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**PROCEEDINGS OF  
THE 163<sup>rd</sup> ANNUAL CONCLAVE  
OF THE  
GRAND COMMANDERY OF INDIANA**

*HELD IN THE CITY OF COLUMBUS  
APRIL 28<sup>th</sup>, 2017*

*Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Indiana*

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**ONE HUNDRED SIXTY-THIRD  
ANNUAL CONCLAVE**

**Held at Columbus  
Host**

**WILLIAM G. BRAY COMMANDERY No. 65,**

**April 28, 2017**

**Presiding**

**Sir Knight Donald D. Olvey  
Right Eminent Grand Commander  
Indiana**

**Elected**

**Sir Knight Larry J. Williams  
LaPorte Commandery No. 12**

**2018 Conclave will be held at Columbus, Indiana on April 28, 2018**

**LaPorte Commandery No. 12 Host**

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

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

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All reports contained in the Proceedings of the 163<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar, were approved unless otherwise indicated or explained.

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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 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 Pories 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 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 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 DONALD D. OLVEY  
RIGHT EMINENT GRAND COMMANDER 2016-17  
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**DONALD D. OLVEY  
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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.

He is 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.

He is a member of William G. Bray Commandery #65, serving as Eminent Commander, in 2008. He served as Recorder from 2009 - 2014. He received the Distinguished Service Award and is 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.

He is a member of the following; 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.

Appendant Bodies

Banks of the Wabash York Rite College, currently Deputy Governor

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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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**INDIANA GRAND COMMANDERY  
BATTALION STRUCTURE 2016 – 2017**

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**Battalion Commander**  
**Thomas D. Johnson**  
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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**  
**Phillip D. Whisner**  
**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

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**SIR KNIGHT LAWRENCE J. WILLIAMS  
RIGHT EMINENT GRAND COMMANDER ELECT 2017-18  
KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF THE STATE OF INDIANA**

**LAWRENCE J. WILLIAMS  
GRAND COMMANDER ELECT  
KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF INDIANA**

Lawrence was born September 1953 to James L. Williams and Joanne C. (LaBarr) Williams in Gary, Indiana. He has three younger brothers, Terry who lives in Hobart, IN, Pat who lives in Crosby, TX, and David who lives Francisville, IN. In 1973, he married Claire L. Naylor. They have two children, Timothy and Brooke and one granddaughter.

Larry graduated from Crown Point High School located in Crown Point, Indiana in 1972. After graduation, he worked at Bethlehem Steel, Burns Harbor Plant on the plant fire department as an Emergency Medical Technician and Firefighter. In November of 1984 his job was contracted out to "Burns International" with whom he worked as a firefighter/EMT until he was re-hired by Bethlehem Steel in May of 1990. While working, he graduated from Indiana Vocational Technical College with an Associate's Degree in Applied Fire Science in 1985.

From 1990 to 1995, he worked various production jobs as a Laborer in the Sintering Plant to a Line Inspector in the Cold Mill. From 1995 to 2016 he was employed as a Mechanical Millwright in the 80s Hot Strip Mill. At the time of his retirement he was employed by "Arcelor Mittal, Burns Harbor Plant" who bought out Bethlehem Steel. He retired in February of 2016.

Larry was also member of the Town of Porter, Volunteer Fire Department for 20 years. He served not only as a firefighter but also as State Certified Emergency Medical Technician, Fire Scene Safety Officer, State Certified Training Officer and State Certified Fire Scene Investigator. He was the Deputy Fire Chief when he retired from the Fire Department in 1997.

He petitioned Calumet Lodge #379 located in Chesterton, Indiana for the Degrees of Freemasonry and received his Entered Apprentice in March 2000, his Fellow Craft in April 2000 and was raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason in June of 2000, serving as Worshipful Master in 2006. He has served the Lodge as Trustee and is currently serving as Treasurer of his Lodge.

He joined the Scottish Rite, South Bend Valley in 2001 and is a member the "Knights of St. Andrew."

He petitioned Michigan City "York Rite Bodies" for Membership in 2004. Serving as Thrice Illustrious Master of Michigan City Council #56 in 2007, Eminent Commander of Michigan City Commandery #30, in 2008 and High Priest in Michigan City Chapter #25 in 2009. Followed by become a member of the Thrice Illustrious Master Association in 2008, the Past Commanders Association in 2009 and the High Priest Association 2010.

**Other Appendant Bodies:**

Elected to membership in the Yeoman of York Preceptory #1, in 2006 and served as Director General in 2014 and is currently the Recorder / Treasurer.

A Charter member of Valparaiso "Allied Masonic Degrees, Council #470" in 2009. Served as Sovereign Master in 2011, and serving as Treasurer from 2012 to Present.

He was invited to become a member of Knight York Cross of Honor, J. Herbert Nichols Priory #76 in 2010.

*Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Indiana*

He was elected to membership in Northwest Indiana York Rite College #73, in 2008 following his initiation he was elected as Treasurer until he was appointed to the progressive line where he served as Governor in 2015, receiving the Order of the Purple Cross in Louisville, KY that year. In 2016, he was again elected and is serving as Treasurer.

In 2013, he was installed a member of St. Basil Conclave Red Cross of Constantine and is currently serving in that progressive line.

He became a Charter member of the “Firinne Council #115” of “Knight Masons” located in Chesterton, IN. in 2014, where he served as its first “Excellent Chief” and is currently serving as their Treasurer.

He was ordained a Knight Priest in Gennsaret Tabernacle XVII in the fall of 2016.

**Grand Commandery:**

He was appointed as a Deputy Battalion Commander for Battalion No. 1 serving from 2007 to 2010, when he was appointed in the Grand Commandery line by Sir Knight James L. Dove, KCT, PGC and has served on numerous committees and as a line officer until being elected as Grand Commander on April 28, 2017 at the One Hundred and Sixty-Third Annual Conclave of this Grand Commandery.

*Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Indiana*  
**2017-2018 Grand Officers**



**Front Row L to R:** Edward Fodera, Grand Senior Warden; Robert J. Frazer, PGC, Grand Treasurer; Michael F. Robbins, Grand Generalissimo; Lawrence J. Williams, Grand Commander; Terry L. Kehrer, Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander; George A. Ingles, Jr., PGC, Grand Recorder; Donnie A. Robinette, Grand Captain General;  
**Back Row L to R:** Marvin L. Rees, Grand Organist; Randy J. Darling, Marshal of Grand Commandery; Randall P. Ellington, Grand Sword Bearer; David Cincoski, Grand Prelate; Philip D. Whisner, Grand Junior Warden; Thomas D. Johnson, Grand Standard Bearer; Kevin M. Spencer, Grand Warder; Randy W. Spaulding, Grand Sentinel



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**OFFICIAL PROGRAM  
163<sup>rd</sup> ANNUAL CONCLAVE  
GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF INDIANA**



*Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Indiana*

**Donald D. Olvey, Right Eminent Grand Commander and his lady Nina  
invite you to attend the  
163rd Annual Conclave of Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Indiana**

April 27-28th, 2017

Clarion Hotel and Conference Center  
2480 Jonathan Moore Pike  
Columbus, IN 47201

**Thursday, April 27, 2017**

4:00 p.m. Hospitality Room opens in the Pub at the top of the stairs  
6:00 p.m. Pizza Party in the Pub at the top of the stairs

**Friday, April 28, 2017**

7:00 a.m. Past Commanders Association Meeting in the Bartholomew meeting room  
7:00 a.m. Registration in the Hall outside Ballrooms A&B  
7:00 a.m. Hospitality Room opens in the Pub at the top of the stairs  
8:00 a.m. Doors Opens in Ballrooms A&B  
8:15 a.m. Guests assemble in the Hall outside Ballrooms A&B  
8:30 a.m. Reception of Distinguished Guests in Ballrooms A&B  
9:00 a.m. Guests Retire, Grand Commandery Opens  
10:00 a.m. Ladies Tea in Pub Annex Pantsuit or dress  
12:00 p.m. Sir Knights and Ladies Joint Luncheon in Ballroom C&D

1:00 p.m. Conclave Resumes

2:30 p.m. Installation of Officers in Ballrooms A&B

4:00 p.m. Divine Service in Ballrooms A&B

6:00 p.m. Social Hour in Ballrooms C&D

7:00 p.m. Grand Commandery Banquet in Ballrooms C&D

Uniform less chapeau and swords, suit or tuxedo. Ladies dinner or formal dress Grand March  
and Ice Cream Social in Ballrooms A&B following the Banquet, chapeau, no swords

**Saturday, April 29, 2017**

8:00 a.m. Drill Team Competition and Awards (no luncheon)  
Columbus Skateland, 2660 N. Talley Road, Columbus, IN 47203

**MEAL RESERVATIONS DUE BY APRIL 20th**

To make room reservations, contact the Clarion Hotel at (812) 372-1541. Let them know you are with Indiana Grand Commandery to receive the special room rate of \$94.00 plus tax per night. Hotel reservations should be made by 4/6/17 to receive the special rate. Includes breakfast buffet. Check in at 4:00 p.m. Check out at 11:00 a.m.

**GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF INDIANA**

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

The 163<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Indiana, was held at the Clarion Hotel and Conference Center, Columbus, Indiana on April 28, 2017. The Sir Knights of William G. Bray Commandery No. 65, the Commandery of the Right Eminent Grand Commander, served as hosts for the Conclave.

On Friday morning, the lines were formed, under the direction of S. K. Randy Darling. Sir Knight Donald L. Olvey, Right Eminent Grand Commander and his Officers assumed their offices. The Grand Commander then introduced his officers as listed below:

V. E. Deputy Grand Commander	Lawrence J. Williams
Grand Generalissimo	Terry L. Kehrer
Grand Captain General	Michael F. Robbins
Grand Treasurer	Bobby J. Frazer, KCT, PGC
Grand Recorder	George A. Ingles, Jr., KCT, PGC
Grand Senior Warden	Donnie A. Robinette
Grand Junior Warden	Edward E. Fodrea
Grand Prelate	Charles P. King
Grand Marshal	Tony Peterson
Grand Standard Bearer	Matthew Lowe
Grand Sword Bearer	Henry T. Bear
Grand Warder	Phillip D. Whisner
Grand Sentinel	Thomas Johnson
Grand Organist	Marvin L. Rees

The Distinguished Guests were received as follows under the direction of Sir Knight Irvin L. Bitting, KCT, PGC, The Past Grand Commanders of Indiana then assisted in the following introductions.

The Past Grand Commanders of Indiana were received and introduced. They included: Paul W. Friend, Irvin L. Bitting, James L. Dove, David M. Bertch, Bobby J. Roberts, Jack F. Wallace, Michael D. Ritter and James L. Bolinger.

The following Grand Commander Aides were introduced, Tony S. Peterson, Henry T. Bear, Thomas R. Retherford. The following Deputy Grand Commander Aide was also introduced, Kevin Spencer who is also DBC of Battalion No. 8

Grand Prelate Emeritus: Randal Ellington GPE and Deputy Battalion Commander No. 6

Knight Templar Cross of Honor: Robert S. Flint, KTC, GPE, Virgil G. Humphrey, KCT, and Gary A. Nicholson.

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

Companion and Sir Knight Robert J. Frazer KTC PGC, Grand Governor, York Rite Colleges of Indiana.

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

Companion and Sir Knight G. Ray Wendell, Most Excellent Grand High Priest of Royal Arch Masons of Indiana, PGHP, James Coleman; PGHP, Carl Froedge; and the officers of the Grand Chapter were received and introduced.

Companion and Sir Knight Christopher W. Wright, Most Illustrious Grand Master, Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of Indiana, PMIGM, John C. Gray; PMIGM, Rudell Wilburn, PMIGM, Michael C. Stoner and the officers of the Grand Council were 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: Ronald K. Smith, PGHP, PGM, and Rodney A. Mann, KTC, PGC, Deputy Grand Master.

Visiting Grand Officers from other jurisdictions included:

From Kentucky; Charles Cooper, Aide to Camp, Michigan; John E. Porritt, Grand Senior Warden and Stephen Lambert, Aide to the Grand Commander.

From Ohio: LeRoy Kifer, Grand Generalissimo, and Robert Hager, Eminent Grand Captain General.

The visiting Past Grand Commanders present were introduced as follows: Albert Johnson, Michigan, and John Laughlin, KCT and Representative of North Dakota near Indiana.

Visiting Grand Commanders from other Jurisdictions were greeted as follows: Ronald Vicars, KCT, Ohio; Larry Carte, Kentucky; Donald Trumbull, Michigan; William J. Smith, Illinois, James J. Burton, Wisconsin, and Wade Sheeler, Iowa and the Representative of Iowa near Indiana.

Also present were the following Past Department Commanders Sir Knight Thomas Tsirimokos, PGC CT, North East Department; Paul Newhall, PGC VA, Mid Atlantic Department; Sir Knights, Steven J. Barton, and Larry W. Brown, East Central Department.

Sir Knight Jeffery Bolstad, REDC, North West Department, and Loren A. Winn., REDC for the East Central Department of the Grand Encampment, United States of America were received.

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

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, and Aide Rodney A. Mann, Deputy Grand Master, KCT, PGC; Charles Cooper, Aide to Camp; Carson C. Smith, KCT, KYCH, and Grand Master's Banner Bearer for 67<sup>th</sup> Triennial.

Sir Knight and Brother Carey B. Carter, 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.

The Grand Commander thanked the Captain of the escort and the Sir Knights forming the lines, a hardy thank-you was given from those present. He then ordered the Captain of the Escort to dismiss the escort. The guests were then excused.

### **Credentials Committee Preliminary Report**

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

There being a quorum present the Grand Commandery order the Grand Commander dully convened the 163<sup>rd</sup> Conclave.

### **Welcome Address**

Was presented by Sir Knight Henry T. Bear Eminent Commander of William G. Bray Commandery. Right Eminent Grand Commander, Distinguish Guest and Sir Knight all. I want to welcome you on behalf of the Sir Knights of William G. Bray Commandery you to the 163<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conclave of the Knights Templar of Indiana.

### **Response**

Eminent Commander and Sir Knights of William G. Bray Commandery #65.

On behalf of the Officers of the Grand Commandery, all distinguished guests, our Ladies and all Sir Knights present, we wish to thank you for hosting the 163<sup>rd</sup> Annual Grand Conclave

We thank you for all the courtesies and hospitality that you have extended to us. To the Eminent Commander Henry T. Bear, Sir Knights and Ladies of William G. Bray Commandery we thank you for the support that you have given to the Right Eminent Grand Commander, Donald D. Olvey

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

Lawrence J. Williams, VEDGC

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

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

Turn off your cell phone, or pay the price for not listening. Do all voting members have voting cards? Voting Cards will be used for all votes not requiring a secret Ballot. Elections at 10:35 Sharp.

### **Minutes of the 162<sup>nd</sup> Annual Conclave**

Grand Commander called for the minute to be read Grand Recorder Sir Knight Ingles, arose to address the membership at the microphone.

#### **Jurisprudence Minutes**

Sir Knight Vaught informed him that he had gotten to the microphone first and moved that the minutes be approved as distributed and placed on the web site. The Indiana Knights Templar Web Site. The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> and passed.

#### **Jurisprudence Per-Printed Reports**

Sir Knight Vaught then moved that all the preprinted reports be received and that report requiring action will be considered at the proper time. Approved. The motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> and passed.

#### **Grand Commander's Allocution**

To the Officers of the Grand Commandery, Past Grand Commanders, Distinguished Guests, Sir Knights All,

It is a privilege and honor to welcome each and every one of you to the One Hundred and Sixth Third Grand Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Indiana. I would also like to welcome the Sir Knights of the Grand Encampment as well as our other Distinguished guests. I hope your visit with us will be both enjoyable and worthwhile. If there is anything any of us can do to make the time you spend with us more enjoyable, please don't hesitate to ask.

One of my last duties as Grand Commander is to report my activities for the past 12 months. You will also find this report published in the printed proceedings.

#### **Necrology**

During this past Templar year, the Grand Architect has called One Hundred and Twenty of our fellow Sir Knights to join Him in His Heavenly Dwelling. The members of this Grand Commandery will miss every one of them and offer our condolences and support to their family and friends. A Memorial to these Sir Knights will follow and be included in these proceedings.



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

### **Summer Meeting**

The Summer Meeting was held on July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at Freemasons Hall in Indianapolis, Indiana. The Officers of the Grand line also serve as Battalion Commanders. They gave reports on the health and wellbeing of the Commanderies within each battalion. The various Committee Chairmen gave their reports and the floor was opened for question and answer as well as general discussions. A lunch of soup and salad was prepared by the SOOB. There were 32 Sir Knights in attendance. An Executive Meeting was held immediately following the closing of the Summer Meeting.

### **Winter Meeting**

The Winter Meeting was held on January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at Freemasons Hall in Indianapolis, Indiana. The same format as Summer Meeting was followed. Battalion and committee reports were given. There was also a general discussion with a question and answer time. Sir Knight Duane Vaught, MEGM, gave a brief report on Grand Encampment activities. A lunch of soup and sandwiches was prepared by the SOOB. Following lunch a recess was called to attend the services for Sir Knight H.W. Lackey, KCT, KTCH, HPGC. Following the service, a meeting of the Executive Committee was convened followed the Jurisprudence Committee Meeting. There were 35 Sir Knights in attendance at the Winter Meeting.

### **Newby - Avery Brunch**

The Newby – Avery Banquet was changed to a brunch format this year. There were several reasons for trying this new format. As a banquet, I felt it lacked any thing that made it stand out as being a “Special Event”. I felt that by changing the times and hosting it on a different day than the Winter Meeting and the Jurisprudence Meeting would give it that special feeling, The new format was well received and the setting at the Clarion Hotel and Conference Center in Columbus was a central location and provided a very nice setting for this event. There were 51 reservations made and there were 48 actual attendees. The setting provided for a very social atmosphere and everyone had a great time. I received numerous comments on having it during the day allowed for a savings on hotel bills as well as baby sitters. The weather was great but holding it during the day would have allowed time for road clearing and allowed our more senior members to attend with the normal concern associated with driving in the dark. I was well satisfied and, based on the commitments I received, so were the attendees.

### **Visitations in Indiana**

April 30, 2016	Indiana State Drill Competition / Indianapolis
April 30, 2016	Battalion and Deputy Battalion Commander Training / Indianapolis
May 07, 2016	Two 50 Year Awards / Terre Haute

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May 14, 2016 50 Year Award / Indianapolis  
May 16-17-18, 2016 Indiana Grand Lodge Annual Communication / Indianapolis  
May 21, 2016 York Rite College / Terre Haute  
May 23, 2016 Chapter Visitation / Angola  
May 26, 2016 Chapter Visitation / Greencastle  
June 02-03, 2016 Grand Court of the Order of Amaranth / Columbus  
June 05, 2016 Holy Land Pilgrimage Golf Outing / Richmond  
June 09, 2016 William G. Bray Commandery / Mooresville  
June 10-11, 2016 Order of Eastern Star Grand Sessions / Indianapolis  
June 12, 2016 Allied Masonic Degrees / Terre Haute  
June 18, 2016 Yeoman of York / Indianapolis  
June 21, 2016 Chapter Visitation / Middletown  
June 24-25, 2016 Indiana Job's Daughters Grand Sessions / Columbus  
July 04, 2016 Angola Commandery / Angola  
July 07-08, 2016 Rainbow Girls Grand Assembly / Columbus  
July 09, 2016 Grand Commandery Summer Meeting / Indianapolis  
July 13, 2016 50 Award / Columbus  
July 16, 2016 Crypt Rededication / New Albany  
July 21-22, 2016 DeMolay Grand Sessions / Huntington  
July 24, 2016 Grand Commandery Family Picnic / Franklin  
July 25, 2016 Chapter Visitation / Indianapolis  
August 06-07, 2016 Most Worshipful Grand Master's Reception / Fort Wayne  
August 13, 2016 Battalion #2 Grand Commander's Reception / Elkhart  
August 25, 2016 Battalion #8 Grand Commander's Reception / Evansville  
September 11, 2016 Masonic Home Festival / Franklin  
September 17, 2016 Battalion #1 Grand Commander's Reception / Portage  
September 17, 2016 Battalion #1 Instructional (following Reception) / Portage  
October 01, 2016 Battalion #4 Grand Commander's Reception / Crawfordsville  
October 06-08, 2016 Ohio Grand Sessions / Columbus  
October 13, 2016 William G. Bray Commandery / Mooresville  
October 15, 2016 York Rite College / Terre Haute  
October 15, 2016 Battalion #7 Instructional / Columbus  
October 19, 2016 Battalion #2 Instructional / Elkhart  
October 20, 2016 Battalion #5 Grand Commander's Reception / Mooresville  
October 21, 2016 Prather York Rite ODC / Indianapolis  
October 22, 2016 Battalion #8 Instructional / Huntingburg  
October 29, 2016 Bray Special Grand Commander Event / Mooresville  
November 02, 2016 Battalion #6 Instructional / Connersville  
November 04, 2016 Battalion #3 Grand Commander's Reception / Anderson  
November 05, 2016 Battalion #7 Grand Commander's Reception / Bedford  
November 10, 2016 William G. Bray Commandery / Mooresville  
November 11, 2016 Veteran's Day / Franklin  
November 12, 2016 Battalion #4 Instructional / Frankfort  
November 21, 2016 Battalion #6 Grand Commander's Reception / Indianapolis

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November 27, 2016	Grand Commandery Family Christmas Party / Flat Rock
November 30, 2016	50 Year Award / Frankfort
December 04, 2016	Grand Chapter Christmas Party / Hobart
December 10, 2016	Knight Templar Priest / Greenfield
December 11, 2016	Allied Masonic Degrees / Terre Haute
December 16, 2016	Past Master Degree / Mooresville
December 17, 2016	Worshipful Master Installation / Mooresville
December 17, 2016	Lodge and DeMolay Installation / Franklin
January 07, 2017	Winter Meeting, Executive and Jurisprudence Meeting / Indianapolis
January 07, 2017	Services for Sir Knight H.E. Lackey / Indianapolis
January 14, 2017	Founders Day / Indianapolis
January 21, 2017	Newby – Avery Brunch / Columbus
January 27-28, 2017	Most Worshipful Grand Master’s Class / Angola
February 04, 2017	Goose and Tater Degree / Greenfield
February 09, 2017	William G. Bray Commandery / Mooresville
March 09, 2017	William G. Bray Commandery / Mooresville
March 18, 2017	Knight Masons / Indianapolis
March 25, 2017	York Rite College Instructional / Franklin
April 07-09, 2017	Indiana Grand Chapter and Grand Council Grand Sessions / Gary
April 27-28, 2017	Indiana Grand Commandery Grand Conclave / Columbus
April 29, 2017	Indiana State Drill Competition / Columbus

### **Foreign Visitations**

July 15-16, 2016	Illinois Grand Sessions / Normal, IL
August 18-20, 2016	Michigan Grand Sessions / Bay City, MI
September 11, 2016	Commandery Charter Rededication/ Cincinnati OH
September 18-19, 2016	York Rite of Kentucky Grand Sessions Lexington, KY.
October 09, 2016	York Rite Three Way Banquet / Lansing, MI
February 25, 2017	Tri-State Festival / Michigan Center, MI
March 04, 2017	Tri-State Festival / Bryan, OH
March 10-12, 2017	East Central Department Meeting /Lexington, KY
April 11-17, 2017	Indiana Grand Commandery Easter Sunrise Service Trip / Alexandria, VA
April 15, 2017	Wreath Laying at the Tomb of the Unknowns / Alexandria / VA
April 16, 2017	Easter Sunrise Service / Alexandria, VA.

### **Philanthropies**

The Grand Commandery continues to support our established philanthropies with direct contributions as well as various fund-raising projects. Our traditional philanthropies are the Templar Eye Foundation, the Holy Land Pilgrimage and the Youth Groups.

Fund raising programs for these include the R. Frank Award and the Annual Indiana Holy Land Golf Outing.

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### **Bulletins**

- Bulletin # 1 Conclave Summary, issued May 05, 2016
- Bulletin # 2 Certificate of Merit, issued April 30, 2016
- Bulletin # 3 Distinguished Service Award, issued April 30, 2016
- Bulletin # 4 Knight Templar Cross of Honor, issued April 30, 2016
- Bulletin # 5 Holy Land Pilgrimage, issued April 30, 2016
- Bulletin # 6 Christmas Message, issued November 01, 2016
- Bulletin # 7 Conferring Orders in another Jurisdiction, issued December 01, 2016
- Bulletin # 8 Resignation of Grand Sword Bearer, issued December 12, 2016

### **General Orders**

- General Order # 1 Inspections, issued April 30, 2016
- General Order # 2 Dispensations, issued April 30, 2016
- General Order # 3 Mentoring, issued April 30, 2016
- General Order # 4 Libations, issued April 30, 2016
- General Order # 5 R. Frank Williams Award, issued April 30, 2016

### **Dispensations**

- Dispensation # 1 St. Anselm, issued May 03, 2016
- Dispensation # 2 Greene County, issued June 01, 2016
- Dispensation # 3 Baldwin No. 2, issued June 08, 2016
- Dispensation # 4 LaPorte No, 12, issued July 14/2016
- Dispensation # 5 LaPorte No. 12 Election of Officers, issued December 12/2016

### **Special Deputy Commissions**

Commission #1, Appointed Sir Knight Michael Robbins, GCG, as Special Deputy, to assist Greene County Commandery UD in their preparation to receive a Charter and the Commissioning of their Commandery.

Commission #2. Appointed Sir Knight Irvin L. Bitting, KCT, PGC, as Special Deputy, to assist Michigan Commandery No, 30 to determine if the best course for the Commandery is to merge with another Commandery.

Commission #3. Appointed Sir Knight Irvin L. Bitting, KCT, PGC, as Special Deputy, to assist Lafayette Commandery No. 3 to determine if the best course for the Commandery is to merge with another Commandery.

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### Commanderies Opened, Closed or Merged

Greene County Commandery, UD completed all required work and their petition to receive a charter will be voted on at the 163rd Grand Conclave business session on April 28, 2017.

Michigan City Commandery #3 merged with LaPorte Commandery #12 effective January 01, 2017

### By-Laws Approved

November 08, 2016	H.E. Lackey #67	Meeting date quarterly
December 02, 2016	Crawfordsville #25	Meeting date moved to 1 <sup>st</sup> Wednesday
February 02, 2017	Apollo #19	Meeting date moves to 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday
February 19, 2017	Frankfort #29	Meeting date move date to 1 <sup>st</sup> Wed. at 7:30pm Except July and August

### Fifty Year Awards

This was busy year for 50 Year Awards because of a large class March 12, 1966. The result was more than normal certificates and pins were requested and sent to the Commanderies for presentations. The list follows:

Raper No. 1	John C. Gray	Frankfort No. 29	Charles D. Hendricks
Baldwin No. 2	Paul R. Jones	Frankfort No. 29	Larry W. Abbott
Baldwin No. 2	Terry D. Amos	Frankfort No. 29	Larry D. Shepard
Lafayette No. 3	Charles C. Cortland	Anderson No. 32	William G. Harter
Ft. Wayne No. 4	Galen D. Lehman	Anderson No. 32	Larry D. Hopper
Connersville No. 6	Thomas C. Francis	Anderson No. 32	Joe D. Manis
Connersville No. 6	James S. Snyder	Anderson No. 32	Harold S. Ruster
Richmond No. 8	Raleigh Dees	Anderson No. 32	Earl K. Parson, Jr.
Richmond No. 8	Jesse Johnson	Anderson No. 32	Jerry L. McConnell
Columbus No. 14	George R. Cody	Huntington No.35	Carl E. Smith
Columbus No. 14	Ralph A. Hattabaugh	Greenfield No. 39	Steven J. Barton
Columbus No. 14	James A. Brock	Greenfield No. 39	Rex G. White
Columbus No. 14	Harrold Green Jr.	Greenfield No. 39	Richard Parker
LaValette No. 15	Walter E. Ulrich, Jr.	Bedford No. 42	Herbert A. Bough
LaValette No. 15	Jack WE. Ervin, II	Bedford No. 42	Donald K. Hattabaugh
Terre Haute No. 16	Jerry L. Burns	Bloomington No. 63	Clair E. Gee
Terre Haute No. 16	Richard Harden	Bloomington No. 63	Warren E. McGuire
Crawfordsville No. 25	James A Kidd	Bloomington No. 63	George A. Rusnak
Crawfordsville No. 25	Marvin J. Ramsey	Bloomington No. 63	William D. McKee
Crawfordsville No. 25	Fred H. Smith	Bloomington No. 63	Willious C. Hopkins
Valparaiso No. 28	George J. Bellamy		
Valparaiso No. 28	Donald C. Chappell		
Valparaiso No. 28	Raleigh W. Sells, II		
Valparaiso No. 28	Harold D. Tapp		

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## **Grand Representatives**

I am pleased to appoint the following Sir Knights as Grand Representatives to the following Jurisdictions:

Sir Knight James Catania to the Grand Commandery of Arizona  
Sir Knight Michael Stoner to the Grand Commandery of the District of Columbia  
Sir Knight Patrick Briney to the Grand Commandery of Delaware  
Sir Knight Mark Baker to the Grand Commandery of Idaho  
Sir Knight Henry Bear to the Grand Commandery of Italy  
Sir Knight Philip Whisner to the Grand Commandery of Maryland  
Sir Knight Thomas Johnson to the Grand Commandery of Oregon  
Sir Knight Matthew Lowe to the Grand Commandery of Portugal

## **Instructionals**

Indiana conducted Instructionals this year instead of having the traditional inspection on one of the Orders. The Instructionals were conducted on a Battalion wide basis. This was well received and there were over 220 Sir Knights attending. There was good participation in the question and answer portion and overall feedback has been very positive.

Sir Knight Bitting is to be commended for his outstanding effort.

Individual Commanderies were inspected on all required areas by their Battalion Commander.

## **East Central Department Meeting**

The East Central Department Meeting was held in Lexington, KY. It was very informative and well attended by members of all three York Rite bodies.

There was a Ladies Program in conjunction and that, along with the Social Hour and Banquet provided for a very enjoyable gathering.

## **Recommendations**

- 1 - I recommend the Grand Commandery continue to support the Order of DeMolay, Rainbow Girls and Job's Daughters. This support should be in the form of both financial and visitation and participation with the local groups.
- 2 - I recommend an appointed position (non-elected or progressive) be created to work with our youth groups.
- 3 - I recommend creating a Time and Place Committee for the purpose of planning the various business meetings and associated meals or banquets. They would coordinate this with the Grand Commander.
- 4 - I recommend the R. Frank Williams Award be continued.
- 5 - I recommend that all future award trophies be replaced with plaques. The benefit would be two-fold it would be easier to display and transport and the cost would be greatly reduced.
- 6 - I recommend holding the Drill Competition at a time, date and location prior to the Grand Conclave. This will allow more flexibility when the three York Rite bodies are able to hold joint Grand Sessions.
- 7 - Continue to hold Instructionals and receptions on a battalion wide basis.
- 8 - Rotate the inspections on an Order and Instructionals on a yearly basis.

## **Conclusion**

This has been a great year. I have been overwhelmed by the support you have shown the Grand Commandery as we tried several changes intended to make this year as instructive and enjoyable as possible. We still have areas to work on and I feel that we are making progress in these areas. This is a great fraternal organization and I am proud to have been elected as your Grand Commander. I have enjoyed my time and you taught me a lot. I hope that you feel the same way.

Always remember –There is no such thing as a “mere Sir Knight”, each of you are special and a very valuable and vital part of this Grand Commandery.

I want to thank everyone for their support, assistance, advice and tolerance as I have advanced in the Grand Line. Above all I want to thank Lady Nina. Words cannot express my love for her. She has been my support and inspiration for well over 50 years and I would be lost without her, God Bless Each one of You and God Bless America.

