that and as long as we have members sitting on this floor who are willing to deal with the real business of our fraternity, then we're going to be around to do the fun stuff, too. And for that, I am very glad. So thank you.

**REMARKS BY  
SIR KNIGHT WILLIAM A. REINERS  
MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER  
OF THE GRAND LODGE ON INDIANA**

Thank you, you can be seated. Several of you heard me speak at Columbus so I'll try not to go over that material again. It's a pleasure for me to be here today as both a Sir Knight and as your Grand Commander. I have worked closely with the Grand Commandery. What? Oh Grand Master, sorry about that. I do not want that office.

Anyway, I do that all the time. Just wait until two weeks from now and I'm up there in the spotlight. You think he had a tough time. I think I'm going to put him as a special deputy up on the stage to help me because I'll need it. Anyway, we've traveled together throughout this state. Jim and Doc and Marty, we've just been everywhere together. The workings of Grand Lodge and the Commandery, as has been pointed out, are considerably different. But it's what a lot of men find interesting. We no longer try to, at Grand Lodge, belittle people who want to go elsewhere than their Blue Lodge. It's always been true but you've always got those naysayers that says, 'Well he's a Commandery, he's at the Shrine, he's at Council, he's at Scottish Rite.' Hey, they pay the bills. They pay our bills and they will stay. So we encourage all the Masonic family in their endeavors.

One of my big thrills this year was receiving my KYCH. I am a Past Commander of Lavallette 14. I am going to look with the Grand Secretary to see why we had the post points and Terre Haute won but I understand there was a mistake in the printed copy. So, always have to take care of my own first. You know, as Mayor Daley said when they asked him why he gave the insurance of Chicago to his son, he says, 'Who did you expect me to give it to?'

The triennial was a great moment for Indiana. We just nodded each other all afternoon, Grand Master, Grand Master, Grand Master. We had such a good time out there. I really wasn't even going to go outside until my wife made me when that fire alarm went off.

You have found despite my recent jest a really good Grand Secretary. George Ingles has always worked so hard in everything that he's been involved in. To go in and take over from a well-loved Grand Secretary in just a very short time and in the middle of a year is something that no one would look forward to. So, I hope that we can continue this trip in the next two years. I know that that is as far out as I can look but I know that the next, the Deputy Grand Master, Carey Carter, and the Senior Warden, and the Past Commander, Grand Commander, Rodney Mann, have kind of linked their years together because Rodney's got a load and a half with everything that's coming to Indiana plus the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary. So, I don't see any difference between the Grand Lodge and the Grand Commandery. I would look forward to seeing many of you at the Annual Communication on the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> of May. I will be out of office by 2:30 they tell me, yeah right.

So, I have enjoyed my year. I've enjoyed my year as Grand Master. I don't know that all Grand Masters say that at the end but I've enjoyed my year. George Ingles certainly did. He was putting out feelers for another year. But I have enjoyed it. I've had to have some difficulties, as we all do. I will tell you if not all of you are at Grand Lodge, there is no plan of the Grand Lodge of Indiana pulling recognition from Tennessee and Georgia or anybody else at this time. Indiana doesn't approach it that way. We may disapprove of what they do, but it's better to remain Brothers and give good counsel and hope everything always changes around eventually. So, we won't bother any groups going there, you know, no problems at all. The other thing that we will bring up at Grand Lodge is the fact that there is no prohibitive in Grand Lodge from any man asking for a petition, that goes for race, ethnicity, religion, but he does have to believe in a Supreme Being however he sees that, and sexual orientation. There is nothing in the book that precludes that. Now we all know there's a vote after that in the Lodge and the Lodges can do that. I would hope and pray that most of us would not reject a candidate simply on one of

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those things. You know, there can be a deeper thing that you disagree with but on the surface, not those. So, with that, I think I bored you enough and before I knock over the microphone, I'm going to turn it back over to the Grand Commander and thank you for your hospitality and thank you for your good council and we just had a wonderful year.

BOILINGER: We have and I'm sorry that your wife Brenda can't be here tonight, but we'll certainly miss you.

REINERS: Well I can't be here last time when I was running around at the other two. I was going to other functions of the Grand Lodge. Tonight, unfortunately, I have to drive home, Ken Willis', who many of you remember, he was Grand Master, he appointed me as the Junior Grand Bottom or the Junior Grand Deacon, and his father passed away and it's been tough. I mean, it's been a long time. So, I'm going to go home and participate in that memorial service. He was a Brother. I don't know if he was a Sir Knight. Ken is a Sir Knight. So that's why I will now probably bid you adieu and again, have a great year next year.

## **INVITATION TO THE 163<sup>rd</sup> ANNUAL CONCLAVE**

Wm. G. Bray Commandery No. 65, as host Commandery extends an invitation to all the Officers, Past Grand Commanders, members of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Indiana, Distinguished Guests and visiting Sir Knights to attend the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Indiana 163<sup>rd</sup> Grand Conclave of Indiana, to be held at the Clarion Hotel in Columbus, IN at 101 West Ohio Street. Indianapolis, Indiana on April 28, 2017.

Fraternally Submitted,

Steven Click, EC Wm. G. Bray #65

### **JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE Acceptance of Invitation**

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

The Jurisprudence Committee accepts with pleasure the invitation of Wm. G. Bray Commandery #65 to Host the 163<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conclave in Columbus, Indiana in 2016. We look forward to a successful and productive Conclave.

Respectfully submitted

George A. Ingles, Jr.  
For the Committee

Right Eminent Grand Commander I move the acceptance of this Report. It was seconded and passed.

### **JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE Congratulations**

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

We the Jurisprudence Committee, commend James L. Bolinger, Right Eminent Grand Commander for your dedicated leadership. This past year you have continued your enthusiasm and dedication to keep the programs and activities of the Grand Commandery alive and well.

You have taken the responsibilities associated to a Grand Commander in a serious manner. You have sought guidance from Indiana York Rite members and the Grand Architect of the Universe as you have continued your travels in Masonry. Your accomplishments include:

- Traveling extensively in Indiana and out of State York Rite events to represent the Grand Commandery of Indiana – a time consuming task but it proved very beneficial as you have supported Knights Templar wherever dispersed.

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- In 1915 Angola Commandery #45 has an old picture of 65 Knights Templar that participated in a parade taken at the Angola downtown monument. Grand Commander Bolinger, working with the Grand Officers of the Grand Chapter, Grand Council and Grand Commandery, a group of over 65 Masons marched at the July 4, 2015 parade, one of the largest Patriotic parades for a Masonic group. A picture was taken and is on display at this Grand Conclave. A picture of the 2015 participants will be hung in the Angola Masonic Lodge next to the Knights' Templar historical parade of 100 years ago. We will not wait for a picture to be taken in 2115.
- Helped organize the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Holy Land Pilgrimage Golf Outing to raise money for sending ministers to the Holy Land.
- Supported and attended the Grand Encampment Triennial Conclave and East Central Department Conference, with a contingent of York Rite Masons of Indiana.
- Organized and attended the Easter Sunrise Service in Washington D.C. with a large delegation of Indiana York Rite Masons and their ladies. We are sure it was an honor for you to lay a wreath at the tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

We believe that you were very diligent in supporting the Constituent Commanderies of Indiana by attending numerous events with a desire to serve. You have given many years of service to the Grand Commandery and we know that you will continue to labor in the vineyards of the York Rite of Indiana in years to come.

We thank you for your compassion to serve the Grand Commandery of Indiana. Well done faithful servant and we welcome you soon as a Past Grand Commander.

Respectfully submitted

Paul W. Friend, PGC  
For the Jurisprudence Committee

### **CLOSING COMMENTS AND REMARKS**

Grand Commander, Bolinger, remarked that this has been a wonderful year and it's about you. It's not about me it's all about you. It's been a great year a wonderful year. Thank you.

The Grand Commander then called on the Deputy Grand Commander for his appointments. He stated before the appointment I want to state that this is OUR YEAR, It's not my year it's our year. He then proceeded to announce his appointments as follows: Grand Prelate Charles King; Grand Standard Bearer, Mathew Lowe; Grand Sword Bearer, James Davis; Grand Warder, Phillip Whisner; and the Grand Sentinel is Thomas Johnson. Grand Organist, Marvin Rees; Inspector General is Irv Bitting, Grand Marshal, Photographer, and Aide Tony Peterson, and my Personal Aide is Tom Retherford. I look forward to a great year.

The Grand Commander then ordered the Grand Officer remove the black ribbon from their jewels which was to honor Sir Knight Kaminsky. I still haven't gotten over that but, we must move forward.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Grand Commander called on the Deputy Grand Commander for any unfinished Business. There being no further business, Grand Commander Bolinger set the Grand Commandery at ease until 3:00 PM for the purpose of the installation of Officers.

## **INSTALLATION**

The business of the 162<sup>nd</sup> Annual Conclave having been completed, the new officers were installed by S.K. George A. Ingles, Jr, KCT, PGC, as Installing Officer, S.K. Steven J. Barton, KCT, PGC, PDC as Installing Marshall, S.K. W. Kris Phillips, PC as Installing Recorder, S.K. Jack F. Wallace, KCT, PGC as Installing Prelate and Sir Knight Marvin Rees as Installing Musician. After remarks and introductions by the new Grand Commander Donald D. Olvey, he then declared Angola Commandery No. 45 closed in ample form and the 162<sup>nd</sup> Annual Conclave adjourned.

## **DIVINE SERVICE**

The Divine Service was held prior to the Grand Commandery Banquet on Friday evening with 107 Sir Knights and Ladies in attendance. The service was under the direction of Steven A. Arlington, Grand Prelate, who brought the message. The service was greatly enjoyed by all. A collection of \$519 was raised for the Holy Land Pilgrimage Fund.

## **GRAND COMMANDER'S BANQUET**

The Grand Commander's Banquet followed with over 135 Sir Knights and their Ladies. An excellent dinner was enjoyed by all. Several presentations were made; most notably the Knight Templar Cross of Honor was presented to Michael Anderson a second was presented in the open session of the Conclave to Sir Knight Edward Sebring. In addition, Sir Knight Duane L. Vaught, REGG, presented Sir Knight James L. Bolinger with his Past Grand Commander's Certificate followed by a presentation of Grand Commander Bolinger's Past Grand Commander's jewel by Sir Knight Larry W. Brown, KCT, PGC, PDC. Sir Knight Bolinger is now wearing the PGC jewel once worn by Clarence H. Snoke, from South Bend Commandery No. 13 Sir Knight Bolinger's second Home Commandery.

## **COMPETITIVE DRILLS**

The competitive drills were held on Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, at the Tyndall Armory, 711 N. Pennsylvania St., Indianapolis under the direction of William Short, PC and Drill Chairman. The following 4 teams competed in the drills:

(1)	Raper #1	1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Class "C"	949 Points	William Short, Captain
(2)	Greenfield #39	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Class "C"	883 Points	David Miller, Captain
(3)	Baldwin #2	1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Class "D"	964 Points	Randy Darling, Captain
(4)	Bedford #42	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Class "D"	936 Points	J. D. Pinnick, Captain

Pass-in-Review lineup: Raper #1, Baldwin #2, Greenfield #39, Bedford #42, Angola #45, and Wm. G. Bray #65.

The drills were followed by an awards luncheon on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of Freemason's Hall provided by the SOOB with attendance of 42 Sir Knights and family.



## **Grand Commander's Closing remarks**

Good Afternoon Sir Knights,

I want to thank you for the support and trust you have extended to me. I will not let you down.

There have been some changes made for the coming year. I have met with each Battalion within the last few weeks and explained these changes in detail and answered any questions concerning them. So based on that and the fact we are running long on our schedule for today I will only mention the highlight at this time.

This year we will be conducting Instructionals on a Battalion wide basis. These Instructionals will be on a wide range of subjects and will be coordinated between the Battalion Commander, the Eminent Commander and the Grand Inspector General, Sir Knight Irv Bitting.

Receptions for the Grand Commander will also be held on a battalion wide basis.

Where possible these events will be scheduled during the day in order to allow those involved to travel during daylight.

The Newby - Avery Banquet will be a standalone brunch this year for the same reason and to add importance to that event.

There are other changes that I won't go into at this time and I want to assure you these changes have been made in the hope that they will make these functions more beneficial and convenient to attend.

I feel we have a strong line for the coming year and remember - we are here to support you. Communication is our most valuable tool.

In closing I want to thank those who have provided me with valuable guidance, advice, mentoring, support and examples.

Please remember - this is not my year. It is OUR year.

Thank You

Donald D. Olvey,  
Grand Commander

## **Grand Commandery Adjourned**

Grand Commander Olvey, then thanked the installing officers and everyone for attending.

There being no further business to come before the Grand Commandery the Grand Commander then declared Angola Commandery No. 45 closed and the Grand Commandery adjourned until the next Conclave.

Fraternaly,  
George A. Ingles, Jr., KCT, PGC  
Grand Recorder

## **Battalion No. 1 Report**

To the REGC, Grand Commandery Officers, Eminent Commanders and Sir Knights all:

On 8/29/2015, I was appointed by REGC James L. Bolinger as a result of an opening in the Grand Commandery facilitated by the resignation of SK John Patterson. As a result of SK Patterson's departure, I took over the reception and inspection schedule that was created by him for Battalion #1. I was not able to attend all of the appointments, and GIG Irv Biting and GG Lawrence Williams assisted in ensuring that all meetings were covered by a GC Officer. I would like to thank them both in helping me to transition into this appointment.

All of the Commanderies within the Battalion had excellent inspections and very moving receptions for our Grand Commander.

A spring battalion meeting was unable to be had in the Battalion #1, so I held one on 12/17/2015 at the LaPorte Asylum. All commanderies were present save, Valparaiso and Hammond. During the meeting we discussed the process of forming a battalion wide drill team and set the times for the Spring Battalion #1 meeting and the Reception for the REGC in 2016. This reception will be Battalion-wide.

Spring has sprung and it is truly an exciting time of the year as dormant plant and trees now bloom and show their wonder. I write this from beautiful Gatlinburg, TN where spring has most definitely sprung.

Changes have occurred within Battalion #1 which have been finalized since our Winter Meeting and the Newby-Avery Banquet.

Battalion #1 attended the annual Newby-Avery Banquet held in Indianapolis, IN. Several Battalion #1 Sir Knights were recognized by our Grand Recorder and PGC George A. Ingles for contributing to the Newby-Avery Fund. Grand Generalissimo Lawrence Williams, Excellent Prelate Steven Arlington and Grand Sentinel Eric Pittman received additive diamonds or a new pin for contributions of at least \$250.00 to the fund. Battalion #1 thanks you for your support of this worthy cause.

During our Winter Meeting, two of our Sir Knights received a Membership Cord to be displayed on their Commandery uniform. Jeffrey Reich, SK Recorder and PC from E.H. Gary received a red cord and PC and current EC of LaPorte Commandery, Jon Beach, received his white cord. EC Beach was presented his cord at the Battalion #1 spring meeting held on 3/18 at LaPorte Asylum. SK Reich will be presented his at a stated assembly of Gary Asylum.

Battalion # 1 now consists of Valparaiso, E.H. Gary, LaPorte and Michigan City Commanderies. Hammond Commandery has now merged with Valparaiso Commandery. Due to this merge, Valparaiso Commandery now meets on Monday instead of the Thursday they had met on for many years.

SK and DBC John Bridegroom has notified me he will step down as DBC at the annual communication. SK Joseph Villarreal will replace him as DBC for Battalion #1. I am currently looking to recruit another Battalion Commander from Gary, Michigan City or Valparaiso Asylums.

LaPorte Asylum hosted our Spring Battalion Meeting on 3/18. It was poorly attended and had only four Sir Knights attending in addition to the Grand Officers. We were honored to have our REGC, DGC, GG, GR, GSwB as well as PGC Dove in attendance. During our meeting we discussed several new

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pieces of legislation which will be presented during our annual communication and we privileged to hear of our DGC's plans, should he be elected from 2016-2017.

Battalion #1 plans to field a drill team and work on D tactics for the next tactics competition. DBC and PC John Beach has elected to head up that team.

LaPorte Asylum hosted an Easter Banquet on 3/19 in coordination with Excelsior Lodge #41 and LaPorte OES. Job's Daughters, Bethel #54 formed the Living Cross and joined us for dinner. We were honored to have our Right Eminent Grand Commander in attendance who spoke and closed the evening with a prayer.

Thank you for allowing me the time to provide an update on Battalion #1 since our Winter Meeting.

May the Grace of Our Lord Protect and Keep You all in the coming days, weeks and years.

Fraternally,

Eric S. Pittman  
Grand Sentinel and Battalion #1 Commander

## **Battalion No. 2 Report**

### **South Bend Commandery #13**

South Bend Commandery #13 again hosted Palm Sunday Services and put on a very good program. South Bend is one of the few in the state which still host this activity. South Bend sent a candidate through the Degrees at the Tri State Festival held at Angola Commandery #45 and Jackson Commandery #9. Their Commandery meets with Chapter and Council.

### **Apollo Commandery #19**

Apollo Commandery #19 is trying to rebuild their Commandery, as several key members have passed away over the past few years and they are struggling to get back to full strength. Currently they have about 30 members. Apollo meets with their Chapter and Council.

### **Elkhart Commandery #31**

Elkhart Commandery #31 is a very active Commandery. They hosted an Ascension Day service in 2015 and plan on doing the same this year. They are having a steak fry again this year to raise money for the Holy Land Pilgrimage fund. They have sent one Minister to the Holy Land and are now working towards sending another. They meet separately from Chapter and Council, open in full form with rehearsal of duties and in uniform. They have a meal after their meeting. Elkhart sent five candidates to the Tri State Festival held in February and March.

