### THE MASONIC ORDER OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR IN INDIANA



# PROCEEDINGS OF THE 161st ANNUAL CONCLAVE OF THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF INDIANA

HELD IN THE CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS APRIL 30<sup>th</sup>, May 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2015

#### **PROCEEDINGS**

#### **OF THE**

Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Indiana

## ONE HUNDRED SIXTYFIRST ANNUAL CONCLAVE

**Held at Indianapolis** 

ANDERSON COMMANDERY No. 32, HOST

April 30, May 1, 2, 2015

#### **Presiding**

SIR KNIGHT MICHAEL D. RITTER Right Eminent Grand Commander Indiana

#### **Elected**

SIR KNIGHT JAMES L. BOLINGER Angola Commandery No. 45

2016 Conclave will be held at Indianapolis, Indiana on April 29, 30, 2016

**Angola Commandery No. 45 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.

#### APPROVAL OR DISAPPROVAL OF REPORTS

All reports contained in the Proceedings of the 161<sup>st</sup> Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar, were approved unless otherwise indicated or explained.

# INDIANA PAST GRAND COMMANDERS (Living and affiliated as of May 1, 2015)

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James S. DeMond (4) KGC, PDC	1975-76
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Steven J. Barton (9) KCT, PDC	1990-91
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Duane Stucker (2) KCT	1994-95
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# INDIANA PAST GRAND COMMANDERS (continued) (Living and affiliated as of May 1, 2015)

James W. Prairie (63) KCT	3
Robert J. Frazer (8) KCT	)
Irvin L. Bitting (3) KCT	1
Duane L. Vaught (25) PGM, GCT	2
George A. Ingles, Jr. (65) PGM, KCT	4
Ronald L. Ellis (14) KCT	5
Lawrence V. Kaminsky (41) KCT	5
Rodney A. Mann (2) KCT	7
Andrew R. Jackson (1) KCT	3
David M. Bertch (6) KCT	9
Larry W. Brown (32) KCT, ECDC	)

# INDIANA PAST GRAND COMMANDERS (continued) (Living and affiliated as of May 1, 2015)

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Bobby J. Roberts (18)	2012-13
Res. Ph. (765) 584-0538; E-Mail: bobby1938@verizon.net	
Jackie F. Wallace (2)	2013-14
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INSPECTING OFFICER
SIR KNIGHT DUANE LEE VAUGHT, GCT
RIGHT EMINENT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER,
OF THE GRAND ENCAMPMENT,
KNIGHTS TEMPLAR, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

# SIR KNIGHT DUANE LEE VAUGHT, GCT, PGC (IN) Right Eminent Deputy Grand Master

Sir Knight Duane Lee Vaught, Past Grand Commander of Indiana (2001–2002) and serving as Right Eminent Grand Captain General, was elected to remain in the office of Right Eminent Grand Captain General of the Grand Encampment at the 64<sup>th</sup> Triennial Conclave, August 2009, in Roanoke Virginia.

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

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

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

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

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

Sir Knight Vaught served as Eminent Commander of Crawfordsville Commandery No. 25 in 1981 and 1982 and has received the Distinguished Service and Knight Commander of the Temple awards. He is Grand Representative of the Grand Commandery of Illinois near Indiana and also holds memberships in Bloomington Commandery No. 63 and St. Anselm Commandery UD. He served ten years as an officer of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Indiana culminating in serving as the 140<sup>th</sup> Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Indiana in 2001–2002. Sir

### (Continuation of Sir Knight Duane Lee Vaught)

Knight Vaught was later appointed to the Finance Committee of the Grand Encampment Knights Templar of the USA.

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

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

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

In March 2007 he announced his candidacy for the office of Grand Captain General of the Grand Encampment. In August 2007, plans then took a surprising turn while attending the Supreme Council Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite when he was appointed and installed to that office when it became vacant upon the regretted resignation, due to health, of Grand Master Richard B. Baldwin and the advancement of the other members of the Grand Encampment line. After two years service in that office, he now begins a three year term continuing that work.

In August 2009, he was elected Right Eminent Grand Generalissimo and in August 2012 he was elected Right Eminent Deputy Grand Master.



SIR KNIGHT LARRY W. BROWN, KCT EAST CENTRAL DEPARTMENT COMMANDER GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF THE USA

# SIR KNIGHT LARRY W. BROWN, KCT EAST CENTRAL DEPARTMENT COMMANDER GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF THE USA

Larry was born June 23, 1947 to Donald and Waneta (Kean) Brown in Bluffton, Indiana. He has one older brother. He graduated from P. A. Allen High School in 1965. Larry joined the United States Naval Reserve in 1964 and in 1966 enlisted in the United States Air Force. During his military years he was a Military Police Officer. After the military Larry moved to Muncie, Indiana, where he met and married Suanna. They have 5 children, and 7 grandchildren. He became a town marshal in Gaston and later became a Muncie Police Officer in 1972. Larry went on to become Deputy Chief of Police in 1992.

Larry has an associate degree in Building Construction Technologies. He also has attended the University of Louisville, University of Virginia, Northwestern University plus two years at Ball State University. Larry is a graduate of the FBI National Academy. Larry is currently a Real Estate Professional and an Indiana Venture Capitalist. Larry was an elected office holder in Delaware County eight years.

Larry was elected to two 4 year terms as township Trustee Assessor and 2 terms as Precinct Committeeman.

Larry is a past board member of Big Brothers & Big Sisters and a past board member with the Mental Health Association. Larry was also an Explorer Scout Advisor earning the Commissioner Award for East Central United States.

Larry and Suanna belonged to DeSoto United Methodist Church where Larry served on many boards and together he and Suanna taught Junior High Sunday School. They now belong to New Burlington United Methodist Church where Larry serves on the Pastor Parish Committee.

Larry's Masonic Career started in April 1962 by receiving the DeMolay Degree. Larry was raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason in December 1986 at Whitney Lodge #229 in New Burlington, Indiana, and in 1995 served as Worshipful Master. He is a dual member of Parker Lodge No. 630 serving as Worshipful Master there in 2010. He served on the Indiana Masonic Home Board finance committee during the years of 2012 and 2013. He was appointed as Representative to Kansas for the Grand Lodge of Indiana in 2012.

He joined the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite in 1987 and also belongs to the Valley of Indianapolis and the Valley of Ft. Wayne where he is currently the Senior Warden in the Darius Council Princes of Jerusalem, and also belongs to the Knights of St. Andrew.

Larry joined the Muncie York Rite in 1993, became Commander of Muncie Commandery #18 in 1998 and 1999. He was also Illustrious Master of Muncie Council #16 in 1999 and High Priest of Muncie Chapter #30 in 2000. Larry was also Commander of Anderson Commandery #32 in 2005; he received the Distinguished Service Award in 2000. He was appointed to the Grand Commandery in 2003 and served as Grand Commander of Indiana during the years 2009 and 2010. He also received the Knight Commander of the Temple in 2010.

Larry became a member of the York Rite Sovereign College of North America, Ft. Wayne College #55 and served as Governor in 2005; receiving the Order of Purple Cross at Spokane, Washington and appointed Deputy Grand Governor of Indiana 2006-2008.

Larry is an officer in the Holy Royal Arch Knights Templar Priests Gennesaret Tabernacle No. XVII and an officer in St. Basil Conclave Red Cross Constantine. Larry is also a member of Royal Order of Scotland, J. Herbert Nichols Priory #73 and Indiana Priory #8 KYCH, Indiana Past Commanders Association, Currently serving as Sovereign Master of Willard M. Avery #409 Allied Masonic Degrees, Indianapolis Preceptory #104 Yeoman of York, Max L. Carpenter #699 High Twelve, Order of DeMolay Legion of Honor Active. He is also the recipient of numerous other degrees including the Order of the Secret Monitor (3<sup>rd</sup> grade), Ancient Order of Corks, Masonic Order of the Bath and he is a member of the Honorable Order of Kentucky Colonels.

Larry was appointed East Central Department Commander, Grand Encampment Knights Templar, USA for the 66<sup>th</sup> Triennium to serve from 2012-2015 by David Dixon Goodwin, Most Eminent Grand Master.

### <u>GRAND ENCAMPMENT, KT, USA</u> 2012-2015 GRAND ENCAMPMENT OFFICERS

David D. Goodwin (Marcia)
Duane Lee Vaught (Georgia)
Jeffery N. Nelson (Maryellen)
Michael Burke Johnson (Judy)
James McCrorry Wilson, Jr
Lawrence E. Tucker (Judy)
William D. Hartman (Nancy)
Larry W. Brown (Suanna)

#### **Most Eminent Past Grand Masters**

Ned E. Dull	(1982-85)
Donald H. Smith	(1985-88)
Blair Christy Mayford	(1994-97)
James Morris Ward	(1997-00)
William Jackson Jones	(2000-03)
Kenneth Bernard Fischer	(2003-06)
William Howard Koon, II	(2006-12)

#### **Most Eminent Honorary Past Grand Masters**

Thurman C. Pace, Jr. Westfield, NJ Herbert D. Sledd Winchester, KY

Grand Encampment, Knights Templar, USA Triennium August 8-12, 2015 Adams Mark Hotel and Event Center 120 Church Street, Buffalo, New York



SIR KNIGHT MICHAEL D. RITTER RIGHT EMINENT GRAND COMMANDER 2014-15 KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF THE STATE OF INDIANA

### Biography of Michael D. Ritter 153<sup>rd</sup> Grand Commander Knights Templar of Indiana

Michael D. Ritter was born August 25, 1945 to Waldo D. Ritter and Frances I. (Baughman) Ritter. He was born in Muncie, Indiana and graduated from Muncie Central High School. He has two brothers Dr. Joe Bill Ritter and Phillip Allen Ritter. He served in the United States Army and after leaving the Army, he moved to Park Forest, Illinois. Michael has one son named Steven T. Ritter from his first marriage.

Michael graduated from Ball State University in 1968 with a Bachelor in Science Degree majoring in Business Education. He received his Master of Arts Degree in 1972 from Ball State University. He attended Governor State University were he received his Administration Degree in Education. He has also attended Illinois State University and Prairie State College for additional educational classes.

Michael retired from Maine Township High School in 2003 where he was a school administrator, and returned to Muncie, Indiana where he served as a substitute school teacher for two years.

Sir Knight Michael D. Ritter was raised a Master Mason in Muncie Lodge # 433 F. & A.M. Muncie, Indiana on June 29, 1967. He served as Worshipful Master in 2010. He was exalted a Royal Arch Mason in East Central Indiana Chapter #30, R.A.M. and served as Excellent High Priest in 2008. He was greeted a Cryptic Mason in Muncie Council #16, and served as Illustrious Master in 2010. He was created a Knight Templar at Muncie Commandery #18 and became a dual member of Anderson Commander #32 where he served as Eminent Commander in 2008, 2009 and 2011. He was appointed Grand Warder in the Grand Commandery Knights Templar in April of 2008.

Michael also received the Scottish Rite degrees in the Valley of Indianapolis in 2004. and a dual member of the Valley of Ft. Wayne. He became a Knight of St. Andrew in the Valley of Fort Wayne.

Michael received the Degree of the York Rite Sovereign College in 2008 in Fort Wayne College #55, and the Knights of the York Cross of Honor Indiana Priory No. 8 in May 2011.

Michael received the DeMolay Legion of Honor - Active on Nov. 6, 2010.

Other Masonic Affiliations include:

- Indiana Past Commanders Association
- Order of High Priesthood
- Order of the Silver Trowel
- Yeoman of York, Indianapolis Preceptory #4
- > Allied Masonic Degrees of the United States of America St. Bernard De Clairvaux Council No. 295 AMD
- Indiana Council #15 Knight Masons USA, State of Indiana January 21, 2012

### Officers for the Year 2014 - 2015



Left to Right Front Row – Robert J. Frazer, PGC, GT; Donald D. Olvey, GG; Michael D. Ritter, GC; James L. Bolinger, DGC; Lawrence Williams, GCG; Lawrence V. Kaminsky, PGC, GR

Back Row – Basil Isaac, GS; John Patterson, GW; Adam E. Jackson, GP; Terry L. Kehrer, GSW; Michael F. Robbins, GJW; Glen Schmidt, GSwB; Donnie Robinette, GStB; Marvin Rees, GO; David M. Bertch, PGC, GIG

# INDIANA GRAND COMMANDERY OFFICERS 2014-2015

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Lawrence J. Williams, (30)	Grand Captain General
Terry L. Kehrer, (5)	Grand Senior Warden
Michael F. Robbins, (42)	Grand Junior Warden
Robert J. Frazer, KCT, PGC (8)	Grand Treasurer
Lawrence V. Kaminsky, KCT, PGC (41)	Grand Recorder
Adam E. Jackson, (32)	Grand Prelate
Donnie Robinette, (2)	Grand Standard Bearer
Glenn W. Schmidt (65)	Grand Sword Bearer

# INDIANA GRAND COMMANDERY OFFICERS 2014-2015 (continued)

John W. Patterson (28)
Bazil K. Isaac (36)
Harrison E. "Gene" Lackey, KCT, KTCH, HPGC (67)
Marvin L. Rees, (6)
David M. Bertch (6) KCT, PGC
Wayne A. Sheets (1) GPE, KTCH
E. Stanton Davis (39) KTCH
Phillip Whisner, (1)
Tony S. Peterson, (61)
DeWayne Richmond, (32)
Phillip Ritter, (32)

# INDIANA GRAND COMMANDERY OFFICERS 2014-2015 (continued)

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#### INDIANA GRAND COMMANDERY BATTALION STRUCTURE

#### **Division 1 Commander: Lawrence J. Williams**

Battalion 1 Commander: John Patterson

LaPorte Commandery No. 12

South Bend Commandery No. 13

Valparaiso Commandery No. 28

Michigan City Commandery No. 30

Hammond Commandery No. 41

E. H. Gary Commandery No. 57

Battalion 2 Commander: Basil Isaac

Fort Wayne Commandery No. 4

Apollo Commandery No. 19

Grant County Commandery No. 21

Elkhart Commandery No. 31

Huntington Commandery No. 35

Angola Commandery No. 45

Battalion 3 Commander: Glenn Schmidt

Lafayette Commandery No. 3

Crawfordsville Commandery No. 25

Frankfort Commandery No. 29

Anderson Commandery No. 32

Kokomo Commandery No. 36

Noblesville Commandery No. 61

#### **Division 2 Commander: Donald D. Olvey**

Battalion 4 Commander: Donnie A. Robinette

Raper Commandery No. 1

Connersville Commandery No. 6

Richmond Commandery No. 8

Greenfield Commandery No. 39

Prather Commandery No. 62

H. E. Lackey Commandery No. 67

Battalion 5 Commander: Terry L. Kehrer

Baldwin Commandery No. 2

New Albany Commandery No. 5

Columbus Commandery No. 14

LaValette Commandery No. 15

Johnson County Commandery No. 23

Bedford Commandery No. 42

Seymour Commandery No. 56

Battalion 6 Commander: Michael F. Robbins

Greencastle Commandery No. 11

Terre Haute Commandery No. 16

Vincennes Commandery No. 20

Bloomington Commandery No. 63

Wright Commandery No. 64

William G. Bray Commandery No. 65

#### **COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS 2014-15**

#### **Executive Committee**

Michael C. Ritter, GC All Elected Officers

#### **Jurisprudence**

Duane L. Vaught, GCT, REDGM Steven J. Barton, KCT, PGC, PDC All Past Grand Commanders

#### Finance

Paul W. Friend, KCT, PGC (Jim) Bobby J. Roberts, KCT PGC (Don) James L. Dove, KCT, PGC, (Larry) Lawrence V. Kaminsky, KCT, PGC, GR Robert J. Frazer, KCT, PGC, GT

#### **Triennial**

James L. Bolinger, DGC Donald D. Olvey, GCG Lawrence J. Williams, GSW Lawrence V. Kaminsky, KCT, PGC, GR

#### **Dispensations and Charters**

Jack Wallace, KCT, PGC Rodney A. Mann, PGC Larry W. Brown, PGC, ECDC

#### **Visiting SK and Distinguished Guests**

H. E. Gene Lackey, HPGC Chair Terry Kehrer, GSW, Vice All Elected Grand Officers

#### Credentials

Michael F. Robbins, GJW Chair Donnie A. Robinette, GStB Other Sir Knights as needed

#### **Grievance and Appeals**

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

#### **Templar Education**

Glen Schmidt, G SwdB All Battalion Commanders

#### Necrology

Adam E. Jackson, GP, Chair Robert S. Flint, GPE Tony S. Peterson, GPE

#### **Competive Drill**

Steven J. Barton, KCT, PDC - Chair George D. Kivett, HPGC - Vice Irvin L. Bitting, KCT, PGC Jack F. Wallace, KCT, PGC David L. Miller, PC #1

#### **Templar Uniform**

Terry L. Kehrer, GSW, Chair Michael F. Robbins, GJW, Vice Carson. C. Smith, PC #1 Glenn W. Schmidt, GSwdB. Donnie A. Robinette, GStdB

#### **Membership**

Terry L. Kehrer, GSW - Chair John A. Bridegroom, PC #41 Vice Steven A. Arlington, PC #28 Vice Lawrence J. Williams, GCG Michael F. Robbins, GJW\_ Glenn W. Schmidt, GSwdB

#### **Long Range Planning**

James L. Bolinger, DGC, Chair Donald D. Olvey, GCG Lawrence V. Kaminsky, KCT, PGC, GR Paul W. Friend, KCT, PGC Geortge A. Ingles, Jr., KCT PGC Michael F. Robbins, GJW John W. Patterson, GW

#### **Inactive Membership**

Glenn W. Schmidt, GSwdB Lawrence J. Williams, GCG James L. Bolinger, DGC Dwight A. Lanman, KCT, PGC Donnie A. Robinette, GW

#### **Masonic Youth**

Randal P. Ellington, GPE Donnie A. Robinette, GStdB

#### **Life Membership**

Jack A. Wallace, KCT, PGC George A. Ingles, Jr., KCT, PGC Lawrence V. Kaminsky ,KCT, PGC, GR

#### **Masonic Home Nativity Scene**

Terry L. Kehrer, GSW - Chair Michael F. Robbins, GJW Randal P. Ellington, GPE Ronald L. Ellis, KCT, PGC Donnie A. Robinette, GStdB Glenn W. Schmidt, GSwdB

#### **Eye Foundation**

George A. Ingles, Jr., KCT, PGC David M. Bertch, KCT, PGC Wayne A. Sheets, GPE Duane Stucker, KCT, PGC Jack F. Wallace, KCT, PGC

#### **Ritual and Tactics**

Lawrence J. Williams, GCG George A. Ingles, Jr., KCT, PGC All Division & Battalion Commanders

#### **York Rite Coordination**

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

#### **Holy Land Pilgrimage**

Robert J. Frazer, KCT, PGC, GT Adam E. Jackson, GP Byron Schull, GPE (4-11) Ed Sebring, GPE (4-10) Tony Peterson, GPE

#### **Bv-Laws**

Lawrence V. Kaminsky, KCT, PGC, GR James L. Bolinger, DGG Michael D. Ritter, GC Donald D. Olvey, GG

#### **Patriotic Activities**

Michael F. Robbins, GJW - Chair Glenn W. Schmidt, GSwdB Terry L. Kehrer, GSW Lawrence J. Williams, GCG Donald D. Olvey, GG

#### **Publicity & Public Relations**

Lawrence J. Williams, GCG - Chair Terry L. Kehrer, GSW Michael F. Robbins, GJW Donnie A. Robinette, GW Glenn W. Schmidt, GSwdB Basil K. Isaac, GS

#### **Easter Sunrise Service**

James L. Bolinger, GG Lady Debbie Bolinger

#### **Indiana Templar Web Site**

Kurt A. Begue, PC Lawrence V. Kaminsky, KCT PGC, GR

#### **Education Foundation 5 + GR**

Steve J. Barton, PGC, PDC - Chair Robert J. Frazer, KCT, PGC, GT Bobby J. Roberts, KCT, PGC Rodney A. Mann, KCT, PGC Jack F. Wallace, KCT, PGC Lawrence V. Kaminsky, PGC, GR

#### **Ladies Program**

Suanna Brown Monica Peterson Clorrissa Jackson Connie Whisner

#### **Trustees**

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

# COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS 2014-15 (Continued)

<u>Unfinished Business</u> James L. Bolinger, DGC Terry L. Kehrer, GSW Micheal F. Robbins, GJW Tellers
Jack F. Wallace, KCT, PGC
Irvin L. Bitting, KCT, PGC
Bobby J. Roberts, KCT, PGC

Knight Templar Editor Edward L. Sebring, GPE

<u>Lanyard Cords</u> Virgil G. Humphrey, KTCH

### **GRAND PRELATES EMERITUS**

Thomas C. Patterson	1984-85
Dennis R. York	1990-91
J. William Myers	1991-92
Robert S. Flint, KTCH	1992-93
Rowland C. Gorman	1994-95
Gary K. Fentress	1995-96
J. Robert Fiers	1996-97
Gregory E. Snipes	2001-02
James Dimitri	2002-03
Wayne A. Sheets	2003-04
Donald L. Borchert	2005-06
Edward L. Sebring	2007-08

### **GRAND PRELATES EMERITUS (continued)**

Byron W. Schull	2008-09
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Jerry O. Deeter	2009-10
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Charles E. Johnson	2010-11
1020 N. 250 E. Chesterton, IN 46304 (Karen)	
Randal P. Ellington	2011-12
PO Box 335, Shelbyville, IN 46176	
Tony S. Peterson	2012-13
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SIR KNIGHT JAMES I. BOLINGER RIGHT EMINENT GRAND COMMANDER ELECT 2015-16 KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF THE STATE OF INDIANA

### JAMES LEE BOLINGER 154<sup>TH</sup> GRAND COMMANDER KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF INDIANA

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### 2015-2016 Grand Officers



Front Row L to R: Robert J. Frazer, PGC, Grand Treasurer; Michael F. Robbins, Grand Senior Warden; Donald D. Olvey, Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander; James L. Bolinger, Grand Commander; Lawrence J. Williams, Grand Generalissimo; Terry L. Kehrer, Grand Captain General; Lawrence V. Kaminsky, PGC, Grand Recorder Back Row L to R: Irvin L. Bitting, PGC, Grand Inspector General; Donnie A. Robinette, Grand Junior Waarden; John Patterson, Grand Sword Bearer; Edward Fodera; Grand Standard Bearer; James L. Davis, Grand Warder; Matthew E. Lowe, Grand Sentinel; Marvin L. Rees, Grand Organist; Steven A. Arlington, Grand Prelate; David M. Bertch, PGC, Grand Marshal

# INDIANA GRAND COMMANDERY OFFICERS 2015-2016

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Terry L. Kehrer, (5)	Grand Captain General
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Donnie Robinette, (2)	Grand Junior Warden
Robert J. Frazer, KCT, PGC (8)	Grand Treasurer
Lawrence V. Kaminsky, KCT, PGC (41)	Grand Recorder
Steven A. Arlington, (41)	Grand Prelate
Edward E. Fodrea (36)	Grand Standard Bearer

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John Paterson (28)
James L. Davis, (45)
Matthew E. Lowe (18)
David M. Bertch, KCT, PGC (6)
Marvin L. Rees, (6)
Irvin L. Bitting (28) KCT, PGC
Wayne A. Sheets (1) GPE, KTCH
Phillip D. Whisner, (1)
Vance A. Roberts, (31)
Michael C. Anderson, (45)
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# OFFICIAL PROGRAM 161<sup>st</sup> ANNUAL CONCLAVE GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF INDIANA



### Michael D. Ritter

Right Eminent Grand Commander Presiding
April 30, May 1, 2, 2015

### **OFFICIAL HEADQUARTERS**

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Registration Friday April 30, 2015 Marriott Inn EST. prevailing

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Registration: Thursday and Friday

Marriott Inn East Atrium Eastern Standard Time

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Thursday, April 30, 2015

Morning Hospitality Room "Suite 160"

Afternoon

1:00 – 5:00 PM Arrival and registration of Grand Officers, Past Grand Commanders and Distinguished Guests at the Marriott Inn East. Registration and meal tickets will be available in the Atrium.

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

**2:00 PM** Jurisprudence Committee meeting

Hospitality Room Closing at 5 PM

**Evening** 

5:30 PM Divine Services

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

After the Banquet: Grand Tournoi (Templar Uniform less sword Ladies Dinner or Long Dress) "Liberty Hall"

After the Tournoi: Ice Cream Social "Liberty Hall"

After the Tournoi: Dancing "Liberty Hall"

Friday, May 1, 2015

Morning Hospitality Room "Suite 160"

**7:00 AM** Past Commander's Association Meeting, Salon

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

8:00 AM Distinguished Guests Hospitality Staging Area for Introductions Salon

**8:30** AM Baldwin Commandery No. 2 Knights Templar will open and receive the Grand Commandery Officers, who will assume their stations. Salons "1-4"

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

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

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

**1:00 PM** Grand Commandery Reconvenes

**3:00 PM** Installation of 2014-2015 Grand Commandery Officers

**4:00 PM** Drill Committee and Drill Captains Meeting

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

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

Saturday, May 2, 2015

**Hospitality Room** "Suite 160"

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

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

2:00 PM Officer's Meeting

#### **PROCEEDINGS**

of the One Hundred Sixty-first
Annual Conclave of the
Grand Commandery
Knights Templar of
Indiana

The 161<sup>st</sup> Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Indiana, was held at the Marriott Hotel East, Indianapolis on April 30, May 1, 2, 2015. The Sir Knights of Anderson Commandery No. 32, the home Commandery of the Right Eminent Grand Commander, served as hosts for the Conclave.

The Divine Service was held prior to the Grand Commander's Banquet on Thursday evening with 254 Sir Knights and Ladies in attendance. The service was under the direction of Adam Jackson, Grand Prelate, who brought the message. The service was greatly enjoyed by all. A collection of \$462.00 was raised for the Holy Land Pilgrimage Fund.

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

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

Grand Commander
V. E. Deputy Grand Commander
Grand Generalissimo
Grand Captain General

Michael D. Ritter, KCT
James L. Bolinger
Donald D. Olvey
Lawrence J. Williams

Grand Treasurer Robert J. Frazer, KCT, PGC

Grand Recorder Lawrence V. Kaminsky, KCT, PGC

Grand Senior Warden Terry L. Kehrer
Grand Junior Warden Michael F. Robbins
Grand Prelate Tony S. Peterson

Grand Marshal H.E. "Gene" Lackey, HPGC, KCT, KTCH

Grand Standard Bearer
Grand Sword Bearer
Grand Warder
Grand Sentinel
Grand Organist
Donnie A. Robinette
Adam E. Jackson
John W. Patterson
Basil K. Isaac
Marvin L. Rees

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

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

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

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

Grand Prelate Emeriti's recognized included: Robert S. Flint, Wayne A. Sheets, Byron W. Schull, Charles E. Johnson, Edward L. Sebring, Harold D. Black and Randal P. Ellington.

Also received was Companion and Sir Knight Charles E. Johnson, Past Deputy Grand Governor and Robert S. Flint, Past Grand Governor, York Rite College of Indiana.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Companion and Sir Knight Charles D. Wood, Jr., Right Puissant Regional Deputy Grand Master East Central, General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons, International and Grand Recorder was received.

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

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

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

Sir Knight Duane L. Vaught, GCT, Right Eminent Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, Knights Templar of the United States of America and his aide Rodney A. Mann, KCT, PGC, RWJGW.

Sir Knight David Dixon Goodwin, GCT, Most Eminent Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, Knights Templar of the United States of America was then received and welcomed.

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

**Welcome:** A warm and hardy welcome to the 161<sup>st</sup> Annual Communications, was given by the Commandery of Anderson Commandery No. 32 Sir Knight George Brutchen andf the Deputy Grand Commander Sir Knight James L. Bolinger thanked Andersons Commandery for their hospality.

**Credentials:** A preliminary report of the Credentials Committee was called for and a quorum was present. All Commanderies were fully represented except for Lafayette No. 3, New Albany No. 5, Richmond No. 8, South Bend No. 13, Columbus No. 14, LaValette No. 15, Terre Haute No. 16, Apollo No. 19, Vincennes No. 20, Grant County No. 21, Crawfordsville No. 25, Frankfort No. 29, Elkhart No.

31, Greenfield No. 39, Angola No. 45, Noblesville No. 61, Prather No. 62, Bloomington No. 63, Wright No. 64 and Wm Bray No. 65. There being a quram present the Grand Commander called the Grand Commandery from Recess to Labor.

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

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

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

#### GRAND COMMANDER'S ALLOCUTION

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

It is my honor to welcome you to the 161st Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Indiana. We hope that your visit with us will be enjoyable, and that our Hoosier Hospitality will be remembered for many years to come. I am extremely delighted that we have distinguished guests attending from other Indiana Masonic Bodies, from other Grand Commandery jurisdictions, and from the Grand Encampment Knights Templar, United States of America. Thank you for taking the time to join us, and sharing in the Masonic friendship and fellowship during our Templar deliberations. It is now my duty to report to you on our leadership team and my activities this past year as Grand Commander of this Grand Commandery.

#### **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

The Executive Committee met ten (10) times during the year to manage, conduct, and communicated the decisions required to effectively manage Templary in the State of Indiana. All appointed officers were invited to attend as a part of the leadership team. All subjects concerning the Grand Commandery were discussed at length. All Battalion Commanders kept the Grand Commander, Deputy Grand Commander and Recorder informed of all activities, and concerns of the local Commanderies with quarterly reports. April 26, 2014 at the Marriott Hotel in Indianapolis, Indiana from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM. Expectations, Calendar, Order, Bulletins, Special Deputy to Seymour Commandery No. 56, and Goals were reviewed and discussed.

May 18, 2014 at the Indiana Masonic Home, Franklin, Indiana from 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM. Reviewed the Battalions and Commanderies activities across the State. Discussed the closing of Seymour Commandery No. 56.

June 7, 2014 at Anderson Commander No. 32. Rehearsed opening the Commandery and conducted the Battalion Commanders and Deputy Battalion Commanders workshop. In addition reviewed the activities in the Battalions.

June 22, 2014 at the Summer Picnic Gene Lackey's home. Reviewed the Battalions and Commanderies activities and upcoming events.

July 19, 2014 after the Summer Meeting. Reviewed the Battalion activities throughout the State and the closing of Seymour Commandery No. 56.

September 7, 2014 after the opening program from 12.45 PM to 2:15 PM of the Indiana Masonic Home Festival. Reviewed the Battalion activities throughout the State and talked about the upcoming receptions and inspections.

November 11, 2014 after the program for Veteran's Day at the Indiana Masonic Home. Reviewed the Battalion activities throughout the State and talked about the upcoming receptions and inspections. Reviewed the Inspection schedule for the completion of 2014-2015 year.

November 30, 2014 at the Holiday Party held a short meeting to update the Officers on current activities and events of the Grand Commandery. Reviewed reports not turned in for Inspections/Receptions and reviewed some of Jurisprudence Laws, rules, and regulations.

January 10, 2015 after the program on Founder's Day at the Scottish Rite Cathedral in Indianapolis, Indiana. The Executive Committee reviewed the current activities and upcoming events across the State for the Grand Commandery. Announced the upcoming Battalion meeting to present the goals of Sir Knight James Bolinger, Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander, Knights Templar of Indiana.

January, 23, 2015 reviewed the year's activities and upcoming activities of the Grand Commandery. Reviewed the job performance of the Grand line officers and of the West.

#### FRATERNAL RELATIONS

Our "Family of Masonry" Philosophy continues with our involvement and support of the Indiana Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, the Scottish Rite and Shrine. We also work with Chapter, Council and other Appendant Bodies including our youth groups, which are the Job's Daughters, Rainbow for Girls, and DeMolay. Also a special thanks needs to go to all of the bodies of the Social Order of Beauceant for their continued support of the Sir Knights.

#### BATTALION & DEPUTY BATALION COMMANDERS LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP

On June 7, 2014 at Anderson Commandery No. 32 and Mt. Moriah Lodge #77 F & AM a workshop was held to school and educate the Grand Line Officers and Deputy Battalion Commanders of their job responsibilities for the upcoming year. There were 28 Sir Knights present and Grand Line Officers were in attendance. Sir Knight David M. Bertch, Grand Inspector General and Michael D Ritter, Grand Commander presented the workshop.

#### **SUMMER OFFICERS MEETING**

The Summer Meeting was held on July 19, 2014 at the home of Sir Knight Larry W. Brown, KCT, PGC and ECDC. There were 24 Sir Knights and their ladies present. The meeting was devoted to the committee reports and general discussion with the Grand Line Officers. After the meeting the Executive Officers met for a short meeting. The day was completed with a dinner. Entertainment was music provided by Jerry and Judy Cole.

#### WINTER OFFICERS MEETING

The Winter Meeting was held on January 24, 2015 at the Sheraton Indianapolis City Centre in Indianapolis, IN. There were 29 Sir Knights in attendance. Committee reports and routine business of the Grand Commandery was discussed. The Grand Line Officers met on the evening prior on January 23, 2015 for an Executive Officers Meeting.

#### **NEWBY-AVERY BANQUET**

Sixty-four Sir Knights and Ladies attended the One-Hundred and Sixteenth Annual Newby-Avery Banquet. This year it was held at the Sheraton Indianapolis City Centre on the evening of January 24. 2015. We were honored with the presence of Most Worshipful Grand Master Daniel J. Barenie, Deputy

Grand Master William A. Reiners, Most Eminent Grand Master David D. Goodwin, GCT and his Lady Marcie and Right Eminent Deputy Grand Master Duane L. Vaught and Lady Georgia.

#### TRI-STATE YORK RITE CLASS

The Tri State Festival was held in Bryan, Ohio on February 28, 2015 for the Chapter and Council Degrees. The Commandery Orders were held in Angola, Indiana on March 7, 2015.

The Tri State Festival is a 42-year-old tradition and is always held on the last Saturday in February and continues on the first Saturday in March. The Grand Commandery of Indiana exemplified the Order of the Temple, and this year there were 12 new Knightings. All of the 12 new Knights were from Indiana.

#### EAST CENTRAL DEPARTMENT CONFERENCE

The East Central Department Conference was held in Indianapolis, Indiana on March 13-14, 2015. This year's conference was dedicated to leadership.

Grand Officers attending were: Michael D. Ritter, GC; James Bolinger, DGC; Donald D. Olvey, GG; Lawrence J. Williams, GCG; Robert J. Frazer, KCT, PGC, GT; Lawrence V. Kaminsky, KCT, PGC, GR; Adam E. Jackson, GP; Terry L, Kehrer, GSW; Donnie Robinette, GStdB; Tony Peterson, GSwdB; Basil K. Isaac, GS; Steven J. Barton, KCT, PDC; Irvin L. Bitting, KCT, PGC; Duane L. Vaught, GCT, REDGM; George A. Ingles, Jr. KCT, PGC; David M. Bertch, KCT, PGC; Larry W. Brown, KCT, PGC, ECDC; The total number of Sir Knights attending the East Central Department Conference were 26. This number included the Officers and Sir Knights attending the Leadership training.

#### **EASTER SUNRISE TRIP**

The Annual Easter Sunrise Trip was to Alexandria, Virginia. A chartered bus left on the morning of April 1, 2015 from the Marriott East in Indianapolis in route to Kirkwood Winery in Summersville West Virginia and continued on to the Sleep Inn Hotel in Staunton, Virginia. Thursday we departed Staunton, Virginia for Williamsburg, Virginia to visit historic Colonial Williamsburg. In the evening toured the Williamsburg Masonic Lodge. We continued on and check into the Hilton in Arlington, Virginia. On Friday April 3rd we departed for a tour of the House of the Temple in Washington D.C. and in the afternoon we toured the Eastern Star building. On Saturday toured the Arlington Cemetery and placed a Wreath on the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Upon leaving Arlington Cemetery we toured the George Washington Masonic Memorial in Arlington, VA. In the Evening we had a banquet with the Grand Encampment in the Hotel. On Sunday April 5, after a breakfast buffet in the morning we attended the Easter Sunrise Service sponsored by Grand Encampment. Then we boarded our bus and returned to Indianapolis on Sunday evening.

#### **BY-LAWS APPROVED**

LaPorte Commandery No. 12 Rewrite of bylaws LaValette Commandery No. 15 Rewrite of bylaws Hammond Commandery No. 41 Rewrite of bylaws H. E. Lackey Commandery No. 67 Rewrite of bylaws

#### COMMANDERIES OPENED AND CLOSED

Seymour Commandery No. 56 voted to close their Commandery and the Sir Knights were Transferred into Columbus Commandery No. 14 in August, 2014.

#### 2014 DISTINGTISHED SERVICE AWARDS

Twelve Distinguished Service Awards (DSAs) were nominated and approved by the Grand Commandery for presentation to the recipients by the Officers of their Commanderies at a special occasion, one of these were for Friends of the Commandery.

#### **GENERAL ORDERS**

General Order No. 1 was issued on May 1, 2014 pertaining to the Annual Inspection of Constituent Commanderies.

General Order No. 2 was issued on May 1, 2014 pertaining to Special Dispensations: Uniforms, Joint Meetings, etc.

General Order No. 3 was issued on May 1, 2014 pertaining to mentoring Junior Officers and New Sir Knights.

General Order No. 4 was issued on May 1, 2014 pertaining to Libations for Candidates under the Age of 21.

General Order No. 5 was issued on August 18, 2014 pertaining to the R. Frank Williams Award Program.

#### **BULLETINS**

Bulletin No. 1 was issued on May 1, 2014 pertaining to the 160th Conclave Digest.

Bulletin No. 2 was issued on May 1, 2014 pertaining to the Eminent Commander Certificate of Merit Award.

Bulletin No. 3 was issued on May 1, 2014 pertaining to the Distinguished Service Award.

Bulletin No. 4 was issued on May 1, 2014 pertaining to the Knights Templar Cross of Honor.

Bulletin No. 5 was issued on May 1, 2014 pertaining to the Holy Land Pilgrimage for Christian Ministers.

Bulletin No. 6 was issued on November 1, 2014 pertaining to Christmas Message from the Grand Commander

Bulletin No. 7 was issued on January 7, 2015 pertaining to the resignation of Sir Knight Glenn W. Schmidt as Grand Sword Bearer and the appointment of Sir Knight Tony S. Peterson as Grand Sword Bearer.

Bulletin No. 8 was issued on January 7, 2015 pertaining to the appointment of Sir Knight Tom Tuttle to the honorary title of Past Commander of Prather Commandery No. 62.

Bulletin No. 9 was issued on March 23, 2015 pertaining to the Easter Message from the Grand Commander.

#### GRAND COMMANDER'S DISPENSATIONS GRANTED

Dispensation No. 1 Was issued on May 1, 2014 in Order No. 2 pertaining to Special Dispensations: Uniforms, Joint Meetings, etc.

Dispensation No. 2 Was granted to Valparaiso Commandery No. 28 to hold a called meeting on July 10, 2014 for the purpose of election of candidates and the payment of regular bills. This was necessary because their regular stated meeting fell on the eve of a holiday.

Dispensation No. 3 Was granted to Michigan City Commandery No. 30 to hold a special election for the office of Treasurer at their next stated conclave to replace Sir Knight Dennis Durnell who passed away on 6/8/2014.

Dispensation No. 4 Was granted to Michigan and Ohio Commanderies to participate in conferring the Orders during the Tri-State Festival in the State of Indiana. On March 7, 2015 in the Asylum of Angola Commandery No. 45 in Angola, Indiana. Further permission is granted to any Commandery bringing candidates to this festival to have the courtesy Orders conferred.

Dispensation No. 5 Was granted to Vincennes Commandery No. 20 to change the location of February stated conclave to follow the Presidents Day program hosted by Prince Lodge No. 231. Contingent upon proper notification of members of the change of location of this meeting and that the meeting will be held on the same day that the meeting was regularly scheduled per Vincennes Commandery by-laws.

Dispensation No. 6 Was granted to Levant Preceptory of Indiana, operating under the charter of Raper Commandery No. 1 stationed at Indianapolis, Indiana to exemplify the Order of the Temple as a courtesy at the Dayton Masonic Center in Dayton, Ohio on Saturday, July 18, 2015 in full period regalia. They will be operating under the Charter of Reed Commandery No. 6, who will be the host of this event and in charge of opening and closing the Asylum.

Dispensation No 7 Was granted to Anderson Commandery No 32 to move their Carter to the Grand Commandery Annual Conclave in Indianapolis to open the Grand Conclave.

Dispensation No. 8 Was granted to Fort Wayne Commandery No. 4 to hold a special election for the office of Recorder at the March stated Conclave to replace Sir Knight Henry E. LaHurreau, KCT, PGC who passed away on February 19, 2015.

Dispensation No. 9 Was granted on May 1, 2014 pertaining to the renewal of St. Anslem Commandery U.D.

#### GRAND COMMANDER'S DISPENATIONS DENIED

None

#### **GRAND REPRESENTATIVES**

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

11/3/2014	S.K. Tony Peterson	Mass. & RI
11/3/2014	S.K. Donnie A. Robinette	Nebraska

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

10/18/2014	S.K. Romeo Greg Macasaet	Philippines
10/23/2014	S.K. Alfred T. Johnson	Ohio
02/18/2015	S.K. Lynn L. Bailey	Washington

#### SPECIAL DEPUTY APPOINTMENTS

Appointment of Special Deputy Sir Knight Donald Olvey on May 1, 2014 to Seymour Commandery No. 56 to oversee the closing of Seymour Commandery No. 56 and its merger into Columbus Commandery No. 14.

#### LETTERS OF REPRIMAND

Letter of Reprimand was sent to David M. Bertch, KCT, PGC in reference to Connersville Commandery No.6 Reception/Inspection on November 12, 2014.

Letter of Reprimand was sent to Robert Gotwals, E.C. in reference to Connersville Commandery No.6 Reception/Inspection on November 12, 2014.

Letter of Reprimand was sent to Marvin L. Rees in reference to Connersville Commandery No.6 Reception/Inspection on November 12, 2014.