Fraternally,

Don Olvey  
Grand Commander

The Grand Commander then moved that the Report be received. It was then 2<sup>nd</sup> and passed.

## **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 allocution of the Grand Commander and other preprinted reports and makes the following motion.

- 1) That General Orders 1 through 5 be referred to the Jurisprudence committee.
- 2) That the subject matter in bulletins 7 and 8 be referred to the Jurisprudence committee.
- 3) That dispensations 2, 4 and 5 be referred to the Jurisprudence Committee.
- 4) That the dispensations on Greene County Commandery U.D. be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence jointly with the committee on Charters and Dispensations.
- 5) That the dispensation relative to St. Anselm Commandery be referred to the committee on Dispensations and Charters.
- 6) That the portions on Commissions and Grand Representatives be referred to the Jurisprudence committee.
- 7) That the portion on Commanderies Opened, Closed or Merged be referred to the committee

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on Charters and Dispensations.

- 8) That the portion on By-laws approved be referred to the By-laws Committee.
- 9) That recommendations 1 and 2 be referred to the Youth Committee.
- 10) That recommendation 4 be referred to the Holy Land Pilgrimage Committee.
- 11) That recommendation number 5 regarding awards be referred jointly to the Finance and Executive Committees.
- 12) That recommendation number 6 be referred to the Competitive Drill Committee.
- 13) That the legislative proposals on sections 835, 840, and 841 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.

### **Roll Call of Grand Representatives**

Roll Call of the Representatives was made by the Grand Recorder and there were 34 present, 4 Excused, 10 Absent and 2 Open for a total of 50.

### **Special Presentation**

Duane L. Vaught State Chairman for Grand Encampment College of Honors, took the opportunity to present the Knight Commander of the Temple to Sir Knight Ronald K. Smith, PC, PGHP, PGM.



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### **Grand Recorder's Report**

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

This year thirty (30) of the thirty-five (35) Commanderies paid their Per-Capita on time. Last year we were near the end of March before all the Commanderies had paid. I am hopefully next year all our Commanderies will have submitted their Per-Capita by February 1.

I am still missing Financial Reports from several Commanderies which were due to be received in my office by March 15.

At the Triennial in Rochester NY, in August of 2015 a requirement was established by Grand Encampment that all new Knights must be entered into the Masonic Membership Solutions within (15) fifteen days. I know we have a the least (10) new Knighting over (45) days which have not been entered into MMS. Without the information in the MMS, the first line signers cannot receive credit and thus at this time our Lanyard Chairman cannot do his job properly. Recorders or Eminent Commanders, if you have a new Knighting and don't know if he is entered or how to enter the information into the system, PLEASE find his petition, set it in front of yourself and call me. I'll enter the information in for you. If you know he is a member but don't have the information. Call me and give me his name and phone number. I'll call him and ask him for his information. Eminent Commanders you are the ones responsible for the actions of your Commandery.

I have enjoyed serving as Grand Recorder this past year and look forward to even better things this next year with the new corps of officers.

I have also brought in 3 Chapeaux cases and one Chapeaux, plus a sword and a Membership jacket from a few years ago. They were all in Larry's office and I don't see a real need for them in mine. If you need or would like one or more of the items I invite you to pick it up and I ask that you make a donation to either the Eye Foundation or the Holy Land Funds. Either one would be fine. I am sure Larry, as well as myself support both our Philanthropies. Please be generous as the jacket cost about \$150.00 and the sword on line is probably about \$400.00. While I don't expect that amount please remember it is your donation and make it to that charity and do not send a check to me.

Fraternally Submitted,

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

### **REPORT OF THE GRAND RECORDER FOR 2016 - 2017**

**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.**

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**Membershi Statistics**

Number of Chartered Commanderies	36	
Number of Commanderies under dispensation	2	
Total Membership January 1, 2016		3,330
Knights Templar conferred on:	124	
Affiliated	142	
Reinstated	9	
		275
Deductions for 2005:		
Deceased	-120	
Demitted	-239	
Suspended	-117	
Adjustments	-5	
		-481
Net Gain/Loss for the year		-206
Total Membership December 31, 2016		3,124

**COMPARATIVE STATISTICS**

	<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>
Number of Commanderies	40	40	40	38	36	36	35
Net Loss in Membership	236	157	159	143	138	178	206
# of Commanderies w/no Knightings	10	10	8	8	8	10	3
# of Commanderies w/Gain	10	9	5	12	7	3	5
# of Commanderies staying even	02	4	6	3	3	2	2
Total Affiliations	37	51	111	36	72	33	142
Total Reinstated	14	14	13	26	17	16	9
Total Deaths	136	114	133	93	100	124	120
Total Demits	176	148	181	98	150	87	239
Suspensions	89	68	81	174	99	114	117
Remissions	384	372	348	363	351	354	364

Commanderies with less than 100 members	25
Commanderies with 101-200 members	10
Commanderies with 201-300 members	0
Smallest Commandery (Wright #64)	32
Largest Commandery (Prather #62)	192

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**INSURANCE AND BOND COVERAGE**

**March 31, 2017**

**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**

**(March 31, 2017)**

<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
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)	
DSA awards – Friends	(50)	
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

**Jurisprudence Committee Report  
Proposed Legislation**

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

The committee on jurisprudence has reviewed the proposals legislative related to sections 835, 840, and 841, of the Laws of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Indiana. These all relate to the reporting of certain requirements that in each case reduces or eliminates requirements considered unnecessary by the author of the resolutions. The committee finds them to be in proper form.

Curiously submitted on behalf of the committee, I move for the adoption of this report.

Duane L. Vaught, PGC  
It was 2<sup>nd</sup> and passed

**Proposed Legislation  
RITUALS**

*SECTION 835: Paragraph (E) Currently reads:*

**SECTION 835:**

Paragraph (E)

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

*Proposed change:*

*SECTION 835: Paragraph (E) Delete:*

**Reason for Change:** Many Commanderies today purchase Rituals and issue them to new members who are not officers, in the expectation they will learn a part of the Ritual. These ritual sometime are lost by those Sir Knights and the Recorder has a difficult time each year when requested to give the numbers of the Rituals of the Commanderies as many Sir Knights who have the Ritual doesn't attend the inspection or forgets to bring his ritual.

Fraternally Submitted

George A. Ingles, Jr., Grand Recorder

**SECTION 840: Currently reads:**

**ANNUAL REPORTS OF COMMANDERIES**

**SECTION 840:** It shall be the duty of the Recorder of each Commandery under the jurisdiction of this Grand Commandery, on or before the 15th day of January in each and every year, to make out and transmit to the Grand Recorder on blank forms furnished by him, an annual report, which must embrace

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- (A) A list of the officers elected and installed for the ensuing year.
- (B) A list of the Sir Knights created during the preceding year giving date each order received was conferred.
- (C) Names and dates of those who may have been reinstated during the year.
- (D) Names and dates of those admitted by affiliation.
- (E) The name and date of any who may have died during the year.
- (F) The name and date of any who may have been suspended for non-payment of dues.
- (G) The name and date of any who may have been suspended or expelled for other causes.
- (H) The name of those whose dues were remitted by reason of their inability to pay the same.
- (I) Such a report must embrace such other facts as may be specified in the blank reports to be furnished by the Grand Recorder and authorized by the Grand Commandery, and where names are required, Christian names must be written in full. In no case shall initial letters for names be used by Recorders of Commanderies when making annual reports to the Grand Recorder.

### ***Proposed change:***

## **ANNUAL REPORTS OF COMMANDERIES**

**SECTION 840:** It shall be the duty of the Recorder of each Commandery under the jurisdiction of this Grand Commandery, before the 1<sup>st</sup> day of January in each and every year, ***to enter into the Masonic Membership Solutions the following:*** ~~to make out and transmit to the Grand Recorder on blank forms furnished by him, an annual report, which must embrace~~

- (A) A list of the officers elected and installed for the ensuing year (following the installation).
- (B) A list of the Sir Knights created during the preceding year giving date each order received was conferred.
- (C) Names and dates of those who may have been reinstated during the year.
- (D) Names and dates of those admitted by affiliation.
- (E) The name and date of any who may have died during the year.
- (F) The name and date of any who may have been suspended for non-payment of dues.

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(G)The name and date of any who may have been suspended or expelled for other causes.

(H)The name of those whose dues were remitted by reason of their inability to pay the same. **By US mail or email received by the Grand Recorder before the 1<sup>st</sup> day of January in each year.**

~~(I) Such a report must embrace such other facts as may be specified in the blank reports to be furnished by the Grand Recorder and authorized by the Grand Commandery, and where names are required, Christian names must be written in full. In no case shall initial letters for names be used by Recorders of Commanderies when making annual reports to the Grand Recorder.~~

**Reason for Change:**

(A -G) With Masonic Membership Solutions, the Grand Encampment uses information for the last year effective December 31, to provide information about membership in all Commanderies. Any information concerning the last year entered after December 31 will be recorder as next year's membership statics. The Grand Commandery will be billed by Grand Encampment as recorded by December 31. Subordinate Commanderies will be billed accordingly.

(H) There is no place for remission of dues in MMS. It is necessary that the Grand Recorder be notified of the remitted dues for the year before December 31 for him to complete the Per Capita statements and send them to the Commanderies. Giving them ample time to return their Per Capita Check by February 1<sup>st</sup>.

Fraternally Submitted

George A. Ingles, Jr., Grand Recorder

**SECTION 841: Currently reads:**

**ANNUAL RETURNS OF COMMANDERIES**

**SECTION 841:** Each Recorder shall, on forms to be furnished by the Grand Recorder, transmit to his office on or before the fifteenth day of January, annual returns for each year ending on the thirty-first day of December, and shall on or before the first day of February pay the fees, dues, and other billings due the Grand Commandery for such year. Each Constituent Recorder shall also file prior to March first a Financial Report for the preceding year with the Grand Recorder.

Each Recorder shall also file with the Grand Recorder on or before the third day of each month, a Monthly Report of Activity on the form prescribed by the Grand Encampment Failure to file such form within fifteen days after the third of the month shall cause such report to be delinquent and shall result in a fine to the Commandery of \$10.00 for each month that the report is late. The fines due and payable because of delinquent filings shall be billed and paid at the end of the year along with other fees and dues.

**Proposed Change:**

**ANNUAL RETURNS OF COMMANDERIES**

~~**SECTION 841:** Each Recorder shall, on forms to be furnished by the Grand Recorder, transmit to his office on or before the fifteenth day of January, annual returns for each year ending on the thirty first day~~

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of December, and shall on or before the first day of February pay the fees, dues, and other billings due the Grand Commandery for such year. Each Constituent Recorder shall also file prior to March first a Financial Report for the preceding year with the Grand Recorder.

~~Each Recorder shall also file with the Grand Recorder on or before the third day of each month, a Monthly Report of Activity on the form prescribed by the Grand Encampment~~ **Failure to file such form or pay fees, dues and other billing due the Grand Commandery at the proper time** within fifteen days after the third of the month shall cause such report to be delinquent and shall result in a fine to the Commandery of \$10.00 **\$2.00** for each month that **day** the report is late. The fines due and payable because of delinquent filings shall be billed and paid at the end of the year along with other fees and dues.

**Reason for Change:**

Monthly and Annual Commandery Membership Static Report are no longer necessary due to MMS. This year (2017) (5) five Commanderies were late in paying the Per Capita.

Fraternally Submitted

George A. Ingles, Jr., Grand Recorder

Right Eminent Grand Commander I would move that the legislation as propose and found in proper form be approved by this Grand Commandery. It was then 2<sup>nd</sup>

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

A request was made for the explanation of a few of the parts of the proposals to the proposer. After the explanations, the proposer moved to vote on all part the Legislation. The motion then passed.

**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

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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
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



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<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	
<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

### **Jurisprudence Committee Report**

Right Eminent Grand Commander, officers and members of this Grand Commandery. General Order and Dispensations, as listed in the Grand Commander's Allocution, are in order and have been approved by the Jurisprudence Committee. The committee would like to note that Bulletin No. 7 and 8, should be listed as General Orders as they required action from the Grand Commander. Also since the Mentoring Program is a General Order, for it to be in compliant it should be included on the Activity Sheets or on the Inspection Check-out sheet. I move for the acceptance of this report.

For the committee,  
Steven J. Barton, KCT, PDC.  
It was 2<sup>nd</sup> and passed.

### **Jurisprudence Committee Report**

Right Eminent Grand Commander, Officers and members of this Grand Commandery. I would like to report that the findings of the Jurisprudence Committee, on the Commissions and Grand Representatives, as in the Preprinted Proceedings, by the Grand Commander we find in proper form and I move for the adoption of this report.

Janes L. Dove, KCT, PGC. It was 2<sup>nd</sup> and passed.

### **Finance Committee Report**

To: The Right Eminent Grand Commander, Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander, Officers of the Grand Commander, Sir Knights All.

Your Committee of Finance submits the following report on the Budget for the 2017-2018 Templar Year. After discussions and evaluations of Membership, projected loss of members, projected incoming new members and our current state of investment income, and discussions with the Grand Recorder, we see no change for Per Capita nor for the budget of 2017 from 2016. It is possible for the Grand Commandery to make necessary budget adjustments, should unavoidable expenses occur as long as it falls within the investment income guidelines.

Respectfully Submitted,  
James Dove, PGC, KCT, Chairman  
Ronald Ellis, PGC, KCT  
Irv Bitting, PGC, KCT, Grand Inspector General  
Robert Frazer, PGC, KCT, Grand Treasurer  
George Ingles, PGC, KCT, Grand Recorder

I would move for the adoption of this report and the proposed budget for 2017 – 2018. It was 2<sup>nd</sup> and passed.

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GRAND COMMANDERY  
KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF INDIANA  
Financial Statements  
March 31, 2017

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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 Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Indiana (a non profit organization), which comprise the statement of assets and net assets - cash basis as of March 31, 2017, and the related statements of revenue and expense - cash basis for the year 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 Standard for Accounting and Review Services promulgated by the Accounting and Review Services Committee of the AICPA. We did not audit or review the financial statements 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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GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF INDIANA  
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND NET ASSETS  
- CASH BASIS -  
MARCH 31, 2017

Assets:	
Cash and Cash Equivalents:	
General Checking Account	\$ -49.35
Triennial Savings Account	1,229.99
Life Membership Savings Account	24,796.06
Per Capita Savings Account	123,770.84
Money Market Account	
Total Cash and Cash Equivalents	<u>149,747.54</u>
Investments:	
Certificate of Deposits	15,000.00
Education Fund	<u>376,975.15</u>
Total Investments	<u>391,975.15</u>
Accounts Receivable	-6.47
Total Assets	<u>\$ 541,716.22</u>
Net Assets:	
Unrestricted	<u>\$ 541,716.22</u>
Total Net Assets	<u>\$ 541,716.22</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, 2017

	<u>Unrestricted</u>	<u>Temporarily Restricted</u>	<u>Permanently Restricted</u>	<u>Total</u>
Revenues and Other Support:				
Per Capita Holding	\$ 63,877.50	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 63,877.50
Membership Dues	1,853.44			1,853.44
Interest & Dividend Income	9,137.82	-	-	9,137.82
DSA Awards Payments Received	2,005.00	-	-	2,005.00
Realized Gain on Investment	765.76	-	-	765.76
Unrealized Gain/(Loss) on Investments	-	-	-	-
Other Receipts for Rituals & Publications	851.55	-	-	851.55
Receipts from Education Savings				-
Contributions & Life Memberships				-
Miscellaneous Revenue	<u>9,578.50</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9,578.50</u>
 Total Revenue and Other Support	 <u>88,069.57</u>	 <u>-</u>	 <u>-</u>	 <u>88,069.57</u>
Expenses:				
Program Expenses	65,681.51	-	-	65,681.51
Payment to Beneficiaries of Life Estates	-	-	-	-
Management and General Expenses	<u>9,057.01</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9,057.01</u>
 Total Expenses	 <u>74,738.52</u>	 <u>-</u>	 <u>-</u>	 <u>74,738.52</u>
 Change in Net Assets	 <u>13,331.05</u>	 <u>-</u>	 <u>-</u>	 <u>13,331.05</u>
 Net Assets at Beginning of Year	 <u>528,385.17</u>	 <u>-</u>	 <u>-</u>	 <u>528,385.17</u>
 Net Assets at End of Year	 <u>\$ 541,716.22</u>	 <u>\$ -</u>	 <u>\$ -</u>	 <u>\$ 541,716.22</u>

See accompanying notes and accountants' compilation report

# GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF INDIANA

GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF INDIANA  
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
MARCH 31, 2017

## 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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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, CONTINUED  
MARCH 31, 2017

**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	\$	1,613.27
Printing & Copying		1,886.45
Trophies and Awards		671.98
Uniforms		935.00
Conferences, Conventions, Meetings		10,112.86
Membership Development		931.42
Grand Officers Expense		14,731.65
Tactics & Rituals		1,865.88
Triennial Expense		-
Per Capita Payment		32,168.00
Contributions		765.00
Total	\$	<u>65,681.51</u>

**Detail of Management and General Expenses**

Professional Fees	\$	1,350.00
Office Expense		447.69
Postage		378.38
Insurance		-
Telephone & Telecommunications		1,783.85
Computer Software, Expenses		600.59
Investment Advisory Fees		4,446.50
All Other		50.00
Total	\$	<u>9,057.01</u>



**GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF INDIANA**

**2017 Budget**

<b>RECEIPTS</b>	Accounting Number	<b>Total Budget</b>
Per Capita Dues - Indiana		\$ 29,762.00
Per Capita Dues - Grand Encampment		\$ 26,523.00
Transfer from Life Membership to Grand Commandery Funds	\$ 1,955.00	\$ -
Transfer from Life Membership to Grand Encampment	\$ 1,575.00	\$ -
Transfer from Life Membership to Subordinate Commanderies	\$ 2,864.50	\$ -
Transfer from Life Membership	\$ 6,394.50	\$ -
K. T. Eye Foundation Assessment		\$ 2,035.00
Knighting Fees		\$ 1,280.00
Total Per Capita Assessments	5200	\$ <b>59,600.00</b>
Interest earned	5310	\$ 550.00
Permanent Fund / Newby/Avery Donations	4050	\$ 3,000.00
Permanent Fund Transfer		\$ 7,000.00
Postage for Rituals	5407	\$ 60.00
Rituals	5408	\$ 600.00
DSA Payments	5409	\$ 2,000.00
Newby/Avery Banquet Income 2017	5477	\$ -
Grand Conclave Banquet Income 2017	5457	\$ -
Miscellaneous	5490	\$ 100.00
<b>Income Total</b>		<b>\$ 72,910.00</b>

**DISBURSEMENTS**

**NON-DISCRETIONARY AND SPECIAL ACCOUNTS - 7300**

Grand Encampment Per Capita		\$ 28,098.00
K.T. Eye Foundation		\$ 2,035.00
Grand Encampment Per-Capita Total	7310	\$ <b>30,133.00</b>
Triennial	7320	\$ -
Triennial Drill Team Travel	7321	\$ -

**DISCRETIONARY**

7400

Officers Expenses	7410	
Grand Commander	7411	\$ 5,200.00
Grand Recorder	7412	\$ 10,000.00
Grand Treasurer	7413	\$ 250.00
KT Supplement	7414	\$ 250.00
GIG Expenses	7415	\$ 800.00
Grand Officers	7416	\$ 2,500.00

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Grand Commander's Contingency	7417	\$	1,000.00
Awards 50-year Postage	8140	\$	50.00
Accounting (Audit) / Taxes	7510	\$	1,500.00
Travel & Meeting expenses	<b>7550</b>		
Travel / Misc. Grand Conclave Expenses	7551	\$	700.00
Grand Conclave	7552	\$	3,200.00
Drills Competition Rental	7553		
	7554	\$	350.00
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BOND Insurance - Grand Recorder	7570	\$	500.00
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Operation Supplies	7601		
Rituals	7620	\$	525.00
Uniform	7625	\$	
PGC & GPE Jewels New & Repairs	7651	\$	2,000.00
Awards	7700		
Ribbons, Plaques, Trophies	7710	\$	500.00
DSA Awards	7705	\$	100.00
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Membership Development /Publicity Expense	7800	\$	2,500.00
Youth	7900	\$	750.00
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Grand Recorder Office Expenses	8100		
Office Supplies	8110	\$	1,000.00
Telephone	8120	\$	1,200.00
Automatic Calling Service	8121	\$	50.00
Internet	8130	\$	900.00
Outside Computer Services Web Host	8131	\$	175.00
Computer Software	8135	\$	750.00
Computer Hardware	8136	\$	500.00
Postage	8138	\$	1,000.00
Shipping & Postage	8139	\$	500.00
Office Printing & Copying	8170	\$	500.00
Proceedings - Annual and Advanced	8174	\$	600.00
Red Book	8175	\$	600.00
Misc.	9510	\$	500.00
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<b>Expense Total</b>		<b>\$</b>	<b>72,783.00</b>

Surplus / (Deficit)

<b>\$ 127.00</b>
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## **GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF INDIANA**

### **Trustee's Report**

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

These amounts reflect the calendar 2016-year end. A verbal update report will be given at the Annual Conclave.

Permanent Fund: \$363,798.32

Education Fund: \$232,190.53

From January 28, 2016 to December 22, 2016 the Permanent Fund has a positive return of \$40,297.09 and the Education Fund has a positive return of \$28,117.88.

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

The Chairman then added as of this morning 4/28/2017 the Permanent Fund was at \$380,021.45. The Education Fund was at \$230,049.09. The decrease in the Education fund was due to a new cost relative to the Education fund from Grand Encampment as they now charge each Commander 2% of the funds for services provide from the Grand Encampment. It was then moved to accept the new number of this report and they be placed in the proceedings.

Larry W. Brown, PDC. It was 2<sup>nd</sup> and passed.

### **Education Foundation**

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

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.

The Grand Master has made several changes to the requirement for the Education Foundation of the Grand Encampment and there are also several changes to the requirement in the Grand Commandery Education Foundation Committee decisions.

Respectfully submitted by:

Larry W. Brown, PGC, PDC, for the committee.

Before moving for the adoption of this report the chairman read several of the new requirements from Grand Encampment. The then moved for the adoption of the report as amended, which was 2<sup>nd</sup> and passed.

**GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF INDIANA**

**Education Committee Budget for 2018**  
 KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION  
 ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSE BUDGET

DIVISION OF GRAND COMMANDERY OF \_\_\_\_\_ INDIANA \_\_\_\_\_  
 FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR \_\_\_\_\_ 2018 \_\_\_\_\_

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 than the first day of November of the current year.

(See Section 14d of Regulations and Standard Practice)

Forward three (3) signed copies of the budget to:

Lawrence E. Tucker, Secretary,  
 5909 West Loop South, Suite 495, Bellaire Texas 77401.

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

	<b>INCOME</b>	
	Total Income	Administrative Expenses
Interest from student loans:		
(75% available for administrative expense)	\$ _____ 0	\$ _____ 0
Realized Income from Investments:		
(10% available for administrative expense)	\$ _____ 1000	\$ _____ 100
(See Section 14d of Regulations and Stand Practice)		

**ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSE BUDGET**

Salaries: (Give Gross Totals Incl. Withholding for Income Tax)	\$ _____	Postage & Express	\$ _____
Secretary / Treasurer	\$ _____	Telephone	\$ _____
Other Salaries	\$ _____	Stationery, Supplies	\$ _____
Attorney or Collection Fees	\$ _____	Furniture, Equipment Repairs	\$ _____
Rent	\$ _____	Premiums on Investments	\$ _____
Safe Deposit Box	\$ _____	Miscellaneous (Itemize below)	\$ _____
Fidelity Bonds	\$ _____		
Social Security (FICA) <i>employer only</i>	\$ _____	<i>(Do not include the 5% to Committee)</i>	
Unemployment Compensation (FUTA)	\$ _____	<b>Itemize:</b>	
Audit	\$ _____ 100	_____	
Committee Meetings	\$ _____	_____	
Traveling Expense Contacting Loanees	\$ _____	_____	
		TOTAL ADMINISTRATION EXPENSE: \$ _____	100

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

**AMOUNT AVAILABLE FOR SCHOLARSHIPS AND GRANTS**

Total Realized Income	\$ _____ 100
Less Administrative Expense	\$ _____ 100
Net Amount Available	\$ _____ 0

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Larry W. Brown  
 Division Chairman, Educational Committee

\_\_\_\_\_  
 George A. Ingles, Jr.  
 Division Secretary Educational Committee

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Grand Encampment Chairman of Committee on Educational Foundation

**GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF INDIANA**

**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	76
Total Past Commanders (Not otherwise registered)	16
Total Grand officers and Past Grand Commanders (Not otherwise registered)	18
Total Past Grand Commanders (Not otherwise registered)	10
Total eligible to vote –	120

The following Commanderies have representatives missing as follows.

Lafayette #3	EC, G	Greencastle #11	EC, CG
South Bend #13	G, CG	Columbus #14	G
Valparaiso #28	G, CG	Elkhart #31	CG
Anderson #32	G	Bedford #42	EC
Bloomington #63	CG	William G. Bray #65	G, CG
H. E. Lackey #67	EC		

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Edward Fodrea, Chairman.

**CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE FINAL REPORT**

Number	Commandery	Office Name	Proxy
1	Raper	E.C. David Strader, Sr. G. John R. Freeland C.G. Carson C. Smith	
2	Baldwin	E.C. Christopher Thomas G. Lewis Jack Hill C.G. Randy Darling	
3	Lafayette	E.C. G. C.G. Rudell Wilburn	
4	Ft. Wayne	E.C. Mark Goebel G. Jason Miller C.G. Mike Doxsee	Proxy

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5	New Albany	E.C.	Carl Whiteman	
		G.	George Weir, Jr.	
		C.G.	Terry Kehrer	Proxy
6	Connersville	E.C.	Jerry Fray	
		G.	Jason Ray	
		C.G.	Marvin Rees	
8	Richmond	E.C.	Charles A. Maines	
		G.	Robert E. Thomas	
		C.G.	David Bertch	
11	Greencastle	E.C.		
		G.	Martin Evans	
		C.G.		
12	LaPorte	E.C.	Dion Diakis	
		G.	Joseph Villarreal	
		C.G.	Douglas Masterson	
13	South Bend	E.C.	Alfred Lemmon	
		G.		
		C.G.		
14	Columbus	E.C.	Gary Nicholson	Proxy
		G.		
		C.G.	Shelby Olvey	
15	LaValette	E.C.	Rex A. Goodman	Proxy
		G.	Kevin Spencer	Proxy
		C.G.	Dennis Schrader	Proxy
16	Terre Haute	E.C.	Jerry Burns	
		G.	Matthew Lowe	Proxy
		C.G.	Glen R. Miller	Proxy
19	Apollo	E.C.	James Davis	Proxy
		G.	Timothy Knafel	
		C.G.	James Coleman	Proxy

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20	Vincennes	E.C.	Joe Williams	
		G.	John McClelland	Proxy
		C.G.	Edward Sebring	Proxy
21	Grant County	E.C.	Michael Winters	
		G.	Harold Landers	
		C.G.	Gary Sherritze	Proxy
23	Johnson County	E.C.	George Hall	Proxy
		G.	Harry Cartwright	Proxy
		C.G.	Phillip Fowler	
25	Crawfordsville	E.C.	Irvan Boeglin	
		G.	Joseph Sparks	
		C.G.	Marvin Ramsey	Proxy
28	Valparaiso	E.C.	Tom Johnson	
		G.		
		C.G.		
29	Frankfort	E. C.	Robert Hill	Proxy
		G.	Virgil Humphrey	Proxy
		C.G.	Eric Downing	Proxy
31	Elkhart	E.C.	Vance Roberts	
		G.	Douglas Green	
		C.G.		
32	Anderson	E.C.	Dale M. Adams	
		G.		
		C.G.	Allen Dale Foreman	
35	Huntington	E.C.	Robert Crispen	
		G.	Steve Maxwell	Proxy
		C.G.	Josh Fosnaugh	
36	Kokomo	E.C.	Barry Closer	
		G.	Mark Vickers	Proxy
		C.G.	Robert Flint	Proxy

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39	Greenfield	E.C. Jack Hartlerode G. Christopher C. Steel C.G. Aaron Wright	
42	Bedford	E.C. Scott Hurley G. Sam Hanners C.G.	
45	Angola	E.C. Glen Rogers G. Ian Mountfield C.G. Paul Friend	Proxy
57	E. H. Gary	E.C. James A. Hall G. Arthur Tuesburg C.G. John Morris	Proxy
61	Noblesville	E.C. Peter McKay G. Andy Hughes C.G. Curtis D. Munden	Proxy
62	Prather	E.C. Jason Greth G. Mark Lewis C.G. David Kirschman	
63	Bloomington	E.C. Rickey Spoonmore G. Michael Stoner C.G.	Proxy
64	Wright	E.C. Phillip Adkins G. Marlin Gray C.G. Clifford Adams	Proxy
65	Wm. G. Bray	E.C. Henry Bear G. C.G.	
67	Lawrence	E.C. G. Thomas Smith C.G. Bruce Frazer	



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

### **Elections**

Following the Credentials report, the elections were held with the following results:

#### **Nomination to the Office of Grand Commander**

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

It is my distinct pleasure to nominate the name of Lawrence J. Williams for the office of Grand Commander for the State of Indiana, for the years of 2017 – 2018. He is a member and Past Commander of LaPorte Commandery No. 12. A member of Unity Church, Valparaiso, Indiana. He says he's retired but I am not sure about that. So, I put that into the form of a motion.

James L. Dove, KCT, PGC

It was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sir Knight Dion Diakis, Eminent Commander of LaPorte Commandery No. 12.

The Grand Commander called for other nominations. There being none Sir Knight Dove, moved that the nominations be closed and a unanimous ballot cast by the Recorder. It was then 2<sup>nd</sup> and passed.

#### **Acceptance and remarks by the Grand Commander elect**

The Grand Commander then called on Sir Knight Williams asking if he accepts and if so are there any remarks he would like to make at this time.

Sir Knight Williams, Accepted the election results and made the following remarks: 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 your confidence in me by electing me as your Grand Commander. I would also like to thank the Sir Knights of LaPorte Commandery No. 12, my old Commandery, Michigan City No. 30, which has merged with LaPorte for showing their support through the Grand Commandery line. I would also like to thank Sir Knight Dove who appointed me to the Grand Commandery line, and for his advice when asked and many times when I didn't. Once again, Thank you.

#### **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 and Grand Recorder maintain their positions.

Respectfully Submitted,

Steven J. Barton, PGC

For the Committee

There being no other nominations he then moved that these officers be elected by acclamation. The motion was second and passed.

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The Grand Commander then asked each officer if he accepted the offices as elected. They each individually accepted the election.

Sir Knight Matthew Lowe was nominated for the office of Grand Junior Warden by Sir Knight Jerry Burns EC of Terre Haute Commandery No. 18. The nomination was 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Sir Knight Phillip Dean Whisner was nominated for the office of Grand Junior Warden by Sir Knight Larry W. Brown, PDC and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sir Knight Irvin L. Bitting.

Sir Knight George Ingles moved that nominations be closed. It was 2<sup>nd</sup> and the ballot was taken.

The Grand Commander called for the two candidates approach the East and introduce themselves.

The Tells Committee, distributes and then collected the ballots. After their counting of the ballots they reported that Sir Knight Phillip Dean Whisner was elected to the office of Grand Junior Warden. The Grand Commander asked if he did accept the office of Grand Junior Warden. He did accept.