### **Angola Commandery #45**

Angola Commandery #45 took in three candidates during 2015, but has not had any for 2016. During 2015 they took one candidate during the Tri State Festival and two candidates during the summer, performing the work themselves. Angola hosted a July 4<sup>th</sup> parade in which Masons from across the state marched together. There were members from the bodies of the York Rite, Scottish Rite, Shrine, Eastern Star and Masonic Lodge that participated. Angola meets with the Chapter and Council.

Fraternally Submitted,

James Davis, GW

### **Battalion #3 Report**

To the Right Eminent Grand Commander, Past Grand Commanders, Grand Recorder, Grand Commandery Officers, Deputy Battalion Commanders, Sir Knights

Battalion #3 Report;

Battalion # 3 had a very successful and healthy year. Battalion 3 is made up of Noblesville #61, Anderson #32, Grant County #21, Huntington #35 and Fort Wayne #4. I am pleased to report that all of the above Commanderies had enough members present to receive inspection points. Not only did we see an increase in participation from the Commanderies but several Commanderies came together and to confer orders. With each Commandery providing member participation.

Some of the Commanderies participated in “out of the box” thinking such as organizing Commandery members along with their families to tour local attractions.

All Commanderies are actively recruiting new members and looking for ways to increase attendance at stated conclaves.

A Winter Battalion meeting was held, Grand Commander’s reception and date was set along with the inspection schedule for the 2016-17 Templar year.

Respectfully Submitted:

Edward Fodrea, GStB, Battalion Commander, Battalion 3

## **Battalion #4 Annual Report**

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

Battalion #4 consists of the following Commanderies:

- Lafayette #3
- Crawfordsville #25
- Frankfort #29
- Kokomo #36

### **Battalion Meetings:**

There were two Battalion meetings held this past year. Among the topics we discussed were setting dates for the receptions and inspections. We also discussed the ongoing problem of membership recruitment and retention.

### **Status of the Commanderies:**

#### **Lafayette #3**

Lafayette is struggling. To date they have not had any candidates. Their demographic is that of an older Commandery. Unless they start bringing in some younger members I feel that they will cease to exist in a few years.

One thing that they do that I think is very good for their York Bodies is that they have a carry in dinner which they share with their wives before each of their meetings or conclaves.

Lafayette worked with Frankfort for their Reception and Inspection on December 5<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Crawfordsville #25**

Crawfordsville is also struggling. However, they have four (4) candidates that are working their way through the Chapter and Council Degrees. Crawfordsville took part of a Joint Inspection on the "Order of the Temple" with Greencastle #11 and Wm. Bray #65.

#### **Frankfort #29**

Frankfort is doing well. They knighted four (4) new Sir Knights at their Inspection on the "Order of the Temple" on December 5<sup>th</sup> and an additional Knighting for a total of five (5) for the year. Frankfort is also able to most of their own work.

#### **Kokomo #36**

Kokomo is also struggling however they knighted two (2) candidates this past year.

They along with Anderson Commandery #32 conferred the "Order of Malta" for their inspection on September 18<sup>th</sup>. Kokomo also held a joint Reception with Anderson #32 on November 6<sup>th</sup> for the Grand Commander.

They are attempting to keep their members active. They have had an Easter observance and a Christmas observance this past year. They have also participated in the local 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade.

**Conclusion:**

This was my first year working with the Commanderies in the Battalion #4. There are some very dedicated and hard men working throughout the Battalion. For the most part I see a good future for the Battalion. That is not to say that there are not problems, because there are. The problems that exist in Battalion #4 are common throughout the state, that of our aging membership, recruitment of and retention of our newer members.

To the younger members of Battalion #4 and the rest of the State, you have been told that you are the future. I am here to tell you that you have been lied to.... you are not the future.... you are the here and the now. I challenge each and every one of you to step up and take charge. Make plans, make BIG plans and then make them work. Because only by making plans and executing them, will this fraternity grow.

To our more senior members, support our new leaders and give them guidance. Encourage them in their planning. Ask them how you can help to make their plans come to a reality. So long as their plans are within Masonic Law, do not tell them no, but instead ask, "...how can I help you".

Respectfully Submitted,

Lawrence Williams, GG  
Battalion #4 Commander

## **Battalion 5 Report**

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

The Officers and Sir Knights of Battalion 5 have been a great group of individuals committed to the betterment of Templary, and the Masonic Fraternity in general. It has been a pleasure to meet and speak with many of them during my travels and look forward to further interactions with them.

**Baldwin Commandery #2:**

Baldwin Commandery #2 is my home Commandery, and as such I requested SK Phil Whisner, DGIG, to perform the inspection of the Commandery. Baldwin has a dedicated group of SK's who is working to strive to grow the Commandery and the overall York Rite in Shelby County. Baldwin has the experience of many Past Grand Officers and honored SK's, but it's the recent infusion of new members that has allowed this Commandery's revitalization. SK Randy Darling, who has been in the Commandery for less than two years, coordinated and motivated the membership to reorganize the drill team. From January to August 2015, they practiced the drill manual and competed at the Indiana Grand Conclave and the Grand Encampment Triennial for the first time in over 12 years. Expect big things from the Commandery in the future.

**Greencastle Commandery #11:**

A joint reception was held with Crawfordsville Commandery #25. These Commanderies share a number of dual membership between themselves and it would be difficult for one to continue without the support of the other. Greencastle Commandery has participated with William Bray Commandery #65 for a joint inspection. Greencastle has a number of SK's who are not only active in the Commandery, but also support the York Rite in general.

**Johnson County Commandery #23:**

Johnson County Commandery #23 is located just down the street from my home, and I was honored to be knighted in their asylum in 2001. They are a small Commandery with several SK's who work hard at keeping this Commandery alive. I have been to several of their meetings recently, and they have difficulty in getting enough SK's to open in proper form. However, there have been several new SK's which belong to local locals that may allow for the opportunity of growth in the near future. Their reception was held jointly with Baldwin #2, and an instructional was presented.

**Prather Commandery #62:**

Prather Commandery #62 continues to be a dominant force, especially with their communication and marketing efforts to attract new members. They continue to do excellent work in the performance and organization of their degree days. The members of this Commandery work well with each other and genuinely enjoy each other's company. I encourage all Sir Knights to visit this Commandery and experience their fellowship and hospitality.

**William Bray Commandery #65:**

Bray Commandery #65 is a Commandery that is strong to the principles of what the York Rite is about. There is a core of SKs who strive to make the Commandery strive at its potential. Many of these members are also highly active in other Masonic organizations and their leadership qualities gained from the experience certainly presents itself. They presented two separate receptions for the Grand Commander as is their tradition; one in the formal, traditional since that since year honored the VEDGC

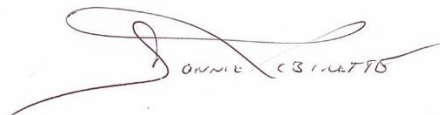


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Don Olvey and another 'special' reception honoring the REGC. Bray Commandery #65, along with Baldwin Commandery #2, also have a continued tradition of supporting the local DeMolay Chapter in Franklin and the Franklin Masonic Lodge #107 with an honor guard for their annual installation programs.

In conclusion, I am happy to be able to work with such a good group of men that promotes the best of Freemasonry and Templary. It is my goal and desire to continue to visit the Commanderies within the battalion as frequently as possible. I also appreciate the efforts of my Deputy Battalion Commanders: SK Randal Ellington, GPE and SK Mitchell Rohrbaugh, PC. Finally, I would like to thank GC James Bolinger for the opportunity of being the Battalion 5 Commander.

Fraternally & Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Donnie A. Robinette". The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping initial "D" and a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Donnie A. Robinette, GJW  
Battalion 5 Commander

## **BATTALION 6 ANNUAL REPORT**

To the Right Eminent Grand Commander, Grand Officers, Honored Guests, and All Sir Knights of Indiana:

The overall condition of Battalion 6 is good. A strong mix of Commanderies form the membership of this battalion and the members within it are willing to work together in order to promote the general welfare of Freemasonry and Templary, specifically.

Raper #1 continues to work hard with their core of officers and active members and in drill team competitions. They demonstrate strong camaraderie both within and without, and are always willing to help their neighboring Commanderies, if needed. They had a strong finish at the Triennial Drill competition last fall, for which they should be commended.

Connersville #6 has the guidance of an experienced Recorder and has benefited from a caring and enthusiastic Eminent Commander that helped sustain the activity of the Commandery. Richmond #8 also has experienced officers in their ranks, and enjoys the company/respect of out-of-state Sir Knights from Ohio. These two Commanderies have a close working relationship, and are continually providing assistance to the other when it is needed. Such a relationship should be a model for other Commanderies in the state, where membership increases do not come as often as desired.

Greenfield #39 has an excellent program engaging the community through their annual pizza booth sales at the Hancock County Fair as well as special events throughout the year, making 'York Rite Pizza' a household phrase in the local community. They also have the fortune of a number of strong leaders within their ranks, who are willing to coach and assist newer officers as they progress through the ranks. They also enjoy the fellowship of a drill team, and deserve commendation for strong finishes at competition last year.

H.E. Lackey #67 continues to hold the bar high for efforts of the Commandery. From a struggling Commandery a few short years ago, to an active and energetic, albeit smaller Commander today, they are an example of what a little patience and hard work can do. Their core leadership is very dedicated to seeing success within the Commandery.

In general, I am pleased to report that Battalion 6 will continue to strengthen further in the next year. I thank the Deputy Battalion Commanders appointed to assist me this year: SK Randy Darling, who bravely volunteered for the position early in his Templar career; and SK Elijah Mills, who followed other opportunities and moved from our jurisdiction early in the year. I would also like to thank our Grand Commander, and SKs Don Olvey and Phil Whisner for their patience, guidance and assistance this past year.

Fraternally submitted,

SK Matthew E. Lowe, KTCH, GW  
Battalion 6 Commander

## **BATTALION 7 REPORT**

To: Right Eminent Grand Commander, Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander, Grand Commandery Officers, Past Grand Commanders, and Sir Knights.

Battalion 7 consists of New Albany No. 5, Columbus No. 14, Bedford No. 42, and Bloomington No. 63.

### **Battalion 7 Reception and Books Inspection Status:**

New Albany No. 5:	Reception:	Sept 21 (Completed)
	Books:	Sept 21 (Completed)
	Order:	Jun 27, OT (Completed)
Columbus No. 14:	Reception:	Oct 3 (Completed)
	Books:	Oct 3 (Completed)
	Order:	Dec 9, Instructional on ORC (Completed)
Bedford No. 42:	Reception	Nov 7, with Bloomington No 63 (Completed)
	Books:	Nov 7 (Completed)
	Order:	Nov 7, OT with Bloomington No.63 (Completed)
Bloomington 63:	Reception	Nov 7, with Bedford No. 42 (Completed)
	Books:	Nov 24 (Completed)
	Order:	Nov 7, OT with Bedford No. 42 (Completed)

### **New Albany No. 5 Activity:**

New Albany Commandery is holding Conclave meetings each month with fairly good attendance. The Commandery will not have a Drill Team for the April Grand Conclave, but hopes to assemble a team for future Conclave Drills. The Commandery is still strong. Books and records were in fine shape and the Order Inspection went well. Commandery is financially sound.

### **Columbus No. 14 Activity:**

On October 3, 2015 Columbus Commandery held a Grand Commander Reception. On December 9, 2015 Columbus Commandery had an Instructional on the Order of the Red Cross. The Commandery Opened with Rehearsal of Duties and then Closed, then had the Instructional. Books and records were in fine shape. Commandery is financially sound. Columbus Commandery holds meetings with the Chapter and Council. Each is opened in full form. This does make for long meetings, but attendance has been pretty good.

### **Bedford No. 42 Activity:**

On November 7, 2015 Bedford Commandery and Bloomington Commandery held a joint Order of the Temple, Meal, and Reception for the Grand Commander. Books and records were in fine shape and the Order Inspection went very well. Commandery is financially sound. Bedford is to be commended on the performance of the Order of the Temple. Bedford Commandery has a strong core of Officers and does an outstanding job in doing the Orders. Bedford Commandery participated at the Triennial Drill Competition in Buffalo, NY.

### **Bloomington No. 63 Activity:**

On November 7, 2015 Bedford Commandery and Bloomington Commandery held a joint Order of the Temple, Meal, and Reception for the Grand Commander. Bloomington Commandery is struggling to conduct conclaves. They have a meal before each meeting, but still struggle to maintain attendance. The previous Recorder has moved to Florida, and the Commandery records are in poor shape. The

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current Recorder is attempting to get the records and minutes up to date. At the time of the Books inspection, the current Recorder did not have access to the Templar Data base.

**Miscellaneous:**

A Battalion Winter Meeting has been scheduled for Saturday March 19, 2016 to be held at Bedford Commandery at 10 AM to Noon.

A Grand Commander Battalion Reception has been scheduled for Saturday November 5, 2016 to be held at Bedford Commandery. Times to be determined.

I would like to thank all the Battalion 7 Commandery Officers, especially the ECs and Recorders, for their support and cooperation during this year. I look forward to working with the 2016 Officers in during 2016-17.

I would like to thank my Deputy Battalion Commanders, Sir Knights Kevin Spencer, Dirk Rader, and Ronald Snell. Special thanks to Sir Knight Kevin who has followed me just about everywhere, and has even attended events that I was not able to attend. Thanks Sir Knight Kevin.

Respectfully submitted,

SK Terry Lee Kehrer, Grand Captain General  
Commander, Battalion 7

## **Battalion 8 Report**

To: Right Eminent Grand Commander, Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander, Grand Commandery Officers, Past Grand Commanders, and Sir Knights.

Battalion 8 consists of LaValette Commandery No.15, Terre Haute Commandery No.16, Vincennes Commandery No.20, and Wright Commandery No.64.

All Inspections and Receptions were conducted on schedule.

Summary: Battalion 8 has had a very strong year. Under strong leadership, excellent Recorders, and active Sir Knights, they have exceeded all expectations. All Commanderies in Battalion 8 have been visited on multiple occasions throughout the year. All four Commanderies had at least the minimum number of Sir Knights in attendance at the annual Inspection to receive a score.

Recorders in each Commandery continue to do an excellent job and their books and records reflect that fact.

Battalion 8 is getting stronger and more active each year. Wright #64 had eight Sir Knights attend the annual Inspection, LaValette #15 hosted the Grand Master's York Rite Class, Vincennes #20 hosted an all Order Day, and Terre Haute #16 is in the process of forming a Drill Team. All of these are in addition to their normal activities. It is a pleasure to serve as their Battalion Commander.

I would like to thank Sir Knights Mark Wallace of Vincennes #20 and Dennis Schraeder of LaValette #15 for serving as Deputy Battalion Commanders.

Fraternally submitted,

Michael Robbins, GSW  
Commander Battalion 8

## **JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE REPORT** **Bulletins, Dispensations and General Orders**

The Committee reviewed the Bulletins 1-8 and found them in proper form. Also the Dispensations 1-4 and General Orders 1-6 are all in proper form.

Fraternally submitted,

Irvin L. Bitting, KCT, PGC,  
for the Committee

SK Bitting moved that the report be approved. It was 2<sup>nd</sup> and passed.



## **GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF INDIANA**

**Bulletin No. 1:**

**Bolinger May 16, 2015**

### **161st CONCLAVE DIGEST**

The 161st Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Indiana, was held at the Marriott Hotel East, Indianapolis on April 30-May 2, 2015. The Sir Knights of Anderson Commandery No. 32, the home Commandery of the Right Eminent Grand Commander, served as hosts for the Conclave.

The Divine Service was held prior to the Grand Commander's Banquet on Thursday evening with 54 Sir Knights and Ladies in attendance. The service was under the direction of Adam Jackson, Grand Prelate, who brought the message. The service was greatly enjoyed by all. A collection of \$462.00 was raised for the Holy Land Pilgrimage Fund.

The Grand Commander's Banquet followed with over 118 Sir Knights and their Ladies. An excellent dinner was enjoyed by all. Several presentations were made; most notably the Knight Templar Cross of Honor was presented to Brian C. Lewis and Carson C. Smith. In addition, Sir Knight David Dixon Goodwin, GCT, MEGM presented Sir Knight Michael D. Ritter with his KCT award and with his Past Grand Commander's Certificate followed by a presentation of Grand Commander Ritter's Past Grand Commander's jewel by Sir Knight Duane L. Vaught, GCT, REDGM. Sir Knight Ritter is now wearing the PGC jewel once worn by Perry C. Traver (1945-46) of South Bend. Following the dinner was a Grand March and a refreshing ice cream social.

On Friday morning, the lines were formed by Raper Commandery No. 1, under the direction of S. K. Carson C. Smith, KCT, KTCH. Sir Knight Michael D. Ritter, KCT, Right Eminent Grand Commander and his corps of Officers were received and introduced. The Grand Officers then assumed the stations relinquished by the Officers of Anderson Commandery No. 32.

Grand Commander Michael D. Ritter, KCT  
V. E. Deputy Grand Commander James L. Bolinger  
Grand Generalissimo Donald D. Olvey  
Grand Captain General Lawrence J. Williams  
Grand Treasurer Robert J. Frazer, KCT, PGC  
Grand Recorder Lawrence V. Kaminsky, KCT, PGC  
Grand Senior Warden Terry L. Kehrer  
Grand Junior Warden Michael F. Robbins  
Grand Prelate Tony S. Peterson  
Grand Marshal H.E. "Gene" Lackey, HPGC, KCT, KTCH  
Grand Standard Bearer Donnie A. Robinette  
Grand Sword Bearer Tony S. Peterson

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Grand Warder John W. Patterson  
Grand Sentinel Basil K. Isaac  
Grand Organist Marvin L. Rees

The Past Grand Commanders of Indiana were then received and introduced. They included: Paul W. Friend, Steven J. Barton, Dwight E. Lanman, Jr., Robert J. Frazer, Irvin L. Bitting, Duane L. Vaught, George A. Ingles, Jr., Lawrence V. Kaminsky, Rodney A. Mann, David M. Bertch, Larry W. Brown, James L. Dove, and Jackie F. Wallace.