#### FIFTY-YEAR AWARDS

Commandery	Recipient	Knighted
Columbus #14	Clyde Howard Allman	06/29/1963
Columbus #14	Edward Lawson	02/23/1963
Columbus #14	Rex Charles Stiffler	09/28/1959
Columbus #14	Richard W. Franz	12/02/1964
Columbus #14	Robert Jessie Jackson	10/10/1964
Anderson #32	Richard Lee Bunner	12/02/1961
Anderson #32	Maurice B. Carver	10/04/1958
Anderson #32	Norman Eugene Haynes	05/05/1952
Anderson #32	Joseph B. Gettinger	03/21/1959
Anderson #32	Orville Hilligoss, Jr	10/20/1955
Anderson #32	Robert Keith Mangas	11/21/1953
Anderson #32	Alan L. Martinez	12/07/1960
Anderson #32	Verlin Watson Miller	04/29/1961
Anderson #32	George R. Morgan	06/20/1957
Anderson #32	Glenn Urban O'Neal	11/03/1956
Anderson #32	Donald Ray Phillippe	10/24/1964

Anderson #32	Harry F. Riggs	03/20/1948
Anderson #32	Herbert Warren Stohler	11/10/1956
Anderson #32	Norman Lee Tirey	04/29/1961
Anderson #32	Joseph Ronald Walker	06/14/1958
Anderson #32	Richard Ora Wilkins	11/16/1956
Huntington #35	Samuel M. Kaiser	10/29/1964
Greenfield #39	Anthony Paul Riley	04/10/1965
Greenfield #39	Paul Wickard Daugherty	04/10/1965
Angola #45	Maurice Bowerman	10/17/1963

#### FOREIGN VISIATIONS

April 27-30, 2014	Grand Commandery of Florida – Sir Knight Henry A. Adams presiding
May 1-3, 2014	Grand Commandery of Virginia – Sir Knight Lawrence Barton Smith presiding
June 5-6, 2014	Grand Commandery of Iowa – Sir Knight Terry L. Hudik presiding
June 8, 2014	Grand Commandery of Ohio - Division #3 Summer Picnic at Chateau Laroche
	Castle in Ohio
July 24-26, 2014	Grand Commandery of Illinois – Sir Knight Kenneth Wayne Smith presiding
August 21-23, 2014	Grand Commandery of Michigan – Sir Knight Howard H. Crumit Jr. presiding
September 7-9, 2014	Grand Commandery of Kentucky – Sir Knight William F. Lile presiding
October 9-10, 2014	Grand Commandery of Ohio – Sir Knight Dennis L. Hughes presiding
November 15, 2014	Grand Commandery of Ohio – Joint Reception for the Most Eminent Grand High
	Priest Keith O'Dell and the Right Eminent Grand Commander of Ohio Thomas
	H. Gault, St. at the Great Wolf Lodge in Mason, Ohio
November 18, 2014	Grand Encampment USA Holy Land In-service for the Ministers going to the
	Holy-land (Indiana is sending three ministers) Ohio
December 13, 2014	Grand Commandery of Ohio – Inspection of Middletown Commandery in
	Middletown, Ohio
February 28, 2015	Tri-State York Rite All-Day Class Chapter and Council Degree's in Bryan, Ohio
April 4, 2015	Wreath Laying Ceremony – Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, Washington DC
April 5, 2015	Grand Encampment Easter Sunrise Service, Alexandria, VA
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#### **VISITTIONS IN INDIANA**

- April 25, 2014 Three Way York Rite Reception and Banquet
- April 26, 2014 Grand Commandery Drill Competition and Awards Banquet Executive Officer's Meeting
- May 5, 2014 Richmond Commandery No. 8, Stated Conclave and Chapter and Council Stated Meeting
- May 6, 2014 Grant County Commandery No. 21 Stated Conclave and Chapter, Council Stated Meetings
- May 7, 2014 Connersville Commandery No. 6 Stated Conclave and Chapter, Council Stated Meetings
- May 8, 2014 Wm. G. Bray Commandery No. 65 Stated Conclave and Chapter, Council Stated Meetings
- May 10, 2014 Knights of the York Cross of Honour, Indiana Priory No. 8 Annual Meeting
- May 12, 2014 Hammond Commandery No. 41 Stated Conclave and Chapter, Council Stated Meetings
- May 13, 2014 Michigan City Commandery No. 30 Stated Conclave and Chapter, Council Stated Meetings
- May 14, 2014 Johnson County Commandery No. 23 Stated Conclave and Chapter, Council Stated Meetings
- May 15, 2014 Greenfield Commandery No. 39 Stated Conclave and Chapter, Council Stated Meetings

- May 17, 2014 Vincennes Commandery No. 20, LaValette No. 15, and Wright No. 64 Order of the Red Cross, Order of Malta, and Order of the Temple with 19 Candidates and Awards presented.
- May 18, 2014 Ground Breaking Ceremony for the Community & Conference Center at the Indiana Masonic Home Executive Officer's Meeting
- May 19-21, 2014 Grand Lodge F & AM of Indiana 197th Annual Communication Executive Officer's Meeting.
- May 27, 2014 Bloomington Commandery No. 63 Stated Conclave and Chapter, Council Stated Meetings
- May 28, 2014 Greencastle Commandery No. 11 Stated Conclave and Chapter, Council Stated Meetings
- May 29, 2014 Anderson Commandery No. 32 observance of Ascension Day
- June 2, 2014 Prather Commandery No. 62 Stated Conclave and Chapter, Council Stated Meetings
- June 3, 2014 Lafayette Commandery No. 3 Stated Conclave and Chapter, Council Stated Meetings
- June 4, 2014 Frankfort Commandery No. 29 Stated Conclave and Chapter, Council Stated Meetings
- June 7, 2014 Battalion Commanders and Deputy Battalion Commanders Work Shop, Mt. Moriah Lodge No. 77
- June 7, 2014 Executive Officer's Meeting
- June 10, 2014 Elkhart Commandery No. 31 Stated Conclave and Chapter, Council Stated Meetings
- June 11, 2014 Columbus Commandery No. 14 Stated Conclave and Chapter, Council Stated Meetings
- June 12, 2014 Kokomo Commandery No. 36 Stated Conclave and Chapter, Council Stated Meetings
- June 13, 2014 Order of Eastern Star Grand Session
- June 16, 2014 Anderson Commandery No. 32 Stated Conclave
- June 17, 2014 Raper Commandery No. 1 Stated Conclave and Chapter, Council Stated Meetings
- June 18, 2014 Fort Wayne Commandery No. 4 Stated Conclave and Chapter, Council Stated Meetings
- June 20, 2014 Indiana Job's Daughters Grand Session
- June 21, 2014 Council of Deliberation Annual Meeting, Michigan City, IN
- June 22, 2014 Grand Commandery Summer Picnic Gene and Zelma Lackey's
- June 22, 2014 Executive Officer's Meeting
- June 24, 2014 Noblesville Commandery No. 61 States Conclave and Chapter, Council Stated Meetings
- June 28, 2014 Battalion No. 4 Meeting at the Indiana Masonic Home
- June 28, 2014 Reception of Paul Winning, Most Illustrious Grand Master
- June 29, 2014 Low Twelve Riders Pushed wheelchairs at the Indiana Masonic Home
- July 2, 2014 Parker City Lodge No. 630 Stated Meeting
- July 7, 2014 Visitation and funeral services for Sir Knight R. Frank William, PGC 1977-1978
- July 10-12, 2014 Indiana Rainbow Grand Session
- July 12, 2014 Visitation for Sir Knight Brian Schneckenburger, DBC Battalion No. 1
- July 13, 2014 Visitation for Nancy McClain, Mother-in-law of Larry W. Brown, Past Grand Commander, East Central Department Commander, Grand Encampment U.S. of America
- July 14, 2014 Church Service for Nancy McClain
- July 15, 2014 LaValette Commandery No. 15 Stated Conclave and Chapter and Council Stated Meetings July 17, 2014 DeMolay Grand Session
- July 19, 2014 Grand Commandery Summer Meeting held at the home of Right Eminent Past Grand Commander Larry W. Brown
- July 19, 2014 Executive Officer's Meeting
- July 20, 2014 Knights of the York Cross of Honour, Indiana Priory No. 62 Annual Meeting and Degree
- July 21, 2014 Bedford Commandery No. 42 Stated Conclave and Chapter, Council Stated Meetings

July 28, 2014 Baldwin Commandery No. 2 Stated Meeting

July 29, 2014 AMD Meeting

August 4, 2014 Visitation for Jazzilyn Jayde Jenkins Granddaughter of Michael W. Klepper, PMIGM

August 13, 2014 Huntington Commandery No. 35 Stated Conclave and Chapter, Council Stated Meetings

August 23, 2014 Elkhart Commandery No. 31 Inspection and Reception

August 26, 2014 Visitation for Janet Foster, Mother-in-law of James L. Bolinger, Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander

August 30, 2014 Reception for The 164th Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Indiana Daniel J. Barenie

September 4, 2014 Angola Commandery No. 45 Stated Conclave and Chapter, Council Stated Meetings

September 6, 2014 Vincennes Commandery No. 20, Wright Commandery No. 64, LaValette Commandery No. 15 – Inspection and Reception

September 7, 2014 Indiana Masonic Home Annual Festival 2014

September 13, 2014 Crawfordsville 25/Greencastle 11/ Terre Haute 16 Reception

September 15, 2014 New Albany 5 Reception

September 18, 2014 South Bend Commandery No. 13 Stated Conclave and Chapter and Council Stated Meeting

September 26, 2014 Valparaiso 28/Michigan City 30 Reception

September 27, 2014 Hammond 41/E. H. Gray 57 Reception

September 27, 2014 LaPorte 12/South Bend13 Reception

October 1, 2014 Parker City Lodge No. 630 Stated Meeting

October 2, 2014 Crawfordsville Commandery No. 25 Stated Conclave and Chapter and Council Stated Meeting

October 4, 2014 Prather Commandery No. 62 York Rite one day class

October 4, 2014 Terre Haute Commandery No. 16 Inspection

October 4, 2014 Terre Haute Commandery No. 16 Stated Conclave and Chapter and Council Stated Meeting

October 11, 2014 Columbus Commandery No. 14 Reception

October 11, 2014 Baldwin 2 Reception

October 15, 2014 Wright Commandery No. 64 Stated Conclave and Chapter and Council Stated Meeting

October 18, 2014 Angola 45/Apollo 19 Reception and Inspection

October 20, 2014 Anderson Commandery No. 32 Stated Conclave

October 23 2014 Greenfield Commandery No. 39 Reception

October 25, 2014 Huntington 35/Ft. Wayne 4/ Grant County 21 Reception and Inspection

October 27, 2014 Prather Commandery No. 62 Reception

October 28, 2014 Noblesville Commandery No. 61 Reception

October 29, 2014 Frankfort Commandery No. 29/ Order of Malta

November 1, 2014 Bedford 42/Bloomington 63/ Reception and Inspection

November 3, 2014 Anderson Chapter and Council Stated Meetings

November 5, 2014 Parker City Lodge No. 630 Stated Meeting

November 6, 2014 LaPorte Commandery No. 12 Stated Conclave

November 7, 2014 Anderson Commandery No. 32/Kokomo Commandery No. 36 Reception

November 8, 2014 Bray Commandery No. 65 Reception for the Grand Commander

November 10, 2014 Richmond Commandery No. 8 Reception

- November 11, 2014 Indiana Masonic Home Veterans Day Program
- November 12, 2014 Connersville Commandery No. 6 Reception
- November 17, 2014 H. E. Lackey Commandery No. 62 Reception
- November 17, 2014 H. E. Lackey Commandery No. 62 Stated Conclave
- November 22, 2014 Raper Commandery No. 1 Reception
- November 24, 2014 Baldwin Commandery No 2 Inspection on the Order of the Temple
- November 25, 2014 Apollo Commandery No. 19 Stated Conclave and Chapter, Council Stated Meetings
- November 29, 2014 Wm. G. Bray Commandery No. 65/Greencastle Commandery No. 11/ Crawfordsville Commandery No 25 Inspection on the Order of the Temple
- November 30, 2014 Grand Commandery Holiday Party, Rainbow Girls Lodge Executive Officer's Meeting
- December 3, 2014 Parker City Lodge No. 630 Stated Meeting
- December 4, 2014 Valparaiso Commandery No. 28 Stated Conclave and Chapter and Council Stated Meetings
- December 4, 2014 Valparaiso Commandery No. 28 Installation of Officers by Michael D. Ritter, GC
- December 6, 2014 Frankfort Commandery No. 29/Lafayette Commandery No. 3
  - Reception and Inspection
- December 10, 2014 Columbus Commandery No. 14 Three fifty-year awards Banquet and presentation.
- December 10, 2014 Columbus Commandery No. 14 Stated Conclave and Chapter, Council Stated Meetings
- December 11, 2014 Past Master's Degree Parker Lodge No. 630
- December 12, 2014 Kokomo Commandery No. 36 Practice on the Order of the Temple for Grand Commandery (Tri State Class March 7, 2014)
- December 15, 2014 New Albany Commandery No. 5 Stated Conclave and Chapter and Council Stated Meeting
- December 15, 2014 New Albany Commandery No. 5 Installation of Officers by Michael D. Ritter, GC
- December 20, 2014 Installation of Officers Beech Grove Lodge No. 694 Glenn Schmidt Worshipful Master
- January 5, 2015 Anderson Chapter and Council Stated Meeting
- January 6, 2015 Grant County Commandery No. 21 Stated Conclave and Chapter and Council stated Meeting
- January 6, 2015 Grand County Commandery No. 21 Installation of Officers by Michael D. Ritter, GC
- January 7, 2015 Parker City Lodge No. 630 Stated Meeting
- January 8, 2015 Kokomo Commandery No. 36 Stated Conclave and Chapter and Council stated Meeting
- January 8, 2015 Kokomo Commandery No. 36 Installation of Officers by Michael D. Ritter, GC
- January 10, 2015 Grand Lodge of Indiana F&AM Founder's Day
- January 10, 2015 Social Order of the Beauceant Indianapolis Assembly No. 90 Installation of Officers
- January 10, 2015 Raper Commandery No. 1 Installation of Officers
- January 15, 2015 Lapel Lodge No. 625 Master Mason Degree
- January 17, 2015 Raper York Rite One day Class on Chapter Degrees
- January 19, 2015 Vincennes Commandery No. 20 Stated Conclave and Chapter and Council Stated Meeting
- January 19, 2015 Vincennes Commandery No. 20 Installation of Officers by Michael D. Ritter, GC
- January 23, 2015 Grand Commandery of Indiana Elected Officers Meeting
- January 24, 2015 Grand Commandery of Indiana Winter Meeting
- January 24, 2015 Grand Commandery of Indiana Newby-Avery Banquet

- January 28, 2015 Greencastle Commandery No. 11 Stated Conclave and Chapter and Council Stated Meeting
- January 31, 2015 Parker Lodge No. 630, Enter Apprentice Degree
- February 2, 2015 Richmond Commandery No. 8, Stated Conclave and Chapter and Council Stated Meeting
- February 3, 2015 Grant County Commandery No. 21 Stated Conclave and Chapter and Council stated Meeting
- February 4, 2015 Parker City Lodge No. 630 Stated Meeting
- February 5, 2015 E. H. Gary Commandery No. 57 Stated Conclave and Chapter and Council Stated Meeting
- February 7, 2015 Goose 'N' Tater Hancock Lodge 101 benefit for Royal Arch Research Assistance (RARA)
- February 9, 2015 Frankton Lodge No. 607, Frankton, Indiana, Fellow Craft Degree
- February 11, 2015 Huntington Commandery No. 35, Stated Conclave and Chapter and Council Stated Meeting
- February 12, 2015 Pennville Lodge, No. 212, Enter Apprentice Degree
- February 13, 2015 Kokomo Commandery No. 36 Practice on the Order of the Temple for Grand Commandery (Tri State Class March 7, 2014)
- February 16, 2015 H. W. Lackey Commandery No. 67 Stated Conclave and Chapter and Council Stated Meeting
- February 21, 2015 Battalion No. 3 Meeting to discuss activities for next year and for the Very Eminent
- Deputy Grand Commander Sir Knight James Bolinger to discuss his goals and activities for 2015-2016
- Janruary 23, 2015 Visitation for Sir Knight Henry E. LaHurreau, KCT, PGC 1999-2000
- February 24, 2015 Funeral services for Sir Knight Henry E. LaHurreau, KCT, PGC 1999-2000
- February 25, 2015 Ladies Committee to plan the Ladies Banquet and program for the Grand Commanderies Annual Conclave
- February 27, 2015 Marriot hotel Indianapolis to make final arrangements for the Annual Conclave, Grand Commandery of Indiana
- March 2, 2015 Anderson Chapter and Council Stated Meetings
- March 4, 2015 Parker City Lodge No. 630 Stated Meeting
- March 5, 2015 Visitation for Sir Knight Robert Maple, Sr., PEC
- March 7, 2015 Tri State York Rite All Day Class for the Commandery Orders Angola Commandery No. 45
- March 11, 2015 Columbus Commandery No. 14 Stated Conclave and Chapter, Council Stated Meetings
- March 13, 2015 East Central Department Meeting
- March 14, 2015 East Central Department Meeting
- March 16, 2015 Anderson Commandery No. 32 Stated Conclave
- March 17, 2015 Raper Commandery No. 1 Stated Conclave and Chapter, Council Stated Meetings
- March 21, 2015 Knights of the York Cross of Honour Priory No. 8 Stated Meeting in Fort Wayne, Indiana
- March 21, 2015 Indiana York Rite College No. 55 Stated Meeting in Fort Wayne, Indiana
- March 24, 2015 Valley of Fort Wayne Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite NMJ. Degrees presented were the 4, 6, 12, 22, 24 and 29th
- March 28, 2015 Valley of Fort Wayne Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite NMJ. Spring 2015 Convocation
- March 29, 2015 Palm Sunday Observance/Living Cross South Bend Commandery No. 13
- March 31, 2015 Grand Commandery of Indiana Easter Trip

April 1-5, 2015 Grand Commandery of Indiana Easter Trip

April 5, 2015 Easter Observance for the Grand Commandery in Washington DC

April 6, 2015 Anderson Chapter and Council Stated Meetings

April 10, 2015 Indiana Grand Chapter Annual Convocation

April 11, 2015 Indiana Grand Chapter Annual Convocation

April 11, 2015 Indiana Rainbow for Girls 75th Anniversary Ball

April 18, 2015 Richmond Commandery No. 8 Rededication

April 20, 2015 Anderson Commandery No. 32 Stated Conclave

April 29, 2015 Grand Council Banquet at the Annual Session

April 30, 2015 Grand Council of Indiana Grand Session

April 30, 2015 Grand Commandery Divine Service for the Grand Commandery

April 30, 2015 Grand Commandery Banquet for the Grand Commander

May 1, 2015 Grand Commandery of Indiana Annual Conclave

May 1, 2015 Grand Commandery Installation of Officers for the Grand Commandery

May 2. 2015 Drill Competition at Annual Conclave.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1. I recommend that the Battalion Commanders continue to conduct a Battalion instructional on the Order of Red Cross, Order of Malta, and the Order of the Temple rotating the Orders each year to educate the local Commanderies and Sir Knights on the proper tactics for the Orders. Thus helping to strengthen the ritual work done in each Commandery.
- 2. I recommend that the Grand Commandery continue to support the Job's Daughters, the Rainbow Girls and the DeMolay.
- 3. I recommend that the Battalion Commanders conduct Templar Academies or Leadership development classes in each Battalion.
- 4. I recommend the St. Anselm Commandery U. D. be continued.
- 5. I recommend that the Grand Commandery continue to work closely with the other Grand York Rite Bodies and the Grand Lodge.
- 6. I recommend that the Grand Commandery continue to push for the formation of drill teams, either as individual Commanderies or as a Battalion drill team.
- 7. I recommend that some accommodation be made for storage of Grand Commandery property entrusted to the Grand Commander.
- 8. I recommend that we continue to work on a membership recruitment program to help increase the number of Sir Knights within our State.

#### **CONCLUSION**

Sir Knights as I stated in my goals at the beginning of the year. I wanted to unite the Grand Commandery of Indiana to work in the same direction. We started with pre-determined goal with were measurable and held ten Executive Officer meetings throughout the year. This gave us the opportunity to discuss Battalion and Commandery activities and concerns across the State of Indiana. We also were to increase Knights Templar visibility throughout the State. Grand Line officers attended all Commanderies within their Battalion and attended additional Commanderies outside of their Battalions. I had the honor to attend every Commandery in the State of Indiana this year and assist in many activities.

Our Membership goals still need improvement. The recruitment of new Sir Knights needs to be strengthened. Although we have mentor programs both for officers in a Commandery and new Sir

Knights coming into the Commanderies we our losing total members in our State each year. We must reverse this trend. This year I asked that each Battalion Commander attend at least five Blue lodges and talk about York Rite to help increase our numbers.

This year the Battalion Commanders were to hold Battalion instructionals in each Battalion. Some did and some did not. The instructionals will help strengthen our ritual programs and receptions that the local Commanderies perform.

To the members of Anderson Commandery No. 32, thank you for the support and assistance that you have given me on my journey through the Grand Line, and as Grand Commander.

To the Grand Recorder, Sir Knight Lawrence V. Kaminsky, I wish to thank you for all that you do for the Sir Knights in the State of Indiana. You do far more than anyone will ever realize as you look out for us all. Thank you.

I also wish to express my appreciation to the Grand Line Officers, Deputy Battalion Commanders, Aides and some very special Sir Knights who were always there when I needed them. I would like to give a special thanks to Lady Suanna Brown for leading my Ladies Committee and making sure that the ladies of all the Sir Knights were provided for. And thanks also go to Monica Peterson, Clorrissa Jackson and Connie Whisner.

To Sir Knight Larry W. Brown a friend and mentor for many years, a special thank you for all the advice and guidance that you have given me throughout the years.

To Sir Knight Adam E. Jackson and Sir Knight DeWayne Richmond my two very close friends who have served me for many years as my Deputy Battalion Commanders, aides, and Adam as my Eminent Grand Prelate, a special thank you for all the years that we have traveled and assistance that you have given me.

To my Brother Sir Knight Phillip A. Ritter, I wish to say thank you for all the support and traveling that we have done together this past year. If it was not for you I would have had a difficult time in getting everything accomplished.

It has been a humbling experience and privilege to have been elected and to serve as the Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of the State of Indiana. I love the Fraternity, the Grand Commandery and the principles for which it stands for.

I want to thank God for the guidance and for giving me the strength and wisdom in every day of my life. To all the Sir Knights I would say to you to Stand Firm, Stand Fast, Mind your Temper, and remember your Faith. God bless you and God bless America. Thank You.

Respectfully submitted:

Michael Dean Ritter Grand Commander

#### GRAND RECORDER'S REPORT

The Grand Recorder reported a loss of 138 for the year 2014-15 with 119 new Sir Knights having been created. Lloyd Forney of LaPorte Commandery No. 12 was presented the Star Recorder of the Year award. The Grand Recorder also reported bylaw changes for 4 Commanderies as listed in the Grand Commander's Allocution. Motion made to approve those changes. Passed

#### **REPORT OF THE GRAND RECORDER FOR 2014**

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Refer to the Grand Treasurer's financial report to reflect the financial information recorded by the Grand Recorder. The final audit for the year will be printed in the proceedings.

**Membership Statistics** 

**Number of Chartered Commanderies** 

Number of Commanderies under										
dispensation		1								
Total Membership January 1, 2014				3,567						
Additions for 2014:										
Knights Templar										
conferred on:		119								
Affiliated		72								
Reinstated		17								
Adjustments		<u>3</u>								
				211						
Deductions for 2014:										
Deceased		100								
Demitted		150								
Suspended		<u>99</u>								
				349						
Net Loss for the year				-138						
Total Membership December 31, 20	14			3,429						
Dual Members				85						
Total Unique Members on Roll as of	Decer	nber 31	,							
2014				3,344						
COMPA										
	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Number of Commanderies	45	44	42	42	41	41	40	38	38	36
Net Loss in Membership	45 175	44 175	42 196	42 148	118	236	157	38 159	143	138
Net Loss in Membership # of Commanderies w/no Knightings	45 175 10	44 175 7	42 196 8	42 148 5	118 8	236 10	157 10	38 159 8	143 8	138 8
Net Loss in Membership # of Commanderies w/no Knightings # of Commanderies w/Gain	45 175 10 13	44 175 7 17	42 196 8 12	42 148 5 12	118 8 12	236 10 10	157 10 9	38 159 8 5	143 8 12	138 8 7
Net Loss in Membership # of Commanderies w/no Knightings # of Commanderies w/Gain # of Commanderies staying even	45 175 10 13 2	44 175 7 17 3	42 196 8 12 3	42 148 5 12 3	118 8 12 2	236 10 10 2	157 10 9 4	38 159 8 5 6	143 8 12 3	138 8 7 3
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Commanderies with 201-300 members	1
Commanderies with 300+ members	0
Smallest Commandery	26
Largest Commandery	206

Respectfully submitted,

Lawrence V. Kaminsky, KCT, PGC, GR

### **GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT**

The Grand Treasurer presented the following annual financial report.

#### Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Indiana Treasurer's Report April 1, 2014 – March 31, 2015

Operating Fund:
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Balance on Hand 4/1/015 Checking & Savings Accounts)

\$114,168.55

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Commandery Checking Beginning Balance 4/1/2014	\$0.00
Checking Deposits	\$181,047.11
Checking Withdrawals	\$176,341.05

Ending Balance \$4,706.06

#### **Commandery Savings Beginning Balance 4/1/2015**

Deposits (4/1/2015 - 3/31/2016)	
5201 Per Capita 2013	

5201 Per Capita 2013	\$1	0,673.50
5202 Per Capita 2014	\$7	0,269.50
5210 St. Anselm Dues	\$	769.00
5215 Newby/Avery Donations	\$	2,500.00
5310 Interest Savings Short Term	\$	31.45
5406 Ritual Awards Program	\$	90.00
5408 Ritual / Tactics	\$	4,40.00
5409 DSA Awards	\$	1,716.50
5490 Miscellaneous Income	\$	918.72
4020 Eye Foundation	\$	86.00

Commandery Savings Deposits \$88,095.17 Commandery Savings Withdrawals \$(80,977.11)

Ending Balance \$116,146.35

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

7310 - Per Capita	\$34,365.00
7415 – G.C. Expense	\$ 6,454.23
7420 - G. R. Expenses	\$ 10,833.29
7430 - KT Editor Supplies	\$ 250.00
7510 – Audit	\$ 1,210.00
7550 - Travel & Meeting Conclave Expenses	\$ 4,272.45
7555 – Insurance	\$ 2,723.00
7620 - Ritual & Tactics	\$ 912.17
7625 - Uniform Supplies	\$ 750.09
7651 - G.C. Jewel	\$ 1,725.78
7705 - DSA Awards	\$ 71.78
7710 - Ribbons, Plaques, Trophies	\$ 298.82
7715 - Drill Bars	\$ 152.15
7920 – Job's Daughters	\$ 250.00
7930 – Rainbow for Girls	\$ 250.00
7940 – DeMolay	\$ 250.00
8110 - Office Supplies	\$ 826.91
8120 – Telephone	\$ 1,105.35
8130 – Internet	\$ 847.55
8140 – Postage	\$ 1,673.56
8144 - P.O. Box	\$ 232.00
8161 - Pitney Bowes	\$ 359.34

8171 – Advanced Proceedings 8175 - Red Book 8178 - G. R. Printing Grand Prelate Jewels Indiana Masonic Home Masonic Relief Board Masonic Library Miscellaneous Per Capita Refund Proceedings Technology	\$ 381.00 \$ 625.00 \$ 510.00 \$ 1,491.58 \$33,333.34 \$33,333.33 \$ 646.51 \$ 81.00 \$ 2,125.00 \$ 1,121.96
Total Disbursements (4/1/2015 -3/31/2016)	\$176,341.05
Outstanding Checks Total	(\$ 2,244.90) \$ 174,096.15
FUNDS HELD IN SEPERATE ACCOUNTS:	
Commandery Life Membership Savings Account Balance 4/1	
Life Membership Deposits	\$ 199.89 .
Life Membership Interest	\$ 22.34
Life Membership Withdrawals Ending Balance (3/31/2016)	\$ 0.00 \$ <b>44,776.65</b>
Ending Datanee (3/31/2010)	Ψ 44,770.03
Life Membership Investment (CD)	\$ 16,000.00
Life Membership Savings Account	\$ 44,776.65
Total Life Membership Accounts	\$ 60,776.65
Triennial Beginning Balance 4/1/2015	\$ 1,228.14
Triennial Deposits	\$ .00
Triennial Withdrawals	\$ .00
Triennial Savings Interest	\$ .36
Ending Balance 3/31/2016	\$ 1,229.37
Total Triennial Account	\$ 1,228.50
Holy Land Pilgrimage Fund Beginning Balance (4/1/2014)	\$18,068.70
Holy Land Pilgrimage Deposits	\$ 8,922.50
Interest	\$ 28.08
Withdrawals for Holy Land Trip	\$(10,170.60)
Holy Land Pilgrimage Fund Balance (3/31/2015)	\$ 16,849.28
<b>Total Other Funds</b>	\$78,854.43
Morgan Stanley Permanent Fund 4/1/2014	\$328,072.43
Morgan Stanley Permanent Fund Gain (Losses)	\$ 14,248.35
Morgan Stanley Permanent Fund 3/31/2015	\$352,320.78
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Morgan Stanley Educational Fund 4/1/2014 Morgan Stanley Educational Fund Gain (Losses)	\$220,976.37 \$ 4,404.40
Morgan Stanley Educational Fund Gain (Losses)  Morgan Stanley Educational Fund Withdrawal	\$ 4,404.40 \$ 5,000.00
Morgan Stanley Educational Fund Withdrawar Morgan Stanley Educational Fund 3/31/2015	\$ 3,000.00 <b>\$220.380.77</b>
Total All Accounts	\$772,40

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Respectfully Submitted,

Robert J. Frazer, KCT, PGC, GT

GRAND COMMANDERY

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF INDIANA
Financial Statements
March 31, 2015



#### Independent Accountants' Compilation Report

We have compiled the accompanying Statement of Assets and Net Assets - Cash Basis of Grand Commandery, Knighta Templar of Indiana (a non-profit organization) as of March 31, 2015 and the related Statements of Revenue and Expense - Cash Basis for the year then ended, in accordance with standards by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America and for designing, Implementing, and maintaining internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements.

Our responsibility is to conduct the compliation in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services issued by the American Institute of Cortified Public Accountants. The objective of a compliation is to assist management in presenting financial information in the form of financial statements without undertaking to obtain or provide any assurance that there are no material modifications that should be made to the financial statements.

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#### GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF INDIANA STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND NET ASSETS - CASH BASIS -MARCH 31, 2015

Assets:			
Cash	and Cash Equivalents:		, '
	General Checking Account		\$ 3,311.16
	Triennial Savings Account		1,228.76
	Life Membership Savings Account		44,776.65
*	Per Capita Savings Account (		116,146.35
	Money Market Account	- 4	The second second
	Total Cash and Cash Equivalents		165,462.92
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Invest	ments:		
	Certificate of Deposits		15,000.00
PERM.	Education Fund		352,320.78
	Total Investments		367,320.78
Accou	nts Receivable		6,47
Invent	ory Assets		0.00
1.1			
Total Ass	sets		\$ 532,790.17
Net Asse	ds:	2 9	
Unrestri	·		S_532,790.17
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Total Net	Assets		\$ 532,790.17

See accompanying notes and accountants' compilation report

#### GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF INDIANA STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND EXPENSE - CASH BASIS -FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2015

and the second s		Temporarily	<u>Permanently</u>	
	Unrestricted	Restricted	Restricted	<u>Total</u>
Revenues and Other Support:				
Per Capita Holding S	73,358.50	S -	g - g	73,358.50
Membership Dues	769.50		• . •	769.50
Interest & Dividend Income	13.832.85		_	13.832.85
DSA Awards Payments Received	1,216.50			1,216.50
Realized Gain on Investment	2,567,42			2,567,42
Unrealized Gain/(Loss) on Investments	1,390.29	_		1,390.29
Other Receipts for Rituals & Publications	1,305,24	1 2		1,308.24
Receipts from Education Savings	1,,			,,000,1
Contributions & Life Memberships	102,836,00	<u>1</u>		102,836.00
Miscellaneous Revenue				102,000.00
Tax Refund				•
	4	73		
Total Revenue and Other Support	197,277.30			197,277.30
Expenses:	. 14			•
Program Expenses	159,480.64		-	159,480,64
Payment to Beneficiaries of Life Estates	-	7:		
Mánagement and General Exponsos	13,788.12	-		13,788.12
Total Expenses	173,268.76			173,288.76
Character in New Assesser	21.000.51		Ε.,	
Change in Net Assets	24,008.54			24,008.54
Net Assets at Deginning of Year	508,781.63			508,781.63
Net Assots at End of Year \$	532,790.17	S - 3	- \$	532,790.17

See accompanying notes and accountants' compilation report

#### GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF INDIANA NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS MARCH 31, 2015

#### 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 dobt securities purchased with a maturity of three months or lass 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 samed, and expenses are recorded when paid rather than when incurred.
- (c) Investments the organization cames 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.
- 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 unfestricted support.
- (I) The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that uffect 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 denor restrictions.
- (h) The Organization has evaluated subsequent events through July 31, 2015, the date which the financial statements were available to be issued.

#### 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.

#### GRAND COMMANDERY KNICHTS TEMPLAR OF INDIANA NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, CONTINUED MARCH 31, 2015

#### NOTE 3 - FUNCTIONAL ALLOCATION OF EXPENSES

#### Detail of Program Expenses

Jewels		\$	3,217.38
Printing & Copying			4,123.52
Trophles and Awards			522.45
Uniforms			295.92
Conferences, Conventions, Meetings			4,077.50
Membership Dovolopment			
Grand Officers Expense			11,333.29
Tactics & Rituals			624.60
Triennial Expense			7
Per Capita Payment	·	*	34,446.00
Contributions			1,00,840.00
Total		\$	159,480.64

#### Detail of Management and General Expenses

Professional Fees	S	1,210.00
Office Expanse		920.91
Postage		2,264.90
Insurance -/ .		2,723.00
Totophone & Telecommunications	,	1,748.92
Computer Software, Expenses		1,271.96
Investment Advisory Fees.		3,435.92
All Other		212.51
Total	G	13,788.12

#### TRUSTEE'S REPORT

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

As of the 31st of March, 2015 the Permanent Fund was \$352,320.78. The Education Fund was \$220380.77 with a \$5,000.00 withdrawal for the Christian Theological Seminary. These funds are kept at Morgan Stanley.

The Trustees are pleased to report that financial support to the Newby-Avery Fund, which is contained within the Permanent Fund has now reached \$88,012.90.

Our Life Membership Fund has assets of \$60,766.65 in Certificates of Deposits and a Savings Account.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry W Brown, PGC, REDC James L Dove, PGC David M Bertch, PGC

#### FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

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

The Grand Commandery of Indiana has completed its 5 year assessment of \$5.00 per member, which was approved at the Grand Session in 2010. It has helped the permanent fund and general fund recover from low levels that occurred in previous years. The Trustees will report the results of the assessments in their report.

In 2010, the finance committee recommended that the per capita increase by .50 cents to offset the drop in membership and was to be in effect for the following 5 years. In each of those 5 years a vote was be necessary to continue the increase at each Grand Session.

As our membership numbers are still on the decrease and to enable our finances to remain stable, the Finance Committee recommends that the per capita not be increased this year.

Legislation of Section 612, which deals with the transfer of money from the permanent fund to the general fund, will be reported elsewhere in the Advance Proceedings.

**NOTE:** The legislation was withdrawn before it was submitted at this Conclave,

Respectfully submitted

Paul W. Friend, PGC, Chairman Bobby J. Roberts, PGC James Dove, PGC

# **Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Indiana 2015-16 Budget**

Per Capita Dues - Indiana         \$35,075,00           Per Capita Dues - Grand Encampment         \$27,450,00           K. T. Eye Foundation Assessment         \$241,00           K. Righting Fees         \$3,000,00           DSA Payments         \$600,00           Rituals         \$600,00           Interest earned         \$000           \$5,00 per member assessment         \$000           Transfer from Life Membership         \$6,600,00           Misc         \$0,000           Total         \$77,340,00           DISBURSEMENTS           NON-DISCRETIONARY AND SPECIAL ACCOUNTS           Grand Encampment Per Capita         \$27,450,00           K.T. Eye Foundation         \$2,419,00           Grand Encampment Total         \$39,869,00           DISCRETIONARY           Awards         \$0,000           Life Membership Short Fall         \$0,000           Locaming (Audit)         \$1,000           Triennial         \$1,000           Grand Conclave         \$1,000           Friennia         \$3,000           Grand Conclave         \$5,000           Grand Confericy Expense         \$2,750,00           G	<u>RECEIPTS</u>		BUDGET		
K. T. Eye Foundation Assessment         \$2,419.00           Knighting Fees         \$3,000.00           DSA Payments         \$2,000.00           Rituals         \$2,000.00           Interest earned         \$200.00           \$5.00 per member assessment         \$0,000           Transfer from Life Membership         \$6,600.00           Mise         Total         \$77,344.00           DISBURSEMENTS           NON-DISCRETIONARY AND SPECIAL ACCOUNTS           Kr. Eye Foundation         \$27,450.00           Kr. Eye Foundation         \$23,490.00           Grand Encampment Per Capita         \$1,400.00           Mards         \$1,000.00           Life Membership Short Fall         \$0,00           Accounting (Audit)         \$1,000.00           Triennial         \$1,000.00           Grand Conclave         \$1,000.00           Triennial         \$1,000.00           Grand Conclave         \$2,250.00           Grand Conclave - other         \$3,200.00           Grand Commander Expense         \$2,275.00           Grand Commander Expense         \$2,275.00           Grand Recorder Spense         \$2,000.00           Grand Recorder's Office Expense         \$3,000.00 <td>Per Capita Dues - Indiana</td> <td></td> <td>\$35,075.00</td>	Per Capita Dues - Indiana		\$35,075.00		
Knighting Fees         \$3,000.00           DSA Payments         \$2,000.00           Rituals         \$600.00           Interest earned         \$200.00           \$5.00 per member assessment         \$0.00           Transfer from Life Membership         \$6,600.00           Misc         \$0.00           DISBURSEMENTS           NON-DISCRETIONARY AND SPECIAL ACCOUNTS           K.T. Eye Foundation         \$27,450.00           K.T. Eye Foundation         \$2419.00           Grand Encampment Per Capita         \$249.00           K.T. Eye Foundation         \$249.00           Grand Encampment Total         \$249.00           DISCRETIONARY           DISCRETIONARY           Awards         \$600.00           Life Membership Short Fall         \$600.00           Accounting (Audit)         \$1,000.00           Treinnia         \$1,000.00           Grand Conclave         \$1,000.00           Grand Conclave         \$2,200.00           Grand Conclave         \$2,200.00           Grand Commander Expense         \$2,200.00 <th <="" colspan="2" td=""><td>Per Capita Dues - Grand Encampment</td><td></td><td>\$27,450.00</td></th>	<td>Per Capita Dues - Grand Encampment</td> <td></td> <td>\$27,450.00</td>		Per Capita Dues - Grand Encampment		\$27,450.00
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		Equipment	\$500.00		

	Insurance	\$400.00
	Recorder Bond Insurance	\$600.00
	Technology	\$1,000.00
	Postage and Printing	\$3,100.00
	Proceedings - Annual and Advanced	\$1,500.00
PGC & GPE Jewels		\$1,000.00
Uniform		\$1,200.00
Membership Development / Publicity Expense		\$2,000.00
Contingency		\$1,000.00
Misc		\$500.00
York Rite Association		\$600.00
Youth		\$750.00
	Subtotal	\$45,960.00
INVENTORY ITEMS		
DSA Awards		\$1,000.00
Rituals		\$600.00
	Subtotal	\$1,600.00

Total Expenses \$\frac{\$77,429.00}{\$77,429.00}\$
Surplus / Deficit -\\$85.00

#### KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EDUCATION FOUNDATION

To the Right Eminent Grand Commander, Grand Commandery Officers, and Sir Knights: The Educational Foundation Committee is awarding a \$5000.00 scholarship to a student who is preparing to become a Christian minister.

We are continuing our agreement with Christian Theological Seminary (CTS) to supply a \$5000.00 scholarship for a student who is working on a masters or doctoral degree in divinity. CTS is assuming the responsibility of researching the needs of their students and presenting our scholarship to a deserving student.

This years' recipient will be Katie Griffin of Indianapolis who is working on her Masters in Divinity and is expecting to graduate in May of 2016. This young woman has a most impressive resume and is a worthy recipient of our grant.

Fraternally submitted by the Committee:

Steven J Barton, PGC, PDC Chairman

#### KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

ADMINISTRATION EXPENSE BUDGET

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

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

Forward three (3) copies: Lawrence E. Tucker, Secretary, 5909 West Loop South, Suite 495, Bellaire, Texas 77401. One copy, indicating approval status under the name of the Chairman, will be returned to you.

#### INCOME

		2014 Total Income:	Amount Available for Administration Expenses
Interest from student loans: (75% available for administration exp	enses	\$0.00	\$0.00
Income from Investments: (10% available for administrative exp	enses)	\$2,051.11	\$205.11
(See Section 14b of Regulations and Standard Practice.)	TOTAL	\$2,051.11	\$205.11

#### ADMINISTRATION EXPENSE BUDGET

Secretary/Treasurer	\$ Postage & Express	\$21.00
Other salaries	\$ Telephone, Telegraph	\$20.00
Attorney or Collection Fees	\$ Stationery, Supplies etc.,	\$
Rent	\$ Furniture, Equipment, Repairs	\$
Safe Deposit Box	\$ Premiums on Investments	\$
Fidelity Bonds	\$ Miscellaneous (Itemize below)	\$125.00
Social Security (FICA) Employer Only	\$ (Do Not Include item of 5% paid to 0	Grand Encampment Commit
Unemployment Compensation (FUTA)	\$ shown on Annual Financial Stateme	nt, Page 1, Line 20)
Audit	\$ Itemize: To be used in	collection effort.
Committee Meetings	\$ 	
Traveling Expense Contacting Loanees	\$	
	TOTAL EXPENSE:	\$166.00

Total Income	\$2,051.11
Administrative Expense	\$166.00
Consumer Price Index (2007 3.3%)	\$62.21
Amount Available	\$1,822.90

Steven J. Barton	Lawrence V. Kaminsky		
Division Chairman, Educational Committee	<u>Division Secretary, Educational Committee</u>		

Approved:

Grand Encampment Chairman of Committee on Educational Foundation

If it is anticipated that Scholarships, Fellowships or Grants will be awarded during the year of **2014** in accordance with the Division's Plan, please list recipients names and amount on the rear of this sheet. (See Section 22 of Regulations and Standard Practice.)