The Grand Commander called nominations for the office of Trustee for a term of 3 year. Sir Knight Larry W. Brown Nominate Sir Knight Michal Ritter, KCT, PGC for that office. It was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sir Knight James L. Dove. The Grand Commander then called for any other nominations. There being none Sir Knight Brown moved that the nominations be closed. The Grand Commander then called for the vote and Sir Knight Ritter was elected. The Grand Commander asked if he accepted the office. He then accepted the election.

Final results of the election are as follows:

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

Michael Ritter, KCT, PGC was elected Grand Trustee for a term of 3 years.

The Grand Commander then directed the tellers to destroy the ballot and then excused the Tellers Committee.

### **Appointments by Grand Commander Elect**

Grand Commander-elect Lawrence J. Williams then announced the following appointments:

David Concoski, GP; Thomas Johnson, GStdB; Randall Ellington, GSwdB; Kevin Spencer GW; Randy Spaulding, as GS; Marvin L. Rees, GO; and Randy Darling, Grand Marshal.

### **Necrology Report**

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

At this time it is my sad duty to report that we have had 120 Sir Knights pass away this year. The names of our departed Brethren are listed in these proceedings. Please keep the friends and families of these Sir Knights in your thoughts and prayers.

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Let us also remember that while we are indeed saddened by the loss of our Sir Knights, we can rejoice in the knowledge that through the sacrifice of our Blessed Savior they have entered into the presence of our Loving Father and can enjoy that rest prepared for the faithful from the foundation of the world.

Respectfully Submitted, I move for the adoption of this report. It was 2<sup>nd</sup> and passed.

Charles P. King, GP

<b>Commandery</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Birth date</b>	<b>Passed</b>
Raper No.1	Carl N. Allinder	11/13/1934	08/22/2016
	John B. Cobb	10/22/1917	05/01/2013
	Irwin H. Sacks	08/24/1929	02/16/2016
	James Edward Snyder	11/08/1935	05/16/2016
	David A. Williams	06/24/1953	07/01/2015
Baldwin No. 2	Robert Easton Judah, II	07/14/1938	10/10/2016
	Dennis Lee Runshe	07/28/1957	01/12/2016
Lafayette No. 3	Joe Vernon Chancellor	08/17/1918	01/03/2010
	John Robert Christopher	10/08/1931	01/01/2015
	Charles Byron Gluys	02/15/1929	03/11/2012
	Donald W. Keller	09/29/1935	04/10/2015
	Wendell Kenneth McCormick	11/02/1924	07/28/2013
	George James Quisenberry	10/22/1955	05/28/2013
	James William Roller	04/24/1935	03/04/2016
	Wiley Earl Sanders	11/07/1933	01/01/2000
	Donald L. Smith	12/04/1933	02/05/2013
Alfred Sidney Thomas	06/01/1921	02/04/2016	
Fort Wayne No. 4	Charles Robert Cowens	01/15/1941	03/08/2016
	Thomas Andrew Davis, Jr.	12/12/1939	08/08/2015
	Rickey Gene Eby	02/25/1951	10/29/2016
	Lawrence E. Graves	03/16/1926	04/07/2016
	Theodore G. Hill	07/02/1928	10/30/2010
	John Hipps	07/02/1947	11/15/2013
	Charles W. Lane	03/31/1944	01/22/2015
	Stanley Edward Rigby	01/08/1923	12/27/2015
	Arthur Shull, Jr.	02/22/1933	09/26/2016
New Albany No. 5	Kenneth D. Carter	08/29/1935	09/23/2014
	Gary Kent Fentress	08/06/1939	02/17/2017
	Lenord F. McAfee	12/27/1933	03/24/2016
	John Keith Orman	03/24/1965	03/31/2016
	Carl Chester Reed	01/26/1927	02/19/2017
	Darron Wallace Wilkins	02/22/1969	08/03/2016

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	Edward Hayes Young	06/28/1944	10/23/2016
Connersville No. 6	Jon David Baker	05/31/1941	01/01/2017
	Don Lee Heiber	05/23/1943	10/09/2016
	Delza Milon Huffman	07/16/1917	12/30/2016
Richmond No. 8	Lowell Rea Maze	07/19/1936	02/18/2016
	Elmer Eugene Pohlenz	01/04/1928	02/28/2016
Greencastle No. 11	Norman L. Handy	06/09/1927	01/08/2016
	Otis H. Patrick	06/05/1929	02/02/2016
La Porte No. 12	Jon Beach	01/01/1980	07/02/2016
	John Frank Kalus, Jr.	11/12/1938	01/01/2000
	Jack Melvin Knight	07/08/1932	11/07/2016
	Dale T. Morgan	05/12/1950	05/19/2016
South Bend No. 13	Jacob Richard Brunner	04/07/1917	11/14/2012
	William G. Davis	08/16/1940	01/15/2016
	Dennis Joseph Dillman	05/27/1939	10/27/2014
	Kenneth Dennis Englehart	06/29/1935	05/11/2015
	Richard Allen Joseph Hall	04/26/1943	04/02/2014
	Gerald Archer Jank	12/01/1922	03/30/2015
	Louis Bakich Macakanja	11/02/1939	11/02/2014
	Herschel Arthur Miller	06/19/1921	03/02/2016
	William Robert Seybold, Sr.	11/08/1931	10/24/2016
	James Carl Varner	06/08/1932	02/03/2015
	Marko Vojnovich	03/13/1926	05/01/2015
Columbus No. 14	Robert L. Braingan	02/04/1947	01/02/2016
	Donald Eugene Brown	10/20/1934	02/13/2017
	Jerry Jerome Carmickle	11/13/1939	07/07/2016
	Edward D. Dodds	01/25/1927	06/27/2016
	Richard W. Franz	06/21/1940	01/13/2016
	Louis Paul Keller	07/25/1934	07/05/2016
	Edward Lawson	05/07/1929	03/18/2016
	Ernest Hancock Smith	12/05/1926	10/23/2016
LaValette No. 15	Paul Oscar Boling	05/06/1942	02/05/2013
	Chawn Ed Caniff	04/14/1957	03/11/2017
	Robert Whiting Howe	04/22/1923	01/20/2016
Terre Haute No. 16	Charles D. Bosstick	03/25/1925	07/21/2016
	William F. Phillips	11/13/1922	01/01/2016
	William H. Reik	06/10/1940	02/14/2016
	George Edward Williams	09/13/1920	06/06/2016

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Apollo No. 19	Ralph Eugene Heiser	02/01/1931	01/18/2016
	James D. Sims	11/12/1935	11/03/2015
Vincennes No. 20	Dr. Jack E. Anderson, D. D.	04/18/1930	03/19/2015
	John Edward Carroll	06/10/1929	03/21/2016
	Charles Edward Lloyd	05/28/1942	12/12/2016
	Michael Marion Newton	07/07/1952	01/21/2016
	Wayne Allen Peters	09/02/1936	10/11/2016
Grant County No. 21	Phillip Burnell Floyd	04/24/1935	05/31/2016
	Phillip Frederick Nall	09/12/1941	01/12/2016
Johnson County No. 23	Lansing F. Deer	09/22/1930	02/08/2016
	Hiram Junior Hash	06/22/1923	11/25/2016
	Daryl Wayne Priebe	06/16/1943	05/17/2015
Valparaiso No. 28	Joseph E. Barsic	09/05/1948	07/16/2016
	Arthur Cushman	12/30/1923	12/21/2014
	Anthony Estill	09/10/1930	02/07/2016
	Stephen George Jurecky	09/23/1923	09/04/2016
	James Metro Karnafel	09/12/1931	11/23/2015
	Terry J. Kleban	12/24/1947	10/05/2016
	James C. Monroe	04/21/1932	12/29/2015
	Irwin Nowlin	05/17/1928	01/01/2016
	Dale James Parlor	01/25/1952	02/10/2016
	Larry G. Springer	12/17/1942	07/24/2016
Frankfort No. 29	Peter T. Zivanovich	07/10/1929	01/24/2016
	Rev. James L. Lund	05/12/1934	09/10/2016
	Paul Arthur Mangis	12/04/1938	09/11/2016
	Wilmer Dean McKamey	07/31/1934	03/12/2016
	Alonzo M. Titus	08/27/1917	03/24/2016
Michigan City No. 30	Donald L. Ward	11/27/1934	11/04/2016
	Donald L. Cope	07/08/1935	07/03/2016
Elkhart No. 31	John David McCarty	09/27/1932	11/30/2016
	Robert W. Arnold	03/28/1960	02/16/2016
Anderson No. 32	Forrest W. Kendall	01/01/2015	11/27/2015
	Richard Ronald Peterson	01/22/1942	12/03/2014
	Roland Leroy Sprong	10/17/1926	08/12/2012
	Max L. Carpenter	09/23/1935	12/06/2016

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	Frederick T. Gates	10/07/1936	01/14/2016
	Jesse J. Jackson	04/07/1982	02/10/2017
	Larry N. Stiles	03/16/1943	06/19/2016
Huntington No. 35	Morris Eugene Hart	12/02/1942	11/17/2016
Kokomo No. 36	Robert D. Crider	01/11/1936	01/16/2016
Greenfield No. 39	Max W. Avery	08/21/1938	01/13/2016
	Richard Lee Bravard, Sr.	04/04/1945	02/24/2017
	William J. Curtis	03/03/1936	01/04/2016
	Malcolm J. Fadely	04/29/1938	02/27/2016
	Gary B. Fry	12/02/1949	04/18/2016
	Theodore A. Jacobs	03/11/1944	08/06/2016
	Bobby Lewis	02/11/1934	11/19/2016
	Robert Lee Myers	12/09/1931	09/16/2015
	James Kenneth Payton	06/19/1941	02/13/2016
	Clifford Paul Simerly	11/05/1919	07/01/2014
Angola No. 45	Charles E. Hallawell	10/24/1925	02/21/2016
	Eugene Paul Weicht	03/04/1939	02/11/2017
Elbert H. Gary No. 57	Robert Bowen Bailey	05/03/1926	08/19/2016
	Gerald William Cornett	01/02/1944	06/11/2016
	Arvid Dwayne Evensen	10/13/1929	08/17/2016
	Jeffery Craig Reich	05/05/1956	04/22/2017
	Joseph D. Sulhoff	04/04/1946	08/29/2015
	Russell L. Thomas	12/21/1918	08/22/2016
Prather No. 62	Andy Barbera	08/18/1923	12/27/2015
	Lawrence Anthony Godwin	01/31/1935	03/01/2016
Bloomington NO. 63	Dana Lee McDade	11/02/1938	01/07/2014
	John Wesley Payne	01/11/1936	11/11/2016
	William Harold Roper, Jr.	04/23/1921	03/28/2013
	Kenneth Hayes Smith	05/10/1931	08/02/2016
	James Lee Stafford	10/25/1939	02/19/2015
William G. Bray No. 65	Gary Wayne Dempsey	12/18/1852	12/18/2016
H. E. Lackey No. 67	Ronald Martin Woods	06/17/1953	05/02/2016

### **Harrison Eugene “Uncle Gene” Lackey**



Honorary Past Grand Commander 90, of Indianapolis, passed away January 2, 2017. He was born June 10, 1926 in Huntington, WV the son of the late William Henry and Janice Lackey. Gene was the owner of Building Specialist, Inc. for 51 years. He was a WW II veteran of the Marine Corp.,

He is survived by his two children: Elissa Vernon and Michael (Garnet) Lackey, 5 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren. Gene was preceded in death by his first wife of 57 years: Mildred Lackey and his second wife of 16 years: Zelma Lackey.

He was a holder of the Knight York Cross of Honor, Knight Templar Priest, Knight Templar Cross of Honor, and an Honorary Past Grand Commander of the Knights Templar of Indiana. The Commandery located in Millersville was named in his honor as H. E. Lackey Commandery. He was a Past Master of Pentalpha Masonic Lodge #564. A member of the Scottish Rite in the Valley of Indianapolis. He was a tireless member and worker of numerous other Masonic bodies most of which he presided in and promoted membership in. His special love for and lasting everlasting for the Shrine in obituary was noted in his final request for: Contributions may be made to [Shriners Hospitals for Children](#) .



### **Peter T. Zivanovich**

Peter T. Zivanovich was born on July 10, 1929 in Belgrade, capital of (at the time, Yugoslavia-Europe. Died January 21, 2017. He was the first son of Registered Engineer and Architect Thomas P. Zivanovich and Margaret Zivanovich. After graduating from Classical High School, he enrolled at the Polly technical University of Belgrade, from which he was expelled (after two years) for refusing to join the Communist Party. In 1952, after living for seven years under Communist rule. He managed to escape across "Iron Curtain" (so called at the time) to Greece and received political asylum. In 1956, he married Evangelia M. Argiriadis, moved to U.S. and lived in Indiana, first in East Chicago then in Highland. They were members of St. Dcmetrios Greek Orthodox Church of Hammond for many years.

where he served on Church Board and in other various capacities, while she actively participated in Church's "Ladies Society" in top and other capacities. S.K Pete and Lee had two daughters: Helen, departed and Diana living in Boca Raton, Florida. S. K. Zivanovich worked for Inland Steel Co, as Manufacturing Technical Specialist for 34 years, until his retirement in 1990.

S. K. Zivanovich was raised a Master Mason May 4, 1978, in Indiana Harbor Lodge, F.&A.M. No. 686, in Highland, Indiana and served as Worshipful Master in 1985. He was exalted a Royal Arch Mason in East Chicago Chapter No. 141, March 7, 1981. and became High Priest in 1986, he is also appointed Representative of Gr. Royal Arch Chapter of Florida to the Gr. Chapter of Indiana. He was greeted as a Cryptic Mason in East Chicago Council No. 101, in 1981, of which he became Illustrious Master in 1987, and honored by being made the "Illustrious Master of the year 1988," in group 1. He was created a Knight Templar of East Chicago Commandery No. 58 in 1981, and an Eminent Commander of same in 1988. He received Distinguished Service Award in 1989, and was commissioned Gr. Representative of Georgia near Gr. Commandery of Indiana. He was a member of Past Commanders Association of Indiana, and in 1989-90 a Knight Commander its presiding Officer. S. K. Zivanovich is an honorary member of the Grand Commandery of Illinois and the Grand Commandery of K. T. of Kentucky. He was elected Executive Secretary (1986-1990) of the York Rite Association Group 1. Member of Tall Cedars of Lebanon. Member of Inland Steel Square Club, and later Vice President. He became a Companion Knight of Northwest Indiana York Rite College No. 73 in 1984, Secretary from 1990 to 1992, and received Order of Purple Cross in 1992. He was dubbed a Knight of York Cross of Honor in Indiana Prior; No. 8 KYC.H. in May 1989, also became a Charter Member of J. Herbert Nichols Priory No. 76 KYCH, in Jan. 1992.

S. K. Zivanovich was initiated Oct. 19, 1978 into Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite Valley of South Bend, and participated in 29th degree and was a "Hospitalcr" in his home town. He was also a member of Orak Shrine-A.A.O.N.M.S. in Michigan City, from May 1987, member of Past Masters and Charter Member of KYCH, Unit.

The Grand Lodge of F.&A.M. of Indiana appointed him a member of Foreign Fraternal Relations Committee where he served until his death. He was a member of the Allied Masonic Degrees, and a Charter Member of Yeomen of York.

S. K. Zivanovich was appointed by P.G.C. Paul Friend a Gr. Warder in 1988. Later, due to untimely death of S. K. James C. Bunell, he was appointed by P.G.C. John Stevens to the position of Grand Junior Warden. After another tragic death of S. K. Jerry Warman, he was appointed to the Gr. Senior Warden's Office. In 1990, he was elected Gr. Captain General, and advanced through Grand Commandery Line to be elected Right Eminent Grand Commander of Knights Templar of State of Indiana on April 30th, 1993 in Indianapolis.





**NED EUGENE DULL**

**M:E: Grand Master**

**Grand Encampment of Knights Templar**

**1985-1988**

Sir Knight Ned E. Dull was born on October 18, 1923, in Ohio City, Ohio. He attended the public schools in Ohio City, the Ohio State University and The Citadel, Charleston, South Carolina. He was a lumber dealer in Van Wert, Ohio. He was preceded in death by his wife, Margaret. They had four daughters. Civic activities included membership in the Chamber of Commerce, Industrial Development Corporation, Rotary Club, Elks, American Legion, V.F.W., Ohio and National Retail Lumber Dealers Association. He was a Trustee and member of the First United Methodist Church of Van Wert.

During World War II, he served four years in the U.S. Army, including two years overseas in the European Theater with the 10th Infantry Division.

Masonically, Sir Knight Dull was Raised in Van Wert Lodge No. 218 and was a Past Presiding Officer of the York Rite Bodies of Van Wert. He served as Drill

Captain of the Drill Team of Ivanhoe Commandery No. 54, when they won National Championships at the 1961, 1964, 1957, and 1976 Triennial Conclaves, and was a member of the Grand Encampment Committee on Drill Regulations. He was a member of Ohio Priory No. 18, Knights of the York Cross of Honor; Zenobia Temple, AAONMS; and the Royal Order of Scotland. He was a Past Sovereign of Holy Grail Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine, and a Past Grand Sovereign of the United Grand Imperial Council, R.C.C. Also, Past Sovereign Master, Buckeye Council No. 92, Allied Masonic Degrees; Past Preceptor, Prince of Peace Tabernacle No. X, Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests; and Past Grand Preceptor, Grand College of America; member of Buckeye Council No. 64, Knight Masons of Ireland; Dayton Chapter No. 67, National Sojourner; Holy Order of Knights Beneficent of the Holy City (CBCS); and the Societas Rosicruciana in Civitatibus Foederatis. Sir Knight Dull was an active member of the International Supreme Council, Order of DeMolay, and was a recipient of the Honorary DeMolay Legion of Honor. He was Coronated a Sovereign Grand Inspector General, 33°, Northern Masonic Jurisdiction in 1970.

Sir Knight Dull was elected Grand Captain General, September 2, 1976, in Kansas City, Missouri, and served in that capacity until November 30, 1977, when he was advanced to the office of Right Eminent Grand Generalissimo upon the death of Past Deputy Grand Master John B. Cottrell, Jr. Elected Deputy Grand Master on August 15, 1979, at Indianapolis, Indiana, and 47th Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the U.S.A. at the 55th Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment August 19, 1982, in Hot Springs National Park, Arkansas. He became a Most Eminent Past Grand Master at the 56<sup>th</sup> Triennial Conclave in Cincinnati, Ohio, in August 1985.

Sir Knight Dull laid down his sword and entered the Supreme Asylum above on Wednesday, January 11, 2017:

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**Templar Crusader Financial Report**

First the financial report:

Program Fund	
April 1, 2016	\$8,287.26
Income	\$2,265.00
Expenses	- \$1,820.90
March 31 2017	<u>\$8,521.16</u>

Coin and Binder Fund	
April 1, 2016	\$ 500.76
Income	\$ 793.07
March 31, 2017	<u>\$1,293.83</u>

Total in Check Book \$10,015.19

**Templar Crusader Report**

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

This has been a very disappointing year as for the Conclave Booklet "Templar Crusader". We only had 8 Commanderies that took out ad's. We did make a little money this year. Are we coming to an end? I hope not!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

The Traveling Dagger will have a new home this year. It's been in the hands of Raper No.1 for a year. Well, let's just say that it is going back where it's been most of the time for the last 21 year's Richmond Commandery No.8

Fraternally,

Robert J. Frazer, PGC, GT

Editor of the Templar Crusader,

He then moved for the adoption of the report. It was 2<sup>nd</sup> and passed.

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**Holy Land Pilgrimage Report**

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

It is with Great pleasure that I report to you that Indiana sent Five (5) Ministers to the Holy Land this year. Three (3) Commanderies paid for their Ministers to go.

Valparaiso #28	Sent Rev. Denver L. Smith III
Huntington #35	Sent Rev. Christie E. Fodrea
Angola #45	Sent Rev. Tracey A. Zimmerman
Connersville #6	Nominated Rev. Charles T. Marshall
Baldwin #2	Nominated Rev. Matthew A. Mitchell

Let's see if we can send five more Minister's next year!!!!!!!!!!

I move that this report be accepted, it was 2<sup>nd</sup> and passed.

Fraternally,

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

**R. Frank Williams Award**

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

It is with great pleasure that I report that we collected for the Holy Land Pilgrimage for the year 2016. A total of \$14,105.00. This total includes the Templar Crusader, Golf Outing and R. Frank Williams Award.

We had a great year. We had 3 Commanderies that were very close, only \$295.00 separated the Three Commanderies.

The winner of the R. Frank Williams Award is **VALPARAISO # 28.**

I move that this report be accepted. It was 2<sup>nd</sup> and passed.

Fraternally,

Robert J. Frazer, PGC, GT

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### **Those Aspiring for the Office of Grand Captain General of Grand Encampment of USA in 2018**

The Grand Commander requested that the three visiting Sir Knights who were aspiring for the office of Grand Encampment bring their messages at this time.

#### **Sir Knight Sir Knight Paul Newhall, PGC VA, Mid Atlantic Department**

I got 'a say I feel kind 'a back home. I was born in Franklin, raised in Southport, went to school, I am not going to say the school because some of you may not vote for me. But here in Indiana. My Mother lived here most of her life and she's buried here a few years ago, in Franklin. So, I'll get to see my Sister for a few days. I am a Past Department Commander, Past Grand Commander, Past Grand High Priest, but that's of Virginia, so I am really close to the boarder to get around. I think I am uniquely qualified for this. I've done a lot of things, I've run the Easter Sunrise for a number of years. I started in 92 when I volunteered and this year was supposed to be my last year, but I had stomach flu and didn't attend, but I have been doing it a long time. Besides that, I've run two Triennials. Anyone here ever done that? I think I am the only one that has and the funny part of that is the first one I ran; the Grand Master here was one of the candidates. So, I know a lot about Grand Encampment and how things work, but, we have some problems coming up and that's balancing tradition with youth. Changes need to be done in the next couple of years is basically, predetermined, but there are ways to change it, ways to survive, there are always a different way to look at things. I am Lutheran by choice, I've been a member of my church for thirty-eight years. I changed from United Christian. You all are familiar with the traditions in Indiana, I've lived in Indiana, my father was a member of Mystic Tie, and as a child I remember Murat Shrine. I was Past Master Councilor of South Port DeMolay. I remember going to Ball State. I cut my teeth on Indiana traditions and took with me to Virginia and DC. One of those things was the marching of the Sir Knights at the Scottish Rite in downtown Indianapolis, and few of my friend remember that. My favorite Foot Ball team, move back from Baltimore one late night, in a Mayflower van. We won't mention them. It's really been great to be here and see you al in uniform. You all have chapeaus, this is really great. I really appreciate all the things you have done for me I hope you vote for me, I have brochures and things out there, I am just a little tong tied because Steve over here put me to shame with that uniform. Oh! Carson, Yes, I am sorry. John Bridegroom immediately tested me to tell me that, you were wearing the metal on the wrong side. He is in Philadelphia right now. Any questions? I only have a few more minutes. Anyone have any questions or want to know anything about me. Boy I am glad you all know me so well. If you do have any questions I will be at the table. I think Tsirimokos, is up next. So, listen to the other candidates. We get along very well, believe it or not.

#### **Sir Knight Thomas Tsirimokos, PGC CT, North East Department**

Thank you, Sir Knights, it's a pleasure to be here with you this morning. I am Tom Tsirimokos Past Grand Commander, Past Department Commander North East, and I am soliciting your vote of serving you in the Grand Encampment in the capacity of Grand Captain General, at the next Triennial in Indianapolis in 2018. Why am I doing this? I am doing this because I want to continue giving back, and to try and repay the great satisfaction and enjoyment that I have derived from membership in this order and our Masonic Fraternity. I am especially passionate about our charitable work, and practically the

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Knight Templar Eye Foundation. It touched me personally because while I was Department Commander, I had the privilege of presenting checks to two organizations that were instrumental in saving my eye sight in 1965. I want to see that work continue, I want to see our order prosper and with regard to Sir Knight Paul's comment on we need youth, I have recently made a small contribution to solving that problem and had the privilege of Knighting my son George a Templar this past October. Sir Knights I hope you will honor me and give me the opportunity to continue to payback for all the kindness and satisfaction I have received in this order. Thank you. Note: from the Grand Recorder that Indiana received a check for \$250.00 from Tom for the Newby/Avery fund.

### **Sir Knight Jeffery Bolstad, PGC, MT, Northwest Department Commander**

Right Eminent Grand Commander and Grand Master, Sir Knights, Good morning. My name is Jeff Bolstad, I am currently the Department Commander for the Northwest Department and I am currently running for the office of Grand Captain General because I have been called by the Holy Spirit to do so. Now those of you who follow that kind of thing know that when God sends his messenger he calls you for a task, he gets your attention. Now, we've got a little bit over a year. Fourteen, fifteen months, something like to get to know each other, to share our concerns, and to share our vision for Templary. In the course of our interactions over the next few months, if I can help to inspire or encourage you, or to help you in any way in your leadership position, where ever you are in that continuum. Then it makes this whole journey worthwhile. Because really, I would be more humbled and care more about you saying that was the guy that helped me, that was the guy that inspired me than that was the guy that won an election, So if God places it on your heart to vote for me, at the Triennial Session and I am elected, I promise you that serve you to the very best of my ability and with the help of the Holy Spirit together we can take Templary to new Heights in service to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. May the Lord Bless you and keep you, The Lord make his face shine upon you, and be gracious unto you. May the Lord look upon you and give you His peace. God Bless.

### **Commander called from Labor to Refreshment**

The Grand Commander asked the Grand Prelate for a meal prayer, then called the Grand Commandery from Labor to refreshment for one hour until 1:00pm.

### **Afternoon Session**

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### **Honorary Membership**

A motion was placed on the floor to provide Honorary Membership to the following: Jeffery Bolstad, PGC MT, REDC Northwest Department, James J. Burton, REGC WI; Larry Carte, REGC KY; Carey B. Carter, MWGM; John Laughlin, REPGC & Representative near South Dakota; Paul Newhall, PGC VA, & REPDC Mid Atlantic Dept.; Wade E. Sheeler, REGC and Representative near IA; Thomas Tsirimokos, PGC VT, & REPDC North East Dept., William J. Smith REGC IL; Donald L. Trumbull, REGC of MI; Ronald L. Vicars, REGC of OH; G. Raymond Windell, REGHP of the Grand Chapter in IN; and Christopher W. Wright, MIGM of Cryptic Masons in IN.

### **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 163<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conclave, do hereby confer upon each of them the title of Honorary Member of the Grand Commandery of Indiana

Respectfully submitted,

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

For the Committee

The motion was made by, Sir Knight George A. Ingles, PGC GR it was 2<sup>nd</sup> and passed. Certificates and cards were presented to each.

### **Response by the Red Cords Sir Knight Donald Trumbull. GC of MI**

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

On behalf of the Red Cords I want to thank you for the courtiars and hoplites that have been extended to us during our visit. We look forward to the rest of today's session. It is always a pleasure to visit here in the great state of Indiana, as well as other jurisdictions, and spread the word of Templary. We thank you for the Honorary Memberships in your Grand Commandery and will cherish them always. It has been a good year Doan and I know Larry will have one also.

Thank you.

### **Easter Sunrise Committee**

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

The Easter Sunrise Service Trip for 2017 began on April 11<sup>th</sup> and ran through Easter Sunday, April 16<sup>th</sup>. All 35 of our participants met Tuesday evening in Indianapolis. We started our trip to the DC

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area early Wednesday morning, stopping at Churchill Downs in Louisville, KY, for breakfast trackside and tour. We stopped the first night at the Sleep Inn in the beautiful hills of Summersville, WV.

Thursday morning, we travelled to Green Bank, WV, to the National Radio Astronomy Observatory and Science Center where we saw the world's largest movable telescope and learned how it searches for sounds in space. We lunched at the NRAO, before heading to the Hilton, Crystal City in Arlington, VA where we remained for the remainder of the visit. While in the DC area, we toured the Shrine of the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception, and, due to government schedule changes, in lieu of seeing the caisson horses of the Old Guard as originally planned, we spent time in Old Alexandria and 18 of our travelers toured the George Washington Masonic Memorial. Friday night was our traditional Pizza Party in the Hospitality Room and evening photo tour of DC.

Saturday, we laid a wreath on the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington Cemetery and that evening we attended the Grand Encampment Banquet and after, there was more hospitality and comradery. Sunday morning, we attended the Grand Encampment Breakfast and the beautiful Easter Sunrise Service held by the Grand Encampment at the George Washington Masonic Memorial. After the service, we returned to the hotel, packed up and return home to Indianapolis.

As always, we had a great week with our fellow knights and their ladies, and look forward to another wonderful time next year.

Respectfully submitted by

James Bolinger, PGC

He then asked those who have been on the trip to rise their hand and encouraged all to make the trip at least one time. He then moved for the adoption of the report. It was 2<sup>nd</sup> and passed

### **Charters and Dispensations Committee**

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

#### **Special Dispensation #1** Issued May 3, 2016

Dispensation given to St. Anselm to operate in accordance with section 48C of the Constitution of the Grand Encampment of the United States of America. And is authorized to continue until the close of business April 28, 2017

Dispensation ends April 28, 2017

#### **Special Dispensation #2** Issued June 1, 2016

Permit given to Green County Commandery under Dispensation to operate until a formal Charter is presented to the Commandery.

#### **Conditions:**

All rules and Regulations of the Indiana Grand Commandery of Indiana Constitution, Rules, Forms and Decisions of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America, with special attention to Chapter VII Section 150—168. are to be followed.

Note:

3/1/2017 Green County Officers have met the requirements to form a Commandery in accordance with the regulations.

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Submitted for the Committee  
J. F. Wallace P.G.C.

### **Charters and Dispensations Merger of Michigan City Commandery #30 & LaPorte Commandery #12**

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.

I was assigned by the Grand Commander to act as a Special Deputy for the merger of Michigan City Commandery #30 with LaPorte Commandery #12.

On September 13, 2016 Michigan City Commandery #30 received an invitation from LaPorte Commandery #12 to merge with them.

A letter was sent to each member of Michigan City Commandery #30, informing them that a vote would be taken at the stated conclave in October. At the stated conclave in October a vote was taken of the members present. The result of the vote was one hundred percent in favor of merging with LaPorte Commandery #12.

On December 13, 2016, myself with the Deputies from the Grand Chapter and the Grand Council met Michigan City to audit the books. The Commandery has filed their Annual report and paid the Per Capita. It was determined that any dues that would come in later would be turned over to LaPorte Commandery #12.

All members of Michigan City Commandery #30 were moved to LaPorte Commandery #12 and the MMS data base was updated on January 1, 2017.

The Commandery Seal was returned to the Grand Recorder by Lawrence Williams. The Charter and Beauceant are in my possession and will be turned over to the Grand Recorder at the Grand Session to be held on April 28, 2017.

Respectfully Submitted,

Irvin L. Bitting, PGC  
Special Deputy for the Merger

### **Uniform Committee**

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

The only business brought to the attention of the uniform committee was Apollo #19 chose as there class A uniform as Cap and Mantle.

Apollo was informed as long as the entire commander switch to cap and mantle, the cap and mantle was already an approved alternate class A uniform this committee did not need to take any further action. They are planning to purchase a complete set of Cap and Mantle uniform for the entire officer line.

Ed Fodrea, GJW  
Uniform Committee Chair



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### **Membership Committee**

To: SK Donald D. Olvey - Right Eminent Grand Commander, Officers of the Grand Commandery, Past Grand Commanders, Officers and Sir Knights:

The report submitted during the 2016 Winter Meeting (included below) has been disseminated and individual Eminent Commanders are encouraged to incorporate the suggestions listed there in, in addition to the efforts they already have in place. As there is no known “instant fix” to this dire problem, we can only continue to try what has worked in the past, along with new and fresh ideas as we have them. Only time, our combined and determined efforts, and the providence of our ultimate Commander, Jesus Christ will give evidence to their effectiveness!