Distinguished guests were received under the guidance of George A. Ingles, Jr., KCT, PGC and the Past Grand Commanders of Indiana.

Aides received included Phillip D. Whisner, KTCH, Tony S. Peterson, GPE, Phillip A. Ritter, Vance A. Roberts, Michael C. Anderson and Virgil G. Humphrey, KCT, KTCH.

The Deputy Battalion Commanders were introduced. They included Jon Beach, DBC 1, John A. Bridegroom, KCT, DBC 1, Michael C. Anderson, DBC 2, Douglas Green, DBC 2, John R. Freeland, DBC 3, Charles A. Smelser, DBC 3, Philip D. Whisner, DBC 4, Randal P. Ellington, GPE, DBC 4, Mitchell H. Rohrbaugh, DBC 4, Kevin M. Spencer, DBC 5, Thomas R. Retherford, DBC 5, Mark L. Baker, DBC 6, Ronald E. Snell, DBC 6, and Dirk Rader, DBC 6.

Grand Prelate Emeriti's recognized included: Robert S. Flint, Wayne A. Sheets, Byron W. Schull, Charles E. Johnson, Edward L. Sebring, Harold D. Black and Randal P. Ellington.  
Also received was Companion and Sir Knight Charles E. Johnson, Past Deputy Grand Governor and Robert S. Flint, Past Grand Governor, York Rite College of Indiana.

Companion and Sir Knight Martin A. Evens, Most Excellent Grand High Priest of Royal Arch Masons of Indiana, Carl D. Froedge, REGK, G. Ray Windell, REGS, Philip E. Fowler, PGHP, Grand Treasurer, Regent for the York Rite Sovereign College of North America, Dr. Richard A. Lochner, PGHP, Grand Secretary, Donald D. Olvey, Grand Captain of the Host, Archie R. Smallwood, Grand Principal Sojourner, Steven A. Arlington, Grand Royal Arch Captain, John R. Mathis, Grand Chaplain, DeWayne Richmond, Grand Marshal, Steven A. Maxwell, GM3V Sean W. Jones, GM2V, Dr. Keith Spurgeon, GM1V, Marvin J. Ramsay, Grand Guard and James H. Fairchild, Grand Lecturer and several Royal Arch Deputies were received and introduced.

Companion and Sir Knight Michael C. Stoner, Most Illustrious Grand Master, Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Indiana, Michael J. Smith, RIDGM, Christopher W. Wright, RIPCW, John C. Gray, KCT, PMIGM, RIGT, John A. Bridegroom, KCT, RIGCG, David R. Ulrich, KCT, RIGCC, Terry Turner, RIGS, Edward L. Sebring, GC, Harold Black, GC, William Stocke, GS, Terry L. Smith, PMIGM, William M. Imel, PMIGM, W. Keith Stiner, IGL, Charles R. Bowling, ISAO, David Miller, Arch Officer 1, Frank E. Capler, Jr., Arch Officer 4 were received and introduced.

The following Officers of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Indiana were present: Douglas O. Fegenbush, KCT, MWPGM, Duane L. Vaught, GCT, PGC, MWPGM, Jeffery P. Zaring, KCT, MWPGM, George A. Ingles, Jr., KCT, PGC, MWPGM, Richard J. Elman, KCT, MWPGM, GSec, Rodney A. Mann, KCT, PGC, Right Worshipful Senior Grand Warden, Carl Culmann, Worshipful Senior Grand Deacon, George W. Burkley, III, Worshipful Junior Grand Deacon.

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Visiting Grand Officers from other jurisdictions included: From Ohio: Paxton T. Mendelssohn, GJW; From Wisconsin: Charles M. Olsen, GStdB; From Michigan: Albert F. Johnson, VEDGC, Donald L. Trumbull, GG and from Missouri Robert W. Schlichter, GG.

The visiting Past Grand Commanders present were introduced as follows: Wilmer E. Hall of Pennsylvania, Loren Winn of Michigan, James E. Howe of Michigan, Howard Chumit of Michigan, Al Johnson of Ohio, David Snyder of Ohio, Lauren Handeland of Wisconsin, Brian Hudy of Wisconsin and Archie Smallwood of Kentucky

Visiting Grand Commanders from other Jurisdictions were greeted as follows: Thomas H. Gault, Sr., of Ohio and Paul W. Roggow of Michigan.

Companion and Sir Knight Charles D. Wood, Jr., Right Puissant Regional Deputy Grand Master East Central, General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons, International and Grand Recorder was received. Companion and Sir Knight Larry E. Gray, KCT, KTCH, PGHP, PGSec, PGGHP and GGSec of the

General Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons, International was separately received and introduced. Sir Knight Larry E. Gray is also the Past Most Eminent Grand Preceptor of the Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests, Grand College of America and Intendant General, Division of Indiana, Red Cross of Constantine.

Sir Knight Steven J. Barton, KCT, Right Eminent Past Department Commander for the East Central Department of the Grand Encampment, United States of America was received.

Also present was Sir Knight Larry W. Brown, KCT, Right Eminent Department Commander of the East Central Department of the Grand Encampment and Sir Knight Lauren Handeland, KCT, Right Eminent Department Commander of the North Central Department of the Grand Encampment.

Sir Knight Duane L. Vaught, GCT, Right Eminent Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, Knights Templar of the United States of America and his aide Rodney A. Mann, KCT, PGC, RWJGW. Sir Knight David Dixon Goodwin, GCT, Most Eminent Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, Knights Templar of the United States of America was then received and welcomed.

Sir Knight and Brother William A. Reiners, Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of the Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Indiana was received, introduced and seated on the dais.

**Credentials:** A preliminary report of the Credentials Committee was called for and a quorum was present. All Commanderies were fully represented except for Lafayette No. 3, New Albany No. 5, Richmond No. 8, South Bend No. 13, Columbus No. 14, LaValette No. 15, Terre Haute No. 16, Apollo No. 19, Vincennes No. 20, Grant County No. 21, Crawfordsville No. 25, Frankfort No. 29, Elkhart No. 31, Greenfield No. 39, Angola No. 45, Noblesville No. 61, Prather No. 62, Bloomington No. 63, Wright No. 64 and Wm Bray No. 65.

**Jurisprudence:** Presented a motion to accept the minutes of the 160th Grand Conclave as printed in the proceedings. Motion Passed.



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**Jurisprudence:** Presented a motion to receive the preprinted reports in the Advanced Proceedings. Motion Passed.

**Grand Representatives:** Roll call of Grand Representatives showed that 33 were present, 5 were absent, and 9 were excused and 3 positions open.

**Grand Commander:** The Grand Commander then presented his allocution.

**Grand Recorder:** The Grand Recorder reported a loss of 138 for the year 2014-15 with 119 new Sir Knights having been created. Lloyd R. Forney, of LaPorte Commandery No. 12 was named the Star Recorder of the Year.

**Grand Treasurer:** The Grand Treasurer presented his annual financial report.

**Holy Land Pilgrimage:** The Holy Land Pilgrimage Committee reported that 33 Ministers went to the Holy Land this year. Indiana sent 3 of these Ministers. Rev. Charles E. Armstrong sent by Kokomo Commandery #36, Rev. David W. Hatfield sent by Anderson Commandery #32 and Rev. Timothy J. King sent by Anderson Commandery #32. We had one Minister that had to back out at the last minute due to not being able to obtain his passport, so Rev. King went in his place.

**Trustees:** As of the 22nd of April, 2014 the Permanent Fund was \$352,320.78. The Education Fund was \$220,380.77 with a \$5,000.00 withdrawal for the Christian Theological Seminary. These funds are kept at Morgan Stanley. We made money for the last year. We went from Portfolio Management to Unified Managed Account and will be performing on a risk-adjusted return for better expectations. The Trustees are pleased to report that financial support to the Newby-Avery Fund, which is part of the Permanent Fund, has now reached \$88,012.90. Our Life Membership Fund has assets of \$60,776.65 in Certificates of Deposits and a Savings Account.

**Necrology:** The report of the Necrology Committee paid tribute to those 131 Sir Knights who have passed to their eternal rest. Grand Prelate, Adam Jackson gave his report and a Eulogy. Larry W. Brown, KCT, PGC, ECDC gave the eulogy for Blair Christy Mayford, GCT, MEPGM who passed away on March 28, 2015. Steven J. Barton, KCT, PGC, PDC gave the eulogy for Charles Richard Neumann, GCT, MEHPGM who passed away on August 13, 2014 and for Rufus Frank Williams, KCT, PGC, HPDC who passed away on July 2, 2014. David M. Bertch, KCT, PGC gave the eulogy for Kenneth Eugene Gibson, KCT, PGC who passed away on April 21, 2015. Irvin L. Bitting, KCT, PGC gave the eulogy for Henry Edmond LaHurreau, KCT, PGC who passed away on February 19, 2015.

**R. Frank Williams Award:** Sir Knight R. Frank Williams, KCT, PGC, HPDC and GPE who died July 2, 2014 was instrumental in the National Holy Land Pilgrimage Program and traveled to the Holy Land for over 25 years. He was the spearhead in getting Indiana involved in this great work. This Indiana Award will be given to the Commandery that contributes the most money to the Holy Land fund each year. Whether you pay the full price of a minister to go to the Holy Land or just donate money to help send a minister, everything that is donated from your Commandery will count toward your Commandery's annual donation. The year will run from January 1 to December 31 of each year. Nominations of ministers to go to the Holy Land may be submitted to the Holy Land Committee, who will then select the minister to go based upon the funds available. Your Commandery may pay and

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select a minister of your choice by paying the complete cost of the trip. The R. Frank Williams Award will be presented at the Grand Conclave the following year for the Commandery to display for the year. A plaque will be placed on the award with your Commandery's name and year in which the award was presented. It is the goal of the Grand Commandery of Indiana that we raise sufficient funds each year through the R. Frank Williams Award to send at least one minister to the Holy Land. I am asking that each Commandery in the State of Indiana set a goal to donate at least \$100.00 to the Holy Land fund each year. With that funding we would be able to send one minister to the Holy Land from the State of Indiana. The first award was presented to Raper Commandery No. 1 at the Grand Conclave.

**Education Foundation:** The Educational Foundation Committee will continue to award a \$5000.00 scholarship to Christian Theological Seminary (CTS). Therefore, it was decided that we would continue our relationship with Christian Theological Seminary (CTS) to supply a \$5000.00 scholarship for a student who is working on a master degree in divinity. CTS assumed the responsibility to research the needs of their best students and present to the committee a deserving student. The committee is looking forward to working with CTS again.

**Templar Crusader:** The official Conclave Program Book, "The Templar Crusader," was again successful and Richmond Commandery No. 8 received the traveling award for selling the most ads. We only had 14 Commanderies, 2 appendant bodies, the Indianapolis SOOB, Indiana State Association of High 12 and 2 individuals sell ads this year for a total of \$3117 .00 for the Holy Land Pilgrimage fund.

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

James L. Bolinger, GC Donald D. Olvey, DGC Lawrence J. Williams, GG

Terry L. Kehrer, GCG Michael F. Robbins, GSW Donnie A. Robinette, GJW

Robert J. Frazer, KCT, PGC, GT Lawrence V. Kaminsky, KCT, PGC, GR

Larry W. Brown, KCT, PGC, ECDC was elected Grand Trustee for a term of 3 years.

Grand Commander-elect James L. Bolinger then announced the following appointments:

Steven A. Arlington, GP; Marvin L. Rees, GO; David M. Bertch, KCT, PGC, Grand Marshall; Edward E. Fodrea, GStdB; John Patterson, GSwdB; James L. Davis, GW; and Matthew E. Lowe, GS.

**Finance:** SK Paul W. Friend, KCT, PGC and Chairman of the Finance Committee said the finances of the Grand Commandery are slowly improving. The original Finance Report is found on page 22 of the 2014-15 Advance Proceedings. With this report being prepared several days ago, I will present a revised version of the report, which replaces what you are viewing. It will read as follows: The Grand Commandery of Indiana has completed its' 5-year assessment of \$5.00 per member, which was approved at the Grand Session in 2010. We want to thank the Constituent Commanderies for your support of the 5-year assessment. We will honor the promise made five years ago that the \$5.00 assessment will end. **Therefore, there will be no legislation put forth this year to continue the assessment another year.** The assessment has helped the permanent fund and general fund recover from low levels that occurred in previous years. We appreciate the work done by previous Finance Committee members who helped direct the finances into the direction taken 5 years ago so we have a more stable position today. The Trustees' report will show the progress made in the funds. Also in 2010, the finance committee recommended that the per capita increase by .50 cents for each year for five years and it was necessary that it be approved by the delegates in each of the succeeding 5 years at the Grand Conclave. This increase was to help offset the loss of income due to a drop of membership.

## *Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Indiana*

The budget for the 2015-16 year is found on page 23 of the Advance Proceedings. As you can see, the budget is balanced and able to sustain itself without a transfer from the permanent funds.

With the Grand Commandery being on a more solid foundation financially, **it is recommended that the 50 cent assessment not continue into the next year.** It was also stated in the 2014-15 Advance Proceedings Finance Committee Report that there would be legislation dealing with Section 612. The proposed legislation is found on pages 25 and 26 of the Advance Proceedings. **That recommended legislation is being withdrawn.** Again we thank the Commandery membership in Indiana for your diligence in dealing with the finances of the Grand Commandery. We have made great progress and hope this financial condition will continue in the years ahead. Respectfully submitted, Paul W. Friend  
Motion passed.

**Honorary Memberships:** The following Sir Knights were presented with Honorary Membership to the Indiana Grand Commandery: Thomas H. Gault, Sr., GC of Ohio; Rev. Duane A. Kemerley, HPDC, of Ohio; Paul W. Roggow, GC of Michigan; Brian J. Hudy, PGC of Wisconsin and Charles L. Combi, Grand Royal Patron of Indiana Amaranth. Sir Knight Thomas H. Gault, Sr. responded for the Red Cords.

**Easter Sunrise:** The Easter Sunrise Service Trip to the Washington DC area began on Tuesday, March 31, 2015 with the participants meeting at the Indianapolis LaQuinta. Many of the travelers chose to dine together at a favorite restaurant before staying the night at the LaQuinta.

Wednesday morning the bus was loaded at 6:30 a.m. left for our first stop, the Kirkwood Winery in the hills of West Virginia after first stopping for lunch at the Bob Evans outside Charleston, West Virginia. After our tour and a little testing and purchasing, we continued on to Staunton, Virginia where we had a bite to eat before staying the night at the recently renovated Sleep Inn.

After breakfast at the Sleep Inn, we left for Colonial Williamsburg, which was about a three-hour drive away. We relived the American Revolution through interaction with historic characters and viewed people of the times as they did their daily chores and went about a typical day in that time period. We met with gracious members of the Williamsburg Masonic Lodge No. 6, which was founded in 1778, for a fascinating tour. After the tour we went to a nearby restaurant for dinner before departing for Arlington, VA to begin our stay at the Hilton. Friday morning started with a tour the House of the Temple, the headquarters of the Southern District of the Scottish Rite. After the tour we stopped in the colorful, culturally diverse Adams Morgan District of D.C. for lunch. The afternoon found us touring the beautiful Headquarters of the Eastern Star. Friday night we indulged ourselves with Bozzelli's pizza at our traditional pizza party in the Hospitality Suite. Some brave souls venture out into the night to try to catch a picture or two of some D.C sites. Saturday morning, we headed to Arlington Cemetery for our laying of the Wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown. While gobbling down a quick sack lunch on the bus, we headed to the George Washington Masonic Memorial for a tour of that outstanding building. We found a lot of beauty in Masonic structures in a few days! Saturday evening was the traditional Grand Encampment Banquet, a lovely dinner, as always. And Sunday, April 5th, we returned to the George Washington Masonic Memorial for our Easter Sunrise Service. After that inspiring program, we returned to the Hilton to pack up and head for home. I know we all snoozed a little on the return to Indianapolis as it was a busy trip. Respectfully submitted by  
James Bolinger, VEDGC

**Distinguished Service Awards:** Twelve (12) Sir Knights and one (1) Friend 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 is the custom, these names are not divulged until the presentations are made in the individual Commanderies.

*Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Indiana*

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

**Star Recorder of the Year 2014**

**Lloyd R. Forney**

LaPorte Commandery No. 12

**Highest % Increase in Membership 2014**

Battalion I	Valparaiso Commandery No. 28	2.9%
Battalion II	Elkhart Commandery No. 31	6.6%
Battalion III	Noblesville Commandery No. 61	3.5%
Battalion IV	Connersville Commandery No. 6	8.6%
Battalion V	Bloomington Commandery No.63	5.2%
Battalion VI	Vincennes Commandery No. 20	6.9%

**Grand Commander's Trophy 2014**

(Plaque engraved)

Highest Number of Knightings

**Prather Commandery No. 62 – (11)**

**J. Rufus Henshaw Trophy 2014**

Highest Net Increase in Membership

**Connersville Commandery No. 6 (8.8%)**

**Activity Awards (Ribbons) 2014**

The two Commanderies with the highest activity point total (Blue 1<sup>st</sup> Red 2<sup>nd</sup>) receive ribbons that may be placed on their Beauceant

	<b>Commandery</b>	<b>Points Award</b>	
Battalion I	LaPorte Commandery No. 12	1820	<b>Blue Ribbon</b>
Battalion I	Valparaiso Commandery No. 28	1771	<b>Red Ribbon</b>
Battalion II	Angola Commandery No. 45	2476	<b>Blue Ribbon</b>
Battalion II	Elkhart Commandery No. 31	1906	<b>Red Ribbon</b>
Battalion III	Anderson Commandery No. 32	1910	<b>Blue Ribbon</b>
Battalion III	Frankfort Commandery No. 29	1746	<b>Red Ribbon</b>
Battalion IV	Raper Commandery No. 1	2672	<b>Blue Ribbon</b>
Battalion IV	Richmond Commandery No. 8	1500	<b>Red Ribbon</b>
Battalion V	LaValette Commandery No. 15	1719	<b>Blue Ribbon</b>
Battalion V	Baldwin Commandery No. 2	1700	<b>Red Ribbon</b>
Battalion VI	Vincennes Commandery No. 20	1863	<b>Blue Ribbon</b>
Battalion VI	Bloomington Commandery No. 63	1083	<b>Red Ribbon</b>

**Grand Commandery Guidon Award 2014**

The Commandery with the highest activity score in the state will receive the Grand Commandery Guidon for the coming year.

**Raper Commandery No. 1 (2672)**

### **Battalion Guidons 2014**

The Battalion Guidon will be awarded to the Commandery in each Battalion who has the highest ritualistic score.

Battalion I (596)	South Bend Commandery No. 13
Battalion II (587)	Angola Commandery No. 45
Battalion III (623)	Kokomo Commandery No. 36
Battalion IV (606)	Richmond Commandery No. 8
Battalion V (626)	Bedford Commandery No. 42
Battalion VI (626)	Bloomington Commandery No. 63

### **Eminent Commander Certificate of Merit 2014**

Jon R. Beach	LaPorte Commandery No.12
John W. Patterson	Valparaiso Commandery No. 28
David W. Miller	Hammond Commandery No. 41
Randal P. Ellington	Baldwin Commandery No. 2
Erwin E. Brown	Columbus Commandery No. 14
David M. Johnson	LaValette Commandery No. 15
David L. Lloyd	Vincennes Commandery No. 20
Scott C. King	Bedford Commandery No. 42

### **Commandery of the Year 2014**

**Raper Commandery No. 1**

### **Knight Templar Cross of Honor 2015**

2015 – Brian C. Lewis, Prather No. 62  
2015 – Carson C. Smith, Fort Wayne No. 4

**Installation:** The business of the 161st Annual Conclave having been completed, the new officers were installed by S.K. Dwight E. Lanman, Jr., KCT, PGC as Installing Officer, S.K. Irvin L. Bitting, KCT, PGC as Installing Marshall, S.K. David M. Bertch, KCT, PGC as Installing Recorder, S.K. Paul W. Friend, KCT, PGC as Installing Prelate and S.K. Marvin Rees, GO as Organist. After remarks and introductions by the new Grand Commander James L. Bolinger, he then declared Anderson Commandery No. 32 closed in ample form and the 161st Annual Conclave adjourned.

**Three-way Banquet:** One hundred and eight Companions and Sir Knights and their ladies attend the three-way banquet this year.

**The Drill Competition and the Pass-in-Review** was held Saturday, May 2nd at Warren School. Four teams reported for Drill Competition, Raper #1, Baldwin #2, Greenfield #39, and Bedford #42. Results were:

Class C	
Raper # 1	First Place,
Greenfield # 39	Second Place
Class D	
Bedford # 42	First Place,
Baldwin #2	Second Place

*Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Indiana*

The Committee would like to thank all the Sir Knights who help with the drills and who took the time to help their Commandery field a drill team. The drills were followed by an awards luncheon which was attended by 28 Sir Knights and their ladies.

The 162nd Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Indiana will be held at the Sheraton City Center in Indianapolis on April 28-30, 2016.

**The Officers for 2015-16 are as follows:**

James L. Bolinger	Grand Commander
Donald D. Olvey	Deputy Grand Commander
Lawrence J. Williams	Grand Generalissimo
Terry L. Kehrer	Grand Captain General
Michael F. Robbins	Grand Senior Warden
Donnie A. Robinette	Grand Junior Warden
Steven A. Arlington	Grand Prelate
Robert J. Frazer	Grand Treasurer
Lawrence V. Kaminsky	Grand Recorder
Edward E. Fodrea	Grand Standard Bearer
John W. Patterson	Grand Sword Bearer
James L. Davis	Grand Warder
Matthew E. Lowe	Grand Sentinel
Marvin L. Rees	Grand Organist

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Bulletin No. 2 Bolinger

May 3, 2015

## Eminent Commander Certificate of Merit Award

In order to honor the Eminent Commanders of Indiana who have completed a full term in 2015 and who have demonstrated that they are effective leaders will be eligible to receive a Certificate of Merit based upon the following criteria at the Grand Conclave on April 29, 2016.

- An Officer mentoring program is functioning in the Commandery.
- The Commandery has made personal contact by telephone or visited all inactive Sir Knights in the local area.
- The Commandery has knighted at least 1 candidate in 2015.
- The Commandery can Open and Close the Commandery without the use of an open Ritual.
- The Commandery has participated with a quorum present in a local Order.
- The Commandery has accumulated at least 250 activity points on the Activities Sheet.

**All Battalion Commanders will recommend eligible Eminent Commanders in their Battalion at the Winter Meeting of the Grand Commandery in January 2016.**

This Bulletin 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 3<sup>rd</sup> day of May, A.D. 2015, A.O. 897.

James L. Bolinger  
Grand Commander

ATTESTED:

Lawrence V. Kaminsky, KCT, PGC  
Grand Recorder



GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF INDIANA



Bulletin No. 3 Bolinger

May 3, 2015

## Distinguished Service Award

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 (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 Recorder no later than February 1, 2016.** The cost of the jewel is borne by the Commandery nominating the individual and is billed to the Commandery by the Grand Recorder. The Grand Commandery furnishes a certificate. Full details of the award can be found in Permanent Resolution No. 3, Section 920 (a) of the Indiana Grand Laws. Further questions may be addressed 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 is in good standing.

This Bulletin 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 3<sup>rd</sup> day of May, A.D. 2015, A.O. 897.

James L. Bolinger,  
Grand Commander

ATTESTED:

Lawrence V. Kaminsky  
Grand Recorder





**DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD FOR  
SIR KNIGHTS**

**Rules and Regulations**

An award to be known as the "**DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD**" (for Sir Knights) 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

**GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF INDIANA**

**NOMINATION FORM**  
**DUE NO LATER THAN FEBRUARY 1, 2015**

**FOR A SIR KNIGHT**  
**DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD**

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:

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(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**

**Rules and Regulations**

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

1. The Eminent Commander, Generalissimo and Captain General, will acting together, present the nomination for the award as suggested by members of their Commandery. The nomination shall be made on forms to be provided by the Grand Recorder. **Each nomination shall be forwarded to the Right Eminent Grand Commander no later than February 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

**GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF INDIANA**

**NOMINATION FORM  
DUE NO LATER THAN FEBRUARY 1, 2015**

**FOR A  
"FRIENDS" DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD**

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:

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(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*



**Bulletin No. 4 Bolinger**



**May 1, 2015**

## **Knights Templar Cross of Honor**

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

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

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

1. Pass a resolution in your Commandery, naming the Sir Knight to be nominated.
2. Write to the Grand Recorder for a nomination form.
3. **Read the instructions on the reverse side of the form. Fill it out and forward it directly to the Grand Commander, Jack F. Wallace, 8611 N 700 W, Fountaintown, IN 46130.**

The nomination form must be in the hands of the Grand Commander prior to **February 1, 2014**. Incomplete forms and those received after that date **will not** be considered. Your Commandery should reconsider those Sir Knights who have been nominated previously but who have never received the award.

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

Given under my hand and seal this 1<sup>st</sup> day of May 2013, A.O. 895.

James L. Bolinger, Grand Commander

ATTESTED:

Lawrence V. Kaminsky, KCT, PGC,  
Grand Recorder



## **GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF INDIANA**

### **"KNIGHTS TEMPLAR CROSS OF HONOR" RULES AND REGULATIONS**

(1) In accordance with the provisions of Section 237-1/2 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, and Templar rank, name of his Commandery and a statement of the nature of the meritorious service upon.
- 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 nominations made Constituent Commanderies of his Grand Commandery upon Nomination Forms and shall select only one nominee (more where qualified) in anyone 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 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 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 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 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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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**



**Bulletin No. 5 Bolinger**

May 3, 2015

**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 **2016 Holy Land Pilgrimage**. The Pilgrimage will depart from JFK in New York, February 22, 2016, and return on March 3, 2016. This will be the only trip this year. 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 JFK, NY, 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*. **Please see all attached letters and forms.**

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 over 200 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 \$3,390.00 from JFK in New York. A goal of sending 90 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 1<sup>st</sup> day of May 2015, A. O. 897

James L. Bolinger,  
Grand Commander



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



## **Knights Templar Holy Land Pilgrimage**

**Our Mission:** To send Ordained Christian Ministers on a Biblical study and historical / cultural immersion experience who would not have the opportunity otherwise.

**PURPOSE:** To strengthen Christian ministry by providing an intensive travel and study program for full time, ordained ministers in the form of a pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Our experience tells us how much the opportunity to 'walk where Jesus walked' can positively affect the preaching, teaching, and spirituality of Christian ministers. It is our plan to immerse the Pilgrim ministers in the land, the sights, the sounds, the history, and the cultures of the Holy Land, past and present.

The Committee on Holy Land Pilgrimage of the Grand Encampment organizes and supervises the planning and execution of the overall program and the pilgrimage travel groups each year. Travel is usually done during February and March. Pilgrimages are eleven days long with nine days in the Holy Land.

The cost per Pilgrim Minister varies from year to year and is announced in the spring by the Chairman of the Grand Encampment Committee on Holy Land Pilgrimage.

The fees cover:

- Round trip flights from New York to Tel Aviv and returning to New York
- Airline fuel surcharges and Airport Taxes
- 9 nights' accommodations, 8 Breakfast, 7 Lunches, 8 Dinners, and other basic fees and program expenses

Fees do not cover:

- Personal incidentals
- Souvenirs
- Travel from home area to New York. (It is highly recommended that each State Committee consider covering the cost of this domestic flight.)

The Grand Encampment Committee on Holy Land Pilgrimage does not fund the travel of Pilgrim ministers. Each state's Grand Commandery or sponsoring local Commandery of Knights Templar covers the cost of the Pilgrim's travel.

To find more information, go to the Grand Encampment web site and see the Purpose/Activities page.

**GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF INDIANA**



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**Our Mission:** To send Ordained Christian Ministers on a Biblical study and historical / cultural immersion experience who would not have the opportunity otherwise.

**Our Goal:** To send 90 Ordained Christian Ministers on the 31st Holy Land Pilgrimage in February / March 2014.

**TO: Grand Recorders and Grand Commandery Holy Land Pilgrimage Chairmen**

Gate 1 Travel Agency has reserved places for two (2) groups of 45 people each for the 2014 Knights Templar Holy Land Pilgrimage. The dates are:

**February 10 – 20, 2014 – Group 1      February 24 – March 6, 2014 – Group 2**

- Travel date preference will be honored on a first come, first served basis, keeping the groups balanced. In the event that there are not enough to put 20 pilgrims on each flight, the trip will be reduced to only 1 group.
- The cost this year will be approximately \$3,900.00 from JFK in New York. This includes three meals daily, entrance fees, standard tipping, and travel insurance. (Also included: fuel surcharge and the airport tax.) This fee does not include domestic flights from your area to JFK. Each state is encouraged to make their domestic flight arrangements with Gate 1 Travel to coordinate flight schedules.
- In order to expedite communications, please send your email address to [cuaewm@aol.com](mailto:cuaewm@aol.com).

Enclosed is a copy of the **Nomination Form** to be filled out for each pilgrim minister you select. (It would be useful for you to use this form for all ministers nominated in your state.) Also included in this mailing are the **Guidelines for Selection of Ministers, and a new Certification form**. When you submit the materials for your pilgrim ministers, you will need to include three items: Certification Form (signed by the Grand Recorder and the State Holy Land Pilgrimage Chairman), the Nomination Form (filled out completely by the pilgrim minister), and the full fee (check made out to HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE, INC). All of these items are due by October 15.

Please note that this program is for ministers who might not otherwise have this opportunity. Any minister who has previously traveled to the Holy Land would not meet this criterion. The Knights Templar Holy Land Pilgrimage is intended for first time pilgrims. The minister must be in good enough physical condition in order to be able to walk up and down stairs and hills as well as 3 miles a day at times.

Thank you so much for your continued prayerful support of this very important Christian Knights Templar program.

In His name,

*Emmett W. Mills, Jr.*

S. K. Emmett Mills, P.G.C.  
Knights Templar Holy Land Pilgrimage



**GUIDELINES FOR SELECTION OF MINISTERS**

The following are the selection criteria used choosing ministers for the Knight Templar Holy Land Pilgrimage. Please consider these guidelines before inviting ministers to apply. Ministers who fall outside of these guidelines will rank lower in the process of selecting ministers from the pool of those nominated.

- Having **never traveled to Israel** before.
- Fully **Ordained ministers** (copy of Ordination Certificate or judicatory documentation must accompany the application). Youth coordinators, program directors, lay pastors, etc. rarely have ordination status.
- Serving in **full time** ministry, currently. This means that they are employed by the church full time and it is their primary source of income.
- Having **served at least four years** in full time ministry.
- Having **at least ten years of full time service** yet to go.
- Be of **good physical health** (if the idea of walking a brisk mile or more – uphill, non-stop, with steps - is a concern, this may not be the program from which this person would benefit).
- Willing to travel with an **ecumenical group** of other ministers from many denominations and religious groups, male and female.
- Willing to travel in a program sponsored by the **Knights Templar**, an appendant organization of **Freemasonry**.
- Willing to travel **without their spouse**. This is non-negotiable.
- Having the understanding that this is a **strenuous educational and spiritual study seminar / historical & cultural immersion experience** and not a vacation trip.



Bulletin No. 6 – Bolinger

November 3, 2015

## Christmas Message

# Peace and Joy

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

*Luke 2:10-11 KJV*

*“Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.”*

*Luke 2:14 KJV*

Peace and joy to you and your family in this holiday season! It is a lovely sentiment that I do send to you in all earnestness. At this time of year smiles seem bigger, strangers are kinder and there is a generosity toward the poor and needy that tends to decrease as a new year begins and the doldrums of winter set in around us. In reading the words of the angel that spread the news of the birth of our Savior, I don't think his intention was for us to rejoice, have peace and good will toward one another for just that one month of the year, it was for every day. It is easy with our busy lives to become centered into the needs and happiness of our family, and ourselves but when the holidays are over, continue to spread the good will to all you see. Remember that having a smile and showing concern for someone having a bad time can make a difference in their life and in turn, may help others. If we practice charity and compassion every day, it will lead our children and our friends to do the same. Peace, joy, and happiness in the love of the Lord! Hallelujah!

Given under my hand and seal this 3rd day of November, 2015, A. O. 897

James L. Bolinger, Grand Commander

ATTESTED:

Lawrence V. Kaminsky, KCT, PGC  
Grand Recorder



**GRAND PRELATE'S CHRISTMAS MESSAGE**

By Sir Knight Steven A. Arlington, Grand Prelate

## **Losing Christ in the Feast**

We read in the second chapter of Luke at the 41st verse the story of Mary and Joseph attending the feast of Passover and leaving Jerusalem to return home. Supposing him to be in the caravan, they traveled a day's journey before they realized that Christ stayed behind in Jerusalem and wasn't in their company. While not frequently addressed as a Christmas message, I have heard this story used to illustrate a very important point in the current state of Christianity... Have We Lost Christ in the Feast?

This is the time of year for all the gifts, family visits and dinners. We will all soon hear the horrific stories of those who have actually died in the process of trying to secure those "Christmas" deals. The fake trees, the Santa Claus', the money and greed have all done their job in tainting what was once a season of quite solitude, real love and remembrance.

At this point I probably sound like quite the Grinch. The truth is that couldn't be farther from the truth. I just watch this behavior wax colder and more detached every year and wonder why people care about December 25th anymore. It certainly has nothing to do with the virgin birth. Even the radio stations and store intercoms are playing all the, "Dominique the Donkey" and "Frosty the Snowman" songs with no mention of a "Joy to the World" or "Hark the Herald Angels Sing". The only way to get a real Christmas song played anymore is if some cultural icon records it.

So what do we do? How do we take back Christmas? No answer here. We have, for so long, warmed our pews and refused to do any-thing that I think it is out of our hands at this point. Prayer that the real reason will resurface is about all we can do. However, here's a start.

Don't bother with "*The Night before Christmas*" on Christmas Eve, read the historical account from the Gospel of Luke. Don't mention Santa without explaining the REAL reason for Christmas and what you are celebrating. Find a Christmas Eve service somewhere and take the family. Here's one I do. Christmas Eve, once the house is quite, sit down and listen to "Mary, Did You Know" and "Once Upon a Christmas". Think about the words remembering this isn't Batman or Transformers... it's history. It isn't what our church fathers wanted us to believe, it's the same story the enemies of Christianity tell.

I guess what I'm trying to say is Christ will return to Christmas when we invite him back... even one household at a time. Merry Christmas to you and your families and God Bless our nation.