1 Grant of \$5,000 to be given to the Christian Theological Seminary of Indianapolis in our name to be awarded to a candidate of their choosing.

### **Dispensations and Charters Committee**

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

#### PREVIOUS DISPENSATION:

There was one dispensation granted this Templar year:

Dispensation to continue operating St. Anselm Commandery U.D. during the 2014-15 Templar Year

#### **COMMANDERY CLOSINGS:**

One Commandery surrendered its charter this year:

Seymour Commandery surrendered its charter on August 15, 2014 and merged with Columbus Commandery No. 14.

#### **FUTURE ACTIVITY:**

We at Greene County York Rite will soon be receiving our charters for Chapter and Council and we will then be petitioning the Grand Commandery for a dispensation. We are trying to make preparations ahead of time so we will be ready. If you can give me some info on the process for starting a brand new Commandery, all help will be greatly appreciated.

Fraternally, Gary Roberts

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812-512-2193

Respectfully submitted,

Jackie F. Wallace, KCT, PGC Rodney A. Mann, KCT, PGC Larry W. Brown, KCT, PGC, ECDC

#### HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE REPORT

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

It is with great pleasure that I report that 33 Ministers went to the Holy Land this year. Indiana sent 3 of these Ministers.

Rev. Charles E. Armstrong sent by Kokomo Commandery #36

Rev. David W. Hatfield sent by Anderson Commandery #32

Rev. Timothy J. King sent by Anderson Commandery #32

We had one Minister that had to back out at the last minute due to not being able to obtain his passport, so Rev. King went in his place. Thanks to our Grand Prelate for getting another Minister to go at the last minute.

Fraternally,

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

# Holy Land Pilgrimage Account as of 03/31/2015

DATE	TRANSACTION	N DONATION FROM	MINISTER	CURRENT	BALANCE FWD
12/31/2012	Interest			\$1.95	\$16,729.53
01/31/2013	Interest			\$1.95	\$16,731.48
02/28/2013	Interest			\$1.76	\$16,733.24
03/0402013	Deposit	Greenfield #39		\$20.00	\$16,753.24
03/04/2013	Deposit	Vincennes #20		\$100.00	\$16,853.24
03/31/2013	Interest			\$1.96	\$16,855.20
04/02/2013	Deposit	Columbus #14		\$20.00	\$16,875.20
04/29/2013	Deposit	Vesper Service		\$25.00	\$16,900.20
04/30/2013	Interest			\$1.91	\$16,902.11
05/06/2013	Deposit	Greenfield #39		\$20.00	\$16,922.11
05/17/2013	Deposit	Past Commanders Assoc.		\$200.00	\$17,122.11
05/31/2013	Interest			\$1.99	\$17,124.10
06/12/2013	Deposit	Vesper Service		\$351.00	\$17,475.10
06/30/2013	Interest			\$1.99	\$17,477.09
07/01/2013	Deposit	Michigan City #30		\$60.00	\$17,537.09
07/31/2013	Interest			\$2.08	\$17,539.17
08/03/2013	Deposit	Angola #45		\$25.00	\$17,564.17
08/04/2013	Deposit	Greenfield #39		\$10.00	\$17,574.17
08/19/2013	Deposit	Apollo #19		\$25.00	\$17,599.17
08/31/2013	Interest			\$2.09	\$17,601.26
09/16/2013	Deposit	Columbus #14		\$10.00	\$17,611.26
09/30/2013	Interest			\$2.03	\$17,613.29
10/31/2013	Interest			\$2.10	\$17,615.39
11/13/2013	Deposit	Columbus #14		\$10.00	\$17,625.39
11/30/2013	Interest			\$2.03	\$17,627.42
12/03/2013	Deposit	Greencastle #11		\$400.00	\$18,027.42
12/31/2013	Interest			\$2.15	\$18,029.57
01/31/2014	Interest			\$2.17	\$18,031.74
02/28/2014	Interest			\$1.96	\$18,033.70
03/01/2014	Deposit	Angola #45	Norb Parrot	\$25.00	100
03/01/2014		Columbus #14		\$10.00	VIEW-000-00-00-00-00-00-00-00-00-00-00-00-0
03/29/2014	Deposit	Angola #45	David Weaver	\$25.00	\$18,093.70
03/31/2014	Interest			\$2.18	
04/28/2014	Deposit	Vesper Service		\$550.00	2 40
04/28/2014	Deposit	Grand Master Mark A. Genun	g Prather #62	\$200.00	
04/30/2014				\$2.12	\$18,848.00
05/31/2014				\$2.31	
06/04/2014	500 St. 600 (\$100 O St. 600 St	Past Commander's Assoc.		\$200.00	
06/19/2014		Raper #1		\$4,000.00	
06/20/2014	Deposit	Hammond #41		\$10.00	5-60%-CO-904-PSE-R-12-4-C1-50-X
06/30/2014				\$2.53	7 6
07/31/2014				\$3.02	
08/31/2014				\$3.03	
09/30/2014				\$2.93	
10/01/2014	50	Greenfield #39		\$30.00	
10/01/2014		LaValette #15		\$100.00	
10/01/2014		Dennis A. Schraeder, Sr. #15		\$100.00	5 4
10/01/2014	Deposit	LaValette #15		\$20.00	\$23,321.82

#### Holy Land Pilgrimage Account as of 03/31/2015

DATE	DATE TRANSACTION DONATION FROM		MINISTER	CURRENT	BALANCE FWD
10/03/2014	Deposit	Hammond #41		\$200.00	\$23,521.82
10/04/2014	Deposit	William G. Bray #65		\$100.00	\$23,621.82
10/17/2014	Withdrawal	Holy Land Pilgrimage Inc.	Hatfield, Armstrong, King	-\$10,170.00	\$13,451.82
10/31/2014	Interest			\$3.02	\$13,454.84
11/01/2014	Deposit	Greencastle #11		\$500.00	\$13,954.84
11/01/2014	Deposit	Wright #64		\$145.00	\$14,099.84
11/01/2014	Deposit	Bedford #42		\$250.00	\$14,349.84
11/01/2014	Deposit	Prather #62	Jim Bolinger	\$20.00	\$14,369.84
11/01/2014	Deposit	Bloomington #63		\$10.00	\$14,379.84
11/03/2014	Deposit	E. H. Gary #57		\$500.00	\$14,879.84

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\$15,881.86

\$16,013.86

\$16,513.86

\$16,515.68

\$16,650.68

\$16,670.68

\$16,770.68

\$16,772.31

\$16,797.31

\$16,798.78

\$16,849.28

# **Necrology**

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, Officers of the Grand Encampment, and to the Right Eminent Grand Commander, Officers and Sir Knights of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Indiana:

From this earth we come and unto it we shall return. For when we lose our loved ones, our friends, our brothers, our Sir Knights; the only solace we have is that they are now in Heaven with our Father. As we read in John 14: 1-2 "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trusting God; trust also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you." Let us take a moment of silence to remember our brothers in faith as well as our Frater's from the fraternity.

Respectfully Submitted,

Adam E. Jackson, Grand Prelate

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11/21/2014 Deposit

11/30/2014 Interest

12/02/2014 Deposit

12/08/2014 Deposit

12/27/2014 Deposit

12/31/2014 Interest

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03/14/2015 Deposit

E. H. Gary #57

Hammond #41

Greenfield #39

Angola #45

Kokomo #36

Connersville #6

New Albany #5

Greenfield #39

Richmond #8

Anderson #32

Kokomo #36

Greenfield #39

Ft. Wayne #4

Hammond #41

Angola #45

Sir Knight of Ohio

Crawsfordsville #25

Commandery	First	Middle	Last	Date of Birth	Date of Death
1 - Raper	Ronald	0.	Rogers	08/17/1936	12/19/2014
2 - Baldwin	Anthony	J.	Bryant	02/14/1961	12/25/2013
2 - Baldwin	, William	Lee	Callahan	10/01/1946	01/30/2014
2 - Baldwin	Wilbur	Owen	Cole	05/18/1926	12/26/2014
2 - Baldwin	James	Michael	Cridge	07/10/1942	12/11/2014
2 - Baldwin	John	Albert	Phares	03/22/1935	01/08/2015
3 - Lafayette	C.	W.	Bartholomai	11/15/1921	02/15/2015
3 - Lafayette	George	Overton	Cross, Jr.	06/12/1917	06/03/2014
3 - Lafayette	H.	Hanly	Hammel, Jr.	01/11/1920	06/04/2014
3 - Lafayette	John	Philip	Raney	01/20/1931	02/23/2014
4 - Fort Wayne	Garth	В.	Anderson	08/21/1923	05/08/2008
4 - Fort Wayne	Philip		Clouser	11/04/1940	08/15/2014
4 - Fort Wayne	Clyde	L.	Dawson	08/10/1928	06/18/2014
4 - Fort Wayne	Vernon	D.	Fraze	09/11/1920	07/01/2014
4 - Fort Wayne	Henry	E	LaHurreau, KCT., PGC	02/14/1946	02/19/2015
4 - Fort Wayne	Norbert	0.	Parrot	09/18/1925	01/03/2014
4 - Fort Wayne	David	Martin	Weaver	10/02/1942	03/02/2014
5 - New Albany	Raymond	D.	Beets	04/28/1928	12/05/2014
5 - New Albany	Ronald	Jerome	Greenwell, Sr.	04/12/1947	11/15/2013
5 - New Albany	Matthew	Howard	Hibbs, Jr.	08/26/1924	12/04/2014
5 - New Albany	Paul	Gerald	Lang	10/16/1939	01/27/2014
5 - New Albany	Donald	Leland	Shaw	05/17/1931	09/18/2014
6 - Connersville	Marion	Dudley	Curtis	07/06/1923	04/27/2014
6 - Connersville	Ronald	Abell	Defur	09/14/1930	02/02/2015
8 - Richmond	Ellis	E.	Myers	08/26/1916	01/29/2014
11 - Greencastle	Donald	Lee	Amerman	02/23/1930	06/05/2011
11 - Greencastle	Charles	J.	McCalister	12/08/1937	12/26/2014
11 - Greencastle	William	A.	Thomas, Jr.	12/26/1937	04/27/2014
12 - LaPorte	Esmond		Miller	09/29/1942	03/01/2014
13 - South Bend	Roy	Daniel	Gaby	12/23/1940	11/14/2013
13 - South Bend	James	David	Hall	01/10/1936	09/15/2013
13 - South Bend	Sr.	Bud	Magee	03/05/1921	01/08/2014
14 - Columbus	Robert	Lewis	Conway	10/25/1929	08/03/2014
14 - Columbus	Eugene	K.	Farrow	12/22/1919	12/23/2013
14 - Columbus	Carroll	Joe	Friend, GPE	12/26/1948	03/28/2014
14 - Columbus	Robert	J.	Maple, Sr.	06/28/1929	03/01/2015
14 - Columbus	Lawrence	B.	Schoetmer	10/09/1925	05/06/2014
14 - Columbus	Harold	Lee	Wilkerson	06/20/1927	01/27/2010
15 - LaValette	Henry	Malcolm	Carrico, III	12/03/1938	08/01/2014
15 - LaValette	Charles	Richard	Giesman	03/14/1926	11/12/2014
15 - LaValette	Thomas	Sanford	Howell	10/09/1946	04/18/2014
15 - LaValette	George	Richard	Lankford	04/02/1929	08/02/2014
15 - LaValette	William	J.	Schlumpf, Sr.	02/04/1925	03/03/2013
15 - LaValette	Timothy	James	Schucker	08/08/1930	10/01/2013
15 - LaValette	Rufus	Frank	Williams, KCT, PGC, HPDC	10/31/1923	07/02/2014
16 - Terre Haute	Luken	E.	Dever	06/08/1918	08/01/2014
16 - Terre Haute	Guy	E.	Edds	12/20/1923	12/20/2014
16 - Terre Haute	Leo	M.	Hedden	01/10/1941	04/30/2014
16 - Terre Haute	George	L.	Korenski, Jr., PGHP	10/16/1938	02/11/2015
16 - Terre Haute	Thomas	R.	Marshall	08/08/1937	01/01/2015
16 - Terre Haute	James	P.	Mayfield	06/13/1927	03/18/2014
16 - Terre Haute	Jack	E.	Smith	08/18/1936	08/21/2013
19 - Apollo	Martin	P.	Alexander, III	08/17/1945	09/06/2013
19 - Apollo	Donald	E.	Friend, PGHP	04/12/1926	04/13/2014
19 - Apollo	Albert	Harold	Gengnagel	01/21/1937	12/29/2014

19 - Apollo	Ralph	L.	Niman	04/18/1925	05/21/2012
19 - Apollo	William	Α.	Ort	04/27/1918	02/03/2013
19 - Apollo	Estelle	L.	Smith	04/10/1925	01/10/2013
20 - Vincennes	Harrison	Wayne	Malotte	11/03/1925	05/29/2013
21 - Grant County	William	Doyle	Lewis	05/25/1936	08/17/2014
21 - Grant County	Robert	Clifford	Martin	01/23/1921	11/11/2014
21 - Grant County	Howard	F.	Plummer	09/14/1926	10/13/2013
25 - Crawfordsville	Hugh	Michael	Hargrove	06/30/1936	11/29/2014
25 - Crawfordsville	Clyde	Norman	Jones	10/26/1946	12/04/2014
25 - Crawfordsville	Richard	Dean	Jones	11/09/1950	05/08/2012
25 - Crawfordsville	Christopher		Roscher	12/10/1937	12/24/2014
25 - Crawfordsville	Gordon	Leon	Weber, PGHP	09/09/1931	12/16/2014
25 - Crawfordsville	James	Russell	Wright	12/01/1937	09/23/2014
28 - Valparaiso	Theodore	W.	Nehmelmen	07/05/1920	01/03/1915
28 - Valparaiso	William	W.	Ott	11/22/1926	12/23/2012
28 - Valparaiso	Brian	Thomas	Schneckenburger	06/01/1971	07/04/2014
29 - Frankfort	Edwin	Martin	Crum	09/18/1915	05/01/2014
29 - Frankfort	James	Leonard	Kerns	10/24/1941	06/08/2014
29 - Frankfort	Sr.	Devon	Overmyer	04/03/1923	12/03/2003
29 - Frankfort	William	Howard	Rich	12/20/1928	02/13/2014
29 - Frankfort	Donald	Eugene	Roach	10/14/1925	02/01/2014
30 - Michigan City	Dennis	Grant	Durnell	09/19/1943	06/08/2014
30 - Michigan City	Robert	C.	Reicher	08/11/1923	01/06/2014
31 - Elkhart	Harold	C.	Arnold	10/30/1941	03/25/2014
32 - Anderson	Robert	T.	Benefiel	03/18/1929	12/24/2013
32 - Anderson	Paul	M.	Fuller	05/12/1940	11/06/2014
32 - Anderson	Norman	Odell	Hittson, KTCH	12/21/1933	01/20/2014
32 - Anderson	Gerald	Edward	Johnson	04/28/1918	03/02/2013
32 - Anderson	Robert	Keith	Mangas	07/21/1919	12/12/2014
32 - Anderson	Paul	Nathaniel	Wykoff	05/14/1903	08/20/1995
35 - Huntington	Clarence	F.	Bandelier	10/04/1916	10/23/2013
35 - Huntington	Н.	Kelly	De Vall	10/12/1942	03/01/2012
35 - Huntington	George	W.	Jefferson	10/28/1919	09/13/2013
35 - Huntington	David	Roy	Roth	03/28/1919	07/16/2014
36 - Kokomo	William	Н.	Barnett	10/07/1934	07/09/2014
36 - Kokomo	Harold	R.	Hutto	01/22/1939	03/28/2014
36 - Kokomo	James	Leonard	Kerns, KTCH	10/24/1941	06/08/2014
36 - Kokomo	Willy	Emil	Kommans	01/21/1944	02/16/2015
39 - Greenfield	John	Thomas	Cheeley	06/02/1939	11/16/2014
39 - Greenfield	Larry	Russell	Cochran	04/24/1942	12/31/2014
39 - Greenfield	William		Gloye	08/13/1930	10/17/2014
39 - Greenfield	Lawrence		High	09/15/1936	03/22/2014
39 - Greenfield	Robert	E.	Miller	02/16/1932	10/10/2014
39 - Greenfield	Verle	G.	Pearcy	06/12/1930	06/04/2014
39 - Greenfield	Richard	Lee	Thornburg	08/16/1929	12/31/2014
39 - Greenfield	Eldon	Max	Worland	04/02/1940	08/07/2014
39 - Greenfield	Harry	E.	Worland	02/14/1918	09/08/2014
41 - Hammond	Hayward	Earl	Glidewell	06/04/1924	12/18/2014
41 - Hammond	Omar	Emmerson	Hager, KCT, PGC	01/09/1912	01/19/2014
41 - Hammond	Robert	Benjamin	Silverman	12/20/1917	08/31/2011
42 - Bedford	Donald	W.	Allen	05/22/1928	03/20/2014
42 - Bedford	Joseph	H.	Burton	09/06/1926	10/13/2014
42 - Bedford	Raymond	J.	Gilstrap	12/15/1928	09/22/2014
42 - Bedford	Arnold		Williams	07/22/1927	10/15/2014
45 - Angola	David	E.	Ballinger	12/13/1947	01/26/2015
45 - Angola	Burton	Lee	Campbell	01/09/1933	04/06/2013
45 - Angola	Norbert	0.	Parrot	09/18/1925	01/03/2014
45 - Angola	Edgar	A.	Speer	06/28/1922	03/13/2014
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45 - Angola	Walter	Leo	Webb	07/24/1947	12/06/2014
57 - Elbert H. Gary	Alfred	Vernon	Hurst	02/14/1930	01/18/2015
57 - Elbert H. Gary	William	Charles	Keehn	02/15/1926	01/15/2015
57 - Elbert H. Gary	William	W.	Roberts, KCT,	08/22/1928	02/24/2015
			KTCH, GPE		
57 - Elbert H. Gary	Billy		Travis	05/18/1935	07/02/2014
62 - Prather	Robert	Garrett	James	09/26/1963	12/06/2013
63 - Bloomington	Wilfred	B.	Bahr	01/10/1926	11/20/2014
63 - Bloomington	Charles	Melvin	Bain	05/06/1937	02/26/2014
63 - Bloomington	Robert	Garrett	James	09/26/1963	12/06/2013
63 - Bloomington	George	William	Pritchett	01/30/1942	09/02/2014
63 - Bloomington	Claude	Franklin	Rice	11/28/1921	01/06/2014
63 - Bloomington	Charles	Eugene	Richardson	08/30/1928	03/17/2014
64 - Wright	Howard	T.	Shrode	07/31/1930	02/27/2014
64 - Wright	Rufus	Frank	Williams	10/31/1923	07/02/2014
65 – Wm. G. Bray	Thomas	Neal	Featheringill	05/27/1935	05/10/2014
68 - St Anselm	Carroll	Joe	Friend, GPE	12/26/1948	03/28/2014
68 - St Anselm	Henry	E	LaHurreau, KCT,	02/14/1946	02/19/2015
			PGC		
68 - St Anselm	Carl	Darwin	Sundheimer	08/02/1926	10/01/2012

# BIOGRAPHY OF Rufus Frank Williams October 31, 1923 – July 2, 2014

R. Frank Williams, KCT, PGC, HPDC passed away July 2, 2014. He has been reunited with his



beloved Gracie. I have been told that it was his written instructions that his body be cremated and that he did not want a Masonic service. At this time the family is considering having some type of remembrance service at Enon Baptist Church in Fort Branch early in the week but nothing has been set so far. Whenever I learn more I will be happy to pass it along if you wish. Respectfully, David Johnson, LaValette Commandery No.15, Fort Branch Lodge 696.

Rufus Frank Williams of Fort Branch was born October 31, 1923 at Wheatland, IN. He attended Baldwin Heights Public School and graduated from Princeton High School in Princeton, IN. He also attended Lockyears Business College, Purdue University and Indiana University. He served in the U.S. Navy from December of 1942 until April 1946. He was formerly associated with the Highway Machine Company as a purchasing agent in Princeton before assuming a new position with the Gibson County Farm Bureau Co-op Association, Inc., as their Executive Vice President. He married the former Grace Lillian DeLong in Fort Branch on June 29, 1947 and they had three daughters, Marjan, Chris Ellen, and Patricia Joyce. They were members of the General Baptist Church of Fort Branch.

Sir Knight Williams was active in all branches of Masonry, joining Fort Branch Lodge No. 696 F&A.M in March of 1947 and served as their Worshipful Master in 1954 and served as Trustee from 1955 to 1957. He became a Royal Arch Mason in February of 1960 and served as High Priest of Evansville Chapter No 12. He became a Cryptic Mason in February 1960 and served as Illustrious Master in Simpson Council No. 23. He became a Knight Templar in March of 1960 and served as Eminent Commander in LaValette Commandery No. 15. He was a member of the Evansville Valley Scottish Rite and served as the Sovereign Prince of Mordecai Council Princes of Jerusalem and received his honorary 33° at Pittsburg in 1967. He also served as Worthy Patron of his local Eastern Star Chapter during the years of 1960, 1962, 1964 and 1966. He received his Knight York Cross of Honor in Robert A. Woods Priory No. 62. He was a member of St. James Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine. He was also a member of the Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests. He received the Honorary Legion of Honor from the DeMolay and the Grand Cross of Colors from the Rainbow Girls. He was elected Right Eminent Grand Commander Knights Templar of Indiana at the 115th Annual Conclave held Lafayette in May.1977. He served as Grand Prelate in 1985-86. He received the Knight Commander of the Temple in 1992. He served on the Holy Land Pilgrimage Committee as Chairman for many years and made numerous trips to the Holy Land with Ministers from all over the United States. He was given the distinction of Honorary Past Department Commander.

Sir Knight Williams served as Clerk-Treasurer of Fort Branch from 1950 until 1954 and was active in the local Kiwanis Club, serving as their director. He was a member of the National Society of Accountants for Co-ops and was a Past President of Gideon's International.

He was preceded in death by his beloved wife Gracie.

### Kenneth E. Gibson, KCT, PGC June 19, 1933 - April 21, 2015

Kenneth E. Gibson of Indianapolis, passed away at home on April 21, 2015 at the age of 81. He is



survived by his wife, Rita (Des Roches) Pfarr Gibson; children, Sherry (Daniel) Bernal, Vickie (Wayne) Doenges, Valorie (Robert) Shutt; stepchildren, Catherine Pfarr (Larry Lynch), Michael (Brenda) Pfarr, Thomas (Frough) Pfarr, and David (Babs) Pfarr; five granddaughters, six grandsons, and several great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, Dalbert and Pauline Gibson; and siblings, Louis Gibson and Joan Gibson Johnson.

Ken was born on June 19, 1933 in Fort Wayne, IN. After high school he studied mechanical engineering at Purdue University and served a Machinist All-Round Apprenticeship at International Harvester Company in Fort Wayne. He also served 8 years in the U.S. Naval Reserves, with 2 years of active duty as a machinist aboard the U.S.S. Piedmont in Japan and Korea. He was later appointed Director/Instructor of the Apprenticeship Training Programs for the Manufacturing and Motor Truck Engineering Divisions International Harvester in Fort Wayne. In 1963 he accepted a position

as Apprenticeship Training Representative with the Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training at the U.S. Department of Labor in Fort Wayne. He was appointed State Director for Indiana, Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training in 1980 and was relocated to Indianapolis. He retired from this position in 1992.

During his years in New Haven, Ken was an active supporter of education and youth activities, serving in various volunteer positions with organizations such as the East Allen County Education System, the Meadowbrook P.T.A., Meadowbrook Community and New Haven United Methodist Church.

In 1954 Ken was named a Master Mason and so began his long and storied involvement with the Freemasons. He was created a Knight Templar in 1959. Through decades of service he has held many positions of rank and leadership, with acceptance into the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite Valley of Fort Wayne in 1977, and membership in the Mizpah Shrine Temple in Fort Wayne, and the Gennesaret Tabernacle No. XVII, Holy Royal Arch Knights Templar Priests. He was elected Governor of Indiana York Rite College No. 55 for 1985-86 and received the Order of the Purple Cross in 1985. He served as Secretary of Indiana York Rite College No. 55 from 1987 to May 2006 and was named Secretary of the Year from the York Rite Sovereign College in 2008.

Ken and Rita were married September 24, 1988, and enjoyed many years of retirement together. Travel was a favorite hobby and he visited all 50 states, Canada and the British Isles. He made the most of opportunities to learn more about the places he visited. He had the mind of a teacher and problem solver and was always seeking ways to improve the world around him. He was an active and dedicated member of the Irvington United Methodist Church.

### HENRY EDMOND LA HURREAU February 14, 1946 - February 19, 2015

Henry Edmond La Hurreau was born in Fort Wayne Indiana on February 14, 1946 to Howard L. and



Viola M. (Garrett) La Hurreau. He had two sisters and two brothers. La Hurreau received his Eagle Scout Award and all three palms in 1963. He was a graduate of North Side High School and St. Joseph Hospital School of X-Ray Technology. In 1967 he entered the U.S. Army receiving an honorable discharge after serving three years. Henry married Beverly Joann Frederick of Fort Wayne in 1978. Henry and Beverly had 5 children; Brett H., Robert L., Amanda K, Elizabeth A, and Karen J. Henry was employed with General Telephone of Indiana for the past 26 years as a PBX and Key installer. Sir Knight La Hurreau was installed as Eagle Clan Chief of the Metea Band Potawatomi Indians following his Father's death.

Henry was raised a Master Mason in Three Rivers Lodge # 733 F & AM of Fort Wayne in November 1977. He then served as Master of Three Rivers Lodge in 1985 and was a current member of Angola Lodge #236 F & A.M. Exalted a Royal Arch Mason in Fort Wayne Chapter #19 R.A.M. in 1978, serving as High Priest in 1989. Henry was a member of Fort Wayne Council #4 serving as Illustrious Master in 1989. He was created a Sir Knight in Fort Wayne Commandery #4

in 1978 serving as Commander in 1990. He was elected a Super Excellent Master in Fort Wayne in 1980. He was made a Noble of Mizpah Shrine A.A.O.N.M.S. in 1983. He was admitted into the Indiana Council of Anointed High Priests in 1989 and received the Degree of Thrice Illustrious Master in 1989. Henry was inducted into the Indiana Past Commanders Association in 1990. He was inducted into the Grand Council of Knight Masons, Indiana No. 15 in 1993. Henry was inducted into the Scottish Rite Valley, Fort Wayne in 1978.

Sir Knight La Hurreau served as President of the Past Masters Association Fort Wayne Indiana in 1989. He served as Provost Marshall of the Provost Unit of the Mizpah Shrine in 1990. He was inducted into the Hillbilly Clan #55 in 1986. He served as Knight Director of Yeoman of York (Angola) 1998. He also served as Grand Knight Director of Yeoman of York in 2006-07 and was the current Adjutant General. He belonged to the Allied Masonic Degrees, Pokagon Council#147 and held the position of Tyler. He was inducted a Knight of the York Cross of Honour, Priory #8 in 1993. He served as Governor of York Rite College #55. He received the Knight Templar Distinguished Service Award in 1991. Henry received the Order of the Purple Cross in 1998. He was a member of Goose and Tater #101 and Knight Commander of the Quest. La Hurreau was a member of Tall Cedars of Lebanon #194 and served as Grand Tall Cedar in 1997. In 1996 was elected to receive the Royal Order of Scotland. He received the degrees of the Red Cross of Constantine in the summer of 1999.

Henry served as an Aide to Sir Knight Dwight E. Lanman, Jr., PGC in 1991. He was appointed to the Indiana Grand Commandery Line in 1992, and elected Grand Junior Warden of the Indiana Grand Commandery Knights Templar in April 1994. He served as Right Eminent Grand Commander in 1999-2000. He received the Knight Commander of the Temple in 2000.

Hank was coroneted Sovereign Grand Inspectors General Honorary, 330; the last Degree of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite Northern Masonic Jurisdiction on September 21, 2004.

### **Templar Uniform Committee Report**

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

We have received one proposed change to Section 993 Summer Uniform:

Proposed addition to Section 993 Summer Uniform:

"993 (D) shirt. to add the following: Membership Cord worn on the left side of the shirt. The Veterans bar, Masonic Service bar and KT Leadership Bar worn above the metal bar representing the three orders of the Commandery."

To date no resolution has been made from the committee regarding this proposed change.

As of December 31, 2014, this request was withdrawn by the requestor. No further action will be taken on this proposal.

Fraternally and Respectfully Submitted,

Terry L. Kehrer, GSW, Chairman Michael F. Robbins, GJW - Vice Carson Smith #1 Glenn W. Schmidt, GSwdB Donnie A. Robinette, GStdB

#### R. FRANK WILLIAMS / TEMPLAR CRUSADER

March 23, 2015

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

The R. Frank Williams Award has been a Great Success for the Holy Land Pilgrimage Fund.

We had a total of 24 Commanderies and this includes the Ad's bought for the Templar Crusader last March for a Grand Total of \$10677.00. There are 3 AD's for next year also included in this total.

We must Congratulate our Grand Prelate Adam Jackson for coming up with this Award.

R. Frank Williams Award goes to Raper #1

Fraternally,

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

## Contributions to R. Frank Williams Award As of 03/31/2015

Commandery	Total
Raper #1	\$4,300.00
Baldwin #2	\$0.00
Lafayette #3	\$0.00
Ft. Wayne #4	\$400.00
New Albany #5	\$300.00
Connersville #6	\$100.00
Richmond #8	\$367.00
Greencastle #11	\$500.00
LaPorte #12	\$0.00
South Bend #13	\$0.00
Columbus #14	\$135.00
LaValette #15	\$220.00
Tere Haute #16	\$0.00
Apollo #19	\$0.00
Vincennes #20	\$35.00
Grant County #21	\$0.00
Johnson County #23	\$0.00
Crawfordsville #25	\$300.00
Valparaiso #28	\$65.00
Frankfort #29	\$130.00
Michigan City #30	\$0.00
Elkhart #31	\$0.00
Anderson #32	\$965.00
Huntington #35	\$0.00
Kokomo #36	\$100.00
Greenfield #39	\$60.00
Hammond #41	\$625.00
Bedford #42	\$250.00
Angola #45	\$350.00
E. H. Gary #57	\$600.00
Noblesville #61	\$0.00
Prather #62	\$220.00
Bloomington #63	\$210.00
Wright #64	\$145.00
William G. Bray #65	\$100.00
H. E. Lackey #67	\$200.00
St. Anselm U. D. #68	\$0.00

\$10,677.00

#### **Website Committee**

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

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

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

#### **Maintenance and Updates:**

In the 2014/15 period several incremental changes have been made to the Grand Commandery website to update current information on the site for our Officers and Members.

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

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

- 1. Has received over 20,000 distinct hits
- 2. Continues to be one of the best designed and functional websites in Masonry
- 3. Has sold over 100 Vaught Medallions 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 in regards to additional performance attributes.

Respectfully and Fraternally Submitted for the Committee,

Kurt A. Begue – KCT, Webmaster

## CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE FINAL REPORT

To: The Right Eminent Grand Commander, Officer and Sir Knights:
Pursuant to your orders - the Credentials Committee files the following Final Report:

Total Official Delegates Registered	92
Total Past Commanders (Not otherwise registered) –	18
Total Grand officers and Past Grand Commanders (Not otherwise registered) –	12
Total eligible to vote –	127

The following Commanderies have representatives missing as follows.

Lafayette #3	G	New Albany #5	G
South Bend #13	CG	Columbus #14	CG
LaValette #15	CG	Apollo #19	CG, G & CG
Grant County #21	EC	Crawfordsville #25	EC & CG
Noblesville #61	EC & CG	Bloomington #63	EC
Wright #64	CG	_	

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael F. Robins, Chairman.

## CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE FINAL REPORT

Number 1	Commandery Raper	E.C. G.	Name Randy Spaulding Jack Moorman Carson C. Smith	Proxy
2	Baldwin	E.C. G. C.G.	Jack Wallace Randy Darling Gary Nicholson	Proxy
3	Lafayette	E.C. G. C.G.	Gary Steinhart Rudell Wilburn	
4	Ft. Wayne	E.C. G. C.G.	John A. Coleman Mark Goebel Mike Doxsee	

# **CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE FINAL REPORT (continued)**

5	New Albany	E.C. G. C.G.	Richard Milligan Terry L. Smith	
6	Connersville	E.C. G.	Robert Gotwals	Proxy
8	Richmond	E.C. G. C.G.		Proxy
11	Greencastle		Forrest Brewer Martin Evans Robert Cummins	
12	LaPorte	E.C. G. C.G.	Dion Diakis	Proxy
13	South Bend	E.C. G. C.G.	James L. Bolinger William Gray	Proxy
14	Columbus	E.C. G. C.G.	Gary Nicholson Ron Ellis	Proxy
15	LaValette	E.C. G. C.G.	Dennis Schraeder Rex A. Goodman	
16	Terre Haute	E.C. G. C.G.	Jerry Burns Tim Long Todd Riggs	
19	Apollo	E.C. G. C.G.		
20	Vincennes	E.C. G. C.G.	Mark A. Wallace Cecil Scott Edward L. Sebring	Proxy

# **CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE FINAL REPORT (continued)**

21	Grant County	E.C. G. C.G.	Harold Landers Dale Harlan	
23	Johnson County	E.C. G. C.G.	Douglas C. Fraker Terry L. Brown Harry Cartwright	Proxy
25	Crawfordsville	E.C. G. C.G.	Thomas DeBusk	
28	Valparaiso	E.C. G. C.G.	James Iles, II Tom Johnson Charles L. Combi	Proxy Proxy
29	Frankfort	E. C. G. C.G.	Dennis Perkins Tom Andrews Virgil G. Humphrey	Proxy
30	Michigan City	G.	Lawrence J. Williams Arthur Craig Charles Johnson	Proxy
31	Elkhart	E.C. G. C.G.	William Roose Douglas Green Vance Roberts	Proxy
32	Anderson	E.C. G. C.G.	George Bructchen Dale Foreman Dewayne Richmond	
35	Huntington	E.C. G. C.G.	Steven A. Maxwell Ed Fodrea Robert Crispen	Proxy Proxy
36	Kokomo	E.C. G. C.G.	Charles A. Smelser Basil K. Isaac Barry Closer	
39	Greenfield	E.C. G. C.G.	Eric Parks Christopher C. Steel David Gundrum	

# **CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE FINAL REPORT (continued)**

41	Hammond	E.C. G. C.G.	John Bridegroom Matthew J. Backus Irvin L. Bitting	Proxy
42	Bedford	E.C. G. C.G.	Sam Hanners	
45	Angola	E.C. G. C.G.		Proxy
57	E. H. Gary	E.C. G. C.G.	Jeffery C. Reich Carl Froedge James A. Hall	Proxy Proxy Proxy
61	Noblesville	E.C. G. C.G.	Peter McKay Dennis Danny R. Meyers	
62	Prather	E.C. G. C.G.	Kevin Scott	
63	Bloomington	E.C. G. C.G.	Robert L. Brown	
64	Wright	E.C. G. C.G.	Phillip Stroud Thomas Bartelt	Proxy Proxy
65	Wm. G. Bray	E.C. G. C.G.	Thomas Retherford Stephen Click Henry Bear	
67	Lawrence	E.C. G. C.G.	John Koren, III Stanford A. Ohms Bruce Frazer	

# JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE ELECTION OF OFFICERS

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

I move 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 be re-elected to their present offices and that a Grand Junior Warden be elected.

Respectfully Submitted,

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

#### **ELECTIONS**

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

James L. Bolinger, GC

Terry L. Kehrer, GCG

Michael F. Robbins, GSW

Donnie A. Robinette, GJW

Robert J. Frazer, KCT, PGC, GT

Lawrence V. Kaminsky, KCT, PGC, GR

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

Grand Commander-elect James L. Bolinger then announced the following appointments: Steven A. Arlington, GP; Marvin L. Rees, GO; David M. Bertch, KCT, PGC, Grand Marshall; Edwward Fodera, GStdB; John Patterson, GSwdB; James L. Davis, GW; and Matthew Lowe, GS.

## **Acceptance Speech**

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

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

I would also like to thank the Sir Knights of South Bend Commandery 13 and Angola Commandery 45 for their support during my path to becoming your Grand Commander. I would be remiss if I did not thank my good friend James Dove for introducing me to the idea of becoming a Grand Commandery Line Officer, and his support and advice whenever I asked. I also need to thank Sir Knight Larry Brown for appointing me to the Grand Line. He said it would be a great journey, which it surely has been. Other

Sir Knights that have been with me all the way are Sir Knight Vance Roberts my traveling partner, Sir Knights James Davis, Michael Anderson and Philip Whisner who are always there for anything that I ask of them. There are two more men that have become good friends and mentors, Sir Knights Dwight Lanman and Irvin Bitting, and, of course I can't forget our Grand Recorder, Sir Knight Larry Kaminsky who makes sure I stay in line and on time. But most of all I would like to thank my biggest supporter, the love of my life, my wife Debbie without her none of this would have been possible.

I am honored to accept the position as your Grand Commander for the up coming year. I promise that I will always try to be of service to you.

Fraternally,

James L. Bolinger

## JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE HONORARY MEMBERSHIPS

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

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

Thomas H. Gault, Sr. Grand Commander Ohio
Rev. Duane A. Kemerley HPDC Ohio
Paul W. Roggow Grand Commander Michigan
Brian J. Hudy Past Grand Commander Wisconsin
Daniel J. Barenie Most Worshipful Grand Master of Indiana

Respectfully submitted,

Lawrence V. Kaminsky, KCT, PGC, GR For the Committee

## RESPONSE BY THE RED CORDS SIR KNIGHT Thomas H. Gualt, Sr. GC OF Ohio

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

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

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

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

#### INSURANCE AND BOND COVERAGE MAY 1, 2015

#### **CONTENTS and LIABILITY COVERAGE –**

Killingbeck Insurance Agency, 1501 E Markland, PO Box 2946, Kokomo, IN 46904 Policy # 029-030-408997

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

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

Money and Securities are covered up to \$10,000 on premises and \$5,000 off premises. \$500 deductible Premium: \$400.00 (one year)

#### **BLANKET BOND COVERAGE -**

The Fidelity and Deposit Corporation – Agent: Wilson, Lawson, Meyers Agency, Connersville, IN Policy #60-13-658-1 – Effective to date of cancellation – Current premium paid to 12-01-2017

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

Form A Employees Dishonesty Coverage - \$10,000.00

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

Excess coverage carries the primary coverage as deductible so that \$50,000.00 is maximum coverage. Premium \$1,773.00 (3 years)

# PROPERTIES OWNED BY THE GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF INDIANA AND THE EDUCATION FOUNDATION, INDIANA DIVISION (MAY 1, 2015)

Item (Date of Acquisition)	Purch	ase Price	Est. Value
Legal File – 4-drawer – Olive			20.00
(2) Letter Files-Tan - (Repainted 1988)			25.00
Card File-4X6/10 units-tan with base (2-15-88)		241.39	0.00
(2) Grey Metal Cabinets 72"X36"			0.00
Card File Units for dead files			0.00
Swintec Electronic Typewriter		618.73	65.00
Model 98016-Ser. 4 (5-20-87)			
Brother IntelliFAX (3-30-94)		479.95	100.00
Canon GP200S Floor Copier (8-12-1999)		4,256.64	250.00
Ser. # 3627			
Pitney Bowes Postage Meter & Scales		Leased	
Seal of the Grand Commandery (no art work)		100.00	100.00
Stationary Cabinet-Oak (Antique)			100.00
Proceedings of the Grand Commandery			
Complete to date - Bound to 2012			
Proceedings of the Grand Encampment			
Complete to date – Bound			
30 Skull Caps for 5 <sup>th</sup> Libation			100.00
Collar for Grand Commander's Jewel			250.00
Compaq Computer & Accessories		3,250.00	250.00
Office supplies and other items for sale- estimated			300.00
ITA Pins	(30)		
50 year pins	(20)		
DSA awards – Members	(100)	0.00	0.00
DSA awards – Friends	(0)	0.00	0.00
Newby-Avery Pins (all varieties)		3,500.00	3,000.00
150 Year Books	(30)	5.00	150.00
Total estimated value:			\$5,410.00

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

#### REPORT OF THE LIFE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

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

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

Year	<b>Taken In</b>	Paid Out	Members Active	New	Adds
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	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	399	184	0

The Life Membership program was frozen as of April 25, 2014. As of December 31, 2014, a total of 399 life memberships have been issued since the start of the plan. With 215 members deceased, suspended, demitted or becoming 50-year members, the plan currently has 184 active members. No new Life Members were allowed to join in 2014. 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 money market accounts. On December 31, 2014, there was \$60,776.65 in assets, in various forms of savings Certificates of Deposit and saving accounts.

Respectfully submitted,

Jackie F. Wallace, KCT, PGC,

Chairman

#### **Grand Conclave Patriotic Activities Committee**

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

The following activities have been reported to the Patriotic Activities Committee:

#### **Battalion 4:**

June: Prather Commandery No.62 performed a Flag Day presentation, followed by a family picnic.

#### **Battalion 5:**

May/June: Baldwin Commandery No.2 has performed several Flag Presentations in Shelby and Johnson Counties for various groups.

May 26th: New Albany Commandery No.5 marched in the New Albany Memorial Day Parade.

#### **Battalion 6:**

May 1st: Bray Commandery No.65 conducted a Flag Presentation at Beech Grove Lodge.

