

**GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR**  
**Of the**  
**State of Illinois**

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE**  
**165TH. ANNUAL CONCLAVE**



**SIR KNIGHT AUSTON EUGENE SMITH**  
**Right Eminent Grand Commander 2021-2022**  
**NORMAL, ILLINOIS**  
**AUGUST 1, 2020**



**Auston Eugene Smith**  
**Right Eminent Grand Commander**  
**2020-2021**

Sir Knight Auston E. "Gene" Smith is the Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Illinois; having been elected to that office in July 2020. He works closely with the other senior officers of the Grand Commandery to execute the activities and priorities of our grand jurisdiction. Sir Knight Smith is a member of Tancred Commandery No. 2, Belleville, IL, and served as Commander from 2014 to 2015.

Sir Knight Smith's mother lodge St. Clair Lodge No. 24 in Belleville, IL, where he was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason in July 2011, served as Lodge Secretary from 2012 to 2014 and then as its Worshipful Master in 2015. He is also a member of Kaskaskia Lodge No. 86 in Red Bud, IL where he served as Treasurer in 2015 and then two years as its Worshipful Master during 2016 and 2017. He has been elected as an honorary member in a number of lodges in Illinois. Sir Knight Smith served the Grand Lodge of Illinois as the District Deputy Grand Master of the 6th Southern Masonic District from 2016 to 2017. Also, he currently serves as Senior Grand Deacon of the Grand Lodge of Illinois.

Sir Knight Smith has been an active member and leader in the Appendant Masonic Bodies. In the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite Valley of Southern Illinois, he is a 32<sup>nd</sup> Degree MSA and past Sovereign Prince of the Cahokia Council of Princes of Jerusalem and a current member of the Valley's Board of Directors. Sir Knight Smith has also shared his leadership talents with the York Rite Bodies; he has the distinction of having served as the leader in each of the three bodies (Excellent High Priest - Royal Arch Masons, Thrice Illustrious Master - Cryptic Masons, and Eminent Commander - Knights Templar). In 2017, Sir Knight Smith received the Knights of the

York Cross of Honour (KYCH). Also, he is an active member of the Ainad Shrine (Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine) Legion of Honor.

Sir Knight Smith's other Appendant affiliations include The Royal Order Masonic Knights of the Scarlet Cord of the USA; Southern Illinois York Rite College #33; The Philaethes Society; Shamrock Council 43 of the Knight Masons of the USA; Pathos Tabernacle No. 58 of the Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priest; Grand College of Rites of the USA; Potomac Court No. 107 of the Royal Order of Athelstan, Province of USA; Legion of Honor of Ainad Temple of Shriners International; Cahokia Council No. 225 of the Allied Masonic Degrees of U.S.A.; St. Edward Conclave of the Red Cross of Constantine and the Royal Order of Scotland.

Sir Knight Smith enjoyed a long and distinguished career in the United States Air Force spanning almost 34 years. Beginning in the enlisted force in 1973, he quickly advanced to the rank of Staff Sergeant. In 1979, after completing his undergraduate degree, Sir Knight Smith was accepted by the Officer Training School where he was commissioned a Second Lieutenant and subsequently remained at that institution for the next two years as an Instructor. During the next three decades, Sir Knight Smith held a wide variety of roles and positions which afforded him exceptional professional growth and leadership experiences. He held command positions at the squadron, group and wing levels. He also served in several overseas assignments including Honduras, South Korea, Germany and Portugal; in particular, he served in Saudi Arabia and Kuwait during the Gulf War. Along his military journey, Sir Knight Smith won numerous awards and decorations including the Legion of Merit with 2 oak leaf clusters; Defense Meritorious Service Medal; Meritorious Service Medal with 5 oak leaf clusters; Joint Service Commendation Medal with 1 oak leaf cluster; Air Force Commendation Medal with 2 oak leaf clusters; and the Air Force Achievement Medal with 2 oak leaf clusters. In recognition of Sir Knight Smith's extensive skills, knowledge, and leadership talent, he was promoted to the rank of Colonel in February 2001. He served at that rank until retiring from active duty in December 2006.

Sir Knight Smith excelled through several academic and educational institutions including earning a Bachelor of Science degree (1978) from Troy State University in Troy, AL and a Master of Arts degree (1983) from Webster University in St. Louis, MO. He successfully completed coursework at numerous senior military colleges and universities including Marine Command and Staff College (1982); Air Command and Staff College (1988); Air War College (1996); Combined Warfare School, Armed Forces Staff College (1996); and the College of Strategic Studies and Defense Economics, George C. Marshall European Center for Security Studies (1997) in Garmisch, Germany; for this last institution, Brother Smith embraced his passion for helping others learn by remaining on staff for three years as the Dean of Academics and then Executive to the Director.

Sir Knight Smith has spent more than 49 years building a loving family with his wife including the quality time spent with his daughter and granddaughter. In his limited leisure time, he enjoys collecting rare writing instruments, Masonic research and collecting Masonic antiques. As an active and avid learner, Sir Knight Smith enjoys searching for "lost knowledge" and exploring the "wisdom of the ages" along with several other subjects related to Freemasonry in Illinois and around the world.

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Robert Keith Cronk (17) REPDC	1996
Richard Ralph Salisbury (36)	1998
Stanley Phillip Boyd (24)	2001
Marvin Leon Selock (78)	2002
Charles Michael Mills (69)	2003
John Thomas Riedas, Sr. (53)	2004
Pressly Alvin Laird (77)	2005
Howard Wayne Hoffman (03)	2007
Jesse Lee Johns (66)	2008
Joseph Willard Lucas (39)	2009
Charles Edwin Hileman, Jr. (81)	2010
David Marc Wilson (06)	2011
William Edward Jegen (01)	2012
Russell Lewis Schlosser (36)	2014
Enrique Jorge Unanue (06)	2015
William J. Smith (64)	2016
Wendell E. Walch (06)	2017
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Duane L. Vaught .....2015-2018

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SK Gerald G. Pugh

R.E. DEPARTMENT COMMANDER

EAST CENTRAL DEPARTMENT, IN, IL, KY, MI, and OH

Sir Knight Gerald G. Pugh was born in Marietta, OH to Darrel & Nora Pugh on April 13, 1963. He attended Marietta High School and the Washington County Vocational School and Graduated in 1981. He also attended Washington State Community College. He has been in the Transportation Industry for 37 years and is proud of his accident free 3.1 million miles. He was the WV State Police Professional Driver of the Year. He is employed by Old Dominion Freight Lines as a Freight Planner/ Inbound Supervisor.

He married Cheryl Sellers on May 17, 1984. Cheryl is employed by the U.S. Treasury Department. They have two children, Son Cody Pugh of Westminster, MD and Daughter Lindsey Pugh of Marietta, OH. Cody is married to Jordon Pugh and they have given Jerry and Cheryl two beautiful grandchildren Hailey and Allison. Jerry and Cheryl attends Sandhill United Methodist Church.

He was raised a Master Mason in 1999 and was Worshipful Master of Aurelius Lodge No. 308 in 2003 & Worshipful Master of Harmar Lodge No. 390 in 2008. He is a High Priest of American Union Chapter RAM and Thrice Illustrious Master of Marietta Council R&SM. He was knighted in Marietta Commandery and served as the Eminent Commander in 2002. He is a Past Grand Commander of Ohio 2015. He received his KCT in 2009.

SK Pugh is a 33rd Degree, Valley of Cambridge AASR, serving as Sovereign Prince, and serves on the Executive Board. He is treasurer and Past Governor of Ohio Valley York Rite College, received the Order of the Purple Cross in 2014. Member of Ohio

Priory No. 18, officer of Lafayette Conclave of the Red Cross of Constantine, member of Ohio College SRICF, Past Master American Union Council No. 445 AMD, Very Eminent Preceptor of Galilean Tabernacle No. XXIII HRAKTP, Past Master and secretary of American Union Chapel No.16 St. Thomas of Acon, Past Excellent Chief and treasurer of Donegal Council No. 94 Knight Masons, member of Marietta Chapter No. 59 Order of the Eastern Star.

Served on the parent board of the Ohio Masonic Home, and is President of the Marietta Masonic Temple Board. Sir Knight Pugh was appointed Department Commander, EAST CENTRAL DEPARTMENT by Sir Knight Jeffrey N. Nelson Most Eminent Grand Master at the 68th Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment on August 22, 2018 in Indianapolis, IN.



**Friday July 30, 2021**

The 165<sup>th</sup> Annual Grand Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar was held at the Marriott Hotel Convention Center in Normal, Illinois, on July 30, 2021. Sir Knight Auston Eugene Smith, Grand Commander presiding.

**GRAND OFFICERS PRESENT**

Auston E. Smith	Right Eminent Grand Commander
John M. Sansone	Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander
Wayne R. Clark	Eminent Grand Generalissimo
Richard T. Carnall, KTCH	Eminent Grand Captain General
Jamie A. Emery, KTCH	Eminent Grand Senior Warden
Sean P. McBride	Eminent Grand Junior Warden
Charles E. Hileman, Jr., KCT, REPGC	Eminent Grand Prelate
William E. Jegen, REPGC	Eminent Grand Treasurer
Mark A. Keagle, KCT, REPGC	Eminent Grand Recorder
Gerald D. Peinetti (absent)	Eminent Grand Sword Bearer
Gary W. Jascur	Eminent Grand Standard Bearer
Michael D. Staley	Eminent Grand Color Bearer
Don J. Cowart	Eminent Grand Warder
R. William Perkins (absent)	Eminent Grand Sentinel
Jeffery Miller	Eminent Grand Organist

**REGC Smith:** Sir Knights be seated

**REGC Smith:** Eminent Grand Generalissimo escort the Right Eminent Past Grand Commanders into the asylum.

**EGG Clark:** Right Eminent Grand Commander I have the honor of presenting to you the Right Eminent Past Grand Commanders of the State of Illinois.

**REGC Smith:** Sir Knights about face.

**EGG Clark:** REPGC Gary Hermann 1978, Robert Cronk 1996, Charles Mills 2003, John Riedas 2004, Al Laird 2005, Howard Hoffman 2007, Jesse Johns 2008, Joe Lucas 2009, Charles Hileman 2010, Bill Jegen 2012, Russ Schlosser 2014, Enrique Unanue 2015, Mark Keagle 2018, William Farris 2019.

**REGC Smith:** Sir Knights these are the Past Grand Commanders of the State of Illinois, let's give them a hearty welcome.

**REGC Smith:** Sir Knights be seated.

**REGC Smith:** Sir knights I have the honor of providing Sir Knight Gary Hermann who is our Past Senior Grand Knight to give comments for the others.

**REPGC Hermann:** Right Eminent Grand Commander and Grand Officers, I thank you for your support in coming here in the coming years and all the years and all the courtesies you have extended to us in the past, and I wish for you to have a successful meeting.

**REGC Smith:** Eminent Grand Warder, invite the Officers of the youth organization into the asylum.

**EGCG Carnall:** Present swords. Carry Swords.

**REGC Smith:** Sir Knight Hileman would you please introduce the attendees.

**REPGC Hileman:** Alexander Sturgis State Master Councilor of Illinois DeMolay, Russell Scanlan Executive Officer Illinois DeMolay, Natasha Sparks Grand Bethel Honored Queen of Illinois Jobs Daughters, Margo Nelson Grand Guardian of Illinois Jobs Daughters, Sky Lafary Grand Worthy Advisor International Order of Rainbow for Girls Illinois, Susie Lonzerotti Supreme Deputy for International Order of Rainbow for Girls Illinois.

**REGC Smith:** I have some presentations that I will make at this time. I have asked the recipients to be very brief in their comments.

**Alexander Sturgis:** Good morning, everyone. First off, I would like to say thank you for this donation. Every year Illinois has a leadership camp, and this money will help greatly for those members that attend that camp, so thank you.

**Natasha Sparks:** Hello, I am the Illinois Jobs Daughters Bethel Honored Queen. I would just like to say thank you for your support, without your support our organizations would not be as great as they are. There is only one thing that any of you could do to better our bonds of our organization, and that is attendance. If you ever find yourself free, come see what our organizations are truly about. Hearing us speak never gives you a glimpse of what we do, so come out to an event and show your support. Thank you

**Sky Lafary:** I just wanted to say an enormous thank you for this donation. One thing that we in Rainbow use this towards is the Grand charity, and this year the grand charity is St. Jude's Children's Hospital. Here children receive cancer care at no cost and families don't have to worry about anything except their child getting better. Around 15,780 children between the ages of birth and 19 years of age get diagnosed with cancer, so without these efforts they cannot continue their research, so I really appreciate this donation, it means a lot to Rainbow and thank you all again for having us on the second day, we are all excited to be here.

**REGC Smith:** It is now my pleasure to introduce companion Tim Vice Most Excellent Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Illinois.

**MEGHP Vice:** Sir Knights I have the honor of presenting the Officers of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Illinois.

**REGC Smith:** It is now my pleasure to introduce Companion Stewart Eberly most Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of Illinois

**MIGM Eberly:** Sir Knights I would like to introduce to you the Officers of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of Illinois.

**REGC Smith:** Eminent Grand Warder invite the officers of the appendant Bodies.

**REPGC Hileman:** Gregory L Clark Active and Deputy for the State of Illinois Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, Earl F. Wys Eminent Prior of Illinois Priory No.11 of the KYCH.

**REGC Smith:** We welcome you.

**REGC Smith:** Eminent Grand Warder invite the Grand Commandery Officers of Sister Jurisdictions into our asylum.

**REGC Smith:** Welcome to the 165<sup>th</sup> Grand Conclave of the Grand Commandry of Knights Templar of the State of Illinois. I hope you find our hospitality to your liking, and I thank you for taking the time from your busy schedule to be with us today.

**REGC Smith:** Sir Knight Hileman please attend to the introductions

**REPGC Hileman:** Joseph P Giles Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Kentucky, Miles R Ward Eminent Grand Generalissimo of the Grand Commandery of Kentucky, Michael Yount Grand Captain General of the Grand Commandery of Kentucky.

**REGC Smith:** Please help me welcome these Grand Officers.

**REGC Smith:** Eminent Grand Warder invite the Right Eminent Grand Commanders from Sister Jurisdictions into the asylum

**REPGC Hileman:** Right Eminent Grand Commander we have with us John E Porritt Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandry of Michigan, Ed Fodrea Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandry of Indiana, Phil Whisner Eminent Grand Generalissimo of Indiana, Knight Templar Cross of Honor, Randal Ellington Eminent Grand Captain General of the Grand Commandery of Indiana, Deputy Grand Commander from Ohio Eminent George Edmiston III, Knight Commander of the Temple, R Thomas Star Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Ohio, Knight Commander of the Temple.