#### **Report submitted to the 2016 Winter Meeting:**

It is a sad fact that since 1969, almost half of a Century now, our numbers have been steadily decreasing despite our best efforts.

While numerous programs and various attempts at advertising and marketing have had limited success, the trend in our Membership problem has not changed. This continued downward spiral, if unchecked, will lead to dire impacts upon Templary in Indiana.

All the previous attempts at incentivizing our members to bring fellow Masons into the Commandery have been, and continue to be of benefit. These programs, such as the Grand Commandery Membership Cord Program, the Grand Encampment Membership Program, the Member Get a Member program among many others are helpful and should most assuredly continue to be implemented. The only problem with these efforts is that too many of our SK's are not motivated to go out to their Blue Lodges and recruit new Sir Knights.

While the growing use of Social Media and other forms of electronic communication promise good, if not spectacular results, as of now it is still only an unrealized promise. We still, and always shall be dependent upon the individual Commanderies and their SK's for our new members. New members will not join, nor stay without the continued efforts at recruitment, encouragement, and support of existing members.

The Officers of each Commandery should be taking a greater part in not only seeing to it that their SK's are actively recruiting their own individual Blue Lodges, but insuring that each conclave is friendly, inclusive, and instructional. All too often new members are bored and disappointed with the “read the correspondence, vote on petitions, pay the bills, and go home” meetings, leading to their no longer attending. Unfortunately, this also applies to current members and past Officers as well. We need to ensure that our SK's are engaged and enthusiastic, as this will incite them to want to share the experience with their fellow Masons.

Currently, membership recruitment and retention is all too often seen as an additional burden upon our SK's already full plates, and not as the enjoyable and rewarding gift to our Brothers that it should be.

It is true that there is no higher or exalted degree than that of being a Master Mason, yet it is also true that with each additional degree we become more enlightened and knowledgeable in the sublime teachings of Masonry. Knight Templary, with its Orders, regalia, and élan since its foundation, has traditionally been seen as an elite goal to obtain. This pride in our organization has lessened to an alarming degree, and as a result we have moved into the shadows, out of view to the public at large. This must change if we are to see the numbers we once took for granted.

Everyone wants to be noteworthy, a part of something special, remembered! Not everyone can be an Airborne Ranger, a Search and Rescue Paramedic, the CEO of a billion-dollar industry, or an Astronaut.

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And yet, each of those have aspired to be a Knight Templar. We, of right, are and should be proud of our Fraternity! Our Fathers, Grandfathers, and their Fathers were all very proud of their inclusion in this noble Order! We need to instill that very same pride in our members now. This above almost everything else, will push our numbers in the right direction because people naturally want to belong to what they perceive as the pinnacle of any endeavor. It is true that we are no greater than any other Master Mason, but it is also true that we are the Defenders of the Christian Faith and as such are unique and elite among Masons in that respect.

If we build ourselves into what we once were, we will bring in others, as bees to flowers!

Fraternally submitted,

SK Kevin M. Spencer, PC  
Aide to the Deputy Grand Commander  
Deputy Battalion Commander, Bn. 7  
Committee Chairman

### **Membership Awards**

The membership awards were presented by the Membership Chairman and the Grand Commander. The Grand Commander's Plaque was presented to **Prather Commandery No. 62** for the "Highest Number of Knightings" and the J. Rufus Hinshaw Plaque for the "Highest Percentage of Knightings" went to **Wright Commandery No. 64**.

### **Inactive Participation Committee**

To: SK Donald D. Olvey - Right Eminent Grand Commander, Officers of the Grand Commandery, Past Grand Commanders, Officers and Sir Knights:

As reported by the Membership Committee, our numbers have been in a state of decline for nearly half a century. What those numbers do not show is the appalling number of members who, while continuing to pay their dues, are no longer active participants in our Fraternity.

It is an expected fact that our members will at times be unable to attend a stated, let alone a called conclave for any numbers of reasons. Some who have joined will no longer be able to continue their active participation, while still wishing to continue aiding the financial health of their Commandery. This also was, and is, a known outcome of any group.

The problem we are faced with is the member who joined in good faith, with every expectation of being an active and enthusiastic participant, only to become inactive and a member on paper only.

We must strive to determine on an individual basis, why each inactive member is such, and what we can do to resolve the reasons, if possible. Our inactive members will have their own personal reasons for their non-participation, and they must never be ridiculed, dismissed, or belittled in any way! We must, with the utmost effort, strive to find a way to resolve all issues that we can to bring the member back to an active and enthusiastic level.

However, unless and until we contact the members on an individual basis, we shall never know of and thus be unable to overcome any obstacles in his way. Therefore, it is recommended that the Commander,

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Officers, and Past Commanders of each Commandery in the state contact at least one inactive member of their Commandery and determine why they are such.

Additionally, the Commander and Officers must insure that their stated conclaves are instructive, interesting, and enjoyable to the SK's at each conclave to keep the SK's engaged. A member who is engaged will often find a way to attend, even when presented with personal or professional obstacles.

One potential difficulty is the SK's family. All Commanderies must find ways to include the family in the area activities, and not just preparing meals or cleaning up. The term "Masonic Widow" referring to the wife of a SK who is never home due to his fraternal zeal is an indication of the potential loss of that SK. As the old saying goes, "When Momma ain't happy, ain't nobody happy!". We must remember that these women married their man to be a part of his life. We must include her when we can.

There will always be work conflicts, unless the SK is independently wealthy or retired. Shift scheduling can often be an insurmountable problem to stated conclaves, but there are other ways in which to keep individual SK's included, other than the monthly meeting.

Most problems faced by our inactive members can be overcome with a minimum of effort, be it transportation, finances, boredom, lack of regalia, physical impairment, or even misinformation received from family and friends, or published, broadcast, and social media about our fraternity.

However, all of this remains pure speculation until each SK is personally contacted and the reason(s) for his change in attendance is determined. After that, we can begin to work on how to bring him back into the fold.

If each Officer, past and current, of each Commandery reaches out to at least one of their inactive members, it should result in a significant increase in attendance.

Fraternally submitted,

SK Kevin M. Spencer, PC, Chairman who moved to adopt this report. It was 2<sup>nd</sup> and passed.  
Aide to the Deputy Grand Commander  
Deputy Battalion Commander, Bn. 7

### **Triennial Committee**

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

The 2018 Grand Encampment Triennial is scheduled to take place at the Indianapolis Marriott Downtown, 350 W. Maryland St., in Indianapolis, IN.

More information will be forwarded as provided.

Fraternally submitted,

Michael Robbins, GCG, Chair, who moved to adopt this report. It was 2<sup>nd</sup> and passed.

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## **Publicity and Public Relations**

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

Your Committee on "Publicity and Public Relations" has continued to focus on the previously defined areas in the Summer Meeting Report for the Long-Range Plan for the 2016-2017 year.

### **Accomplishments to date:**

1. Developed, printed, and distributed the new tri-fold York Rite Brochure.
2. Developed the Grand Commandery Facebook. Thanks to a couple of our young guns that has gotten us a page on "Facebook". Get on Facebook and go to "Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Indiana" It won't be long before, when you want to know what's going on in the Commanderies in Indiana you will find it on that page.
3. Have had articles in the Knights Templar Magazine each month.
4. A survey was sent out to our Sir Knights for the purpose of finding out what inspired them to join the York Rite and if they are receiving what they were looking for.
5. A meeting was held on 11/12/2016 among the Dais Officers of the Grand Chapter, Grand Council and Grand Commandery for a discussion on reviving the York Rite Association and promoting and coordinating unity among the Grand Bodies. The process is on-going.

Respectfully Submitted,

Terry L. Kehrer, Chairman, who moved to adopt this report. It was 2<sup>nd</sup> and passed.

## **Long-Range Planning**

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

This is the Annual Report from the "Long-Range Planning Committee":

We as a committee have reviewed the current long-range plan and have agreed that most of the goals that have been set in the plan should not be change, but we recommend the following be added to the plan: As many of you may know the Grand Chapter, Grand Council and Grand Commandery of Indiana, jointly conducted a survey of our newer membership. This survey was aimed at the those who have been in the York Rite for seven (7) years or less. This was conducted to see what our newer members expected from the York Rite and what they have received. We sent out 300 surveys of which 62 were returned. This is a return rate of approximately 21%, a very good result. There were some interesting answers to the questions and general comments from the membership.

From the results of the survey we have learned following: See Appendix A

### **1. Education:**

1. 58% of our membership are telling us that they would like to see more education presented both in the form of historical, esoteric or philosophical points of view as well as the symbolism of the Orders. For that purpose, we are proposing that a "Commandery of Research" be formed and operated in the much the

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manner that the “Dwight L. Smith, Lodge of Research” operates for the Grand Lodge. To this end we can provide the Sir Knights of Indiana, with the means for research and to publish their papers for the education of the Sir Knights of Indiana. We would like to see this project researched and if found feasible instituted within the next three (3) years.

2. Develop a list of books, magazine articles and web sites, that can be used to supply credible information
3. Develop a bound book (monitor) for the newly made Sir Knight to begin his education. This monitor could include, but not limited to:
  - a. Brief history of Knights Templar
  - b. The history of modern Knight Templary from the forming of the Grand Encampment to the forming of the Grand Commandery of Indiana.

### **2. Communications:**

42% feel that communications within their local York Rite Bodies is not adequate.

47% feel that communications with the Grand Bodies is not adequate.

Much of this problem we believe is generational. We the older members, need to learn and embrace the new ways communicate to our younger membership. This could include emails, a Web page, Facebook page and texting to name a few.

To that end, we propose the following:

1. Encourage every Commandery in the State to create their own Web page and a Facebook page to share and post information for meetings reminders, upcoming work and other announcements.
  - a. Put a member who is knowable, in charge for the updating of the communications for the Web/Facebook site
  - b. If necessary, use multiple methods of communication to meet the needs all members, i.e.
    - i. Phone Calls
    - ii. Traditional Mailing
    - iii. Emails
    - iv. Texting
2. Work with the other Grand Bodies to make a joint “Facebook” page
3. Work with the other Grand Bodies to make a joint “York Rite” web page

### **3. Communications - Public Relations within the Grand Commandery:**

Among the complaints (66%) was the lack of information on the “Programs for the Grand Bodies”, to that end we recommend the following:

1. That the Public Relations Committee publish a list of all programs that the Sir Knights of Indiana can participate in and information about:
  - a. ITA Schools
  - b. Ritual Award Program
  - c. Leadership Development program sponsored by the Grand Encampment
  - d. Membership/Lanyard Program
  - e. Drill Teams/Pass and Review
2. The philanthropic work that we support:
  - a. Eye Foundation
  - b. Holy Land Pilgrimage

### **4. Leadership Training:**

It is the opinion of your committee that there is a need for Leadership Training

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- 1 Encourage those who can, to attend the “Leadership Development Training” sponsored by the Grand Encampment at the Department Meetings
- 2 Sponsor the same program in the summer months for those who cannot get time off for the Department Meeting (Planned for this coming summer)
- 3 Develop a “Correspondence Leadership Program” web based (goal of 3-5 years)
- 4 Develop an Annual ITA with a rotating curriculum
  - Leadership
  - Tactics (all three orders)
  - Marching and Drills

### **5. Uniforms:**

The high cost of Uniforms came up as a common complaint.

1. Try to find a way to lower cost. (Goal of 3 years)
  - a. Consider forming a “Provost Office” to purchase uniforms in bulk
  - b. Purchase uniform coats from Navy Surplus?

The Survey and results follow.

# YORK RITE SURVEY

The survey below was sent to the members of the York Rite who have been members for 7 years or less. The results of the that survey are listed below.

We sent out a total of 300 surveys of which 19 came back as "Return to sender" or "Unable to forward"

TOTAL SURVEYS SENT OUT	300	% Returned Completed	21%	Surveys Returned	62
Returned to sender				19	6%
Surveys Inputted				62	100%

No Answer = N/A

On a scale of 0 to 5, with 5 being the Most Favorable response and 0 the Least Favorable response, please rate your responses to the following questions:

In your opinion, what is the best method to inform those who are not members, about the York Rite:

	5	4	3	2	1	0	N/A	
1 One on one talks about the York Rite	52% 32	29% 18	6% 4	11% 7	2% 1	0% 0	0% 0	62
2 York Rite Talks within the Lodge	44% 27	27% 17	18% 11	6% 4	3% 2	0% 0	2% 1	62
3 Flag Ceremony before opening Lodge	15% 9	11% 7	35% 22	18% 11	10% 6	10% 6	2% 1	62
4 Brochures/Posters	6% 4	13% 8	34% 21	27% 17	15% 9	3% 2	2% 1	62
5 CD/DVD, YouTube, TV, Movies	27% 17	13% 8	24% 15	10% 6	15% 9	8% 5	3% 2	62
<b>What prompted you to join the York Rite:</b>								
1 To receive further Light	81% 50	11% 7	5% 3	2% 1	2% 1	0% 0	0% 0	62
2 Fellowship/Social	26% 16	37% 23	24% 15	5% 3	5% 3	3% 2	0% 0	62
3 Ritual Work	21% 13	16% 10	35% 22	10% 6	15% 9	2% 1	2% 1	62

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YORK RITE SURVEY

4	Drill Team	6%	3%	8%	21%	32%	26%	3%	62
		4	2	5	13	20	16	2	
5	To support the philanthropic work of the Grand Bodies	13%	11%	24%	16%	19%	13%	3%	62
		8	7	15	10	12	8	2	

**Did you receive what you were looking for:**

Yes	81%	No	8%	N/A	11%
	50		5		7

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**In your opinion, should we be doing more of these types of activities within the York Rite:**

1	Practice on Degrees & Orders even when we do not have candidates	44%	23%	23%	3%	2%	2%	5%	62
		27	14	14	2	1	1	3	
2	More Family Activities	40%	16%	24%	6%	2%	6%	5%	62
		25	10	15	4	1	4	3	
3	Fund raising for Philanthropic work	15%	19%	39%	13%	6%	3%	5%	62
		9	12	24	8	4	2	3	
4	Joint functions with the local Lodges	39%	29%	19%	6%	0%	2%	5%	62
		24	18	12	4	0	1	3	
5	Joint functions with the local York Rite Bodies	29%	35%	21%	3%	3%	2%	6%	62
		18	22	13	2	2	1	4	
6	Participate in Parades	13%	31%	26%	18%	2%	5%	6%	62
		8	19	16	11	1	3	4	
7	Hold Open House events for General Public	23%	27%	6%	13%	2%	5%	5%	62
		14	17	16	8	1	3	3	
8	Education about the Degrees & Orders (Historic and Esoteric teachings)	58%	26%	8%	5%	0%	0%	3%	62
		36	16	5	3	0	0	2	

**Do you feel that commutations are adequate:**

Yes	53%	No	42%	N/A	5%
	33		26		3

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YORK RITE SURVEY

My age group is:

Age Group	Count	Percentage
<20	0	0%
20-29	0	0%
30-39	23	37%
40-49	35	56%
50-59	2	3%
60+	0	0%
N/A	2	3%
<b>Total</b>	<b>62</b>	

Do You Hold an Office in Your York Rite Bodies:

Response	Count	Percentage
Yes	25	40%
No	35	56%
N/A	2	3%
<b>Total</b>	<b>62</b>	

Are You Active in Your York Rite Bodies

Response	Count	Percentage
Yes	31	50%
No	29	47%
N/A	2	3%
<b>Total</b>	<b>62</b>	

If You Are Not Active Why Not:

Reason	Count	Percentage
1 Work	20	32%
2 Family	15	24%
3 Other Masonic Obligations	14	23%
4 Cost	1	2%
5 Bodies not doing anything	7	11%
6 Lost Interest	3	5%
<b>Total</b>	<b>62</b>	

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### **General Comments: from the Survey**

The search of light & also the support with Brothers.

Love the Brotherhood, knowledge, and the work.

More on History.

Relationship to Grand Bodies is very good in all bodies.

Fellowship and learning from senior members.

I am not involved as much as I like to be due to work and family.

There is no single body I like or dislike. I would like to be involved more, there just isn't room due to the "good ole boys".

I belong to two York Rite bodies, one has the death rattle, the other is working and doing degree work.

There is no movement for fund raising of philanthropies work. They are just too tight to breath. I will continue my work, "hope for the best. It will work out.

Love the Brotherhood, knowledge, and the work.

Relationship to Grand Bodies is very good in all bodies.

Consistent & up to date information of activities are not effectively communicated, so how am I to know what is going on?

Fellowship and learning from senior members.

I am not involved as much as I like to be, due to work and family.

I have been going to York Rite meets for two years now and have yet to have sit in on one official meeting. There have never been enough members show-up to open lodge. This is very discouraging.

The limited participation of current members, we do little outside of stated meetings, which causes little interest in the Rite.

Do not have time to attend with school age (busy)kids.

Within our lodge there is not any cohesion between the three bodies. When I attend meetings, it seems like we can't open without reading the lines and even then, it is without effort. Either body talks about things but not together and there is no benefit to going.

The officers line only matters if you sit in the East and all others don't. There is more time discussing what should be done or not than actually doing it. To be perfectly honest I and a few others feel like asking for a demit rather than invest more time for lack of education/light or any effort from our leaders.

Locally we can hardly tell there are three

Ritual work is my most enjoyable aspect of the three bodies of the York Rite. I also became aware of the different medical programs established by the York Rite that I would like to see more activities focused towards locally. Going back to the ritual it needs work - a lot of work. I understand that it makes things easier to bestow degrees upon groups but I felt robbed of some meanings and allegory of the degrees and orders based on the group dynamic and the lack of fluency with the degree work. There also seems to never be enough individuals available for all positions.

I enjoy the idea of the York Rite, but we as other organizations are having problems getting and holding new younger members, we find a way to get them in and get them active I fear will end as a group. Most small city lodges are only having a few who attend and nothing is ever planned for activities either at lodge or with the community. I would like to see us back like it kid where parades would have marching units, but today our members due to health can't and our younger members don't to wait for enough younger members to join to have enough for a marching unit. If I had a son I would have directed him to but that was not to be, I had a daughter.

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Like - Everything

Dislike - Lack of unity within the York Rite, Lack of forward vision (where are we going, why are we going?) We need a battle/fight. Something to get the men motivated.

I feel one must educate himself in York Rite Masonry after being brought through the degrees and orders. In the Blue Lodge, mentor programs to learn what it all means and is about. We need men who can teach to new members who are desirous of in-depth of the Rites. Not just paying dues and showing up at 1 or 2 meetings. The sadness is many of our longtime members do not know it. So, they are unable to teach. Some do not want to admit that they don't know. Small Chapter and Council struggle to get enough to show up to even open and Commandery are sometimes far apart in rural areas so this adds to the problem. I do not know where the answer may lay but for those who are seeking it become frustrating.

I enjoy everything about my local York Rite, enjoy visiting other York Rite Bodies. At the local level are all "one" York Rite Body. I do not like petty bickering and politics of the Grand Bodies. The Grand Bodies may be separate, but they need to understand, at a local level we are "one".

Life has taken over. I wish' could do more. More family problems.

Degree work and Fellowship.

My lodge meets on Mondays so It is hard for me to be active anymore.

Dislike about all bodies is that there a few grumpy old men who meet, and younger new comers feel push out. They say they want younger members and then it's clear they want the dues only and not the people.

Wish I had more time to be active, but blue lodge, work and family keep me tied up.

Time is scares, and requires attendance at events outside of regular meetings and degrees is very difficult with all 3 bodies, we must act more as one.

"Looking For" No complaints, just not able to be as involved, hopefully later in life.

"Communications" Depends on members age.

Events to see the York Rite like the Scottish Rite Bean Supper.

Do not know about programs.

Lack of communication at local level.

Lack of Organization.

### **Commandery:**

Christian themes, and sword drills.

Not happy Receptions planned without local Commandery input.

Enjoy visibility of Commandery (uniforms in parades, Flag presentations)

Like Instructionals & Receptions – It makes you learn.

Wish there was some way to help with uniform cost to new members.

More on History.

Commandery seems better than Blue Lodge in all three bodies.

I am active but must admit it is my least favorite body in York Rite. The degree work is hard to follow and am not fond of the hot uniforms but they do look impressive

Drill Work.

The requirement of uniforms that puts an additional financial commitment on members who may not have that much disposable income, discourages participation. I would probably demit from Commandery it could.

Drill team needs to be better recognized.

I would like to see more drill team activities.

I am not active in my Commandery because of the elitist attitude. I get the feeling that I' do not fit in

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with my Commandery because of having the full uniform is over emphasized. I will get it when I can afford it.

Not instructed to dress uniform to purchase, where to purchase or how to wear said uniform. Would prefer a mentor style relationship for all new members?

Best degrees in Masonry next to the Master Mason degree.

Bring back the triangle classic apron!

The Chivalry and idea of being a Christian Warrior/Defender.

More opportunity to earn awards to be worn on uniform would be nice.

As a prior Service person, I was hoping for more camaraderie among the Brothers and less politics.

This closes the report for the "Long-Range Planning Committee"

Respectfully Submitted,

Lawrence Williams, DGC Chair.

I move for the adoption of this report. It was 2<sup>nd</sup> and passed.

### **Masonic Youth Report**

To the Right Eminent Grand Commander Donald V. Olvey 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 also across the world.

Below is but a few events for each Organization for 2016/2017. 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 like visitations or International and Regional Events too.

May 21<sup>st</sup> Indiana Job's Daughters Day at the Indianapolis Zoo.

May 28th, Speedway Chapter hosted a "Night Before the Race" at Speedway Lodge, this event was an All You Can Eat BBQ Dinner followed by a night of YouTube Challenges and Games then a Breakfast the morning of the race. They asked for a \$10 dinner donation and with an Anonymous matching donation they were able to donate 200% of the proceeds to Relay for Life and the American Cancer Society.

June 10th the Indiana Job's Daughters members were in attendance for the Indiana Eastern Star dinner and several were awarded OES Scholarships.

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June 11<sup>th</sup> Members or Representatives of all 3 Masonic Youth Groups attended the Indiana Eastern Star Informal Opening session.

June 12-16 Indiana DeMolay Leadership Training Conference, each year Indiana DeMolay has a Training Conference for new Chapter Officers at the DeMolay Chateau in Bloomington. This Conference Members and Officers learn several lessons and given information to take back to their Chapters to help them prepare them in the future, team building, officer training, fundraising, character building, public speaking and term planning are a few of the topics that are discovered.

June 23<sup>rd</sup> -26<sup>th</sup> Indiana Job's Daughters Grand Session in Columbus, was attended by several Sir Knights, elected were Miss Indiana Job's Daughter Stacie Paul, and Grand Bethel Honored Queen Casey Carroll.

June 26<sup>th</sup> held their State-Wide Picnic at their HTC Lodge in Edinburgh

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.

July 4<sup>th</sup> Parades and Activities

Bethel # 44 along with members of OES and Lodge and Shriners paraded in Griffith, IN.

Bethel #99, #107 and #109UD joined with Shriners to parade in Pittsboro.

Carmel Fest, the Carmel Masonic Lodge was joined by both the Carmel Chapter Order of DeMolay and also Bethel #68 to parade with them, it was a great day of Masonic Unity!

Members and Advisors of 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 at the annual Indiana DeMolay Conclave.

July 7<sup>th</sup> Several Sir Knights attended Indiana Rainbow for Girls Annual Session at Columbus, Sir Knights from Columbus Commandery along with several Sir Knights from across Central Indiana. Miss Grace Nelson was elected Worthy Grand Advisor, and Miss Sierra Kirkley was elected Grand Worthy Associate Advisor for 2016-2017 at their Grand Session.

July 15<sup>th</sup> Indiana Rainbow for Girls donated over 1,000,000 pop tabs for the Ronald McDonald House.

July 21<sup>st</sup> Indiana DeMolay State Senior Councilor and State Master Councilor-Elect was appointed as Region 4 Communication Liaison to the 50<sup>th</sup> International DeMolay Congress.

July 21<sup>st</sup>, Indiana DeMolay Conclave the Opening Session of the Indiana DeMolay Conclave was attended by Sir Knight Donald Olvey, REGC, SK "Dad" Donnie A. Robinette, GSW, SK "Dad" Randal P. Ellington, GPE, Chairman of the Grand Commandery Masonic Youth Committee, SK "Dad" Adam Jackson, GPE, SK "Dad" Jordan Demaree, PC Baldwin Commandery #2, and several other Sir Knight and Companions from the Grand Chapter and Grand Council. REGC Olvey made remarks and brought Fraternal Greetings to Indiana DeMolay on behalf of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Indiana

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and presented State Master Councilor Darien Koons a \$250.00 check from the Grand Commandery. July 23rd, Brother Jake Vermeulen, Brother Jake Vermeulen was installed as the 87<sup>th</sup> State Master Councilor of Indiana DeMolay along with his Corps of Officers for 2016-2017. SK “Dad” Donnie A. Robinette, GSW was named Indiana DeMolay’s 2016 Masonic Leader of the Year for his dedication to the Craft and to DeMolay!

July 24<sup>th</sup> –July 31<sup>st</sup> Indiana Job’s Daughters and members of their Grand Line and local Guardian Councils attended their Supreme Session in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Miss Stacie Paul, Miss Isabel Alger and Mess Janessa Carly were all selected Supreme Bethel Representatives.

August 1<sup>st</sup> Rainbow for Girls Supreme Opening Session in Providence, RI was attended by over 20 Rainbow Girls and Advisors from Indiana. Lynn Shoulders, Indiana Supreme Deputy was installed as Supreme Treasurer.

August 3<sup>rd</sup> Several Indiana DeMolay’s helped at the Shriner’s Hospital Day at White Castles across our state to help raise money and awareness of Shriners Hospitals for Children.

August 6<sup>th</sup> Grand Master’s Reception in Fort Wayne, all 3 Masonic Youth Groups was represented at Grand Master Carey B. Carter’s Reception.

September 11<sup>th</sup> Indiana Masonic Home Festival in Franklin; The morning started off with Franklin Chapter having breakfast and then transitioning into lunch along with all 3 youth groups being represented with information booths and helping out and having fun all day!

September 24<sup>th</sup> Whiteland and Franklin; Franklin Chapter Order of DeMolay provided hotdogs and brats from the Whiteland Community day they also shared information for all Masonic Youth Groups

October 9<sup>th</sup> Indiana Job’s Daughters State Wide Go to Church Day.

October 20<sup>th</sup> 96<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Job’s Daughters International founded by Mother Ethel T. Wead Mick

October 22<sup>nd</sup> Job’s Daughters Coronation Ball at Indiana Free Mason’s Hall.

November 20th. Indiana Masonic Home: The Franklin Chapter Order of DeMolay put up the Grand Commandery Nativity Scene at its original location on the Grand Commander cement pad at the Indiana Masonic Home. SK Donnie Robinette. GSW was in attendance and participated in the erecting of the Manger.

December 17<sup>th</sup> Franklin, Sir Knight Brandon Haag of Baldwin Commandery #2 was installed as Master Councilor of Franklin Chapter Order of DeMolay SK Donnie Robinette, GSW served as Installing Officer.

December 28<sup>th</sup> Job’s Daughters Bethel #99 Plainfield delivered deserts to the Plainfield Police Department.

January 7<sup>th</sup> Job’s Daughters Bethel #25 formed the cross for Muncie Lodge #433

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January 14<sup>th</sup> Grand Lodge Founders Day, Each Masonic Youth Group gave Presentations and also had display tables with information available for their respective Organization.

January 14<sup>th</sup> Indiana Job's Daughters Hike Dance at Englewood Lodge raised \$3200 for HIKE which stands for Hearing Impaired Kids Endowment.

February 2<sup>nd</sup> Indiana DeMolay State Master Councilor Jake Vermeulen takes his Entered Apprentice Degree at Frank S. Land Lodge.

February 11<sup>th</sup> Indiana Rainbow for Girls held a State Degree Day at Greenwood Masonic Lodge

February 25<sup>th</sup> Indiana DeMolay had 14 new DeMolays join as they Started a New Chapter in Rochester, Manitou Chapter. Several Chapters from across Indiana joined together to put on the degree work.

March 4<sup>th</sup> Madison, WI, Indiana Job's Daughters Grand Bethel members traveled to Madison, WI to participate in the Multi State conference.

March 11<sup>th</sup> Indiana DeMolay's held the Grand Master's Class in honor of Grand Master Carey B. Carter at Waynedale Masonic Lodge and initiated 4 new members into Indiana DeMolay.

March 18<sup>th</sup> Indiana Job's Daughters Ritual Contest

March 24<sup>th</sup> Franklin Chapter Order of DeMolay's held a Lent Fish Fry with assistance of several Sir Knights from Baldwin Commandery #2.

March 25<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> Indiana DeMolay's Speedway Chapter traveled to Arlington, Texas to the Frank Marshall Championship Ritual Tournament to compete against 29 other DeMolay Chapters from across the Midwest United States. Speedway represented Indiana very well competing in 19 individual and team contests, capturing 14 top-five finishes including our very own State Master Councilor Jake Vermeulen's championship Magnificent 7 performance.

March 26<sup>th</sup> Indiana Job's Daughters for the Living Cross for the Koran Temple No. #30 Daughters of the Nile

March 31<sup>st</sup>-April 2<sup>nd</sup> DeMolay Heartland Ritual Tournament held at the Indiana Grand Lodge. Indiana had members from 4 different Chapters that participated in the Tournament. Indiana won the Heartland Supremacy Award with a total of 145 points followed by Ohio with 113; there were also Chapters from Illinois, Michigan and Wisconsin finishing in that order. This is the 4<sup>th</sup> consecutive year that Indiana has won the Supremacy Award.

April 1<sup>st</sup> DeMolay Heartland Ritual Tournament of Champions, Indiana DeMolay had several Chapters and Individuals earn several awards and out of 35 entries, our members came away with 30 top 3 finishes and captured the Overall Sweepstakes for the 4<sup>th</sup> consecutive year.

April 6<sup>th</sup> The International Order of the Rainbow for Girls was founded 95yrs ago today

April 8<sup>th</sup> Indiana Rainbow Girls Grand Ball at the Scottish Rite Cathedral

February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017 Indianapolis Chapter Order of DeMolay's Annual Sweetheart Dance with a Honor Guard for Distinguished Guests from Raper Commandery #1.

Sir Knights and Brothers, Indiana DeMolay has been very active the rest of 2016 and the beginning of 2017 some of their activities include; Speedway Chapter hosting the State Master Councilor's Reception and Speedway Shootout Ritual Tournament, the State Rifle Tournament in Spencer, the Indy Air Expo in Mt Comfort to benefit the Shriners Children's Hospitals, the Indiana DeMolay Sports and Game Festival and Broom Ball to round out the yearly events.

The Indiana Rainbow for Girls, Job's Daughters and DeMolay's all have had a great year so far 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. We Sir Knights need to continue to be



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involved as Dad's and Pop's and your youth groups thank you for your continued Support, Mentoring and Guidance. With your help in DeMolay, Job's and Rainbow Girls 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

I am Happy to inform the Right Eminent Grand Commander Donald Olvey 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 that interest is still growing. These are the same type of rebuilding periods that we continue to have in our Commandery's, 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!

A couple of things that our Youth Groups are collecting this year are the following,

Job's Daughters and Rainbow Girls both collect Pop Tabs for Shriners Hospital for Children and Riley's Children's Hospital and always taking donations for HIKE.

Rainbow Girls are collecting Caps for Benches for their HTC Camp and can be delivered to the camp in Edinburgh.