July 4th: Bloomington Commandery No.63 raised the Flag at a MM Degree at Bloomington Lodge. The Commandery formed to lines and marched to the flag pole, accompanied by a drummer. A Sir Knight then sang the Star Spangled Banner.

Flag Presentations have been conducted at all Receptions for 2014.

No further activities have been reported to this Committee by Battalion Commanders.

It is recommended by the Committee that all Battalion Commanders and Deputy Battalion Commanders review the pamphlet "Guidelines for Patriotic and Civic Activities" as available on the Grand Encampment website. This pamphlet lists several activities that can be used alone, or in conjunction with other Grand Commandery Committees, that could be used by Constituent Commanderies when looking for additional Patriotic activities to perform. It also contains an excellent section entitled "Knights Templar and the U.S. Flag."

The Committee further recommends that Grand Commandery officers, Battalion Commanders, and Deputy Battalion Commanders receive continued education and training in regards to this committee.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael F. Robbins, Grand Junior Warden Chairman Patriotic Activities Committee

## **Knights Templar Eye Foundation Committee Report**

A request was sent to all the Knights who receive the news letter generated by the Grand Recorder requesting that each Commandery make an effort to contribute to the Eye Foundation. Each Commandery was requested have fund raising projects and have a deposit area where each Sir Knight in attendance could contribute \$1.00 to honor the Eminent Commander for his work serving the Commandery by purchasing a Life Endowment for the funds collected. Considering 10 Sir Knights attend the stated conclave and each contribute \$1.00 each time they attend. In one year that would add up to 4 life sponsors. In 10 years each Commandery in Indiana would be 100% Life Sponsors making Indiana the largest Grand Commandery to be 100% Life Sponsors.

At this time the Indiana Order of Eastern Star has contributed more this year to the Eye Foundation than the Sir Knights of Indiana. Perhaps we need to spend more time announcing the workers serving on

committees who are present and less time, patting the Past and present Grand Officer on the back with introductions. Maybe we need to have the Commandery Committee Chairman announce what the committee has done for benefit of the Commandery more than a state wide program generated by Grand Encampment, Grand Officers or State Chairmen. Opening, good ritual, and receptions are all important, but perhaps the Commandery committee needs to tell what they have done to enhance the Commandery or in this case the Eye Foundation.

No matter what is done or how it's done as Mr. Mason and certainly Mr. Sir Knight; Bob Price once told me when I asked what he thought of my ideas for membership said, "Anything is better than just rubbing your hands together."

Fraternally submitted,

George A. Ingles, Jr., PGC
David M. Bertch, PGC
Duane Stucker, PGC
Wayne A. Sheets, GPE
Jack F. Wallace, PGC
Lawrence V. Kaminsky, PGC

#### **Membership Committee Report**

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

#### The Problem:

For the last 44 years running, or since 1969, the membership of the Knights Templar in the State of Indiana has been decreasing. Numerous programs and various attempts at advertising and marketing have had success, but not enough to change the continuing downward trend of our membership.

#### **Member Get a Member Solution:**

The 2012/2013 program of "Member Get a Member" had some limited success, but the numbers continue to show a downward trend.

On December 31, 2010 - Membership in the State of Indiana was 4,046 Sir Knights, loss of 236

On December 31, 2011 - Membership in the State of Indiana was 3,889 Sir Knights, loss of 155

On December 31, 2012 - Membership in the State of Indiana was 3,710 Sir Knights, loss of 179

On December 31, 2013 - Membership in the State of Indiana was 3,567 Sir Knights, loss of 143

Again, the "Member Get a Member" is a very simple program, easily accomplished by any SK and has vast merit.

Fundamentally our Membership problem has not changed. Even with the advent of the Grand Commandery Membership Cord Program, even with the Grand Encampment Membership Program, and even knowing the massive issue and problem that we face with membership in general, our SK's are not motivated to go out to their Blue Lodges and recruit new Sir Knights.

Compounded with the ever decreasing Blue Lodge population, battling membership is going to be an increasingly difficult problem.

#### **Positive Outlook:**

Knights Templar conferred on: 2010 ---- 197: 2011 ---- 155: 2012 ---- 157; 2013 ---- 154 Membership Incentive Plan for 2013:

A new program went into effect on August 14, 2013 for membership development which is to encourage an increase in Knightings in Indiana Commanderies.

The basis of the plan will reward Commanderies who Knight 7% of their beginning membership during a calendar year. For 2013, the number of members on the Commandery roll on January 1, 2013 (as recorded on your annual report) will be used as the basis of the award. If a Commandery increases the number of Knightings during the year of 2013 by at least 7 percent of that January 1 number of current Sir Knights, it will be eligible for the financial reward. An increase of anything under 7 percent will not be rewarded. The number of members suspended, demitted or dying will have no bearing on the outcome – only the number of Knightings.

If a Commandery meets the minimum 7 percent increase, then that Commandery will receive a stipend of \$20 for ALL candidates Knighted (not the number of Knighting's over 7%) during that calendar year, ending December 31, 2013.

At the end of the calendar year, the Grand Recorder will determine the amount that the winning Commanderies would receive, and deduct that amount from the per capita and assessment from the Grand Commandery. (No actual check will be sent to the Commandery, but the amount to be received will be so deducted).

In an effort to motivate the Commanderies to be on time with their annual reports (Due January 15) and to pay their annual per capita and assessments (due February 1), if the local Commandery Recorder is late reporting or paying the amount due to the Grand Commandery, the stipend will be negated.

As a follow-up to this program, the Grand Recorder has advised that there were 6 Commanderies that reduced their per-capita in total of \$1,060 in 2013. We will continue to monitor and record the results for 2014.

We still need to stress interaction with our Blue Lodges with such things as:

- 1. Giving a York Rite presentation at a Blue Lodge meeting or dinner.
- 2. Attend a Blue Lodge wearing your Commandery Blazer
- 3. Hold a Masonic Night at your Commandery
- 4. Project Out-Reach (joint activity of active Commandery with inactive Commandery
- 5. Bring in Templar Crusaders for Lodge Presentation.

**Note:** These are listed on our Activities Sheet for additional points.

We will work with SK Kurt Begue to place a universal membership application on our Grand Commandery Website.

The Indiana Supplement of the Knight Templar magazine for January 2015 contained a York Rite Survey submitted by Grand Captain General SK Lawrence J. Williams. It is hoped that input from this might give insight as to how we may reach our goals.

Fraternally and Respectfully Submitted,

Terry L. Kehrer, GSW, Chairman; John A. Bridegroom –Vice; Steve A. Arlington - Vice Lawrence J. Williams, GCG,

Michael F. Robbins, GJW

#### **MEMBERSHIP INCENTIVE PLAN FOR 2014**

The membership incentive program will remain in effect during 2014. Its purpose is to encourage membership development which is to encourage an increase in Knightings in Indiana Commanderies.

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Michael D. Ritter, Grand Commander

Lawrence V. Kaminky

Michael D. Ritter

ATTESTED:

JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

**Membership Development Committee Plan** 

Right Eminent Grand Commander the Jurisprudence Committee finds the plan to be in order and moves for the adoption of that report.

James L. Dove, PGC for the committee It was seconded and passed

## **Public Relations Report**

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

This is the report from your Public Relations Committee. First what is "Public Relations"? Public Relations are defined as: "The business of fostering public goodwill toward a person, firm, or institution" (as defined by the Merriam-Webster Dictionary.) Or, in other words it is image management, publicity or self-promotion. At whom is this self-promotion aimed? For us it is aimed at three distinct targets; first our membership, second, the Blue Lodge and third, the general public.

#### **Our Membership:**

Within our membership we have three sub-groups, our Present Members, our recently demitted/Suspended Members and our New Members.

#### **Present Member:**

We need to re-establish what induced us/them to join the "York Rite". I am sure it was not to hear the minutes read and to vote on paying the bills.

Most of us join the "York Rite" for the Fellowship and to receive Further Light in Masonry. That is in part is what the conferring the Degrees and Orders of the Rite along with other activities are about. It is only through doing and observing the Degrees and Orders that we can catch the finer points and lessons that they teach.

If your York Rite Bodies does not have any candidates, we suggest that you do the Degrees and/or Orders for practice. Assign the parts and expect results. And after, discuss the symbolism what the Degrees/Orders mean to you. There are no wrong answers, just points of view. But most important have some fun.

Make contact with your inactive members and try to find out they are not attending your functions. Ask what kind of activities would bring them back and then do something about it. It maybe a simple as have someone pick them up and give them a ride.

#### **Demitted/Suspended Members:**

When a demit is requested, rather than just granting it we should be make contact with the S. K. to see what the reason was behind the request. Ask questions and find out if your Commandery is offering the things that he was looking for and if not what his interest are.

Before suspending someone, try to make contact with him and try to find if there is some underlying reason as to why he has not paid his dues. Once again ask questions and find out if your Commandery is offering the things that he was looking for and if not what his interest are.

#### **New Members:**

The Public Relations with your new member start with the Degrees and Orders. We would recommend that you stay away from the one-day classes or festivals. The one-day classes have their place, but keep in mind that if your York Rite Body is not willing to do the work, why should you expect your new members to come back and **NOT** do the work? The Degrees and Orders of the York Rite with the exception of the "Royal Arch" should be conferred upon one candidate at a time. This is why it is important to practice the Degrees and Orders. If your York Rite Bodies are sloppy with the work, it shows that you have not practiced and your new members most probably will not be coming back. If

your York Rite Body is not able to do the work on your own, then reach out to neighboring groups for help. If they in turn reach out to you for help, make sure that you respond in the same manner.

After your new member has become a full-fledged member, make sure to give him a new member packet. This should include a copy of your By-Laws for the three bodies as well as Officers contact information, meeting dates and times. Include within this packet the history of the York Rite in general and that of your York Rite Bodies, when they received their Charters and if you have had any members who served on any of the Grand lines.

You should also consider getting copies of "The York Rite of Freemasonry a History and Handbook" by Frederick G. Speidel. This is available for purchase from the Grand Encampment at **www.knightstemplar.org**/ or from the Grand Recorder. It gives the history of the York Rite from the Blue Lodge up through the Order of the Temple.

In addition give them the web address of your local York Rite Bodies and/or access to your "Facebook" account if you have one. You might also want to give them the web address to the Grand Bodies of Indiana:

The Grand Chapter: http://www.yorkrite.com/gcramin

The Grand Council: http://www.ingccm.org/

The Grand Commandery: http://www.indianaknightstemplar.com/

Assign a more knowledgeable member to be a mentor to your new members; among his duties would be, to reminded them of meeting dates and times and offer to bring them to the meetings; to review the signs, steps, grips, words and passwords for the different Degrees and Orders; answer any questions that they (the new member) may have. Make them feel wanted and needed. At first assign them small non-speaking parts or parts that have just a few lines. Give them a reason to come back.

#### **Blue Lodge – Prospective Members:**

Masonic education is an excellent opportunity talk about "York Rite Masonry". It does not have to be a long talk. Hit the highlights and talk about what **you** most enjoy about the York Rite, and if there are any questions or comments your talk can expand from there.

Ask permission from the Master of your Lodge to do a flag presentation before the opening of Lodge. Be sure to do this in your full Templar uniform. Have brochures on hand at your Blue Lodge to hand out with links to web sites that they can look up on their own time and pace. Among the possible sites to recommend are the three previously mentioned websites plus the following: "What is York Rite Freemasonry?"

#### http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hwdP2Cf\_knA

If your York Rite is sponsoring a fund raiser, inform your Blue Lodge members what you are doing and for what purpose and then ask for their support.

Invite them to come along on the Easter trip to Washington DC. Explain to them what this trip is about and that it is open to all Masons of the State of Indiana.

#### **General Public – Prospective Members:**

There are number of ways to show your presences to the general public:

- 1. As a Commandery march in Patriotic Parades in your full Uniform
- 2. Go to Church in uniform as a Commandery. However, do not wear your swords into the church.
- 3. For Easter, Ascension Day and Christmas hold a public service and advertise in the local papers dates and times.
- a. Invite a Minister from a local church to speak at one of your services.

- b. There are suggestions for Religious Activities that your Commandery sponsor from the Grand Encampment at www.knightstemplar.org/religious.pdf
- 4. Have fund raisers for the Knights Templar Eye Foundation and or Holy Land Pilgrimage. Be sure to have brochures on hand that explain their history and what they support
- 5. Participate in a fund raiser for a local Charity; for example, ring bells for the Salvation Army, be a sponsor for a blood drive for the Red Cross
- 6. Have an open house for your York Rite Bodies
- 7. Perhaps the easiest form of PR is to wear your favorite hat or shirt that has a York Rite emblem or logo in your everyday travels.
- 8. Use your imagination and be visible in your community.

#### **Internet Usage**

It is also the recommendation of this committee that each York Rite Body has a web site, or links their web page to their host Blue Lodge if the lodge has a site. The page should at the very least show their Officers of the three bodies and their contact information as well as meeting dates and times.

A "Facebook" account should be considered as well. For those members that have a "Facebook" account they can easily be reminded of meetings and kept informed of any upcoming work and other events. This along with email is the most preferred method of communication for the younger generation

#### In Closing:

Survey your membership and see what they most enjoy or would like to do. Then set some goals based on your results. Then make it happen. If the group buys into the goals that they have helped set they will be more likely to support them.

Finally, as you can see from the attached surveys, our most effective means of public relations/recruiting is the "face to face" conversations about the "York Rite". So go out, and start up conversations about the York Rite and talk about what you most enjoy about it. Invite those who show an interest to become a member. Explain that Further Light that is available to those who are searching. And be sure that you have petitions with you at all times.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lawrence Williams, Grand Captain General Public Relations, Chairmen

## COMMANDERY MEMBERSHIP SURVEY Total Surveys Returned: 69

## How did you learn about the York Rite?

62 I was invited to join by an active member 89.86% 1 From a Brochure/Poster 1.45% 2 CD/DVD, YouTube, TV, Movies 2.90% 6 Other 8.70%

2 I ask to join by a friend 33.33%

- 3 Family 50.00%
- 1 To support groups meeting in building 16.67%

## What prompted you to become a member of the York Rite?

- 50 To receive further light 72.46%
- 41 Fellowship 59.42%
- 19 Ritual/Drill Work 27.54%
- 1 To support the philanthropies 1.45%
- 7 Other
- 4 Family 57.14%
- 1 To support groups meeting in building 14.29%
- 1 So wife could join Beauceant 14.29%

## Did you receive what you were looking for?

- 65 Yes 94.20%
- 4 No 5.80%
- 1 Little to no practice 25.00%
- 2 Loss of Membership 50.00%
- 1 Christian Knighthood is important 25.00%

## Are you active within your York Rite Bodies?

- 64 Yes 92.75%
- 4 No 5.80%
- 2 Work 50.00%
- 1 Family 25.00%
- 2 Other Masonic Obligations 50.00%
- 0 Physical Infirmities 0.00%
- 1 Other 25.00%
- 1 Blank 1.45%

## What would you change about the York Rite?

- 41 Blank or Nothing 59.42%
- 5 Increase Membership 7.25%
- 5 More turn-out for meetings and practices 7.25%
- 2 Stay with old Ritual/Tactics 2.90%
- 1 More help 1.45%
- 2 Joint Grand Sessions 2.90%
- 2 Discussions of Degrees and Orders 2.90%
- 1 Eliminate "Ode to the Skull" 1.45%
- 2 Better communications 2.90%

- 1 Rusty Nail type sessions on Degrees & Orders 1.45%
- 1 Work together 1.45%
- 1 More public presentations 1.45%
- 1 Need new officers 1.45%
- 1 More Commanderies 1.45%
- 1 New programs 1.45%
- 1 Better organization 1.45%
- 1 More Drill teams 1.45%
- 1 Each body meets separately 4.35%
- 1 Go to a Valley similar for Scottish Rite 1.45%
- 1 Keep receptions & instructional on battalions 1.45%
- 3 Cut expenses 1.45%
- 1 Put Tactics & Ritual in same book 1.45%
- 1 Reworking ritual & drill to better fit modern schedules 1.45%
- 1 Get rid of one day classes 1.45%

## The Second was an Email Survey:

The email addresses were supplied by SK Lawrence Kaminsky, PGC & GR.

These are the members who receive his monthly newsletter.

There were approximately 300 surveys sent out, of which we received only 19 responses.

Below are the results of the email survey.

EMAIL Over all Survey Internet Results: Emails sent: 300

Surveys returned: 19

% Surveys returned: 6.33%

## How did you learn about the York Rite?

18 I was invited to join by an active member 94.74%

0 From a brochure/poster 0.00%

0 CD/DVD, YouTube, TV, Movies 0.00%

1 Other 5.26%

## What prompted you to become a member of the York Rite?

- 15 To receive further light 78.95%
- 8 Fellowship 42.11%
- 3 Ritual/Drill Work 15.79%
- 0 To support the philanthropic work of the Grand Bodies 0.00%
- 9 Other:
- 1 Curiosity 11.11%
- 1 Was told that the YR was a Christian Group 11.11%

- 1 Active York Rite 11.11%
- 1 Wanted to learn what York Rite taught 11.11%
- 2 Family 22.22%
- 2 Wanted to be different 22.22%
- 1 Respect of members of the York Rite 11.11%

## Are you a member of all three York Rite Bodies?

- 19 Yes 100.00%
- 0 No 0.00%
- 0 Chapter only 0.00%
- 0 Council only 0.00%

## Did you receive what you were looking for?

- 18 Yes 94.74%
- 1 No 5.26%
- 1 Never finished YR; work was sloppy 100.00%

## Are you active within your York Rite Bodies?

- 18 Yes 94.74%
- 1 No 5.26%
- 1 Work 100.00%
- 1 Family 100.00%
- 0 Other Masonic obligations 0.00%
- 0 Physical infirmities 0.00%
- 1 Had to re-prioritize because of family obligations 100.00%

## What is your preferred method of Communications?

- 0 Snail Mail 0.00%
- 0 Telephone 0.00%
- 0 Texting 0.00%
- 19 Email 100.00%
- 0 Internet (Facebook) 0.00%

## What would you change about the York Rite, Commandery?

- 5 Blank
- 1 New officers need mentoring. Apathy is a huge problem 5.26%
- 1 Manuals given to officers 5.26%
- 1 Training for Secretary/Recorder & Treasurers 5.26%
- 2 Better communication of expectations from Batt Comms 10.53%
- 1 Would like "Cap & Mantel" to become standard uniform 5.26%

- 1 Ritual & Tactics in one book 5.26%
- 1 Per Capita to high 5.26%
- 1 Increase participation of younger members 5.26%
- 1 State level meetings need to be better scheduled 5.26%
- 1 Form a working York Rite Association 5.26%
- 1 Learn to be flexible 5.26%
- 1 Work harder to promote unity 5.26%
- 3 Better PR in local Lodges and general public 15.79%
- 1 Quality of Work needs to improve 5.26%
- 1 To many bodies do "Red Cross" and "Malta" in short form 5.26%
- 1 Older members holding onto parts 5.26%
- 2 More community service activities 10.53%
- 2 Leadership at the top 10.53%
- 1 Meals before all meetings for fellowship 5.26%

## The Third was a Magazine Survey

In an attempt to contact more Sir Knights of Indiana, with the Grand Commander's permission a third survey was made up and used as the Indiana supplement for the January issue of the "Knights Templar" magazine. As you can see from the results below, out of approximately 3,500 Sir Knights that receive the magazine only 21 or 0.60% took the time to respond. (Apathy seems to be our biggest problem.)

Magazine Survey Total Sent: 3500

Surveys returned: 21

% Surveys returned: 0.60%

## How did you first learn about the York Rite?

20 I was invited to join by an active member 95.24%

0 From a Brochure/Poster 0.00%

1 CD/DVD, YouTube, TV, Movies 4.76%

0 Other

## What prompted you to become a member of the York Rite?

17 To receive further light 80.95%

15 Fellowship 71.43%

5 Ritual/Drill 23.81%

4 To support the philanthropic work of the Grand Bodies 19.05%

5 Other 21.81%

1 Differ from Dad 20.00%

3 To be a Knight Templar 60.00%

1 Family dinner before meetings 20.00%

## Did you receive what you were looking for?

- 18 Yes 85.71%
- 2 No 9.52%
- 1 Masonry needs to combine some of these groups 50.00%
- 1 Increases in dues will become an issue 50.00%
- 1 I thought it would be like Blue Lodge not so political 50.00%
- 1 Philosophical discussion after Orders 50.00%
- 1 More sophisticated Brothers 50.00%
- 1 Blank 4.76%

## What is your Age?

- 0 20-30 0.00%
- 0 31-40 0.00%
- 1 41-50 4.76%
- 4 51.60 19.05%
- 6 61-70 28.57%
- 871 + 42.86%

## Are you active within your York Rite Bodies?

- 13 Yes 61.90%
- 8 No 38.10%
- 1 Work 12.50%
- 2 Family 25.00%
- 2 Other Masonic obligations 25.00%
- 3 Physical infirmities 37.50%
- 2 Lost interest 25.00%
- 2 Other 25.00%
- 1 GC said my services were no longer needed 12.50%
- 1 Moved to AZ 12.50%
- 1 No contact from YR bodies 12.50%

## What is your preferred method of Communications?

- 8 Regular mail 38.10%
- 5 Telephone 23.81%
- 2 Texting 9.52%
- 11 Email 52.38%
- 1 Internet (Facebook) 4.76%

## What would you change about the York Rite Commandery?

7 Blank/nothing 33.33%

#### Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Indiana

- 2 Interact with other Masonic Groups 10.53%
- 2 Shorten the Orders to the Essential Lesson 10.53%
- 1 Recruit 4.76%
- 1 Consolidate to 12 Mega Locals 4.76%
- 1 More Public Activities 4.76%
- 1 More contact w/widows-elder members 4.76%
- 1 Lower Quorum to 7 4.76%
- 1 Consolidate into 8-12 Commanderies to improve work 4.76%
- 1 Grand Sessions too long and expensive 4.76%
- 1 Do not need all of the introductions 4.76%
- 1 Do not need reading of reports "It's Printed" 4.76%
- 1 Close groups who do not conform to the rules 4.76%
- 1 Too few YR bodies carrying bulk of work 4.76%
- 1 Too many cancellations due to personell shortage 4.76%
- 1 I enjoy it the way it is, but would like to do more 4.76%
- 1 Put together a guide that contains programs and requirements for advancement, awards & medals so that members can know what to work on and set goals. 4.76%
- 1 Know what to work on and set goals 4.76%
- 1 Eliminate "Ode to the skull" 4.76%
- 1 Rebuilding York Rite. Lodges need to help 4.76%
- 1 Officers should learn their parts 4.76%
- 1 Goofy Uniforms 4.76%
- 1 Discussion after Orders 4.76%

#### 2015 EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE TRIP

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

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

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

After breakfast at the Sleep Inn, we left for Colonial Williamsburg, which was about a three-hour drive away. We relived the American Revolution through interaction with historic characters and viewed people of the times as they did their daily chores and went about a typical day in that time period. We met with gracious members of the Williamsburg Masonic Lodge No. 6, which was founded in 1778, for a fascinating tour. After the tour we went to a nearby restaurant for dinner before departing for Arlington, VA to begin our stay at the Hilton.

Friday morning started with a tour the House of the Temple, the headquarters of the Southern District of the Scottish Rite. After the tour we stopped in the colorful, culturally diverse Adams Morgan District of D.C. for lunch. The afternoon found us touring the beautiful Headquarters of the Eastern Star. Friday night we indulged ourselves with Bozzelli's pizza at our traditional pizza party in the Hospitality Suite. Some brave souls venture out into the night to try to catch a picture or two of some D.C sites.

Saturday morning, we headed to Arlington Cemetery for our laying of the Wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown. While gobbling down a quick sack lunch on the bus, we headed to the George Washington Masonic Memorial for a tour of that outstanding building. We found a lot of beauty in Masonic structures in a few days!

Saturday evening was the traditional Grand Encampment Banquet, a lovely dinner, as always. And Sunday, April 5th, we returned to the George Washington Masonic Memorial for our Easter Sunrise Service. After that inspiring program, we returned to the Hilton to pack up and head for home. I know we all snoozed a little on the return to Indianapolis as it was a busy trip.

Respectfully submitted by

James Bolinger, VEDGC

## **Inactive Participation Report**

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

When an individual joins the Brotherhood of Freemasonry, he is quickly overwhelmed by not only the lessons that our Fraternity teaches, but also of the amount of fellowship available to him. The York Rite branch of our Fraternity is just one option of many any new or old Master Mason may take for Further Masonic Light.

When a brother decides to join the York Rite, thereby becoming a Companion and Sir Knight, he learns many lessons and becomes a part of a long-lived obligation to our Order and our Savior. Unfortunately, the demands of the organization can become overwhelming causing Sir Knights to disappear from participation. There are a number of reasons that causes a Sir Knight to fall from active participation, each with its own sound reasons and creative excuses.

One of the solutions to help retain our members to remain active with Templary is to have a good communication system in place. Although snail mail letters and telephone calling or phone trees may generate small results, today's technology allows for broader communication systems to be in place. Using Prather Commandery #62 as an example, their use of electronic communication (MailChimp, Constant Contact) and social media has generated positive results.

At the end of the day, however, the best way to increase participation with our inactive membership is to provide activities and effective planning that appeal to the membership. Boring meetings will equal a drop in membership each time. The use of fun activities, education, and social events will help with bringing our inactive members back. I applaud the efforts of the Grand Commandery this year with generating a data set through the membership surveys being distributed.

I thank Sir Knight Michael D. Ritter, Right Eminent Grand Commander, for having the confidence in me to chair this committee just shortly before our Winter Meeting.

Courteously submitted,

Sir Knight Donnie A. Robinette, GStdB

#### **York Rite Coordination**

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

This committee has not met. I was unable to get our York Rite groups together. We should be anxious to work together for the betterment of the York Rite. I recommend we reestablish the York Rite Association consisting of the two immediate Past Presiding Officers and current Line Officers from each of the Grand Chapter, Council and Commandery. They should meet at least every six months.

Fraternally and Respectfully Submitted,

James Bolinger, VEDGC Chairman

## **Masonic Home Nativity Committee**

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

Nativity Scene was setup under the ARCH at the Masonic Home for the Christmas Season. A special thank you goes out to S. K. Donnie Robinette for coordinating the project and second, I want to thank Worshipful Brother Rich Moore who took these ideas, drew up the plans and turned them into a reality. I would also like to thank his son, Levi – a Past Master Councilor of Franklin DeMolay; together they, Rich and Levi FULLY ASSEMBLED the nativity scene. There were also a number of other people

whom I have not met, who donated material and time in this effort as well, and to them I want to express a heartfelt THANK YOU.

This project was funded from generous donations of material, labor and money.

Fraternally and Respectfully Submitted,

Terry L. Kehrer, GSW, Chairman Randal Ellington, GPE - Vice Michael F. Robbins, GJW Ronald L. Ellis, PGC Donnie A. Robinette, GStdB

## **Grand Conclave Templar Education Committee**

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

The following items have been reported to this Committee concerning Templar Education for 2014-15: June 7, 2014. Grand Commandery Officer and DBC training held at Anderson Commandery #32. This training covered a number of topics. After lunch, officers retired to the Asylum and practiced the Order of the Temple Opening with Rehearsal of Duties and the Closing.

June 23, 2014. An informal Workshop was held for Battalion 6 at Vincennes Commandery #20. The topic was the Reception, and a walk through of the Reception of the Commander, Reception of Distinguished Guests, Rehearsal, Inspection, and Forming the Triangle was conducted. Questions at any time were welcome.

November 19, 2014. An Instructional was held at New Albany Commandery #5 under the direction of GSW Terry Kehrer. The Order of the Temple was covered and concerns and questions addressed as they went through the Order.

December 12, 2014. A practice was held at Kokomo Commandery for the Grand Commandery Officers preparing for the Tri-State Festival held in March. This was conducted as an instructional/practice on the Order of the Temple.

Additional Instructionals have been scheduled at this time. Battalion 4 is in the planning stages of holding their Instructional at Lackey Commandery during January 2015.

February 13, 2015. A second practice was conducted on the OT for Grand Commandery Officers in preparation for the Tri-State Festival.

Spring Battalion Meetings have been held at all six Battalions at this time. These meetings are informative, instructional, and educational in nature.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael F. Robbins, Grand Junior Warden Chairman Templar Education Committee

## **Status of Lanyard Cord Program**

This report on the lanyard cord program includes Knightings reported to your lanyard cord chairman thru the Office of the Grand Recorder from the constituent Commanderies for 2013 and part of 2014. Other Knightings for 2014-15 have not been included since we did not have a distribution in 2014. There will be a lanyard cord distribution at the Grand Sessions this year at the end of April 2015 which will include TLS's from 2014 and 2015 along with others that may have been reported since our last distribution. This particular report below gives the TLS's from 2013 and part of 2014. Our distribution at Grand sessions will bring the lanyard cord program up to date except those that have not been reported prior to April 15, 2015. Battalion Commanders are urged to pick up the used cords and return to the lanyard cord chairman and help cut down on the cord expense for new cords.

#### **Distribution of Awards**

Award Color Number	er Issued 2014		Totals 2014	Totals 2013
White	3	14	393	379
Silver	6	10	142	146
Gold	9	4	107	112
Red	15	2	46	47
Red/White	20	0	19	19
Red/Silver	25	0	16	17
Red/Gold	30	0	13	13
Red//Purple	35	1	8	9
Purple/White	40	1	4	4
Purple/Silver	45	0	3	3
Purple/Gold	50	0	3	3
Green/White	55	0	3	3
Green/Silver	60	0	3	4
Green/Gold	65	0	1	1
Green/Red	70	0	1	1
Blue/White	75	0	0	0
Blue/Silver	80	0	0	0
Blue/Gold	85	0	1	1
Blue/Red	90	0	0	0
Blue/Purple	95	0	0	0
Black/White	100	0	1	1
Cords Issued during 2	2013	33		
Total Cords Issued			799	763
Knightings for 2013			185	
Total TLS's for cords	granted-(YE for all T	LS's)	3,717	
TLS's with less that 3	3 signers – no cords!		334 (246 which have TLS s	igned for one ar

334 (246 which have TLS signed for one and 88 who have TLS signed for two Sir Knights.

Total of all TLS's end of 2013 which represent cord holders 3,383

Arriving at the 3,717 total at end of 2013 does not include deceased, suspended, demitted, etc. during the year from Grand Recorder at this printing.

Respectfully submitted,

SK Virgil G. Humphrey, Lanyard Cord Chairman

PC, KTCH, KCT, KYCH, OPC, ORCC, Aide to Grand Commandery

#### **Ritual and Tactics Committee**

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

#### **Ritual:**

This past year we have not receive any suggested revisions to the ritual.

Ritual books are available to the local Recorders through the Office of the Grand Recorder.

#### **Tactics:**

This past year we have received one suggested change to the tactics for the "Order of Malta". This recommendation came from Sir Knight Byron Schull of Richmond Commandery.

Sir Knight Shull's suggestion is, "When the candidate is brought in, and he is stopped at each banner guard, it is suggested, since they the Banner Guard is at attention and at carry swords that they come to Present Sword for a second, then after the lecture, they come to Present Sword again for a second, then return to carry. This would salute them (the candidate) as a sign of respect, and honor them for being advanced to Knight of Malta."

It is the opinion of this committee that we do not make this change for the following reasons:

- 1. In no other Order do we salute anyone other than a superior officer.
- 2. If we do make the change, then we should salute at the "Table of Eight", the "Banner of St. John" and the "Banner of Malta" as well.

Copies of the current Tactics, (dated "Revised 07/31/2011") are available through the local Recorder. If he does not have a current copy he can contact his Battalion Commander or the Grand Recorder for the most recent copy.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lawrence J. Williams Grand Captain General Chairmen of the Ritual and Tactics Committee

## **Masonic Youth Report**

To the Right Eminent Grand Commander Michael D. Ritter and the Officers of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Indiana

The Masonic Youth Committee presents the following report:

The Members of the Masonic Youth Committee have traveled the Great State of Indiana in support of our Masonic Youth. The Members of the Masonic Youth Committee are all active in their own Local Masonic Youth Groups and our travels have included but not limited to our Stated Meetings and the following specific events.

May 20th and 21st Grand Lodge of Indiana's Annual Communication was attended by hundreds of Brother Mason's from all across Indiana and there were tables set up by all 3 Masonic Youth groups to inform the members of Indiana Lodges about our Masonic Youth. The following are comments from the Director of Indiana DeMolay Brother Jeff Koleszar regarding the Indiana DeMolay's table and the presentation of the Orators Award by the Dwight L. Smith Lodge of Research.

A note from Dad Koleszar who spent the last couple of days at the Indiana Grand Lodge meeting: My thoughts on Brother Sunny Atwal and my humble opinion of his value as State Master Councilor: Dad Greg Chiles, SMC Sunny Atwal, and I spent the last few days with a number of Masonic dignitaries, Masters from various Lodges across the state, and great brother Master Masons. We had a table setup where we had information about DeMolay and we discussed starting more chapters in a few new places. I had some feedback that our table didn't have the flair that other groups had. Each time I heard that, I simply responded with "Correct, but we have Sunny and that's all we need".

It was amazing to watch as various brethren would come to our table just to talk to Sunny. It could be hard to believe, but I'm generally well received in Masonic circles. There were a number of times someone saw me and said "Hi Jeff" then saw Sunny and called out "HEY SUNNY!" with a huge smile. It's a good thing I'm not lacking in self confidence because being around Sunny must be like being around a rock icon. The crowd at Grand Lodge, just like at Founder's Day, just absolutely was riveted by Sunny. It was great to see and also gave me a chance to rest as he fielded a lot of the questions and handled everything in a great manner.

He also received one of the most prestigious and rarely passed out awards that Freemasonry in Indiana has, The Dwight L. Smith Lodge of research made Sunny just the 8th Master Mason to receive it's coveted Orator award. Considering that Masonry has existed in Indiana for roughly 200 years, this is an extremely rare honor that was bestowed upon Sunny and is a direct reflection of his skills, his passion and his commitment to both fraternities. It also speaks highly of the leadership at his home Chapter of Speedway and what they did to prepare him for life and for being a leader.

June 14th Speedway DeMolay Chapter Order of DeMolay provided a sword escort and an Arch of Steel for Speedway Jobs Daughters Bethel #38.

June 18th – 22nd DeMolay International held their 47th International Congress in Kansas City, Mo. Several Dignitaries attended from Indiana DeMolay some of which were Dad Greg A. Childs, Executive Officer of Indiana DeMolay and also Past Grand Master of DeMolay International, Dad Keith Klein, Past Executive Officer of Indiana DeMolay and also Past Grand Master of DeMolay International and Sunny Atwal, State Master Councilor of Indiana DeMolay. Also attending were several Advisors and members of Indiana Chapters in support of Brother Sunny Atwal's campaign for International Master Councilor. Brother Sunny did an admirable job and ran a great campaign, unfortunately his competition Brother James Hawkins, SMC of Georgia won by a close margin. But however Indiana DeMolay is still represented in DeMolay Internationals Grand Line by Dad Keith Klein who was elected as Grand Secretary of DeMolay International. Brother Sunny also was serving double duty as State Master Councilor and also as the Region IV Cabinet member of DeMolay International.

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

June 20th, The 92nd Annual Session of the Indiana Supreme Session of the Job's Daughters International was held at Manchester College in North Manchester. The Opening Ceremony was attended by REGC Sir Knight Michael D. Ritter, where Tiffany Ingles, Grand Guardian; David Miller, Associate Grand Guardian; and Lindsey Noland, Grand Bethel Honored Queen; presided over the session. The formal opening was preceded by a formal banquet. The new officers were elected on

Saturday and the installation of 2014-2015 Grand Guardian Council & Grand Bethel officers followed, REGC Ritter made remarks and brought Fraternal Greetings to the Job's Daughters of Indiana on behalf of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Indiana presented the Grand Bethel Honored Queen with a \$250.00 check and also matched it with the same donation from himself.

June 30th through July 4th, 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 pizza's to the customers and having a good time. In turn the Baldwin Commandery sponsored a pizza party and placed an ad in the annual Indiana DeMolay Conclave program.

July 4th Both Bloomington Job's Daughter's Bethel #22 and Joseph A. Bachelor Chapter Order of DeMolay participated in the July 4th parade in Bloomington.

July 10th, Indiana Grand Assembly International Order of the Rainbow for Girls, Columbus, Indiana The Opening Grand Session of the Indiana Rainbow for Girls was attended by Sir Knight Michael D. Ritter, REGC, and also 2 Past Grand Commanders, Sir Knight Ronald Ellis, PGC and Sir Knight Jack Wallace, PGC along with several Sir Knights hailing from multiple Commandery's but especially the Sir Knights of Columbus Commandery # 14 who has been our Host Commandery for this event. We attended the opening session and formed an Honor Guard and the Right Eminent Grand Commander Michael D. Ritter escorted Grand Worthy Advisor Sydney Cobb. REGC Ritter made remarks and brought Fraternal Greetings to Indiana Rainbow on behalf of the Grand Commandery

Knights Templar of Indiana and presented them with a \$250.00 check from the Grand Commandery and also matched it with the same donation from him. He also then participated in other activities during the weekend.

July Brooke Hensell 2014-2015 75th Anniversary of the Indiana Grand Assembly

July 17th, Indiana DeMolay Conclave the Opening Session of the Indiana DeMolay Conclave was attended by Sir Knight Michael D. Ritter, REGC and Sir Knight, Randal P. Ellington, GPE, Chairman of the Grand Commandery Masonic Youth Committee, Sir Knight Donnie A. Robinette, GSW, Sir Knight Jordan Demaree, PC Baldwin Commandery #2, Sir Knight Dirk Rader, DBC #5 and Sir Phillip Ritter and several other Sir Knight and Companions. REGC Ritter made remarks and brought Fraternal Greetings to Indiana DeMolay on behalf of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Indiana and presented State Master Councilor Atwal a \$250.00 check from the Grand Commandery and also matched it with the same donation from him. He also presented State Master Councilor Sunny Atwal and also State Master Councilor Elect David Milligan with a special commemorative coin that commemorates his year as Grand Commander. Sir Knights, Robinette, Ellington and Demaree are also attending Conclave as Advisors for the Franklin Chapter Order of DeMolay and Sir Knight Dirk Rader is attending as an Advisor for York Rite Chapter in Columbus.

January 10th Indiana Grand Lodge Founder's Day, If you weren't in attendance you missed our Masonic Youth in action in front of several hundred Mason's who got to witness a portion of each organizations ritual. They did a wonderful job and it shows that our Masonic Youth are Proud to be a part of our Masonic Family!

January 14th Greenfield, IN It was with Great Pleasure to be in attendance for the First Stated Meeting of the newly reformed Greenfield Chapter Order of DeMolay. Their Original Bible and Charter were presented to them and they were glad to have in attendance Sir Knight Larry Gray who was one of the Original Chapter Dad's when Greenfield Chapter was first organized. They not only held their first stated meeting in over 20 years but both the Initiatory and DeMolay Degree's were performed with help from Speedway Chapter and 1 worth candidate was made a DeMolay that evening with his proud

parents present. It was a great night for Brotherhood and a proud night for the Worshipful Master of Hancock Lodge and several members of the Greenfield York Rite.

At the writing of this report several Sir Knights are in attendance at both Easter services in Washington DC and Kansas City. Sir Knight Donnie Robinette who is a Chapter Dad of the Franklin Chapter Order of DeMolay had the wonderful idea of DeMolay's from Franklin Chapter to travel to Kansas City with him not only to have the honor of visiting DeMolay International and see where the International Order of DeMolay started 96 years ago but also to march with the Sir Knight Gary Nicholson and PGC Jack Wallace of Baldwin Commandery and be part of the Grand Encampments Easter Service. I know that these young men will carry this honor and experience with them forever.

Our Grand Lodge of Indiana Officers have been traveling the State of Indiana the past month or so and are holding Grand Lodge Area Conferences. During these Conferences it has been the pleasure of the Grand Lodge Officers to talk about our Masonic Youth Groups. These Men are Proud and Energized about our Masonic Youth and explain what we as Masons can do to help out our Masonic Youth and explain the groups. They are Promoting and Encouraging You as a Mason to get involved with Our Masonic Youth.

Sir Knights and Brothers, Your Indiana Masonic Youth Groups have continued to have activities at local levels after their yearly sessions throughout the whole year. The Indiana Rainbow for Girls have continued to Shine like a Diamond during their 75th Diamond Jubilee Anniversary and Job's and DeMolay have also had a great year and several of our Commandery members and Commanderies have been active with our Youth Groups. We need to continue these interactions and support these groups when we can whether it be a Sword Escort at the Sweetheart dance by Raper Commandery No 1 or having the Job's and DeMolay's help sell pizza's at both the Hancock and Shelby County Fairs like Baldwin and Greenfield Commandery do. These interactions and support is what our Youth Groups need and want.

I am Happy to inform the Right Eminent Grand Commander Michael D. Ritter 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 has grown in Chapters since this time last year with having created NEW DeMolay Chapters 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!

We Sir Knights need to continue to be involved with DeMolay Chapters and continue our Support, Mentoring and Guidance of these DeMolay's to Light, we will show them that the Brotherly Love and Fraternal Friendship that they enjoy in DeMolay will continue to extend into their adult lives if 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 Fraternity.

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

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

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

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

Respectfully Submitted in Christian Masonry,

Sir Knight Randal P. Ellington, GPE, Chairman Your Masonic Youth Committee;

## **Long Range Planning Committee**

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

This committee found that no needed changes were necessary to be made at this time to the Long Range Plan. There was considerable discussion last year resulting in no changes. This plan should be continually monitored and updated when necessary changes are needed.

Fraternally and respectfully submitted,

James Bolinger, VEDGC Chairman

#### **Triennial Committee**

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

The 66th Triennial Meeting of the Grand Encampment will begin with the drill competition on Saturday August 8, 2015, followed by a Pass in Review and dinner. August 9th brings the Divine service at 8:00 AM followed by tours of Niagara Falls, and the Grand Master's dessert and cocktail reception that evening. The business sessions will begin on Monday morning, August 10th with the public reception of distinguished guests and the Grand Commanders. The business session will continue on Tuesday, August 11th with the Grand Master's banquet on Tuesday evening. Installation will occur on Wednesday morning followed by the adjournment of the session.