**REGC Smith:** A hearty Welcome.

**REGC Smith:** Eminent Grand Warder please escort the Officers of the Grand Lodge of Illinois into the asylum.

**REPGC Hileman:** Right Eminent Grand Commander I have the pleasure of presenting Frank Cline Right Worshipful Grand Secretary of the Grand lodge of Illinois, Anthony Cracco Right Worshipful Grand Treasurer also a Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, Joseph B Ferrell Right Worshipful Junior Grand Warden of the Grand lodge of Illinois, David P Lynch Right Worshipful Senior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, Michael Jackson Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Illinois.

**REGC Smith:** Let's give a hearty welcome to these Officers.

**REGC Smith:** Eminent Grand Warder invite the representatives from the Grand Encampment into our asylum.

**REPGC Hileman:** Right Eminent Grand Commander I have the honor of introducing Robert K Cronk Right Eminent Past Department Commander of the East Central Department.

**EGCG Carnall:** Sir Knights attention.

**REPGC Hileman:** Right Eminent Grand Commander I have the honor of introducing Gerald G Pugh Knight Commander of the Temple, Right Eminent Department Commander of the East Central Department of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar.

**REGC Smith:** Sir Knights give them a hearty welcome.

**EGCG Carnall:** Sir Knights be seated.

**REGC Smith:** Commandery attention. Eminent Grand Warder please invite the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Illinois into the asylum.

**REPGC Hileman:** Right Eminent Grand Commander I have the great honor of introducing Brother Stephen F. Oakley Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons of Illinois.

**REGC Smith:** Give him a hearty welcome.

**REGC Smith:** Commandery be seated.

**REGC Smith:** I want to thank all for taking time to come visit our annual conclave and as in any great and important undertaking it didn't go exactly as planned but we hope you have a pleasant experience here. Commandery how about another round of applause for all the visiting guests.

**REGC Smith:** Eminent Commander Vernon LaGessee please escort Sir Knight Harris Edwin Boeker to the dais.

**REGC Smith:** Allow me to explain why we are doing this a little bit unusual. Sir Knight Boeker has the pleasure of attending his son's second and third degree tomorrow. So, he can only stay until about lunch time, so before we open the conclave, I wanted to make sure we get this done. I'll tell you why he is an important person in my life. About 2012 I was to be knighted in the Belvidere Commandery in Alton, they were holding me over for an inspection. I had been ready for 8 months, and ready I want to do this. So, the day arrives and fortunately the person who was supposed to do the Order of the Temple, for some reason I don't know, canceled, and couldn't come. My commandery mentor immediately picked up the phone and called the guy that always comes, Sir Knight Boeker. From Petersburg to Alton is quite a drive in a storm with his wife, arrives with all smiles. He gave me a ceremony that I will never forget, and I have seen a lot of ceremonies in my military career, but this was unmatched. So, in my role as Grand Commander, I had the opportunity to write articles for the Knight Templar magazine. The first one or two that I wrote, I think the day that it arrived in the post offices, Sir Knight Boeker called me and mentioned how much he enjoyed reading my article. Which I took as a great compliment. In that conversation we started talking about swords, because it was his sword that dubbed me Sir Knight. He informed me that same sword dubbed him Sir Knight, 1957 I believe. He also told me that sword belonged to a past Eminent Commander of St. Aldemir Commandery, who was a commander in 1947. So, that sword has been knighting Sir Knights in Illinois at least since 1947. In Central and Southern Illinois that is a lot of knights that were dubbed by Sir Knight Boeker. So, as you know, the Grand Encampment created and authorized a meritorious service medal in 2019. We didn't get a chance to present those in 2020 due to covid, but I have the pleasure of presenting one today, the first one presented in the state of Illinois. The members of St. Aldemir commandery number 47, stationed Petersburg, Illinois have unanimously approved the award of this year's Commandery Meritorious Service Medal to Sir Knight Boeker. One other comment about Sir Knight Boeker's son Dennis receiving his degrees tomorrow, that will be 69 years to the day from when Sir Knight Boeker was raised to Master Mason. Quite an accomplishment to have your son here. So, again congratulations.

**Eminent Prior Wys:** Due to Covid 19, we were unable to do a few things last year. Our Grand Commander earned his Quadrant to his KYCH jewel of which we are going to present to him at this time.

**MEGHP Vice:** Right Eminent Grand Commander may I approach the east.

**REGC Smith:** You may. Sir Knight LaGessee will you please escort Sir Knight Boeker to the east again.

**MEGHP Vice:** It was decided a few years ago that all the leaders of the York Rite Bodies would get together and select a Companion and Sir Knight to receive what is known as the York Rite Mason of the Year. We could not have selected a more acceptable Mason to receive this award. Sir Knight Boeker, Companion and friend thank you.

(Inaudible)

**REGC Smith:** At this time, we are approaching the opening of the conclave. I would like to ask the people who are not Knights Templars to depart, as they are departing, we would like to give them another hearty round of applause. Thanks for coming.

**REGC Smith:** Eminent Grand Recorder please call the role of the Eminent Grand Officers of the Grand Commandery.

**REPGC Smith:** Officers, please stand when your name is called and remain standing.

**EGR Keagle:** REGC Auston E. Smith, VEDGC John M. Sansone, EGG Wayne R. Clark, EGCG Richard T. Carnall, EGSW Jamie A. Emery, EGJW Sean P. McBride, EGP Charles E. Hileman Jr. EGT William E. Jegen, EGR Mark A. Keagle, EGSWB Gerald D. Peinetti, EGStB Gary W. Jascur, EGW Don J. Cowart, EGSen R. William Perkins, EGCB Michael D. Staley, EGOrg Jeffrey Miller.

**REGC Smith:** Sir Knights these are your Grand Officers. Please be seated.

**REGC Smith:** We will now convene the 165<sup>th</sup> conclave of the Grand Commandery of the Knights of the State of Illinois. Eminent Grand Senior Warden are all present Knights Templar?

**EGSW Emery:** Eminent Grand Junior Warden are all in the north Knights Templar?

**EGJW McBride:** Eminent Grand Senior Warden all in the north are Knights Templar.

**EGSW Emery:** Right Eminent Grand Commander all present are Knights Templar.

**REGC Smith:** Eminent Grand Warder post the Eminent Grand Sentinel and inform him that the 165<sup>th</sup> annual conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Illinois is about to be convened and direct him to guard accordingly.

**EGW Cowart:** Right Eminent Grand Commander the Sentinel is informed, and the asylum is duly guarded.

**REGC Smith:** Commandery attention please join me in the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag. Hand salute. I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

**REGC Smith:** Sir Knights uncover.

**REGC Smith:** Excellent Grand Prelate please lead our devotions.

**EGP Hileman:** Glorious Lord God, we take a moment to pause in our deliberations to remember that You are the source of all goodness and light. We thank you; we praise you for this institution of Christian Knight hood which is so dear to our hearts. We pray that we feel your presence with us here today and that this conclave meeting be conducted in peace and harmony. We pray for the success of this Grand Commandery not only today but into the future. We pray together as you taught us to pray. Our Father who art in heaven. Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us

not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

**REGC Smith:** Re-cover.

**REGC Smith:** I declare the 165<sup>th</sup> conclave of the Grand Commandery of the Knight Templar of the state of Illinois convened in due form.

**REGC Smith:** Be seated.

**REGC Smith:** SK Wright.

**EGR Keagle:** Right Eminent Grand Commander I will make the report for SK Wright.

**REGC Smith:** Ok.

**EGR Keagle:** Right Eminent Grand Commander the committee reports that we do have a quorum and requests more time to complete the report.

**REGC Smith:** Our parliamentarian for this session is not present, so in this situation I am appointing SK Hileman as our parliamentarian. Also judges of the elections will be all present members of the jurisprudence committee.

**VEDGC Sansone:** Right Eminent Grand Commander I move that all Sir Knights in good standing be permitted to attend this conclave.

**EGG Clark:** Second.

**REGC Smith:** It has been moved and seconded that all Sir Knights in good standing be permitted to attend this conclave. All in favor extend sword arm. Down hands. All opposed the bridal arm. The Motion passes.

**EGG Clark:** Right Eminent Grand Commander I move the election of officers be held at 10am and the Annual Meeting of the Illinois Knight Templar Home Corporation be held during a recess immediately thereafter.

**EGCG Carnall:** Second.

**REGC Smith:** It has been moved and seconded that the election of officers be held at 10 am and the Annual Meeting of the Knights of Templar Home Corporation be held during the recess immediately thereafter. All in favor extend sword arm. Down hands. Those opposed the bridal arm. The Motion passes.

**VEDGC Sansone:** Right Eminent Grand Commander I move that all committee reports published in the preliminary proceedings be accepted and approved as written, except those called for by the Grand Commander.

**EGG Clark:** Second.

**REGC Smith:** It has been moved and seconded that all committee reports published in the preliminary proceedings be accepted and approved by the Grand Commander. All in favor extend sword arm. Down hands. Those opposed the bridal arm. The Motion passes.

**EGR Keagle:** Right Eminent Grand Commander I move that the minutes of the 164<sup>th</sup> Conclave of the Grand Commandry Knights Templar of the State of Illinois be approved as printed in the Proceedings that have been distributed.

**EGCG Carnall:** Second.

**REGC Smith:** It has been moved and seconded that the minutes of the 164<sup>th</sup> Conclave of the Grand Commandry Knights Templar of the State of Illinois be approved as printed in the Proceedings that have been distributed. All in favor extend sword arm. Down hands. Those opposed the bridal arm. The Motion passes.

**VEDGC Sansone:** Right Eminent Grand Commander I move that all visiting Grand Commanders and Past Grand Commanders be given Honorary Membership of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Illinois.

**EGG Clark:** Second.

**REGC Smith:** It has been moved and seconded that all visiting Grand Commanders and Past Grand Commanders be given Honorary Membership of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. All in favor extend sword arm. Down Hands. Those Opposed the bridal arm. The Motion Passes.

**REGC Smith:** Will all of the visiting Right Eminent Grand Commanders, Past Grand Commanders approach the East.

**REGC Smith:** Sir Knight Recorder call the role of the Grand Representatives of Illinois. Who will remain standing when your name is called.

**EGR Keagle:** Alabama – Daryl W. Selock

Arizona – Presley A. Laird

Arkansas – Earl F. Wys

California – Walter A. DeMent

Colorado – Craig C. Stimpert

Connecticut – Earl W. Knight

Delaware – Ralph J. Palmer

District of Columbia – David P. Hutt

Florida – D. Mark Wilson

Georgia – Bernard N. North

Idaho – William P. Rakes

Indiana – John T. Riedas

Iowa – Marvin L. Selock

Kansas – John R. Jorgenson

Kentucky – Charles M. Mills

Louisiana – Gary D. Hermann  
Maine – Robert H. Pierce  
Maryland – Grant O. Koentz  
Massachusetts and Rhode Island – James W. Patton  
Michigan – William E. Jegen  
Minnesota – Robert G. Minton  
Mississippi – Greg R. Klemm  
Missouri – Mark A. Keagle  
Montana – Jamie A. Emery  
Nebraska – John M. Sansone  
Nevada – H. Wayne Hoffman  
New Hampshire – William H. Pool Jr.  
New Jersey – Wayne R. Clark  
New Mexico – William J. Jones  
New York – Russell L. Schlosser  
North Carolina – Bruce W. Reinhart  
North Dakota – Charles E. Hileman Jr.  
Ohio – William J. Farris  
Oklahoma – Wendall E. Walch  
Oregon – Sean P. McBride  
Pennsylvania – Don Cowart  
The Philippines – Rolando V. Gange  
South Carolina – Danny L. Gaddis Jr.  
South Dakota – Enrique Unanue  
Tennessee – Jesse L. John Sr.  
Texas – F. Richard Carlson  
Utah – Orville Shoemaker  
Vermont – William J. Smith  
Virginia – Frank H. Welter Sr.  
Washington – Joseph W. Lucas



West Virginia – Jonathan E. Barnes

Wisconsin – Stanley P. Boyd

Wyoming – Robert K. Cronk

**REGC Smith:** Sir Knights these are the representatives who stay in touch with our sister jurisdictions. Let's give them a hearty thank you. You may be seated.

**REGC Smith:** At this point we will start with committee reports until 10:00, we will break for the election and then continue with committee reports after the election. I now call on Sir Knight Keagle for the report of Templar dead.

**EGR Keagle:** Right Eminent Grand Commander, I'll read the roles of the deceased Sir Knights since our last conclave.

George Daniel Hair, Tancred #2

Kenneth Glen Easton, Joliet #4

Raymond Leroy Benson Sr., Galesburg #8

Leonard Everett Stoecker, Gorin #14

Robert Raymond Butterworth, Urbana #16

James Clayton Loving Jr., Aurora #22

Chester Walden Crouch, DeMolay #24

Bradley Lincoln Baker, Calvary #25 and Bethel #36

Ralph Edward Bruhn, Bethel #36

Alvie Lee Green, Bethel #36

Charles R. Horowitz, Bethel #36

John R. Zimmerman, Bethel #36

Donald Wayne Niewold, Mt. Olivet #38

James Govis, Evanston #58

George Herbert Wright, Evanston #58

Earl Clyde Spoh, Patton #69

Henry Jay Sade, Quincy #77

**REGC Smith:** Thank you Grand Recorder. Commandery Attention, uncover. Eminent Grand Prelate, please offer a prayer for our fallen Sir Knights.

**EGP Hileman:** Almighty glorious and blessed God, we praise and thank you for the unmeasurable gift of being allowed to share the lives of our fallen friends and loved ones. May their memories remain with us forever? Although they may not have had the opportunity to request forgiveness for their sins prior to their passing, we pray that you show them tender mercies in infinite supply. We bear witness to the fact

that they confessed their belief in Jesus as the Christ, which gave them the confident expectation of the forgiveness of sins. We pray that the comfort we have received from sharing their faith will help us to balance our sadness with hope. Give us strength and courage to wage constant warfare with deceits and vanities of this world. May we experience that your love for us may lead the examples for our lives. May the deeds of pure beneficence to all mankind. May the example of your love for future generations (inaudible) Amen.