Bulletin No. 7 – Bolinger

November 23, 2015

## Easter Message

### *Teaching his word*

*Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost; Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded of you; and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.*

*A-men.*

*Matthew 28:19-20 KJV*

Why is Easter Sunday so important to us? Jesus died for us on Good Friday. That's the day that he took our sins away giving the world a fresh start and a chance at Peace on Earth. So what does the empty tomb mean to us that made it so important that we, the Christians of the world made Sunday, two days after he died, our day of worship? Because the empty tomb and the resurrection of Jesus and his return to Heaven meant that there was hope for us. As Jesus returned to heaven after completing his missions here on Earth, he showed us that we might do the same.

Jesus told us that by believing in God, doing his work and spreading his word, we all have the hope of living in the house of God for all eternity. As we go about our daily lives, remember what Jesus preached. Remember that he died to save us, that he rose to live again, and that he ascended to Heaven, to show us the way. Every day we must work to deserve what God has promised us and someday we'll all reside together in Heaven.

Given under my hand and seal this 23rd day of November, 2015, A. O. 897

James L. Bolinger, Grand Commander

ATTESTED:

Lawrence V. Kaminsky, KCT, PGC  
Grand Recorder



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**Bulletin No. 8 - Bolinger**

December 1, 2015

**Passing of Grand Recorder**

Sir Knight Lawrence V. Kaminsky, KCT, PGC, long time Grand Recorder and friend to all, on November 30, 2015, passed to the Grand Architect above, where we all hope to arrive.

Therefore, it is necessary to direct as follows:

I hereby appoint Sir Knight George A. Ingles, Jr., KCT, PGC, of William G. Bray Commandery No. 65 to fulfill the duties of the Office of Grand Recorder in accordance with section 48b of the Constitution of the Grand Encampment Knights Templar until regular elections to be held on April 29, 2015.

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 1<sup>st</sup> day of December A.D. 2015, A.O. 897

James I. Bolinger  
Grand Commander

ATTESTED:

George A. Ingles, Jr., KCT, PGC  
Grand Recorder



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**Bulletin No. 9 - Bolinger**

January 31, 2016

**Conferring of Orders in another Jurisdiction**

In keeping with the desire of this Grand Commandery to assist and participate in other Jurisdictions, thereby exemplifying the Templary in its finest.

Permission is granted to permit candidates from Indiana to have courtesy Orders conferred at the Tri-State Festival in Michigan Center, Michigan on March 5, 2016.

Permission is also granted to permit Sir Knights from Indiana, to participate in said Orders.

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 30<sup>st</sup> day of January A.D. 2016, A.O. 898

James I. Bolinger  
Grand Commander

ATTESTED:

George A. Ingles, Jr., KCT, PGC  
Grand Recorder





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**Dispensation No. 1- Bolinger**

May 2, 2015

**Special Dispensation – St. Anselm**

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

Dispensation is hereby granted to St. Anselm Commandery to operate in accordance with Section 48C of the Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America, and is authorized to continue under dispensation until the close of the Grand Conclave on April 25, 2014. 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 part of the minutes.

Given under my hand and seal this 1st day of May 2013, A.O. 895.

James L. Bolinger,  
Grand Commander

ATTESTED:

Lawrence V. Kaminsky, KCT, PGC  
Grand Recorder



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**Dispensation No. 2- Bolinger**

December 7, 2015

**Dispensation to Hold Annual Election of Officers after the December Stated Conclave**

Due to the attendance of most of the elected officers of Angola Commandery attending services for Sir Knight Lawrence V. Kaminsky, KCT, PGC, and Grand Recorder, causing the lack of elected officers at your December Stated Conclave. Angola Commandery No. 45 shall hold their annual election of officers at their next stated Conclave. Installation of officers must follow before the Stated Conclave following the election.

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

Given under my hand and seal this 7<sup>th</sup> day of December A.D. 2015, A.O. 897

James L. Bolinger  
Grand Commander

ATTESTED:

George A. Ingles, Jr., KCT, PGC  
Grand Recorder



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**Dispensation No. 3- Bolinger**

December 19, 2015

**Dispensation to Hold Annual Election of Officers after the December Stated Conclave**

Due to the lack of attendance at your December Stated Conclave of South Bend Commandery No. 13 shall hold their annual election of officers at their next stated Conclave. Installation of officers must follow before the Stated Conclave following the election.

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

Given under my hand and seal this 19<sup>h</sup> day of December A.D. 2015, A.O. 897

James L. Bolinger  
Grand Commander

ATTESTED:

George A. Ingles, Jr., KCT, PGC  
Grand Recorder



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**Dispensation No. 4- Bolinger**

February 5, 2016

**Dispensation to move Asylum from current location to new facilities**

Due to the sale of the Masonic Lodge building located in Downtown Huntington to a location on the South East side of the city: Permission is hereby granted to move the Asylum of Huntington Commandery No. 35 to the location of the Charter of the Masonic Lodge Amity No. 483 in the city of Huntington.

This permission is granted under Grand Encampment, Statues, Section No. 232. Permission to move Asylum from one building to another in the same municipality by a vote of a majority of its members present at a Stated Conclave.

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

Given under my hand and seal this 5<sup>th</sup> day of February A.D. 2016, A.O. 898

James L. Bolinger  
Grand Commander

ATTESTED:

George A. Ingles, Jr., KCT, PGC  
Grand Recorder



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General Order No. 1 Bolinger

May 3, 2015

## Annual Inspection of Constituent Commanderies

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 851 and 852 of the Laws of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Indiana, it is hereby ordered that the Constituent Commanderies of the Jurisdiction be inspected.

1. The Battalion Commander shall inspect each Commandery within the Battalion with the following exception:
  - The Grand Inspector General will inspect the designated primary Commandery of each elected Grand Officer, excluding the Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder.
  - A fellow Grand Line Officer will inspect the designated primary Commandery of each appointed Grand Officer, if it is within the Battalion of the latter. Only the Grand Commander may authorize other exceptions or substitutions.
2. Each Inspecting Officer will send a “Notice of Inspection” courtesy letter to the Eminent Commander and Recorder at least 30 days prior to the Inspection. The letter will confirm the date, time, and Inspecting Officer’s time of arrival and request the completion of specified reports. The Recorder shall provide the completed reports to the Inspecting Officers upon his arrival.
3. The records Inspection shall consist of:
  - A report on the membership efforts.
  - Examination of the books, records, and accounts.
  - Examination of the paraphernalia and property of the Commandery.
  - Examination of the Activity sheet.
4. No Inspection will be deemed complete until the Inspecting Officer has reviewed all books and financial records. If they are not presented at the Inspection, it shall be the duty of the responsible Officer (Treasurer or Recorder) to deliver the same to the Inspecting Officer within seven (7) days. Failure to comply may cause the Commandery to be placed upon probation until the obligation has been fulfilled.
5. Each Inspection will start promptly on the date and time mutually agreed upon with the respective Inspecting Officer. The inspection process may be completed over two meetings, with one meeting for the Reception inspection and another meeting for the conferral of the Order. The full inspection may be done in one day, if desired. All inspections must be complete by the first Sunday in December 2015.

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6. It is preferred that the regularly elected and appointed officers of the Commandery fill their respective stations during the Reception and Order conferral. If necessary, officers and members may assume other stations, particularly during the Order. Commanderies are encouraged to work with each other to provide any needed assistance. If an actual candidate is present, the quality of the work is of prime importance.
7. An Inspection may consist of up to three (3) separate Commanderies participating together for an official inspection, when approved by the Battalion Commander. Points for the inspection will only be awarded when a participating Commandery has six (6) or more of its members present (subject to review by the Battalion Commander and the Grand Commander).
8. The participating Commanderies will open a Commandery of Knights Templar in Full Form using the Ten Man or Twelve Man Opening in accordance with the most recent official interpretation of the Ritual and official Indiana Asylum Tactics. Fifty (50) points for a Closes Inspection and one-hundred (100) points for a public Reception will be added to the Activities Sheet for all participating Commanderies.
  - A Commandery of Knights Templar shall be opened in Full Form with Rehearsal of Duties then closed (If the Order being inspected is done at another time).
  - Upon completion of each inspection and prior to closing, the Inspecting Officers shall give his remarks first, and then the Grand Commander, if present, will follow with his remarks. Whenever he is not present, the Inspecting Officer, acting as the Grand Commander's official Representative, shall be accorded all of the honors and courtesies due him, as such. If the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Indiana is present he will speak after the Grand Commander; otherwise, the Grand Commander will be the final speaker.
  - Violating proper protocol as prescribed in Indiana Tactics General Regulations shall constitute a no score for your inspection and thus require an additional inspection scheduled by the Right Eminent Grand Commander.
  - The public may be invited into the Asylum while the Commandery:
    - The Commandery receives the Commander
    - The Commander receives Distinguished Guest
    - The sword manual is performed
    - The Commandery is inspected for uniform
    - The Triangle is formed
    - The United States Flag and lecture is given
9. The participating Commanderies will exemplify the Full Ceremonial of the Order being conferred. Commanderies may separately or jointly confer the Ceremonies in accordance with one of the following options at the time and place with the consent of the Battalion Commander. The inspection of the Order of the Red Cross, Order of Malta, or The Order of the Temple may occur anytime after May 3, 2015 and prior to the first Sunday in December 2015.
  - A single Commandery may perform one of the Orders for points as graded by the score sheet by the Battalion Commander and staff, if the majority of parts are filled by the inspected Commandery or Commanderies.
  - Same as above with the exception that up to three (3) Commanderies may participate with the same points being given to all the participating Commanderies. As long as they have at least six (6) Sr. Knights present at the work.

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- An Instructional meeting may be held instead of any, or all, ritualistic work when the Inspecting Officer, with the concurrence of the Grand Inspector General, deems that change to be in the best interests of the Commandery.
10. The Inspecting Officer shall make his inspection report of each Commandery to the Right Eminent Grand Commander, Grand Inspector General, the Deputy Grand Commander, Grand Recorder, as well as the Eminent Commander and the Recorder of the inspected Commandery within fourteen (14) days following the completion of the inspection. A full report of the Inspections will be discussed at the winter meeting and present for publication and appropriate recognition at the Annual Conclave.
  11. The Battalion Guidon will be awarded to the Commandery in each Battalion who has the highest ritualistic score. The ritualistic score shall be the score of the opening and closing combined with that of the Order conferred (Activity scores excluded). All Commanderies will be graded according to the forms and procedures adopted for that purpose.
  12. The two Commanderies scoring highest in each battalion on the activity score sheet will also be recognized by a ribbon that may be attached to the Commandery Beauceant. The Commandery with the highest activity score in the state will receive the Grand Commandery Guidon for the coming year.

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 1<sup>st</sup> day of May, A.D. 2015, A.O. 897.



James L. Bolinger  
Grand Commander



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



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**General Order No. 2 Bolinger**

**May 3, 2015**

**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.

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

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

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

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

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 3<sup>rd</sup> day of May, A.D. 2015, A.O. 897.

James L. Bolinger,  
Grand Commander

ATTESTED:

*Lawrence V. Kaminsky*  
Lawrence V. Kaminsky, KCT, PGC  
Grand Recorder





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**General Order No. 3 Bolinger**

**May 3, 2015**

**Mentoring New Members and Junior Officers**

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

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

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

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

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

Given under my hand and seal this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of May, A.D. 2015, A.O. 897.

James L. Bolinger,  
Grand Commander

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



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**General Order No. 4 Bolinger**

**May 3, 2015**

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

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

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

Given under my hand and seal this 3rd day of May, A.D. 2015, A.O. 897.

James L. Bolinger,  
Grand Commander

ATTESTED:

*Lawrence V. Kaminsky*

Lawrence V. Kaminsky, KCT, PGC  
Grand Recorder



**GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF INDIANA**



**General Order No. 5 Bolinger**

**May 3, 2015**

**R. Frank Williams Award Program**

Sir Knight R. Frank Williams, KCT, PGC, HPDC and GPE who died July 2, 2014 was instrumental in the National Holy Land Pilgrimage Program for over 25 years. He was the spearhead in getting Indiana involved in this great work.

Therefore, an award has been established and will be continued in his honor. This Indiana Award will be given to the Commandery that contributes the most money to the Holy Land fund each year. Whether you pay the full price of a minister to go to the Holy Land or just donate money to help send a minister, everything that is donated from your Commandery will count toward your Commandery's annual donation. The year will run from January 1 to December 31 of each year. Nominations of ministers to go to the Holy Land may be submitted to the Holy Land Committee, who will then select the minister to go based upon the funds available. Your Commandery may pay and select a minister of your choice by paying the complete cost of the trip.

The R. Frank Williams Award will be presented at the Grand Conclave the following year for the Commandery to display for the year. A plaque will be placed on the award with your Commandery's name and year in which the award was presented.

It is the goal of the Grand Commandery of Indiana that we raise sufficient funds each year through the R. Frank Williams Award to send at least one minister to the Holy Land. The Grand Commandery is asking that each Commandery in the State of Indiana set a goal to donate at least \$100.00 to the Holy Land fund each year. With that funding we would be able to send one minister to the Holy Land from the State of Indiana.

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

Given under my hand and seal this 28th day of May 3, 2015 A. O. 897

James L. Bolinger, Grand Commander

ATTESTED:

Lawrence V. Kaminsky, KCT, PGC  
Grand Recorder



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**General Order No. 6 Bolinger**

**August 29, 2015**

**Resignation of Grand Sword Bearer**


Sir Knight John W. Patterson has tendered his resignation as Grand Sword Bearer effective immediately. I want to thank John for his service to the Grand Commandery as Grand a Commandery Officer.

Therefore, it is necessary to direct as follows:

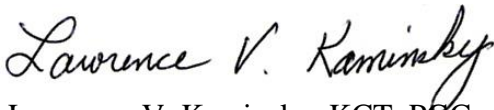
I hereby appoint Sir Knight James L. Davis to fulfill the duties of the Office of Grand Sword Bearer and Matthew E. Lowe to fulfill the duties of the Office of Grand Warder and I herein appoint Eric S. Pittman of LaPorte Commandery No. 12 to fulfill the duties of the Office of the Grand Sentinel in accordance with section 48b of the Constitution of the Grand Encampment Knights Templar until regular elections to be held on April 30, 2016.

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

Given under my hand and seal this 29th day of August, A.D. 2015, A.O. 897

  
James L. Bolinger  
Grand Commander

ATTESTED:

  
Lawrence V. Kaminsky, KCT, PGC  
Grand Recorder



**GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF INDIANA**

**OFFICERS OF THE CONSTITUENT COMMANDERIES**

<b>No.</b>	<b>Commandery</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Commander 2015</b>	<b>Recorder 201</b>
1	Raper	Indianapolis	Jack T. Moorman	Nathan Brindle
2	Baldwin	Shelbyville	Randy J. Darling	Donnie A. Robinette
3	Lafayette	Lafayette	Gary Steinhardt	Walter Colburn
4	Fort Wayne	Fort Wayne	Mike Doxsee	John Coleman
5	New Albany	New Albany	Benjamin Sapp	Ronald Snell
6	Connersville	Connersville	Jerry Fray	David Bertch
8	Richmond	Richmond	Charles Maines	Dennis H. Rigsby
11	Greencastle	Greencastle	Forrest Brewer	W. Kris Phillips
12	LaPorte	LaPorte	Jon Beach	Lloyd R. Forney
13	South Bend	South Bend	William R. Gray	Robert Hicks
14	Columbus	Columbus	Gary A. Nicholson	Ronald L. Ellis
15	LaValette	Evansville	Rex A. Goodman	C. Keith Spurgeon
16	Terre Haute	Terre Haute	Jerry L. Burns	Mark A. Kester, Sr.
19	Apollo	Auburn	Timothy Knafel	Larry L. Spade
20	Vincennes	Vincennes	Cecil D. Scott	Mark A. Wallace
21	Grant County	Gas City	Michael Winters	Gary Sherretze
23	Johnson County	Greenwood	George Hall	Harry W. Cartwright
25	Crawfordsville	Crawfordsville	John Phillips	W. Kris Phillips
28	Valparaiso	Valparaiso	Jerry Kipper	James Iles, II
29	Frankfort	Frankfort	Thomas Andrews	Virgil Humphrey
30	Michigan City	Michigan City	Arthur Craig	Richard Bechinsli
31	Elkhart	Elkhart	Douglas Green	H. Fred Smith
32	Anderson	Anderson	Phillip Ritter	Max E. Maupin
35	Huntington	Huntington	Robert Crispen	Steven A. Maxwell
36	Kokomo	Kokomo	Basil Isaac	James E. Harris
39	Greenfield	Greenfield	Chris Steel	Larry E. Gray
42	Bedford	Bedford	Sam Hanners	J. D. Pinnick
45	Angola	Angola	Benton Davis	James L. Davis
57	E. H. Gary	Portage	Arthur K. Tuesburg	Jeffery C. Reich
61	Noblesville	Noblesville	Peter McKay	Charles R. Bowling
62	Prather	Indianapolis	Frank L. Capler, Jr.	Brian Lewis
63	Bloomington	Bloomington	Robert Brown	Robert Brown
64	Wright	Jasper	Kevin Spencer	Phillip Stroud
65	William G. Bray	Mooresville	Stephen Click	Sean Jones
67	H. E. Lackey	Lawrence	Lloyd A. Atterson Jr.	Lloyd E. Atterson, Sr.