The Adam's Mark Hotel and Event Center, 120 Church Street, Buffalo, NY is the headquarters for the Triennial Conclave and all events will be held there.

The Dais Officers of the Grand Commandery are voting delegates and are required to attend the Triennial Conclave. All other officers are encouraged to attend. Any interested Sir Knight may attend the Triennial Meeting.

James Bolinger, VEDGC Chairman

## **Grievances and Appeals Committee**

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

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

Courteously submitted,

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

## **Report of the Grand Inspector General**

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

Inspections of each Commandery were carried out. It was necessary to have a few instructionals rather than Order Conferrals, but overall the officers and Sir Knights of the constituent bodies did well.

Each Commandery must be thanked for the hospitality shown to inspecting officer especially the local Recorders. Their yeoman work often contributes greatly to the success of a local inspection and reception. I wish to thank the Grand Commander for giving me this opportunity and also thank Sir Knights Phil Whisner and Wayne Sheets for the hard work they performed as deputies.

David M. Bertch KCT, PGC Grand Inspector General

# Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Indiana

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### **AWARDS**

### **DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARDS**

Twelve (12) Sir Knights and one (1) Friends were nominated to receive this award, which may be given to two Sir Knights and two Friends in each Commandery annually for outstanding service. As usual, these names are not divulged until the presentations are made in the individual Commanderies.

### AWARDS PRESENTED

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

### Star Recorder of the Year 2014

Lloyd R. Forney LaPorte Commandery No. 12

### **Highest % Increase in Membership 2014**

Battalion I	Valparaiso Commandery No. 28	2.9%
Battalion II	Elkhart Commandery No. 31	6.6%
Battalion III	Noblesville Commandery No. 61	3.5%
<b>Battalion IV</b>	Connersville Commandery No. 6	8.6%
Battalion V	Bloomington Commandery No. 63	5.2%
Battalion VI	Vincennes Commandery No. 20	6.9%

### **Grand Commander's Trophy 2014**

Highest Number of Knightings

Prather Commandery No. 62 - (11)

Plate to be engraved

### J. Rufus Hinshaw Trophy 2014

Highest Net Increase in Membership

Connersville Commandery No. 6 (8.8%)

### **Activity Awards (Ribbons) 2014**

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.

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Battalion I	LaPorte Commandery No. 12		1820	Blue
Battalion I	Valparaiso Commandery No. 28		1771	Red
Battalion II	Angola Commandery No. 45		2476	Blue
Battalion II	Elkhart Commandery No. 31		1906	Red

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Battalion III	Anderson Commandery No. 32	1910	Blue
Battalion III	Frankfort Commandery No. 29	1746	Red
Battalion IV	Raper Commandery No. 1	2672	Blue
Battalion IV	Richmond Commandery No. 8	1500	Red
Battalion V	LaValette Commandery No. 15	1719	Blue
Battalion V	Baldwin Commandery No. 2	1700	Red
Battalion VI	Vincennes Commandery No. 20	1863	Blue
Battalion VI	Bloomington Commandery No. 63	1083	Red

### **Battalion Guidons 2014**

The Battalion Guidon will be awarded to the Commandery in each Battalion who has the highest ritualistic score.

(596)	South Bend Commandery No. 13
(587)	Angola Commandery No. 45
(623)	Kokomo Commandery No. 36
(606)	RichnondCommandery No. 8
(626)	Bedford Commandery No. 42
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### **Grand Commandery Guidon Award 2014**

The Commandery with the highest ritual points in the state will receive the Grand Commandery Guidon for the coming year.

Raper Commandery No. 1 (2672)

### **Eminent Commander Certificate of Merit 2014**

Jon Beach	LaPorte Commandery No. 12
John W. Paterson	Valparaisio Commandery No. 28
David W. Miller	Hammond Commandery No. 41
Randal P. Ellington	Baldwin Commandery No.2
Erwin E. Brown	Columbus Commadnery No. 14
David M. Johnson	LaValette Commandery No. 15
Scott C. King	Bedford Commadnery No. 42
Sean W. Jones	William G. Bray Commandery No. 65

### **Commandery of the Year 2013**

Raper Commandery No. 1

### **Knight Templar Cross of Honor 2013**

2015 – Brian C. Lewis No. 62 2015 – Carson C. Smith No. 4

### **Knight Commander of the Templar 2015**

Daniel J. Barenie, Grand Master Michael D. Ritter, Grand Commander

### **Companion of the Temple**

None

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

To the Right Eminent Grand Commander, Officers and Sir Knights of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Indiana: There is no unfinished business at this time.

Fraternally and respectfully submitted,

James Bolinger, VEDGC Chairman

### INVITATION TO THE 162<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL CONCLAVE

Angola Commandery No. 45, 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 162nd Grand Conclave of Indiana, to be held at the Sheraton Circle Center Indianapolis at 101 West Ohio Street. Indianapolis, Indiana on April 29 through April, 30, 2016.

Fraternally Submitted,

Jammie Milleman, EC #45

JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE
Acceptance of Invitation

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

The Jurisprudence Committee accepts with pleasure the invitation of Angola Commandery #45 to Host the 162<sup>nd</sup> Annual Conclave in Indianapolis, Indiana in 2015. We look forward to a successful and productive Conclave.

Respectfully submitted

Dwight Lanman

For the Committee

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

### JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE Congratulations

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

We the Jurisprudence Committee, commend Michael D. Ritter, Right Eminent Grand Commander for your leadership in keeping the Grand Commandery of Indiana moving forward.

You have exhibited a high standard as you have represented Indiana as it's Grand Commander.

You have taken the tasks assigned to you in a serious manner and have sought guidance from Indiana York Rite members and the Grand Architect of the Universe in this, another series of travels in Masonry. Your accomplishments include:

- Meeting with the Executive Committee ten times to organize, communicate and plan events for the benefit of the Grand Commandery and Constituent Commanderies of Indiana.
- Visibility Our Grand Commander visited all Commanderies in Indiana this past year.
- Made special efforts to work with Battalion Commanders and Deputy Grand Commanders to review their responsibilities in working with Constituent Commanderies.
- Urged attendance and hosted a great Newby-Avery Banquet.
- Promoted participation in the Easter Sunrise Service in Washington D.C and had the opportunity to lay the wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown

Soldier.

- Promoted mentoring of new candidates in local Commanderies.
- During his year as Grand Commander, attended the Grand Commandery Conclaves in Florida, Virginia, Iowa, Illinois, Michigan, Kentucky and Ohio.
- Lead a large group of Indiana Past Grand Commanders, Grand Commandery Officers and many other Indiana members and their wives to the East Central Department Conference in Indianapolis.
- Organized the officers of the Grand Commandery to exemplify the Order of the Temple for the Tri-State Festival on March 7 in Angola Indiana and was honored to Knight his son Steven T. Ritter along with 11 other new Sir Knights. We know that was a proud moment for you.

We believe that you have continued to build upon the spirit of cooperation that has existed in York Rite in the state of Indiana. You have solicited the advice and respected the experience of those who have gone before you.

You have given many years of service to the Grand Commandery and although your term as a Grand Officer will soon end we know that you will continue to labor in the vineyards of the York Rite of Indiana. We have all had fun. We say well done to you as Grand Commander and will welcome you as a Past Grand Commander.

Respectfully submitted

Paul W. Friend, PGC For the Jurisprudence Committee

### SIR KNIGHT LARRY W. BROWN, PGC INDIANA EAST CENTRAL DEPARTMENT COMMANDER

It's really a pleasure to come to Indiana as your East Central Department Commander. I am so pleased, this is my home and you guys are the Grand Commandery of Indiana just in case you are confused. I hope you know what I meant.

I've been to Michigan, as a Department Commander I've been to Kentucky as a Department Commander, and Ohio and when I am there, people take me by the arm and show me where to go and what to do. I walk into Indiana and you got to find your own way buddy. You got to find the hospitality room and I did know where it was. But it's really exciting to be here.

The first thing I would like talk about is the Department Conference we had here in Indianapolis a month ago. Being right here in Indianapolis I thought I had a little bit of an edge. I was in Ohio and I offered the guys in Ohio a challenge, that they couldn't bring enough people to beat Indiana. Well they smoked me, right here in Indianapolis, and then at the end of the day it came time to put names down for the leadership course. Every State brought me their names. They all had a few here and there. The Sir Knights from Ohio had a list and another list and another list. I am not going to issue anymore challenges to Ohio. I can't keep up with them.

I want everybody in Indiana to know you are all welcome to attend the Department Conferences. It's educational, it's a great day, a good time to break bread and make new friends It comes back to Indianapolis this year. We are going to try to beat Ohio, and Illinois and Michigan and Kentucky. The Grand Encampment is putting on a great Leadership class. I would advise everyone to attend the Leadership Classes.

I would like to talk about the upcoming Triennial in Buffulo, NY. If you can find a way to attend I am sure it will be an enjoyable experience for you. We will be installing the new Grand Master of Grand Encampment our own Sir Knight Duane Vaught and I am sure many of you are looking forward to being a part of the beginning of the journey with Duane as he serves our Grand Encampment as Grand Master. They have many events planned for the Triennial and Indiana will have our state Dinner on Monday evening. So I encourage you to come to Buffalo, NY to have a great time.

To be leaders you need a vision, and Indiana does very well as leaders in Masonary and in Templary. A good vision has leadership development in it. It has a plan to improve ritual. It has pride in your order and improves public awareness. I think Indiana does a great job in the vision. I am not saying the other states don't do a great job but I am here in Indiana today. We have the ITA school for leadership. You need to tweak it a little each year. The new ritual program we have started here in Indiana is moving forward and gaining momentum.

You all are Knights Templar and I am very proud to be here with you.

# REMARKS BY THE INSPECTING OFFICER SIR KNIGHT DUANE LEE VAUGHT, GCT RIGHT EMINENT DEPUTY 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

I bring you greeting from David Dixon Goodwin our Most Eminent Grand Master.

At Grand Encampment we have tried over the last two trienniums, and even before that, we have stepped up the pace. We are trying to move this fraternity forward and are trying to make things better. The magazine is better than it used to be and I haven't heard any arguments about that. Well that was four years ago. What have you done for me lately?

The Department Commander has talked about the leadership program, which we are doing in conjunction with General Grand Chapter and General Grand Council. Those who have attended them are raving about how good they are, at least what I am hearing. We have been putting a lot of effort into these. People tell us that they are getting something out of it, and that's what makes it worthwhile.

Eye foundation of course you have heard about the big change starting three or four years ago, stopping the surgeries and moving into grants. The program is really starting to take off. We have increased the number of applications for grants. We are having higher quality of applications and we don't give out all the money that is in the budget, because we only fund good programs. We are giving out something like 8.5 million dollars in the budget next year. That's the money from the Eye Foundation and that's going into the kind of research that prevents the need for the type of surgery we use to provide. Early on the Eye Foundation was really big in fixing cross eyes, there is virtually not anymore of that type surgery. Part of the reason is, I'd like to take full credit, but some of the reason that surgery in not needed is because of the research the Eye Foundation is helping to provide, is to eliminate the need for surgery. There are a lot of other things that are being worked on and those grants are being presented in different places. One of those grants was presented this past summer in Indiana. There wasn't any here the year before but I believe there were two here the year before that. There are addition things the Eye Foundation is working on. We now have one permanently endowed chair at Mayo Clinic of school of ophthalmology, eye surgery. In addion we are talking about other places like the Cleveland Clinic, or Children's Hospital. Some of these chairs may cost a million dollars or a million and a half dollars. We don't have to fund them all at once but just imagine where we are taking the Eye Foundation in the next ten years. We visited and liked the arrangement and the money was agreeable, we have funded that chair it will be 5 years before we are fully paid up for that chair. Now that we have endowed Mayo

Clinic that medical school that is forever the Knights Templar Chair at the school of ophthalmology. But now that is done, however we aren't done because we'll find another deserving institution. In twenty years we may be looking back and there are half dozen chairs of ophthalmology of Knights Templar. The Knights Templar will be known as the ones who see into the future of eye surgery.

We were working on cleaning up the Laws of Grand Encampment at the last session. Three years from now look for more housekeeping in that area. Some changes are big some are small but they are all about trying to make improvements, because that what moves this fraternity forward.

I am proud to be a member of this fraternity here in Indiana. Not that we are unique but that is where I am standing today and we are going to talk about some of the good things going on here in Indiana.

We have done in the past with great success the lanyard program for membership achievement. Now the program is headed by Virgil Humphrey. This program has been a huge success in Indiana, with some 300 Sir Knights being eligible to wear these cords.

Our committee on Ritual could have come here today and told us again that ritual is important and it what binds us to the Order ant that we really should try to do better. We hear that all too often. Well it's important. But they have done something. They have designed an award for those who excel in ritual, which was noted that is not going to be easy to earn. But that it's going to mean something, it's going to mean something to the person who gets that award, it's going to mean something to the person who see it, because they are going to know this guy has done something special. This committee has done something. It has tried to make this Grand Commandery better. It's giving reorganization to the people who do it and do it well.

Indiana isn't special because every state, every Grand Commandery can do that. They do and things are happening.

The Grand Commandery in Indiana, we aren't bating a thousand, but we are out there swinging and trying to make it better. This Grand Commandery will have its ups and downs, but we're trying to make it better, and that's the lesson for our Commanderies they need to do the same. We have seen Commanderies come up here and get award after award today and that's not just because they were the least bad, but because they were the ones who are achieving really impressive results. That's what we all need to do.

Again, it's just a joy to be back here in my home Grand Commandery to be here with all of you. Let's do this again next year.

### REMARKS BY SIR KNIGHT WILLIAM A. REINERS DEPUTY GRAND MASTER OF THE GRAND LODGE ON INDIANA

Most Eminent Grand Master, Right Eminent Department Commander, Grand Commander, Distingust guests and Sir Knights all.

I bring you greetings from our Grand Master Danniel J. Barenie and I would like to, on behalf of the Grand Lodge, thank the Grand Commandery, because of the number of time you have supported the Grand Lodge at the different event we have had during this past year. We have numerous times asked you to come out and be a part of the public events. It is greatly appreciated when it happens. You don't necessarily get all the thanks you should get at that time, but it is greatly appreciated.

I hope we have a large turnout in about a month from now down at the Grand Lodge at our Annual Communications. As Deputy Grand Master I am asking for your vote for me, so in Daviess County where I grew up we would say, vote earley and often.

In looking at our Grand Lodge line I feel we are in good shape. The program was started some years ago to meet at least one evening each month to bring issues and ideas to all the offices in the line. This is to keep everyone informed of what is happening in our Grand Lodge. Before my time they tried phone calls on Sunday evenings and Monday mornings but nothing works like face to face conversations. Some times it is a late night when I get home but the drive is well worth the effort for the good received out of the meeting. Of course it's not the end all to fix everything but it's sure better than not knowing what everyone is thinking. It's now more of a team effort to carry the message of the Grand Master to the membership.

Having presided in the York Rite bodies in Evansville I can see the challenges necessary to be a leader in each of the different bodies and I really enjoyed being Eminent Commander of LaValette Commandery No. 15. While it was a challenge it was also an honor.

Grand Commander, I would like to take the opportunity to thank you for the hospitlity you have shown to the office and congratulate you on the excellent job you have done in conducting your meeting today. It has been a pleasure being with you and the Sir Knights today.

### **CONCLAVE CONCLUSION**

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

### INSTALLATION SERVICE

Grand Installing Officer	Dwight E, Lanman, KCT, PCG
Grand Installing Marshal	Irvin L. Bitting, KCT, PGC
Grand Installing Recorder	David M. Bertch, KCT, PGC
Grand Installing Prelate	Paul W. Friend, KCT, PGC
Grand Installing Organist	, , ,

### **CONCLUSION**

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

There being no further business to come before the Grand Commandery the Grand Commander then declared Anderson Commandery No. 32 closed and the Grand Commandery adjourned until the next Conclave.

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

### DRILL COMMITTEE REPORT

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

The Drill Competition and the Pass-in-Review was held Saturday, April 26, 2014 at Liberty Hall in the Indianapolis Marriott Hotel in Indianapolis. Four teams reported for Drill Competition, Raper #1, Greenfield #39, Baldwin #2 and Bedford #42. Following the drill competition Sir Knights from 8 Commanderies took part in the Pass-in-Review.

The final results were;

Class "C" Drill; Raper #1, 1st Place, Green field #39 2nd

Class "D" Drill; Bedford #42 1st Place and Baldwin #2, 2nd.

The Committee would like to thank all the Sir Knights who help with the drills and who took the time to help their Commandery field a drill team.

Fraternally yours

Steven J. Barton, PGC, PDC, Chairman Drill Committee

### **Division 1 Annual Report 2015**

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

### **Structure:**

Division 1 consists of eighteen Commanderies divided into three Battalions, with six Commanderies in each battalion. The three Battalion Commanders for 2014-15 are Sir Knight John W. Patterson for Battalion #1, Sir Knight Basil K. Isaac for Battalion #2 and Sir Knight Tony Peterson for Battalion #3. Sir Knight Peterson was appointed mid-year by the Grand Commander after the resignation of Sir Knight Glenn Schmidt.

### **Meetings:**

Each Battalion has held at least two Battalion Meetings this past year. See each Battalion Commanders report for details on the status of their Battalions.

### **Year End Review:**

I am happy to report the Division 1 has had a good year. I witnessed some very good ritual/drill work this past year performed at the Receptions and Inspections by the Commanderies that make up the Division 1.

While many of the Commanderies cannot put the Orders on by themselves the different Commanderies within their respective Battalions have come together and work well as a group.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lawrence J. Williams, Grand Captain General Division 1 Commander

### **Grand Conclave Battalion 1 Report**

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

Battalion 1 consists of Valparaiso Commandery #28, Hammond Commandery #41, Michigan City Commandery #30, South Bend Commandery #13, LaPorte Commandery #12, and E.H. Gary Commandery #57.

### **Inspections:**

Hammond Commandery #41 and E.H. Gary Commandery #57 completed their inspection jointly July 28th on the Order of the Temple.

Michigan City Commandery #30 and Valparaiso Commandery completed their inspection on the Order of the Red Cross jointly on October 25.

Was unable to attend South Bend Commandery #13 and LaPorte Commandery #12 inspection.

**Workshop:** I have had several informal workshops at Valparaiso Commandery #28 and invited other Commanderies to attend. I will be scheduling a workshop post Grand Conclave to assist with ritual and to compile a ritual cast list for the Battalion. 11 Sir Knights were in attendance, representing 6 Commanderies.

### **Meetings:**

A Battalion 1 meeting was held on March 28th, 2015. The Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander James Bolinger was in attendance along with the Eminent Grand Captain General Larry Williams.

### **Receptions:**

Each Commandery in Battalion1 either hosted, or participated in a reception for the Grand Commander.

Hammond #41 hosted a reception for the Right Eminent Grand Commander on September 27th, 2014. E.H. Gary #57 also participated in this reception.

LaPorte #12 hosted a reception for the Right Eminent Grand Commander on September 27th, 2014. South Bend #13 also participated in this reception.

Valparaiso #28 hosted a reception for the Right Eminent Grand Commander on September 26th, 2014. Michigan City # 30 also participated in this reception.

### **Commanderies:**

**LaPorte** # 12: LaPorte has been meeting regularly and has become very active. They are currently working through the degrees/Orders with Valparaiso Commandery #28 jointly.

**South Bend #13:** South Bend has been meeting regularly and working on membership. South bend was dark in July and August. The South Bend dias went to Indianapolis for an all degree day and brought two candidates. They do not have any more work scheduled or any candidates waiting.

**Valparaiso** #28: As I was the sitting Commander for 2014 I attend Valparaiso weekly. We have completed four Knightings with 5 to be scheduled in May/June. Valparaiso #28 has been working with LaPorte #12 closely through the York Rite degrees and Orders with several Knightings to be completed this summer. Valparaiso is planning on purchasing period dress and looking to perform an outdoor Knighting.

**Michigan City #30:** I attended a stated meeting in May. Also in attendance was the Eminent Grand Captain General. The meeting was well attended.

**Hammond #41:** I have visited Hammond #41 several times. I attended a stated meeting and participated in an Order of the Temple as the Senior Warden. Hammond #41 is very busy and currently have most of 2015 scheduled.

**E.H.** Gary #57: E.H. Gary has done a Red Cross to date. They are still working on membership and participation. I will be looking to visit E.H. Gary in June.

### **Miscellaneous Activities:**

I will be scheduling DBC training for the end of July concurrent with a Battalion work shop.

**Summary:** Battalion one is doing very well. Most Commanderies have completed Knightings or have them scheduled. During my visits I was pleased to see enthusiasm within the Battalion and optimism about the remainder of the year. Most Commanderies have a plan for their respective inspections and receptions with scheduling to follow.

I have seen the Battalion come together in 2014 and look to foster this atmosphere in 2015. I am planning to compile a cast list to provide Battalion 1 Commanderies assistance in completing Orders and to foster the camaraderie within the Battalion.

The Commanderies in Battalion 1 are looking forward to 2015. I would like to thank my Deputy Battalion Commanders, Sir Knights John Bridegroom, Jon Beach and Todd Carpenter for their help this year.

I look forward to improving my capabilities as a Battalion Commander in 2015. It has been a pleasure to serve as the Commander of Battalion 1.

Respectfully submitted,

John W. Patterson, Grand Warder Batallion Commander, Battalion 1

### **Battalion 2 Report**

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

### **BATTALION MEETINGS & ACTIVITIES:**

There is a battalion meeting tentatively scheduled. We will discuss the status of the Battalion, also membership, our philanthropies, Ritual and Tactics

### STATUS OF THE COMMANDERIES:

Fort Wayne #4

Strong Commandery doing excellent work

Apollo #19

Overall a weak Commandery needs to work on membership & attendance

### **Grant County #21**

Has a full complement of Officers and is working on rebuilding and correcting their books. They appear to be off to a great start. The Recorder is willing to be instructed on how to simplify keeping records on the computer. **Still working on reorganization** 

### Elkhart #31

Opens stated meetings in full form, including rehearsal of duties.

Doing well

### Huntington #35

Needs to work on attendance

### Angola #45

Is doing well overall a very strong Commandery doing excellent Ritualistic work

### **STATUS OF BATTALION #2**

Battalion #2 has a lot of potential. My plan is to find out what is working in the stronger units and share that with the others.

Basil Isaac, Grand Sentinel Battalion Commander #2

### **Battalion 3 Report**

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

### **Battalion #3**

Battalion No. 3, for the year 2014-2015 is made up of the following Commanderies: Lafayette Commandery No. 3, Crawfordsville No. 25, Frankfort Commandery No. 29, Anderson Commandery No. 32, Kokomo Commandery No. 36, and Noblesville Commandery No. 61.

### **Inspections**

All the Commanderies in Battalion #3 participated in their reception/inspections this year. The Commanderies were inspected either on the Order of the Temple or the Order of Red Cross.

### **Meetings**

A Battalion meeting was held on August 16, 2014 in Kokomo where we reviewed the information for the newly elected officers in each Commandery and the reception/inspection schedule for 2014-15. Materials and questions were covered for the upcoming inspections and receptions. There was also a discussion of the activities for the upcoming year.

The second Battalion meeting was held on February 21, 2015 at Kokomo Commandery where the reception/inspection schedule for 2015-2016 was finalized. Portions of the Annual Battalion Report for 2015 were shared with all Commanderies in Battalion 3 that were present. Sir Knight James L. Bolinger, Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander shared his goals for 2015-2016, and outlined the new Battalion structure. It was the hope that all the Commanderies in Battalion #3 would be represented for the meeting, but, due to the weather and other conflicts in scheduling, that goal fell short. We concluded the business and all that were in attendance thought it to be a worthwhile endeavor.

### **Status of Commanderies**

### Lafayette Commandery No. 3

Lafayette was represented by individual Sir Knights at the Grand Lodge annual meeting and installation of officers. They participated in the Arch of steel for the Grand Master. Lafayette worked with Frankfort Commandery No. 29 to put on the degrees and orders. Lafayette has knighted two Sir Knights this year and is working with new Sir Knights to confer the Orders. I was pleased to see younger Sir Knights learning the parts and taking an active role in the Commandery. I would recommend that Lafayette Commandery develop a membership program within the Masonic Lodges to recruit York Rite candidates.

### Crawfordsville Commandery No. 25

Crawfordsville Commandery was represented by individual Sir Knights at the Grand Conclave as well as the Grand Lodge annual meeting and installation of officers. Crawfordsville Commandery worked with other Commanderies to put on the Order of the Temple for their inspection. Crawfordsville Commandery worked with Greencastle Commandery No. 11 and Terre Haute Commandery No. 16 to have their Reception for the Right Eminent Grand Commander. I would also recommend that Crawfordsville

Commandery work on developing a membership program in the Masonic Lodges to recruit York Rite candidates.

### Frankfort Commandery No. 29

Frankfort Commandery has knighted new Sir Knights this year, and has several new candidates going through degrees and orders at this time. They have been involved in community activities throughout the year. Frankfort also had members participate in the ceremonies at the Grand Lodge this year helping form the Arch of Steel for the Grand Master. Frankfort is working with Blue Lodges in their area on a recruitment program to get new Sir Knights coming into the York Rite bodies. Frankfort continues to be active as is shown by their activities this year. They also marched in the Veterans Day Parade this year. I would recommend that Frankfort keep up their fine work.

### Kokomo Commandery No. 36

Kokomo Commandery and its Sir Knights are one of the most active Commanderies in Battalion #3. Kokomo's Sir Knights have attended many inspections/receptions this year in 2014-15. Kokomo officers have helped at a number of inspections and receptions assisting other Commanderies that needed help. Kokomo also hosted the Battalion No. 3 meeting and Grand Officers meeting this year. They had several members present at the Battalion meetings and have been well represented across the State of Indiana. Kokomo has done Flag presentations at Bunker Hill Lodge and other locations this year.

### Anderson Commandery No. 32

Anderson Commandery has been active this year doing orders and visiting other Commanderies across the State of Indiana: as well as, traveling and visiting other Grand Commanderies in other States. Anderson worked with Kokomo Commandery to do both the Reception and Inspections this year. Anderson has Several Sir Knights at the Grand Conclave and the Grand Lodge annual meeting and installation of Officers. Anderson Commandery participated in several activities at the Indiana Masonic Home and the Grand Commanderies Easter Trip. Anderson's/Kokomo's reception this year had over 140 Sir Knights and ladies present for Sir Knight Michael D. Ritter, Right Eminent Grand Commander from Anderson Commandery. I would also recommend that Anderson Commandery work on developing a membership program in the Masonic Lodges to recruit York Rite candidates.

### Noblesville Commandery No. 61

Noblesville Commandery has been active this year in assisting other Commanderies in the State conduct Orders for their new Sir Knights. Noblesville has been a hard working Commandery and has been very proud of the ritual work that they do. They held their own Reception this year and it was well attended. Noblesville assisted Frankfort and Lafayette on their Inspection of the Order of the Temple. All three Commanderies should be commended on an outstanding job.

Noblesville continues to recruit new Sir Knights from the local lodges in and around Noblesville. I recommend that Noblesville keep up the fine work that they do.

### **Summary Remarks**

The strength in Battalion #3 comes from the Commanderies working together in several events throughout the year for the benefit of the York Rite. Together the Commanderies have worked to put on the Orders and Inspections/Receptions needed this year.

The Commanderies in Battalion #3 have been involved in several activities in their communities, as well as, activities across the State of Indiana and Grand Commandery functions.

Battalion #3 should be commended for their increase in Commandery activities throughout the State and it is the hope that they will continue in the future.

In the short period of time I worked with Battalion #3, I found we should continue developing our leadership programs and our mentorship with our new Sir Knight and Officers. The programs play a vital role in our future existence as a fraternity. Not only does it tell us where we are going, it will give us a blue print to build upon it.

It has been a true honor to serve you and the Commanderies of Battalion #3.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tony S. Peterson, Grand Sword Bearer Battalion No. 3 Commander

### **Division II Annual Report**

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

The Seymour York Rite bodies elected to surrender their charters. Sir Knight Don Olvey, GG, was appointed Special Deputy. Columbus Commandery #14 offered to accept any Seymour Sir Knight in good standing. All associated administrative actions including inventories, audits and other required reports and notifications were completed and the Charter surrendered. Seymour Commandery #56 was officially closed on August 15, 2014.

All Division II Battalion Receptions and Inspections were completed and the appropriate reports filed. Instructionals were conducted at New Albany, Vincennes and Lackey Commanderies.

Battalion IV held their Winter Meeting at Freemason's Hall in Indianapolis on Saturday, February 14, 2015.

Battalions V and Battalion VI held a joint meeting at the Masonic Temple in Vincennes on Saturday, March 21, 2015.

Division II Battalion Commanders are listed below:

Battalion IV Commander: Sir Knight Donnie A. Robinette Battalion V Commander: Sir Knight Terry L. Kehrer Battalion VI Commander: Sir Knight Michael F. Robbins

Respectfully Submitted,

Don Olvey, Grand Generalissimo Commander, Division II

### **Battalion 4 Report**

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

The Officers and Sir Knights of Battalion 4 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.

### Raper Commandery #1:

Raper Commandery #1 is a very strong organization within the battalion. The experience and leadership within this Commandery has and will continue to serve them well in the foreseeable future. Raper's officers and drill team members participated in many Commanderies inspections and receptions, including our REGC's home reception in Anderson. I am very proud of this Commandery's efforts around the state.

### Connersville Commandery #6:

Connersville Commandery #6 is a small Commandery, but determined to strive for success. They are fortunate to have the experience of effective leadership from all walks of the Masonic Fraternity. Although they combined with Richmond Commandery #8 for their inspection score, they held a very well attended reception for the REGC. I look forward to getting to know these Sir Knights better in the future.

### Richmond Commandery #8:

Richmond Commandery #8 is another example of being fortunate of having a number of effective leaders from all walks of Masonic Life within their organization. They have the fortune of having good relationships with our neighboring Sir Knights in Ohio. Combined with several SK's from Connersville #6, this Commandery performed very well in their inspection. They also held a very well attended reception for the REGC.

### Greenfield Commandery #39:

Greenfield Commandery #39 also has the benefit of effective leadership within their Commandery. They have been active with the ritualistic work, are bringing in a stream of new members, and continue their involvement of community endeavors. I was very impressed with Greenfield Commandery's performance of the Order of the Red Cross, especially when the ritual was performed excellent and in a way the physical plant of their meeting space is arranged. They also performed the 12-man reception for the REGC and did an excellent job in doing so.

### 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.

### HE Lackey Commandery #67:

HE Lackey Commandery #67 is a small Commandery located in a prime location within Indianapolis. Many of their members have been successful Masonic leaders. Unfortunately, HE Lackey is going through a rough patch in regards to membership and was unable to have a

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proper Order inspection. Raper Commandery #1 assisted HE Lackey #67 with their reception for the REGC, and their new members were able to watch and learn. They are currently planning short and long term goals for their Commandery to be strong in the future.

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 Michael Ritter for the opportunity of being the Battalion 4 Commander.

Fraternally & Sincerely,

Donnie A. Robinette, GStdB Battalion 4 Commander

### **Battalion 5 Report**

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

Battalion 5 consists of Baldwin No. 2, New Albany No. 5, Columbus No. 14, LaValette 15, Johnson County No. 23, and Bedford No. 42

### **Battalion 5:**

On Saturday July 19 formed a receiving line for the Grand Council at New Albany for the Crypt Rededication

Attended the Indiana Masonic Home Festival on September 7th and participated in the Service, Flag ceremonies and parade

Attended the Kentucky Grand Conclave in Louisville on September 8th

On October 10th, attended the Ohio Grand Conclave in Columbus, Ohio

On November 7th, attended the Anderson Commandery Reception for the Grand Commander at Anderson, Indiana

Attended the Indiana Masonic Home Veterans Day at Franklin and participated in the services and Flag Ceremonies

Attended Raper Commandery Reception for the Grand Commander at Indianapolis

On November 30th, attended the Annual Christmas party at Rainbow Girls Camp in Edinburg, Indiana

On December 27th gave a York Rite Presentation to Georgetown Lodge No. 480 during the Feast of St. John the Evangelist celebration

I would also like to add that I have added a new Deputy Battalion Commander Sir Knight Kevin Spencer of LaValette Commandery. I have appreciated his company on many of my visits to Commanderies.

### **Battalion 5 Commandery Meeting Nights**

Baldwin 2 meets: 3rd Monday at Sugar Creek 7 PM (3-way) New Albany 5 meets: 3rd Monday at 7:30 PM, Dinner 6:30 PM

Columbus 14 meets: 2nd Wednesday at 7:30 PM, Dinner 6:30 PM (3-way)

LaValette 15 meets: 3rd Tuesday at 7:00 PM CDT (3-way)

Johnson County 23 meets: 2nd Wednesday at 7:00 PM, Dark July and August (3-way)

Bedford 42 meets: 3rd Monday at 7 PM, Dark July and August

**Baldwin Commandery No. 2:** On October 11th, attended the Baldwin Commandery Reception for the Grand Commander in Fairland, Indiana. On November 24th attended Baldwin Commandery for their Inspection on the Order of the Temple for score. They had one Candidate.

**New Albany Commandery No. 5**: Since New Albany Commandery is my home Commandery, and I am the Treasurer of the Commandery, I have been constantly in contact with the Commandery and attended their Conclave on August 18th, September 15th, October 20th, November 17th and December 15th. On November 17th held an Instruction on the

Order of the Temple in lieu of for score. On April 4th a Flag presentation was given at Blue River Lodge No. 457 by New Albany Commandery No. 5.

Columbus Commandery No. 14: Attended Columbus Commandery on October 11th for the Grand Commander's Reception. On November 22, I attended Columbus Commandery for their Inspection on the Order of Red Cross for score. They had three candidates. On December 12th attended Columbus Commandery for 50-year presentations to two of their members. Columbus made another 50-year presentation during the first week of January. Columbus Commandery has accepted the transfer of Seymour Commandery's members, property and funds.

**LaValette Commandery No. 15:** Attended LaValette Commandery on September 6th for the Grand Commander's Reception.

**Johnson County Commandery No. 23**: On October 9th, I attended the Bray/Johnson County Reception of the Grand Commander at Mooresville. On November 12 attended Johnson County Commandery for an Red Cross Instruction in lieu of an Order for Score.

**Bedford Commandery No. 42:** On November 1st, attended Bedford/Bloomington Commandery Reception for the Grand Commander. They also did the Order of the Temple for their Inspection and score. On November 20th, attend Bedford Commandery for a redo of the opening and closing ceremony for score.

**Seymour Commandery No 56:** Seymour Commandery was officially closed on August 15, 2014. Seymour gave up their Charter transferred members to Columbus Commandery. Inventory has been completed, Charter, Seal and Beauceant was picked up by Generalissimo Sir Knight Don Olvey. Most of the funds have transferred to Columbus Commandery. CDs remain to be transferred to Columbus Commandery. Seymour Commandery's property has been inventoried and was transferred to Columbus.

### RECEPTIONS AND INSPECTIONS: All are completed and the reports have been submitted.

### **Commandery Reception Inspection**

Baldwin 2 10/11/2014 11/24/2014 OT New Albany 5 09/15/2014 11/17/2014 Instructional on OT Columbus 14 10/11/2014 11/22/2014 ORC LaValette 15 09/06/2014 05/17/2014 OT Johnson County 23 10/09/2014 01/12/2014 Instructional on RC Bedford 42 11/01/2014 11/01/2014 OT

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Respectfully submitted by:

SK Terry L. Kehrer, Grand Senior Warden, Battalion 4 Commander

### **Battalion 6 Report**

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

Battalion 6 consists of Greencastle Commandery No.11, Terre Haute Commandery No.16, Vincennes Commandery No.20, Bloomington Commandery No.63, Wright Commandery No.64, and Wm. G. Bray Commandery No.65.

### **Inspections:**

All Inspections were conducted on the Order of the Temple and have been completed.

Vincennes Commandery #20 and Wright Commandery #64 were inspected jointly with LaValette Commandery #15 at Vincennes Commandery on May 17, 2014.

Terre Haute Commandery #16 was inspected individually on October 4, 2014.

Bloomington Commandery #63 was inspected jointly with Bedford Commandery #42 on Nov. 1, 2014 at Bedford.

Bray Commandery #65 and Greencastle #11 were inspected jointly with Crawfordsville Commandery #23 on November 29, 2014 at Bray Commandery.

### **Meetings:**

A joint Battalion 5 and Battalion 6 meeting was held at Vincennes Commandery No.20 on March 21st, 2015. Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander James Bolinger was in attendance to outline his plan for the 2015-16 Templar years. Refreshments were provided by Vincennes Commandery. 23 Sir Knights were in attendance, representing 9 Commanderies.

### **Receptions:**

Each Commandery in Battalion 6 either hosted, or participated in, a Reception for the Grand Commander.

Vincennes #20 hosted a Reception for the Right Eminent Grand Commander on September 6, 2014. Wright #64 and LaValette #15 also participated in this Reception.

Crawfordsville #23 hosted a Reception for the Right Eminent Grand Commander on September 13, 2014. Greencastle #11 and Terre Haute #16 also participated in this Reception.

Wm. G. Bray #65 hosted a Reception for the Right Eminent Grand Commander on October 9, 2014.

Bedford #42 hosted a Reception for the Right Eminent Grand Commander on November 1, 2014. Bloomington #63 participated in this Reception.

### Workshop:

An informal workshop was conducted at Vincennes Commandery #20 on June 23, 2014. All Commanderies within Battalion 6 were invited. The purpose of the workshop was to give guidance on the ritual and tactics associated with the Reception to be held at Vincennes September 6, 2014. Topics covered were; Reception of the Commander, Reception of Distinguished Guests, Rehearsal, Inspection, and Forming the Triangle.

### **Status of Commanderies:**

### Greencastle Commandery #11

Greencastle Commandery #11 has a current membership of 48 Sir Knights.

There has been a gain of 1 Sir Knight, and a loss of 5 Sir Knights, for an overall loss of 4 Sir Knights for this period.

9 Stated Conclaves have been held with an average attendance of 9 Sir Knights.

There has been 2 Called Conclaves with an average attendance of 20 Sir Knights.

Greencastle Commandery participated in a joint Inspection with Bray Commandery and Crawfordsville Commandery on November 29, 2014.

Greencastle had the required number of Sir Knights at the annual Inspection and will receive a Ritualistic Score for 2014-15.

Greencastle Commandery was represented at the Reception held at Crawfordsville #23 on September 23, 2014.

All records are accurate and well maintained. The Activity Sheet reflects a moderately active Commandery.

### Terre Haute Commandery #16

Terre Haute Commandery #16 has a current membership of 110 Sir Knights.

They have had a total gain of 10 Sir Knights, and a total loss of 15 Sir Knights, for a loss of 5 Sir Knights for this period.

10 Stated Conclaves have been held with an average attendance of 18 Sir Knights. Meals are served at each Conclave.

4 Called Conclaves have been held with an average attendance of 25 Sir Knights.

Terre Haute Commandery conducted an individual Inspection on October 4, 2014. \*All stations were filled with members of Terre Haute Commandery.

Terre Haute Commandery was represented at the Reception held at Crawfordsville #23 on September 23, 2014

The Activities Sheet reflects an active Commandery.

All records are accurate and well maintained.

### Vincennes Commandery #20

Vincennes Commandery #20 has a current membership of 78 Sir Knights. They have had a total gain of 6 Sir Knights this year, and a total loss of 1 Sir Knight, for a gain of 5 Sir Knights for this period.

12 Stated Conclaves have been held with an average attendance of 13 Sir Knights.

1 Called Conclave has been held with an attendance of 54 Sir Knights (Inspection).

Vincennes Commandery hosted the annual Inspection held in conjunction with LaValette and Wright Commanderies on May 17, 2014. \*A meal was served, 11 candidates were knighted, and 54 Sir Knights were in attendance.

Vincennes Commandery hosted the Reception in conjunction with LaValette and Wright Commanderies on September 6, 2014. \*40 Sir Knights were in attendance along with several Ladies. A meal was served.

Vincennes Commandery hosted a Battalion-wide Workshop on June 23, 2014. Topic covered was the upcoming Reception.

The Activity Sheet reflects a very active Commandery.

All records are accurate and well maintained. B

### loomington Commandery #63

Bloomington Commandery #63 has a current membership of 155 Sir Knights.

They have had a total gain of 10 Sir Knights, and a total loss of 5 Sir Knights, for a gain of 5 Sir Knights for this period.

2 Stated Conclaves have been held (actually Opened) with an average attendance of 12 Sir Knights.

3 Called Conclave have been held with an average attendance of 17 Sir Knights.

Meals are served at all Conclaves.

Bloomington Commandery participated in the Inspection and Reception held at Bedford Commandery #42 on November 1, 2014. \*Bloomington had the required number of Sir Knights present for the Inspection and will receive a Ritualistic Score for 2014-15.

The Activity Sheet reflects a moderately active Commandery.

All records are accurate and well maintained.

### Wright Commandery #64

Wright Commandery #64 has a current membership of 26 Sir Knights.

They have had a total gain of 0 Sir Knights, and a total loss of 2 Sir Knights, for a loss of 2 Sir Knights for this period.

6 Stated Conclaves have been held with an average attendance of 9 Sir Knights. Meals are served at each Conclave.

Wright Commandery #64 participated in the Inspection held at Vincennes on May 17th, 2014. \*Wright had 3 members present, an increase of 2 over 2013-14.

Wright Commandery #64 participated in the Reception at Vincennes on September 6, 2014.

Wright was visited by REGC on October 15, 2014. A meal was served and Wright Opened in Short Form. 15 Sir Knights were in attendance.

The Activities Sheet reflects low activity.

All records are accurate and well maintained. For the second time in the past 4 years, Wright will have a change of Recorder. Current Recorder Tom Bartelt has moved to New Albany, and Recorder duties will be assumed by Past Eminent Commander Phillip Stroud.

### Wm. G. Bray Commandery #65

Bray #65 has a current membership of 87 Sir Knights.