**REGC Smith:** Recover, Sir Knights be seated.

**REGC Smith:** I now call on Sir Knight Hutt for the finance report

**SK Hutt:** Morning Sir Knights, Right Eminent Grand Commander, Grand Officers, Sir Knights of Illinois. The finance committee report consists of two documents. The first is the report of the finance committee, as printed in your preliminary proceedings. The second is the proposed Grand Commandery budget for the ensuing year, which was distributed during the registration. Finance committee functions throughout the year reviewing the various transactions presented by the Grand Recorder as they are occurring. Including the deposits as they are made and in the case of distributions, disbursements, and vouchers as they are approved for payment. You will see in the preprinted report a listing of those transactions. Each of the listed vouchers indicate either a deposit or an expense and may be a single transaction or it may include multiple transactions within each voucher. On Wednesday, July 28<sup>th</sup> the finance committee met in session to review and approve the Grand Commanders budget for presentation and approval today. The total projected revenue for the year is \$67,850, and expected expenses are also \$67,850 resulting in a balanced budget. By a vote of three to zero the finance committee approved this budget as printed for your consideration, and we ask that you adopt it as the Grand Commandery budget for 2021 to 2022. Right Eminent Grand Commander I would move for the approval of the finance committee report and the proposed budget as presented.

Second

**REGC Smith:** It has been moved and seconded that we have set the financial report. All in favor extend the sword arm. Down hands. Those opposed extend bridal arm. Motion passes. Sir Knight Hutt you will now give the investment report.

**SK Hutt:** Right Eminent Grand Commander, Grand Officers, Sir Knights of Illinois the investment committee report is printed in the preliminary proceedings. The investment committee met virtually via zoom on May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021, with our Raymond James investment advisor to review the portfolio performance of the Grand Commandery's investment accounts. There are two financial statements printed in the proceedings. The first is the performance by account summary. The second is the performance by year consisting of our general account, Fiscals Officer fund, Holy Land Pilgrimage fund, Graff memorial fund, Jones permanent fund, the Phillips fund, and the Life Membership fund. These reports summarize the beginning and ending market values and annualized performance for each of the Grand Commandery funds. Investment accounts continue to perform well, showing steady growth, good returns even in a volatile market. Since December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020, to June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021, the year-to-date Grand Commandery total portfolio value has increased from \$797,801.17 to \$893,779.62 resulting from \$12,000 in contributions, \$9,460.25 in income and \$73,518.20 change in market value. Right Eminent Grand Commander I would move for the approval of the Investment Committee report as printed in the proceedings.

Second

**REGC Smith:** It has been moved and seconded that we accept the finance report. All in favor extend the sword arm. Down hands. Those opposed the bridal arm. Motion passes. Thank you, Sir Knight Hutt.

**REGC Smith:** We have 15 minutes until the election hour, so let me pick one we can do in 15 minutes. Charters and Dispensation.

**VEDGC Sansone:** Right Eminent Grand Commander the committee on Charters and Dispensation reviewed the dispensation issued by the Grand Commander and found it to be in good form. The charter there was Apollo Commandery #1 and Trinity Commandery #80. Trinity #80 approved to emerge with Apollo Commandery #1. Apollo Commandery #1 voted to accept Trinity. Acceptable vote was that Apollo will now move to Naperville where Trinity currently meets. Seeing as the facility is already approved as a Templar Asylum, they found that there is no reason why that should not happen. They found all reports and records were in good order. So, we vote that this merger be allowed and we move that this report be accepted as printed.

Second

**REGC Smith:** I have a motion and second to approve the merger of the two Commandery's.

**EGT Jegen:** Grand Commander, I would move to modify that report to approve that the officers elected at the annual meeting for Trinity Commandery #80 be the resulting officers of the merged commandery.

**REGC Smith:** Do you accept that as a friendly amendment?

**VEDGC Sansone:** Yes.

**REGC Smith:** So, it has been amended to include the officers as explained by Sir Knight Jegen. Does everyone understand what we are voting on? Any discussion before we vote? Hearing none. All in favor extend the sword arm. Down hands. All opposed the bridal arm. Motion passes.

**REGC Smith:** Now go to report of Inspections.

**VEDGC Sansone:** Right Eminent Grand Commander and Sir Knights, this year was like no other year the Templars have seen probably since the plagues or somewhere back in that era. The Templary was shut down until May of this year and it was shut down at the end of last year leaving, I believe, five Commanderies that did not get inspected. The Grand Officers tried to come up with some fair way of doing an inspection and we could not judge you on tactics you have not done anything for 14 months, so everybody was going to be rusty. So, we decided we would look at the records of the Commanderies to make sure all proper filings were made. We would inspect any paraphernalia and go through the records to make sure all the 990s have been filed and insurance papers were in place. We had Commanderies that did not participate in the division level inspection, so they received a grade of zero. We had 9 Commanderies that got perfect score, 250. Most everyone else was in the 200's area. We are not giving any awards this year because it is unfair to pick somebody out that did a great job, everybody did the best that they could. This coming year, hopefully things have changed, and hopefully if everything goes well, and I take over and get back to our regular inspections season. So, I move that the Inspection Report be approved as submitted to the Grand Recorder.

Second

**REGC Smith:** It has been moved and seconded to accept the Inspection Report, any discussion? Hearing none. Those in favor extend sword arm. Down Hands. Those opposed the bridal arm. Motion passes.

**REGC Smith:** Grand Recorder can you give your report in 10 minutes?

**EGR Keagle:** I can. Right Eminent Grand Commander and Sir Knights, I submitted my report in the preliminary reports. We had a net loss for the year of 220 from June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020, to May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021. We had 21 knightings and 183 pass. The data was pulled from the MMS system. It is very important for the Recorders to update that system in a timely fashion, this will ensure our numbers are accurate. I would like to thank all the Recorders for the hard work that they continue to do during this complicated time with Covid. You guys kept the work going, the Fraternity going, and allowed us to hit the ground running once we could meet in person again. So, I thank you and it was an honor to serve you as your Grand Recorder. I respectfully submit this report.

Second

**REGC Smith:** It has been moved and seconded to accept the Grand Recorder's report, any discussion? Hearing none. All those in favor extend sword arm. Down hands. All those opposed the bridal arm. Motion passes.

**REGC Smith:** Jurisprudence can you give your report in 8 minutes?

**REPDC Cronk:** Right Eminent Grand Commander the Jurisprudence Committee met and went over all the bylaws and dispensations that were written last year. We found that they were all well written and should be approved as they are. We also went over the proposed amendments and published that they were all in proper order and should be accepted. We found that one of the additional was withdrawn by a proposer and reinstated later, so that one we recommend by omitted. I move that this report be approved as written.

Second

**REGC Smith:** Thank you, Sir Knight Cronk. It has been moved and seconded to except the Jurisprudence Committee report, any discussion? All those in favor extend the sword arm. Down Hands. All those opposed the bridal arm. Motion passes.

**REGC Smith:** We are going to get ready for the elections, before we do that, we need to do a final Credentials report. Sir Knight Wright are you ready?

**SK Wright:** Right Eminent Grand Commander and Sir Knights the final report of the Credentials Committee is as follows. 21 Eminent Commanders present, 8 of whom were proxies. 10 Generalissimos, 3 of those were proxies. 7 Captain Generals, 2 of those were proxies. We have 12 Grand Officers registered, 14 Right Eminent Past Grand Commanders, and 37 Eminent Past Commanders. There are 23 Commanderies represented by either an Officer or a proxy. An additional 4 represented by an Eminent Past Commander. There a 9 Commanderies with no registered representative at this conclave. A full report of these recordings will be presented to the Grand Recorder for including in the minutes. I move the acceptance of this report.

Second

**REGC Smith:** Thank you, Sir Knight Wright. It has been moved and seconded to accept the final Credentials Committee report, any discussion? All in favor, extend the sword arm. Down hands. All those opposed, the bridal arm. Motion passes.

**REGC Smith:** It has reached the hour for the elections; at this time, we will conduct the elections. I will entertain a suggestion for position of Grand Commander.

**EPC:** Right Eminent Grand Commander, I am (inaudible) of Mizpah Commandery and I suggests the name of John Sansone.

**REGC Smith:** Thank you, are there any other suggestions? Are there any other suggestions? Are there any other suggestions? Hearing none, I declare the nominations closed for the position of Grand Commander, and Sir Knight John M. Sansone be elected Grand Commander by acclamation. Sir Knight Sansone do you accept?

**VEDGC Sansone:** Sir I humbly accept.

**REGC Smith:** Thank you.

**VEDGC Sansone:** I move that the remaining elected officers be advanced one station, with the exception of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder who shall remain in their office.

Second

**REGC Smith:** It has been moved and seconded that the elected officers be advanced one station, with the exception of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder, any discussion? Hearing none. Those in favor, extend sword arm. Down hands. Those opposed, the bridal arm. Motion passes.

**REGC Smith:** Sir Knight Clark, do you accept?

**EGG Clark:** I humbly accept, Sir.

**REGC Smith:** Sir Knight Carnall, do you accept?

**EGCG Carnall:** I do.

**REGC Smith:** Sir Knight Emery, do you accept?

**EGSW Emery:** I do.

**REGC Smith:** Sir Knight McBride, do you accept?

**EGJW McBride:** I do, Right Eminent Grand Commander.

**REGC Smith:** Sir Knight Jegen, do you accept?

**EGT Jegen:** Yes, Sir

**REGC Smith:** Sir Knight Keagle, do you accept?

**EGR Keagle:** I humbly accept, Right Eminent Grand Commander.

**REGC Smith:** Now it is time to elect a Grand Junior Warden at the bottom of the line. Are there any suggestions for Grand Junior Warden?

**SK:** Eminent Grand Commander I suggested Sir Knight Don Johnson Cowart for Junior Grand Warden.

**REGC Smith:** Are there any other suggestions?

**SK Helfer:** Right Eminent Grand Commander my name is Derrik Helfer Past Commander of Beaumanoir Commandery #9. I have the privilege of suggesting the name of Chris Whitney for the office of Eminent Grand Junior Warden.

(Inaudible)

**REGC Smith:** Are there any other suggestions?

**REPGC Schlosser:** Right Eminent Grand Commander, I am Russ Schlosser Past Commander, and I would like to suggest the name of Kevin Wheeler for the office of Grand Junior Warden.

(Unable to hear 1:31:30 – 1:31:45)

**REGC Smith:** Are there any other suggestions? Hearing none. We have three names, so therefore we need a ballot election. Does everyone have a ballot card? I would like for Sir Knight Cowart, Sir Knight Wheeler, and Sir Knight Whitney to approach the dais. Please line up in front of the podium and face the audience. Ok, Sir Knights you have on your right, Sir Knight Kevin Wheeler if you mark in his ballot put Kevin. You have in the center, Sir Knight Don Cowart, if you are marking his ballot write Don. On your left, you have Sir Knight Chris Whitney, if you are voting for Sir Knight Whitney, please write Chris. Sir Knights you may be seated. We will be using ballot number one. At this time the vote is open, mark your ballots. Grand Officers in the west, with the exception of Sir Knight Cowart, please collect all ballots and deliver them to the Jurisprudence table.

**REGC Smith:** Are all the ballots collected?

**REGC Smith:** If you are a member intitled to vote and need more time to mark your ballot, extend your sword arm. See none, all ballots are being counted. While they are being counted, I declare the 165<sup>th</sup> Conclave to be at recess until the tabulation is complete. During this recess we will conduct the annual meeting of the Illinois Knights Templar Home Corporation. I now call on Sir Knight Bill Jegen to conduct the Annual Meeting of the Templar Home Corporation.

**EGT Jegen:** Right Eminent Grand Commander and Sir Knights of the Illinois Grand Commandery, I first wish to congratulate the Sir Knights of Illinois over the years for their extensive generosity. That extensive generosity has allowed us to accumulate investments, the income from which we can use for charitable purposes in an amount in excess of \$10,000,000. However, this is in two different corporations, one the Illinois Knight Templar Home Corporation and the other one the Illinois Knight Templar Home Endowment fund. This is the annual meeting of the Home Corporation which is a membership corporation. Each member of the Grand Commandery is a member entitled to vote on the business of the Home Corporation. The Endowment fund is different, it is not a member corporation but a self-perpetuating board of directors. The business today will include the election of a board of manager representative from the third division. Currently that position is held by Wendall Walch. I believe we will have a recommendation from the Right Eminent Grand Commander, do you wish to hold that election at this time?

**REGC Smith:** Yes

**EGT Jegen:** Would you please report your nomination suggestion?

**REGC Smith:** Do we have any suggestions for the representative from the third division?

**VEDGC Sansone:** I suggest Sir Knight Enrique Unanue.

**REGC Smith:** Do we have any other suggestions? Are there any other suggestions? Are there any other suggestions? Hearing none. Sir Knight Unanue is elected by acclamation. Sir Knight Unanue do you accept?

**REPGC Unanue:** Sure.

**EGT Jegen:** Congratulations.

**EGT Jegen:** By way of further explanation, the board of directors of both of these corporations are the six top officers of your Grand Commandery, so when you held your election for the officers you also elected the Boards of Directors. That includes four Officers, your Grand Recorder, and Grand Treasurer. What you elected now is a member of the Board of Managers, which manages the funds and makes the recommendations for the charitable contributions of the Illinois Knight Templar Home. There are five members of that Board of Managers, representing the first division is myself. Representing the second division is William Farris. Representing the third division is now Enrique Unanue. Representing the fourth division is Jesse Johns. Representing the fifth division is Charles Hileman. Those are the Managers that manage the money and make the recommendations. Now, we have one other business to conduct. As you all know, in 1950 approximately 71 years ago, the Sir Knights of the Illinois Grand Commandery saw a need to care for the aged and infirmed Knights Templar and others with the donation of a house and grounds in Paxton, Illinois. The Knight Templar Home Corporation was founded and commenced to operate a nursing home. Over the years that was expanded to a 75 bed, fully skilled nursing home facility in Paxton. Unfortunately, the business or need for nursing homes over the years changed. We found ourselves in a situation in 2015 where there was an excess number of beds, and we were incurring substantial losses to maintain that home. This group made a decision at that time to entertain offers to sell the home. In 2017, a successful sale of the home occurred. That resulted in about \$1.95 million in net cash assets. Also, in 1981, there perceived to be a need for continuing support for the nursing home and other charitable endeavors, so the Illinois Knight Templar Home Endowment fund was incorporated and given the basic obligation of supporting the home. In 1950 and 1981 the IRS did not pay too much attention to charitable organizations. However, 2007 with the revised Patriot Act, the IRS became much more interested in charitable organizations. We find our self in a position where to remain a charitable organization the IRS wants you to have 1/3 of your support or income from public donations and support. You can have investment income, but it is supposed to be less than 2/3's. We find ourselves with an embarrassment of riches so to speak in the Illinois Knight Templar Home that has investment accounts of approximately \$7.5 million to \$8 million. What we then did, after the sale of the home, was to hire professionals at the accounting firm of Eck, Schafer and Punke in Springfield, who also, I believe, offer some guidance to the Grand Lodge of Illinois, to consult and figure out how we best and meet the IRS governance issues. Their recommendation was to create the Knight Templar Home as a supported charity and the Endowment fund as a supporting charity. We looked at the incorporation documents and bylaws and determined that we were not quite in compliance. Last year we resolved the governance issues by creating the same Board of Directors for both corporations and empowering the Board of Managers to make the recommendations for the charities. The last step that we have to do, and it can be done we are told on a one-time bases, is to move the investment income out of the Knight Templar Home Corporation the unsupported charity, into the supporting charity which is now the Endowment fund. That is why I am here, to advise you that we have most of the investment funds of the Knight Templar Home in a managed account at US Bank in Springfield. A corresponding managed account has been established for the Endowment fund and about \$1.75 million in investments from the Endowment fund have been deposited into that managed account. In addition, the Endowment fund has another \$1.25 million in a managed investment account. So, I move that the approximately \$8 million in the US Bank managed account for the Illinois Knight Templar Home be moved to the managed account at US Bank in the Endowment fund so that the investment income winds up in the Endowment fund, and we can better meet the 1/3 public donation in the home corporation.