## GRAND COMMANDERY RECEIPTS FOR 2015

No.	1/1/15		12/31/15		Chargeable Members	G.C. Dues @ \$11.50	G.E. Dues @ \$9.00	Eye Foundation	Knighting Fees	From Life	
	Total Members	Total Members	Members	Fund							
Raper	133	107	92	\$828.00	\$15.00	\$120.00	\$616.00	\$1,472.00	\$1,472.00		
Baldwin	69	67	60	\$540.00	\$15.00	\$0.00	\$436.00	\$809.00	\$809.00		
Lafayette	103	90	73	\$839.00	\$49.00	\$0.00	\$97.00	\$1,448.50	\$0.00		
Fort Wayne	167	165	147	\$1,690.50	\$106.00	\$80.00	\$160.00	\$3,039.50	\$3,039.50		
New Albany	143	140	127	\$1,460.50	\$94.00	\$160.00	\$342.00	\$2,515.50	\$2,515.50		
Connersville	76	68	57	\$655.50	\$16.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,184.50	\$1,184.50		
Richmond	45	42	40	\$460.00	\$34.00	\$20.00	\$90.00	\$784.00	\$784.00		
Greencastle	47	44	41	\$471.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$150.00	\$690.50	\$690.50		
LaPorte	53	54	52	\$598.00	\$43.00	\$60.00	\$70.00	\$1,099.00	\$1,099.00		
South Bend	83	74	57	\$655.50	\$49.00	\$140.00	\$84.50	\$1,273.00	\$1,273.00		
Columbus	176	165	143	\$1,644.50	\$66.00	\$80.00	\$439.00	\$2,638.50	\$2,638.50		
LaValette	143	141	126	\$1,449.00	\$112.00	\$160.00	\$269.00	\$2,586.00	\$2,586.00		
Terre Haute	113	103	99	\$1,138.50	\$89.00	\$120.00	\$219.00	\$2,019.50	\$2,019.50		
Apollo	46	35	32	\$368.00	\$22.00	\$40.00	\$99.00	\$619.00	\$619.00		
Vincennes	77	74	60	\$690.00	\$5.00	\$20.00	\$225.00	\$1,030.00	\$1,030.00		
Grant County	41	39	28	\$322.00	\$22.00	\$0.00	\$153.00	\$443.00	\$443.00		
Johnson County	70	69	63	\$724.50	\$61.00	\$60.00	\$230.00	\$1,182.50	\$1,182.50		
Crawfordsville	48	44	38	\$437.00	\$36.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$815.00	\$815.00		
Valparaiso	72	64	57	\$655.50	\$53.00	\$0.00	\$92.50	\$1,129.00	\$1,129.00		
Frankfort	99	102	82	\$943.00	\$71.00	\$80.00	\$46.00	\$1,786.00	\$1,786.00		
Michigan City	40	40	39	\$448.50	\$37.00	\$20.00	\$0.00	\$856.50	\$856.50		
Eikhart	113	111	104	\$1,196.00	\$47.00	\$20.00	\$206.00	\$1,993.00	\$1,993.00		
Anderson	141	137	113	\$1,299.50	\$79.00	\$60.00	\$463.50	\$1,992.00	\$1,992.00		
Huntington	48	44	40	\$460.00	\$35.00	\$0.00	\$36.00	\$819.00	\$819.00		
Kokomo	83	79	65	\$747.50	\$58.00	\$40.00	\$289.00	\$1,083.50	\$1,083.50		
Greenfield	206	198	181	\$2,081.50	\$1,629.00	\$20.00	\$355.00	\$3,514.50	\$3,514.50		
Hammond	130	127	105	\$1,460.50	\$1,143.00	\$20.00	\$0.00	\$2,657.50	\$2,657.50		
Bedford	100	101	98	\$1,127.00	\$882.00	\$60.00	\$0.00	\$2,130.00	\$2,130.00		
Angola	98	97	80	\$920.00	\$720.00	\$60.00	\$112.00	\$1,610.00	\$1,610.00		
E.H. Gary	93	89	80	\$920.00	\$720.00	\$40.00	\$120.00	\$1,560.00	\$1,560.00		
Noblesville	60	58	63	\$609.50	\$477.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,118.50	\$1,118.50		
Prather	182	167	161	\$1,851.50	\$1,449.00	\$60.00	\$68.00	\$3,449.50	\$3,449.50		
Bloomington	143	137	129	\$1,483.50	\$1,161.00	\$0.00	\$83.00	\$2,610.50	\$2,610.50		
Wright	26	26	26	\$299.00	\$234.00	\$0.00	\$45.00	\$502.00	\$502.00		
William G. Bray	87	83	82	\$943.00	\$738.00	\$80.00	\$81.00	\$1,024.00	\$1,024.00		
H.E. Lackey	52	48	45	\$517.50	\$405.00	\$60.00	\$322.00	\$690.50	\$690.50		
U.D.	29	30	29	\$333.50	\$261.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$620.00	\$620.00		
St. Anselm U.D.	3,435	3,259	2904	\$33,649.00	\$1,861.00	\$1,680.00	\$6,728.50	\$56,794.50	\$56,794.50		

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**GRAND COMMANDERY COUNTS FOR 2015**

No.	1/1/15		12/31/15		Gain (Loss)	Knighthood	Affiliated	Reinstated	Dimits	Suspensions	Deaths	Adjust	Remitted For Cause Members	50 Year Members	E.F. Life Members
	Total Members	Members	Total Members	Members											
1	133	107	-26	6										5	10
2	69	67	-2	11										7	45
3	103	90	-13	0										17	24
4	167	165	-2	4										10	41
5	143	140	-3	8										10	33
6	76	68	-8	0										8	41
8	45	42	-3	1										2	6
11	47	44	-3	0										1	44
12	53	54	1	3										2	9
13	83	74	-11	7										10	8
14	176	165	-11	4										20	77
15	143	141	-2	8										12	14
16	113	103	-10	6										3	10
19	46	35	-11	2										1	10
20	77	74	-3	1										10	55
21	41	39	-2	0										0	6
23	70	69	-1	3										6	2
25	48	44	-4	0										5	2
28	72	64	-8	0										7	4
29	99	102	3	4										17	11
30	40	40	0	1										1	3
31	113	111	-2	1										7	57
32	141	137	-4	3										20	34
35	48	44	-4	0										4	5
36	83	79	-4	2										13	65
39	206	198	-8	1										16	42
41	130	127	-3	1										6	71
42	100	101	1	3										3	37
45	98	97	-1	3										13	75
57	93	89	-4	2										9	80
61	60	58	-2	5										2	21
62	182	167	-15	3										3	10
63	143	137	-6	0										8	80
64	26	26	0	0										0	12
65	87	83	-4	4										0	8
67	52	48	-4	3										0	15
U.D.	29	30	1	0										0	3
37	3,435	3,259	-178	100										251	1070
Total															

## ***GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF INDIANA***

### **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



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21	William D. Blasingame, PGM	1996
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

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61	William K. Bissey	2005
62	Harry W. McLaren	2006
63	Lawrence V. Kaminsky, PGC, GR	2006
64	Charles V. Horton, PMIGM	2006
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
81	Larry W. Brown	2010
82	Charles F. Marlow, GM	2010
83	Christopher Hodapp	2010
84	Edward L. Sebring	2010
85	James L. Dove, GC	2011
86	Kenneth E. Willis, Jr., GM	2011
87	Carson C. Smith	2011
88	Virgil G. Humphrey	2011
89	F. Martin Donahue	2011
90	Paul A. Cole, GC	2012
91	Gregory C. Walbridge, GM	2012
92	Wayne G. Williams, KTCH	2012
93	John A. Bridgegroom	2012
94	Kurt A. Bogue, KCT	2013
95	William M. Imel, PMIGM	2013
96	Wesley Kris Phillips, PGHP	2013
97	Mark A. Genung, MWGM	2014
98	Jackie F. Wallace, GC	2014
99	Charles D. Wood, Jr. PMIGM	2014
100	Daniel J. Barenie, MWGM	2015

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101	Michael D. Ritter, GC	2015
102	James L. Bolinger, GC	2016
103	Michael C. Anderson	2016
104	William A. Reiners, GM	2016

**GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF INDIANA**

**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*

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2008.....	Thomas W. Harper
2009.....	E. Stanton Davis
2010.....	Norman O. Hittson*
2010.....	Virgil G. Humphery
2011.....	John E. Hylemon
2011.....	James L. Kerns
2012.....	Wayne A. Sheets
2012.....	Robert S. Flint
2013.....	Gary A. Nicholson
2013.....	Byron W. Schull
2014 .....	Phillip D. Whisner
2014.....	Matthew E. Lowe
2015.....	Brian C. Leis
2015.....	Carson C. Smith
2016.....	Michael C. Anderson
2016.....	Edward L. Sebring

(\*Deceased) (\*\*Demitted)

**GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF INDIANA**

**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.)  
Betty Applegate (Mrs. K. Edwin Applegate)  
Katie Newman (Mrs. Herbert A. Newman)
- 1998 - Gracie Williams (Mrs. R. Frank Williams)
- 2004 - Sherry Barton (Mrs. Steven J. Barton)  
Doris Bitting (Mrs. Irvin L. Bitting)  
Rebecca Stevens (Mrs. John Stevens)
- 2006- Karen Ingles (Mrs. George A. Ingles, Jr.)  
Nancy Frazer (Mrs. Robert J. Frazer)  
Janet Kaminsky (Mrs. Lawrence V. Kaminsky)
- 2007- Malia Mann (Mrs. Rodney A. Mann)  
Lee Zivanovich (Mrs. Peter Zivanovich)  
Mary Stucker (Mrs. Duane Stucker)
- 2008- Mary Jackson (Mrs. Andrew R. Jackson)  
Martha Kivett (Mrs. George Kivett)
- 2010- Suanna Brown (Mrs. Larry W. Brown)
- 2012- Margaret Cole (Mrs. Paul A Cole)
- 2013- Willa Fay (Mrs. Bobby J. Roberts)
- 2014- Shirley Wallace (Mrs. Jackie F. Wallace)
- 2016- Deborah Bolinger (Mrs. James Bolinger)  
Monica Peterson (Mrs. Tony Peterson)

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

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**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	Mooreville
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
2009 -	Angola Commander No. 45	Angola
2010 -	Ft. Wayne Commandery No. 4	Ft. Wayne
2011	Raper Commandery No. 1	Indianapolis
2012	Valparaiso Commandery No. 28	Valparaiso
2014	Raper Commandery No. 1	Indianapolis

**STAR RECORDER OF THE YEAR**

1994 -	Lloyd L. Marsh	Connersville #6
1995 -	Jacob M. Collins	Lebanon #43
1996 -	Roger W. Shafer	Fort Wayne #4
1997 -	Jerry M <sup>c</sup> Vicker	Wabash #37
1998 -	Frederick W. Eicke	Hammond #41
1999 -	Phillip W. Crussemeyer	Elkhart #31
2000 -	Emil Steffey	Baldwin #2
2001 -	Lawrence V. Kaminsky	Hammond #41
2002 -	Wayne G. Williams	Raper #1
2003 -	Wilford Lutz	Columbus #14
2004 -	G. Leon Weber	Crawfordsville #25
2005 -	Earl W. Adam, Jr.	New Albany #5
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	Terre Haute No. 16
2010 -	Jeffery C. Reich	E. H. Gary No. 57
2011 -	W. Kris Philips	Greencastle No. 11

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2012 -	Dennis H. Rigsby	Richmond No. 8
2013 -	Thomas W. Harper	Prather No. 62
2014-	Lloyd R. Forney	LaPorte No. 12
2015-	Nathan Brindle	Raper No. 1



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**MEMBERSHIP HISTORICAL INFORMATION TABLE**

Year	1970	1971	1972	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979	1980	1981
<b>Commanderies</b>	58	58	57	56	55	55	55	55	54	54	54	54
<b>Knighthood</b>	405	402	403	417	366	418	411	347	347	318	328	496
<b>Affiliated</b>	20	36	69	135	82	27	27	21	15	77	31	45
<b>Reinstated</b>	22	17	24	15	24	16	23	29	18	14	23	17
<b>Died</b>	299	305	320	302	284	310	298	293	303	307	287	298
<b>Demitted</b>	180	172	209	271	205	141	136	134	111	206	139	141
<b>Suspended</b>	169	182	132	102	87	151	85	98	85	124	133	164
<b>Adjustments</b>	-2	-11	6	9	22	22	9	-31	-40	-3	-5	-9
<b>No. of Members</b>	11874	11666	11498	11408	11318	11184	11141	10962	10839	10617	10431	10358
<b>Gain (Loss)</b>	-28	-208	-168	-90	-90	-134	-43	-179	-123	-222	-188	-46
<b>Remitted</b>	397	394	355	498	491	479	501	500	499	461	455	468

Year	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993
<b>Commanderies</b>	54	54	53	53	53	54	53	53	53	54	56	57
<b>Knighthood</b>	253	301	314	216	224	309	233	173	127	189	250	349
<b>Affiliated</b>	27	17	173	25	27	34	146	16	22	30	94	44
<b>Reinstated</b>	25	23	24	22	16	22	28	24	26	37	26	20
<b>Died</b>	257	273	297	261	259	270	269	235	257	262	230	232
<b>Demitted</b>	128	103	277	147	146	171	257	121	141	130	134	106
<b>Suspended</b>	121	109	123	125	148	157	166	219	131	169	117	103
<b>Adjustments</b>	-9	0	-11	0	-10	-90	0	1	-6	1	-56	-13
<b>No. of Members</b>	10173	10030	9831	9555	9265	8948	8659	8300	7951	7636	7463	7422
<b>Gain (Loss)</b>	-212	-143	-199	-276	-290	-317	-289	-359	-349	-315	-173	-41
<b>Remitted</b>	475	471	437	466	414	396	375	497	379	411	370	405

Year	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
<b>Commanderies</b>	56	54	55	54	53	53	51	46	46	46	46	45
<b>Knighthood</b>	191	266	100	141	154	109	164	174	133	158	153	167
<b>Affiliated</b>	87	486	62	110	53	34	248	16	21	41	22	18
<b>Reinstated</b>	22	13	14	22	27	17	16	24	22	15	12	24
<b>Died</b>	225	231	218	213	195	206	190	195	186	172	197	162
<b>Demitted</b>	203	531	150	213	153	113	317	105	117	124	138	92
<b>Suspended</b>	101	113	105	126	100	89	68	81	112	100	89	151
<b>Adjustments</b>	5	4	-7	1	-5	-8	-21	0	0	3	6	21
<b>No. of Members</b>	7198	7084	6794	6514	6285	6029	5861	5694	5455	5275	5047	4746
<b>Gain (Loss)</b>	-224	-114	-290	-280	-209	-249	-148	-167	-239	-182	-231	-175
<b>Remitted</b>	364	389	415	402	390	352	295	322	325	321	305	275

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<b>Year</b>	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
<b>Commanderies</b>	44	42	42	41	41	40	38	38	36	36		
<b>Knighted</b>	202	202	196	180	197	155	157	154	119	100		
<b>Affiliated</b>	42	52	204	67	37	51	111	36	72	33		
<b>Reinstated</b>	16	25	16	25	14	14	13	28	17	16		
<b>Died</b>	139	160	138	107	136	144	133	93	100	124		
<b>Demitted</b>	108	193	308	155	176	148	181	98	150	87		
<b>Suspended</b>	161	130	118	120	185	115	146	174	99	114		
<b>Adjustments</b>	0	37	0	-21	13	2	0	4	3	2		
<b>No. of Members</b>	4724	4550	4402	4271	4044	3889	3710	3567	3429	3255		
<b>Gain (Loss)</b>	-148	-174	-148	-131	-236	-155	-179	-143	-138	-178		
<b>Remitted</b>	287	305	597	412	101	372	348	363	351	355		

(Tables reflecting membership from 1854 - 1970 have been published in the proceedings of 1991 - 1993)

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<b>Year</b>	<b>Grand Commander</b>	<b>Deputy Grand Commander</b>	<b>Grand Generalissimo</b>	<b>Grand Captain General</b>	<b>Grand Treasurer</b>
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
2009	Larry W. Brown	James L. Dove	Paul A. Cole	Bobby J. Roberts	Robert J. Frazer
2010	James L. Dove	Paul A. Cole	Bobby J. Roberts	Jack F. Wallace	Robert J. Frazer
2011	Paul A. Cole	Bobby J. Roberts	Jack F. Wallace	Michael D. Ritter	Robert J. Frazer
2012	Bobby J. Roberts	Jack F. Wallace	Michael D. Ritter	James L. Bolinger	Robert J. Frazer
2013	Jackie F. Wallace	Michael D. Ritter	James L. Bolinger	Lawrence J. Williams	Robert J. Frazer
2014	Michael D. Ritter	James L. Bolinger	Donald D. Olvey	Lawrence J. Williams	Robert J. Frazer
2014	James L. Bolinger	Donald D. Olvey	Lawrence J. Williams	Terry L. Kehrer	Robert J. Frazer

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<b>Year</b>	<b>Grand Recorder</b>	<b>Grand Prelate</b>	<b>Grand Senior Warden</b>	<b>Grand Junior Warden</b>	<b>Grand Standard Bearer</b>
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	J, Rex Sohn	Scott G. Inman	Jack F. Wallace
2009	Lawrence V. Kaminsky	Jerry O. Deeter	Jack F. Wallace	Michael D. Ritter	James L. Bolinger
2010	Lawrence V. Kaminsky	Charles E. Johnson	Michael D. Ritter	James L. Bolinger	Donald D. Olvey
2011	Lawrence V. Kaminsky	Randal P. Ellington	James L. Bolinger	Donald D. Olvey	Lawrence J. Williams
2012	Lawrence V. Kaminsky	Harold D. Black	Donald D. Olvey	Lawrence J. Williams	Terry L. Kehrer
2013	Lawrence V. Kaminsky	Tony S. Peterson	Lawrence J. Williams	Terry L. Kehrer	Michael F. Robbins
2014	Lawrence V. Kaminsky	Adam E. Jackson	Terry L. Kehrer	Michael F. Robbins	Donnie A. Robinette
2014	Lawrence V. Kaminsky	Steven A. Arlington	Michael F. Robbins	Donnie A. Robinette	Edward E. Fodrea