They have had a total gain of 1 Sir Knight and a total loss of 3 Sir Knights for a total loss of 2 Sir Knights for this period.

10 Stated Conclaves have been held with an average attendance of 12 Sir Knights.

1 Called Conclave has been held with an attendance of 25 Sir Knights (Inspection).

Bray Commandery #65 hosted the annual Inspection, along with Greencastle Commandery and Crawfordsville Commandery on November 29, 2014.

Bray Commandery #65 hosted the Reception, along with Johnson Co. Commandery on October 9, 2014.

The Activities Sheet reflects a moderately active Commandery.

All records are accurate and well maintained.

### **Summary:**

In addition to the annual Inspections and Receptions, I have made multiple visits to the Commanderies in Battalion 6. The Commanderies in Battalion 6 have had an excellent year with strong leadership and the attendance and interest seems to reflect that.

The goals again this year for Battalion 6 were to improve communication and cooperation among Commanderies in the Battalion, develop membership, and try to make the whole experience of being a Knight Templar enjoyable.

Communication and cooperation were evident with the Vincennes Inspection and Reception, when 54 Sir Knights attended the Inspection and 40 attended the Reception on separate dates. This was a great turnout for this portion of the State.

The informal workshop conducted at Vincennes appears to have been very successful prior to their Reception. This was a casual environment where we conducted a walk thru of the Reception and all questions were welcome. I hope to continue this in the future.

Greencastle #11 and Bloomington #65 participated in their respective Inspections, and both had enough Sir Knights attend that they received a Ritualistic Score for 2014-15.

With only 26 members, Wright Commandery #64 had a strong showing during the Grand Commander's visit, when 15 Sir Knights attended and Wright Opened in Short Form. They also had 3 Sir Knights attend the Reception, which was two more than they had the previous year.

Wm. G. Bray is a strong Commandery and continues to stand out each year.

I would like to thank Sir Knights Tom Retherford, Mark Baker, and David Lloyd for their assistance as Deputy Battalion Commanders.

It has been a pleasure to serve as Commander of Battalion 6.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael F. Robbins, Grand Junior Warden Commander, Battalion 6

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### 160th CONCLAVE DIGEST

The 160<sup>th</sup> Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Indiana, was held at the Marriott Hotel East, Indianapolis on April 24-26, 2014. The Sir Knights of Baldwin Commandery No. 2, the home Commandery of the Right Eminent Grand Commander, served as hosts for the Conclave.

The Divine Service was held prior to the Grand Commander's Banquet on Thursday evening with 82 Sir Knights and Ladies in attendance. The service was under the direction of Tony Peterson, Grand Prelate, who brought the message. The service was greatly enjoyed by all. A collection of \$550.00 was raised for the Holy Land Pilgrimage Fund.

The Grand Commander's Banquet followed with over 112 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 Phillip Whisner, Aide to the GC and Matthew Lowe. In addition, Sir Knight Duane L. Vaught, GCT, REDGM presented Sir Knight Jack F. Wallace, KCT with his Past Grand Commander's Certificate followed by a presentation of Grand Commander Wallace's Past Grand Commander's jewel by Sir Knight Rodney A. Mann, KCT, PGC, Aide to Duane L. Vaught, GCT, REDGM and Senior Grand Deacon of the Grand Lodge of Indiana. Sir Knight Wallace is now wearing the PGC jewel once worn by Robert DuBois and Lawrence Kaminsky. Following the dinner was a Grand March and a refreshing ice cream social.

On Friday morning, the lines were formed by Raper Commandery No. 1, under the direction of S. K. William Short. Sir Knight Jack F. Wallace, Right Eminent Grand Commander and his corps of Officers were received and introduced. The Grand Officers then assumed the stations relinquished by the Officers of Baldwin Commandery No. 2.

Grand Commander

V. E. Deputy Grand Commander

Grand Generalissimo

Grand Captain General

Jack F. Wallace, KCT

Michael D. Ritter

James L. Bolinger

Donald D. Olvey

Grand Treasurer Robert J. Frazer, KCT, PGC

Grand Recorder Lawrence V. Kaminsky, KCT, PGC

Grand Senior Warden
Grand Junior Warden
Grand Prelate

Lawrence J. Williams
Terry L. Kehrer
Tony S. Peterson

Grand Marshal H.E. "Gene" Lackey, HPGC, KCT, KTCH

Grand Standard Bearer Michael F. Robbins Grand Sword Bearer Edward E. Fodrea Grand Warder Donnie A. Robinette
Grand Sentinel James A. Iles, II
Grand Organist Marvin L. Rees

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

Distinguished guests were received under the guidance of Dwight E. Lanman, Jr., KCT, PGC and George A. Ingles, Jr., KCT, PGC and Harrison E. Lackey, KCT, KTCH, HPGC, Grand Marshal. The Past Grand Commanders of Indiana then assisted in the following introductions.

Aides received included Phillip D. Whisner, KTCH, Terry L. Turner, Matthew T. Hobbs, DeWayne Richmond, Adam E. Jackson, GP, Phillip A. Ritter and Virgil G. Humphrey, KCT, KTCH.

The Deputy Battalion Commanders were introduced. They included Jon Beach, DBC 1, Michael C. Anderson, DBC 2, Basil K. Isaac, DBC 3, John W. Patterson, DBC 3, Charles A. Smelser, DBC 3, Philip D. Whisner, DBC 4, Randal P. Ellington, GPE, DBC 4, Mitchell H. Rohrbaugh, DBC 4, Clint R. Cottrell, DBC 5, Thomas R. Retherford, DBC 5, Glenn W. Schmidt, DBC 5, James D. Pinnick, DBC 6, Ronald E. Snell, DBC 6, and Dirk Rader, DBC 6.

Grand Prelate Emeriti's recognized included: Robert S. Flint, Wayne A. Sheets, Byron W. Schull, Charles E. Johnson, Edward L. Sebring, Harold D. Black and Randal P. Ellington.

Also received was Companion and Sir Knight Charles E. Johnson, Past Deputy Grand Governor and Robert S. Flint, Past Grand Governor, York Rite College of Indiana.

Companion and Sir Knight James B. Coleman, Most Excellent Grand High Priest of Royal Arch Masons of Indiana, Martin A. Evens, REGK, Carl D. Froedge, REGS, Philip E. Fowler, PGHP, Grand Treasurer, Regent for the York Rite Sovereign College of North America, Dr. Richard A. Lochner, PGHP, Grand Secretary, James L. Davis, Grand Chaplain, DeWayne Richmond, GM2V, John Coleman, Grand Guard and Steve Maxwell, Royal Arch Deputy District D were received and introduced. Companion and Sir Knight Larry E. Gray, KCT, KTCH, PGHP, PGSec, PGGHP and GGSec of the General Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons, International was separately received and introduced. Sir Knight Larry E. Gray is also the Past Most Eminent Grand Preceptor of the Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests, Grand College of America and Intendant General, Division of Indiana, Red Cross of Constantine.

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

Companion and Sir Knight Charles D. Wood, Jr., Right Puissant Regional Deputy Grand Master East Central, General Grand Council of Cryptic Masons, International was received.

The following Officers of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Indiana were present: Douglas O. Fegenbush, MWPGM, Duane L. Vaught, MWPGM, Jeffery P. Zaring, MWPGM, George A. Ingles, Jr., KCT, PGC, MWPGM, Daniel J. Barenie, Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, William A. Reiners, Right Worshipful Senior Grand Warden, Rodney A. Mann, KCT, PGC, Worshipful Senior Grand Deacon, Carl Culmann, Worshipful Junior Grand Deacon.

The visiting Past Grand Commanders present were introduced as follows: Herbert "Glen" Beck of Tennessee, John Laughlin of South Dakota, Vernon T. Barnhart of Michigan, Wilmer E. Hall of Pennsylvania, and William E. Eltzroth of MA/RI.

Visiting Grand Commanders from other Jurisdictions were greeted as follows: Charles M. Thames of Tennessee, Kenneth W. Smith of Illinois and Howard H. Crumit, Jr. of Michigan.

Visiting Grand Officers from other jurisdiction included: From Ohio: Thomas H. Gault, Sr., VEDGC, Martin R. Trent, GStdB; From Tennessee: James D. Crockett, VEDGC, John Douglas Pugh, Jr., GG; From Michigan: Paul W. Roggow, VEDGC, Albert F. Johnson, GG, Donald L. Trumbull, GCG..

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

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

Sir Knight Duane L. Vaught, GCT, Right Eminent Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, Knights Templar of the United States of America and his aides Rodney Mann, KCT, PGC and Austin C. Gray, KCT, PMIGM.

Sir Knight and Brother Mark A. Genung, KCT, Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of the Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Indiana was received and introduced and seated on the dais.

**Credentials:** A preliminary report of the Credentials Committee was called for and a quorum was present. All Commanderies were fully represented except for Lafayette No. 3, South Bend No. 13, Columbus No. 14, LaValette No. 15, Grant County No. 21, Crawfordsville No. 25, Frankfort No. 29, Anderson No. 32, Seymour No. 56 and Bloomington No. 63.

**Jurisprudence:** Presented a motion to accept the minutes of the 159<sup>th</sup> Grand Conclave as printed in the proceedings. Motion Passed.

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

**Grand Representatives:** Roll call of Grand Representatives showed that 37 were present, 9 were absent, and 3 were excused and 1 position open.

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

**Grand Recorder:** The Grand Recorder reported a loss of 143 for the year 2013-14 with 154 new Sir Knights having been created. Thomas W. Harper, of Prather Commandery No. 62 was presented the Star Recorder of the Year award.

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

**Holy Land Pilgrimage:** The Holy Land Pilgrimage Committee reported that no ministers went to the Holy Land this year.

**Trustees:** As of the 22<sup>nd</sup> of April, 2014 the Permanent Fund was \$337,382.73. The Education Fund was \$215,574.29 with a \$5,000.00 withdrawal for the Christian Theological Seminary. These funds are kept at Morgan Stanley. We made money for the last year, but it was not up to our expectations. At the end of March 2014, Morgan Stanley replaced our account manager with a new manager and we went from Portfolio Management to Unified Managed Account and will be performing on a risk-adjusted return for better expectations. The Trustees are pleased to report that financial support to the Newby-Avery Fund, which is part of the Permanent Fund, has now reached \$84,512.90. Our Life Membership Fund has assets of \$60,597.26 in Certificates of Deposits and a Savings Account.

**Necrology:** The report of the Necrology Committee paid tribute to those 136 Sir Knights who have passed to their eternal rest. Grand Prelate, Tony S. Peterson gave his report and a

Eulogy. Lawrence V. Kaminsky, KCT, PGC gave the eulogy for Omar Emerson Hager, KCT, PGC who passed away on January 19, 2014.

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

**Templar Crusader:** The official Conclave Program Book, "The Templar Crusader," was again successful and Richmond Commandery No. 8 received the traveling award for selling the most ads. We only had 9 Commanderies sell Ads this year for a total of \$1905.00. Printing of the Book Cost \$1510.00, so we made \$395.00 for the Holy Land Pilgrimage fund.

**Elections:** The final report of the Credentials Committee showed that all Commanderies except for Seymour #56 were represented by at least one delegate. Following this report, the election was held with the following results:

Michael D. Ritter, GC James L. Bolinger, DGC Donald D. Olvey, GG Lawrence J. Williams, GCG Terry L. Kehrer, GSW Michael F. Robbins, GJW Lawrence V. Kaminsky, KCT, PGC, GR James L. Dove, KCT, PGC was elected Grand Trustee for a term of 3 years.

Grand Commander-elect Michael D. Ritter then announced the following appointments: Adam Jackson, GP; Marvin L. Rees, GO; Harrison E. Lackey, KCT, KTCH, HPGC, Grand Marshall; Donnie A. Robinette, GStdB; Glenn Schmidt, GSwdB; John Patterson, GW; and Bruce Basil, GS.

**Finance:** SK Larry W. Brown, KCT, PGC, ECDC and Chairman of the Finance Committee said although the finances of the Grand Commandery are slowly improving, they are still behind where we were in 2008. So as we proposed four years ago, we will increase the per capita \$.50 this year and maintain the \$5.00 assessment for the fifth year. Motion passed. In summary the per capita now looks like this: Grand Encampment: \$9.00. Grand Commandery: \$11.00 Eye Foundation: \$1.00 (not assessed if member is a Life Member of the Eye Foundation). In addition, the Grand Commandery also imposed a \$5 per member assessment on all members, including Life Members and 50-year members. So the total due will be \$26.00 + local dues.

**Honorary Memberships:** The following Sir Knights were presented with Honorary Membership to the Indiana Grand Commandery: Howard H. Crumit, Jr., GC of Michigan; Kenneth W. Smith, GC of Illinois; Charles M. Thames, GC of Tennessee; Herbert Glenn Beck, PGC of Tennessee. Sir Knight Howard H. Crumit, Jr. responded for the Red Cords.

Easter Sunrise: The Easter Sunrise Bus Trip for Indiana Grand Commandery, hosted by our Right Eminent Grand Commander, Jack F. Wallace and his Lady Shirley was well attended with 44 total participants, which included 4 children. We were happy to welcome a number of the Grand Commander and his Lady's family on the trip. We began our trip on Wednesday, April 16, 2014 when we all meet at the Indianapolis East LaQuinta Motel. On our first day out we enjoyed lunch and the hill folk country charm with the folks at the famous Hillbilly Hotdogs restaurant in West Virginia. From there we preceded to the Beckley Exhibition Coal Mine and the surrounding Coal Camp in Beckley, Virginia for a tour of the mine itself and the buildings that showed life for the families that worked there. From there we continued on to Stanton, Virginia where we stay the night at the Sleep Inn. On the 17<sup>th</sup> we departed for Petersburg, Virginia to the National Battlefield there. This battlefield was the site of the nine month battle between the north and south that brought about the fall of Richmond and ultimately the end of the war. We then headed to the Hilton in Crystal City, our home for the next three nights. Friday morning we departed for Washington D.C. and our tour of Lincoln's Summer Home, then after we stopped in historic Alexandria, VA. Saturday morning we left for Arlington Cemetery for our tour and the laying of the wreath which has been our tradition for many years past. The tour of Arlington included a stop to look around Arlington House, which was General Lee's home before the war. We toured the Old Guard Stables where we were able to see the beautiful horses that pull the caissons through the Cemetery delivering our fighting heroes to their final and permanent post. After returning to the hotel, we dressed and gathered for the Grand Encampment Banquet. Easter Sunday we joined the Grand Encampment for breakfast at the Hilton before heading to the George Washington Masonic Memorial in Arlington, VA. There, we shared our devotion to the Lord at the Easter Sunrise Worship Service while taking in the beautiful views from high up on the hill. After the Service we returned to the hotel, packed the bus and bid farewell to return to Indianapolis

### **Legislation:**

### **Section 680 of the Grand Commandery Laws**

The Jurisprudence Committee finds the proposed change to Section 680 Indiana Law be in proper form and ready for the vote of this Grand Commandery. Only a simple majority vote is necessary for passage.

Respectfully submitted for the Jurisprudence Committee, Steven J. Barton, KCT, PGC, PDC.

### Resolution relating to Section 680 Indiana Law

Whereby Section 680 of the Indiana Grand Commandery Laws refers to the Life Membership Plan {LIFE ANNUITY MEMBERSHIP PLAN} of Indiana Commanderies

was initiated as part of our laws in 1991 and whereas the finical burden to the Commanderies continue to grow, and whereas the number of new members has decreased. Be it resolved that Section 680 of the Indiana Grand Commandery Law discontinue enrollments effective April 25, 2014. Fraternally submitted, George A. Ingles, Jr., PGC Motion Passed.

**Distinguished Service Awards:** Eleven (12) Sir Knights and three (4) Friends were nominated to receive this award, which may be given to two Sir Knights and two Friends in each Commandery annually for outstanding service. As usual, these names are not divulged until the presentations are made in the individual Commanderies.

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

### Star Recorder of the Year 2013

Thomas W. Harper Prather Commandery No. 62

### **Highest % Increase in Membership 2013**

Battalion I	Valparaiso Commandery No. 28	9.4%
Battalion II	Elkhart Commandery No. 31	3.9%
Battalion III	Kokomo Commandery No. 36	6.2%
Battalion IV	H. E. Lackey Commandery No. 67	14.3%
Battalion V	Bedford Commandery No. 42	7.4%
Battalion VI	Vincennes Commandery No. 20	4.4%

### **Grand Commander's Trophy 2013**

Highest Number of Knightings

Raper Commandery No. 1 - (18)Plate to be engraved

### J. Rufus Hinshaw Trophy 2013

Highest Net Increase in Membership

H. E. Lackey Commandery No. 67 (14.3%)

### **Activity Awards (Ribbons) 2013**

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.

		Guidon	Ribbo	n	
	Points		Points	Points	
Battalion I	LaPorte Commandery No. 12		2085	Blue	
Battalion I	Valparaiso Commandery No. 28	440	1745	Red	
Battalion II	Fort Wayne Commandery No. 4		2217	Blue	
Battalion II	Angola Commandery No. 45	421	1402	Red	
Battalion III	Frankfort Commandery No. 29		1999	Blue	
Battalion III	Noblesville Commandery No. 61		1635	Red	
Battalion III	Kokomo Commandery No. 36	451			
Battalion IV	Raper Commandery No. 1	457	2035	Blue	
<b>Battalion IV</b>	Prather Commandery No. 62		1811	Red	
Battalion V	Baldwin Commandery No. 2		2211	Blue	
Battalion V	Bedford Commandery No. 42	472	1431	Red	
Battalion VI	Wm G. Bray Commandery No. 65	453	2476	Blue	
Battalion VI	Vincennes Commandery No. 20		1051	Red	

### **Battalion Guidons 2013**

The Battalion Guidon will be awarded to the Commandery in each Battalion who has the highest ritualistic score.

Battalion I	(440)	Valparaiso Commandery No. 28
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Battalion II	(421)	Angola Commandery No. 45
Battalion III	(451)	Kokomo Commandery No. 36
Battalion IV	(457)	Raper Commandery No. 1
Battalion V	(472)	Bedford Commandery No. 42
Battalion VI	(472)	William C. Bray Commandery No. 65

### **Grand Commandery Guidon Award 2013**

The Commandery with the highest ritual points in the state will receive the Grand Commandery Guidon for the coming year.

Bedford Commandery No. 42 (472)

### **Eminent Commander Certificate of Merit 2013**

Edward E. Fodrea Fort Wayne No. 4

Jon Beach LaPorte Commandery No. 12 Kenneth Roy, Jr. LaValette Commandery No. 15 Charles E. Lloyd Vincennes Commandery No. 20
Donald E. Henderson Frankfort Commandery No. 29
Allen D. Foreman Anderson Commandery No. 32
Charles A. Smelser Kokomo Commandery No. 36
Matthew J. Backus Hammond Commandery No. 41
Tony S. Peterson Noblesville Commandery No. 61
Sean W. Jones William G. Bray Commandery No. 65

### **Commandery of the Year 2013**

Raper Commandery No. 1

### **Knight York Cross of Honor 2013**

2014 – Matthew Lowe, Terre Haute No. 15 2014 – Phillip D. Whisner, Raper No. 1

**Installation:** The business of the 160<sup>th</sup> Annual Conclave having been completed, the new officers were installed by S.K. Larry W. Brown, KGT, PGC, ECDC as Installing Officer, S.K. George A. Ingles, Jr., KCT, PGC as Installing Marshall, S.K. David M. Bertch, KCT, PGC as Installing Recorder, S.K. Robert S. Flint, GPE, KTCH as Installing Prelate and S.K. Marvin Rees, GO as Organist. After remarks and introductions by the new Grand Commander Michael D. Ritter, he then declared Baldwin Commandery No. 2 closed in ample form and the 160<sup>th</sup> Annual Conclave adjourned.

**Three-way Banquet:** One hundred and eleven Companions and Sir Knights and their ladies attend the three-way banquet this year.

**The Drill Competition and the Pass-in-Review** was held Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup> in Freedom Hall of the Marriott Hotel, 21th and Shadeland Ave, Indianapolis, Indiana. Three teams reported for Drill Competition, Raper #1, Greenfield #39, and Bedford #42. Results were:

Class C - Greenfield # 39 First Place,

Raper # 1 Second Place

Class D - Bedford # 42 First Place

The Committee would like to thank all the Sir Knights who help with the drills and who took the time to help their Commandery field a drill team. The drills were followed by an awards luncheon which was attended by 28 Sir Knights and their ladies.

The 161st Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Indiana will be held at the Marriott Hotel East in Indianapolis on April 23-25, 2015.

### Grand Commandery Battalion Structure 2014-2015

### Division #1 Lawrence J. Williams

### **Battalion Commander** John W. Patterson **Battalion #1**

LaPorte - 12 South Bend - 13 Valparaiso - 28 Michigan City - 30

Hammond - 41 E.H. Gary - 57

### **Battalion Commander** Basil K. Isaac **Battalion #2**

Fort Wayne - 4 Apollo - 19 Grant County - 21 Elkhart - 31 Huntington - 35 Angola - 45

### **Battalion Commander** Glenn W. Schmidt Battalion #3

Lafayette - 3 Crawfordsville - 25 \*Frankfort - 29 Anderson - 32 Kokomo - 36 Noblesville - 61

### Division #2 Donald D. Olvey

### **Battalion Commander Donnie A. Robinette Battalion #4**

Raper - 1

\*Connersville - 6

\*Richmond - 8

Greenfield - 39

Prather - 62

\*H.E. Lackey - 67

### **Battalion Commander** Terry L. Kehrer **Battalion #5**

Baldwin - 2

New Albany - 5

Columbus - 14

LaValette - 15

\*Johnson Co. - 23

\*Bedford - 42

\*Seymour - 56

### **Battalion Commander** Michael F. Robbins **Battalion #6**

Greencastle - 11

Terre Haute - 16

\*Vincennes - 20

\*Bloomington - 63

Wright - 64

\*Wm. G. Bray - 65

### \*Asterisk = Cap and Mantle

2 Divisions; 6 Battalions; 37 Commanderies;

- The Division Commanders are in charge of the Battalion Commanders in their Divisions.
- The Division Commanders will help gather all Inspection/Reception information and assist the Battalion Commanders in overseeing their Commanderies.
- The Division Commander will mentor the Appointments to the West in their Division.
- The Division Commander will help the Battalion Commander's in all the instructional activities within their Division.
- To attend at least one Commandery meeting of all Commanderies within the Divisions.



# Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Indiana Committees 2014-2015

# Executive Committee

Michael D. Ritter, GC - Chair All elected Grand Officers

# Jurisprudence

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

### Finance

Robert J. Frazer, PGC, GT - Chair Adam E. Jackson, GP - Vice

Holy Land Pilgrimages

Byron Schull, GPE (4-11) Ed Sebring, GPE (4-10)

Tony Peterson, GPE

Paul W. Friend, PGC - Chair (Jim) Lawrence V. Karninsky, PGC, GR Robert J. Frazer, PGC, GT Bobby J. Roberts, PGC (Don) James L. Dove, PGC (Larry)

### Credentials

Donnie A. Robinette, GStd.B - Vice Michael F. Robbins, GJW - Chair Other Sir Knights as needed

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

Lawrence V. Kaminsky, PGC, GR James L. Bolinger, DGC - Chair

Paul W. Friend, PGC

George A. Ingles, PGC Michael F. Robbins, GJW

John W. Patterson, GW

Donald D. Olvey, GG - Vice

Long Range Planning

Visiting SK & Distinguished Guests Harrison E. Lackey, HPGC - Chair Terry L. Kehrer, GSW - Vice All Elected Grand Officers

## Grievances & Appeals

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

### Unfinished Business

James L. Bolinger, DGC - Chair Terry L. Kehrer, GSW Michael F. Robbins, GJW

### Necrology

Adam E. Jackson, GP - Chair Robert S. Flint, GPE - Vice Tony S. Peterson, GPE

KT Supplement Editor Ed Sebring, GPE

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Glenn W. Schmidt, GSwd.B.

Carson Smith #1

Гету L. Kehrer, GSW - Chair

**Femplar Uniform** 

## **Femplar Education**

Glenn W. Schmidt, GSwd.B - Chair

Masonic Home Nativity Scene Terry L. Kehrer, GSW - Chair Randal Ellington, GPE - Vice Glenn W. Schmidt, GSwd.B All Battalion Commanders Michael F. Robbins, GJW Ronald L. Ellis, PGC

### KT Eye Foundation

Donnie A. Robinette, GStd.B

Гепу L. Kehrer, GSW - Chair

Membership

John A Bridegroom - Vice

Steve A. Arlington - Vice Michael F. Robbins, GJW

Lawrence J. Williams, GCG Glenn W. Schmidt, GSwd.B

George A. Ingles, Jr., PGC (4-10) - Chair Lawrence V. Kaminsky, PGC GR Jack Wallace, PGC - Vice (4-14) Wayne A. Sheets, GPE (4-13) David M. Bertch, PGC (4-12) Duane Stucker, PGC (4-11)

# Education Foundation 5 + GR

Steven Barton, PGC, PDC (4-11) Chair Robert J. Frazer, PGC, GT Rodney A. Mann, PGC Jack F. Wallace, PGC (4-14) Bobby J. Roberts, PGC

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### Ritual & Tactics

All Division & Battalion Commanders Lawrence J. Williams, GCG - Chair George A. Ingles, Jr., PGC

lack F. Wallace, PGC - Chair

Irvin L. Bitting, PGC - Vice

3obby J. Roberts, PGC

## Easter Sunrise Service

James L. Bolinger, DGC - Chair Adam E. Jackson, GP - Vice Robert J. Frazer, PGC, GT

Randal Ellington, GPE - Chair

Masonic Youth

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Michael D. Ritter, Grand Commander

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Michael D. Ritter

Attest: Lawrence V. Kaminsky, KCT, PGC, GR

Bulletin No. 2 Ritter

## **Eminent Commander Certificate of Merit Award**

In order to honor the Eminent Commanders of Indiana who have completed a full term in 2014 and who have demonstrated that they are effective leaders will be eligible to receive a Certificate of Merit based upon the following criteria at the Grand Conclave on April 29, 2015.

- 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 2014.
- The Commandery can Open and Close the Commandery without the use of an open Ritual.
- The Commandery has participated with a quorum present in a local Order.
- The Commandery has accumulated at least 250 activity points on the Activities Sheet.

All Battalion Commanders will recommend eligible Eminent Commanders in their Battalion at the Winter Meeting of the Grand Commandery in January 2015.

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 May, A.D. 2014, A.O. 896.

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Michael D. Ritter, Grand Commander

ATTESTED:

Lawrence V. Kaminsky, KCT, PGC

Lawrence V. Kaminsky

Grand Recorder

May 1, 2013

**Bulletin No. 3 Ritter** May 1, 2014

## **Distinguished Service Award**

In 1977, The Grand Commandery of Indiana established an award known as the "Distinguished Service 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, 2014. 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 920a 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 1<sup>st</sup> day of May 2013, A.O. 895.

Michael D. Retter

Jackie F. Wallace,

**Grand Commander** 

ATTESTED:

Lawrence V. Kaminsky
Grand Recorder



## DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD FOR <u>SIR KNIGHTS</u>

#### **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 1st of each year for the preceding year. The Grand Commandery may appoint the Grand Recorder to assist him in the selection of recipients.
- 3. Those chosen to receive the award shall be made known by the Right Eminent Grand Commander at the Grand Commandery Conclave each year. The names of the nominees to receive the award shall be kept strictly confidential until announced by the Grand Commander.
- 4. The award shall be limited to two (2) members from each Commandery in Indiana each year starting with the year 1977.
- 5. The award is to be presented to the recipient by the Eminent Commander of the recipient's Commandery, such presentation to be at a Stated or Called Conclave. It is strongly recommended that such presentation be open to the public, visitors and friends and is performed with proper ceremony with Sir Knights present wearing full Templar uniforms.
- 6. The award shall consist of a jewel engraved with the words "DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD, Grand Commandery of Indiana" In addition thereto an appropriate certificate of the award shall be prepared and signed by the Right Eminent Grand Commander, attested by the Grand Recorder. Also, the signature of the Eminent Commander and attested by the Recorder of the Commandery. The jewel and certificate shall be the same for all Commanderies and under the control of the Grand Commandery of Indiana.
- 7. The cost of the jewel, certificate and any additional engraving shall be borne by each Commandery presenting a nomination. Each Commandery will be billed for the cost by the Grand Recorder.

## NOMINATION FORM DUE NO LATER THAN FEBRUARY 1, 2014

## 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
2. His residence is
3. The following facts are submitted as a justification for his nomination:
(If further space is required, continue on backside or attach a separate sheet.) Approved this: day of,
Eminent Commander
Approved: Grand Commander
Attest: Grand Recorder
Date

## DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

## FOR FRIENDS

#### **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 1st of each year for the preceding year. The Grand Commander may appoint the Grand Recorder and the Special Activities Committee to assist him in the selection of the recipients.
- 2. Those chosen to receive the award shall be made known by the Right Eminent Grand Commander at the Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery each year. The names of the nominees to receive the award shall be kept strictly confidential until announced by the Grand Commander.
- 3. The award shall be limited to two (2) nominations from each Commandery in Indiana each year starting with the year 1998.
- 4. The award is to be presented to the recipient by the Eminent Commander of the nominating Commandery, such presentation to be at a Called Conclave. Such presentation shall be open to the public, visitors and friends and be performed with proper ceremony with Sir Knights present wearing full Templar Uniforms.
- 5. The award shall consist of a jewel with suitable fastener on back to be worn by a Lady or a lapel pin for a Gentleman. In addition, thereto, an appropriate certificate of the award shall be prepared and signed by the Right Eminent. Grand Commander, attested to by the Grand Recorder. Also, the signature of the Eminent Commander and attested to by the Recorder of the Commandery. The jewel and certificate shall be the same for all Commanderies and under the control of the Grand Commandery of Indiana.
- 6. The cost of the jewel and certificate shall be borne by each Commandery presenting a nomination. The Grand Recorder will bill each Commandery for the cost.

## NOMINATION FORM DUE NO LATER THAN FEBRUARY 1, 2014

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## "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:
(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 Ritter May 1, 2014

## **Knights Templar Cross of Honor**

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

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

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

- 1. Pass a resolution in your Commandery, naming the Sir Knight to be nominated.
- 2. Write to the Grand Recorder for a nomination form.
- 3. Read the instructions on the reverse side of the form. Fill it out and forward it directly to the Grand Commander, Jack F. Wallace, 8611 N 700 W, Fountaintown, IN 46130.

The nomination form must be in the hands of the Grand Commander prior to <u>February 1, 2014</u>. Incomplete forms and those received after that date <u>will not</u> be considered. Your Commandery should reconsider those Sir Knights who have been nominated previously but who have never received the award.

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

Given under my hand and seal this 1<sup>st</sup> day of May 2013, A.O. 895.

Michael D. Ritter, Grand Commander

ATTESTED:

Lawrence V. Kaminsky, KCT, PQQ, Grand Recorder

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#### "KNIGHTS TEMPLAR CROSS OF HONOR" RULES AND REGULATIONS

- (1) In accordance with the provisions of Section 237-1/2 of the Statutes of the Grand Encampment, as amended at the 50th Triennial Conclave, the meritorious Award known as the **KNIGHTS TEMPLAR CROSS OF HONOR**, shall be conferred by the Grand Master on behalf of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar to deserving Sir Knights of Constituent and Subordinate Commanderies upon certain conditions hereinafter set forth.
- (2) The KNIGHTS TEMPLAR CROSS OF HONOR shall be awarded "only for exceptional and meritorious service rendered to the Order, far beyond the call of duty, and beyond the service usually expected of an officer or member." In deciding upon the award, precedents shall be entirely ignored and each case shall be decided upon its own unusual merits.

No posthumous award shall be made, and no present or past elected Grand Officer of a Grand Commandery shall be eligible for the award.

- (3) Only one nomination may be made from a Grand Commandery membership of 5,000 or less, plus one additional nomination may be made by a Grand Commandery for each additional 5,000 of its members, or major fraction thereof, during any one year. Only one nomination may be made from the total of the Subordinate Commanderies during one year.
- (4) The procedure to be followed for making nominations for this Award shall be as follows:
  - a. Any Constituent Commandery desiring to make a nomination shall first adopt a formal resolution, setting forth the full name of its nominee, and the nature of the meritorious service upon which such nomination is based.
  - b. The Commander of such Constituent Commandery shall thereupon cause to be filled-in a nomination form to be supplied by the Grand Recorder of his Grand Commandery, giving the date, full name of the nominee, address, and Templar rank, name of his Commandery and a statement of the nature of the meritorious service upon.
  - c. Such Nomination Form shall be signed by the Commander of such Constituent Commandery and shall be forwarded by him to the Grand Commander of his jurisdiction for consideration.
  - d. Such Grand Commander shall consider nominations made Constituent Commanderies of his Grand Commandery upon Nomination Forms and shall select only one nominee (more where qualified) in anyone year; upon making such selection, the Grand Commander shall affix his written approval to such Nomination Form and shall thereupon send the name to the Grand Master.
  - e. Any Subordinate Commandery desiring to make a nomination for this Award shall follow the same procedure as is set forth above for Constituent Commanderies, except that such Subordinate Commandery desiring to make a nomination, shall forward the Nomination Form to be supplied by the Grand Recorder of the Grand Encampment, and the same shall bear the written approval of the Commander of such Subordinate Commandery before being sent by to the Grand Master.
- (5) The **KNIGHTS TEMPLAR CROSS OF HONOR** medal shall consist of a round, gold-finished medal, the outer circle of which shall bear the words "KNIGHTS TEMPLAR CROSS OF HONOR," showing through in black enamel, and in the center shall appear the Patriarchal Cross of the Grand Encampment in purple enamel. Such medal shall be suspended from a gold-finished bar by two small chain links on either side; upon the face of the bar shall be engraved the name of the Sir Knight who shall be the recipient thereof. The KNIGHTS TEMPLAR CROSS OF HONOR Medal may be worn upon the uniform by the recipient upon all occasions.
- (6) A suitable Certificate of Award, issued by the Grand Encampment, signed by the Grand Master and the Grand Recorder, and bearing the seal of the Grand Encampment thereon, shall accompany the medal. The Certificate shall contain a summary of the Citation upon which such Award is based.
- (7) It shall 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.

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

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a motion to nominate	the following Sir Knig	ght, one of its own m	embers, to be awarde	d the "Knights Templar Cross
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**Bulletin No. 5** – Ritter May 1, 2014

#### HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE FOR CHRISTIAN MINISTERS

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

We are pleased to announce the **2015 Holy Land Pilgrimage**. The first Pilgrimage will depart from JFK in New York, February 9, 2015, and return on February 19, 2015. The second Pilgrimage will depart from JFK in New York on February 23 –, and return on March 5, 2015.

The itinerary will cover the major Holy Land sites. The pilgrim ministers chosen will have their entire round trip air fare paid from Indianapolis, IN to JFK, NY, then ELAL Airlines to Tel Aviv. As a guest of the Knights Templar, they will also receive three meals per day while in the Holy Land, lodging in a quality hotel, all admission fees to the various inspirational sites, gratuities for driver and guide, departure tax on return from Israel. Subject to release by the *Grand Master of the Grand Encampment*. Please see all attached letters and forms.

This will be a most exciting experience and is one, which every Knight Templar in Indiana can be proud to support. The Knights Templar of Indiana has sent over 200 ministers to Israel thus far. The number of ministers to be selected will depend on the amount of funds raised. The cost of sending a minister is approximately \$3,390.00 from JFK in New York. A goal of sending 90 ministers is set. To the work, Sir Knights, draw your swords in defense of the Christian religion.

Send your recommendation to the Grand Commandery of Indiana on the enclosed Holy Land Pilgrimage form. Mail the form along with contributions to: Robert J. Frazer, 3208 N.W. "C" St., Richmond, IN 47374 Checks should be made payable to: "Holy Land Pilgrimage".

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

Given under my hand and seal this 1<sup>st</sup> day of May 2014, A. O. 896

Sael D. Retter

Michael D. Ritter,
Grand Commander

Lawrence V. Kaminsky Attested: Lawrence V. Kaminsky, KCT, PGC

## **Knights Templar Holy Land Pilgrimage**

**Our Mission:** To send Ordained Christian Ministers on a Biblical study and historical / cultural immersion experience who would not have the opportunity otherwise.

**PURPOSE**: To strengthen Christian ministry by providing an intensive travel and study program for full time, ordained ministers in the form of a pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Our experience tells us how much the opportunity to 'walk where Jesus walked' can positively affect the preaching, teaching, and spirituality of Christian ministers. It is our plan to immerse the Pilgrim ministers in the land, the sights, the sounds, the history, and the cultures of the Holy Land, past and present.

The Committee on Holy Land Pilgrimage of the Grand Encampment organizes and supervises the planning and execution of the overall program and the pilgrimage travel groups each year. Travel is usually done during February and March. Pilgrimages are eleven days long with nine days in the Holy Land.

The cost per Pilgrim Minister varies from year to year and is announced in the spring by the Chairman of the Grand Encampment Committee on Holy Land Pilgrimage.

#### The fees cover:

- Round trip flights from New York to Tel Aviv and returning to New York
- Airline fuel surcharges and Airport Taxes
- 9 nights' accommodations, 8 Breakfast, 7 Lunches, 8 Dinners, and other basic fees and program expenses

#### Fees do not cover:

- Personal incidentals
- Souvenirs
- Travel from home area to New York. (It is highly recommended that each State Committee consider covering the cost of this domestic flight.)

The Grand Encampment Committee on Holy Land Pilgrimage does not fund the travel of Pilgrim ministers. Each state's Grand Commandery or sponsoring local Commandery of Knights Templar covers the cost of the Pilgrim's travel.

To find more information, go to the Grand Encampment web site and see the Purpose/Activities page.



EMMETT MILLS. PGC 3106 Ferncliff Avenue Royal Oak MI 48073 CUAEWM@AOL.COM (248) 217-7132 Cell (248) 541-1757 Fax

April 4, 2013

**Our Mission:** To send Ordained Christian Ministers on a Biblical study and historical / cultural immersion experience who would not have the opportunity otherwise.

**Our Goal:** To send 90 Ordained Christian Ministers on the 31st Holy Land Pilgrimage in February / March 2014.

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

Gate 1 Travel Agency has reserved places for two (2) groups of 45 people each for the 2014 Knights Templar Holy Land Pilgrimage. The dates are:

February 10 – 20, 2014 – Group 1 February 24 – March 6, 2014 – Group 2

- Travel date preference will be honored on a first come, first served basis, keeping the groups balanced. In the event that there are not enough to put 20 pilgrims on each flight, the trip will be reduced to only 1 group.
- The cost this year will be approximately \$3,900.00 from JFK in New York. This includes three meals daily, entrance fees, standard tipping, and travel insurance. (Also included: fuel surcharge and the airport tax.) This fee does not include domestic flights from your area to JFK. Each state is encouraged to make their domestic flight arrangements with Gate 1 Travel to coordinate flight schedules.
- In order to expedite communications, please send your email address to cuaewm@aol.com.

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 PILGRIMGE, INC). All of these items are due by October 15.

Please note that this program is for ministers who might not otherwise have this opportunity. Any minister who has previously traveled to the Holy Land would not meet this criterion. The Knights Templar Holy Land Pilgrimage is intended for first time pilgrims. The minister must be in good enough physical condition in order to be able to walk up and down stairs and hills as well as 3 miles a day at times.

Thank you so much for your continued prayerful support of this very important Christian Knights Templar program.

In His name,

Emmett W. Mills, Jr.

S. K. Emmett Mills, P.G.C.

Knights Templar Holy Land Pilgrimage



## **GUIDELINES FOR SELECTION OF MINISTERS**

The following are the selection criteria used choosing ministers for the Knight Templar Holy Land Pilgrimage. Please consider these guidelines before inviting ministers to apply. Ministers who fall outside of these guidelines will rank lower in the process of selecting ministers from the pool of those nominated.

- Having <u>never traveled to Israel</u> before.
- Fully <u>Ordained ministers</u> (copy of Ordination Certificate or judicatory documentation must accompany the application). Youth coordinators, program directors, lay pastors, etc. rarely have ordination status.
- Serving in <u>full time</u> ministry, currently. This means that they are employed by the church full time and it is their primary source of income.
- Having <u>served at least four years</u> in full time ministry.
- Having at least ten years of full time service yet to go.
- Be of <u>good physical health</u> (if the idea of walking a brisk mile or more uphill, non-stop, with steps is a concern, this may not be the program from which this person would benefit).
- Willing to travel with an <u>ecumenical group</u> of other ministers from many denominations and religious groups, male and female.
- Willing to travel in a program sponsored by the <u>Knights Templar</u>, an appendant organization of <u>Freemasonry</u>.
- Willing to travel without their spouse. This is non-negotiable.
- Having the understanding that this is a <u>strenuous educational and spiritual</u> <u>study seminar / historical & cultural immersion experience</u> and not a vacation trip.

Bulletin No. 6 - Ritter

August 18, 2014

## 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, I herein establish an award 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. I am asking that each Commandery in the State of Indiana set a goal to donate at least \$100.00 to the Holy Land fund each year. With that funding we would be able to send one minister to the Holy Land from the State of Indiana.

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 28th day of August, 2014, A. O. 896

Lawrence V. Kaminky

ATTESTED:

Lawrence V. Kaminsky, KCT, PGC

Michael D. Retter Michael D. Ritter, Grand Commander

Bulletin No. 7 - Ritter

October 28, 2014

## **Christmas Message**

Each year, Christmas brings happiness and joy to millions of individuals throughout the world. I always come back to the thought that we are celebrating not only the birth of Jesus Christ but also his life, death, resurrection, and the ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ. December 25 is the date that we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ our Savior, but remember, that Christmas is about giving not receiving. The fact that God gave us His Son so that we may be saved is the reason for the celebration of Christmas. As we enjoy our families and friends with the traditions of Christmas let each of us remember to thank our Lord God for giving us His Son. Let us remember the less fortunate and to give and help other in need, for it is the small things that we do for others that make the difference in our daily lives.