Second

**REGC Smith:** It has been moved and seconded to accept the report of the Knight Templar Home Corporation, any discussion? Hearing none. All those in favor, extend sword arm. Down hands. All those opposed, extend the bridal arm. Motion passes.

**EGT Jegen:** That completes my report Right Eminent. I believe it completes the business of the Annual Meeting, unless there are any questions, I would move to adjourn the Home annual meeting until next July 30<sup>th</sup>.

**REGC Smith:** Thank you.

**REGC Smith:** It has been suggested by our Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander to give you some insight on where the money goes, grants we have handed out so I will turn the microphone over to John.

**VEDGC Sansone:** It has always been interesting; we have talked about how much money we have but what are we doing with it? This past year was a little bit complicated because of Covid. This year we sent \$1000 checks out to each Commandery to use for charitable purpose in their community, which totaled \$32,000. We donated \$10,000 to the American Passion Play here in Bloomington, which is a not for profit where they put on the Passion play every Spring, we help continue that. We sent \$35,000, \$5,000 to each one of the dyslexia centers around the state. We donated \$75,000 to the Advocate Hospital Eye Clinic. We donated \$38,340 to purchase Life Memberships in the Knight Templar Eye Foundation for those Knights in the state of Illinois that were not Life Members. So grand total of \$190,240 was donated to charities. That was not counting what was donated through the IMOS program. Right now, we fund IMOS with monies to help our Templars within the state, so if you applied at IMOS and you are a Knight Templar, the Home Corp is picking up half the money that IMOS would grant you. We are probably looking at donating a little more this year to them to keep the fund up. That is the kind of places your money is going at this point.

**REGC Smith:** Thank you, Sir Knight Sansone. Any questions on what you just heard? We are doing good things with your money. I know it sounds like a lot of money, but we have money, and we have to as a nonprofit charitable organization make donations over a certain amount. If you have any questions about those numbers, see Sir Knight Sansone about the Home and Sir Knight Jegen.

**REGC Smith:** Do we have an election result?

**REGC Smith:** I Now declare the 165<sup>th</sup> Annual Conclave to be back in session.

**EGP Hileman:** Right Eminent Grand Commander and Sir Knights, we had a total of 86 ballots cast. Don received 36, Kevin received 33, and Chris received 17. There was no majority, and we need to vote again.

**REGC Smith:** You remember who you are voting for, I hope. We will use ballot number 2. Not hearing any withdraws you are still voting on three people and so we are using ballot number 2. Mark those ballots Don, Chris, or Kevin. Officers in the west collect the ballots and give them to the Jurisprudence table.

**REGC Smith:** If anyone entitled to vote needs more time to mark their ballot, please extend your sword arm. Seeing none. Ballots are complete.

**REGC Smith:** So, my dilemma is we have two committee reports remaining and my allocution, which is normally last. I think I will ask Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander to take the dais and I will go down and complete my allocution and await the election results.

**VEDGC Sansone:** I just wanted to take a little bit of opportunity here, if anybody has looked at the schedule, there is four things scheduled at 1:00, more people have to be in at least two of those at the same time and we didn't see any due access to make pizzas or anything like that so what we are going to



do is Sir Knight Keagle is going to hold the Recorders session and I will have the Grand Commander session together. It will take about a half hour at 1:00. At 1:30 the Past Commanders, Order of Knight Preceptors will conduct their ceremony. Hopefully, we can get back on schedule at that point with the divide service and my installation. Then we can all get to the banquet tonight. I just wanted to make that announcement. All Recorders and I would ask all dais officers to attend the short meeting we are going to have at 1:00 after lunch. We will carry on from there.

**VEDGC Sansone:** So now if the Right Eminent Grand Commander chooses, he can give his allocution.

**REGC Smith:** Well, this will be very brief because my command year was very brief due to COVID. I had some great plans. One of those plans was never to have more Zoom conferences, but we had the meeting of your Grand Commandery Officers every month by Zoom conference. We kept the business running and I'm glad we finally came out of this pandemic to the point where we could reconvene the Conclave and I think as a result of not having meetings for a year, local Conclaves, and Lodges, and Chapters are seeing an upsurge in attendance. I hope that continues. One of the things that I am concerned about, and this is a rambling allocution, is as we come out of the COVID year and bringing people in. Almost lined up at our door to get in, we have to make sure we don't lower the bar. We have to maintain quality. Remember the people who are asking to become Knights Templar did so for a reason, they may or may not wanted to become a Knights Templar so they could do more ritual. They may have wanted to become a Knight Templar so they could learn about history and enjoy wearing a uniform and having a sword. I personally don't see anything wrong with that, but if you're one of those people that just thrive on ritual, you will enjoy Knights Templar, I can assure you. I had a couple projects that I'm pushing this year and one of those is our Grand Commandery Charity, which is Eye Foundation. One of the articles I wrote in the Knight Templar magazine, I was sitting in my sunroom, I live on a lake and the lake makes appoint right outside my sunroom. I always get up and watch the news in the morning about 7-10, drink coffee, relax, enjoy being retired and I noticed exactly within 20 minutes every day around 7:30-8:00, 10 or 15 cat squirrels come around from the woods around my lake and go to the Pin Oak tree to get acorns. No fox squirrels, all cat squirrels. They go back to their nest and deposit their loot and about 10:00 fox squirrels, 8-10 fox squirrels make that same trip. They never do it together. I don't understand why nature does it that way, but these cat squirrels and fox squirrels never interfere with each other's hunt for food. As I was watching that, it occurred to me that if I could not see, I wouldn't have noticed that. Eyesight is a very valuable human sense. We don't think about that enough, I don't believe. You also have other important senses, smell, or taste whatever but if you don't have eyesight, it's a long trip. So, what I have done is try to create 100% Life Sponsorship within our Grand Commandery of the Eye Foundation. I asked our Grand Recorder to send out a notification to Commanderies requesting them to invite Sir Knights to join as Life Sponsors for \$30, because when I came up in my Commandery no one ever told me that was an option. No one ever said for \$30 you can become a Life Sponsor, which means you don't pay a dollar for a year nor does your Commandery. I am worried that a lot of Commanderies don't fully explain that to the new Sir Knights. So, I was lucky enough, by the way at the end of his timeline I think we still had 1291 who had not joined as Life Sponsors. That came up to about \$38,000. I asked for, pleaded, and begged and got a grant from the Endowment Fund to pay for all those Sir Knights. So, I think we can safely say at this point the Grand Commandery of Illinois is 100% life sponsors. Now the problem with that is, tomorrow we may not be because if the Commandery has and Order of the Temple, has a new Sir Knight and he says, "No, I'm not doing that" then we are no longer 100%, so how do we fix that? I hope that when we get to the proposed legislation today you will notice in the legislation that we are asking your approval to change the Knighting fee, which is currently \$10 for every Sir Knight that comes in, change that Knighting fee to \$30. Then, that Commandery Recorder sends that \$30 to the Eye Foundation and then we will maintain 100%. So, I hope you will consider that when we vote on the legislation. Another thing that bothered me

when I became a member of the Grand Line, although in the interview process it was fully explained to me that this is an expensive hobby. I wanted to be a Knight Templar, so I understand the expense and that was not an issue for me, luckily. So, I stayed in the line. When I was in the line I was looking around at the members in the line, they are pretty old, most are retired, almost all have silver hair, interesting. I think the reason for that is it is very hard for a young Knight Templar to afford to be in the Grand Commandery Line. A lot of travel, and we don't reimburse anything or didn't at that time. I think that limits our pool of who we can get in the Grand Line, I don't think that's a good thing. We need to have everybody trying to get into the Grand Commandery Line. So, I issued an order that said, based on my Air Force experience, if you travel more than 200 miles one way on official business and you have 200 miles to go home, and you do an inspection which is an all-day event, you are authorized to claim per diem hotel stay. The gas is paid at the IRS nonprofit rate of \$0.37 a mile. The reason the Air Force did that is they didn't want people trying to save money driving 18-20 hours, having a wreck and killing themselves or someone else. When I issued this order that was my philosophy, that this is a safety issue. If you are traveling 20 hours, for example if you are stationed south of the state and you are inspecting in Chicago you have to spend a night, it is just too dangerous to drive that long. We should not expect a young Sir Knight to pay that out of their pocket. I hope the incoming Commander will continue that program. My allocution is published, and the proceedings spoke, and I move that my report be accepted.

Second

**VEDGC Sansone:** Any discussion? All in favor extend sword arm. Down hands. All opposed extend bridal arm. Motion passes.

**REGC Smith:** It has been a pleasure to be your Grand Commander and I wish John all the luck and a better year than I had because of COVID, but I know he is qualified, and he will do a great job.

**VEDGC Sansone:** Thank you

**EGP Hileman:** Right Eminent Grand Commander, I believe we have a winner of the election, and I will explain. As most of you have probably been told at some point for an election to be carried it takes 50% plus one of the registered delegates. Which I don't think we have ever done that way; we have always taken majority of the votes cast. We had 82 votes cast this time so that would mean 41 would be half and 42 would be the majority. Don Cowart had 43 so therefore it is our opinion that we do have an election.

**REGC Smith:** Sir Knight Don Cowart has been elected Junior Grand Warden. Sir Knight Cowart do you accept?

**SK Cowart:** Yes, Sir I do.

**REGC Smith:** Thank you.

**REGC Smith:** Please destroy the ballots.

**REGC Smith:** Are we ready for Treasurer's report?

**EGT Jegen:** Right Eminent Grand Commander and Sir Knights, it's been my pleasure over the last year to perform the function of your Grand Treasurer. Like all Treasurers of Commanderies, the Treasurer of the Grand Commandery is to keep just and accurate books and render his report as required. The report is in your preliminary proceedings, but I would like to highlight a few things. Before I highlight a few of the numbers, let me express my appreciation for the help this year from Dave Hutt and Max Guthrie and the

finance committee for reviewing all of the vouchers in a timely manner so we could get checks out and for reviewing and helping me keep track of investments. I would like to highlight a couple of things, a year ago the basic balance sheet of the Grand Commandery of Illinois was \$196,000 in assets. This year it is \$237,000, that results from two things, Income exceeded expenses by approximately \$15,000 and our unrealized investment income was approximately \$25,000 so the total is \$40,000 increase in asset value. In addition to that basic investment account and funds we have available the Graff Memorial fund, 100% of the income off that fund can be used if necessary for Grand Commandery expenses. We also have the Jones Permanent fund; half of that income can be used for general operations the other half is put back into the fund to increase the Endowment. On the Jones Fund, when it was established in 2003, there was a provision that donations to that fund be encouraged and there is a provision that if someone wants to become a sponsor for that fund, for the payment of \$250, they could do that. I would like to at this time pledge my \$250 and ask that others consider doing that to expand this Jones Fund, which currently sits at \$63,000. Then we can have permanent income for future support of this Grand Commandery. On the incoming expense side, I would like to explain some issues. We show postage was higher than what was budgeted and that is because we did a mailing for the Knight Templar Home and were reimbursed. You will find the reimbursement under other income. Also, under awards and plaques you will find that we exceeded the budget, but we had to find a place to put the new Meritorious Service award cost, and that cost is covered also under other income, which exceeds the budgeted amount. The bottom line is, the income this year exceeded the expenses by \$15,000, which is added to the assets. At this time, I would entertain any questions on the financial reports. I move for acceptance of the report.

Second

**REGC Smith:** It has been moved and seconded to accept the Treasurer's report. Any discussion? All those in favor extend sword arm. Down hands. All those opposed extend bridal arm. Report accepted.

**REGC Smith:** At this time, I would ask that Sir Knight Wheeler approach the podium on the floor, Sir Knight Wheeler is our Membership Chairman and has done a great job and I hope he mentions his Leadership Program which is put together and we have it linked online. We have some awards for him to present. Hopefully, he has script.