Indiana DeMolay have several Chapters that collect donations for Relay for Life and also Indiana DeMolay collects gently used Suits that are distributed at Conclave and throughout the year to their members.

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."

Therefore "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: as you read this long report, I encourage you to attend at least 1 Masonic Youth Meeting or Activity in the following months, maybe you might become active and continue to support Our Masonic Youth. These Young Adults are our direct Life Line!!! Hopefully you will then understand that reporting on 3 separate youth organizations is not just a 1-paragraph report. Our Masonic Youth devote their time to their Organization just like we do and deserve to be respected as our equals and they should be supported and congratulated for their accomplishments and what they continue to do to better themselves and their Organizations.

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-eighth 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
2016	\$ 00.00	\$ 6,701.50	399	166	0

The Life Membership program was frozen as of April 25, 2014, as of December 31, 2016, 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 166 active members. No new Life Members could 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, 2016, there was \$30,794.90 in assets, \$6,000.00 Certificate of Deposit and \$24,794.90 in a Saving account.

Respectfully submitted,

Jackie F. Wallace, KCT, PGC,  
Chairman

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**Education Committee**

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

A Battalion V-sponsored Indiana Knights Templar Academy (ITA) was held at Calvin W. Prather Lodge in Indianapolis on Saturday, February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017. They had modules on Inspections/Receptions, Templar Protocol, Ritualistic Memorization Tips, Leadership, Communication, Drill Corps and Sword Manual practice. We continue to receive positive comments on the class and hope to have another ITA in early 2018. The ladies were invited to attend the ITA and received a customized certificate and pin for attending, just like the Sir Knights! If you have an interest in a topic to discuss, please contact us with your suggestions.

Respectfully submitted

Ed Fodrea GJW  
Education Committee Chair

**Eye Foundation  
and  
Voluntary Campaign**

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

The 48<sup>th</sup> Voluntary Campaign final report showed that Indiana had a cumulative total of \$16,066.02 and ranked 20<sup>th</sup> in the list of Grand Commanderys. Out of 3296 active members the average donation was \$4.92 which ranked us 45<sup>th</sup>.

Over the past 7 years, the Eye Foundation has focused on research and education in pediatric eye disease and the prevention of blindness and only directly covers individual patients through Eye Care America. By assisting with education of future ophthalmologists and funding research grants to university researchers, the Foundation hopes over time to have a worldwide impact.

Excellent information about the Knights Templar Eye Foundation Inc. may be found on the Web Site of the Grand Encampment.

Respectfully submitted –

David M. Bertch KTC, PGC  
For the committee

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## Status of Lanyard Cord Program

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

This report of the lanyard cord program has been prepared for the Grand Commandery session in April 2017 from information compiled and might include some late 2016's with a cut-off date of 12/25/16 to prepare the winter session distribution report. We now access the Grand Encampment database, MMS, and any information from our Grand Recorder. I have been completely thru the lanyard cord records we have on file, have deleted the deaths as reported on MMS. The report below gives all the current active TLS's for the lanyard cord program. I have revised the report to reflect totals from the end of December 2016 distribution at this Annual Conclave and will bring the lanyard cord program further up to date. This distribution covers TLS's since the 25<sup>th</sup> of December 2016 forward up thru April 15, 2017 as a cut-off date for the Annual Conclave. The next distribution will go back to January 1<sup>st</sup> and thru the year of 2017, again with a Dec 25<sup>th</sup> cut-off for 2017 to have cords ready for distribution at the winter meeting. We will probably pick up some late 2017 TLS's for the Annual Conclave in 2018 that may not have been reported by the cut-off date.

### Distribution of Awards

Award Color	Number	End of 2015	2016 Cords Issued	Totals
White	3	164	10	174
Silver	6	97	7	104
Gold	9	72	2	74
Red	15	24	4	28
Red/White	20	9	1	10
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	2	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 2016 377 24 401

Total Cords Issued end of 2016 ; 24 Knightings for 2016; 119 reported as of 12/25/16.

Total TLS's for cords granted-(YE for all TLS's) 3,553 on record as of this report.

TLS's with less than 3 signers – no cords! 468 Sir Knights with either 1 or 2 TLS's.

Total of all TLS's end of 2016 which represent cord holders and those with less than 3 TLS's. 3,553 for Grand Commandery.

Respectfully submitted,

SK Virgil G. Humphrey, Lanyard Cord Chairman, PC, KTCH, KCT, KYCH, OPC, ORCC, Aide to G. C.

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## **Website Committee**

**To:** SK Donald D. Olvey - Right Eminent Grand Commander, Officers of the Grand Commandery, Past Grand Commanders, Officers and Sir Knights:

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

The website has experienced several significant changes since our last report, these are detailed below. The overall model and engine of the website have proven robust and require no additional changes for functionality and usability of the SK's of Indiana.

### **Maintenance and Updates:**

In the 2016/17 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. Grand Commanders picture was updated.
3. Grand Commanders pin was updated.
4. Grand Commandery Officers group picture updated.
5. REPGC list updated.
6. Committees updated.
7. Bulletins and General Orders updated.
8. Complete re-design of the file downloads area for ease of use and search-ability.
9. Battalions and Battalion Commanders changes updated.
10. Calendar has been updated with all known information and dates.
11. Newsletters continue to be updated monthly and available for download.
12. 2016 Tri-State Festival Banner and Form created and posted.
13. 2016 Easter Sunrise page was created, linked to flyer, and linked to picture slideshow.
14. 2017 Newby-Avery Flyer updated.
15. Added PayPal payment options for Newby-Avery tickets and Fellowship purchase.
16. Created YouTube Video Channel and hosted four videos linked to website.

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

1. Has received over 40,000 distinct hits.
2. Continues to be one of the **best** designed and functional websites in Masonry.
3. Has sold over 100 Vaught Medallions and a few Portfolio's via the PayPal option.
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 regarding additional performance attributes.

Respectfully and Fraternally Submitted for the Committee,

Kurt A. Begue – Webmaster

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**York Rite Coordination Committee Report**

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

This the Annual Report from the “York Rite Coordination Committee”:

We met with our counter parts from the Grand Chapter and Grand Council at the Masonic Home on November 13 to discuss the possibly of reforming the State York Rite Association. After much discussion in person and online, we have agreed that at this time to meet informally and discuss our plans and goals and to coordinate our common goals on a semi-annual basis.

Those in attendance at the November meeting were:

<b>Grand Chapter Recorder/Sect.</b>	<b>Grand Council</b>	<b>Grand Commandery Gr.</b>
Ray Wendell 17-18	Chris Wright 17-18	Larry Williams 17-18 George Ingles Terry Kehrer 18-19
Archie Smallwood 19-20		Mike Robbins 19-20

We feel relationship between the three (3) bodies is good and that we have and well work in the past and we will continue to work well together in the future.

Since the Winter Meeting there has been a plan submitted to bring the three Grand York Bodies back in joint sessions. While this is only a preliminary plan, it looks promising for the future.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Lawrence Williams DGC, Chair  
Terry Kehrer GG  
Mike Robbins GCG

**Drill Committee Report**

The Doors will be opened at 8:00am. At Columbus Skateland, 2660 N. Talley Road, Columbus, IN under the direction of William Short, PC and Drill Chairman. The following 3 teams will compete in the drills:

- Raper #1
- Baldwin #2
- Greenfield #39

William Short, Chairman

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**Ritual and Tactics Committee**

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

The Ritual and Tactics Committee has received no proposals for alterations or changes to the Tactics Manual this year.

Fraternally submitted,

Michael Robbins, GCG, Chair  
Lawrence Williams, VEDGC

**IMH Nativity Scene Committee Report**

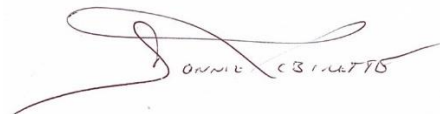
To the Right Eminent Grand Commander, Officers of the Grand Commandery of Indiana, Sir Knights all:

The Nativity Scene at the Indiana Masonic Home was set up by a group of volunteering Sir Knights, local lodge brothers, and DeMolay young backs on Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Brother Rich Moore of Franklin Lodge #107 F & AM, who designed the structure of the new nativity, was also on hand to oversee its construction. Location of the nativity scene was moved back to its original location on the concrete pad on Red Skelton Circle, in front of the IMH Conference Center.

The Nativity Scene also received some minor publicity this year when the local newspaper, the Daily Journal, had a story on Christmas displays throughout Johnson County.

There may be need for some TLC to the structure this summer, such as exterior painting and electrical wiring for lighting. I will update all when assistance is needed in warmer weather.

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, GSW  
IMH Nativity Scene Committee

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### **Patriotic Activities Report**

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

We are disappointed to report that we received 3 submissions out of all commanderies in the State of Indiana. Please find below an email dated 12-30-2016 which documents the events leading up to the writing of this report.

Frankfort #29 is responsible for five flag presentations, and also represented the commandery at the Veterans' Day Festival in Frankfort.

LaValette #15 and Wright #64 were represented at the Memorial Day Parade and Wreath-laying Ceremony at New Albany, and the Veterans' Day Festival at Compass Park.

Fort Wayne #4 was represented at the return of all four Honor Flights coming into Fort Wayne International Airport; part of the detail posting the flag at the Veterans' Day observance at the History Center; at the Veterans Day Breakfast at the Community Center; and responsible for a flag presentation to Highland Lodge, #762.

Angola #45 was responsible for 3 flag presentations at a lodge. No dates included.

Fraternally Submitted,

David Pass, PC  
For the Committee

### **Battalion #1**

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

Meetings:

Battalion #1, held a Battalion meeting June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2016 at Valparaiso #28. At our meeting, we discussed dates for Inspections, Receptions, and Instructional.

Status of Commanderies:

LaPorte #12

LaPorte Commandery is in great shape. Their commitment to Degrees and Orders is truly remarkable. They do a first-rate job, they have great leadership. They strive to be the very best at what they do. Their Past Grand Commander is indispensable, they are bringing in new members and should be active for a long time to come.

Valparaiso #28

Valparaiso got off to a slow start this year due to the merger with Hammond, but has now hit its stride and is progressing nicely. Organization is critical in forming a new Commandery, there is a new structure in place and Degrees and Orders are moving ahead nicely and on a timely fashion. Their future is bright, they will be a strong and viable Commandery.



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### Michigan City #30

Michigan City is in a rebuilding process, they have had their struggles, On October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2016, they voted to close its Commandery, and seek a merger with LaPorte #12 Commandery. The vote was unanimous on the Michigan City Part. On December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016 LaPorte Voted to except them into their Commandery. The Merger will take effect on January 1,2017. SK Larry Williams and SK Irv Bitting supervised the Voting.

### E.H. Gary #57

E.H. Gary: What a great Commandery. They work very hard. You just could not ask for a better bunch of Sir Knights. They always make you feel like family. They are an older group of Sir Knights who work extremely hard to get all their Orders done right. For what they have they preform very well, would like to see them get some new younger membership to help them in their future growth. Over all a lot of fun working with those Sir Knights.

### South Bend #13

They have a lot of work ahead of them to get their Commandery up to speed. That being said, it can be done, it will take a lot of work on all their SK's behalf. I will be traveling there every month to see how they are progressing.

### Elkhart #31

Great Commandery, a lot of great SK'S, all of them are willing to work on any project to keep their Commandery up to date. They have a new Recorder who is on top of everything; they have a good handle on their Tactics and are working to get all their books up to date. Their Ladies cook a mean meal. Love this Commandery.

#### Summary Remarks:

Battalion 1, Held a battalion 1 meeting in LaPorte, at their Commandery, set a Reception Date for our Grand Commander for Aug. 19<sup>th</sup>, at 11:00am CST. We agreed to set dates for our Inspections as soon as we get the new revised version from SK Larry Williams.

Battalion #1, is in good shape, South Bend needs the most TLC, but that being said, the other Commanderies will pull together to help them out. I will continue to work with them and hopefully things will improve by the end of this year. Elkhart was a diamond in the rough, they will be a force in the near future. Valparaiso and LaPorte are strong they work very well together, no worries there. E. H. Gary is an older Commandery that is in the rebuilding stage, they work hard and will continue to work with both Valparaiso and LaPorte.

Courteously Submitted,

Thomas D. Johnson, Grand Sentinel  
Battalion #1 Commander

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### **Battalion 3**

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

**Battalion 3** is made up of Fort Wayne #4, Huntington #35, Grant County #21 Anderson #32, Noblesville #61 and with the resignation of the Grand Sword Bearer we were pleased to welcome the additions of Apollo #19 and Angola #45.

**Fort Wayne #4** Continues to show their ability to step up and aid other Commanderies when called upon. This Commandery has zero trouble getting the required number of Sir Knights present to open their meetings in form. They had more than the required members at the Grand Commander's reception and preformed will for the inspection. Fort Wayne continues to be a strong present in this battalion.

**Huntington #35** Continues to grow in membership by 3 new Sir Knights this year. They continue to get organized after the sale of the temple in Huntington. There are plans to build an addition onto the new building which should give them the ability to get their things out of storage. In the meantime, they are having to take their new members to other Commanderies. This Commandery will able to sponsor a Minister on the Holy Land pilgrimage.

**Grant County #21** This commander continues to perform very well and growing stronger every day. They are having an average attendance of 11 or more each month and are traveling around the battalion with numbers of six to nine. They continue to show improvement in their ritual work and are very active in other areas of activity.

**Anderson #32** This Commandery is another that is showing strong signs. They hosted the battalion wide Grand Commander's reception and represented battalion 3 very well.

**Noblesville # 61** This Commandery has several new officers in line and the learning process is going very well. They continue to have the numbers to the Commandery and is showing great improvement in their ritual work.

**Apollo #19** This is a Commandery the has struggled for several years with attendance. I am extremely pleased to announce that with recruitment efforts and the one day classes throughout the state there were 16 Sir Knight in attendance at the March meeting. This allowed the Commandery to be open in form. It was also a very productive meeting, with discussion on a fund rising opportunity for the Auburn Cord festival. It was also decided by majority vote for the Commandery to switch to cap and mantel as the class A uniform of the Commandery. It was also decided by vote for the Commandery to purchase a complete set of Cap and Mantle for all the officers of the Commandery. To be retuned it they no longer served in line.

**Angola #45** This Commandery continues to be very strong. They are always willing to lead a helping hand to other Commanderies though out the battalion. They continue to perform excellent ritual work. They were also to once again sponsor a minister on Holy Land pilgrimage.

In conclusion, I would like to express what an honor it has been to work with such a great group of Christian Masons who exemplify Templar. I would also like to thank my Deputy Battalion Commanders

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John Coleman and Dale Foreman who made my job much easier. Finally, I would like to thank Grand Commander Don Olvey for the opportunity to serve as Battalion 3 commander, and all the counsel along the way.

Fraternally & Sincerely,

Ed Fodrea, GJW  
Battalion 3 Commander

### **Battalion IV**

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

It has been my privilege to serve as Battalion IV Commander, and I appreciate the patience shown by each Commandery as I learned this role. I look forward to watching the future progress for each of these Commanderies and maintaining fraternal relationships that have been built over the past year.

#### **Crawfordsville Commandery #25**

This Commandery had representation at all Grand Commandery functions, hosted the Battalion IV Reception in October, and knighted four new Sir Knights. Crawfordsville has moved their meeting from the first Thursday to the first Wednesday of the month. With this move, they have been able to engage the Sir Knights that are officers in the surrounding Lodges and are now able to open their meetings with enough Sir Knights in attendance. This Commandery did excellent work during their Inspection, and their officers are currently learning parts to do their own degree work in the future. This is a dedicated group who are trying to grow Knights Templar in the Crawfordsville area.

#### **Frankfort Commandery #29**

This Commandery continues to do the excellent work for which they have been well known for years. They are also a committed group that has a dedicated core group focused on growing their Commandery. Frankfort hosted the Battalion IV Instructional in November and their hospitality was greatly appreciated. Frankfort was well represented at the Reception held in October.

#### **Kokomo #36**

This Commandery was also well represented at the Reception in October. The Sir Knights of Kokomo learned the opening and the floor work, and did an excellent job. Their hard work in preparing for the Reception was greatly appreciated. Their officers are committed to learning the degree work, both the ritual parts and the floor work.

#### **Lafayette #3**

Lafayette was represented at both the Reception and the Instructional. They have moved their meeting night from Tuesday to Thursday in an effort to attract more members in the Lafayette area. They are struggling but have a small core group that is trying to grow the Commandery and are dedicated to Knights Templar.

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### General Observations

Each Commandery in Battalion IV received visits from me and from the Deputy Battalion Commanders during the year, in addition to the Reception and Inspection. I appreciate the hospitality of each these Commanderies and making new friends as well as renewing old friendships.

I also enjoyed the assistance provided by the Deputy Battalion Commanders, Sir Knight David Miller and Sir Knight Glenn Schmidt. I would like to thank Grand Commander Don Olvey for the privilege of serving as Battalion IV Commander.

Fraternally,

Phillip Whisner  
Battalion IV Commander

### **Battalion V**

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 has a dedicated group of SKs 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. They are in process of learning various parts within the Orders, and they have a goal of being able to conduct their own ritualistic work with limited assistance from other commanderies within 12 months. Baldwin also has a high use of social media (Facebook) to attract new/younger members and the communicate upcoming events.

#### **Greencastle Commandery #11:**

Greencastle Commandery 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. A great bunch of folks to be around.

#### **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 lodges that should allow for the opportunity of growth in the near future.

#### **Prather Commandery #62:**

Prather Commandery #62 continues to be a dominate 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

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experience their fellowship and hospitality. Visit their webpage at [www.pratheryorkrite.org](http://www.pratheryorkrite.org) for a great example of online communications.

### **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. 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. They were kind enough to host the Battalion reception, as they are the home commandery of the REGC.

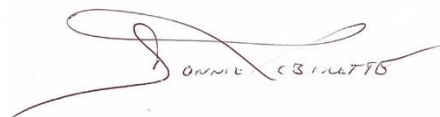
All commanderies within Battalion V have received visits from myself and my deputy battalion commanders. These visits have been on a formal/informal basis, and I have enjoyed getting to know the Sir Knights while there.

A Battalion V-sponsored Indiana Knights Templar Academy (ITA) was held at Calvin W. Prather Lodge in Indianapolis on Saturday, February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Early in planning, I expected 8-10 Sir Knights; over 40 individuals (Sir Knights, their ladies, and other guests) were ultimately in attendance. We had modules on Inspections/Receptions, Templar Protocol, Ritualistic Memorization Tips, Leadership, Communication, Drill Corps and Sword Manual practice. I continue to receive positive comments on the class and hope to have another ITA in early 2018. The ladies were invited to attend the ITA and received a customized certificate and pin for attending, just like the Sir Knights! If you have a particular interest in a topic to discuss, please contact me with your suggestions. Thanks to the following SK's for acting as instructors for various topics:

- SK Randy Darling, PC, DBC #6 – Drill Corps and Sword Manual
- SK Lewis "Jack" Hill, Generalissimo, Baldwin #2 – Demonstrator
- SK Christopher Thomas, Eminent Commander, Baldwin #2 - Demonstrator
- SK Randal P. Ellington, GPE, DBC #5 – Templar Protocol
- SK George Ingles, Jr., PGC, Grand Recorder – Leadership Skills
- SK Brian Lewis, KTCH – Ritual and Memorization Tips
- SK Mitchell Rohrbaugh, PC, DBC #5 – Facility Host & Lunch

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. I also appreciate the efforts of my Deputy Battalion Commanders: Randal Ellington and Mitchell Rohrbaugh. Finally, I would like to thank GC Don Olvey for the opportunity of being the Battalion 5 Commander.

Fraternally & Sincerely,



Donnie A. Robinette, GSW  
Battalion 5 Commander

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## **BATTALION VI**

To the Right Eminent Grand Commander, officers and Members of the Grand Commandery of Indiana, and Sir Knights all:

This Templar year brought several changes to the Inspection season by adding a much needed instructional. This meeting, hosted by Connersville Commandery No. 6, was very well attended and the Sir Knights asked many questions. I am pleased with turnout and results of the receptions and inspections in this battalion, and I commend the Sir Knights on their continued hard work. I respectfully submit the following:

### **Raper Commandery #1:**

Raper Commandery #1 remains a bastion of strength and stability within the battalion. The members of Raper are always ready to assist their fraters in receptions, inspections and the conferral of the Orders. Many members participate in Levant Preceptory and do an excellent job of promoting Templary in general, and the Grand Commander of Indiana in their travels.

### **Connersville Commandery #6 & Richmond Commandery #8:**

Connersville Commandery #6, while a smaller Commandery, continue to strive for success. It has been a pleasure working with these Sir Knights, and I offer my thanks to them.

Richmond Commandery #8 has continued to demonstrate their abilities as a strong and capable Commandery. Blessed with good leadership and a close relationship with the Sir Knights of Connersville Commandery, they provide a solid anchor on the east side of the state.

### **Greenfield Commandery #39:**

Greenfield Commandery #39 has the benefit of effective leadership within their commandery. Greenfield York Rite continues to operate a successful pizza booth during the Hancock County Fair. They're efforts to raise money for scholarships are an excellent way to promote the values of the Order.

### **HE Lackey Commandery #67:**

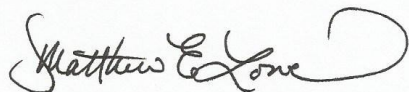
HE Lackey Commandery #67 should be proud of the efforts they have made in the last few years; however, they continue to struggle with a small active membership and an even smaller base from which to draw new members. The Commandery has a core group of strong leaders, but must be mindful of potential burn-out.

It has been a pleasure to serve the Grand Commandery and the Sir Knights of Battalion VI. I am grateful for the opportunity to continually make new friends and acquaintances and strengthen old friendships during my visits to each Commandery in the Battalion.

I am honored to have been appointed as both an officer and Battalion Commander within the Grand Commandery of Indiana by GC Don Olvey and I thank him for the opportunity to serve. I would also like to offer my sincerest thanks to Sir Knight Randy Darling who has continued to serve as DBC, as well as to Sir Knights Olvey, Williams, and Robinette for their friendship, counsel, advice, and assistance.

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Fraternally submitted,



Matthew E. Lowe, KTCH, GStB  
Battalion Commander, Battalion VI

### Battalion VII

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: At Bedford Commandery: November 5, 2016

Books inspected: September 19, 2016

Opening with Rehearsal of Duties, Flag, Closing. Sept. 19, 2016

Instructional: At Columbus Commandery: October 15, 2016

Columbus No. 14: Reception: At Bedford Commandery November 5, 2016

Books inspected: October 12, 2016

Opening with Rehearsal of Duties, Flag, Closing. Oct. 12, 2016

Instructional: At Columbus Commandery: October 15, 2016

Bedford No. 42: Reception: At Bedford Commandery November 5, 2016

Books Inspected: October 17, 2016

Opening with Rehearsal of Duties, Flag, Closing. July 11, 2016

Instructional: At Columbus Commandery: October 15, 2016

Bloomington 63: Reception: At Bedford Commandery November 5, 2016

Books inspected: October 25, 2016

Opening with Rehearsal of Duties, Flag, Closing. October 25, 2016

Instructional: At Columbus Commandery: October 15, 2016

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

New Albany Commandery is holding Conclave meetings on the third Monday of each month with good attendance. A meal is provided.

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

Columbus Commandery now holds Conclave meetings with the Chapter and Council on the second Wednesday of each month. A meal is provided.

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

Bedford Commandery is holding Conclave meetings on the third Monday of each month with good attendance. This was the inspection on Opening, with Rehearsal of Duties, Flag Presentation and Closing. Bedford Commandery Opened and Closed with relatively new SKs in the west. Some of Bedford's Officers and members were absent, but Bedford did a very good job conferring the Order of the Temple on one Candidate.

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

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Bloomington Commandery is holding Conclave meetings with Chapter and Council on the fourth Tuesday of each month with fairly good attendance. A meal is provided. Bloomington has a great desire to become proficient again and they are willing to learn with help.

**Battalion 7 held an Instructional** on Saturday, October 15th with Columbus Commandery hosting. There were 10 Sir Knights attending, and 5 Commanderys represented. New Albany No. 5 had 2 Sir Knights present; Columbus No. 14 had 4 Sir Knights present; Bedford No. 42 had 2 Sir Knights present; Bloomington No. 63 had 0 Sir Knights present.

**Battalion 7 held a Reception** for the Grand Commander on Saturday, November 5th with Bedford Commandery hosting. There were 27 Sir Knights attending and 11 Commanderys represented. New Albany No. 5 had 2 Sir Knights present; Columbus No. 14 had 5 Sir Knights present; Bedford No. 42 had 10 Sir Knights present; Bloomington No. 63 had 0 Sir Knights present.

**Battalion 7 held a Battalion meeting with Battalion 8** hosted by Greene County Commandery, U.D. at Linton Lodge on February 18, 2017. VEDGC Williams was in attendance and presented his plan for his incoming year as Grand Commander.

**Battalion 7 is well represented** in the Grand Commandery:

Grand Generalissimo	Terry L. Kehrer (5)
Grand Captain General	Michael F. Robbins (42)
Grand Prelate	Charles P. King (42)
Deputy Grand Inspector General	James D. Pinnick (42)

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.

Fraternally and Respectfully submitted,

SK Terry Lee Kehrer, Grand Generalissimo,  
Commander, Battalion 7

### **Battalion VIII**

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, Wright Commandery No.64, and Greene County Commandery U.D.

**Inspections:** Each Commandery was inspected individually on the Opening and Closing with Rehearsal of Duties and Flag Presentation on the Order of the Temple and has been completed.

**Reception:** LaValette Commandery #15 hosted the Battalion 8 Templar Board and Reception of the Grand Commander on August 25<sup>th</sup>, 2016.



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**Battalion Meeting:** Battalion 8 winter meeting was hosted by Greene County Commandery, U.D. at Linton Lodge on February 18, 2017. VEDGC Williams was in attendance and presented his plan for his incoming year as Grand Commander.

**Instructional:** Wright Commandery #64 hosted the Battalion 8 Instructional on October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2016. Instructional was presented by GIG Irv Bitting.

**LaValette Commandery #15** has a current membership of 131 Sir Knights. There has been a gain of 9 Sir Knights, and a loss of 17 Sir Knights, for an overall loss of 8 Sir Knights for this period. 11 Stated Conclaves have been held with an average attendance of 11 Sir Knights. All records are accurate and well maintained. The Activity Sheet reflects an active Commandery.

**Terre Haute Commandery #16** has a current membership of 103 Sir Knights. Terre Haute has had total loss of 3 Sir Knights for this period. Terre Haute has held 10 Stated Conclaves with an average attendance of 18 Sir Knights. The Activity Sheet reflects a very active Commandery. At their Stated Conclave in May, Terre Haute Commandery #16 served a meal and presented two 50 Year Awards of Gold. All records are accurate and well maintained.

**Vincennes Commandery #20** has a current membership of 72 Sir Knights. Vincennes has had a total loss of 5 Sir Knights for this period. Vincennes #20 has an average attendance of 11 Sir Knights at Stated Conclaves. The Activity Sheet reflects a moderately active Commandery. All records are accurate and well maintained.

**Wright Commandery #64** has a current membership of 29 Sir Knights. They have had a total gain of 3 Sir Knights, and a loss of 2 Sir Knights, for an overall gain of 1 Sir Knight. 6 Stated Conclave have been held with an average attendance of 9 Sir Knights. The Activity Sheet reflects an active Commandery. All records are accurate and well maintained.

**Greene County Commandery, U.D.** has a current membership of 25 Sir Knights. They have held Stated Conclaves each month after receiving their Dispensation on June 1, 2016. Average attendance at Stated Conclaves is 10 Sir Knights. Greene County Commandery, U.D. hosted an All-Order Day on November 19<sup>th</sup>. The Activity Sheet reflects very little extra activity while Under Dispensation.

**Summary:** Battalion 8 has had another very good 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.

I would like to thank Sir Knight Dennis Schraeder of LaValette Commandery #16 for his assistance as Deputy Battalion Commander.

Courteously and Fraternaly,

Michael F. Robbins,  
Grand Captain General  
Battalion Commander No. 8

**Grand Inspector General Report**

To the Right Eminent Grand Commander, Officers of the Grand Commandery and Sir Knights all:  
The 2016 Inspection season went very well with the Battalion Commanders inspecting the Commandery in their Battalion. Most of the Commanderies were inspected on the Order of the Temple.

The Grand Commanders Reception was held in each Battalion and was preceded with a Templar Board. Then they adjourned to the Asylum for the introduction of Distinguished Guests and did the public portion of the tactics.

We did instructional in each of the eight Battalions. We had lots of good comments from the Sir Knights after the instructional we had a question and answer period of which there were questions of all type.

The Sir Knights voiced a desire to have an instructional on the Order of the Red Cross and the Order of Malta. As I have said several times the Knights that needed the instruction did not show up for the instructionals. Those that did found it was well worth their effort.

Thanks to the Grand Commander, for having the foresight to see the need for the instructional.

Thanks also to Sir Knight Phil Whisner and Carson Smith for their assistance.

Fraternally Submitted

Irvin L. Bitting, KCT, PGC  
Grand Inspector General  
I move for the adoption of this report.