As we look at the events happening in the world over the last few years. We see war in the Middle East, disease, children going hungry and terror happening in many countries. Let us pray that everyone finds joy and happiness in this Christmas Season, that the world may have peace.

The Officers of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Indiana and their Ladies join with me as we pray that all Sir Knights and their families find peace and happiness in the year to come. We wish each of you and your families a Merry Christmas.

Given under my hand and seal this 29th day of August, 2014, A. O. 896

Michael D. Ritter, Grand Commander

ATTESTED:

Lawrence V. Kaminsky, KCT, PGC

**Grand Recorder** 

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#### GRAND PRELATE'S CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

November 1, 2014

Sir Knights and Ladies of Indiana:

I would like to wish all of you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, and safe travels over this Holiday season. This year has flown by rapidly with all that is going on in the world this time of year and is by far the best for me. Sure getting to spend time with family and loved ones is great reminiscing about old times and sharing new ones but that is not why it is the best for me. Our Lord and Savior was born two-thousand plus years ago and that for me is why it is a great time of year. Yes, the date might not be exact and that does not bother me one bit. For this is the time that we celebrate our Lords birth.

While thinking about this time of season I started to look at different passages in the Bible rereading some of my favorite ones like when Gabriel told Mary she was with child in Luke 1: 26-28: In the sixth month, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee<sup>27</sup>to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was Mary.<sup>28</sup> The angel went to her and said, "Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you." Talk about getting the wind knocked out of you. How would you go about telling anyone about this let alone believing it yourself? Even today it would be hard to explain to anyone the burden put on Mary would be unthinkable, but the Lord was with her to help carry the load. When Joseph came home to find Mary with child, how difficult it must have been for him to stay with her even when he was told by the angel that what Mary had said was true. That took courage to face all the people in Nazareth thinking she had been with another man. See all things are possible when the Lord is in control. See for me it is not when Jesus was born into the world that His life started but when Mary was told she was with child for that is when everything started to change for everyone here on Earth. Even the Shepherds started on their way following the star for wise were they for they knew that the king would be born and the Lord of all Lords would soon be here.

So this year, as we sit and ponder everything in our lives let us remember Joseph and Mary. We think that we have it tough in our lives, think how they had it, a young lady that had never been with a man is told that she would have a child and not just any child but the King of Kings the Lord of Lords and that Joseph would need to stay with Mary and keep her and the child safe. Bringing Him up to be a man, sheltering Him from all evil and to see that he would fulfill his destiny here on Earth. Now that is some responsibility for anyone especially for a young couple. I for one am grateful they did follow through with it and my Lord and Savior fulfilled what He was sent to Earth to do. Remember that it is not about the gifts that we give one another but that we celebrate our Lord's birth, always remembering that He loves us more than we will ever know and that anytime we think we are alone, all we have to do is speak His name and He is there with us, sheltering us as Joseph and Mary did for Him.

Everyone here on earth is His child and all we have to do is tell Him that we want Him in our hearts and to forgive us for our sins. That my fellow Sir Knights is the greatest gift that anyone can receive. Better than all the money in the world can buy and all it cost us is a few simple words. So this season share that with someone. Let them know the Lord loves them and all they have to do is surrender to Him and He will be their Lord and Savior as He is yours.

Sir Knight Adam Jackson, Grand Prelate

**Bulletin No. 8 - Ritter** 

**January 7, 2015** 

## **Resignation of Grand Sword Bearer**

Sir Knight Glenn W. Schmidt has tendered his resignation as Grand Sword Bearer effective immediately. I want to thank Glenn for his service to the Grand Commandery as a Grand Commandery Officer.

Therefore it is necessary to direct as follows:

I hereby appoint Sir Knight Tony S. Peterson of Noblesville Commandery No. 61 to fulfill the duties of the Office of Grand Sword Bearer in accordance with section 48b of the Constitution of the Grand Encampment Knights Templar until regular elections to be held on May 1, 2015.

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

Given under my hand and seal this 7 day of January, A.D. 2015, A.O. 897

Michael D. Ritter Grand Commander

Michael D. Ritter

ATTESTED:

Lawrence V. Kaminsky, KCT, PCC

Lawrence V. Kaminsky

Bulletin No. 9 – Ritter March 23. 2015

#### **Easter Message**

What is Easter? As I mentioned at Christmas it is more than the Birth of Jesus Christ our lord. It is the Birth, life, death, resurrection, and the ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ. Easter is the day when we celebrate Jesus Christ resurrection from the dead. Jesus is the Son of God and gave his life to die for our sins. On the third day after He died (the day we now celebrate as Easter Sunday) they went to his grave, and found that He had risen from the dead. An angel told them "Don't be afraid! I know you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He isn't here! He has been raised from the dead, just as he said."

Jesus rose from the dead on Easter Sunday; now He offers to us the gift of eternal life and forgiveness of sins. A covenant promise of forgiveness and grace:

"Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures" **1 Corinthians 15:3-4** 

"If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and Believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved." **Romans 10:9** 

I would ask for us all to remember that God loves us for the Bible says, "God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life". The Bible also says "All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." God is perfect and holy, and our sins separate us from God forever. The Bible says "The wages of sin is death."

It is my hope that each of us take this Easter day to ask our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive our sins and come in to your life as your Lord and Savior.

The Officers of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Indiana and their Ladies join with me as we pray that all Sir Knights and their families find peace and happiness. We wish each of you and your families a happy Easter and eternal life.

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 28th day of March, 2015, A. O. 897

Michael D. Ritter, Grand Commander

Michael D. Ritter

Lawrence V. Kaminsky

Lawrence V. Kaminsky, KCT, PGC, Grand Recorder

**Dispensation No. 1 - Ritter** 

**January 7, 2015** 

## **Honorary Title of Past Commander**

In accordance to section 237b of the Constitution of the Grand Encampment Knights Templar of the United States of America, I hereby appoint Sir Knight Tom Tuttle the Honorary title of Past Commander of Prather Commandery # 62, effective this 7<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2015.

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

Given under my hand and seal this 7 day of January, A.D. 2015, A.O. 897

Michael D. Ritter Grand Commander

Michael D. Ritter

ATTESTED:

Lawrence V. Kaminsky, KCT, PCC

Lawrence V. Kaminsky





## GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF INDIANA



Dispensation No. 2 Ritter

July 2, 2014

## Special Dispensation -- Valparaiso

John W. Patterson, Eminent Commander 1222 Baron Ct. Valparaiso, IN 46383

Michael D. Ritter

Eminent Commander Patterson:

Whereas your regular stated conclave night falls on July 3, 2014 and whereas that date is on the eve of a national holiday and whereas most of your officers will not be in attendance, therefore I am herein granting you a Dispensation to hold a called meeting on July 10, 2014 for the purpose of election of candidates and the payment of regular bills. Per these instructions, no other business may be conducted.

In Templary

Michael D. Ritter, Grand Commander

Attest:

Lawrence V. Kaminsky

Grand Recorder

Copy: Charles L. Combi - Recorder

## **Dispensation No. 3 Ritter**

**September 15, 2014** 

## Special Dispensation - Michigan City

S. K. David Cincoski, Eminent Commander Michigan City Commandery No. 30 114 S. 15th St Chesterton, IN 46304

Eminent Commander Cincoski:

Dispensation is herein granted to Michigan City Commandery No. 30 to hold a special election for the office of Treasurer at your next stated conclave to replace Sir Knight Dennis Durnell who passed away on 6/8/14

Given under my hand and seal this 15th day of September, A.D. 2014, A.O. 896.

Michael D. Ritter, Grand Commander

Michael D. Ritter

ATTESTED:

Lawrence V. Kaminsky, KCT, PGC

Lawrence V. Kaminky

**Grand Recorder** 

Copy: Rich Bechinski - Recorder

Duane L. Vaught, GCT, PGC, REDGM, Jurisprudence

## **Dispensation No. 4 Ritter**

**December 9, 2014** 

## **Special Dispensation – Tri-State Festival**

S. K. Vernon T. Barnhart, KCT, PGC 9617 Riverside Dr Grand Ledge, MI 48837-9312

Sir Knight Barnhart:

Dispensation is herein granted to the members of Michigan and Ohio Commanderies to participate in conferring the Orders during the Tri-State Festival in the State of Indiana on March 7, 2015 in the Asylum of Angola Commandery No. 45 in Angola, Indiana.

Further, permission is herein granted to any Commandery bringing candidates to this festival to have the courtesy Orders conferred.

Given under my hand and seal this 9th day of December, A.D. 2014, A.O. 896.

Michael D. Ritter, Grand Commander

Michael D. Retter

ATTESTED:

Lawrence V. Kaminsky, KCY, PGC

Lawrence V. Kaminsky

**Grand Recorder** 

Copy: SK Paul G. Roggow, R.E. Grand Commander Michigan

SK Loren A. Winn, PGC, Grand Recorder of Michigan

SK Thomas H. Gault, Sr., KCT, R.E. Grand Commander Ohio

SK Alfred T. Johnson, KCT, Grand Recorder of Ohio

SK Duane L. Vaught, GCT, PGC, REDGM, Jurisprudence

#### **Dispensation No. 5 Ritter**

**January 27, 2015** 

Mark A. Wallace, Eminent Commander 402 W Spruce St Princeton, IN 47670

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#### **Eminent Commander Wallace:**

You are hereby granted permission to hold your February 2015 stated meeting following the Presidents Day program hosted by Prince Lodge #231. This permission is contingent upon the proper notification of your membership of the change of location of this meeting and that the meeting will be held on the same day that the meeting was regularly scheduled per your bylaws.

In Templary

Michael D. Ritter Grand Commander

Attest:

Lawrence V. Kaminsky

**Grand Recorder** 

Copy: Steven M. Thais – Recorder

Duane L. Vaught, GCT, REDGM, Jurisprudence

Dispensation No. 6 Ritter

March 17, 2015

## Dispensation for Election of a Recorder

March 18, 2015

John A. Coleman, Eminent Commander Fort Wayne Commandery No. 4 4046 S 600 E Columbia City, IN 46725

Michael D. Retter

Sir Knight Coleman:

Following the death of your Recorder Henry E. LaHurreau, KCT, PGC, Dispensation is herein granted to hold a special election for the office of Recorder at the March stated conclave of Fort Wayne Commandery No. 4 on Wednesday, March 18, 2015. Please report the results of this election to the Grand Recorder as soon as possible.

In Templary

Michael D. Ritter, Grand Commander

Attest:

Lawrence V. Kaminsky

#### **Dispensation No. 7 Ritter**

March 18, 2015

## **Dispensation to Move Charter**

S.K. George Brutchen, Eminent Commander 306 W South St Winchester, IN 47394

#### **Eminent Commander Brutchen:**

Michael D. Ritter

Dispensation is herein granted to move the charter of Anderson Commandery No 32 to the Marriott Hotel East in Indianapolis, Indiana on May 1, 2015 for the purpose of hosting the Annual Conclave of Knights Templar of Indiana. This dispensation follows up on the verbal permission granted previously.

In Templary,

Michael D. Ritter, Grand Commander

Attest:

Lawrence V. Kaminsky,

**Grand Recorder** 

Copy: Max A. Maupin – Recorder



General Order No. 1 Ritter

May 1, 2014

## **Annual Inspection of Constituent Commanderies**

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 851 and 852 of the Laws of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Indiana, it is hereby ordered that the Constituent Commanderies of the Jurisdiction be inspected.

- 1. The Battalion Commander shall inspect each Commandery within the Battalion with the following exception:
  - The Grand Inspector General will inspect the designated primary Commandery of each elected 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 Reception inspection and another meeting for the conferral of the Order. The full inspection may be done in one day, if desired. All inspections must be complete by the first Sunday in December 2014.
- 6. It is preferred that the regularly elected and appointed officers of the Commandery fill their respective stations during the Reception and Order conferral. If necessary, officers and members may assume other stations, particularly during the Order. Commanderies are encouraged to work with each other to provide any needed assistance. If an actual candidate is present, the quality of the work is of prime importance.
- 7. An Inspection may consist of up to three (3) separate Commanderies participating together for an official inspection, when approved by the Battalion Commander. Points for the inspection will only be awarded when a participating Commandery has <u>six</u> (6) or more of its members present (subject to review by the Battalion Commander and the Grand Commander).
- 8. The participating Commanderies will open a Commandery of Knights Templar in Full Form using the Ten Man or Twelve Man Opening in accordance with the most recent official interpretation of the Ritual and official Indiana Asylum Tactics. Fifty (50) points for a Closes

Inspection and one-hundred (100) points for a public Reception will be added to the Activities Sheet for all participating Commanderies.

- A Commandery of Knights Templar shall be opened in Full Form with Rehearsal of Duties then closed (If the Order being inspected is done at another time).
- Upon completion of each inspection and prior to closing, the Inspecting Officers shall give his remarks first, and then the Grand Commander, if present, will follow with his remarks. Whenever he is not present, the Inspecting Officer, acting as the Grand Commander's official Representative, shall be accorded all of the honors and courtesies due him, as such. If the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Indiana is present he will speak after the Grand Commander; otherwise, the Grand Commander will be the final speaker.
- Violating proper protocol as prescribed in Indiana Tactics General Regulations shall constitute a no score for your inspection and thus require an additional inspection scheduled by the Right Eminent Grand Commander.
- The public may be invited into the Asylum while the Commandery:
  - The Commandery receives the Commander
  - The Commander receives Distinguished Guest
  - The sword manual is performed
  - The Commandery is inspected for uniform
  - The Triangle is formed
  - The United States Flag and lecture is given
- 9. The participating Commanderies will exemplify the Full Ceremonial of the Order being conferred. Commanderies may separately or jointly confer the Ceremonies in accordance with one of the following options at the time and place with the consent of the Battalion Commander. The inspection of the Order of the Red Cross, Order of Malta, or the Order of the Temple may occur anytime after May 1, 2014 and prior to the first Sunday in December 2014.
  - A single Commandery may perform one of the Orders for points as graded by the score sheet by the Battalion Commander and staff, if the majority of parts are filled by the inspected Commandery or Commanderies.
  - Same as above with the exception that up to three (3) Commanderies in the Battalion may participate with the same points being given to all the participating Commanderies. As long as they have at least six (6) Sr. Knights present at the work.
  - An Instructional meeting may be held instead of any, or all, ritualistic work when the Inspecting Officer, with the concurrence of the Grand Inspector General, deems that change to be in the best interests of the Commandery.
- 10. The Inspecting Officer shall make his inspection report of each Commandery to the Right Eminent Grand Commander, Grand Inspector General, the Deputy Grand Commander, Grand Recorder, 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. A full report of the Inspections will be discussed at the winter meeting and present for publication and appropriate recognition at the Annual Conclave.
- 11. The Battalion Guidon will be awarded to the Commandery in each Battalion who has the highest ritualistic score. The ritualistic score shall be the score of the opening and closing combined with

that of the Order conferred (Activity scores excluded). All Commanderies will be graded according to the forms and procedures adopted for that purpose.

12. The two Commanderies scoring highest in each battalion on the activity score sheet will also be recognized by a ribbon that may be attached to the Commandery Beauceant. The Commandery with the highest activity score in the state will receive the Grand Commandery Guidon for the coming year.

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

Given under my hand and seal this 1<sup>st</sup> day of May, A.D. 2014, A.O. 896.

Michael D. Ritter Grand Commander

ATTESTED:

Lawrence V. Kaminsky, KCT, PGC

Michael D. Retter

Lawrence V. Kaminsky

General Order No. 2 Ritter

May 1, 2014

## **Special Dispensations**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Given under my hand and seal this 1st day of May, A.D. 2014, A.O. 896.

Michael D. Ritter,

**Grand Commander** 

ATTESTED:

Lawrence V. Kaminsky, KCT, PGC

Lawrence V. Kaminky

**Grand Recorder** 

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General Order No. 3 Ritter

May 1, 2014

## **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 1st day of May, A.D. 2014, A.O. 896.

Michael D. Ritter, Grand Commander

Attest: Lawrence V. Kaminsky, KCT, PGC

**Grand Recorder** 

Michael D. Ritter

Lawrence V. Kaminky

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General Order No. 4 Ritter

May 1, 2014

## 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 1st day of May, A.D. 2014, A.O. 896.

Michael D. Ritter, Grand Commander

ATTESTED:

Lawrence V. Kaminsky, KCT, PGC

Michael D. Retter

Lawrence V. Kaminsky

#### General Order No. 5 Ritter

May 1, 2014

## **Special Dispensation -- St. Anselm**

By Order of 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 grand Conclave on April 24, 2015. 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 Order shall be read in all Constituent Commanderies at the first Stated Conclave following its receipt and be made a part of the minutes.

Given under my hand and seal this 1<sup>st</sup> day of May, A.D. 2014, A.O. 896.

Michael D. Ritter,

**Grand Commander** 

ATTESTED:

Lawrence V. Kaminsky, KCT, PGC

Lawrence V. Kaminsky

Michael D. Ritter

**Grand Recorder** 

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#### General Order No. 6 Ritter

May 1, 2014

March 5, 2015

Sir Knight Thomas H. Gault, Sr., KCT Right Eminent Grand Commander Grand Commandery of Ohio 4816 Scarborough Ct Middletown, OH 45042-4909

Dear Right Eminent Grand Commander:

By virtue of the power invested in me as Grand Commander of the Grand Knights Templar of Indiana, Ι Commandery herein grant dispensation my authorizing Levant Preceptory of Indiana, operating under the charter of Raper Commandery No.1 stationed at Indianapolis, Indiana to exemplify the Order of the Temple as a courtesy at the Dayton Masonic Center in Dayton, Ohio on Saturday, July 18, 2015 in full period regalia. They will be operating under the Charter of Reed Commandery No.6, who will be the host of this event and in charge of opening and closing the Asylum.

This permission is to be used in conjunction with your dispensation attached to this dispensation.

Given under my hand and seal, this 5th day of March A.D. 2015

Michael D. Ritter, Grand Commander

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Michael D. Retter

James L. Bolinger, Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander

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

CC: Alfred T. Johnson, Grand Recorder, Ohio

Lawrence V. Kaminsky

Duane L. Vaught, GCT, REDGM Larry W. Brown, KCT, PGC, ECDC

James Dillman, Levant Preceptory

Nathan C. Brindle, Recorder, Raper Commandery No.1





Appointment of Special Deputy - Ritter

May 1, 2014

#### APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL DEPUTY

Seymour Commandery No. 56 has professed a desire to close its Asylum and merge with Columbus Commandery No. 14. Therefore, in order to ensure that the closing and subsequent merger into Columbus Commandery No. 14 occurs in a timely and professional manner, I have appointed Sir Knight Donald D. Olvey, GG a Special Deputy representing me to work directly with the Sir Knights of Seymour Commandery. Sir Knight Donald D. Olvey has been empowered by me to take whatever actions he deems necessary to insure a proper resolution to any problems that may arise.

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

Given under my hand and seal this 1st day of May, 2014, A. O. 896

Michael D. Ritter, Grand Commander

Lawrence V. Kaminchy ATTESTED:

Lawrence V. Kaminsky, KCT, PGC

Michael D. Ritter





Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Indiana



OFFICE OF

Donald D. Olvey, GG 3785 Waterfront Way Plainfield, IN 46168-7624 (317) 410-6498 don\_olvey@yahoo.com

August 15, 2014

Michael D. Ritter, REGC 4504 N Ball St Muncie, IN 47304-1118

Dear Sir Knight Ritter:

I confirm all closing procedures at Seymour Commandery No. 56 have been completed and the members have been transferred into Columbus Commandery No. 14. The audit has been completed and per capita is reported current as of the Annual Report submitted to Sir Knight Lawrence V. Kaminsky, Grand Recorder.

All paraphernalia of the Commandery has been inventoried and will be transferred to Columbus Commandery; as well as, the books and records.

I am in possession of the Beauceant, Charter and Seal and will convey these items to the Grand Recorder as soon as possible.

Unless you or the Grand Recorder are aware of any other matters pertaining to the closing of Seymour Commandery No. 56, that should complete my duties in this matter.

If you have any question please call me at 317-410-6498 or e-mail me at don olvey@yahoo.com.

Sincerely,

Donald D. Olvey, Grand Generalissimo

Cc: Lawrence V. Kaminsky, KCT, PGC, GR Jack F. Wallace, KCT, PGC, Chairman, Charters and Dispensations Committee

#### INDIANA ASSOCIATION OF PAST COMMANDER'S

#### 2014 - 2015 ANNUAL REPORT

The annual meeting has held on May 1, 2015, at 7:00 A.M., previous to Grand Commandery Annual Conclave, in due form, Knight Commander Richard A. Lochner presiding.

Motion was made, and seconded to confer the Past Commander's Degree before the Order of Business; motion passed.

The Past Commander's Degree was conferred on 23 paid, and 2 honorary, candidates.

#### 2013-2014 ELECTED OFFICERS:

KNIGHT COMMANDER
KNIGHT GENERALISSIMO
KNIGHT CAPTAIN GENERAL
KNIGHT PRELATE
KNIGHT WARDER
KNIGHT SENTINAL

RICHARD A. LOCHNER, PGHP
EDWARD E. SEBRING, GPE
JOHN McCLELLAND
MICHAEL STONER
BRUCE FRAZER
JEFFERY PING

KNIGHT RECORDER/TREASURER HAROLD D. BLACK, KCT, GPE

Minutes were read, and approved as read. Treasurer's report was given, and approved.

Motion was passed to allow \$200 for HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE.

Motion was passed to pay bills.

Memorials were given for deceased.

Nominating committee recommended all Officers move up one station, except Recorder-Treasurer, and Bruce Frazer to Warder, and Jeff Ping to Sentinel.

Election of Officers followed, and they were installed by Past Knight Commander Ronald D. Simpson, PGC.

#### 2015-2016 ELECTED OFFICERS:

KNIGHT COMMANDER EDWARD E. SEBRING, KCT, GPE

KNIGHT GENERALISSIMO MICHAEL STONER KNIGHT CAPTAIN GENERAL JOHN McCLELLAND KNIGHT PRELATE BRUCE FRAZER

KNIGHT WARDER JEFF PING

KNIGHT SENTINAL

KNIGHT RECORDER/TREASURER HAROLD D. BLACK, KCT, GPE

The Past Knight Commander's jewel was presented to Past Knight Commander RICHARD A. LOCHNER,

Meeting was closed in form by Knight Commander, Edward Sebring and Knights dismissed.

Fraternally,

Harold D. Black, KCT, GPE, Recorder

#### OFFICERS OF THE CONSTITUENT COMMANDERIES

No.	Commandery	Location	Commander 2015	Recorder 201
1	Raper	Indianapolis	Randy Spalding	Nathan Brindle
2	Baldwin	Shelbyville	Jack F. Wallace	Donnie A. Robinette
3	Lafayette	Lafayette	Gary Steinhardt	Walter Colburn
4	Fort Wayne	Fort Wayne	John Coleman	Henry LaHurreau
5	New Albany	New Albany	Richard Milligan	Ronald Snell
6	Connersville	Connersville	Robert Gotwals	David Bertch
8	Richmond	Richmond	Robert Thomas	Dennis H. Rigsby
11	Greencastle	Greencastle	Forrest Brewer	W. Kris Phillips
12	LaPorte	LaPorte	James L. Dove	Lloyd R. Forney
13	South Bend	South Bend	Patric S. Holmes	Robert Hicks
14	Columbus	Columbus	Gary A. Nichelson	Wilford L. Lutes
15	LaValette	Evansville	Dennis A. Schraeder	C. Keith Spurgeon
16	Terre Haute	Terre Haute	Jerry L. Burns	Mark A. Kester, Sr.
19	Apollo	Auburn	Todd L. Hart	Larry L. Spade
20	Vincennes	Vincennes	Mark A. Wallace	Burnell R. Davis
21	Grant County	Gas City	Floyd E. Broegman	Gary Sherritze
23	Johnson County	Greenwood	Douglas C. Fraker	Harry W. Cartwright
25	Crawfordsville	Crawfordsville	Marvin Ramsey	W. Kris Phillips
28	Valparaiso	Valparaiso	Todd C. Carpenter	John W. Paterson
29	Frankfort	Frankfort	Dennis Perkins	Michael A. Mang
30	Michigan City	Michigan City	Larry Williams	Richard Bechinsli
31	Elkhart	Elkhart	William Roose	H. Fred Smith
32	Anderson	Anderson	George Brutchen	Max E. Maupin
35	Huntington	Huntington	Roger D. Dimond	Steven A. Maxwell
36	Kokomo	Kokomo	Charles A. Smelser	James E. Harris
39	Greenfield	Greenfield	Eric Parks	Larry E. Gray
41	Hammond	Highland	John A. Bridegroom	Matthew Backus
42	Bedford	Bedford	J. D. Pinick	Charles P. King
45	Angola	Angola	Jimmie Milleman	James L. Davis
57	E. H. Gary	Portage	Matthew J. Taylor	Jeffery C. Reich
61	Noblesville	Noblesville	Thomas Chrismore	Charles R. Bowling
62	Prather	Indianapolis	Michael Rohrbaugh	Thomas W. Harper
63	Bloomington	Bloomington	Arthur L. Mullins	Robert Brown
64	Wright	Jasper	Larry Underhill	Phillip Stroud
65	William G. Bray	Mooresville	Tom Retherford	Sean Jones
67	H. E. Lackey	Lawrence	John Koren	Lloyd E. Atterson

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Baldwin	. 7	77	69	SS	0	632.50	000	345.00	~	495.00	~		~	15.00	0	120.00	9	392.00	000	1,215.50	50 S	1,21	1,215.50
Lafayette	3	110	103	85	8	977.50	8	515.00	~	765.00	49		8	76.00	00	ĸ	69	121.00	S	2,212.50	S 05	2,21	2,212.50
Fort Wayne	4	182	167	144	8	1,656.00	0	835.00	9	1,296.00	9	63.00	9	149.00	8	80.00	69	140.00	S	3,939.00	S 00.	3,93	3,939.00
New Albany	2	164	143	134	8	1,541.00	8	715.00	9	1,206.00	49		49	107.00	00	9	69	341.50	8	3,227.50	50 \$	3,22	3,227.50
Connersville	9	20	76	57	8	655.50	8	380.00	9	513.00	49	18.00	49	30.00	8	140.00	69	33.00	S	1,703.50	50 \$	1,56	1,563.50 *
Richmond	8	45	43	39	8	44850	8	215.00	~	351.00	45		49	37.00	8	40.00	69	79.00	S	1,012.50	50 8	1,01	,012.50
Greencastle	=	49	47	42	8	483.00	8	235.00	9	378.00	9	18.00	8		8	20.00	69	162.00	S	972.00	S 00	16	972.00
LaPorte	12	22	51	49	8	563.50	0	255.00	9	441.00	49		8	42.00	8	20.00	69	48.00	S	1,273.50	S 05	1,27	1,273.50
South Bend	13	28	83	19	8	770.50	00	415.00	8	603.00	49		49	74.00	8	100.00	69	74.00	S	1,888.50	50 \$	1,88	1,888.50
Columbus	14	143	176	149	8	1,713.50	8	880.00	9	1,341.00	49	18.00	49	100.00	8	20.00	69	500.00	S	3,572.50	50 \$	3,57	3,572.50
LaValette	15	149	143	118	8	1,357.00	8	715.00	8	1,062.00	49	27.00	49	128.00	8	180.00	69	246.50	S	3,222.50	50 \$	3,22	3,222.50
Terre Haute	91	117	113	96	8	1,104.00	00	565.00	9	864.00	%	18.00	9	104.00	8	200.00	69	219.00	S	2,636.00	S 00	2,43	2,436.00 *
Apollo	19	51	47	45	8	517.50	8	235.00	9	405.00	9		9	32.00	8	×	69	89.00	S	1,100.50	50 S	1,10	1,100.50
Vincennes	20	72	77	49	8	736.00	8	385.00	8	576.00	9		49	24.00	8	120.00	69	221.00	S	1,620.00	S 00:	1,50	* 00.002,1
Grant County	21	49	41	28	8	322.00	8	205.00	4	252.00	49	99.00	49	35.00	8	40.00	69	167.00	S	786.00	S 00	78	786.00
Johnson County	23	70	07	79	8	713.00	8	350.00	~	558.00	49		49	68.00	8	20.00	69	160.00	S	1,549.00	S 00	1,54	,549.00
Crawfordsville	25	53	48	40	8	460.00	0	240.00	~	360.00	9	9.00	9	41.00	8	20.00	8	×	S	1,130.00	S 00	1,13	1,130.00
Valparaiso	28	70	72	57	8	655.50	8	360.00	9	513.00	49	90.00	8	68.00	8	80.00	69	88.00	S	1,678.50	50 S	1,67	1,678.50
Frankfort	29	109	66	75	8	862.50	8	495.00	8	675.00	49		49	86.00	8	40.00	69	40.00	S	2,118.50	.50 S	2,11	2,118.50
Michigan City	30	42	42	41	8	471.50	8	210.00	8	369.00	49	9.00	49	39.00	8	×	S	٠	S	1,098.50	50 S	1,09	1,098.50
Elkhart	31	901	113	105	8	1,207.50	8	565.00	~	945.00	45		49	56.00	S	120.00	69	181.00	S	2,712.50	S 05	2,71	2,712.50
Anderson	32	152	141	113	8	1,299.50	8	705.00	9	1,017.00	49	63.00	49	102.00	00		69	534.00	S	2,652.50	S 05	2,65	2,652.50
Huntington	35	54	48	42	8	483.00	8	240.00	8	378.00	49		49	42.00	00	9	69	30.00	S	1,113.00	S 00	1,11	1,113.00
Kokomo	36	98	28	7.0	8	805.00	8	420.00	8	630.00	49		49	6.00	8	20.00	69	284.50	S	1,596.50	50 S	1,59	1,596.50
Greenfield	39	216	206	181	8	2,081.50	8	1,030.00	8	1,629.00	49	27.00	49	162.00	S	180.00	69	248.00	S	4,861.50	50 S	4,86	1,861.50
Hammond	41	129	127	113	8	1,299.50	00	635.00	~	1,017.00	9	27.00	9	57.00	8	100.00	9	203.50	S	2,932.00	00 S	2,93	2,932.00
Bedford	45	102	100	96	8	1,104.00	8	500.00	~	864.00	49		49	62.00	8	40.00	8	٠	S	2,570.00	S 00:	2,57	2,570.00
Angola	45	26	96	62	8	908.50	8	480.00	8	711.00	4	36.00	9	16.00	8	20.00	69	123.00	S	2,048.50	.50 S	2,04	2,048.50
Seymour	36	23	0	0	S	(x)	8		8		49		8		8	٠	8	•	8		~		
E.H. Gary	57	103	83	85	8	977.50	8	465.00	8	765.00	49		49	4.00	8	e	69	99.00	S	2,112.50	S0 S	2,11	2,112.50
Noblesville	19	88	9	45	8	517.50	8	300.00	~	405.00	9	36.00	9	39.00	8	160.00	9	75.00	S	1,382.50	S 0S	1,22	,222.50 **
Prather	62	183	182	162	8	1,863.00	00	910.00	9	1,458.00	49	45.00	8	171.00	8	220.00	9	57.00	S	4,610.00	00 S	4,61	4,610.00
Bloomington	63	136	143	113	8	1,299.50	8	715.00	8	1,017.00	9	90.00	49	63.00	8	180.00	69	92.00	S	3,272.50	50 \$	3,27	3,272.50
Wright	64	28	28	26	8	299.00	8	140.00	9	234.00	49		49	16.00	8	40.00	69	44.00	S	685.00	.00 S	64	645.00 *
William G. Bray	99	8	87	98	8	00.686	8	435.00	8	774.00	49		49	61.00	S	20.00	69	835.00	S	1,444.00	S 00	1,44	1,444.00
HE. Lackey	19	98	52	50	8	575.00	8	260.00	\$	450.00	9	18.00	9	37.00	8	×	9	255.00	S	1,085.00	.00 S	1,08	1,085.00
St. Anselm U.D.	U.D.	30	53	27	8	310.50	8	145.00	9	243.00	49	18.00	9	25.00	8	٠	8	•	S	741.50	S 05	74	741.50
	38	3,567	3,429	2,960	S	34,040.00	8	17,145.00	*	26,640.00	69	756.00	49	2,292.00	8	2,380.00	69	6,648.00	S	76,605.00	S 00	75,945.00	2.00
*Knighting Fee Reduction for attaining 7% increase in Knightings	ction for	attaining 7%	increase in Knig	ntings																			

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# **COMMANDERY COUNTS FOR 2014**

		1/1/2014	12/31/2014									Remitted		E.F.
	No.	Members	Members	(Loss)	Kniohfed	Affiliated	Reinstated	Deaths	Demite	Suchencions	Adinet	For Cause	Mombors	Life
Raper	<u>.</u>	133	130	-3	2	1	1	1	6	0	o O	3	Members 5	Menibers 12
Baldwin	2	74	69	5-	9		-	(1	0	11	0	0	· 00	54
Lafayette	3	110	103	1	0	0	0	7	S	0	0	0	18	27
Fort Wayne	4	182	167	-15	4	-	1	9	4	11	0	-	12	18
New Albany	S	164	143	-21	0	0	1	5	3	14	0	3	0	36
Connersville	9	70	9/	9	7	0	0	П	0	0	0	2	10	46
Richmond	∞	45	43	-2	2	0	0	П	2	-	0	0	2	9
Greencastle	11	49	47	7-	1	0	0	7	1	0	0	7	7	47
LaPorte	12	52	51	7	1	-	0	Н	1	-	0	0	-	6
South Bend	13	84	83	-	5	0	0	2	4	0	0	0	11	6
Columbus	14	143	176	33	1	53	2	3	8	12	0	7	24	16
LaValette	15	149	143	9-	6	0	0	1	3	ς,	0	3	13	15
Terre Haute	16	117	113	4	10	0	0	4	4	9	0	2	Ŋ	6
Apollo	19	51	47	4	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	7	15
Vincennes	20	72	77	2	9	0	0	0	_	0	0	0	1	53
Grant County	21	49	41	8-	7	0	0	3	9	1	0	11	0	9
Johnson County	23	70	70	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	7
Crawfordsville	25	53	48	-5	1	0	0	4	7	0	0	1	9	7
Valparaiso	28	70	72	7	4	2	-	3	2	0	0	10	П	4
Frankfort	29	109	66	-10	7	0	0	5	9	1	0	0	22	13
Michigan City	30	42	42	0	0	2	0	7	0	0	0	1	0	3
Elkhart	31	106	113	r-	9	0	0	1	0	0	7	0	0	57
Anderson	32	152	141	-11	0	1	3	9	S	4	0	1	21	39
Huntington	35	54	48	9-	0	-	0	ю	4	0	0	0	9	9
Kokomo	36	98	84	-5	-	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	13	78
Greenfield	39	216	206	-10	6	0	0	7	7	'n	0	3	13	44
Hammond	41	129	127	-5	5	3	-	3	7	9	0	rc	9	70
Bedford	42	102	100	-5	7	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	7	38
Angola	45	76	96	7	****	0	7	3	Π	0	0	4	12	80
Seymour	99	53	0	-53	0	0	0	0	53	0	0	0	0	0
E.H. Gary	57	103	93	-10	0	0	0	-	4	S	0	0	00	89
Noblesville	19	58	09	2	∞		0	3	4	0	0	4	3	21
Prather	62	183	182	-1	11	-	7	0	4	11	0	S	4	11
Bloomington	63	136	143	<b>r</b> ~	6	7	П	5	0	0	0	10	11	80
Wright	64	28	28	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	12
William G. Bray	65	90	87	ņ	-	7	0	-	7	3	0	0	0	26
H.E. Lackey	29	26	52	4	0	0	П	0	4	2	1	2	0	15
St. Anselm U.D.	U.D.	30	29	7	0	0	0	-	0	0	0	2	0	4
Total Commanderies	37	3,567	3,429	-138	119	72	17	100	150	66	3	87	264	1,137

#### GRAND ENCAMPMENT COLLEGE OF HONORS

During the 1991-1994 Triennium, a College of Honors was set up by the Grand Encampment with the following designations being conferred by the Most Eminent Grand Master:

The following Indiana Sir Knights have been so honored:

#### **GRAND CROSS TEMPLAR**

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

#### KNIGHT GRAND CROSS OF THE TEMPLE

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

#### KNIGHT COMMANDER OF THE TEMPLE

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

20	William L. Leffler, PGC	1995
21	William D. Blasingame, PGM	1996
22	Ronald D. Simpson, PGC	1996
23	Ray G. Glick, GPE, YRSC	1996
24	Walter P. Worland, PGC	1996
25	Vonn G. Hoffman, PMIGM	1996
26	Douglas O. Fegenbush, PGM, PMIGM	1996
27	Ronald L. Tungett, PGC	1997
28	Ronald W. Adkins, PMIGM	1997
29	Ronald S. Ringenberg, PGHP	1997
30	Duane Stucker, PGC	1997
31	Peter T. Zivanovich, PGC	1997
32	James W. Roberts, PGC	1998
33	Larry E. Gray, PMEGHP	1998
34	Willard R. Clutter, Jr., PGC	1998
35	Robert E. Durham, Jr., PMIGM	1999
36	James W. Prairie, PGC	1999
37	Ishmael D. Ison, PGM	1999
38	Robert J. Frazer, PGC, GT	2000
39	Harrison E. Lackey, KTCH, HPGC	2000
40	Dennis R. York, PGHP	2000
41	John C. Gray, PMIGM	2001
42	William Gould Frazier, MEP Grand Preceptor	2001
43	William Wallace Roberts, KTCH, GPE	2001
44	Henry LaHurreau, PGC	2001
45	Herbert G. Roach, PGC	2002
46	Irvin L. Bitting, PGC	2002
47	Duane L. Vaught, PGC, KGC, GCT	2002
48	Richard W. Wierzba, PGM	2002
49	Roger Van Gorden, DGM, GL of IN	2002
50	Robert G. Elrod, Deputy of IN, AASR	2002
51	Omar E. Hager, PGC	2003
52	T. Jeffery Conquest, PGC, KGC	2003
53	Howard Farrand, Grand Patron, OES	2003
54	Edgar McGonigal, Potentate of Murat Shrine	2003
55	James L. Chesney, PGM	2003
56	Robert S. Flint, GPE, Grand Governor	2004
57	George A. Ingles, PGC	2004
58	Richard John Elman, PGM	2005
59	John A. Bleich	2005
60	Ronald L. Ellis, PGC	2005

61	William K. Bissey	2005
62	Harry W. McLaren	2006
63	Lawrence V. Kaminsky, PGC, GR	2006
64	Charles V. Horton, PMIGM	2006
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
96	Wesley Kris Phillips, PGHP	2013
97	Mark A. Genung, MWGM	2014
98	Jackie F. Wallace, KCT	2014
99	Charles D. Wood, Jr. PMIGM	2014
100	Daniel J. Barenie, MWGM	2015
101	Michael D. Ritter, GC	2015

#### 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)

This award is granted by the Grand Encampment to ladies who have supported their husbands over many years in their work for Templary.