**SK Wheeler:** Good morning Right Eminent Grand Commander, thank you. Sir Knights, I have a little speech before I give out the awards. Good morning, Sir Knights. My name is Sir Knight Kevin A. Wheeler Past Eminent Commander of St. Elmo Commandery 64. Although many of you may not know me, I was the one sending everyone, or the Recorders, all those emails about the membership reports and those documents. That was definitely a learning curve, but we made it work. In this past Masonic Year, I had the honor of serving as the aid de camp for Right Eminent Grand Commander Sir Knight Austin Eugene Smith. In addition to that privilege, I was given the honor of serving as your Grand Commandery Membership Committee chair. I know some of you may be thinking, membership chair, so what have they done? This is the real reason why I am in front of you this morning. This year although extremely difficult to work or get anything done, we were able to get out at least two things I am highly proud of. The first being an article written by committee member and Past Eminent Commander Johnny Loayza as a form of guidance on how to create a five-year business plan for your Commanderies, for the purposes of assisting Commanderies that are planning for the future health of your Commanderies. The second, and the reason why I am standing in front of you this morning, is the creation of the State of Illinois Knights Templar Education Program. Has anyone seen it on the Grand Commandery website? Before I continue, let me ask, why did some of you guys become Knights Templar's? Seriously, I want someone to answer that question. To learn more about the Knights Templar, right? For me personally, I wanted to

know more about the history, the mystique, the secrets behind the Knights Templar for they were the best and most honorable Knights of their time. When I became a Knights Templar, although beautiful and not something I would ever trade for the world, I didn't learn much about the actual Knights Templar, what they did outside of masonry, because of that I decided to create this education program we have on our website. The program focuses on informing Knights of the actual history behind our ritual as it pertains to both masonic and actual history. The information on the program is conveniently provided by our Grand Commandery on our resources page under Education program. There are four parts. The first covering the origins of the order as we know it, followed by the section of each chivalric order. At the culmination of each section there is a short quiz with which you receive instant results, finally as a way for Sir Knights to seek further light on the old path, we have three questions regarding an essay format, if you choose to do those, those are optional. For some information, it may be a refresher for those that have been around for a while, but for some of you Sir Knights it is going to be new information. Thank you for listening. I do have three awards regarding membership. I was not told what exactly they were for outside of membership. The first one Grand Encampment Membership Award and that is for Sir Knight William H. Pool Jr. Would you approach the east please. The next is the Grand Commandery Membership Award, Sir Knight Mark A. Tomany and Sir Knight Danny L. Gaddis Jr. Would you both please approach the dais.

**REGC Smith:** Sir Knight Cowart will you approach the floor in front of the dais. Sir Knight Cowart, as the Chairman of our Eye Foundation effort in Illinois, I believe he has some awards to hand out.

**SK Cowart:** Thank you very much. We have awards for the last year due to the worldwide pandemic we weren't able to pass all of them out and I do have a few. First there are some certificates I was handed. If you are here when I read these out can you come up and pick these up. These are from last year as well as a couple plaques. This is for Silangan Commandery, Bethel Commandery, St. Bernard Commandery, and Apollo Commandery. We will let Sir Knight William Jegen collect this Apollo. Also, there is a plaque for Urbana Commandery from last year, is there anyone here that can come get it? Also, a seal from Melita Commandery. Urbana Commandery is a beautiful plaque for the Eye Foundation. Very good job last year. Now moving on to this year. These are the seals; we will start with those. Bethel Commandery, St. Aldemar Commandery, Macomb Commandery, Evanston Commandery, Trinity Commandery, Tancred Commandery, Elwood Commandery, Rock Island Commandery, Aurora Commandery, St. Omer Commandery. For this year we have certificates to Beaumanoir Commandery, Urbana Commandery, Crusader Commandery, Dixon Commandery, DeMolay Commandery, Melita Commandery, Mt. Olivet Commandery, Constantine Commandery, St. Elmo Commandery, Patton Commandery, and Quincy Commandery. The Knights Templar Eye Foundation highly appreciates the contributions that you made. Also, we have a couple plaques, beautiful plaques for participation. Galesburg Commandery and Mizpah Commandery, these are for Commanderies that have more than \$10 per member. That is all the current and last year's awards. I move that the Eye Foundation report be approved.

Second

**REGC Smith:** It has been moved and seconded to accept the report of the Eye Foundation Committee. Any discussion? All those in favor extend the sword arm. Down hands. All those opposed extend bridal arm. Motion passes.

**REGC Smith:** Sir Knights I believe that's all the committee reports that I plan to call. The other reports are published in the book of preliminary proceedings, so I encourage you to read those. Thanks to all the committee members for doing a great job this year. We are now at the point where we will go into proposed legislation. If you have been looking at the book of proceedings, you probably rolled your eyes

and think we will be here all day. I will move through this quickly. If you read the proposed legislation, you have noticed several proposed changes that dealt with commas, grammar, and spacing, didn't change anything other than that. I hope that we can agree that we do want proper formatting in our bylaws, so when we get to those, we should be able to get to those very fast. That leaves us with one that we need to vote on at this time. I will read the be it resolved section, if you follow along in your book of proceedings you will know what I'm talking about. We are talking about section 405B of the statutes of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois. The proposal is to amend that statute by changing the amount of the knighting fee from \$10 to \$30 and adding the following language. Which shall be used by the Grand Commandery to purchase a life sponsorship in the Knights Templar Eye Foundation Incorporated for him, that being the new Knight. Is there any discussion on that proposed amendment? You can see and I will read if it's approved.

**REGC Smith:** Is there any discussion on that proposed amendment? Hearing none. I will go to the vote. All those in favor in amending section 405B vote by sending the sword arm. Down hands. Opposed vital arm. Motion passes. Thank you very much.

**REGC Smith:** The next be it resolved is section 411 of the Statutes of Grand Commandery, we recommend that section be amended by changing the word Committee to read Committees on the second sentence of the paragraph. Any discussion on that proposed amendment? Hearing none. All those in favor extend the sword arm. Down hands. All those opposed extend bridal arm. Motion passes.

**REGC Smith:** The next change is proposed to change section 411, subparagraph 1, to change the last word from Follows to follows, the difference is the capitalization of the word follows and also in the last sentence of that section we change the capitalization of the word Five to lower case five to get grammatically correct. Any discussion on that proposed amendment? Hearing none. All those in favor extend the sword arm. Down hands. All those opposed extend bridal arm. Motion passes.

**REGC Smith:** The next section is 414 (A), we propose to amend that section to delete the semicolon following the word recorder and adding a comma in its place, deleting the word "to" preceding the comma following the word giving and by correcting the spelling of therefor. Any discussion on that proposed amendment? Hearing none. All those in favor extend the sword arm. Down hands. All those opposed extend bridal arm. Motion passes.

**REGC Smith:** Be it resolved that section 415 (P) is amended to change the word Amount to amount, the difference being the capitalization in the word amount. Any discussion on that proposed amendment? Hearing none. All those in favor extend the sword arm. Down hands. All those opposed extend bridal arm. Motion passes.

**REGC Smith:** Be it resolved section 438 (A), be amended to eliminate unnecessary spaces in the currency numbers on lines four and five. Also, delete the requirement to have insurance on Hired and Non-Owned automobiles. Any discussion on that proposed amendment? Hearing none. All those in favor extend the sword arm. Down hands. All those opposed extend bridal arm. Motion passes.

**REGC Smith:** Be it resolved section 453 second paragraph, be amended to capitalize the word Grand preceding the word Recorder. Any discussion on that proposed amendment? Hearing none. All those in favor extend the sword arm. Down hands. All those opposed extend bridal arm. Motion passes.

**REGC Smith:** Be it resolved section 415 (P), is amended to change the word Amount to read amount in the first sentence, and the word chartered to read chartered, correction of misspelling. Any discussion on that proposed amendment? Hearing none. All those in favor extend the sword arm. Down hands. All those opposed extend bridal arm. Motion passes.

**REGC Smith:** Be it resolved that section 417 (D) be amended to add Standing Committees following the word Perennial in the first sentence. Any discussion on that proposed amendment? Hearing none. All those in favor extend the sword arm. Down hands. All those opposed extend bridal arm. Motion passes.

**REGC Smith:** Be it resolved section 459 in the statues of the Grand Commandery of the Knights Templar of the state of Illinois be amended by inserting immediately after the first provided the following, the quorum to conduct business shall not be less than five Sir Knights entitled to vote therein, by removing the parenthetical in its entirety. Any discussion on that proposed amendment? Hearing none. All those in favor extend the sword arm. Down hands. All those opposed extend bridal arm. Motion passes.

**REGC Smith:** Be it resolved to amend section 477 to correct the quotation mark in the second sentence immediately following the word Vines and before the word around and eliminate the comma following the word Vines. Any discussion on that proposed amendment? Hearing none. All those in favor extend the sword arm. Down hands. All those opposed extend bridal arm. Motion passes.

**REGC Smith:** Be it resolved to amend section 477 Mantel (21), to delete duplicate verbiage without changing any contend. What happens is we are cutting and pasting, and we have the same sections twice, so we are just eliminating one of those. Any discussion on that proposed amendment? Hearing none. All those in favor extend the sword arm. Down hands. All those opposed extend bridal arm. Motion passes.

**REGC Smith:** Be it resolved that the Asylum Tactics of the Grand Commandery of Illinois be amended as follows, Opening: Rehearsal instructions on page 19 should read as follows, and then we have the grip and Immaculate word to read as follows, it should be in your book of proceedings. Any discussion on that proposed amendment? Hearing none. All those in favor extend the sword arm. Down hands. All those opposed extend bridal arm. Motion passes.

**REGC Smith:** I think I'm through with proposed legislation, anyone disagree? And I remind you that it's only 11:09.

**REGC Smith:** Be it resolved that 415 (L) is to be amended by inserting the word the word "in" between the word "keep" and the word "the" in the first sentence. Any discussion on that proposed amendment? Hearing none. All those in favor extend the sword arm. Down hands. All those opposed extend bridal arm. Motion passes.

**REGC Smith:** Any others that I missed?

(inaudible)

**REGC Smith:** I was under the impression that was withdrawn by the proposer.

**SK McDorman:** That is not the case Sir.

**REGC Smith:** Ok.

**SK McDorman:** Right Eminent Grand Commander, I am Michael McDorman Past Commander of Galesburg Commandery No.8, and I would also like to amend my proposal to the following. As it would read as amended, SECTION 449. Jurisdiction of all Commanderies in the State of Illinois shall be concurrent. By concurrent jurisdiction is meant that the territorial jurisdiction exercised by one Commandery is the common property of all Commanderies in the State. Any Commandery may receive the petition of any duly qualified petitioner who is a Capitular and Cryptic Mason residing in the State of Illinois and act thereon.

**REGC Smith:** Ok. Everyone understands the proposal. Do I have a second?

Second

**REGC Smith:** Motion and a second. Any discussion?

**EGT Jegen:** Yes, this was discussed at the jurisprudence committee. My understanding was that the wording was found to be inappropriate and not to be presented.

**REGC Smith:** Ok, if I understand you correctly, you are proposing a change to what you submitted in the amendment, am I correct?

**SK McDorman:** Yes, Grand Commander. Initially it specified only a qualified Cryptic Mason. I amended it to petitioner who is a Capitular and Cryptic Mason.

(Unable to hear)

**EGT Jegen:** Was that presented to the Jurisprudence Committee?

**REPGC Unanue:** If I may, this is an amendment to something that has been published, I think it should be deferred until next year.

**REGC Smith:** I have a motion and a second to vote and I have a recommendation from the Jurisprudence to wait until next year. So, how do we handle this?

(Inaudible)

**REGC Smith:** What is your thought Sir Knight McDorman?

**SK McDorman:** Grand Commander I would like to propose a vote on the proposed amendment as amended.

**REGC Smith:** Would you please read your amendment again, slowly? You can come up to the podium here if you want.

**SK McDorman:** Sir Knights the amendment as it would read, if amended. "SECTION 449. Jurisdiction of all Commanderies in the State of Illinois shall be concurrent. By concurrent jurisdiction is meant that the territorial jurisdiction exercised by one Commandery is the common property of all Commanderies in the State. Any Commandery may receive the petition of any duly qualified petitioner who is a Capitular and Cryptic Mason residing in the State of Illinois and act thereon." This would require all future Knight Templar petitioners to be both a member of a Chapter and Council. It would not require anyone who is existing as a Knight Templar that is only a Chapter Mason. It cannot require them to go back and become Council member if they do not desire.

**REGC Smith:** Please stay there while we have a motion and a second on the floor. Any discussion? Can you approach the mic? If it doesn't work, you will have to approach the podium and speak in the mic.

**SK:** Right Eminent Grand Commander and Sir Knights, I just want to make sure that the proposal is; you should have your Chapter degrees and you should have your Council degrees and then you should petition to be a Knights Templar.

**SK McDorman:** That is the intent.

**SK:** Then I urge everyone to vote for it, thank you.

**REGC Smith:** We have had one for, do we have any against?

**REPGC Schlosser:** Right Eminent Grand Commander, I would like to approach the podium.

**REGC Smith:** You may.

**REPGC Schlosser:** Sir Knights, I'm a little confused. Yesterday the Council postponed voting on removing the Chapter as a prerequisite to their membership. Today they are asking us, the Grand Commandery, to make them a prerequisite to us. If I remember, and if you forgot stand up and look around, we are the same people. What are we doing to ourselves? We are trying to put ourselves in such a hole that we can't dig ourselves out of. We can't continue to make a progression, even the Grand Lodge has recognized this is a journey not a destination. Masonic light needs to come to all of us, not in a progressive order, but in an open ideal of traversing education and understanding to enlightenment. Don't put a hole in our organization that we can't dig out of, by putting prerequisites in place where they are not now. Thank you, Grand Commander.

**SK Adamson:** Sir Knights I am Steven Adamson Joliet Commandery #4 Past Commander, I just wanted to throw a clarification. I understood it to be for the Chapter and Council of Illinois. I know for out of state people, may be coming or going whatever their journey may be, but I would like to recommend or suggest that they are just in good standing with their State however that would be.

**SK McDorman:** I believe it said a petitioner who is a Capitular and Cryptic Mason, it didn't necessarily say the State of Illinois. As long as they are recognized by Illinois.

**SK Ward:** Most Illustrious and Sir Knights, my name is Tim Ward, and I am Past Commander of Sycamore Commandery 15. I will say I agree whole heartedly with what Russ has pointed out. We should not put restrictions, however the Grand Commandery has already put said restrictions in place. As it reads, petition of any duly qualified Royal Arch Mason. So, if we want to get rid of restrictions we need to start there. I would say in some verbiage a Mason in good standing as opposed to putting any specific bodies in there.

**REGC Smith:** Any other discussion?

**EGT Jegen:** Yes, Right Eminent Grand Commander, William Jegen. Past Commander of Apollo Commandery 1. The requirement of Royal Arch Mason is the Grand Encampment requirement, we cannot change or eliminate that. I believe our Department Commander will agree with that. The request here is basically to add an additional prerequisite to becoming a Knight Templar. I don't believe that is prudent and would recommend this body reject that additional prerequisite and vote no on this proposition. Thank you.

**REGC Smith:** Approach the mic please.

**SK Eberle:** Stewart Eberle Past Commander of Emanuel Commandery 86 affiliated now with Belvidere Commandery #2. I rise in support of a point of order and precedent that many of our Grand Commanderies across the nation require membership in both organizations as a prerequisite. There is precedence that this is proper.