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<b>Year</b>	<b>Grand Sword Bearer</b>	<b>Grand Warder</b>	<b>Grand Sentinel</b>	<b>Grand Organist</b>	<b>Grand Inspector General</b>
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	George A. Ingles, Jr.
2007	Phillip W. Crussemeyer	Wayne A. Williams	Gary A. Sherritze	John W. Logan	Irvin L. Bitting
2008	David Jenkins	Michael D. Ritter	Brian Harms	John W. Logan	Ronald L. Ellis
2009	Gary Nicholson	Donald D. Olvey	Joseph Hedges	John W, Logan	Irvin L. Bitting
2010	Joseph K. Hedges	Lawrence J. Williams	Terry L. Kehrer	Marvin L. Rees	Irvin L. Bitting
2011	Terry L. Kehrer	Kurt A. Begue	David C. Willoughby	Marvin L. Rees	Irvin L. Bitting
2012	Kurt A. Begue	David C. Willoughby	Michael F. Robbins	Marvin L. Rees	Ronald L. Ellis
2013	Michael F. Robbins	Edward Fodrea	Donnie A. Robinette	Marvin L. Rees	Ronald L. Ellis
2014	Glenn Schmidt	John W. Patterson	Bazil K. Isaac	Marvin L. Rees	Ronald L. Ellis
2015	James L. Davis	Matthew E. Lowe	Eric S. Pittman	Marvin Rees	Irvin L. Bitting

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

<b>Grand Commandery</b>	<b>Representatives</b>	<b>City</b>
Alabama	Douglas O. Fegenbush	Indianapolis
Arizona	John V. Stevens	Kokomo
Arkansas	E. Stanton Davis	Rushville
California	Charles D. Wood, Jr	Martinsville
Colorado	Edward E. Fodrea	Ft. Wayne
Connecticut	Austin C. Gray, Jr	Martinsville
Delaware	Bobby J. Roberts	Winchester
District of Columbia	Matthew E. Lowe	Fort Wayne
Florida	Robert J. Frazer	Richmond
Georgia	George D. Kivett	Indianapolis
Idaho	David C. Willoughby	Plainfield
Illinois	Duane L. Vaught	Bloomington
Iowa	James L. Dove	LaPorte
Italy	Michael C. Stoner	Bloomfield
Kansas	Rodney A. Mann	Shelbyville
Kentucky	Andrew R. Jackson	Unionville
Louisiana	Lawrence J. Williams	Chesterton
Maine	Gary A. Nicholson	Shelbyville
Maryland	Kurt A. Begue	Auburn
Mass. & R. I.	Tony S. Peterson	Fishers
Michigan	James L. Bolinger	Vandalia, MI
Minnesota	Robert S. Flint	Kokomo
Mississippi	Jack F. Wallace	Fountaintown
Missouri	Clarence D. Harter	Cedar Lake
Montana	David M. Bertch	Liberty
Nebraska	Donnie A. Robinette	Franklin
Nevada	Donald D. Olvey	Plainfield
New Hampshire	Gary A. Sherritze	Amboy
New Jersey	Carson C. Smith	Greenfield
New Mexico	Michael F. Robbins	Bedford
New York	Paul W. Friend	Angola
North Carolina	Terry L. Kehrer	Georgetown
North Dakota	James L. Davis	Vandalia, MI
Ohio	Dwight E. Lanman, Jr	Angola
Oklahoma	Irvin L. Bitting	Demotte
Oregon	Timothy R. Brinkmeyer	Hollidaysburg, PA
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

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### **GRAND REPRESENTATIVES NEAR THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF INDIANA (Continued)**

<b>Grand Commandery</b>	<b>Representatives</b>	<b>City</b>
Texas	Paul A. Cole	Shelbyville
Utah	Harold D. Black	Ft. 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

### **GRAND REPRESENTATIVES NEAR OTHER GRAND COMMANDERIES**

<b>Grand Commandery</b>	<b>Representatives</b>	<b>City</b>
Alabama	Arthur Lee Campbell	Prattville
Arizona	Joseph F. Edwards	Benson
Arkansas	Larry N. Keeth	Prattville
California	Kermit Rosenthal	Norwalk
Colorado	David Reymolds	Colorida Springs
Connecticut	William Deickler	Ridgefield
Delaware	Gilbert E. Greenfield	Wilmington
Florida	James B. Vanders, Jr	Tampa
Georgia	Lloyd C. Odem	Fort Valley
Idaho	Wade Sheeler	Salmon
Illinois	John T. Riedas, Sr	Oak Forest
Iowa	W. Andrew Emmert	Newton
Kansas	Kelly D. Kraemer	Topeka
Kentucky	Archie R. Smallwood, PGC	Louisville
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	Edward F. Morrow	Tekamah
Nevada	Michael Reinhardt	Las Vegas
New Hampshire	Phillip H. White	Grantham
New Jersey	John R. Keating	Cedar Run
New Mexico	Walter M. Zierman, KCT, PGC	Santa Fe
New York	Jeffrey Williamson	Akron
North Carolina	Michael L. Gould	Fayetteville
North Dakota	Troy D. Eck	Clarksville

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OTHER GRAND COMMANDERIES (continued)**

<b>Grand Commandery</b>	<b>Representatives</b>	<b>City</b>
Ohio	Alfred T. Johnson	Cable
Oklahoma	Trasen S. Akers	Oklahoma City
Oregon	Ryan Winters	St. Helens
Pennsylvania	Wilmer E. Hall	Watson town
South Carolina	Richard W. Sealy	Rock Hill
South Dakota	John Laughlin, PGC	Rapid City
Tennessee	Matthew G. Johnson	Johnson City
Texas	Lawrence E. Tucker	Bellaire
Utah	Harry B. Cohn	Ogden
Vermont	Eugene C. Corliss	Waterbury Center
Virginia	Mark W. Underwood	Centreville
Washington	Lynn Bailey	Coupsville
Washington, DC	Teko A Foly	New Carrollton
West Virginia	Roger D. Linger, KCT, PGC	Vienna
Wisconsin	Richard Bersenberg	Sauk City
Wyoming	Philip G. Buchholz	Saratoga
Philippines	Dr. Romeo Greg Macasaet, MD	Sampaloc, Manila
Portugal	Jose Joao Cardosa	
Romania	P.C.E. Ionel Onofras	
Mexico	S.K.T. Marco Enrique Rosales Gt	
Italy	Natta Davide	



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**GRAND COMMANDERS of the GRAND COMMANDERY  
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**From organization in 1854 to date, the year given being the year of installation into office**

1.	Henry C. Lawrence*	Lafayette	(3)	1854	1855	1856	
2.	Ephraim Colestock*	Indianapolis	(1)			1857	
3.	George W. Porter*	New Albany	(5)			1858	
4.	William Pelan*	Connersville	(6)			1859	
5.	Solomon D. Bayless*	Fort Wayne	(4)	1860	1861	1862,	1863
6.	William Hacker*	Shelbyville	(2)		1864	1865	
7.	Harvey G. Hazelrigg*	Lebanon	(43)		1866	1867	
8.	Thomas Newby*	Connersville	(6)		1868	1869	
9.	David W. Whedon*	Fort Wayne	(4)			1870	
10.	Elbridge G. Hamilton*	LaPorte	(12)			1871	
11.	Charles Cruft*	Terre Haute	(16)			1872	
12.	Edwin D. Palmer*	Richmond	(8)			1873	
13.	Andrew H. Hamilton*	Fort Wayne	(4)			1874	
14.	Nicholas R. Ruckle*	Indianapolis	(1)			1875	
15.	Ervile B. Bishop*	Muncie	(18)			1876	
16.	Agustus D. Lynch*	Indianapolis	(1)			1877	
17.	Alexander Thomas*	Terre Haute	(16)			1878	
18.	Salathiel T. Williams*	Kendalville	(19)			1879	
19.	Henry G. Thayer*	Plymouth	(26)			1880	
20.	John H. Hess*	Columbus	(14)			1881	
21.	Samuel B. Sweet*	Indianapolis	(1)			1882	
22.	Richard L. Woolsey*	Jeffersonville	(27)			1883	
23.	Walter Vail*	Michigan City	(30)			1884	
24.	Henry C. Adams*	Indianapolis	(1)			1885	
25.	Ephraim W. Patrick*	Evansville	(15)			1886	
26.	George W. F. Kirk*	Shelbyville	(2)			1887	
27.	Reuben Peden*	Knightstown	(9)			1888	
28.	Duncan T. Bacon*	Indianapolis	(1)			1889	
29.	Henry H. Lancaster*	Lafayette	(3)			1890	
30.	Irvin B. Webber*	Warsaw	(10)			1891	
31.	Joseph A. Manning*	Michigan City	(30)			1892	
32.	Simeon S. Johnson*	Jeffersonville	(27)			1893	
33.	Charles W. Slick*	Mishawaka	(51)			1894	
34.	Walter M. Hindman*	Vincennes	(20)			1895	
35.	Winfield T. Durbin*	Anderson	(32)			1896	
36.	John E. Redmond*	Logansport	(24)			1897	
37.	John H. Nicholson*	Richmond	(8)			1898	
38.	William E. Perryman*	Terre Haute	(16)			1899	
39.	Eugene W. Kelly*	Muncie	(18)			1900	
40.	Leonidas P. Newby*	Knightstown	(9)			1901	
41.	Sidney W. Douglas*	Evansville	(15)			1902	
42.	Frederick Glass*	Madison	(22)			1903	

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43.	Charles Goltra*	Crawfordsville	(25)	1904
44.	Nathan L. Agnew †	Valparaiso	(28)	1905
45.	Oliver Gard*	Frankfort	(29)	1906
46.	Vestal W. Woodward*	Indianapolis	(1)	1907
47.	Charles Day*	New Albany	(5)	1908
48.	Luther Short*	Franklin	(23)	1909
49.	William B. Hosford*	Mishawaka	(51)	1910
50.	John L. Rupe*	Richmond	(8)	1911
51.	Charles M. Zion*	Lebanon	(43)	1912
52.	Joseph G. Ibach*	Hammond	(41)	1913
53.	Harry G. Strickland*	Greenfield	(39)	1914
54.	Adrian Hammersley*	Indianapolis	(1)	1915
55.	James L. Randel*	Greencastle	(11)	1916
56.	George H. Steel*	Evansville	(15)	1917
57.	George S. Parker*	Anderson	(32)	1918
58.	Henri T. Conde*	Indianapolis	(1)	1919
59.	Harry C. Moore*	Marion	(22)	1920
60.	Eugene Vatet*	Muncie	(18)	1921
61.	George A. Newhouse*	New Albany	(5)	1922
62.	Gayland M. Leslie*	Fort Wayne	(4)	1923
63.	Edward J. Schonover*	Indianapolis	(1)	1924
64.	George F. Hitchcock*	Plymouth	(26)	1925
65.	Will M. Sparks*	Rushville	(49)	1926
66.	Clarence H. 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

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86.	Floyd L. Kresge*	Indianapolis	(1)	1947
87.	Philip N. Kester*	Madison	(22)	1948
88.	Howard F. Christner*	Elkhart	(31)	1949
89.	Don P. Carpenter*	Brazil	(48)	1950
90.	G. Max Fowler*	Frankfort	(29)	1951
91.	Alfred E. Braam*	Highland	(41)	1952
92.	Paul G. Smiley*	Washington	(33)	1953
93.	Charles E. Cook*	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*	Connersville	(6)	1978
118.	Ernest G. Cunningham*	Hammond	(41)	1979
119.	Harold F. Thieman*	Columbus	(14)	1980
120.	Joseph A. Barnes*	Indianapolis	(62)	1981
121.	Ronald L. Tungett	Elkhart	(31)	1982
122.	Kenneth E. Gibson *	Fort Wayne	(4)	1983
123.	Ronald D. Simpson	Kokomo	(36)	1984
124.	Herbert G. Roach	Vincennes	(20)	1985
125.	Robert E. DuBois*	Highland	(58)	1986
126.	William L. Leffler*	Baldwin	(2)	1987
127.	Paul W. Friend	Angola	(45)	1988
128.	John V. Stevens	Kokomo	(36)	1989

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129.	Steven J. Barton	Knightstown	(9)	1990
130.	Dwight E. Lanman, Jr.	Angola	(45)	1991
131.	Gerald A. Sullivan, Jr. ^	Indianapolis	(1)	1992
132.	Peter T. Zivanovich	Highland	(58)	1993
133.	Duane Stucker	Baldwin	(2)	1994
134.	James W. Roberts*	New Albany	(5)	1995
135.	Willard R. Clutter, Jr.*	Noblesville	(61)	1996
136.	James W. Prairie	Morgantown	(63)	1997
137.	Robert J. Frazer	Richmond	(8)	1998
138.	Henry E. LaHurreau *	Fort Wayne	(4)	1999
139.	Irvin L. Bitting	DeMotte	(3)	2000
140.	Duane L. Vaught	Crawfordsville	(25)	2001
141.	T. Jeffery Conquest ^	Angola	(45)	2002
142.	George A. Ingles, Jr.	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	Connerville	(6)	2008
147.	Larry W. Brown	Selma	(18)	2009
148.	James L. Dove	LaPorte	(12)	2010
149.	Paul A. Cole	Baldwin	(2)	2011
150.	Bobby J. Roberts	Fort Wayne	(4)	2012
151.	Jackie F. Wallace	Fountaintown	(2)	2013
152.	Michael D. Ritter	Muncie	(32)	2014
153.	James L. Dove	South Bend	(13)	2015

\* Deceased    ^ Demit    † Not affiliated in Indiana at time of death

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

<b>No.</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Commandery</b>	<b>Dates</b>
1.	Francis King*	(1)	1854 to 1865
2.	William Hacker*	(2)	1866 to 1868
3.	John M. Bramwell*		1868 to November 10, 1888
4.	William J. Smythe*	(11)	November 10, 1888 to February 11, 1901
5.	Jacob W. Smith*		February 11, 1901 to April 18, 1901
6.	Calvin W. Prather*	(32)	April 18, 1901 to August 1, 1920
7.	William H. Swintz*	(13)	September 13, 1920 to February 12, 1948
8.	John T. Boyd*	(20)	February 12, 1948 to March 26, 1956
9.	Paul G. Smiley*	(33)	March 26, 1956 to July 5, 1958
10.	Edwin M. Demlow*	(62)	July 5, 1958 to July 31, 1971
11.	Richard D. Unger*	(2)	July 31, 1971 to July 31, 1985
12.	Robert E. Price*	(6)	July 31, 1985 to August 31, 1998
13.	John V. Stevens	(36)	August 31, 1998 to June 30, 2006
14.	Lawrence V. Kaminsky*	(41)	July 1, 2006 to November 30, 2015
15.	George A. Ingles, Jr.	(65)	December 1, 2015 to Present

\* Deceased

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

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<b>No.</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>Held at</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Presiding</b>	<b>Residence</b>
43.	1897	Anderson	April 21, 22, 1897	Winfield T. Durbin, GC	Anderson
44.	1898	Logansport	April 20, 21, 1898	John E. Redmond, GC	Logansport
45.	1899	Richmond	April 19, 20, 1899	John H. Nicholson, GC	Richmond
46.	1900	Indianapolis	April 18, 19, 1900	William E. Perryman, GC	Terre Haute
47.	1901	Muncie	April 17, 18, 1901	Eugene W. Kelly, GC	Muncie
48.	1902	South Bend	April 16, 17, 1902	Leonidas P. Newby, GC	Knightstown
49.	1903	Fort Wayne	April 15, 16, 1903	Sidney W. Douglas, GC	Evansville
50.	1904	Indianapolis	May 10, 11, 1904	Frederick Glass, GC	Madison
51.	1905	Indianapolis	May 10, 11, 1905	Charles Goltra, GC	Crawfordsville
52.	1906	Winona	May 9, 10, 11, 1906	Nathan L. Agnew, GC	Valparaiso
53.	1907	Indianapolis	May 8, 9, 1907	Oliver Gard, GC	Frankfort
54.	1908	Winona	June 10, 11, 12, 1908	Vestal Woodward, GC	Indianapolis
55.	1909	Indianapolis	May 12, 13, 1909	Charles Day, GC	New Albany
56.	1910	Indianapolis	May 11, 12, 1910	Luther Short, GC	Franklin
57.	1911	Indianapolis	May 10, 11, 1911	Wm. B. Hosford, GC	Mishawaka
58.	1912	Indianapolis	May 8, 9, 1912	John L. Rupe, GC	Richmond
59.	1913	Crawfordsville	May 14, 15, 1913	Charles M. Zion, GC	Lebanon
60.	1914	Indianapolis	May 13, 14, 1914	Joseph G. Ibach, GC	Hammond
61.	1915	Indianapolis	May 13, 14, 1915	Harry G. Strickland, GC	Greenfield
62.	1916	Indianapolis	May 10, 11, 1916	Adrian Hammersley, GC	Washington
63.	1917	Kokomo	May 9, 10, 1917	James Randall, GC	Greencastle
64.	1918	Evansville	May 8, 9, 1918	George H. Steel, GC	Evansville
65.	1919	Indianapolis	May 14, 15, 1919	George S. Parker, GC	Anderson
66.	1920	Indianapolis	May 12, 13, 1920	Henri T. Conde, GC	Indianapolis
67.	1921	Indianapolis	May 11, 12, 1921	Harry C. Moore, GC	Marion
68.	1922	Indianapolis	May 10, 11, 1922	Eugene Vatet, GC	Muncie
69.	1923	Winona	June 19, 20, 21, 1923	George A. Newhouse, GC	New Albany
70.	1924	Fort Wayne	May 14, 15, 1924	Gaylard M. Leslie, GC	Fort Wayne
71.	1925	Indianapolis	May 12, 13, 14, 1925	Edward J. Schoonover, GC	Indianapolis
72.	1926	Terre Haute	May 12, 13, 1926	George F. Hitchcock, GC	Plymouth
73.	1927	Muncie	May 11, 12, 1927	Will M. Sparks, GC,	Rushville
74.	1928	South Bend	May 9, 10, 1928	Clarence H. Snoke, GC	South Bend
75.	1929	Indianapolis	May 8, 9, 1929	William W. Suckow, GC	Franklin
76.	1930	Evansville	May 14, 15, 1930	Arthur F. Funkhouser, GC	Evansville
77.	1931	Indianapolis	May 13, 14, 1931	George L. Davis, GC	Kokomo
78.	1932	Huntington	May 11, 12, 1932	Meade Vestal, GC	Noblesville
79.	1933	Indianapolis	May 10, 1933	John T. Boyd, GC	Vincennes
80.	1934	Bloomington	May 8, 9, 1934	J. Rufus Hinshaw, GC	New Castle
81.	1935	Indianapolis	May 8, 1935	Roy D. Smiley, GC	Washington
82.	1936	Muncie	May 13, 1936	Ralph Howard, GC	Greencastle
83.	1937	Elkhart	May 12, 13, 1937	Harvey S. Wambaugh, GC	Elkhart
84.	1938	Lafayette	May 11, 12, 1938	Fred N. Prass, GC	Lafayette