#### HISTORICAL LIST OF OTHER GRAND COMMANDERY AWARDS

## EMINENT COMMANDER OF THE YEAR Reldwin Commandery #

1994 -	Donald E. Douglas	Baldwin Commandery #2
1995 -	William E. Evensen, Sr.	Elbert E. Gary Commandery #57
1996 -	David Ulrich	Fort Wayne Commandery #4
1997 -	Robert Faulkner	Fort Wayne Commandery #4

#### **COMMANDERY OF THE YEAR**

1998 -	William G. Bray Commandery #65	Mooresville
1999 -	Lawrence Commandery #67	Lawrence
2000 -	Greenfield #39	Greenfield
2001 -	Raper Commandery #1	Indianapolis
2002 -	Angola Commandery # 45	Angola
2003 -	Raper Commandery #1	Indianapolis
2004 –	Ft. Wayne Commandery No. 4	Ft. Wayne
2005 –	Trinity Commandery No. 62	Indianapolis
2006 -	Baldwin Commandery No. 2	Shelbyville
2007 -	Trinity Commandery No. 62	Indianapolis
2008 -	Bedford Commandery No. 42	Bedford
2009 -	Angola Commander No. 45	Angola
2010-	Ft. Wayne Commandery No. 4	Ft. Wayne
2011	Raper Commandery No. 1	Indianapolis
2012	Valparaiso Commandery No. 28	Valparaiso
2014	Raper Commadnery No. 1	Indianapolis

#### STAR RECORDER OF THE YEAR

1994 -	Lloyd L. Marsh	Connersville #6
1995 -	Jacob M. Collins	Lebanon #43
1996 -	Roger W. Shafer	Fort Wayne #4
1997 -	Jerry M <sup>c</sup> Vicker	Wabash #37
1998 -	Frederick W. Eicke	Hammond #41
1999 -	Phillip W. Crussemeyer	Elkhart #31
2000 -	Emil Steffey	Baldwin #2
2001 -	Lawrence V. Kaminsky	Hammond #41
2002 -	Wayne G. Williams	Raper #1
2003 –	Wilford Lutz	Columbus #14
2004 –	G. Leon Weber	Crawfordsville #25
2005 –	Earl W. Adam, Jr.	New Albany #5
2006 -	R. Daniel Gaby	South Bend #13
2007 -	John E. Hylemon	H.W. Matthewson No. 66
2007 –	Henry E. LaHurreau	Fort Wayne No. 4
2008 -	Burnell R. Davis	Vincennes No. 20
2009 –	Mark A. Kester	Terre Haute No. 16
2010 -	Jeffery C. Reich	E. H. Gary No. 57
2011 -	W. Kris Philips	Greencastle No. 11

2012 -	Dennis H. Rigsby	Richmond No. 8
2013 -	Thomas W. Harper	Prather No. 62
2014-	Lloyd R. Forney	LaPorte No. 12

## INDIANA RECIPIENTS KNIGHTS TEMPLAR CROSS OF HONOR AWARD YEAR

1965	Duonaan C. Dantan *
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1975	John W. Pherson*
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1978	Donald F. Butler*
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2006	Frank E. McKinnon*

2007	Wayne A. Williams*
2008	Thomas W. Harper
2009	E. Stanton Davis
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2010	Virgil G. Humphery
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(\*Deceased) (\*\*Demitted)

#### MEMBERSHIP HISTORICAL INFORMATION TABLE

Year	1970	1971	1972	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979	1980	1981
Commanderies	58	58	57	56	55	55	55	55	54	54	54	54
Knighted	405	402	403	417	366	418	411	347	347	318	328	496
Affiliated	20	36	69	135	82	27	27	21	15	77	31	45
Reinstated	22	17	24	15	24	16	23	29	18	14	23	17
Died	299	305	320	302	284	310	298	293	303	307	287	298
Demitted	180	172	209	271	205	141	136	134	111	206	139	141
Suspended	169	182	132	102	87	151	85	98	85	124	133	164
Adjustments	-2	-11	6	9	22	22	9	-31	-40	-3	-5	-9
No. of Members	11874	11666	11498	11408	11318	11184	11141	10962	10839	10617	10431	10358
Gain (Loss)	-28	-208	-168	-90	-90	-134	-43	-179	-123	-222	-188	-46
Remitted	397	394	355	498	491	479	501	500	499	461	455	468

Year	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993
Commanderies	54	54	53	53	53	54	53	53	53	54	56	57
Knighted	253	301	314	216	224	309	233	173	127	189	250	349
Affiliated	27	17	173	25	27	34	146	16	22	30	94	44
Reinstated	25	23	24	22	16	22	28	24	26	37	26	20
Died	257	273	297	261	259	270	269	235	257	262	230	232
Demitted	128	103	277	147	146	171	257	121	141	130	134	106
Suspended	121	109	123	125	148	157	166	219	131	169	117	103
Adjustments	-9	0	-11	0	-10	-90	0	1	-6	1	-56	-13
No. of Members	10173	10030	9831	9555	9265	8948	8659	8300	7951	7636	7463	7422
Gain (Loss)	-212	-143	-199	-276	-290	-317	-289	-359	-349	-315	-173	-41
Remitted	475	471	437	466	414	396	375	497	379	411	370	405

Year	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Commanderies	56	54	55	54	53	53	51	46	46	46	46	45
Knighted	191	266	100	141	154	109	164	174	133	158	153	167
Affiliated	87	486	62	110	53	34	248	16	21	41	22	18
Reinstated	22	13	14	22	27	17	16	24	22	15	12	24
Died	225	231	218	213	195	206	190	195	186	172	197	162
Demitted	203	531	150	213	153	113	317	105	117	124	138	92
Suspended	101	113	105	126	100	89	68	81	112	100	89	151
Adjustments	5	4	-7	1	-5	-8	-21	0	0	3	6	21
No. of Members	7198	7084	6794	6514	6285	6029	5861	5694	5455	5275	5047	4746
Gain (Loss)	-224	-114	-290	-280	-209	-249	-148	-167	-239	-182	-231	-175
Remitted	364	389	415	402	390	352	295	322	325	321	305	275

## MEMBERSHIP HISTORICAL INFORMATION TABLE (Continued)

Year	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Commanderies	44	42	42	41	41	40	38	38	36			
Knighted	202	202	196	180	197	155	157	154	119			
Affiliated	42	52	204	67	37	51	111	36	72			
Reinstated	16	25	16	25	14	14	13	28	17			
Died	139	160	138	107	136	144	133	93	100			
Demitted	108	193	308	155	176	148	181	98	150			
Suspended	161	130	118	120	185	115	146	174	99			
Adjustments	0	37	0	-21	13	2	0	4	3			
No. of Members	4724	4550	4402	4271	4044	3889	3710	3567	3429			
Gain (Loss)	-148	-174	-148	-131	-236	-155	-179	-143	-138			
Remitted	287	305	597	412	101	372	348	363	351			

(Tables reflecting membership from 1854 - 1970 have been published in the proceedings of 1991 - 1993)

#### HISTORICAL LIST OF GRAND COMMANDERY OFFICERS

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

## HISTORICAL LIST OF GRAND COMMANDERY OFFICERS (continued)

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

## HISTORICAL LIST OF GRAND COMMANDERY OFFICERS (continued)

Year	Grand	Grand	Grand	Grand	Grand
	Sword Bearer	Warder	Sentinel	Organist	Inspector General
1984	John C. Fulton	Emmett G. Beisel	Monroe Higginbotham	J. Richard McElheny	
1985	Monon Nortman	David Joe Day	Harley W. Summit	Jerry Burns	
1986	Dwight E. Lanman, Jr.	Gerald A. Sullivan, Jr.	Robert Mehringer	J. Richard McElheny	
1987	Gerald A. Sullivan, Jr.	Robert Mehringer	Larry Ozust	DeWard E. Theobald	
1988	Robert Mehringer	Peter T. Zivanovich	Duane Stucker	Curtis C. Herl	
1989	Thomas C. Patterson	Robert S. Flint	Charles W. Maples	Jerry Burns	
1990	James E. Browing	C. Michael Alter	Thomas D. Barton	DeWard E. Theobald	
1991	Michael B. Montgomery	James W. Prairie	Robert J. Frazer	John W. Simons II	
1992	Henry E. LaHurreau	Irvin L. Bitting	Duane L. Vaught	John W. Simons II	
1993	Irvin L. Bitting	Duane L. Vaught	Neil V. Welch	John W. Simons II	
1994	Duane L. Vaught	Gregory E. Snipes	Jack E. Todd	Robert L. Claypool	Dwight E. Lanman, Jr.
1995	Jack E. Todd	Gregory E. Snipes	Tom C. Baird	Robert L. Claypool	Dwight E. Lanman, Jr.
1996	Jack E. Todd	William A. Pruitt	Gary B. Fry	Robert L. Claypool	Ronald D. Simpson
1997	William A. Pruitt	Gary B. Fry	T. Jeffery Conquest	Robert L. Claypool	Dwight E. Lanman, Jr.
1998	George A. Ingles, Jr.	Ronald L. Ellis	Virgil G. Humphrey	John W. Logan	Robert J. Frazer
1999	Ronald L. Ellis	Virgil G. Humphrey	Harry W. McLaren	John W. Logan	Robert J. Frazer
2000	Harry W. McLaren	Lawrence V. Kaminsky	Andrew R. Jackson	John W. Logan	Robert J. Frazer
2001	Andrew R. Jackson	David R. Ulrich	John A. Bleich	John W. Logan	Dwight E. Lanman, Jr.
2002	John A. Bleich	David M. Bertch	Michael B. Montgomery	John W. Logan	Irvin L. Bitting
2003	Rex Sohn	Larry W. Brown	James L. Dove	Carleton Hinshaw	Irvin L. Bitting
2004	Byron W. Schull	E. Stanton Davis	Patrick S. Diller	Carleton Hinshaw	Irvin L. Bitting
2005	Rex Sohn	Paul A. Cole	Carroll Joe Friend	Carleton Hinshaw	Irvin L. Bitting
2006	E. Stanton Davis	Michael C. Stoner	Michael R. Payne	Carleton Hinshaw	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

## GRAND REPRESENTATIVES NEAR THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF INDIANA

<b>Grand Commandery</b>	Representatives	City
Alabama	Douglas O. Fegenbush	Indianapolis
Arizona	John V. Stevens	Kokomo
Arkansas	E. Stanton Davis	Rushville
California	Charles D. Wood, Jr	Martinsville
Colorado	Kenneth E. Gibson	Indianapolis
Connecticut	Austin C. Gray, Jr	Martinsville
Delaware	Bobby J. Roberts	Winchester
District of Columbia	Henry E. LaHurreau	Fort Wayne
Florida	Robert J. Frazer	Richmond
Georgia	George D. Kivett	Indianapolis
Idaho	David C. Willoughby	Plainfield
Illinois	Duane L. Vaught	Bloomington
Iowa	James L. Dove	LaPorte
Italy	Michael C. Stoner	Bloomfield
Kansas	Rodney A. Mann	Shelbyville
Kentucky	Andrew R. Jackson	Unionville
Louisiana	Lawrence J. Williams	Chesterton
Maine	Gary A. Nicholson	Shelbyville
Maryland	Kurt A. Begue	Auburn
Mass. & R. I.	Tony Peterson	Fishers
Michigan	Lawrence V. Kaminsky	Highland
Minnesota	Robert S. Flint	Kokomo
Mississippi	Jack F. Wallace	Fountaintown
Missouri	Clarence D. Harter	Cedar Lake
Montana	David M. Bertch	Liberty
Nebraska	Donnie A. Robinette	Franklin
Nevada	Donald D. Olvey	Plainfield
New Hampshire	Gary A. Sherritze	Amboy
New Jersey	Larry E. Gray	Greenfield
New Mexico	Michael F. Robbins	Bedford
New York	Paul W. Friend	Angola
North Carolina	Terry L. Kehrer	Georgetown
North Dakota	James L. Bolinger	Vandalia, MI
Ohio	Dwight E. Lanman, Jr	Angola
Oklahoma	Irvin L. Bitting	Demotte
Oregon	Timothy R. Brinkmeyer	Hollidaysburg, PA
Pennsylvania	George A. Ingles, Jr	Muncie
Philippines	Jeffery C. Reich	Portage
Portugal	Byron W. Schull	Richmond
South Carolina	James R. Adamson	New Salisbury
South Dakota	Wayne A. Sheets	Brownsburg
Tennessee	Larry W. Brown	Selma

#### GRAND REPRESENTATIVES NEAR THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF INDIANA (Continued)

<b>Grand Commandery</b>	Representatives	City
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

Grand Commandery Alabama Arizona Arkansas California	Representatives Arthur Lee Campbell Joseph F. Edwards Larry N. Keeth Kermit Rosenthal	City Prattville Benson Prattville Norwalk
Colorado Connecticut Delaware Florida Georgia Idaho Illinois Iowa Kansas Kentucky Louisiana	William Deickler Gilbert E. Greenfield James B. Vanders, Jr Lloyd C. Odem Dave S. Call John T. Riedas, Sr W. Andrew Emmert Kelly D. Kraemer Archie R. Smallwood, PGC Richard Leo James	Ridgefield Wilmington Tampa Fort Valley Salmon Oak Forest Newton Topeka Louisville West Monroe
Maine Maryland Mass. & R. I. Michigan Minnesota Mississippi Missouri Montana Nebraska Nevada New Hampshire New Jersey New Mexico New York North Carolina North Dakota	Richard A. Ortt, Sr William Ernest Eltzroth Vernon T. Barnhart, KCT, PGC John B. Studell Gregory Alan Dykes James E. Snavely C. David Burgess Edward F. Morrow Michael Reinhardt Phillip H. White John R. Keating Walter M. Zierman, KCT, PGC Jeffrey Williamson Michael L. Gould Troy D. Eck	Baltimore Bellingham Grand Ledge Minneapolis Oxford Farmington Bozeman Tekamah Las Vegas Grantham Cedar Run Santa Fe Akron Fayetteville Clarksville

## GRAND REPRESENTATIVES NEAR OTHER GRAND COMMANDERIES (continued)

<b>Grand Commandery</b>	Representatives	City
Ohio	Alfred T. Johnson	Cable
Oklahoma	Trasen S. Akers	Oklahoma City
Oregon	Ryan Winters	St. Helens
Pennsylvania	Wilmer E. Hall	Watsontown
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	Coupville
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	
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## GRAND COMMANDERS of the GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR of INDIANA

#### From organization in 1854 to date, the year given being the year of installation into office

1.	Henry C. Lawrence*	Lafayette	(3)	1854	1855	1856	
2.	Ephraim Colestock*	Indianapolis	(1)			1857	
3.	George W. Porter*	New Albany	(5)			1858	
4.	William Pelan*	Connersville	(6)			1859	
5.	Solomon D. Bayless*	Fort Wayne	(4)	1860	1861	1862,	1863
6.	William Hacker*	Shelbyville	(2)		1864	1865	
7.	Harvey G. Hazelrigg*	Lebanon	(43)		1866	1867	
8.	Thomas Newby*	Connersville	(6)		1868	1869	
9.	David W. Whedon*	Fort Wayne	(4)			1870	
10.	Elbridge G. Hamilton*	LaPorte	(12)			1871	
11.	Charles Cruft*	Terre Haute	(16)			1872	
12.	Edwin D. Palmer*	Richmond	(8)			1873	
13.	Andrew H. Hamilton*	Fort Wayne	(4)			1874	
14.	Nicholas R. Ruckle*	Indianapolis	(1)			1875	
15.	Erville B. Bishop*	Muncie	(18)			1876	
16.	Agustus D. Lynch*	Indianapolis	(1)			1877	
17.	Alexander Thomas*	Terre Haute	(16)			1878	
18.	Salathiel T. Williams*	Kendalville	(19)			1879	
19.	Henry G.Thayer*	Plymouth	(26)			1880	
20.	John H. Hess*	Columbus	(14)			1881	
21.	Samuel B. Sweet*	Indianapolis	(1)			1882	
22.	Richard L. Woolsey*	Jeffersonville	(27)			1883	
23.	Walter Vail*	Michigan City	(30)			1884	
24.	Henry C. Adams*	Indianapolis	(1)			1885	
25.	Ephraim W. Patrick*	Evansville	(15)			1886	
26.	George W. F. Kirk*	Shelbyville	(2)			1887	
27.	Reuben Peden*	Knightstown	(9)			1888	
28.	Duncan T. Bacon*	Indianapolis	(1)			1889	
29.	Henry H. Lancaster*	Lafayette	(3)			1890	
30.	Irvin B. Webber*	Warsaw	(10)			1891	
31.	Joseph A. Manning*	Michigan City	(30)			1892	
32.	Simeon S. Johnson*	Jeffersonville	(27)			1893	
33.	Charles W. Slick*	Mishawaka	(51)			1894	
34.	Walter M. Hindman*	Vincennes	(20)			1895	
35.	Winfield T. Durbin*	Anderson	(32)			1896	
36.	John E. Redmond*	Logansport	(24)			1897	
37.	John H. Nicholson*	Richmond	(8)			1898	
38.	William E. Perryman*	Terre Haute	(16)			1899	
39.	Eugene W. Kelly*	Muncie	(18)			1900	
40.	Leonidas P. Newby*	Knightstown	(9)			1901	
41.	Sidney W. Douglas*	Evansville	(15)			1902	
42.	Frederick Glass*	Madison	(22)			1903	
43.	Charles Goltra*	Crawfordsville	(25)			1904	

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44.	Nathan L. Agnew †	Valparaiso	(28)	1905
45.	Oliver Gard*	Frankfort	(29)	1906
46.	Vestal W. Woodward*	Indianapolis	(1)	1907
47.	Charles Day*	New Albany	(5)	1908
48.	Luther Short*	Franklin	(23)	1909
49.	William B. Hosford*	Mishawaka	(51)	1910
50.	John L. Rupe*	Richmond	(8)	1911
51.	Charles M. Zion*	Lebanon	(43)	1912
52.	Joseph G. Ibach*	Hammond	(41)	1913
53.	Harry G. Strickland*	Greenfield	(39)	1914
54.	Adrian Hammersley*	Indianapolis	(1)	1915
55.	James L. Randel*	Greencastle	(11)	1916
56.	George H. Steel*	Evansville	(15)	1917
57.	George S. Parker*	Anderson	(32)	1918
58.	Henri T. Conde*	Indianapolis	(1)	1919
59.	Harry C. Moore*	Marion	(22)	1920
60.	Eugene Vatet*	Muncie	(18)	1921
61.	George A. Newhouse*	New Albany	(5)	1922
62.	Gayland M. Leslie*	Fort Wayne	(4)	1923
63.	Edward J. Schonover*	Indianapolis	(1)	1924
64.	George F. Hitchcock*	Plymouth	(26)	1925
65.	Will M. Sparks*	Rushville	(49)	1926
66.	Clarence H. Snoke*	South Bend	(13)	1927
67.	William W. Suckow*	Franklin	(23)	1928
68.	Arthur F. Funkhouser*	Evansville	(15)	1929
69.	George L. Davis*	Kokomo	(36)	1930
70.	Meade Vestal*	Noblesville	(61)	1931
71.	John T. Boyd*	Vincennes	(20)	1932
72.	J. Rufus Hinshaw*	New Castle	(44)	1933
73.	Roy D. Smiley*	Washington	(33)	1934
74.	Ralph Howard*	Greencastle	(11)	1935
75.	Harvey S. Wambaugh*	Elkhart	(31)	1936
76.	Fred N. Prass*	Lafayette	(3)	1937
77.	Clyde E. Titus*	Indianapolis	(1)	1938
78.	Ralph P. Cain*	Richmond	(8)	1939
79.	John C. Bush*	Gary	(57)	1940
80.	George J. Leininger*	Columbia City	(34)	1941
81.	Walter G. Rice*	Terre Haute	(16)	1942
82.	Hugh E. Mauzy*	Rushville	(49)	1943
83.	Alvah D. Alexander*	Evansville	(15)	1944
84.	Perry C. Traver*	South Bend	(13)	1945
85.	Edmund F. Ball*	Muncie	(18)	1946
86.	Floyd L. Kresge*	Indianapolis	(1)	1947

### GRAND COMMANDERS of the GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR of INDIANA (continued)

From organization in 1854 to date, the year given being the year of installation into office 87. Philip N. Kester\* Madison (22)88. Howard F. Christner\* Elkhart (31)1949 89. Don P. Carpenter\* Brazil (48)1950 90. G. Max Fowler\* 1951 Frankfort (29)91. Alfred E. Braam\* Highland (41)1952 92. Paul G. Smiley\* Washington (33)1953 93. Charles E. Cook\* 1954 N Manchester (37)94. Samuel S. Geake\* Fort Wavne 1955 (4) 95. Willard M. Avery\* Knightstown 1956 (9) 96. Edwin M. Demlow\* **Indianapolis** 1957 (62)97. C. Wilbur Foster\* **Indianapolis** 1958 (1) 98. Joseph R. Erb\* **Buck Creek** 1959 (3) 99. Terre Haute Marvin M. Foulke\* (16)1960 100. James A. Wills\* Evansville (15)1961 101. Russell D. Huffington\* Gary (57)1962 102. Adam S. Riggin\* Muncie (18)1963 David J. Miller\* 103. Goshen (50)1964 104. James G. Frev\* Vincennes 1965 (20)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 1974 (1) 114. James S. De Mond Fort Wayne (4) 1975 115. David R. Poling, Jr.\* Lafayette (3) 1976 R. Frank Williams \* Evansville 1977 116. (15)117. Robert E. Price\* Connersville 1978 (6) 1979 118. Ernest G. Cunningham\* Hammond (41)119. Harold F. Thieman\* 1980 Columbus (14)120. Joseph A. Barnes\* **Indianapolis** 1981 (62)121. Ronald L. Tungett Elkhart 1982 (31)122. Kenneth E. Gibson \* Fort Wayne 1983 (4) 123. Ronald D. Simpson Kokomo (36)1984 124. Herbert G. Roach Vincennes (20)1985 125. Robert E. DuBois\* Highland (58)1986 Baldwin 126. William L. Leffler\* 1987 (2) 127. Paul W. Friend Angola (45)1988 Kokomo 1989 128. John V. Stevens (36)129. Steven J. Barton Knightstown 1990 (9)

(45)

1991

Angola

130.

Dwight E. Lanman, Jr.

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	Connersville	(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
* Dec	eased ^ Demit † Not	affiliated in Indiana at	time of death	

## GRAND RECORDERS of the GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR of INDIANA

#### of the Grand Commandery from organization in 1854 to date

No.	Name	Commandery	Dates
1.	Francis King*	(1)	1854 to 1865
2.	William Hacker*	(2)	1866 to 1868
3.	John M. Bramwell*		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 June 30, 2006
14.	Lawrence V. Kaminsky	(41)	July 1, 2006 to present

<sup>\*</sup> Deceased

## ANNUAL CONCLAVES OF THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF INDIANA

No.	Year	Held at	Date	Presiding	Residence
1.	1854	Lafayette	December 27, 1854	Henry C. Lawrence, GM	Lafayette
	1855	Fort Wayne	December 26, 1855	Henry C. Lawrence, GM	Lafayette
	1856	Greensburg	December 24, 1856	Henry C. Lawrence, GM	Lafayette
	1857	Indianapolis	December 2, 1857	Henry C. Lawrence, GM	Lafayette
5.	1858	New Albany	December 1, 1858	Ephraim Colestock, GM	Indianapolis
6.	1859	Connersville	December 7, 1859	George W. Porter, GC	New Albany
7.	1860	Indianapolis	December 5, 1860	William Plean, GC	Connersville
8.	1862	Fort Wayne	April 1, 1862	Solomom D. Bayless, GC	Fort Wayne
9.	1863	Lafayette	April 7, 1863	Solomom D. Bayless, GC	Fort Wayne
10.	1864	Indianapolis	May 6, 1864	Solomom D. Bayless, GC	Fort Wayne
11.	1865	Indianapolis	April 4, 1865	William Hacker, GC	Shelbyville
12.	1866	Indianapolis	April 3, 4, 1866	William Hacker, GC	Shelbyville
13.	1867	Shelbyville	April 2, 3, 1867	Harvey Hazelrigg, GC	Lebanon
14.	1868	Indianapolis	April 7, 1868	Harvey Hazelrigg, GC	Lebanon
15.	1869	Indianapolis	April 6, 1869	Thomas Newby, GC	Connersville
16.	1870	Indianapolis	April 5, 1870	Thomas Newby, GC	Connersville
17.	1871	Indianapolis	April 4, 1871	Elbridge G. Hamilton, GC	LaPorte
18.	1872	Indianapolis	April 2, 1872	Elbridge G. Hamilton, GC	LaPorte
19.	1873	Muncie	April 1, 1873	Charles Cruft, GC	Terre Haute
20.	1874	Indianapolis	April 28, 1874	Edwin D. Palmer, GC	Richmond
21.	1875	Indianapolis	April 27, 1875	Andrew H. Hamilton, GC	Fort Wayne
22.	1876	Indianapolis	April 25, 1876	Nicholas R. Ruckle, GC	Indianapolis
23.	1877	Indianapolis	April 24, 1877	Erville B. Bishop, GC	Muncie
24.	1878	Indianapolis	April 13, 1878	Augustus D. Lynch, GC	Indianapolis
	1879	Indianapolis	April 29, 1879	Alexander Thomas, GC	Terre Haute
	1880	Indianapolis	April 7, 1880	Salathiel T. Williams, GC	Kendallville
	1881	Indianapolis	April 26, 1881	Henry G. Thayer, GC	Plymouth
	1882	Indianapolis	April 25, 1882	John H. Hess, GC	Columbus
	1883	Indianapolis	April 24, 1883	Samuel B. Sweet, GC	Indianapolis
	1884	Indianapolis	April 29, 1884	Richard L. Woolsey, GC	Jeffersonville
	1885	Indianapolis	April 28, 1885	Walter Vail, GC	Michigan City
	1886	Indianapolis	April 27, 28, 1886	Henry C. Adams, GC	Indianapolis
	1887	Indianapolis	April 26, 27, 1887	Ephraim W. Patrick, GC	Evansville
	1888	Indianapolis	April 24, 25, 1888	George W. F. Kirk, GC	Shelbyville
	1889	Indianapolis	April 30, May 1, 1889	Reuben Peden, GC	Knightstown
	1890	Indianapolis	April 15, 16, 1890	Duncan T. Bacon, GC	Indianapolis
	1891	Terre Haute	April 21, 22, 1891	Henry H. Lancaster, GC	Lafayette
	1892	Evansville	April 19, 20, 1892	Irvin B. Webber, GC	Warsaw
	1893	Indianapolis	April 19, 20, 1893	Joseph A. Manning, GC	Michigan City
	1894	Indianapolis	April 18, 19, 1894	Simeon S. Johnson, GC	Jeffersonville
	1895	Indianapolis	April 17, 18, 1895	Charles W. Slick, GC	Mishawaka
42.	1896	Indianapolis	April 15, 16, 1896	Walter M. Hindman, GC	Vincennes

## ANNUAL CONCLAVES OF THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF INDIANA (continued)

No.	Year	Held at	Date	Presiding	Residence
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	e May 14, 15, 1913	Charles M. Zion, GC	Lebanon
60.	1914	Indianapolis	May 13, 14, 1914	Joseph G. Ibach, GC	Hammond
61.	1915	Indianapolis	May 13, 14, 1915	Harry G. Strickland, GC	Greenfield
62.	1916	Indianapolis	May 10, 11, 1916	Adrian Hammersley, GC	Washington
63.	1917	Kokomo	May 9, 10, 1917	James Randall, GC	Greencastle
64.	1918	Evansville	May 8, 9, 1918	George H. Steel, GC	Evansville
65.	1919	Indianapolis	May 14, 15, 1919	George S. Parker, GC	Anderson
66.	1920	Indianapolis	May 12, 13, 1920	Henri T. Conde, GC	Indianapolis
67.	1921	Indianapolis	May 11, 12, 1921	Harry C. Moore, GC	Marion
68.	1922	Indianapolis	May 10, 11, 1922	Eugene Vatet, GC	Muncie
69.	1923	Winona	June 19, 20, 21, 1923	George A. Newhouse, GC	New Albany
70.	1924	Fort Wayne	May 14, 15, 1924	Gaylard M. Leslie, GC	Fort Wayne
71.	1925	Indianapolis	May 12, 13, 14, 1925	Edward J. Schoonover, GC	Indianapolis
72.	1926	Terre Haute	May 12, 13, 1926	George F. Hitchcock, GC	Plymouth
73.	1927	Muncie	May 11, 12, 1927	Will M. Sparks, GC,	Rushville
74.	1928	South Bend	May 9, 10, 1928	Clarence H. Snoke, GC	South Bend
75.	1929	Indianapolis	May 8, 9, 1929	William W. Suckow, GC	Franklin
76.	1930	Evansville	May 14, 15, 1930	Arthur F. Funkhouser, GC	Evansville
77.	1931	Indianapolis	May 13, 14, 1931	George L. Davis, GC	Kokomo
78.	1932	Huntington	May 11, 12, 1932	Meade Vestal, GC	Noblesville
79.	1933	Indianapolis	May 10, 1933	John T. Boyd, GC	Vincennes
80.	1934	Bloomington	May 8, 9, 1934	J. Rufus Hinshaw, GC	New Castle
81.	1935	Indianapolis	May 8, 1935	Roy D. Smiley, GC	Washington
	1936	Muncie	May 13, 1936	Ralph Howard, GC	Greencastle
	1937	Elkhart	May 12, 13, 1937	Harvey S. Wambaugh, GC	Elkhart
84.	1938	Lafayette	May 11, 12, 1938	Fred N. Prass, GC	Lafayette

## ANNUAL CONCLAVES OF THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF INDIANA (continued)

No.	Year	Held at	Date	Presiding	Residence
85.	1939	Indianapolis	May 10, 11, 1939	Clyde E. Titus, GC	Indianapolis
	1940	Richmond	May 8, 9, 1940	Ralph Cain, GC	Richmond
	1941	Gary	May 12, 1941	John Bush, GC	Gary
88.	1942	Indianapolis	May 12, 1942	George J. Leininger, GC	Columbia City
	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. Riggin, GC	Muncie
	1965	South Bend	May 14, 15, 1965	David J. Miller, GC	Goshen
	1966	Vincennes	May 13, 14, 1966	James G. Frey, GC	Vincennes
	1967	Fort Wayne	May 12, 13, 1967	Harold R. Hoolihan, GC	Angola
	1968	Columbus	May 10, 11, 1968	Richard D. Unger, GC	Baldwin
	1969	Lafayette	May 23, 24, 1969	Harry F. Otterman, GC	Frankfort
	1970	Bloomington	May 22, 23, 1970	K. Edwin Applegate, GC	Bloomington
	1971	Indianapolis	May 7, 8, 1971	Walter P. Worland, GC	Greenfield
	1972	Hammond	May 12, 13, 1972	Omar E. Hager, GC	Hammond
	1973	Muncie	May 4, 5, 1973	Forrest L. Mock, GC	Muncie
	1974	South Bend	May 3, 4, 1974	Russell R. Aulm, GC	South Bend
	1975	Indianapolis	April 25, 26, 1975	Herbert A. Newman, GC	Indianapolis
	1976	Fort Wayne	April 30, May 1, 1976	James S. De Mond, GC	Fort Wayne
	1977	Lafayette	May 6, 7, 1977	David R. Poling, Jr., GC	Lafayette
	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

## ANNUAL CONCLAVES OF THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF INDIANA (continued)

No.	Year	Held at	Date	Presiding	Residence
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
	1996	Indianapolis	April 26, 27, 1996	James W. Roberts, GC	New Albany
	1997	Indianapolis	April 26, 1997	Willard R. Clutter, Jr., GC	Noblesville
144.	1998	Indianapolis	April 24, 25, 1998	James W. Prairie, GC	Bloomington
	1999	Indianapolis	April 30, May 1, 1999	Robert J. Frazer, GC	Richmond
	2000	Indianapolis	April 28, 29, 2000	Henry E. LaHurreau, GC	Fort Wayne
	2001	Indianapolis	April 27, 28, 2001	Irvin L. Bitting, GC	Roselawn
	2002	Indianapolis	April 26, 27, 2002	Duane L. Vaught, GC	Crawfordsville
	2003	Indianapolis	April 25, 26, 2003	T. Jeffery Conquest, GC	Goshen
	2004	Indianapolis	April 23, 24, 2004	George A. Ingles, Jr., GC	Brownsburg
	2005	Indianapolis	April 29, 30, 2005	Ronald L. Ellis, GC	Columbus
	2006	Indianapolis	April 28, 29, 2006	Lawrence V. Kaminsky, GC	Highland
	2007	Indianapolis	April 27, 28, 2007	Rodney A. Mann GC	Shelbyville
	2008	Indianapolis	April 25, 26, 2008	Andrew R. Jackson, GC	Greenwood
	2009	Indianapolis	April 24, 25, 2009	David M. Bertch, GC	Liberty
	2010	Indianapolis	April 23, 24, 2010	Larry W. Brown, GC	Selma
157	2011	Indianapolis	April 28, 29, 2011	James L. Dove, GC	LaPorte
158	2012	Indianapolis	April 27, 28, 2012	Paul A. Cole, GC	Shelbyville
159	2013	Indianapolis	April 26, 27, 2013	Bobby J. Roberts, GC	Winchester
160	2014	Indianapolis	April 24, 25, 2014	Jackie F. Wallace, GC	Fountaintown
161	2015	Indianapolis	April 29, 30, 2015	Michael D. Ritter, GC	Muncie

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

	Commandery	<b>Date Chartered</b>	<b>Date Precedence</b>
1.	Raper No. 1	April 7, 1868	October 16, 1850
2.	Baldwin No. 2	April 8, 1868	September 19, 1853
3.	Lafayette No. 3	April 7, 1868	September 19, 1853
4.	Fort Wayne No.4	April 7, 1868	May 13, 1853
5.	New Albany No. 5	April 7, 1868	January 23, 1855
6.	Connersville No. 6	April 7, 1868	December 27, 1855
7.	Richmond No. 8	April 7, 1868	April 5, 1865
8.	Greencastle No. 11	April 7, 1868	April 3, 1867
9.	LaPorte, No. 12	April 7, 1868	April 3, 1867
10.	South Bend No. 13	April 8, 1868	April 3, 1867
11.	Columbus No. 14	April 8, 1868	April 8, 1868
12.	LaValette No. 15	April 7, 1868	April 8, 1867
13.	Terre Haute No. 16	April 8, 1868	April 8, 1868
14.	Apollo No. 19	April 7, 1869	April 7, 1869
15.	Vincennes No. 20	April 7, 1869	April 7, 1869
16.	Grant County No. 21	April 5, 1871	April 5, 1871
17.	Johnson County No. 23	April 3, 1872	April 3, 1872
18.	Crawfordsville No. 25	April 28, 1875	April 28, 1875
19.	Valparaiso No. 28	April 26, 1876	April 26, 1876
20.	Frankfort No. 29	April 27, 1881	April 27, 1881
21.	Michigan City No. 30	April 30, 1884	April 30, 1884
22.	Elkhart No. 31	April 30, 1884	April 30, 1884
23.	Anderson No. 32	April 29, 1885	April 29, 1885
24.	Huntington No. 35	April 20, 1892	August 20, 1891
25.	Kokomo No. 36	April 20, 1892	November 6, 1891
26.	Greenfield No. 39	April 22, 1897	May 16, 1896
27.	Hammond No. 41	April 21, 1898	January 25, 1897
28.	Bedford No. 42	April 20, 1899	January 25, 1899
29.	Angola No. 45	April 17, 1902	March 24, 1902
30.	E. H. Gary No. 57	May 14, 1914	February 22, 1912
31.	Noblesville No. 61	May 11, 1922	May 11, 1922
32.	Prather No. 62	June 21, 1923	June 21, 1923
33.	Bloomington No. 63	May 14, 1925	March 31, 1925
34.	Wright No. 64	April 29, 1988	April 29, 1988
35.	William G. Bray No. 65	April 30, 1993	March 14, 1992
36.	H.E. Lackey No. 67	April 29, 1994	April 30, 1993
37.	St. Anselm, U.D.	Not Chartered	April 26, 1991

# TIME AND PLACE OF TRIENNIAL CONCLAVES OF THE GRAND ENCAMPMENT, KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

No.	Date	Where Held	<b>Presiding Officer</b>
1	June 20-21, 1816	New York, NY	DeWitt Clinton, G.G.M.
2	September 16, 1819	New York, NY	Henry Fowle, G.G.G.
3	September 18-19, 1826	New York, NY	John Snow, G.G.G.
4	September 14-15, 1829	New York, NY	Jonathon Nye, D.G.G.M.
5	Nov. 29-Dec. 1, 1832	Baltimore, MD	Jonathon Nye, D.G.G.M.
6	December 7-10, 1835	Washington, DC	Jonathon Nye, D.G.G.M.
7	September 12-14, 1838	Boston, MA	James M. Allen, G.G.M.
8	September 14-17, 1841	New York, NY	James M. Allen, G.G.M.
9	September 10-12, 1844	New Haven, CT	Joseph K. Stapleton, D.G.G.M.
10	September 14-18, 1847	Columbus, OH	Archibald Bull, G.G.M.
11	September 10-14, 1850	Boston, MA	William B. Hubbard, G.G.M.
12	September 13-19, 1853	Lexington, KY	William B. Hubbard, G.G.M.
13	September 9-15, 1856	Hartford, CT	William B. Hubbard, G.G.M.
14	September 13-19, 1859	Chicago, IL	William B. Hubbard, G.G.M.
15	September 1-4, 1862	New York, NY	Benjamin B. French, G.M.
16	September 5-7, 1865	Columbus, OH	Benjamin B. French, G.M.
17	September, 15-18, 1868	St. Louis, MO	Henry L. Palmer, G.M.
18	September 19-23, 1871	Baltimore, MD	Wm. Sewell Gardner, G.M.
19	December 1-5, 1874	New Orleans, LA	John Q. A. Fellows, G.M.
20	August 28-31, 1877	Cleveland, OH	John Herron Hopkins, G.M.
21	August 17-20, 1880	Chicago, IL	Vincent Lombard Hurlbut, G.M.
22	August 21-23, 1883	San Francisco, CA	Benjamin Dean, G.M.
23	September 21-24, 1886	St. Louis, MO	Charles Roome, G.D.M.
24	October 8-11, 1889	Washington, DC	Charles Roome, G.D.M.
25	August 9-12, 1892	Denver, CO	J. P. S. Gobin, G.M.
26	August 27-30, 1895	Boston, MA	Hugh McCurdy, G.M.
27	October 11-14, 1898	Pittsburg, PA	Warren LaRue Thomas, G.M.
28	August 27-29, 1901	Louisville, KY	R. H. Lloyd, G.M.
29	September 6-9, 1904	San Francisco, CA	Henry B. Stoddard, G.M.
30	July 9-11, 1907	Sarasota Springs, NY	George M. Moulton, G.M.
31	August 9-11, 1910	Chicago, IL	Henry W. Rugg, G.M.
32	August 12-14, 1913	Denver, CO	William B. Melish, G.M.
33	June 20-23, 1916	Los Angeles, CA	Lee S. Smith, D.G.M., A.G.M.
34	September 9-11, 1919	Philadelphia, PA	Lee S. Smith, G.M.
35	April 25-27, 1922	New Orleans, LA	Joseph Kyle Orre, G.M.
36	July 28-31, 1925	Seattle, WA	Leonidas P. Newby, G.M.
37	July 16-19, 1928	Detroit, MI	George W. Valery, G.M.
38	June 20-26, 1931	Minneapolis, MN	William L. Sharp, G.M.
39	July 7-13, 1934	San Francisco, CA	Andrew D. Agnew, GC, A.G.M.
40	July 17-23, 1937	Miami, FL	Andrew D. Agnew, G.M.
41	July 13-19, 1940	Cleveland, OH	Mark Norris, G.M.

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No.	Date	Where Held	Presiding Officer
42	May 24-25, 1943	Chicago, IL	Harry G. Pollard, G.M.
43	Oct. 23-Nov. 1, 1946	Houston, TX	Charles Noah Orr, G.M.
44	September 17-23, 1949	San Francisco, CA	John Temple Rice, G.M.
45	September 20-26, 1952	New Orleans, LA	Robert B. Gaylord, G.M.
46	August 20-26, 1955	New York, NY	William C. Gordon, G.M.
47	August 16-22, 1958	Indianapolis, IN	Walter A. DeLamater, G.M.
48	August 12-17, 1961	Cleveland, OH	Louis H. Weiber, G.M.
49	August 22-27, 1964	Philadelphia, PA	Paul Miller Moore, G.M.
50	August 19-24, 1967	Detroit, MI	Wilber M. Brucker, G.M.
51	August 22-27, 1970	Denver, CO	John L. Crofts, G.M.
52	August 13-16, 1973	Chicago, IL	G. Wilbur Bell, G.M.
53	Aug. 28-Sept. 2, 1976	Kansas City, MO	Roy W. Riegle, G.M.
54	August 11-16, 1979	Indianapolis, IN	Willard M. Avery, G.M.
55	August 14-19, 1982	Hot Springs, AR	Kenneth C. Johnson, G.M.
56	August 10-14, 1985	Cincinnati, OH	Ned E. Dull, G.M.
57	August 5-10, 1988	Lexington, KY	Donald H. Smith, G.M.
58	August 19-21, 1991	Washington, DC	Marvin E. Fowler, G.M.
59	August 15-17, 1994	Denver, CO	William H. Thornley, Jr., G.M.
60	August 8-13, 1997	St. Louis, MO	Blair Christy Mayford, G.M.
61	August 11-16, 2000	Nashville, TN	James M. Ward, G.M.
62	August 15-20, 2003	St. Louis, MO	William Jackson Jones, G.M.
63	August 11-16, 2006	Houston, TX	Kenneth Bernard Fischer, G.M.
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.

#### ROSTER OF INACTIVE AND RENAMED COMMANDERIES OF THE GRAND COMMANDERY, KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF INDIANA

Greensburg No. 2 - Charter date September 1853, was one of the three Commanderies who gathered in Indianapolis on May 16, 1854, to form the Grand Encampment (Commandery) of Indiana. In 1865, it was noted that no returns from Greensburg No.2 had been received since 1861. The Grand Commander reported that the Commandery was reorganized and located at Shelbyville. On April 4, 1866, the name was officially changed to Baldwin No. 2.

Cambridge City No. 6 - On April 8, 1868, the name of Connersville Commandery No. 6 was changed to Cambridge City No. 6. On April 30, 1884, this action was rescinded and both the location and name reverted to Connersville.

Bedford No. 7 - Charter date December 2, 1858. In the Proceedings of 1864, it is noted that the Charter was 'surrendered."

William Hacker No. 9 - Organized April 4, 1866 and Chartered April 8, 1868. Name changed to Knightstown No. 9 on April 28, 1874. Knightstown No. 9 surrendered their charter on March 31, 2008 and merged with Greenfield No. 39.

Warsaw No. 10 - Chartered April 7, 1868, and merged with Goshen No. 50 on October 14, 1995.

Thomas H. Lynch No. 14 - Chartered April 4, 1868. Name changed to Columbus No. 14 on April 28, 1874.

Dowling No. 16- Chartered April 8, 1868. Name changed to Terre Haute No. 16 on April 5, 1871.

Aurora No. 17 - Chartered April 7, 1869. Charter "annulled" May 9, 1929, revoked by action of Grand Commandery.

Muncie No.18 – Chartered April 7, 1869. Charter surrendered December 11, 2000. Charter was restored on October 24, 2006. Charter surrendered December 31, 2010.

Marion No. 21 - Chartered April 5, 1871. Name changes to Grant County No. 21 on April 25, 1975.

Caleb Schmidlapp No. 22 - Chartered April 3, 1872. Name changed to Madison No. 22 on April 1, 1873.

Franklin No. 23 - Chartered April 3, 1872. Name changed to Johnson County No. 23 on April 20, 1990.

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

St. John No. 24 Chartered April 2, 1873. Charter surrendered January 2, 2012 and merged with Frankfort Commandery No. 29.

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

Washington No. 33 - Chartered April 16. 1890. Charter surrendered July 14, 1985, and merged with Vincennes No. 20.

Cyrene No. 34 - Chartered May 2, 1891. Name changed to Columbia City No. 34 on May 9, 1947.

Columbia City No. 34 - Successor to Cyrene No. 34; Charter surrendered September 4, 1968.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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.

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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 - Chattered February 21, 1921. Charter surrendered December 1, 1989 and merged with Wabash No. 37.

DeMolay No. 62 - Chartered June 21, 1923. Name changed to Oriental No. 62 on May 12, 1941.

Oriental No. 62 - Successor to DeMolay No. 62; At the Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery in 1969, Oriental No. 62 petitioned the Grand Commandery to allow a change of location to the Irvington Masonic Temple in Indianapolis. This petition was approved by the Jurisprudence Committee and the Grand Commandery. In the 1970 Proceedings, the name appears as Trinity No. 62 but the only record of a name change is noted in the Conclave Bulletin No. 1. No other record can be found in the Proceedings of the official change of name or of the approval of the change of By-Laws of this Commandery to change the name.

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.

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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, to open Commandery at Salem. Dispensation returned April 24, 1998.

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

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