**SK Helfer:** Right Eminent Grand Commander Derek Helfer Past Commander of Beaumanoir Commandery #9. I don't have a for or against, I just wanted to ask, since we do have members from out of state jurisdictions that are currently present, if we could hear from them whether they require it or not in their state, just for informational purposes for this body. Thank you.

**REGC Smith:** Ok, before we do that, I will invite our Department Commander to make his comments.



**REDC Pugh:** Good morning, Sir Knights. There are some Grand Commanderies that require this prerequisite for Council. Let me ask you something, where does it stop? The Grand Encampment says you have to be a Master Mason and you have to be a Royal Arch Mason. Where does it stop because where is it that it says that? Specifically, it tells you that your obligation when you are kneeling at the altar becoming a Knights Templar. Where I agree with Sir Knight Russ, where does it stop? I believe you should belong to both, first of all, I really do. I don't understand why this would even be an issue, why would you not want to be a Council member if you are a Mason? I don't think you should put restrictions on it. West Virginia for example, does not have Council and I believe Virginia does not have Council. Both of those degrees are covered in the Chapter. I have a good friend who is a Past High Grand Priest at Virginia, and he got two quadrants, he got the purple and the red. It's up to you, but I just wanted to clarify the only thing the Grand Encampment requires is Royal Arch, it is in the obligation as Royal Arch. I will warn you, unless it goes to the Ritual Committee, if you do pass this it doesn't go in the obligation and Cryptic Masons also. That obligation still stays the same for the Royal Arch Masons. I think that this went way back. You would have to look at the history of this when the Royal Select was also covered in Chapter, and that is why it was they had just Royal Arch Masons in there. Times have changed a little bit. I just wanted to clarify that there are some, not many but some. So, thank you Right Eminent Grand Commander.

**REGC Smith:** I think I will end discussion at this point. It is my understanding from the parliamentarian that we have to vote on the proposer's amendment to his original proposal.

(Unable to hear)

**REGC Smith:** So, as I understand it, we are voting to approve his amendment to his original motion. Everybody understand what you are voting on. Any more discussion before we vote? You have a proposed amendment, he changed that this morning. What we are voting on now is his change to his original motion, which was submitted in writing. So, all we are doing is approving his change. If we do that, and it is approved, then we vote on the original motion. Hearing no further discussion. We will go to the vote. On the amendment to the proposal, all those in favor extend sword arm. All those opposed extend bridal arm. It appears to me that the motion passes to accept his amendment to his original motion. So, now we vote on the original motion as amended. Sir Knight McDorman will you please read your proposal as amended.

**SK McDorman:** The amended version, Right Eminent Grand Commander would read, and permission to start after the Commandery as the first sentence remains unchanged. The second sentence would read, any Commandery may receive the petition of any duly qualified petitioner who is a Capitular and Cryptic Mason residing in the State of Illinois and act thereon.

**REGC Smith:** Is there any need for further discussion before we vote?

(Inaudible)

**REGC Smith:** Jurisprudence has recommended a paper ballot, so have your ballots ready. We are using ballot number 3. Vote yes or no. Sir Knights in the West will collect the ballots and take them to the Jurisprudence table.

**REPGC Schlosser:** Right Eminent Grand Commander with your permission, may I make an announcement about the upcoming Order of the Preceptory?

**REGC Smith:** You may.

**REPGC Schlosser:** Sir Knights the Order of the Preceptory will be taking place at 1:00pm in the Redford Room A, which is right over here in the corner down the hallway and turn right. The Order of the Preceptory is available to any Past Commanders or any Commander that has been installed or any Generalissimo who will be elected and installed prior to next year's session. So, those of you who aren't familiar the Order of the Preceptory is a national organization that replaced our old Past Commanders degree. For those of you who are desirous of becoming part of the Preceptory, if you would please show up around a quarter until one so our Recorder could record you and we will make sure we are done so you are able to attend the religious service.

**REGC Smith:** What Sir Knight Schlosser meant to say was 1:30 according to John.

**REPGC Schlosser:** Exactly my words completely, thank you for that correction Right Eminent Commander, hence the reason why he is Right.

**REGC Smith:** Looks like we are still counting votes. We will give them a few more minutes. I reminded Sir Knights in this room that as soon as we get a vote and get through the other vote, if necessary, we have two speakers left. Before those speakers start there will be no further business from this floor, so if you have something to bring up and discuss it has to be done as soon as we finish voting. Otherwise, not at this Conclave.

**EGR Keagle:** Right Eminent Grand Commander

**REGC Smith:** Yes

**EGR Keagle:** May I make an announcement?

**REGC Smith:** Yes

**EGR Keagle:** I would like all the Past Grands who haven't received a packet from me to stop by the desk here at the end of the session and a representative, or preferably the Recorder from every Commandery to come up and get a packet from me when we end the session today. Thank you.

**VEDGC Sansone:** Sir Knights while we don't have business being conducted and the votes are being counted, I wanted to try to give you a little bit of insight on what my plans are for this upcoming year, mainly in inspections and schools area. We need to advance the age of our population to do the full inspection and evening work is beginning to be too much for a lot of the Sir Knights who participate. So, what I'm planning on is schools of instruction, we will actually do a division level open inspection for our evening work. Participation in the schools by members of the Commandery will count heavily towards your grade in the inspection. You are going to get 5 points for members attending school, and if you get 3 members there or more, you get an extra bonus on your points. So, it's carrying a lot of weight. The other thing I am planning on doing this year is we will be grading performance. What I also want the Commanderies to start to be able to do is as much as they can by themselves. We give a performance grade 1-5, that performance will remain with the Commandery no matter who does the work. If you are a member of the Commandery and you do the work, but you are not the installed officer, you will get 3 points for participation. If you are the installed officer, you will get 5 points. If you are a member from a visiting Commandery, that Commandery will get 5 points for participation. So, traveling to help out your other Commanderies is highly encouraged. We all can't do it alone; we all need each other. The other thing I am introducing is that if you have a women's program at your inspection you get another 100 points. To have women there and to have a gathering of the women is very important, we should be bringing our families in, so that could be very important in your grade. You will be graded on your opening, you will be graded on your Order of the Temple, and you will be graded on the closing at your

inspections. The divisions will remain the same as they are this year. The Inspecting Officers will be in the same position, the rest will be the Aide of the Inspecting Officer. I think we have a vote, so they are going to kick me off. I will have just enough next year.

(Inaudible)

**REGC Smith:** I did not hear you. Did the motion pass or fail?

**REPGC Hileman:** Fail.

**SK McDorman:** Right Eminent Grand Commander, I thank you and the members for the consideration of this motion, and I look forward to continuing our journey regardless, thank you.

**REGC Smith:** You have the option to resubmit next year.

**SK McDorman:** I don't know if that will be necessary.

**REGC Smith:** Last chance to have any input into this Annual Conclave before our guest speakers. Any comments? Hearing none. Our Department Commander, if he is ready, is welcome to make any comments.

**REDC Pugh:** Thank you, Right Eminent Grand Commander, good morning again Sir Knights. I congratulate Illinois on becoming 100% in the Eye Foundation sponsorship. If you ever have an opportunity to go to an East Central, or any, department conference please go and listen to the Eye Foundation presentation, it is amazing. I do bring you the greetings of the Most Eminent Grand Master Jeffery N. Nelson, who we have a Triennial coming up in a couple weeks that hopefully some of you are going to be going to in Minneapolis. Hopefully the covid will stay away the next couple of weeks. This was an extraordinary time to be a Mason. I really feel for Past Grand Commander Bill Farris. He didn't have the opportunity to do all the things a Grand Commander gets to do. We had a Grand Commander in Ohio, we shut down in March, there were several Grand Commanders that did not have that opportunity to go through and get to do those plans that they had longed to do. I know the Grand Commander from Indiana decided that he would like to serve another term, so he is going to get to do some of the things he really wanted to do. One of the things I was so sad was that they did not get to march up Shooters Hill at the Easter Sunrise Service. If you have never been to the Easter Sunrise Service, you should go one time in your Templar career. That is a very nice morning for you to experience, to be able to sit out there at the George Washington Memorial and, most of the time, it's a very nice Spring Day. I have also been there when there has been snow coming down. I do congratulate Sir Knight Gene on a good year, he's had a very good year. Me and him were talking back and forth many times, you guys are off to a good start. I see so far you had 21 knightings at the end of the year. I know there are some throughout this department, my home Commander this last week did 10 or 12 knightings. We did the Council degrees, and we did Red Cross and the Order of the Temple. It was a long day, but it was well worth it. The Masons that are coming in right now, they are on fire, they are wanting free masonry. We have to capitalize on this at this time. We can't hold back; we have to move forward. I also think that we need to listen to what some of our younger members are telling us. There were things that we did, that we tried during the close of all of this. Do I think we should do it all the time? No. Do I think it's viable, I'm talking about the zoom meetings that type of thing, we should explore that. I know that we saw members from all over that, one in particular was from Nevada. He hasn't been to a Commandery meeting in years and now that we are going back to the traditional, he can't come back. I think that we can combine these somehow, some way to make it work for everybody. I do not want to get back to the point where I'm just going to stay here on a good February night and I'm not going to go support my Commandery, I don't think that's right, we shouldn't be doing that. I'm

talking about out of state members. Right Eminent Grand Commander we have had so far, a great session.

Grand Commander what we are getting ready to present is something that was your selection and your selection alone. A Commandery had to vote and submit his name to you for the honor for the Knight Templar Cross of Honor. It is your selection, you don't have a committee, you look at all the applications and you make that selection. I'm going to let you read this please and let you do this.

**REGC Smith:** Certificate of award to whom these presents come greetings, this is to certify that Sir Knight Billy M. Burden member of DeMolay Commandery 24 Knights Templar of the Grand Commandery of Illinois has been awarded the Knights Templar Cross of Honor. In recognition of his exceptional and meritorious service rendered to the Order of Knights Templar. Far beyond the call of duty and beyond the service expected Sir Knight Burden, will you approach the East.

**REDC Pugh:** Sir Knight Burden it is indeed an honor to be able to present this certificate to you. Congratulations. This is the highest honor in Templary that you can receive. This is a big one, so congratulations, I'm really excited for you.

**SK Burden:** Sir Knights this is an absolute surprise. When I see awards given, I think that guy really did something special to earn that and I have no idea what I did. I love masonry, the York Rite, the College, what an honor, what an absolute honor. I thank you all very much.

(Inaudible)

**REGC Smith:** Anyone that wants to take a picture, you can.

**REDC Pugh:** I'm pretty confident, Grand Commander, that we can't mess up now it's very well over. It is indeed a pleasure to be able to present this to you. The Grand Commandery of the Knights Templar Commander Certificate. This is to certify that Sir Knight Austin Eugene Smith, has elected, installed and completed his term of office as the Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Illinois for the Templar year 2021. He is entitled to the rank, distinction, and privileges of a Past Grand Commander. In witness thereof we have inscribed our signatures and caused the seal of the Grand Encampment on this 24<sup>th</sup> day of June AD 2021 AO 903 and it was signed by Jeffery N. Nelson, our Grand Master. So, Congratulations Grand Commander, it's a pleasure to present that to you. Sir Knights I do want to thank everyone, this is my last visitation to Illinois in this capacity. I would ask that you think about 2024, put a drill team back together, come to Salt Lake. I am going to be the Drill chairman of the competitive drill and drill regulations for the Grand Encampment for Mike Johnson. Think about putting a drill team together. One of the things I'm thinking about doing when I'm the Drill Chairman, I'm thinking about having an open class and it's going to consist of about 12-15 Knights. If you read some of the earlier proceedings of the Grand Encampment, it will tell you when you showed up to the Grand Encampment for drill competition you never knew what it was. You showed up and they handed you the sheet and said here is what the drill competition is, and the Sir Knights went out and they performed. Isn't that going to be a lot of fun watching, I think it will be. Thank you for all the hospitality you have shown to me and the office which I hold and congratulations and continued success.

**REGC Smith:** Thank you. At this time, I will ask the Grand Master of Grand Masons of the state of Illinois if he would like to make comments.

**MWGM Oakley:** Please be seated. Right Eminent Grand Commander Smith, Sir Knights. If you were here yesterday you heard how I opened my speech, it was how good and pleasurable it is for brethren to get

together in unity, and brethren it truly is. I think we are facing a little bit of a challenge coming up here in the next few weeks. I just received notice that the Governor has issued CDC warnings in the areas that have a high concentration of exposure. We are probably going to work our way back into some sort of mandate on masks or something to see if that works. As always, the Grand Lodge will go along with what the Governor orders. I need everyone to understand that we are all grown men and make our own decisions but, that's the way that is. Eminent Grand Commander I appreciate, and I thank you for all the hospitality that I have been shown while I was here, along with my officers. I want to thank all of them for being here today. It is my wish and the wish of all your Grand Lodge Officers that we continue a strong relationship with all of our York Rite brethren. As we strive to free ourselves from the grasp of the Covid pandemic, I see more excitement and enthusiasm in our lodges in the hope that we are able to keep that going and sustain that for the coming times. We are planning on having a full, wide open Grand Lodge session in October, everybody knows when that is, it is the first Friday after the first Tuesday. We know there is only one Friday after the first Tuesday. It is going to be October 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>. I hope to see all of you there. We are hoping this is going to be a good turnout and we are going to try to make it a celebration. I really think we need to get back together and see our old friends and see if we can make some new ones. Thank you very much.

**REGC Smith:** Eminent Grand Captain General. I am about to adjourn this 165<sup>th</sup> annual conclave. See that the Grand Sentinel be informed and that he guards accordingly.

**EGCG Carnall:** Eminent Grand Warder. Inform the Eminent Grand Sentinel that the Right Eminent Grand Commander is about to adjourn this Grand conclave and direct him to guard accordingly.

**EGCG Carnall:** Right Eminent Grand Commander, your order has been obeyed.

**REGC Smith:** Commandery attention. Uncover. The Grand Prelate pronounce the benediction.

**EGP Hileman:** (Inaudible)

**REGC Smith:** Recover. By the virtue of the power invested in me as the Grand Commander I declare this 165<sup>th</sup> Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Illinois adjourned.

Eminent Grand Warder inform the Eminent Grand Sentinel that the 165<sup>th</sup> Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of the Knights Templar of the state of Illinois is now adjourned.