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Commandery	INSPECTION-RECEPTION TALLY SHEET 2016-17										Date of Order								
	Date of Insp-Recep	Opening - Closing Score	Members Insp-Recep Attendance	Total Insp-Recep Attendance	Commanderies Represented	Date By-Laws Were Updated	Activities	Membership	Attendance	Relief	Communications	Leadership	Total Activity Sheet Score	Flag Presentation Score	Ritualistic Score	Date Order Conferred	Members Attending for Order	Total Attending for Order	Cmdry's Represented for Order
<b>Battalion #1</b>																			
LaPorte #12	09/17/16	159	3	30	8	08/07/05	1400	300	30	75	50	30	1885	14	173	11/17/16	8	19	3
Vaiparaiso #28	09/17/16	160	9	30	8	12/01/16	1075	40	48	135	25	100	1423	14	174	10/03/16	11	12	2
Michigan City #30	09/17/16	159	3	30	8	09/01/16	800	20	5	25	25	20	895	14	173	11/17/16	6	19	3
E. H. Gary #57	09/17/16	156	7	30	8	06/27/05	525	210	66	75	75	120	1071	13	169	09/29/16	7	14	3
<b>Battalion #2</b>																			
South Bend #13	08/13/16	154	3	31	9	Y	975	90	25	75	75	65	1305	14	168	10/20/16	6	10	3
Apollo #19		0	0	0	0	Y	300	90	45	0	25	20	480	0	0	10/11/16	3	4	2
Elkhart #31	08/13/16	163	9	31	9	Y	2375	180	87	290	50	40	3022	14	177	11/12/16	11	12	2
Angloa #45	08/13/16	160	7	31	9	N	2025	75	65	275	75	110	2625	8	168	10/15/16	14	15	3
<b>Battalion #3</b>																			
Fort Wayne #4	11/04/16	156	14	19	2	Y	1506	180	105	230	125	70	2216	0	156	09/19/16	n/a	n/a	2
Grant County #21	11/04/16	156	9	10	2	Y	125	135	50	340	25	95	770	0	156	09/19/16	n/a	n/a	2
Anderson #32	11/04/16	148	11	12	1	Y	975	5	75	135	25	60	1275	0	148	09/19/16	n/a	n/a	1
Huntington #35	11/04/16	158	15	16	1	Y	600	20	85	750	25	150	1630	0	158	09/19/16	n/a	n/a	1
Noblesville #61	11/04/16	162	9	10	1	Y	325	50	35	50	25	90	575	0	162	09/19/16	n/a	n/a	1
<b>Battalion #4</b>																			
Lafayette #3	10/01/16	0	3	50			0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				
Crawfordsville #25	10/01/16	150	9	50	4	Y	850	135	55	0	25	20	1085	14	164	10/01/16	n/a	n/a	
Frankfort #29	10/01/16	155	10	50	4	07/16/16	1595	255	115	375	100	75	2515	12	167	11/02/16	n/a	n/a	
Kokomo #36	10/01/16	158	9	50	4	03/17/07	1215	60	60	125	25	20	1505	8	166	11/10/16	n/a	n/a	

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							Activities	Membership	Attendance	Relief	Communications	Leadership							
<b>Battalion #5</b>																			
Baldwin #2	10/20/16	127	7	36	8	2016	1625	210	101	645	125	80	2786	14	141	11/28/16	11	11	11
Greencastle #11	10/20/16	0	2	36	8	2016	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	N/A	0	0	0
Johnson County #23	10/20/16	0	1	36	8	2016	50	0	5	0	25	20	100	0	0	N/A	0	0	0
Prather #62	10/20/16	160	5	36	8	2016	1250	495	50	150	100	145	2190	13	173	11/07/16	12	13	2
W. G. Bray #65	10/20/16	147	15	36	8	2016	1150	70	75	100	0	160	1555	11	158	10/20/16	15	36	8
<b>Battalion #6</b>																			
Raper #1	11/21/16	161	6	32	9	Y	1275	30	132	420	0	50	1907	14	175	11/21/16	n/a	n/a	n/a
Richmond #8	11/21/16	161	8	32	9	Y	200	10	81	320	0	0	611	14	175	11/09/16	n/a	n/a	n/a
Connerville #6	11/21/16	158	3	32	9	Y	150	5	80	200	0	20	455	14	172	12/07/16	n/a	n/a	n/a
Greenfield #39	11/21/16	161	6	32	9	Y	1500	10	84	0	25	20	1639	14	175	11/19/16	n/a	n/a	n/a
H. E. Lackey #67	11/21/16	157	8	32	9	Y	975	90	55	155	100	90	1465	14	171	11/30/16	n/a	n/a	n/a
<b>Battalion #7</b>																			
New Albany #5	11/5/2016	159	13	10	12	9/14/2007	1125	0	7	125	50	30	1337	12.0	171	9/19/2016	10	12	3
Columbus #14	11/5/2016	149	13	14	3	2016	1850	15	76	125	0	95	2161	11.0	160	10/12/2016	13	14	3
Bedford # 42	11/5/2016	158	9	11	4	2010	425	10	66	25	0	100	626	13.0	171	7/11/2016	9	11	3
Bloomington #42	11/5/2016	0	10	17	7	11/2/2010	850	200	90	735	0	0	1875	0.0	0	10/25/2016	10	17	7
<b>Battalion #8</b>																			
LaValette #15	8/25/2016	145	9	26	13	2015	700	85	16	50	75	20	946	12.0	157	6/21/2016	9	11	3
Terre Haute #16	8/25/2016	157	0	26	13	2007	1000	220	102	50	125	60	1557	10.0	167	10/1/2016	12	16	4
Vincennes #20	8/25/2016	152	1	26	13	2007	900	70	6	25	50	20	1071	11.0	163	8/15/2016	11	13	3
Wright #64	8/25/2016	148	3	26	13	2007	750	240	30	60	50	30	1160	12.0	160	10/19/2016	9	12	3
Green CO. UD	8/25/2016	151	3	26	13	2016	75	0	5	50	0	0	130	13.0	164	9/15/2016	11	13	3



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**Commandery of the Year 2016**  
Highest Activity Score  
Grand Commandery Guidon  
**Elkhart Commandery No. 31 (3022)**

**Ritual Awards and Certificates of Merit**

Guidons for High Ritual achievement were presented and Certificates of Merit were presented by the Battalion Commanders and the Grand Commander as follows:

**Battalion Guidons 2016**

Highest Ritual Score in Each Battalion

Battalion I	(174)	Valparaiso Commandery No. 28
Battalion II	(177)	Elkhart Commandery No. 31
Battalion III	(162)	Noblesville Commandery No. 61
Battalion IV	(167)	Frankfort Commandery No. 29
Battalion V	(173)	Prather Commandery No. 62
Battalion VI	(175)	Raper Commandery No. 1
	(175)	Richmond Commandery No. 8
	(175)	Greenfield Commandery No. 39
Battalion VII	(171)	Bedford Commandery No.42
	(171)	New Albany Commandery No. 5
Battalion VIII	(171)	Terre Haute Commandery No. 16

**Eminent Commander Certificate of Merit 2016**

Randy J. Darling  
Dion Diakis  
Rex Goodwin  
Jerry Burns  
Jerry Kepper  
Arthur Craig  
Frank Capler  
Kevin M. Spencer  
Stephen Click

Baldwin Commandery No. 2  
LaPorte Commandery No. 12  
LaValette Commandery No. 15  
Terre Haute Commandery No. 16  
Valparaiso Commandery No. 28  
Michigan City Commandery No. 30  
Prather Commandery No. 62  
Wright Commandery No. 64  
Wm. G. Bray Commandery No. 65

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**Star Recorder of the Year 2016**

**Charles Bowling**  
**Noblesville Commandery No. 61**

Most Eminent Grand Master of Grand Encampment presented the KTCH Award and the Banquet following the Annual Conclave.

**Knight Templar Cross of Honor 2016**

Sir Knight Tony S. Peterson, KCT and Sir Knight Mark L. Baker

**Honorary Membership**

The following Sir Knights were awarded an Honorary Membership in the Grand Commandery.

**Honorary Membership 2017**

Jeffery Bolstad	PGC MT RENWDC
James J. Burton	REGC WI
Larry Carte	REGC KY
Carey B. Carter	MWGM IN
John Laughlin	PGC SD, Rep to IN
Paul S. Newhall	PGC VA, REPDCMED
Wade L. Sheeler	REGC IA, Rep to IN
William J. Smith	REGC IL
Donald Trumbull	REGC MI
Thomas Tsirmokos	PGC VT, REPNEDC
Ronald L. Vicars	REGC OH
Raymond G. Windell	MEGHP
Christopher W. Wright	MIGM

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**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**

Distinguished East, Sir Knights, is everybody awake out there? I promise you my remarks will be brief. I am always impressed at how cooperative the different Grand Commanderies are in my Department. We all work together very well. And it's very interesting how the opportunities that we have and I don't like to say problems, but opportunities that we have are very similar in each of the Grand Commanderies. It's most impressive this survey that we came up with. How many have had a chance to look at the survey? Very few. I suggest that before any of you leave this Grand Session that you do look at that survey. It's quite impressive. I could have looked at the survey and if it didn't have Indiana written on it, it would look the same for Michigan. It would probably look the same for Ohio, Illinois, and Kentucky. So, look at the report there, the survey. Look at the comments especially. I think that if you do take them serious and try to address what the survey came up with, it will help your commanderies. It'll help Grand Commandery. It'll help the Grand Encampment. So, please do read that. Give it the attention that it does deserve. These comments, especially from the younger members are important. It's a different generation that we're dealing with. They don't communicate like we do. And it's very apparent in their comments in there. So please do read that. One of the things that stands out is the communication problem. They don't communicate like we do like I say and it's in that survey. And you can't leave it to your recorders to do all the communication in your commanderies. Every one of us has to work towards that and learn new things and help out the new members that came in. Also, in your report here, what's also interesting and it's the same in each of the grand commanderies that I work with, you've had 124 knightings. You had 120 deaths. What's alarming is that you had, and this isn't just Indiana that has this situation, every single Grand Commandery is having the same situation, 356 demits or suspensions, 356. I can guarantee Ohio had more than that, a bigger commandery, bigger grand commandery. Michigan probably had, well, Michigan did have less but they're only 2/3 the size of Indiana. So, these are the things that we really have to look at and take seriously. Why are we having so many demits? Why are we having so many suspensions? And every one of us is thinking, well it was up to the recorder to follow up on that. It can't be left up to the recorders. They have too much to do already. Every one of us should be concerned if you have a suspension. What was the reasons? Every one of us should definitely be concerned if a demit, why is there a demit? And some of the comments in here was well, I'm thinking of demitting because I can't afford the uniform. Well, we can address those things. I have to take a demit because I, my family is growing up. The younger people in my family, I have to take care of them and so forth. Well, those are things that we can address and we can work with. But if we're not communicating with those members and we're losing them because of that lack of communication which the survey points out and we're all aware that this is probably happening, we didn't necessarily have to have a survey to do that. We kind of knew in the back of our minds that this is going on but those are the things that we need to work with. So, please read it. I'd also like to invite you to our next conference, which will be March 10 in your own backyard again, up there in Fort Wayne. I'd like to, I challenged you two years ago because I held it in Fort Wayne to at least come close to what Ohio does. I think we can beat them if we really try. It's not that far to travel



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and we give excellent leadership courses. So, some of these newer members, bring them in, get them into the leadership course, talk to your new grand commander, say I've got these names for you and I'd like to see them invited. The classes right now are like 30 in the first one and this last time we had actually around 30 for the second one, which was surprising but we can expand those classes if we need to accommodate our new leaders because that's where our future is, is in the leadership of the York Rite, not just Commandery, but the York Rite. And these new leaders that come out of the first course and they can't wait to get into the second course. We've actually, there's one conference that follows ours, it's here, and it's not unusual for them to do the first level and then want to go down to the southeast conference and take the next level. We had a couple do that this last time. So, need new leaders, that's where our future is. Get those names in, invitations will be sent to them and it's very convenient for Indiana. The reason I choose to do it in Fort Wayne is because if you take our entire Department and you find the dead center, that does happen to be Fort Wayne, especially if you're traveling all the way from southern Kentucky or the Upper Peninsula, it's about the same distance. So, there's no reason everybody has to travel about the same distance. But let's have a lot of Indiana people because I love coming to Indiana. It's just one of the friendlier places to visit and my lady and I really enjoy making the short travel, it's only 6 hours down here so it's not too bad. Anyhow, those are my remarks. If you have any questions or you have concerns at any time, don't hesitate to talk to me, call me and just like these younger generations, I like emails because then I have record when someone asks a question and I can respond to it. So, if you ever need to contact me, the best way is by email.

Thank you very 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 to my Department Commander, Loren. Fort Wayne is the geographic center. You must be counting the UP in that calculation. I'd like to touch briefly this afternoon on a number of things that we have going on in Grand Encampment. And there's a reason for that. But to begin with, let me just tick off some of the things that we're doing in the Grand Encampment to try to make this a better organization. Now, we've had a report on the Eye Foundation today. Eye Foundation continues with a really outstanding operation. We've continued the starter grants. Starter grants are these grants that we give to brand new PhD's and MD's who, mainly PhD's, who do not yet have enough data, do not yet have enough reputation to be able to obtain grants on their own. We can step in with a single year, occasionally a second year, grant to these people and that jump starts their career. John Penn, who is the chairman of our scientific advisory committee, was himself a starter grant recipient from us in '86. On average, when a person in that field gets their very first federal grant, their very first federal grant, which means man you are, you've made it, you are on the path, on average that's 42 ½ years old. John Penn was 31 when he got a grant from us. No, no, I'm sorry. He was 31 when he got his first federal grant which was immediately after our grant. We got his career going 10 years faster than if he had to slog

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through the mud trying to get noticed and we are giving out 25, 30 of those a year. This is a huge impact. We've expanded the program. This will be the third year. Next week, I'm in Baltimore, next weekend, a conference known as ARVO, Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology. We've taken what would have been a single starter grant of \$65,000 and for that, we can give money to ARVO and they provide travel grants so that people who are working on their PhD, we're catching them even younger now, people who are working on their PhD or still in medical school can travel to this conference, meet other researchers and learn from it. Now, this is a real cool thing for people in that career. And we send 59, 60 people for \$65,000, we're not giving these people very much. They're only getting a little over a thousand dollars each. How many of you can remember when you were so new in your career that a thousand dollars was a fortune? Yeah. That's where these people are. Five years from now, they're going to be making six figures. Today, they're worrying about how to pay for dinner. And you're responsible for their being there. We're not the only people who do the ARVO grants. I was there at the conference last year and I had a picture taken of myself in front of the high donor board thanking the highest donors to the program and there is it, Knight Templar Eye Foundation. We weren't the only name. There was also MERCK and Pfizer and Genentech, there was about five names all together. What do you think, are we keeping pretty good company? This year, we're expanding the ARVO grants. We're still going to do ARVO, but we're going to also provide travel grants to another conference similar but a little different slant called EYECert? We've got a lot of other things going on in Eye Foundation. End of last month, I was at Duke University. They did the inaugural meeting of a new conference. They plan to meet every other year. They asked me to come down. The course was advances in pediatric retina. Okay, that's a little specialized. I'm told that there's about 300 people in the world that specialize in that. 140 of them were at the conference. I was asked to come down because the keynote lecture was being given by a distinguished gentleman and they were calling it the Knight Templar key note address. And yes, we did kick in a little bit of money to help them. We kicked in a whopping \$1,500. Okay, I guess we paid for his plane ticket and maybe his hotel room. Naming opportunities, they could've come to us and asked us for \$10,000 or \$5,000 or some big number. They asked for a trivial \$1,500. What does that tell you? It tells you they were more interested in getting our name on their program than they were about the money. What kind of reputation to you suppose the Eye Foundation that that's how they feel about us? Makes you feel good, doesn't it? The, incidentally, the faculty for that conference. There were 40 speakers at that conference. I sent a copy of the program back to the Eye Foundation and had them run the names through our system. 10 of those 40 got their very first grant from us, a quarter of them. Last weekend, or no, heck last Monday and Tuesday I was at Vanderbilt. Again, Eye Foundation, they were, they have a new lab down there for the benefit of one of their top researchers, John Penn, who I've mentioned is the Chairman of our Scientific Advisory Committee. They wanted me to come down for that. I had dinner at the home of the chairman of the department who got his very first grant in 1986 from the Knight Templar Eye Foundation. The top people in this profession are getting more and more to be there because we gave them a head start. Think on that. We're doing some other stuff. Another last item I'll mention for the eye foundation is that we have brand new, a new jewel because who can pass up having a new jewel called the Crusader's Cross. You'll see it, it's in the, I believe it's in the May one issue of the magazine that began hitting mailboxes late last week. There are a few people in the room that are wearing them now as am I. This is for the large donors to the Eye Foundation. Just because we appreciate those donors and we wanted something visible that they can wear to show their pride in supporting our project. The plaques are nice, but there's only so many of those you can wear at a time. We have other charities of course. We heard a report

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earlier today on the educational foundation and that the rules had been changed so that grand commanderies that so desire can, there's certain changes in the programs but the grand commanderies that so desire can send the money that they're managing, investing, back to the Grand Encampment, we'll pool it, and by having a larger pool of money, presumably be able to do a much better job of investing. Now, it's not terrible here in Indiana with a couple of hundred thousand. But if you think about some of those states, small states out west, younger, that which also happen to be younger grand commanderies, maybe they've only gotten or \$20,000 in their fund. It's hard to invest 10 or \$20,000 in a meaningful, isn't it? Don't we wish we could get more than 1/10 of a percent on our savings accounts? So, this is an option, so as was mentioned in that report, Grand Encampment is not interested in taking over the program decisions. Those are best made at the state level. States will be told how much money they've got in the pot, their share of the earnings that they can spend. Local grand commanderies will have to figure out again, who to award scholarships to. We're doing things with the Holy Land Pilgrimage also. The program we're running now is excellent. You've heard of it many times. But it occurred to me a year ago that that's only the United States. Now, our grand commanderies in Europe could participate. It would be way cheaper for them because they don't have as much travel costs. So, I want the program expanded to allow the grand commanderies of Europe to participate on that also. There'll be some slight differences for them. They will not have to meet up with the group at JFK airport in New York. I think they could probably meet in Tel Aviv. We're going to require that they be fluent in English so that we don't have to deal with multiple languages. But we're going to introduce that and see what kind of benefit that can produce. For our youth groups, we've introduced a new award, a broad sword, similar to the sword of merit that is given out to very, very high donors in the eye foundation. It is my intent that any grand commandery that so desires can purchase one of these swords from us. We've bought 100 of them in bulk so we got the price way, way down. So, the Grand Commandery can buy the sword, get with the executive officer of DeMolay in your jurisdiction. Work with them, develop a set of criteria for what chapter might be worthy of an award. Is it the chapter that has the highest new membership, is it the chapter that scores highest in some competition, is it the chapter that has the best programs? Is it the chapter that has the best overall rounded program with points kind of like our activity awards? States differ. So, you can work with the DeMolay of Indiana, figure out what works best for you, create the criteria. Grand Commandery officers show up at the DeMolay conclave to present the award, come back a year later to receive it from the prior winner and award it to the next winner. It's an easy program for you, an easy opportunity to get in front of DeMolay, an easy opportunity to reward the DeMolays for their enthusiasm and participation. As I said, I don't have a final price on those swords. We're waiting to hear what the shipping cost will be. But I'm looking at something right around \$300, maybe a smidgen more, that's a technical term, right? But it's going to be about \$300. So, really very economical. We also talked about Masonic membership solutions. A lot been done with that software to develop it. One of the more recent developments is that it now tracks top line signers. That's a big boost to places like Indiana that want to be able to pull that data, to recognize those sir knights who top line signed our lanyard chords. But, we're not going to have historical data in it. But at least going forward, we're going to have that kind of data available. There's other things going on in Grand Encampment. Some of them don't affect you directly. I did some reorganizing of the Grand Encampment when I took office. We had two Grand Commanderies south of the US and we have a number of countries in South America that have one or two commanderies. These are known as subordinate commanderies. Subordinate means they don't report to a grand commandery, they report directly to Grand Encampment. I reorganized that and created a new department, just like East Central Department.

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There's now a Department of Southern Americas. And in July, they will be having their first ever Department meeting. So, they're going, we're going to build a little more cohesion, a little more feeling of international fraternity and brotherhood among them. Also, that conference is going to be in Panama City. Also, in the Southern Americas, Mexico has been a problem for us for several years. It had some real serious problems, not involving a Templar bodies per say, but involving some of the other bodies that were prerequisite to Templary. Those problems have been worked out, but then there was the issue of getting the Grand Commandery back in operation. At the triennial session in Buffalo in 2015, that was all reported, it was brought up to date. A few months ago, I issued an order recognizing that Mexico had fulfilled all of the requirements that we set forth to allow them to be reinstated and I have declared the Grand Commandery of Mexico reinstated. Mind you, it's going to take them a lot of work still to get all their commanderies back in trim. But, you got to start somewhere. I'll also touch briefly on something that is completed. We talked about it a lot last year and the year before. But 2016 was the bicentennial of the Grand Encampment. Now, the first recorded conferral of the Order of the Temple in the US, well anywhere, was Boston in 1874. Then, grand commanderies grew up. Eventually, those grand commanderies decided that this organization needed some national leadership so that things stayed reasonably consistent from place to place. And in 1816 the Grand Encampment was formed. We had a nice celebration last year, a big party in New York City. There are a few people who were there, dinner cruise around the southern end of Manhattan. It was a nice, nice weekend. But you know, it's interesting, 200 years, that means that this Grand Encampment is now older than the original Knights Templar were when they were suppressed. Think about that. We all think about them as being ancient. We all think about them as having been around forever, which is why it was so dramatic when they were shut down suddenly. We are now older than the original Knights Templar became. And it's not just that we've completed 200 years. We are starting the next 200. Because this organization isn't going to look the same 20 years from now from what it does today. And, why should it? It doesn't look today like it looked 20 years ago. Disagreements on that? The evolution is going to continue. But we're going to continue to be, to care about our charities. We're going to continue to care that we have pride in this organization that we're willing to go to the effort to wear uniforms and come too far off places like Columbus. We're going to care about new members. We're going to care about the principals of this order. There are things that are going to change and there's things that are not going to change. But there's no reason that we can't be on those core principles for another 100, 200 years. And that is a lesson I want to leave you with. I do have one last thing I want to do. I presented one of these earlier, but we have someone else who will not be with us this evening so I want to get this presented again while I get to do it instead of somebody else getting all the glory. So, I have from the Grand Encampment of the Knights Templar, in the name of our Lord whereas our college of honors, having under consideration the distinguished services rendered by him to Freemasonry, has nominated Sir Knight Carey B. Carter for the honor and dignity of Knight Commander of the Temple in our order, now we with the sanction of the Grand Encampment Knights Templar do by this patent of honor make creating constitute him to be a Knight Commander of the Temple and it is my very great honor to present this to you. So, in conclusion, charities, spectacular, improving, the operation of the office, we continue to make improvements. Our programs, our other programs and activities of Grand Encampment, we're pushing to make things better in every way we can and we plan to be at it for a long time and we hope you're there to be part of it. Thank you.

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**REMARKS BY  
SIR KNIGHT Carey B. Carter  
MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER  
OF THE GRAND LODGE ON INDIANA**

Most Eminent Grand Master, Right Eminent Grand Commander, Sir Knights, Brothers all, good afternoon. (In response to the Knight Commander of the Temple presented by Sir Knight Vaught 2 minutes ago.) That's cool. Thank you very much. That was very a big surprise. I'm honored to have that. You know, I've been a York Rite member, a member of the bodies for about 20 years and I haven't been really that active with them. I've been doing a lot of other stuff. But I was able to go to Grand Session here a couple weeks ago up in Gary and now I'm here and it's reminded me how excited I was when I joined all those bodies. I'm going to have some free time here in a few weeks. So, I think I might try to get more involved with that too. But, that was a big surprise. I actually appreciate that and the honorary membership. That was excellent as well. You know, most of the time when you see a Masonic leader stand up in front of a group, you're going to hear some of the same things and one of those things is membership and you've heard it a couple of times already. "You know, when I first got going in the line here, I kind of studied the membership numbers for our fraternity and for a long time, we lost about the same number of guys to death as we gained in petitions that were coming in. And that's still somewhat true, not quite as true, but the membership continued to decline. And it's my contention that part of that, not all of it, but a part of that, is that we get these new fellas in here and first all, when we get them coming, we don't truly explain to them what Freemasonry is. But once we get them in, we don't get them engaged. So, a lot of times, they lose interest and they're coming in the front door and going out the back door. So, over the course of the years, the Grand Lodge has tried to come up with some programs to kind of stop some of that and we've had one recently that I think could be universal and it's called the Rookie Reward program and you can find it on the Grand Lodge website. But basically, what happens is, when you get a new fellow in, he's got one year from the time he's raised as a Master Mason to complete a list of ten different things and it doesn't matter so much what those ten things are. But what does matter is he has ten opportunities to do something for his lodge, with his lodge brothers, and to get a better chance to build a relationship and get to know each other better and more importantly, it gives them a space in which they can contribute and make themselves feel like they're a part of that. And I think that's important. And I think that membership is not the end all, do all. I don't believe that we have to have a quarter million members but we do have to sustain. Because it's been my experience that when lodges consolidate, they lose members. Same thing happened with my lodge. It was a big lodge that just came into my lodge and a great percentage of those members didn't transfer over. I'm not sure if they're going other places or just kind of give up. But it's not a good thing to happen and when we lose lodges, especially in small towns, it's hard to get those back. And if we lose three or four lodges in a particular area, small towns like that, it can affect your groups directly. So, membership, although not being the end all, do all, it is important. So, you'll always hear us talking about that kind of thing. But I think the important thing is to remember that no matter how many programs are out there, no matter how many surveys we take, and I think they're great, we need to remember that the most effective membership tool is right here. Hi, my name is Carey, I'd like to talk to you about Freemasonry and it's not that difficult and I'm saying that from a person that not really that outgoing. I'm not unfriendly, but sometimes I'm just shy. I know a lot of guys are that way about talking to people they don't know as well. But I've found over the years and I'm in a unique position, I grant you, I kind of

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have the bully pulpit and everybody kind of knows who I am. But I know that if you wear something square and compass, a shirt, a hat, something, it generates a lot of conversations and most of the time, they'll open that conversation up for you. I had a fellow come to work on my furnace earlier this year or this week. He saw the Masonic plate on my motorcycle, started a conversation, and now he's headed off to a lodge to see if it's a good fit for him to become a Freemason. So, don't forget that. It's up to each of us to kind of do some of that as well. And one of the things that really made me start thinking about that today. How many of you guys are on Facebook? Well, I wasn't. I noticed you had talked about the youth groups today. Well, I'm a big guy with the Job's Daughters. I was involved with them for quite a while, great group. By the way, all the groups, all the youth groups love for Master Masons to come to their meetings and I encourage you to do that because they just love it when you show up. But I was there one night and they said what's your Facebook page, we want to friend you. I said I don't have a Facebook page. So, by the time I got home, I got an email that said, 'this is your Facebook page, this is your password.' So, I got the message. I said okay. But what they didn't understand was, now that my girls are grown up and going to college and I know who they're dating, I know when they go to football games, I know what they're doing, so I started tracking them. So, I've kind of stayed with the Facebook thing and there's a lot of good stuff out there. There's a lot of good Masonic stuff out there. One of the things that I do follow on Facebook is the Peoria Historical Society. As many of you may know, I'm originally from Peoria, Illinois. But, I've been in Indiana a lot longer than I was in Illinois so I'm a Hoosier now. But, I was looking at some of the old photographs and there was one photograph in particular that caught my attention and it was the main street of Peoria. It was 1930 or 31 or something like that and it was a parade. And the street was probably as wide from the wall to here, it was a huge street and we have a view of them as they were marching away and it was all Knights Templar and the street was packed. There must have been 15 to 18 across and it was for two blocks in one parade. And I'm thinking wow, wouldn't that be cool. I don't expect us to get back to those membership numbers. It's a different world today. We've got 24/7, we've got the Internet, we've got 24/7 television. There's all kinds of things to take our attention. But I don't think that we should lose track of the fact that membership is important and that those guys did that and belong to that not just because they had nothing else to do. But because of that relationship that we all share, that true secret of Freemasonry, our relationship. It doesn't matter what your title is. It doesn't matter what your building looks like. It doesn't matter how fancy your apron is. That's what it is. It's that relationship that we all share. So, as much as we can share that, I think we should. On behalf of my wife, Cathy, and I, I would like to thank you all for the outstanding hospitality that you've extended to us. I've enjoyed my time here. I've enjoyed seeing all of these faces that I know from other places. It's neat to be here with you guys. You always represent, you look great, you stand tall, you look sharp and I appreciate all that it is that you do. I want to thank you for the opportunity of being here. And thank you for these honorary memberships. They were excellent.

Thank you very much.

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**INVITATION TO THE 164<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL CONCLAVE**

LaPorte Commandery No. 12, 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 164<sup>th</sup> Grand Conclave of Indiana, to be held at the Clarion Hotel and Conference Center in Columbus, IN at 2480 Jonathan Moore Pike, Columbus, Indiana on Saturday April 28, 2018.

Fraternally Submitted,

Dion Diakis, EC LaPorte #12

I move for the adoption of this report. After the report from the Jurisprudence Committee the motion passed.

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

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

The Jurisprudence Committee have considered the expected invitation finds that that is an acceptable time and place, and accepts with pleasure the invitation of LaPorte Commandery #12 to Host the 164<sup>th</sup> Annual Conclave in Columbus, Indiana in 2018. We look forward to a successful and productive Conclave.

Respectfully submitted

Duane L. Vaught,  
For the Committee

I move the acceptance of this Report. It was seconded and passed.

**Ooops Almost forgot**

Sir Knight Vaught then asked Grand Master, Carter, if he may have forgotten to mention something in his remarks. To which he replied that he did. That it was at the top of his note but just jumped right over it. One of the reason I wanted to talk about membership was that the Deputy Grand Master has got a great unitive going next year. I just wanted everyone to know that he has worked very hard and the membership one of the things he is going to work very diligently toward. He has put a lot of effort into it and I am excited about the beginning of next year because there is going too some positive changes and I wish him well. I hope he gets something positive out of that program.  
Thank you.

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### **Greene County Reminder and Reformation of the Vote**

The Grand Commander then reminded everyone that During this Conclave as part of the Charters and Dispensations Report we have approve that Greene County should receive their Charter and that the Constitution Ceremony will be held May 27, 2017 at their Asylum in Linton, Indiana. He then asked that this be in the form of a motion from him and asked for a 2<sup>nd</sup> which was received, and the vote was unanimous.

### **JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE Congratulations**

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

On behalf of the Jurisprudence Committee we wish to thank you for your leadership given to the Indiana Grand Commandery for the Templar year. For the last few years you prepared yourself as a line officer to be the Right Eminent Grand Commander which you are now about to conclude.

You have served Indiana well. You have represented Indiana at the Grand Conclaves of Illinois, Michigan, Kentucky, and Ohio. You and several officers participated in the East Central Department meeting, held in Lexington, KY. You changed the format of the Newby Avery event to a brunch held during the day in Columbus, as a new way to make it a more special event and to encourage attendance. You have traveled throughout the State of Indiana during the year and we commend you for the leadership services rendered.

A summer meeting was held on July 9, 2016 and a winter meeting was held on January 17, 2017 to update the officers, to give out necessary communications and to listen to updated reports of the various committees.

During your term of office, Instructionals were held on a Battalion format, instead of what has been a tradition of Inspections. These were well received throughout Indiana, with good attendance and positive feedback.

We thank you for your services during your year as Grand Commander. Your actions and leadership have all been well received from all corners of Indiana. As your year is about to end, we thank you for your service but know you will continue to work in Templary in the years that are to follow. We commend you for your services to Templary and welcome you into our ranks as the Junior Past Grand Commander.

Respectfully submitted

Paul W. Friend, PGC, For the Jurisprudence Committee



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### **CLOSING COMMENTS AND REMARKS**

Grand Commander, Olvey, remarked that this has been a pleasure and it's because of you guys. It looks good on paper and it's because of you. Thank you.

The Grand Commander then called on the Grand Commander elect Lawrence J. Williams. for his comments and appointments.

He then announced his appointments as follows: Grand Prelate David Cincoski; Grand Standard Bearer, Thomas D. Johnson; Grand Sword Bearer, Randal P. Ellington; Grand Warder, Kevin M. Spencer; and the Grand Sentinel is Randy Spaulding. Grand Organist, Marvin Rees; Inspector General is James L. Dove,. KCT, PGC, Grand Marshal, Randy Darling, Photographer, Stephen P. Kroman, and my Personal Aide is Christopher Gamblin. All the elected and Appointed Offices please find your ladies and come back here for photographs. I will save the rest of my remarks for after the installation.

### **Unfinished Business**

Grand Commander called on the Deputy Grand Commander for any unfinished Business.

There being no further business, Grand Commander Olvey set the Grand Commandery at ease until 3:00 PM for the installation of Officers.

### **INSTALLATION**

The business of the 163<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conclave having been completed, the new officers were installed by S.K. James L. Dove, KCT, PGC, as Installing Officer, S.K. Larry W. Brown, KCT, PGC, PDC as Installing Marshall, S.K. David Bertch, KCT, PGC as Installing Recorder, S.K. Jack F. Wallace, KCT, PGC as Installing Prelate and Sir Knight Marvin Rees, PC as Installing Musician.

A collection of \$519 was raised for the Holy Land Pilgrimage Fund.

**Grand Commander's Closing remarks**

Good Afternoon Sir Knights,

First, I want to thank the Sir Knights of Indiana with this honor of being selected to serve as your Grand Commander. I hope that I will meet your expectations for the coming year.

Second, I want to thank my installing officers: Past Grand Commanders, Larry Brown, Paul Friend, Paul Cole, David Bertch and Jim Dove. You have each in one-way or another helped or guided me in my path to this position. Whether it was from a direct conversion or through your examples of leadership, you have each helped me. Thank You.