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85.	1939	Indianapolis	May 10, 11, 1939	Clyde E. Titus, GC	Indianapolis
86.	1940	Richmond	May 8, 9, 1940	Ralph Cain, GC	Richmond
87.	1941	Gary	May 12, 1941	John Bush, GC	Gary
88.	1942	Indianapolis	May 12, 1942	George J. Leininger, GC	Columbia City
89.	1943	Indianapolis	May 12, 1943	Walter G. Rice, GC	Terre Haute
90.	1944	Indianapolis	May 10, 1944	Hugh E. Mauzy, GC	Rushville
91.	1945	Indianapolis	August 8, 1945	Alvah D. Alexander, GC	Evansville
92.	1946	South Bend	May 8, 9, 1946	Perry C. Traver, GC	South Bend
93.	1947	Muncie	May 9, 10, 1947	Edmund F. Ball, GC	Muncie
94.	1948	Indianapolis	May 12, 13, 1948	Floyd Kresge, GC	Indianapolis
95.	1949	Indianapolis	May 11, 12, 1949	Philip N. Kestner, GC	Madison
96.	1950	Elkhart	May 12, 13, 1950	Howard F. Christner, GC	Elkhart
97.	1951	Bloomington	May 10, 11, 1951	Don P. Carpenter, GC	Brazil
98.	1952	Lafayette	May 14, 15, 1952	G. Max Fowler, GC	Frankfort
99.	1953	Hammond	May 8, 9, 1953	Alfred E. Braam, GC	Highland
100.	1954	Indianapolis	May 12, 13, 1954	Paul G. Smiley, GC	Washington
101.	1955	Muncie	May 13, 14, 1955	Charles E. Cook, GC	N Manchester
102.	1956	Fort Wayne	May 11, 12, 1956	Samuel S. Geake, GC	Fort Wayne
103.	1957	Bloomington	May 17, 18, 1957	Willard M. Avery, GC	Knightstown
104.	1958	Indianapolis	May 9, 10, 1958	Edwin M. Demlow, GC	Indianapolis
105.	1959	Indianapolis	May 8, 9, 1959	C. Wilbur Foster, GC	Indianapolis
106.	1960	Lafayette	May 20, 21, 1960	Joseph R. Erb, GC	Lafayette
107.	1961	Terre Haute	May 12, 13, 1961	Marvin E. Foulke, GC	Terre Haute
108.	1962	Evansville	May 11, 12, 1962	James A. Wills, GC	Evansville
109.	1963	Gary	May 10, 11, 1963	Russell D. Huffington, GC	Gary
110.	1964	Muncie	May 8, 9, 1964	Adam S. Riggan, GC	Muncie
111.	1965	South Bend	May 14, 15, 1965	David J. Miller, GC	Goshen
112.	1966	Vincennes	May 13, 14, 1966	James G. Frey, GC	Vincennes
113.	1967	Fort Wayne	May 12, 13, 1967	Harold R. Hoolihan, GC	Angola
114.	1968	Columbus	May 10, 11, 1968	Richard D. Unger, GC	Baldwin
115.	1969	Lafayette	May 23, 24, 1969	Harry F. Otterman, GC	Frankfort
116.	1970	Bloomington	May 22, 23, 1970	K. Edwin Applegate, GC	Bloomington
117.	1971	Indianapolis	May 7, 8, 1971	Walter P. Worland, GC	Greenfield
118.	1972	Hammond	May 12, 13, 1972	Omar E. Hager, GC	Hammond
119.	1973	Muncie	May 4, 5, 1973	Forrest L. Mock, GC	Muncie
120.	1974	South Bend	May 3, 4, 1974	Russell R. Aulm, GC	South Bend
121.	1975	Indianapolis	April 25, 26, 1975	Herbert A. Newman, GC	Indianapolis
122.	1976	Fort Wayne	April 30, May 1, 1976	James S. De Mond, GC	Fort Wayne
123.	1977	Lafayette	May 6, 7, 1977	David R. Poling, Jr., GC	Lafayette
124.	1978	Evansville	May 20, 21, 22, 1978	R. Frank Williams, GC	Fort Branch
125.	1979	Indianapolis	April 27, 28, 1979	Robert E. Price, GC	Connersville



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126.	1980	Merrillville	May 1, 2, 3, 1980	Ernest G. Cunningham, GC	Munster
127.	1981	Columbus	April 24, 25, 1981	Harold F. Thieman, GC	Columbus
128.	1982	Indianapolis	April 23, 24, 1982	Joseph A. Barnes, GC	Beech Grove
129.	1983	Elkhart	April 29, 30, 1983	Ronald L. Tungett, GC	Elkhart
130.	1984	Fort Wayne	May 4, 5, 1984	Kenneth E. Gibson, GC	Fort Wayne
131.	1985	Indianapolis	April 26, 27, 1985	Ronald D. Simpson, GC	Greentown
132.	1986	Vincennes	May 2, 3, 1986	Herbert G. Roach, GC	Odon
133.	1987	Indianapolis	April 24, 25, 1987	Robert E. DuBois, GC	Highland
134.	1988	Indianapolis	April 29, 30, 1988	William L. Leffler, GC	Shelbyville
135.	1989	Indianapolis	April 28, 29, 1989	Paul W. Friend, GC	Angola
136.	1990	Indianapolis	April 20, 21, 1990	John V. Stevens, GC	Kokomo
137.	1991,	Indianapolis	April 26, 27, 1991	Steven J. Barton, GC	Greenfield
138.	1992	Indianapolis	May 1, 2, 1992	Dwight E. Lanman, Jr., GC	Angola
139.	1993	Indianapolis	April 30, May 1, 1993	Gerald A. Sullivan, Jr., GC	Indianapolis
140.	1994	Indianapolis	April 29, 30, 1994	Peter T. Zivanovich, GC	Highland
141.	1995	Indianapolis	April 28, 29, 1995	Duane Stucker, GC	Shelbyville
142.	1996	Indianapolis	April 26, 27, 1996	James W. Roberts, GC	New Albany
143.	1997	Indianapolis	April 26, 1997	Willard R. Clutter, Jr., GC	Noblesville
144.	1998	Indianapolis	April 24, 25, 1998	James W. Prairie, GC	Bloomington
145.	1999	Indianapolis	April 30, May 1, 1999	Robert J. Frazer, GC	Richmond
146.	2000	Indianapolis	April 28, 29, 2000	Henry E. LaHurreau, GC	Fort Wayne
147.	2001	Indianapolis	April 27, 28, 2001	Irvin L. Bitting, GC	Roselawn
148.	2002	Indianapolis	April 26, 27, 2002	Duane L. Vaught, GC	Crawfordsville
149.	2003	Indianapolis	April 25, 26, 2003	T. Jeffery Conquest, GC	Goshen
150.	2004	Indianapolis	April 23, 24, 2004	George A. Ingles, Jr., GC	Brownsburg
151.	2005	Indianapolis	April 29, 30, 2005	Ronald L. Ellis, GC	Columbus
152.	2006	Indianapolis	April 28, 29, 2006	Lawrence V. Kaminsky, GC	Highland
153.	2007	Indianapolis	April 27, 28, 2007	Rodney A. Mann GC	Shelbyville
154.	2008	Indianapolis	April 25, 26, 2008	Andrew R. Jackson, GC	Greenwood
155.	2009	Indianapolis	April 24, 25, 2009	David M. Bertch, GC	Liberty
156.	2010	Indianapolis	April 23, 24, 2010	Larry W. Brown, GC	Selma
157.	2011	Indianapolis	April 28, 29, 2011	James L. Dove, GC	LaPorte
158.	2012	Indianapolis	April 27, 28, 2012	Paul A. Cole, GC	Shelbyville
159.	2013	Indianapolis	April 26, 27, 2013	Bobby J. Roberts, GC	Winchester
160.	2014	Indianapolis	April 24, 25, 2014	Jackie F. Wallace, GC	Fountaintown
161.	2015	Indianapolis	April 29, 30, 2015	Michael D. Ritter, GC	Muncie
162.	2015	Indianapolis	April 30, May 1, 2016	James L. Bolinger, GC	Vandaila, MI

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

	<b>Commandery</b>	<b>Date Chartered</b>	<b>Date Precedence</b>
1.	Raper No. 1	April 7, 1868	October 16, 1850
2.	Baldwin No. 2	April 8, 1868	September 19, 1853
3.	Lafayette No. 3	April 7, 1868	September 19, 1853
4.	Fort Wayne No.4	April 7, 1868	May 13, 1853
5.	New Albany No. 5	April 7, 1868	January 23, 1855
6.	Connersville No. 6	April 7, 1868	December 27, 1855
7.	Richmond No. 8	April 7, 1868	April 5, 1865
8.	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.	Apollo No. 19	April 7, 1869	April 7, 1869
15.	Vincennes No. 20	April 7, 1869	April 7, 1869
16.	Grant County No. 21	April 5, 1871	April 5, 1871
17.	Johnson County No. 23	April 3, 1872	April 3, 1872
18.	Crawfordsville No. 25	April 28, 1875	April 28, 1875
19.	Valparaiso No. 28	April 26, 1876	April 26, 1876
20.	Frankfort No. 29	April 27, 1881	April 27, 1881
21.	Michigan City No. 30	April 30, 1884	April 30, 1884
22.	Elkhart No. 31	April 30, 1884	April 30, 1884
23.	Anderson No. 32	April 29, 1885	April 29, 1885
24.	Huntington No. 35	April 20, 1892	August 20, 1891
25.	Kokomo No. 36	April 20, 1892	November 6, 1891
26.	Greenfield No. 39	April 22, 1897	May 16, 1896
27.	Bedford No. 42	April 20, 1899	January 25, 1899
28.	Angola No. 45	April 17, 1902	March 24, 1902
29.	E. H. Gary No. 57	May 14, 1914	February 22, 1912
30.	Noblesville No. 61	May 11, 1922	May 11, 1922
31.	Prather No. 62	June 21, 1923	June 21, 1923
32.	Bloomington No. 63	May 14, 1925	March 31, 1925
33.	Wright No. 64	April 29, 1988	April 29, 1988
34.	William G. Bray No. 65	April 30, 1993	March 14, 1992
35.	H.E. Lackey No. 67	April 29, 1994	April 30, 1993
36.	St. Anselm, U.D.	Not Chartered	April 26, 1991

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**TIME AND PLACE OF TRIENNIAL CONCLAVES  
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<b>No.</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Where Held</b>	<b>Presiding Officer</b>
1	June 20-21, 1816	New York, NY	DeWitt Clinton, G.G.M.
2	September 16, 1819	New York, NY	Henry Fowle, G.G.G.
3	September 18-19, 1826	New York, NY	John Snow, G.G.G.
4	September 14-15, 1829	New York, NY	Jonathon Nye, D.G.G.M.
5	Nov. 29-Dec. 1, 1832	Baltimore, MD	Jonathon Nye, D.G.G.M.
6	December 7-10, 1835	Washington, DC	Jonathon Nye, D.G.G.M.
7	September 12-14, 1838	Boston, MA	James M. Allen, G.G.M.
8	September 14-17, 1841	New York, NY	James M. Allen, G.G.M.
9	September 10-12, 1844	New Haven, CT	Joseph K. Stapleton, D.G.G.M.
10	September 14-18, 1847	Columbus, OH	Archibald Bull, G.G.M.
11	September 10-14, 1850	Boston, MA	William B. Hubbard, G.G.M.
12	September 13-19, 1853	Lexington, KY	William B. Hubbard, G.G.M.
13	September 9-15, 1856	Hartford, CT	William B. Hubbard, G.G.M.
14	September 13-19, 1859	Chicago, IL	William B. Hubbard, G.G.M.
15	September 1-4, 1862	New York, NY	Benjamin B. French, G.M.
16	September 5-7, 1865	Columbus, OH	Benjamin B. French, G.M.
17	September, 15-18, 1868	St. Louis, MO	Henry L. Palmer, G.M.
18	September 19-23, 1871	Baltimore, MD	Wm. Sewell Gardner, G.M.
19	December 1-5, 1874	New Orleans, LA	John Q. A. Fellows, G.M.
20	August 28-31, 1877	Cleveland, OH	John Herron Hopkins, G.M.
21	August 17-20, 1880	Chicago, IL	Vincent Lombard Hurlbut, G.M.
22	August 21-23, 1883	San Francisco, CA	Benjamin Dean, G.M.
23	September 21-24, 1886	St. Louis, MO	Charles Roome, G.D.M.
24	October 8-11, 1889	Washington, DC	Charles Roome, G.D.M.
25	August 9-12, 1892	Denver, CO	J. P. S. Gobin, G.M.
26	August 27-30, 1895	Boston, MA	Hugh McCurdy, G.M.
27	October 11-14, 1898	Pittsburg, PA	Warren LaRue Thomas, G.M.
28	August 27-29, 1901	Louisville, KY	R. H. Lloyd, G.M.
29	September 6-9, 1904	San Francisco, CA	Henry B. Stoddard, G.M.
30	July 9-11, 1907	Sarasota Springs, NY	George M. Moulton, G.M.
31	August 9-11, 1910	Chicago, IL	Henry W. Rugg, G.M.
32	August 12-14, 1913	Denver, CO	William B. Melish, G.M.
33	June 20-23, 1916	Los Angeles, CA	Lee S. Smith, D.G.M., A.G.M.
34	September 9-11, 1919	Philadelphia, PA	Lee S. Smith, G.M.
35	April 25-27, 1922	New Orleans, LA	Joseph Kyle Orre, G.M.
36	July 28-31, 1925	Seattle, WA	Leonidas P. Newby, G.M.
37	July 16-19, 1928	Detroit, MI	George W. Valery, G.M.
38	June 20-26, 1931	Minneapolis, MN	William L. Sharp, G.M.
39	July 7-13, 1934	San Francisco, CA	Andrew D. Agnew, GC, 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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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.
64	August 15-19, 2009	Roanoke, VA	William Howard. Koon, II, G.M.
65	August 11-15, 2012	Alexandria, VA	William Howard. Koon, II, G.M.
66	August 8-12, 2015	Buffalo, NY	David Dixon Goodwin, G.M.

## ***GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF INDIANA***

### **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. Charter surrendered December 31, 2010.

Marion No. 21 - Chartered April 5, 1871. Name changes to Grant County No. 21 on April 25, 1975.

Caleb Schmidlapp No. 22 - Chartered April 3, 1872. Name changed to Madison No. 22 on April 1, 1873.

Franklin No. 23 - Chartered April 3, 1872. Name changed to Johnson County No. 23 on April 20, 1990.

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

St. John No. 24 Chartered April 2, 1873. Charter surrendered January 2, 2012 and merged with Frankfort Commandery No. 29.

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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.

Hammond No. 41 – Chartered April 21, 1898. Charter surrendered April 30, 2015 and merged with Valparaiso No. 28.

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.

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

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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

Seymour No. 56 – Chartered May 11, 1911 Charter surrendered August 15, 2014 and merged with Columbus No. 14 (Approved May 1, 2015)

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.

The Committee on Dispensations & Charters presented a request to change the name of Oriental Commandery No. 62 (Currently called Trinity Commandery no. 62) to Prather Commandery No. 62 to document the name change properly. Vote taken and passed to officially make the name of the aforementioned Commandery to be henceforth called Prather Commandery No. 62. (Approved April 24, 2010).

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). Dispensation was granted to Wright Commandery No. 64 to move its Charter to Dubois Lodge No. 520 at Huntingburg, Indiana, for the Stated Conclave on September 16, 2009. At that time, the Commandery will be voting to permanently move the Charter to Dubois Lodge, subject to approval at Grand Conclave 2010. (Approved April 24, 2010)

H. W. Matthewson Commandery No. 66 Chartered April 30, 1993. Charter surrendered December 12, 2012 and merged with Lafayette Commandery No. 3 in Lafayette, Indiana. (Approved April 25, 2014)

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, too 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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