**REGC Smith:** You can destroy the ballots, yes.

**REGC Smith:** The next meeting of this Conclave will be July the 30<sup>th</sup> of 2022. You are dismissed.

## ALLOCUTION

During my 5 years in the Grand Commandery advancing line, I had developed several ideas which I planned to implement when I became Grand Commander, none of those involved holding more ZOOM teleconferences! I would never wish upon anyone the command situation in which I found myself this past year, given the restrictions imposed by the COVID-19 public health crisis.

I do take some satisfaction from the many positive comments I received about the articles I wrote for the Knight Templar Magazine Illinois insert. I am glad that at least many of you read the articles, I tried to make them worth your time. I guess I am the last generation of Grand Commanders to get to write these articles since the Insert has been discontinued from the magazine.

As the Deputy Grand Commander I was involved in our reorganization of our Illinois Knight Templar Home Corporation and our Endowment Fund into a single Corporation which is now in compliance with applicable Internal Revenue Service rules for a 501(c)3 nonprofit charity. This past year as the Commander this reorganization allowed us to better meet the needs of our members and provide charitable grants to worthwhile projects.

We partnered with the Grand Lodge of Illinois and the Illinois Masonic Outreach Services (IMOS) to develop funding for our Knight Templars who found themselves in need of financial assistance. Through this partnership we have provided over \$125,000 over the past two years, including over \$50,000 this year alone in assistance to members of our Grand Commandery. I have recommended to our incoming REGC that we continue this worthwhile program by making another \$50,000 restricted

donation to IMOS at this year's Annual Communication of our Grand Lodge of Illinois.

As many of you know, I spent almost 34 years of my life in the United States Air Force. Image in uniform is important to me! One of the most frustrating things I found common throughout most of my travels to Constituent Commanderies over the past 6 years was the lack of standardization in Templar uniforms. For the most part, it is not that Knights don't care about their uniform appearance, it is that they don't know the requirements for their specific rank and no one tells them how to correct their mistakes.

Allow me to tell you a short story that illustrates my point. When I retired and moved to the small village of Smithton, I was elected as the Commander of the local American Legion Post. As such I received numerous invitations to be the guest speaker at Memorial Day and Veteran's Day events in the surrounding communities. At one Memorial Day event I was asked to speak at a ceremony in a small cemetery in which many veterans were buried. At the beginning of the ceremony, a detail of 7 Knights of Columbus in full dress uniforms were bringing the folded United States flag to the flag pole to be raised. These Knights of Columbus were truly a sight to see, marching in perfect step through the crowd, uniforms in perfect condition, red mantels and Chapeaus moving in the slight breeze! However, what attracted my attention was the group of a dozen or more youngsters, all who looked to be under the age of 10, walking beside the Knights, staring in wonder at their uniforms and marching precision! I bet each of those children thought at that moment in time, I want to be one of those guys when I grow up!

When is the last time you saw a group of youngsters marching with a group of Knights Templar in public? One reason is we Knights Templar do not appear in public very often. Why not? I recommend we seriously

consider increasing our public appearances in uniform at local parades and other events.

Back to uniform appearance, I found that most Knights Templar, especially the new Knights, have no idea where to find our uniform specifications and requirements. When I became a Templar, I asked a member of my local Commandery where to find the uniform regulations. His reply was “we don’t have one” so just get a black suit and put a second row of buttons on the coat and that should work for now. I was shocked! Of course, we do have a uniform regulation; however, it is buried within the Bylaws of the Grand Commandery and most people cannot find it nor can they break the code on what is required for their specific uniform.

To solve this problem, I developed a Uniform Manual which includes pictures of the correct uniform for each position within a Commandery. I recommend this Uniform Manual be linked on our Grand Commandery webpage so all can have easy access and it can be updated with no expense.

As you have heard far too often, our membership in Knights Templar is declining, and in the foreseeable future we will cease to exist as an organization because we are literally dying off! Gone are the days when thousands of uniformed Knights Templar marched in local parades lead by Knight Templar bands and in some cases mounted Templar cavalry units on well-groomed horses. Why are younger Masons not joining our ranks?

One reason is we are not making membership in Knights Templar attractive and meaningful to younger members! One of the traits of younger generations is that they want what they want, and they want it now! If they don’t find what they are looking for in our organization within a couple of meetings, they will move on. Gone are the days when a young



man wants to become a Knight Templar simply because his father or grandfather was a Knight Templar.

In my personal case, I became a Freemason because I wanted to become a Knight Templar and I found out the only way to be a Knight Templar was to first become a Mason. I was always fascinated by the history of the original Knights Templar. Once I became a Knight Templar I was disappointed that we never talk about history; both of the Masonic Knights Templar and of the original Knights Templar. Many of our Commanderies simply meet, do some ritual (maybe) and go home. This is certain recipe for how to lose membership!

When I appointed our current Membership Chairman, SK Kevin Wheeler, we spoke about the importance of Templar history. I am pleased that Kevin has developed an on-line self-paced training program on the history of Knights Templar. I recommend we continue to stress history. Not everyone who joins a Commandery does so to become an expert on Templar ritual!

The Knight Templar Eye Foundation is our charity and we should all support their efforts. When I became a member of Tancred Commandery no one explained to me that I had an option to become a Life Sponsor of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation for only \$30. No one explained that if I did not buy the Life Sponsorship, then I must pay \$1 per year, or my Commandery had to pay the \$1 for me, as my donation to the Eye Foundation. In fact, it was not until I made a \$1000 donation to the Grand Master's Club did I find out that this donation did not satisfy the requirement to pay \$1 per year as a Knight Templar to support the Eye Foundation. I am certain I am not the only one in the Grand Commandery of Illinois that was unaware of the \$30 Life Sponsor program.

It has been my primary focus during my year of command to have the Grand Commandery of Illinois achieve 100 percent of our membership become Life Sponsors. I first asked our Grand Recorder to advertise to each constituent Commandery that this was a goal and ask that each Commandery solicit Life Sponsorship from each member. Of course, I can't mandate that a member pay the \$30, so at the end of the advertising campaign we had approximately 1291 Sir Knights who are not Life Sponsors. I have requested a grant from the Illinois Knight Templar Home Endowment Fund in the amount of \$38,730 to pay for those members who are not Life Sponsors. This grant, if approved, will allow the Grand Commandery to have 100 percent Life Sponsors of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation.

The problem then becomes how to maintain this 100 percent status as new members join and elect not to pay the \$30 Life Sponsor fee. I am proposing a change to our Grand Commandery Bylaws at this 165<sup>th</sup> Annual Conclave to raise our "Knighting Fee" charged by constituent Commanderies from \$10 to \$30 and then this \$30 is then used to fund the new member's Life Sponsorship. Of course, the Commandery Recorder should report the new member as a Life Sponsor so they receive the certificate for file.

I recommend all future Grand Commanders focus on maintaining the 100 percent Life Sponsor membership. The work of the Knight Templar Eye Foundation is critically important in preserving the most valuable of all human senses, that of sight! The cost to each new Knight Templar is less than a single meal in most restaurants!

At the time this Allocution was written, our Chairman of the Illinois Knight Templar Eye Foundation, SK Dr. Don Cowart informs me that Illinois has placed First among all Grand Encampment State and Subordinate Commanderies in the "Total Contributions plus Trusts plus Wills" category

according to the reports submitted by the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc.

This is fantastic news! Thank you for continuing to help support our charity, the Knights Templar Eye Foundation.

In the business world there is a saying that “you have to spend money to make money!” The same principle is true in the Grand Commandery officer line. Over the 6-year period an officer is in the Advancing Line, travel costs can run into the thousands of dollars. This limits the pool of candidates who can volunteer for the Grand Line. This year I issued Special Order Number 1 authorizing official travel expense reimbursement in certain cases. For example, if an Inspecting Officer is performing an inspection in Chicago and he lives in the far south of the State, his travel time can exceed 6 hours; and if he returns home after an all-day inspection, travel will be into the late evening hours. This is a safety issue! My order will allow him to claim per diem, including meals and hotel expenses and mileage at the IRS rate for nonprofits, if his travel exceed 200 miles one way. This will allow a much larger pool of candidates to apply for the Grand Commandery Line. I recommend this authorization be extended by the incoming Grand Commander.

In conclusion, I see the future of Knights Templar to be promising if we simply understand that gaining membership includes recruiting younger members. We can no longer expect candidates to line up at our door asking to join. We have to sell our product!

It has been my honor to serve our Grand Commandery during the past year and I wish the incoming officers the best.

AUSTON EUGENE SMITH, Grand Commander

# The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of The State of Illinois



## HEADQUARTERS

of

**Auston Eugene Smith**  
Right Eminent Grand Commander

**GENERAL ORDER NO. 1 (A.E. Smith)**  
**1 August 2020**

To the Officers and Members of the Grand and Constituent Commanderies of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Illinois.

### **GREETINGS:**

By the authority of the Grand Master of the Grand Encampment in his General Order Number 12 dated 4 May 2020, this Annual Stated Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Illinois was held by video and teleconference on Saturday, 1 August 2020, A.O. 901.

### **ELECTIONS:**

#### **GRAND OFFICERS INSTALLED**

Auston Eugene Smith	Right Eminent Grand Commander
John M. Sansone	Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander
Wayne R. Clark	Eminent Grand Generalissimo
Richard T. Carnall, KTCH	Eminent Grand Captain General
Jamie E. Emery, KTCH	Eminent Grand Senior Warden
Sean P. McBride	Eminent Grand Junior Warden
Charles E. Hileman, Jr., KCT, REPGC	Eminent Grand Prelate
William E. Jegen, REPGC	Eminent Grand Treasurer
Mark A. Keagle, KCT, REPGC	Eminent Grand Recorder
Don J. Cowart	Eminent Grand Warder
Gary Jascur	Eminent Grand Standard Bearer
Michael D. Staley	Eminent Grand Color Bearer
Gerald D. Peinetti	Eminent Grand Sword Bearer
R. William Perkins	Eminent Grand Sentinel
Jeffery Miller	Eminent Grand Organist

### **ANNUAL APPOINTMENTS:**

#### **COMMISSIONED AIDES**

Peter Arthur James	Aide to the REGC	2021	No. 02
Kevin A. Wheeler	Aide to the REGC	2021	No. 64
David P. Hutt, EPC	Aide to the Grand Treasurer	2021	No. 02
Billy M. Burden, EPC	Aide to the Grand Recorder	2021	No. 24

#### **COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE**

William J. Jones, KGT, MEPGM, REPGC	Chairman	2021	No. 37
Robert K. Cronk, KCT, REPDC, REPGC		2021	No. 17
Charles E. Hileman, Jr., KCT, REPGC		2021	No. 02
Enrique J. Unanue, REPGC		2021	No. 06
H. Wayne Hoffman, KCT, REPGC		2021	No. 03

#### **COMMITTEE ON TEMPLAR DEAD**

Mark A. Keagle, KCT, REPGC, EGR		2021	No. 66
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#### **COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC RELATIONS**

John T. Riedas, KCT, REPGC	Chairman	2021	No. 53
Enrique J. Unanue, REPGC		2021	No. 06

John C. Loayza, Sr. 2021 No. 36

**WEBMASTER**

John M. Sansone, VEDGC Chairman 2021 No. 53

**COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL MEDIA**

Stephen Jourdan Brown Chairman 2021 No. 02

**COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS**

Robert H. Wright Chairman 2021 No. 24  
H. Gary Reichert 2021 No. 51  
Vernon LaGessee 2021 No. 47

**COMMITTEE ON CHARTERS AND DISPENSATIONS**

Wayne R. Clark, EGG 2021 No. 06  
John M. Sansone, VEDGC 2021 No. 53  
Richard T. Carnall, KTCH, EGCG 2021 No. 80

**COMMITTEE ON RITUALS, TACTICS AND DRILL COMPETITION**

Wayne R. Clark, EGG Chairman 2021 No. 06  
Richard T. Carnall, KTCH, EGCG 2021 No. 80  
John M. Sansone, VEDGC 2021 No. 53  
Joseph W. Lucas, KTCH, KCT, REPGC 2021 No. 51  
Robert H. Wright 2021 No. 24

**COMMITTEE TRIENNIAL FUND**

Auston E. Smith, REGC Chairman 2021 No. 02  
John M. Sansone, VEDGC 2022 No. 53  
Mark A. Keagle, KCT, REPGC, EGR Recorder 2021 No. 66

**COMMITTEE ON PROTOCOL**

William J. Jones, KGT, MEPGM, REPGC Chairman 2021 No. 37  
Joseph W. Lucas, KCT, KTCH, REPGC 2021 No. 51  
Enrique J. Unanue, REPGC 2021 No. 06  
John T. Riedas, KCT, REPGC 2021 No. 53  
Charles E. Hileman, Jr., KCT, REPGC, EGP 2021 No. 02

**KNIGHT TEMPLAR MAGAZINE EDITOR**

John T. Riedas, KCT, REPGC No. 53

**COMMITTEE ON ANNUAL CONCLAVE**

Barry D. Weer, KCT Chairman No. 24  
Michael R. Fowler No. 24  
Lee Bradley No. 36  
William E. Jegen, REPGC Treasurer No. 01

**COMMITTEE ON FISCAL OFFICERS FUND**

John M. Sansone, VEDGC Chairman 2021 No. 53  
Wayne R. Clark, EGG 2022 No. 06  
Richard T. Carnall, KTCH, EGCG 2023 No. 80  
David P. Hutt, GWB 2024 No. 02  
William E. Jegen, REPGC Treasurer No. 01  
Mark A. Keagle, KCT, REPGC Recorder No. 66

**COMMITTEE ON HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE FUND**

Charles E. Hileman, Jr., KCT, REPGC, EGP Chairman No. 02  
Pressly A. Laird, KCT, REPGC No. 77  
Don J. Cowart No. 80  
William J. Farris, KCT, REPGC No. 17

**COMMITTEE ON MEMBERSHIP**

Kevin A. Wheeler	Chairman	2021	No. 64
Richard R. Sinclair, Jr.,		2021	No. 47
John C. Loayza, Sr.,		2021	No. 36
Wayne R. Clark, EGG		2021	No. 06
Nyle G. Waters, KTCH		2021	No. 47

**PERENNIAL APPOINTMENTS:**

**COMMITTEE KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION**

William J. Farris, KCT, REPGC	Chairman	2025	No. 17
Nyle G. Waters, KTCH		2021	No. 47
Matthew F. Gibbons		2022	No. 17
Auston E. Smith, REGC		2023	No. 02
Mark A. Keagle, KCT, REPGC, Secretary/Treasurer		2024	No. 66

**COMMITTEE ON KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EYE FOUNDATION,  
DIVISION OF THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF ILLINOIS**

Bradley L. Baker, KTCH	State Chairman	2021	No. 36
H. Gary Reichert		2022	No. 51
Don J. Cowart, EPC		2023	No. 80

**COMMITTEE ON FINANCE**

David P. Hutt, GWB	Chairman	2021	No. 02
James W. Patton,		2022	No. 35
Max E. Guthrie, KTCH		2023	No. 38

**COMMITTEE ON ELOISE H. PHILLIPS CHARITY FUND**

John M. Sansone, VEDGC	Chairman	2021	No. 53
Jamie A. Emery, KTCH, EGJW		2022	No. 08
David P. Hutt, GWB		2023	No. 02
William E. Jegen, REPGC, EGT	Treasurer	E-O	No. 01
Mark A. Keagle, KCT, REPGC, EGR	Recorder	E-O	No. 66

**COMMITTEE ON INVESTMENTS**

David P. Hutt, GWB	Chairman	2023	No. 02
Robert K. Cronk, KCT, REPDC, REPGC		2022	No. 05
William E. Jegen, REPGC, EGT		E-O	No. 01
Mark A. Keagle, KCT, REPGC, EGR		E-O	No. 66

At the first Stated Conclave following receipt, this Order is to be read IN FULL and a record of its reading included in the minutes of the Stated Conclave.