It is because of Jim that I am in the position that I now hold. I had no intention of becoming a Grand Officer of any body. I was happy being a worker bee. Jim called me one night and ask if I would have an interest in becoming a member of the Grand Commandery Line. I should have started running at that point, but no, I asked what it would entail? He said that he would like to appoint me as the Grand Sentinel and that I would be the Battalion Commander for Battalion #1. If it did not work out, I could walk away with no hard feelings.

Well to tell you the truth I almost did walk away after my first year. I found that it takes a lot of hard work and dedication to be Grand Line Officer. But I decided that I would give it one more chance and found that I could do the work and that I enjoyed working with the Sir Knights of Battalion #1 and the rest of the state. Thank you, Jim for the opportunity.

My plans for the coming year. Other than the required Meetings, Receptions, in State Visitations, out of State Visitations and Inspection, there are three up-coming events, I feel I need to mention:

1. We will be Constituting a new Commandery on May 27<sup>th</sup>
  - a. Greene County located in Linton, IN
2. 150-year Rededication of La Porte Commandery #12, on July 29<sup>th</sup>
3. Leadership Training:
  - a. Bedford - August 5<sup>th</sup>
  - b. South Bend - August 12<sup>th</sup>
  - c. H. E. Lackey - August 26<sup>th</sup>

Lastly, I want to thank my wife of 43 years, Lady Claire. Without your help and support I would not have been able to do this. Thank you and I love you.

Lawrence J. Williams, GC

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**Grand Commandery Adjourned**

By the power vested in me as Grand Commander, I now declare William G. Bray Commandery No. 65 closed in Ample Form and I now declare this 163<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conclave Adjourn  
Our Devine Service will begin at 4:00 PM.

Sir Knights who were installed please assemble in the west and will your ladies please join you for pictures. Thank you.

**Grand Commander's Banquet**

The Grand Commander's Banquet followed with over 127 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 Tony S. Peterson a second was presented to Sir Knight Mark Baker. In addition, Sir Knight Duane L. Vaught, REGG, presented Sir Knight Donald D. Olvey with his Past Grand Commander's Certificate followed by a presentation of Grand Commander Olvey's Past Grand Commander's jewel by Sir Knight George A. Ingles, Jr., KCT, PGC. Sir Knight Olvey is now wearing the PGC jewel once worn by Harold R. Houlihan, from Angola Commandery No. 45 and Sir Knight Henry LaHurreau of Ft. Wayne Commandery No. 4.

**Competitive Drills**

The competitive drills were held on Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup>, at Columbus Skate land, 2660 N. Talley Road, Columbus, IN under the direction of William Short, PC and Drill Chairman. The following 3 teams competed in the drills:

(1)	Raper #1	1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Class "C"	899 Points	William Short, Captain
(2)	Greenfield #39	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Class "C"	871 Points	David Miller, Captain
(3)	Baldwin #2	1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Class "D"	933 Points	Randy Darling, Captain

Pass-in-Review lineup: Raper #1, Baldwin #2, and Greenfield #39  
The drills were followed by the awards.

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### **162<sup>nd</sup> CONCLAVE DIGEST**

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.

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

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, 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 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, 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.

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 from other jurisdiction included:

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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, 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.

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, and a preliminary report of the Credentials Committee was called for and a quorum was present. All Commanderies were represented.

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

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

**Grand Representatives:** Roll call of Grand Representatives showed that 29 were present, 16 were absent, 4 were excused and 1 position open.

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**Grand Recorder:** The Grand Recorder reported a loss of 178 for the year 2015-16 with 100 new Sir Knights having been created. Star Recorder of the Year: This Award, based on criteria set up by the Grand Commander and Grand Recorder went to Sir Knight Nathan C. Brindle, Recorder of Raper Commandery No. 1.

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

**Holy Land Pilgrimage:** The Holy Land Pilgrimage Committee reported that three ministers went to the Holy Land this year. They included:

Rev. John T. Hogsett            Elkhart Commandery No. 31  
Rev. Stanley F. Hoffman      LaValette Commandery No. 15  
Rev. Garet Olaf Alexander McHugh replaced  
Rev. Gary W. Pitcock          Raper Commandery No. 1

**Trustees:** The Permanent fund is invested with Morgan Stanley in a moderate growth account with a ten-year investment horizon. This has been a difficult year for our investments with Morgan Stanley. In April of 2015, we invested \$352,320.78 and \$220,308.77 in the General Fund and Education Fund, respectively with Morgan Stanley. The above investments declined to \$343,145.05 in the General Fund and \$215,399.86 in the Education Fund. Or an average decline of 3% in a very up and down year.

**Necrology:** The report of the Necrology Committee paid tribute to those 117 Sir Knights who have passed to their eternal rest. After Grand Prelate Steven A. Arlington gave his report, George A. Ingles, Jr., KCT, PGC read a eulogy in memory of Sir Knight Larry V. Kaminsky, KCT, PGC, and moved that he be awarded to title of Grand Recorder Emeritus serving from 2006 to 2016. Sir Knight Duane L. Vaught, GTC, MEGM then gave a eulogy for Sir Knight James McCrory Wilson, Jr., GCT, HPGM, PGM of Texas and was the current Right Eminent Grand Treasurer of the Grand Encampment Knights Templar of the USA..

**Education Foundation:** The Educational Foundation Committee would like to continue to award a \$5000.00 scholarship to Christian Theological Seminary (CTS). However, the committee has contacted several theological seminaries in the state but we were unsuccessful in finding a seminary that would accept and acknowledge money from a Masonic organization.

**Crusader:** The official Conclave Program Book, "The Templar Crusader", was again successful and Raper Commandery No. 1 received the traveling award for selling the most ads.

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

Donald D. Olvey, GC            Lawrence J. Williams, DGC            Terry L. Kehrer, GG  
Michael F. Robbins, GCG      Donnie A. Robinette, GSW            Edward E. Fodrea, GJW  
Robert J. Frazer, KCT, PGC, GT            George A. Ingles, Jr., KCT, PGC, GR  
David M. Bertch, KCT, PGC was elected Grand Trustee for a term of 3 years.

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Grand Commander-elect Donald D. Olvey then announced the following appointments:

Charlie King, GP; Marvin L. Rees, GO; Tony S. Peterson, Grand Marshall; Irvin L. Bitting, KCT, PGC, GIG; Matthew E. Lowe, GStdB; James L. Davis, GSwdB; Philip D. Whisner, GW; and Thomas Johnson, GS.

**Finance:** SK James L. Dove KCT, PGC and Vice Chairman of the Finance Committee gave a presentation on the finances of the Grand Commandery.

This past year saw some additional cost to the budget in the moving of the office of the Grand Recorder and additional equipment and software.

This will be the first year in the last 6 that we will be taking money out of the Permanent fund and it is due to the present law for which a change to eliminate that requirement will be presented during this Conclave.

The finance committee is recommending no change to the present assessment although the budget shows a deficit of \$2,288.20, the new Grand Recorder is going to try to make that up with a change in the transmission of information to the officers of the Commanderies and Grand Officer via changes in notifications if passed and our web site.

In summary, the per capita now looks like this: Grand Encampment: \$9.00. Grand Commandery: \$11.50. Eye Foundation: \$1.00 (not assessed if member is a Life Member of the Eye Foundation).

### **Legislation passed or Failed:**

#### **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

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### Section 502 currently reads:

#### ANNUAL REPORT

**SECTION 502:** At each Annual Conclave, he shall make a written report to the Grand Commandery of his official acts and doings, and such other matters as he may deem necessary; provided that a printed copy of such report shall be mailed to each member of the Jurisprudence Committee ten days prior to the Annual Conclave.

**SECTION 502:** At each Annual Conclave, he shall make a written report to the Grand Commandery of his official acts and doings, and such other matters as he may deem necessary; provided that ~~a printed copy of~~ such report shall be ~~mailed~~ **provided** to each member of the Jurisprudence Committee ten days prior to the Annual Conclave.

**Passed** (April 2016)

**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. **Passed** (April 2016)

### 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.

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### **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.

**Passed** (April 2016)

### **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.

**Amended to delete (c) Passed as amended.**

##### **Section 806 passed as amended (April 2016)**

**Honorary Memberships:** The following Sir Knights were presented with Honorary Membership to the Indiana Grand Commandery: Gerald G. Pugh, Ohio; Raymond P. Swanson, Kentucky; Albert F. Johnson, Michigan; Martin Evans, Past Grand High Priest of Indiana, and Michael Stoner, Past Most Illustrious Master Cryptic Masons of Indiana.

**Easter Sunrise:** As has been the custom for many years, the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Indiana sponsored a trip to attend the Grand Encampment Easter Sunrise Service in Arlington, VA. The Easter Sunrise Service Trip began this year on March 22, 2016, at the LaQuinta Indianapolis East. On the way to Arlington, VA stops were made 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. The Grand Commander 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

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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.

**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>

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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

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### Knight York Cross of Honor 2015

Sir Knight Edward Sebring, KCT and Sir Knight Michael Anderson

**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.

**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.

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.

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.

The 163<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Indiana will be held at the Clarion Hotel in Columbus, IN on April 27, 2017

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**BATTALION STRUCTURE 2016-17**

<b>Battalion 1 – Thomas Johnson</b> LAPORTE # 12 VALPARASIO # 28 MICHIGAN CITY # 30 E.H. GARY # 57	<b>Battalion 2 – James Davis</b> SOUTH BEND # 13 APOLLO # 19 ELKHART # 31 ANGOLA # 45	<b>Battalion 3 - Edward Fodrea</b> FT. WAYNE # 4 GRANT COUNTY # 21 ANDERSON # 32 HUNTINGTON # 35 NOBLESVILLE # 61
<b>Battalion 4 – Philip Whisner</b> LAFAYETTE # 3 CRAWFORDSVILLE # 25 FRANKFORT # 29 KOKOMO # 36	<b>Battalion 5 – Donnie Robinette</b> BALDWIN # 2 GREENCASTLE # 11 JOHNSON COUNTY # 23 PRATHER #62 WM.G. BRAY # 65	<b>Battalion 6 – Matthew Lowe</b> RAPER # 1 CONNERSVILLE # 6 RICHMOND # 8 GREENFIELD # 39 H.E. LACKEY # 67
<b>Battalion 7 – Terry Kehrer</b> NEW ALBANY #5 COLUMBUS # 14 BEDFORD # 42 BLOOMINGTON # 63	<b>Battalion 8 – Michael Robbins</b> LAVALETTE # 15 TERRE HAUTE # 16 VINCENNES # 20 WRIGHT # 64	

# GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF INDIANA

## COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS 2016 - 2017

### Executive Committee

Donald D. Olvey, GC, Chair  
All Elected Officers

### Jurisprudence

Duane L. Vaught, GCT, MEGM,  
Steve J. Barton, PGC, PDC, Vice  
All Past Grand Commanders

### Necrology

Charles P. King, GP, Chair  
Robert S. Flint, GPE, Vice

### York Rite Coordination

Lawrence J. Williams, DGC  
Terry L. Kehrer, GG  
Michael F. Robbins, GCG

### Long Range Planning

Lawrence J. Williams, DGC Chair  
Terry L. Kehrer, GG Vice  
Michael Robbins, GCG  
James L. Davis, GStB  
George A. Ingles, Jr., PGC, GR

### Finance

James L. Dove, PGC, (Larry)  
Ronald L. Ellis, PGC (Terry)  
Irvin L. Bitting, PGC (Mike)  
George A. Ingles, Jr., PGC, GR  
Robert J. Frazer, PGC, GT

### Membership Inactive

#### Participation

Kevin Spencer, PC, Chair  
John A. Bridegroom, PC, Vice  
Michael F. Robbins, GCG  
Charles P. King, GP  
Terry L. Kehrer, GG

### Competitive Drill

William H. Short, PC, Chair  
George D. Kivett, HPGC  
Irvin L. Bitting, PGC  
David L. Miller, PC  
Jack F. Wallace, PGC

### Triennial

Michael F. Robbins, GCG Chair  
Lawrence J. Williams, DGM  
Terry L. Kehrer, GG

### Dispensations and Charters

Jack F. Wallace, PGC, Chair  
Rodney A. Mann, PGC, Vice  
Irvin L. Bitting,, PGC

### By-Laws

George A. Ingles, Jr, PGC, GR  
Lawrence J. Williams, DGC  
Terry L. Kehrer, GG

### Indiana Templar Web Site

Kurt A. Begue, PC

### Visiting SK and Distinguished Guests

H. E. Gene Lackey, HPGC Chair  
Donnie A. Robinette, GSW, Vice  
All Elected Grand Officers

### Holy Land Pilgrimage

Robert J. Frazer, PGC, GT, Chair  
Adam E. Jackson, GPE, Vice  
Byron Schull, GPE  
Ed Sebring, GPE  
Tony Peterson, GPE

### Ritual and Tactics

Michael F. Robbins, GCG Chair  
Lawrence J. Williams, DGC

### Education Foundation

Larry W. Brown, PGC, PDC  
Robert J. Frazer, PGC, GT  
James L. Dove, PGC  
Jack F. Wallace, PGC  
George A. Ingles, Jr., PGC, GR

### Templar Uniform

Edward E. Fodrea, GJW, Chair  
Donnie A. Robinette, GSW  
Lawrence J. Williams, GG  
Matthew E. Lowe, GStB

### Masonic Youth

Randal P. Ellington, GPE, Chair  
Donnie A. Robinette, GSW

### Easter Sunrise Service

James L. Bolinger, GG  
Charles P. King, GP

### Life Membership

Jack F. Wallace, PGC, Chair  
Bobby J. Roberts, PGC

### Templar Education

Edward E. Fodrea, GJW, Chair  
All Battalion Commanders

### Lanvard Cord Program

Virgil G. Humphrey, KTC, KTCH

### Eve Foundation

David M. Bertch, PGC, Chair  
Jack F. Wallace, PGC, Vice  
Duane Stucker, PGC  
Wayne A. Sheets, GPE

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**Masonic Home Nativity Scene**

Donnie A. Robinette, GSW, Chair  
Randal P. Ellington, GPE, Vice  
Edward E. Fodrea, GJW  
Matthew E. Lowe, GStB  
James L. Davis, GSWB

**Grievance and Appeals**

Ronald D. Simpson, PGC  
Steve J. Barton, PGC, PDC  
Paul W. Friend, PGC

**Patriotic Activities**

David Pass, Chair  
Jason Smith  
John Freeland  
Kevin Spence  
Lawrence J. Williams, DGC

**Publicity & Public Relations**

Terry L. Kehrer, GG Chair  
Michael F. Robbins, GCG  
Donnie A. Robinette, GSW  
Philip D. Whisner, GW

**Credentials**

Edward E. Fodrea, GJW  
James L. Davis, GSWB  
Other Sir Knights as needed

**Tellers**

James L. Bolinger, PGC, Chair  
Irvin L. Bitting, PGC, Vice  
Jack F. Wallace, PGC

**Unfinished Business**

Lawrence J. Williams DGC  
Michael J. Robbins, GCG

**Knight Templar Editor**

Edward L. Sebring, KTCH, GPE

**Trustees**

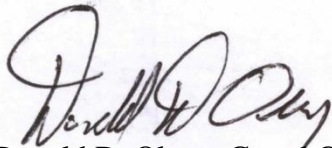
Larry W. Brown, PGC, PECDC  
James L. Dove, PGC  
David M. Bertch, PGC

**Ladies Program**

Nina Olvey Chair  
Connie Whisner  
Monica Peterson

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 2<sup>nd</sup> day of May, A.D. 2016, A.O. 898.



Donald D. Olvey, Grand Commander

ATTESTED:



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





Bulletin No. 2 Olvey

April 30, 2016

## Eminent Commander Certificate of Merit Award

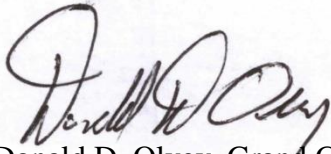
In order to honor the Eminent Commanders of Indiana who have completed a full term in 2016 and who have demonstrated that they are effective leaders will be eligible to receive a Certificate of Merit based upon the following criteria at the Grand Conclave on April 30, 2017.

- 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 2016.
- 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 no later than the Winter Meeting of the Grand Commandery in January 2017.**

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 30th day of April, A.D. 2016, A.O. 898.



Donald D. Olvey, Jr., Grand Commander

ATTESTED:



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



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**Bulletin No. 3 Olvey**

**April 30, 2016**

**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.”

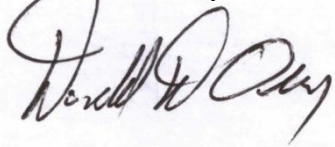
Each Indiana Commandery may nominate two (2) Sir Knights and/or (2) “Friends” per year upon the recommendation of its three dais officers. Nominations are made using the enclosed forms, and **must be submitted to the Grand Recorder no later than February 1, 2016.** The cost of the jewel is borne by the 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 30th day of April, A.D. 2016, A.O. 898.

Donald D. Olvey, Grand Commander



ATTESTED:



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

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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

Approved this: \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Eminent Commander

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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 \_\_\_\_\_

Bulletin No. 4 Olvey

April 30, 2016

## Knights Templar Cross of Honor

In accordance with the provisions of Section 237 (b) 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.

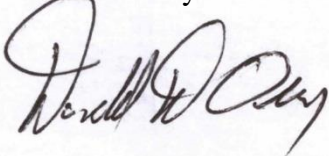
Should your Commandery desire to make a nomination for this award, you will use the following procedure.

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, Donald D. Olvey at 3785 Waterfront Way, Plainfield, Indiana 46168-7624.**

The nomination form must be in the hands of the Grand Commander prior to **February 1, 2017**. 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 30th day of April 2016, A.O. 898.



Donald D. Olvey, Grand Commander

ATTESTED:



George A. Ingles, Jr., 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 (b) 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 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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\_\_\_\_\_  
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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

Bulletin No. 5 Olvey

April 30, 2016

## Holy Land Pilgrimage 2017

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

We are pleased to announce the **2017 Holy Land Pilgrimage**. The only Pilgrimage will depart from JFK in New York, February 13, 2017, and return on February 23, 2017.

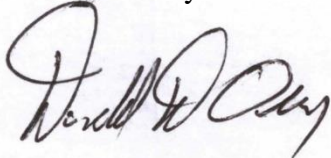
The itinerary will cover the major Holy Land sites. The pilgrim ministers chosen will have their entire round trip air fare paid from Indianapolis, IN to JFK, NY, then ELAL Airlines to Tel Aviv. As a guest of the Knights Templar, they will also receive three meals per day while in the Holy Land, lodging 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 \$3,290.00 from JFK in New York. To the work, Sir Knights, draw your swords in defense of the Christian religion.

**Send your recommendation by September 15, 2016 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".**

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 22<sup>nd</sup> day of May, A.D. 2016, A.O. 898.



Donald D. Olvey, Grand Commander

ATTESTED:



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



**GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF INDIANA**

April 30, 2016



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The Villages, FL 32162

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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 34th Holy Land Pilgrimage in February / March 2017

**TO: Grand Recorders and Grand Commandery Holy Land Pilgrimage Chairmen**

Gate 1 Travel Agency has reserved places for one (1) group of 45+- people each for the 2017 Knights Templar Holy Land Pilgrimage. The dates are: **February 13 – February 23, 2017.**

- 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 costs this year are now approximately \$3,290.00 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 addressed 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, S. K. Emmett W. Mills, Jr., KCT, PGC, Chairman, Holy Land Pilgrimage



## Knights Templar Holy Land Pilgrimage

### GUIDELINES FOR THE SELECTION OF MINISTERS

The following are the selection criteria suggested for use in choosing ministers for the Knight Templar Holy Land Pilgrimage. Please carefully consider these guidelines before inviting ministers to apply.

**Please take careful note, the guidelines have recently changed.**

Ministers to be considered should:

- Have **never traveled to the Holy Land** before.
- Be serving in some form of **Credentialed Ministry** (Ordained, Certified, Licensed, etc.) A copy of the minister's credentials (certificate or letter) is to accompany the nomination form.
- Be currently serving in a **leadership ministry**, with regular preaching responsibility. This means that they are employed by the church in a leadership role and that ministry is considered their primary source of income.
- Have **served at least one year** in full time ministry in a primary leadership role as pastor / minister.
- Have **at least ten years of full time service** remaining in their active ministry. This opportunity is intended to enhance the ongoing preaching, teaching and overall biblical understanding of the participant, and in turn, benefit those they serve.
- 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). This is a physically rigorous program.
- Be willing to travel with an **ecumenical group** of other ministers from many denominations and religious groups, both male and female ministers, and maintain a professional and courteous attitude toward all.
- Be willing to travel in a program sponsored by the **Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the USA**, an appendant organization of **Freemasonry**.
- Be willing to travel **without their spouse**. This is non-negotiable.
- Have the understanding that this is a **strenuous educational and spiritual study seminar / historical & cultural immersion experience** and not a vacation trip.

GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF INDIANA



QUESTIONNAIRE FOR MINISTERS / NOMINATION FORM 2017

1. FULL NAME:

\_\_\_\_\_

2. HOME ADDRESS:

\_\_\_\_\_

CITY / STATE / ZIP CODE:

\_\_\_\_\_

3. TELEPHONE: area code (\_\_\_\_) home: \_\_\_\_\_ work \_\_\_\_\_ mobile: \_\_\_\_\_

4. AGE: \_\_\_\_ DATE OF BIRTH: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

5. Spouse's name, if married: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of years married: \_\_\_\_

6. Children's name(s) and age(s), if any:

\_\_\_\_\_

7. HIGHER EDUCATION - give name of school, years attended, and degrees achieved:

\_\_\_\_\_

8. Type of ordination and name of body conferring ordination (**please attach a copy of your ordination certificate**):

\_\_\_\_\_

9. Name of Church you currently serve and its complete address (including city, state & zip) and **office phone**:

\_\_\_\_\_

10. Number of years in **full time** ordained ministry: \_\_\_\_\_

11. List other churches, years served and positions held:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

12. Have you ever been to the Holy Land? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, give the date(s) and the single most inspiring site visited: \_\_\_\_\_

13a. Why would you like to travel to the Holy Land?

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

13b. Upon your return, how might this experience effect your ministry?

\_\_\_\_\_

14. Masonic affiliation, if any: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF INDIANA**

15. Why did you elect to become a minister? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

16. **Please obtain a signature** from the Chair of your Personnel Committee, Church Board, District or Regional Supervisor, etc. If selected to be a Pilgrim Minister on the Knights Templar Holy Land Pilgrimage, this pastor will be granted leave to participate.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name and Contact information:

17. Are you willing to travel to the Holy Land as a guest of the Knights Templar? \_\_\_\_\_

18. Are you willing to travel to the Holy Land WITHOUT your spouse (this is not negotiable)?  
\_\_\_\_\_

19. Are you willing to be a part of a traveling group made up of members of many other denominations? \_\_\_\_\_

20. Do you know of any Knights Templar in your church? \_\_\_\_\_

If so, please list name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

21. Are you aware of any health problems which would prevent or limit your participation in this strenuous trip? \_\_\_\_\_

22. Do you require medication?  
\_\_\_\_\_

23. What is the size of your congregation? \_\_\_\_\_

24. Number of ministers serving the congregation: \_\_\_\_\_

25. Do you hold a valid passport for travel to Israel? \_\_\_\_\_

If no, do you foresee any difficulty in obtaining one? \_\_\_\_\_

26. If chosen, will you be able to travel on the dates, **Feb 13 to Feb, 23, 2017?** \_\_\_\_\_

27. Has your name ever been submitted as a Knights Templar Holy Land Pilgrimage nominee in the past? \_\_\_\_\_

**I commit to clearing my personal calendar and making the necessary arrangements with the church to facilitate my full participation and travel with the Knights Templar Holy Land Pilgrimage if selected.**

Minister's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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28. Recommending Commandery: \_\_\_\_\_ Commandery No. \_\_\_\_\_

29. Recommending Commander's Signature:  
\_\_\_\_\_

30. Recommending Commandery – Contact person for info, details, and arrangements (name, address, phones, & email):  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF INDIANA**



*To be completed and signed by the Grand Recorder and the Holy Land Pilgrimage Chairman*  
**PILGRIM CERTIFICATION – Due with Fees and Nomination Form by October 15 to  
Emmett Mills, PGC; 1713 Bettrillo Ct.; The Villages, FL 32162 CUAEWM@aol.com**

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**This is to confirm that the Grand Commandery of**

\_\_\_\_\_ (state)

**is certifying the following pilgrim minister as their selection to fully fund for participation in the  
upcoming Knights Templar Holy Land Pilgrimage.**

Pilgrim Minister's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_

City / State / Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Work phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Church served by this pastor: \_\_\_\_\_

- It is understood that the full fee for the current year must accompany this form and the nomination form (**QUESTIONNAIRE FOR MINISTERS / NOMINATION FORM**) (for 2017 - \$3,290.00, check made out to "**HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE, INC.**")
- It is understood that fees may not be transferable, so that if your pilgrim does not travel at the reserved time, the sponsoring Grand Commandery may lose any money already spent on travel reservations and arrangements or there may be additional fees.
- It is understood that the pilgrim minister has cleared travel on this Knights Templar Holy Land Pilgrimage with their denomination and local congregation (if necessary).
- It is understood that the pilgrim minister and the local congregation served by the pilgrim minister have made necessary contingency plans so that participation in the Knights Templar Holy Land Pilgrimage will not be impeded.

Signature of Grand Recorder: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone and email: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature / State Holy Land Pilgrimage Chairman:  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone and email: \_\_\_\_\_

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**This form must be accompanied by the completed Nomination Form and Total Fees.**

To all Valiant and Magnanimous Knights of the Temple of Indiana, wheresoever dispersed throughout Christendom-Salutations and Knightly Greetings:

**A Toast to our Right Eminent Grand Commander  
Christmas 2016**

We offer a toast to you, our Right Eminent Grand Commander, during this your year of leading the Chivalric Masons of Indiana.

We again celebrate Christmas by remembering those who gave of themselves at the first Christmas celebration when our Messiah was born in a manger to the Virgin Mary. We are humbled at the gift given to us by our Heavenly Father, his one and only Son. At that first Christmas, the Magi and the Shepherds who were amazed by what they had seen, brought gifts to our new King and traveled home spreading the good news as they went. We continue to be amazed by this great Gift and strive to use our talents for the glory of God by telling others about what we have seen.

To you, Grand Commander, who lead us in our efforts to bring light to the world, we are truly blessed by your example of faith, perseverance and humility. We send you and Lady Nina our love and warmest friendship. May you continue to look to His guidance and follow His example while leading the Knights Templar of Indiana. We toast you and Lady Nina and wish you a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year!

*A Toast to you, Right Eminent Grand Commander!*

In His Name,

Sir Knight Charles P. King, Grand Prelate



## **Response to the Grand Prelate's Toast**

Seasons Greetings,

Lady Nina and I thank our Grand Prelate for this Christmas toast. We also thank each of you for the support you have shown the Grand Commandery.

This is the time of the year that we celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. As we reflect on His love and sacrifice for us, we must never forget our obligation to Him.

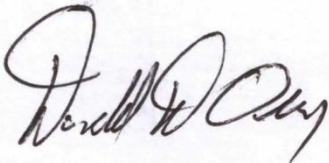
We must continue to do our all to protect and promote the Christian religion and remember, we are our Brothers Keepers and always do unto others as we would expect them to treat us.

Keep this great Country and our Fraternity in your thoughts and prayers as well as the members of our armed services and all first responders who protect us, our freedom and our way of life.

May you and yours have a blessed and Merry Christmas!

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 1<sup>st</sup> day of November, A.D. 2016, A.O. 898.



Donald D. Olvey, Grand Commander

ATTESTED:



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



## **Grand Encampment of Knights Templar**



**THE APARTMENTS OF THE GRAND PRELATE  
and  
THE RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE**

Year of Our Lord 2016

To all Valiant and Magnanimous Knights of the Temple, wheresoever dispersed throughout Christendom ~  
Salutations and Knightly Greetings:

**A TOAST TO OUR MOST EMINENT GRAND MASTER**

**CHRISTMAS 2016**

We offer a toast to you, our Most Eminent Grand Master, during this your second year leading the Chivalric Masons of this Grand Encampment.

We celebrate this Christmas season, remembering the gift given to us in a baby born to the Virgin Mary, surrounded by the beasts of the field in a stable. We open our hearts to receive God the Father's greatest gift to us in His Son, Jesus. As those Magi of old, beholding the miraculous star, followed its light to Bethlehem, so we as Knights Templar come together to follow the light of Templary. As those Wise Men three presented precious gifts portending a crown, a cross and a grave, so we bring our best gifts of peace, love and joy to a dark and bitter world.

To you, Grand Master, whose wise counsel and direction brings light to us, we raise our voices in joyous carols. In profound gratitude for your generous heart, inclusive spirit, and virtuous example, we send you and your Lady Georgia our love, loyalty, and fraternal affection. As you bring us light in this coming year, may you be led by the Light of the World, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We toast you and Lady Georgia and wish for you a Blessed Christmas and a healthy and happy New Year.

*A toast to you, Most Eminent Grand Master!*

In His Name,

Sir Knight and Reverend Kenneth D. Fuller, P.G.C., Chairman

***The Committee on Religious Activities***

Sir Knight and Reverend William D. Hartman, Grand Prelate

Sir Knight and Reverend Terry L. Hensley, P.G.C.

Sir Knight and Reverend James R. Herrington, P.G.C.

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## GRAND MASTER'S RESPONSE

Christmas 2016

To the Right Eminent Grand Prelate, The Committee on Religious Activities, and all Sir Knights wheresoever dispersed:

Knightly Greetings!

The most sincere thanks for myself and Lady Georgia to the Right Eminent Grand Prelate and Committee on Religious Activities for their meaningful and humbling toast this Christmas season.

The toast offered, thanks me for counsel, direction, and example. To the extent I deserve such thanks I note that these things come not of themselves or from myself but of a spirit of divine guidance that we each should seek to fulfill. The only perfect example lies before us and has since that day in Bethlehem.

As we celebrate the birth of the Christ and of his ministry let us each try our best to practice the virtues and to spread goodwill and support to all we may meet.

Christ told us to love others and in this season more than any we should make a greater effort and a deeper commitment to carry the practice into the new year and into our daily lives.

We pray that each of our Templar families and the world at large may find Peace, Happiness, Joy, Hope, and Love during this Christmas season as we celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

The officers of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar and their ladies join with my Lady Georgia and me in wishing each of you and your families a most blessed and Merry Christmas!

Courteously,

⚔ *Duane Lee Vaught*

Duane Lee Vaught, GCT  
Grand Master



*The foregoing toast to the Most Eminent Grand Master and his response thereto are transmitted to you with the request that you extend an invitation through the proper offices to all Sir Knights within your jurisdiction to join in the sentiments thus conveyed at some convenient hour, on or near the birthday of Christ, commonly called Christmas Day, December twenty-fifth, in the Year of Grace 2016.*

**Bulletin No. 7 Olvey**

**December 1, 2016**

## **Conferring of Orders in another Jurisdiction**

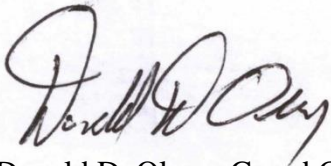
In keeping with the desire of this Grand Commandery to assist and participate in other Jurisdictions, thereby exemplifying the Templary in its finest.

Permission is granted to permit candidates from Indiana to have courtesy Orders conferred at the Tri-State Festival in Bryan, Ohio on March 4, 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 1<sup>st</sup> day of December A.D. 2016, A.O. 898



Donald D. Olvey, Grand Commander

ATTESTED:



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



## **Resignation of Grand Sword Bearer**

Sir Knight James L. Davis, KCT, Grand Sword Bearer, and Battalion Commander of Battalion No.2 has resigned from his duties in that station.

Therefore, it is necessary to direct as follows:

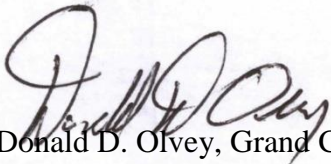
I have decided not to fill the position now, but will designate the duties relating to Battalion No. 2 as follows.

Sir Knight, Edward Fodrea will assume the duties as Battalion Commander for the following Commanderies: Ft. Wayne No. 4, Apollo No. 19, Grant County No. 21, Anderson No. 32, Huntington No. 35, Angola No. 45 and Noblesville No. 61.

Sir Knight, Thomas Johnson will assume the duties as Battalion Commander for the following Commanderies: LaPorte No. 12, South Bend No. 13, Valparaiso No. 28, Michigan City No. 30, Elkhart No. 31 and E. H. Gary No. 57

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 12<sup>th</sup> day of December A.D. 2016, A.O. 898



Donald D. Olvey, Grand Commander

ATTESTED:



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



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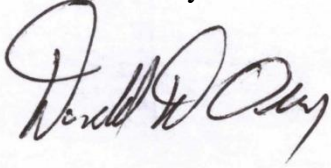
**Dispensation No. 1- Olvey**

May 3, 2016

**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 30, 2016. 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 30<sup>th</sup> day of April 2016, A.O. 898.



Donald D. Olvey,  
Grand Commander



ATTESTED:



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

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**Dispensation No. 2- Olvey**

June 1, 2016

**Greene County Commandery  
Linton, Indiana**


To the Sir Knights of Greene County Commandery:

**Whereas**, proper request has been made and good cause shown, by virtue of the authority in me vested as Grand Commander of Knights Templar in the State of Indiana, I do Hereby grant this my

***Official Permission***

for the above named Commandery to operate until a formal Charter is presented to the Commandery. This permission is granted under the authority of the Grand Commander and subject to the following conditions: All Rules and Regulations of the Indiana Grand Commandery, Constitution, Statues, Rules, Resolutions, Forms and Decisions of the Grand Encampment. With special attention to Chapter VII; Sections 150 – 168 inclusive of the Grand Encampment.

- 1) The Eminent Commander shall comply with the provisions of the quoted regulations.
  - 2) The Commandery Under Dispensation, may use this “Certificate of Dispensation” in lieu of its actual charter and must be on display.
  - 3) Should the presentation of the permanent Charter take longer than this permission is valid, then the Commandery must request a new dispensation from the Grand Commander.
  - 4) This permission expires at midnight on Friday, April 28, 2017, A.O. 899.
- authority. Given under my hand and seal this 10<sup>th</sup> day of May 2016, A.O. 898.



Donald D. Olvey,  
Grand Commander



ATTESTED:



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

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**Dispensation No. 3- Olvey**

June 8, 2016

**Baldwin Commandery No. 2  
Fairland, Indiana**

To the Sir Knights of Baldwin Commandery No. 2:

**Whereas**, proper request has been made and good cause shown, by virtue of the authority in me vested as Grand Commander of Knights Templar in the State of Indiana, I do Hereby grant this my,

***Official Permission***

for the above named Commandery to confer the title of Honorary Past Commander upon Sir Knight Russel A. Hamner, Jr.

This permission is granted under the authority of the Grand Commander and Section No. 237 (a) (b): of the Grand Encampment, Constitution, Statues, Rules, and Resolutions.

This permission expires at midnight on Friday, April 28, 2017, A.O. 899.  
authority.

Given under my hand and seal this 8<sup>th</sup> day of May 2016, A.O. 898.



Donald D. Olvey,  
Grand Commander

ATTESTED:



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





**General Order No. 1 Olvey**

**April 30, 2016**

**Annual Inspection and instructional 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 and appointed Grand Officer, if it is within the Battalion of the latter, excluding the Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder. 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 required inspection items (see #3 above) as well as the Ritual Inspection for score (opening, closing and flag presentation) and another meeting for the agreed upon Instructional. The area of instruction may be an Order or any part of the Ritual and/or Tactics as determined by the Battalion Commander based on the needs of the respective Commanderies. The full inspection and instructional may be done in one day, if desired. All inspections and Instructionals must be complete by the first Sunday in December 2016.

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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 Ritual Inspection. Officers and members may assume other stations during the Instructionals.

7. An Inspection and Instructional may be held at the Battalion level and include any number of the Commanderies within that Battalion deemed appropriate by the Battalion Commander. Each participating Commandery must have at least 6 members present to receive the Ritual score or receive credit for the Instructional.

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. One hundred (100) points for a public Reception will be added to the Activities Sheet for all participating Commanderies. Upon completion of each Inspection and Instructional and prior to closing, the Inspecting Officer shall give his remarks first, and then the Grand Commander, if present, will follow with his remarks. Whenever he is not present, the Inspecting Officer, acting as the Grand Commander's official Representative, shall be accorded all of the honors and courtesies due him, as such. If the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Indiana is present he will speak after the Grand Commander; otherwise, the Grand Commander will be the final speaker.

9. Knowingly 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 receives the Commander
- The Commander receives Distinguished Guests
- The sword manual is performed
- The Commandery is inspected for uniform
- The Triangle is formed
- The United States Flag and lecture is given

10. Each Battalion will host at least one, but no more than two, receptions for the Grand Commander. These receptions will be conducted as a Templar Boards followed by the Reception of Distinguished Guests. No opening or closing of the Asylum need be associated with this reception.

11. The Inspecting Officer shall make his inspection and instructional report of each Commandery to the Right Eminent Grand Commander, Grand Inspector General, the Deputy Grand Commander, Grand Recorder, and Division Commander, as well as the Eminent Commander and the Recorder of the inspected Commandery within fourteen (14) days following the completion of the Inspection and Instructional. A full report of the Inspections and Instructionals will be discussed at the winter meeting and presented for publication and appropriate recognition at the Annual Conclave.

12. The Battalion Guidon will be awarded to the Commandery in each Battalion who has the highest ritualistic score. The ritualistic score shall be the score of the opening, closing Flag presentation and the

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successful completion of the required instructional (Activity scores excluded). All Commanderies will be graded according to the forms and procedures adopted for that purpose.

13. The two Commanderies scoring highest in each battalion on the activity score sheet will also be recognized by a ribbon that may be attached to the Commandery Beauceant. The Commandery with the highest activity score in the state will receive the Grand Commandery Guidon for the coming year.

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 30th day of April, A.D. 2016, A.O. 898.



Donald D. Olvey, Grand Commander

ATTESTED:



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



General Order No. 2 Olvey

April 30, 2016

## 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 ready 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 30th day of April, A.D. 2016, A.O. 898



Donald D. Olvey, Grand Commander

ATTESTED:



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



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**General Order No. 3 Olvey**

**April 30, 2016**

**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.

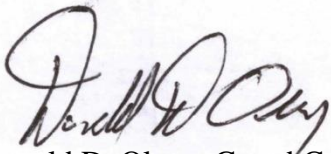
- Upon Knighting, each Sir Knight will have a mentor assigned whose responsibility it will be to cause the new Sir Knight to remain an active member by inviting him to all functions personally, helping him become involved in the Commandery to the extent the new Sir Knight is able, and answering all questions 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 30th day of April, A.D. 2016, A.O. 898.



Donald D. Olvey, Grand Commander



Attest: George A. Ingles, Jr., KCT, PGC, Grand Recorder



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**General Order No. 4 Olvey**

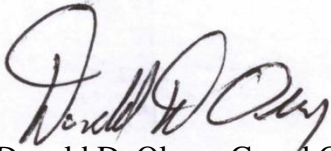
**April 30, 2016**

**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 30th day of April, A.D. 2016, A.O. 898.



Donald D. Olvey, Grand Commander



ATTESTED:



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

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**General Order No. 5 Olvey**

April 30, 2016

**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.

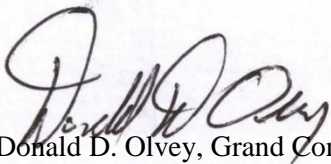
Therefore, an award has been established and will be continued in his honor. This Indiana Award will be given to the Commandery that contributes the most money to the Holy Land fund each year. Whether you pay the full price of a minister to go to the Holy Land or just donate money to help send a minister, 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 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 30th day of April, A.D. 2016, A.O. 898.



Donald D. Olvey, Grand Commander

ATTESTED:



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



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**INDIANA ASSOCIATION OF PAST COMMANDER'S  
2017-2018 ANNUAL REPORT**

The annual meeting was held on April 28, 2017 at 7:00 AM at the Clarion Hotel, Columbus. IN. previous to Grand Commandery Annual Conclave in Due Form, Knight Commander, Michael Stoner, presiding.

Motion made to confer the Past Commander's Degree before the Order of Business and Passed.

The Past Commanders Degree was conferred on fifteen (15) paid candidates.

Minutes were read and approved.

Treasurer's report was given and approved.

Motion was passed to donate \$500 to the Holy Land Pilgrimage.

Motion was passed to allow Recorder/Secretary to secure an EIN number for the club.

Motion was passed to allow up to \$500 to buy tables and linens for the club.

Nominating Committee recommended all officers move up one station except Recorder/Secretary and new sentinel was appointed.

**2017-2018 ELECTED OFFICERS**

**KNIGHT COMMANDER . . . . . JOHN McCLELLAND**  
**KNIGHT GENERALISSIMO . . . . . BRUCE FRAZER**  
**KNIGHT CAPTAIN GENERAL . . . .JEFF PING**  
**KNIGHT PRELATE . . . . . STEVE MAXWELL**  
**KNIGHT WARDER . . . . . ED FODREA**  
**KNIGHT SENTINAL . . . . . ARTHUR TUESBURY**

Officers were installed by Past Knight Commander, Edward E. Sebring, and PGHP.

Past Commanders Jewel was presented to Past Knight Commander, Edward E. Sebring, and PGHP. Meeting was closed in form by Knight Commander, John McClelland and Knights dismissed.

Fraternally.

Allen Dale Foreman, Recorder



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**OFFICERS OF THE CONSTITUENT COMMANDERIES**

<b>No.</b>	<b>Commandery</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Commander 2016</b>	<b>Recorder 2016</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	Connerville	Connerville	Jerry Fray	David Bertch
8	Richmond	Richmond	Charles Maines	Dennis H. Rigsby
11	Greencastle	Greencastle	Forrest Brewer	W. Kris Phillips
12	LaPorte	LaPorte	Diom Diakis	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.

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Grand Commandery Receipts for 2016														
No.	1/1/2016		12/31/2016		GC Chargeable Members	GE Chargeable Members	G.C. Dues @ \$11.50	G.E. Dues @ \$9.00	Eye Foundation	Knighting Fees	From Life Members Fund	Amount Due	Statement Sent	Amount Received
	Total Members	Total Members	Total Members	Total Members										
Raper	1	107	87	78	87	87	\$897.00	\$78.00	\$174.00	\$20.00	\$554.00	\$1,220.00	1/4/2017	\$1,220.00
Baldwin	2	67	60	50	60	60	\$575.00	\$40.00	\$18.00	\$40.00	\$437.00	\$736.00	1/4/2017	\$736.00
Lafayette	3	98	90	73	90	90	\$839.50	\$810.00	\$67.00	\$20.00	\$97.00	\$1,639.50	1/4/2017	\$1,639.50
Fort Wayne	4	180	160	150	160	160	\$1,725.00	\$1,440.00	\$145.00	\$120.00	\$158.00	\$3,272.00	1/4/2017	\$3,272.00
New Albany	5	140	133	123	133	133	\$1,414.50	\$1,197.00	\$99.00	\$0.00	\$350.50	\$2,360.00	1/4/2017	\$2,360.00
Connersville	6	68	65	52	65	65	\$598.00	\$585.00	\$26.00	\$0.00	\$9.00	\$1,220.00	1/4/2017	\$1,220.00
Richmond	8	42	42	38	42	42	\$437.00	\$378.00	\$36.00	\$20.00	\$90.00	\$781.00	1/4/2017	\$781.00
Greencastle	11	44	44	40	44	44	\$450.00	\$396.00	\$2.00	\$40.00	\$112.50	\$785.50	1/4/2017	\$785.50
LaPorte	12	54	49	47	49	49	\$540.50	\$441.00	\$40.00	\$80.00	\$70.00	\$991.50	1/4/2017	\$991.50
South Bend	13	89	72	62	72	72	\$713.00	\$648.00	\$67.00	\$80.00	\$66.00	\$1,442.00	1/4/2017	\$1,442.00
Columbus	14	165	159	124	159	159	\$1,426.00	\$1,431.00	\$87.00	\$40.00	\$439.00	\$2,545.00	1/4/2017	\$2,545.00
LaValette	15	141	129	112	129	129	\$1,288.00	\$1,161.00	\$116.00	\$80.00	\$269.00	\$2,376.00	1/4/2017	\$2,376.00
Terre Haute	16	103	98	92	98	98	\$1,058.00	\$882.00	\$89.00	\$40.00	\$180.00	\$1,889.00	1/4/2017	\$1,889.00
Apollo	19	46	35	33	35	35	\$379.50	\$315.00	\$25.00	\$40.00	\$99.00	\$660.50	1/4/2017	\$660.50
Vincennes	20	74	65	53	65	65	\$609.50	\$585.00	\$13.00	\$20.00	\$225.00	\$1,002.50	1/4/2017	\$1,002.50
Grant County	21	40	39	28	39	39	\$322.00	\$351.00	\$33.00	\$20.00	\$153.00	\$573.00	1/4/2017	\$573.00
Johnson County	23	69	67	61	67	67	\$701.50	\$603.00	\$65.00	\$0.00	\$206.00	\$1,163.50	1/4/2017	\$1,163.50
Crawfordsville	25	44	53	45	53	53	\$517.50	\$477.00	\$45.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,039.50	1/4/2017	\$1,039.50
Walparaiso	28	72	164	146	164	164	\$1,667.50	\$1,476.00	\$97.00	\$0.00	\$193.00	\$3,047.50	1/4/2017	\$3,047.50
Frankfort	29	102	99	79	99	99	\$908.50	\$891.00	\$88.00	\$80.00	\$0.00	\$1,967.50	1/4/2017	\$1,967.50
Michigan City	30	40	39	38	39	39	\$437.00	\$351.00	\$37.00	\$40.00	\$0.00	\$865.00	12/5/2016	\$865.00
Elkhart	31	113	114	107	114	114	\$1,230.50	\$1,026.00	\$59.00	\$100.00	\$206.00	\$2,209.50	1/4/2017	\$2,209.50
Anderson	32	138	133	101	133	133	\$1,161.50	\$1,197.00	\$96.00	\$80.00	\$463.50	\$2,071.00	1/4/2017	\$2,071.00
Huntington	35	45	41	34	41	41	\$391.00	\$369.00	\$36.00	\$40.00	\$72.00	\$764.00	1/4/2017	\$764.00
Kokomo	36	79	85	71	85	85	\$816.50	\$765.00	\$13.00	\$0.00	\$318.00	\$1,276.50	1/4/2017	\$1,276.50
Greenfield	39	198	184	164	184	184	\$1,886.00	\$1,656.00	\$142.00	\$40.00	\$275.00	\$3,449.00	1/4/2017	\$3,449.00
Hammond	41	127	0	0	0	0				\$0.00				
Bedford	42	99	81	78	81	81	\$897.00	\$729.00	\$50.00	\$120.00	\$0.00	\$1,796.00	1/4/2017	\$1,796.00
Angola	45	96	95	84	95	95	\$966.00	\$855.00	\$21.00	\$40.00	\$84.00	\$1,798.00	1/4/2017	\$1,798.00
E.H. Gary	57	89	85	75	85	85	\$862.50	\$765.00	\$7.00	\$20.00	\$120.00	\$1,534.50	1/4/2017	\$1,534.50
Noblesville	61	65	50	45	50	50	\$517.50	\$450.00	\$30.00	\$20.00	\$126.00	\$891.50	1/4/2017	\$891.50
Prather	62	167	192	183	192	192	\$2,104.50	\$1,728.00	\$184.00	\$0.00	\$102.00	\$3,914.50	1/4/2017	\$3,914.50
Bloomington	63	143	140	122	140	140	\$1,403.00	\$1,260.00	\$65.00	\$20.00	\$83.00	\$2,665.00	1/4/2017	\$2,665.00
Wright	64	26	32	32	32	32	\$368.00	\$288.00	\$19.00	\$0.00	\$45.00	\$630.00	1/4/2017	\$630.00
William G. Bray	65	84	80	80	80	80	\$920.00	\$787.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$811.00	\$849.00	1/4/2017	\$849.00
H.E. Lackey	67	48	43	40	43	43	\$460.00	\$380.00	\$28.00	\$20.00	\$322.00	\$573.00	1/4/2017	\$573.00
St. Anselm U.D.	U.D.	29	20	18	20	20	\$207.00	\$180.00	\$18.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$405.00	12/30/2016	\$405.00
Totals	36	3,331	3,124	2,758	3,124	3,124	\$31,705.50	\$28,116.00	\$2,037.00	\$1,280.00	\$6,701.50	\$56,403.00		\$56,485.50

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Membership Count per Commandery 2016															
No.	1/1/2016		12/31/2016		Gain (Loss)	Knighthood	Affiliated	Reinstated	Demits	Suspension	Deaths	Adjust	Remitted For Cause	50 Year Members	E.F. Life Members
	Total Members	Members	Total Members	Members											
Raper	1	107	87	-20	1	0	0	0	8	8	5	0	3	6	13
Baldwin	2	67	60	-7	2	0	1	1	8	0	2	0	0	10	42
Lafayette	3	98	90	-8	1	0	0	0	1	0	8	0	0	17	23
Fort Wayne	4	180	160	-20	6	1	0	0	7	11	8	-1	0	10	15
New Albany	5	140	133	-7	0	1	0	0	2	0	5	-1	0	10	34
Connerville	6	68	65	-3	1	0	0	0	0	1	3	0	4	9	39
Richmond	8	42	42	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	4	6
Greencastle	11	44	44	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	3	1	42
LaPorte	12	54	49	-5	2	0	0	0	4	0	3	0	0	2	9
South Bend	13	89	72	-17	4	0	0	0	1	9	11	0	0	10	5
Columbus	14	165	159	-6	2	0	0	0	1	1	6	0	12	23	72
LaValette	15	141	129	-12	4	0	0	0	3	11	2	0	4	13	13
Terre Haute	16	103	98	-5	2	1	1	1	3	2	4	0	3	3	9
Apollo	19	46	35	-11	2	0	0	0	7	4	2	0	0	2	10
Vincennes	20	74	65	-9	1	0	0	0	3	2	5	0	4	8	52
Grant County	21	40	39	-1	1	1	0	0	0	1	2	0	11	0	6
Johnson County	23	69	67	-2	0	0	1	1	0	0	3	0	0	6	2
Crawfordsville	25	44	53	9	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	7	8
Valparaiso	28	72	164	92	11	123	0	0	9	23	10	0	10	8	67
Frankfort	29	102	99	-3	4	1	1	1	3	1	5	0	0	20	11
Michigan City	30	40	39	-1	2	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	1	2
Elkhart	31	113	114	1	5	1	1	0	0	0	4	-1	0	7	55
Anderson	32	138	133	-5	4	0	0	0	5	0	3	-1	6	26	37
Huntington	35	45	41	-4	2	1	0	0	4	2	1	0	2	5	5
Kokomo	36	79	85	6	6	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	14	72
Greenfield	39	198	184	-14	2	2	0	0	6	3	9	0	3	17	42
Hammond	41	127	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bedford	42	99	81	-18	6	2	0	0	7	19	0	0	0	3	31
Angola	45	96	95	-1	2	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	11	74
E.H. Gary	57	89	85	-4	1	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	10	78
Noblesville	61	65	50	-15	1	2	1	1	14	5	0	0	2	3	20
Prather	62	167	192	25	29	3	1	1	2	4	2	0	5	4	8
Bloomington	63	143	140	-3	1	0	0	0	0	2	3	0	0	18	75
Wright	64	26	32	6	5	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	13
William G. Bray	65	84	80	-4	1	0	0	0	2	1	1	-1	0	0	80
H.E. Lackey	67	48	43	-5	1	0	1	1	1	5	1	0	3	0	15
St. Anselm U.D.	U.D.	29	20	-9	0	2	0	0	11	0	0	0	2	0	2
Totals	36	3,331	3,124	-80	124	142	9	9	113	117	120	-5	78	288	1087

**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
7	Rodney A. Mann, PGC	2016

**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

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18	Robert B. Bailey, PIP	1995
19	Thomas D. Barton, PMIGM	1994
20	William L. Leffler, PGC	1995
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

**GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF INDIANA**

57	George A. Ingles, PGC	2004
58	Richard John Elman, PGM	2005
59	John A. Bleich	2005
60	Ronald L. Ellis, PGC	2005
61	William K. Bissey	2005
62	Harry W. McLaren	2006
63	Lawrence V. Kaminsky, PGC, GR	2006
64	Charles V. Horton, PMIGM	2006
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. Begue, KCT	2013
95	William M. Imel, PMIGM	2013

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

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
101	Michael D. Ritter, GC	2015
102	James L. Bolinger, GC	2016
103	Michael C. Anderson	2016
104	William A. Reiners, MWGM	2016
105	Ronald K. Smith, PGM	2017
106	Carey B. Carter, MWGM	2017
107	Donald D. Olvey, GC	2017

*GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF INDIANA*

**INDIANA RECIPIENTS**

**KNIGHTS TEMPLAR CROSS OF HONOR AWARD**

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



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2006.....	Frank E. McKinnon*
2007.....	Wayne A. Williams*
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
2017.....	Tony S. Peterson
2017.....	Mark L. Baker

(\*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)
- 2017- Connie Whisner (Mrs. Phillip Whisner)  
Nina Olvey (Mrs. Donald Olvey)

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

**GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF INDIANA**

**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
2013 -	Raper Commandery No. 1	Indianapolis
2014 -	Raper Commandery No. 1	Indianapolis
2015 -	Frankfort Commandery No. 28	Frankfort
2016 -	Elkhart Commandery No. 31	Elkhart

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**STAR RECORDER OF THE YEAR**

1994 -	Lloyd L. Marsh	Connersville #6
1995 -	Jacob M. Collins	Lebanon #43
1996 -	Roger W. Shafer	Fort Wayne #4
1997 -	Jerry M <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
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
2016 -	Charles Bowling	Noblesville No. 61

**GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF INDIANA**

**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	36	
<b>Knighted</b>	202	202	196	180	197	155	157	154	119	100	124	
<b>Affiliated</b>	42	52	204	67	37	51	111	36	72	33	142	
<b>Reinstated</b>	16	25	16	25	14	14	13	28	17	16	9	
<b>Died</b>	139	160	138	107	136	144	133	93	100	124	120	
<b>Demitted</b>	108	193	308	155	176	148	181	98	150	87	239	
<b>Suspended</b>	161	130	118	120	185	115	146	174	99	114	117	
<b>Adjustments</b>	0	37	0	-21	13	2	0	4	3	2	2	
<b>No. of Members</b>	4724	4550	4402	4271	4044	3889	3710	3567	3429	3255	3124	
<b>Gain (Loss)</b>	-148	-174	-148	-131	-236	-155	-179	-143	-138	-178	481	
<b>Remitted</b>	287	305	597	412	101	372	348	363	351	355	366	

(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
2015	James L. Bolinger	Donald D. Olvey	Lawrence J. Williams	Terry L. Kehrer	Robert J. Frazer
2016	Donald D. Olvey	Lawrence J. Williams	Terry L. Kehrer	Michael F. Robbins	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
2015	Lawrence V. Kaminsky	Steven A. Arlington	Michael F. Robbins	Donnie A. Robinette	Edward E. Fodrea
2016	George A. Ingles, Jr.	Charles P. King	Donnie A. Robinette	Edward E. Fodrea	Matthew E. Lowe



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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
2016	James L. Davis	Phillip D. Whisner	Thomas D. Johnson	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	James Catania	Mooresville
Arkansas	E. Stanton Davis	Rushville
California	Charles D. Wood, Jr	Martinsville
Colorado	Edward E. Fodrea	Ft. Wayne
Connecticut	Austin C. Gray, Jr	Martinsville
Delaware	Patrick Briney	Indianapolis
District of Columbia	Michael Stoner	Bloomfield
Florida	Robert J. Frazer	Richmond
Georgia	George D. Kivett	Indianapolis
Idaho	Mark A. Baker	Mooresville
Illinois	Duane L. Vaught	Bloomington
Iowa	James L. Dove	LaPorte
Italy	Henry T. Bear	Mooresville
Kansas	Rodney A. Mann	Shelbyville
Kentucky	Andrew R. Jackson	Unionville
Louisiana	Lawrence J. Williams	Chesterton
Maine	Gary A. Nicholson	Shelbyville
Maryland	Phillip D. Whisner	Indianapolis
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	Thomas D. Johnson	Hollidaysburg, PA
Pennsylvania	George A. Ingles, Jr	Muncie
Philippines	Jeffery C. Reich	Portage
Portugal	Matthew Lowe	Richmond
South Carolina	James R. Adamson	New Salisbury
South Dakota	Wayne A. Sheets	Brownsburg

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<b>Grand Commandery</b>	<b>Representatives</b>	<b>City</b>
Tennessee	Larry W. Brown	Selma
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	William Jerald Burfitt, Jr	Madison
Arizona	Joseph F. Edwards	Benson
Arkansas	Larry N. Keeth	Prattville
California	Kermit Rosenthal	Norwalk
Colorado	David Reymolds	Colorida Springs
Connecticut	Clyde W. Kayser, II	Waterbury
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	Robert Lane Dossett	Hattiesburg
Missouri	James E. Snavelly	Farmington
Montana	C. David Burgess	Bozeman
Nebraska	Edward F. Morrow	Tekamah
Nevada	Michael Reinhardt	Las Vegas
New Hampshire	Phillip H. White	Grantham

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OTHER GRAND COMMANDERIES (continued)**

<b>Grand Commandery</b>	<b>Representatives</b>	<b>City</b>
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
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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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	

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40.	Leonidas P. Newby*	Knightstown	(9)	1901
41.	Sidney W. Douglas*	Evansville	(15)	1902
42.	Frederick Glass*	Madison	(22)	1903
43.	Charles Goltra*	Crawfordsville	(25)	1904
44.	Nathan L. Agnew †	Valparaiso	(28)	1905
45.	Oliver Gard*	Frankfort	(29)	1906
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

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79.	John C. Bush*	Gary	(57)	1940
80.	George J. Leininger*	Columbia City	(34)	1941
81.	Walter G. Rice*	Terre Haute	(16)	1942
82.	Hugh E. Mauzy*	Rushville	(49)	1943
83.	Alvah D. Alexander*	Evansville	(15)	1944
84.	Perry C. Traver*	South Bend	(13)	1945
85.	Edmund F. Ball*	Muncie	(18)	1946
86.	Floyd L. Kresge*	Indianapolis	(1)	1947
87.	Philip N. Kester*	Madison	(22)	1948
88.	Howard F. Christner*	Elkhart	(31)	1949
89.	Don P. Carpenter*	Brazil	(48)	1950
90.	G. Max Fowler*	Frankfort	(29)	1951
91.	Alfred E. Braam*	Highland	(41)	1952
92.	Paul G. Smiley*	Washington	(33)	1953
93.	Charles E. Cook*	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. Riggins*	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

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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**

118.	Ernest G. Cunningham*	Hammond	(41)	1979
119.	Harold F. Thieman*	Columbus	(14)	1980
120.	Joseph A. Barnes*	Indianapolis	(62)	1981
121.	Ronald L. Tungett	Elkhart	(31)	1982
122.	Kenneth E. Gibson *	Fort Wayne	(4)	1983
123.	Ronald D. Simpson	Kokomo	(36)	1984
124.	Herbert G. Roach	Vincennes	(20)	1985
125.	Robert E. DuBois*	Highland	(58)	1986
126.	William L. Leffler*	Baldwin	(2)	1987
127.	Paul W. Friend	Angola	(45)	1988
128.	John V. Stevens	Kokomo	(36)	1989
129.	Steven J. Barton	Knightstown	(9)	1990
130.	Dwight E. Lanman, Jr.	Angola	(45)	1991
131.	Gerald A. Sullivan, Jr. ^	Indianapolis	(1)	1992
132.	Peter T. Zivanovich*	Highland	(58)	1993
133.	Duane Stucker	Baldwin	(2)	1994
134.	James W. Roberts*	New Albany	(5)	1995
135.	Willard R. Clutter, Jr.*	Noblesville	(61)	1996
136.	James W. Prairie	Morgantown	(63)	1997
137.	Robert J. Frazer	Richmond	(8)	1998
138.	Henry E. LaHurreau *	Fort Wayne	(4)	1999
139.	Irvin L. Bitting	DeMotte	(3)	2000
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. Bolinger	Vandalia, MI	(13)	2015
154.	Donald D. Olvey	Plainfield	(65)	2016

\* 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	Ervile 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

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<b>No.</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>Held at</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Presiding</b>	<b>Residence</b>
41.	1895	Indianapolis	April 17, 18, 1895	Charles W. Slick, GC	Mishawaka
42.	1896	Indianapolis	April 15, 16, 1896	Walter M. Hindman, GC	Vincennes
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

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<b>No.</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>Held at</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Presiding</b>	<b>Residence</b>
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
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

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<b>No.</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>Held at</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Presiding</b>	<b>Residence</b>
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
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

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<b>No.</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>Held at</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Presiding</b>	<b>Residence</b>
161	2015	Indianapolis	April 29, 30, 2015	Michael D. Ritter, GC	Muncie
162	2016	Indianapolis	April 30, May 1, 2016	James L. Bolinger, GC	Vandaila, MI
163	2017	Columbus	April 28, 29, 2017	Donald D. Olvey, GC	Plainfield

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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.	Elkhart No. 31	April 30, 1884	April 30, 1884
22.	Anderson No. 32	April 29, 1885	April 29, 1885
23.	Huntington No. 35	April 20, 1892	August 20, 1891
24.	Kokomo No. 36	April 20, 1892	November 6, 1891
25.	Greenfield No. 39	April 22, 1897	May 16, 1896
26.	Bedford No. 42	April 20, 1899	January 25, 1899
27.	Angola No. 45	April 17, 1902	March 24, 1902
28.	E. H. Gary No. 57	May 14, 1914	February 22, 1912
29.	Noblesville No. 61	May 11, 1922	May 11, 1922
30.	Prather No. 62	June 21, 1923	June 21, 1923
31.	Bloomington No. 63	May 14, 1925	March 31, 1925
32.	Wright No. 64	April 29, 1988	April 29, 1988
33.	William G. Bray No. 65	April 30, 1993	March 14, 1992
34.	H.E. Lackey No. 67	April 29, 1994	April 30, 1993
35.	Greene County No. 68	April 28, 2017	
36.	St. Anselm, U.D.	Not Chartered	April 26, 1991

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

<b>No.</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Where Held</b>	<b>Presiding Officer</b>
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.



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**TIME AND PLACE OF TRIENNIAL CONCLAVES  
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40	July 17-23, 1937	Miami, FL	Andrew D. Agnew, G.M.
41	July 13-19, 1940	Cleveland, OH	Mark Norris, G.M.
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.

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**ROSTER OF INACTIVE AND RENAMED COMMANDERIES OF  
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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.

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St. John No. 24 Chartered April 2, 1873. Charter surrendered January 2, 2012 and merged with Frankfort Commandery No. 29.

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

Michigan City No. 30 - Chartered April 30, 1884 Charter surrendered January 1, 2017, and merged with LaPorte No. 12.

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.

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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.

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.

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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.

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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