A report of the reading will be made to the Right Eminent Grand Commander, Sir Knight Auston E. Smith, 5205 Live Oak Dr., Smithton, IL 62285, with the enclosed Promulgation.



With All Knightly Courtesy,

Attest:

AUSTON EUGENE SMITH  
Grand Commander

MARK A. KEAGLE  
Grand Recorder

# The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of The State of Illinois



**HEADQUARTERS**  
**Auston Eugene Smith**  
Grand Commander  
5205 Live Oak Drive  
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GENERAL ORDER NO. 2 (A.E. Smith)  
UNIFORMS, AWARDS AND JEWELS  
1 November 2020

To the Officers and Members of the Grand and Constituent Commanderies of the Grand  
Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Illinois.

GREETINGS:

## **UNIFORMS**

It is the responsibility of each Eminent Commander of each Constituent Commandery to read and understand Section 62 of the Grand Encampment Statutes, quoted as follows:

- (a) The Order of Knights Templar is declared to be a "Uniformed Order.
- (b) The purchase of a uniform by a candidate shall be optional, unless the Grand Commandery holding Jurisdiction shall, under the provisions of Section 41(i), require each member of its Constituent Commanderies to be provided with a Templar uniform.
- (c) Each officer of any Constituent or Subordinate Commandery shall be required to possess a dress uniform prior to his installation, and retain possession during his incumbency in office." (1976, p. 182-184 & 336-337)
- (d) Each Constituent or Subordinate Commandery shall maintain a unit or units, equipped with full Templar uniforms as prescribed in Chapter XIX of the Statutes of the Grand Encampment, or that prescribed by the several Grand Commanderies, to be worn at full form openings and the conferring of the Order of the Temple. Such unit or units shall at all times be composed of at least six active members who shall be available for Asylum escort, triangle guard duty, Commandery drill team and such additional requirements as the Commandery may from time to time determine. (1967, p. 118-119)
- (e) In lieu of the regulation Templar uniform, a Constituent Commandery may provide and use Ceremonial Robes conforming to and consistent with the historical traditions and practices of Templary. These Ceremonial Robes are to be used only in the Asylum for the conferring of the Order of the Temple and/or for the opening and closing of a Commandery of Knights Templar and their

design and material shall be approved by the Grand Commandery under which it is Chartered. (1940, p 257-315)

It is the responsibility of each Commander to read, understand and ensure compliance with Section 477 of the Grand Commandery of Illinois Constitution & Bylaws which specifies the uniform(s) of a Knight Templar. Each individual Commander of a Constituent Commandery in this Grand Commandery is personally responsible for ensuring each uniform worn by a member of his Commandery conforms to the requirements of Section 477.

During the Annual Inspection of a Constituent Commandery, should the uniform of either the Commander, Generalissimo, or Captain General be non compliant with the requirements of Section 477, the Commandery shall not be eligible to win any Divisional Honors for the Inspection year.

During the conferral of the Orders of Knighthood, the members participating in the ritualistic work shall be dressed as Knights Templar, wearing uniforms legalized by the Grand Commandery of that jurisdiction and the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America. (1961, p. 47, No. 16, Wiebe)

No Knight of Malta shall be created a Knight Templar in a Constituent Commandery unless when dubbed, he possesses the uniform prescribed by the Grand Commandery of Illinois or it shall be loaned to him by the Commandery for the purpose of the Ceremony. (Section 477, Grand Commandery Bylaws)

#### **AUTHORIZED TEMPLAR JEWELS**

On the standard uniform coat, Templar Jewels are to be worn from the left shoulder seam to the left lapel in the following order: Red Cross or Malta Jewel, as preferred, and honorary jewels ending with the highest jewel of office. The Malta Jewel must be worn on the uniform coat even if no other jewels are worn." Jewels are to be placed in a straight line even with the breast pocket and will not exceed the number that can be placed in the specified area of the uniform coat. No items, other than a name badge and the Grand Encampment jewels, authorized by the GEKT are to be worn on the right side of the uniform coat. Sir Knights wearing jewels in any other manner will be considered to be in violation of the laws of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar.

#### **YORK CROSS OF HONOR JEWEL (KYCH)**

The award of the Knights of the York Cross of Honor Jewel (KYCH) is a York Rite Honor; therefore, the KYCH Jewel should **never** be worn on the Knight Templar uniform. The only item that may be worn on the Templar uniform is one that has been authorized by the Grand Encampment or Grand Commandery uniform code. (Decision. 1955, page 97, No. 21, Gordon)

#### **KNIGHTS TEMPLAR CROSS OF HONOR**

The Knights Templar Cross of Honor for exceptional and meritorious service to the order was established by Section 237(b) of the Grand Encampment Statutes. This award can be awarded to only one Sir Knight in this jurisdiction and previous nominations shall be resubmitted during the current year. All nominations shall be submitted to the Grand Commander no later than **April 1, 2021.**

#### **G. WILBUR BELL EXCALIBUR AWARD**

This award can be awarded to two Sir Knights in this jurisdiction and previous nominations shall be resubmitted during the current year. All nominations shall be submitted to the Grand Commander no later than **April 1, 2021.**



**GRAND COMMANDERY MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL**

The Grand Commandery Meritorious Service Medal (MSM) award is available to all Commanderies to award to their worthy members. This is not a Grand Encampment award so, if awarded, it is to be worn on the left side of the uniform coat in line with other jewels. Only one such award per Commandery may be awarded in a calendar year. Each Constituent Commandery has the option of awarding this medal. This award is available from the Grand Recorder for a cost of \$100 each (plus shipping) to be paid by the Commandery.

**PAST COMMANDER CROSS AND CROWN AWARD**

As an incentive and encouragement to the Dais Officers to actively complete the three dais positions and provide the expectations of leadership of their offices, the Grand Commandery has developed a Past Commander Cross and Crown Award program. The Cross and Crown Award program will issue, through the Grand Recorder, Green Certificates of Completion for the positions of Captain General and Generalissimo after the Inspecting Officer has notified the Grand Recorder of the successful completion of the work done by the office holders. The Grand Recorder will also issue a Gold Certificate to the Commander after the Inspecting Officer has notified the Grand Recorder of the successful completion of the work done by the Commander. The Past Commander Awards will be issued to the Past Commander after a certification of successful completion of their assigned positions from the Constituent Commandery's Recorder, along with copies of the Certificates are received by the Grand Recorder and reviewed/approved by the Grand Commander. The successful recipients of the Past Commander Award will be recognized and will receive their awards at the Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery. The Past Commander Award criteria is posted on the Grand Commandery Web Page.

**GRAND COMMANDERY OF ILLINOIS MEMBERSHIP JEWEL**

The Grand Commandery Membership Jewel, if awarded, must be worn on the left side of the dress uniform in the single row of jewels as described in our Bylaws.

**GRAND ENCAMPMENT MEMBERSHIP JEWEL**

The Grand Encampment Membership Jewel, if awarded, may be worn on the left or right side of the dress uniform. If worn on the left side, the jewel must be part of the single row of jewels as described in our Bylaws.

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With All Knightly Courtesy,

Attest:

*Auston E. Smith*

AUSTON EUGENE SMITH  
Grand Commander

MARK A. KEAGLE  
Grand Recorder

**The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar  
of The State of Illinois**



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Grand Commander  
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**GENERAL ORDER NO. 4 (A.E. Smith)**  
**PER DIEM AND MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT FOR TRAVEL ON OFFICIAL BUSINESS**  
1 September 2020

To the Officers of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Illinois.  
**GREETINGS:**

For purposes of this policy, official business travel includes hotel accommodations when authorized and is defined as:

- a. Travel to/from a meeting called by the REGC (unless travel is in conjunction with another event where expenses are already being reimbursed) or the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar.
- b. Travel by the Inspecting Officer to/from an annual Commandery Inspection as defined by Grand Commandery Bylaws. Only authorized when travel is over 200 miles one way. A Grand Commandery Officer who is authorized official travel by a privately owned vehicle (POV) is allowed one night of hotel accommodations for every 200 miles (one way) between authorized points. The distance between authorized points is calculated using shortest route identified by Google Maps or other such calculators.
- c. Travel required by Section 114b of the Constitution and Statutes of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar, specifically by the REGC, VEDGC, EGG, EGCG and the EGR to the East Central Department Conference of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar.
- d. Other travel specifically approved by the REGC.

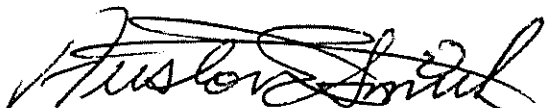
The U. S. Internal Revenue Service (IRS) issues annually the standard mileage rate for operating an automobile for business. This rate will be used until the IRS rate changes, at which time a recalculated mileage reimbursement rate will also then be effective. The rate for use by the Grand Commandery will be determined by multiplying the IRS rate by 2/3rds (66%) rounded to the nearest whole cent.

Travel reimbursement requests must be submitted on a standard form and approved by the VEDGC and REGC and then filed with the EGT for payment. Receipts are required for all expenses exceeding \$50.00 and must not be more than 90 days old.



With All Knightly Courtesy,

Attest:

  
AUSTON EUGENE SMITH  
Grand Commander

MARK A. KEAGLE  
Grand Recorder

# The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of The State of Illinois



HEADQUARTERS  
Auston Eugene Smith  
Grand Commander  
5205 Live Oak Drive  
Smithton, Illinois 62285

GENERAL ORDER NO. 5 (A.E. Smith)  
COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL MEDIA  
1 August 2020

To the Officers and Members of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Illinois.  
GREETINGS:

For purposes of this Order, social media is defined as any platform (such as Facebook) where the "page" is listed under the name Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Illinois. There will only be a single OFFICIAL social media page for the Grand Commandery on a specific platform. This Order does not prevent Constituent Commanderies from establishing a "page" for their Commandery. However, this Order requires the Committee to monitor all such pages for appropriate content.

## MISSION

The mission of this Committee is to monitor and manage the content of any social media platform which uses the name The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Illinois to insure the comments represent the standards of knightly conduct and decorum.

## VISION

The vision of this Committee is to provide a social media platform page where interested parties can find official news from the Grand Commandery and also share comments and questions concerning the fraternity of Knights Templar.

## GOAL

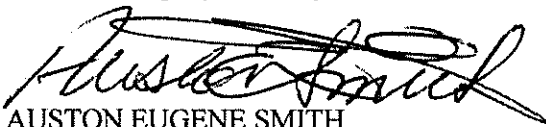
Have a positive impact on the recruitment, maintenance, education and retention of Master Masons and Companions who desire to achieve the status of Sir Knight within York Rite.

## COMMITTEE STRUCTURE

The Committee on Social Media shall consist of not more than three members, all appointed by the Right Eminent Grand Commander. The Chairman shall report directly to the Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander. The Committee must effectively coordinate and work closely with the Committee on Public Relations and the Committee on Membership.



With All Knightly Courtesy,

  
AUSTON EUGENE SMITH  
Grand Commander

Attest:

MARK A. KEAGLE  
Grand Recorder

# The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Illinois



HEADQUARTERS  
Auston Eugene Smith  
Grand Commander  
5205 Live Oak Drive  
Smithton, Illinois 62285

GENERAL ORDER NO. 6 - Amended (A.E. Smith)  
REOPENING TEMPLARY IN ILLINOIS  
1 April 2021

To the Officers and Members of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Illinois.  
GREETINGS:

Under the guidelines of the Grand Master's GO#14, Reopening 2021 Safety Protocols, Nov. 1, 2020, I am declaring the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Illinois to be in Phase Two for the purpose of Ritual Work only (see paragraph 4 of GO#14 Safety Protocols).

Effective 15 May 2021, I am authorizing all Commanders of Constituent Commanderies of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Illinois to consider their Commanderies open for business, including in-person conclaves and the conferring of the 3 Orders of Templary on qualified candidates. Division Inspecting Officers should insure a minimum of at least one Templar Day within each Division to confer the Order of the Temple.

The Commander shall use the following Safety Protocols when conducting in-person conclaves:

- a. All Sir Knights and candidates within the asylum shall have received full vaccinations and specifically state their understanding that attendance is voluntary.
- b. Attendance within the asylum shall not exceed 50.
- c. All Sir Knights and candidates shall wear face masks when moving around the asylum or when within six feet of each other, including during ritual.
- d. During the conferral of the Orders, the Commander is responsible for ensuring the use of standard Grand Encampment ritual; however, he is authorized to adapt the tactics of the Grand Commandery of Illinois to ensure compliance with all prudent mitigation steps based on his judgment.
- e. No "Ladies" program permitted and no food served.
- f. The Commander shall ensure compliance with Grand Encampment GO#14 Safety Protocols with the exception of actions outlined in "a - d" above.


Members and candidates who are concerned about their health and safety should not attend the Conclaves. No "virtual" attendance permitted during any ritual.

As of the issuance of this order, all regions of the State of Illinois are in Phase Four with gatherings limited to 50 or less attendees (<https://coronavirus.illinois.gov/s/restore-illinois-regional-dashboard>). Should the Governor of Illinois change his restrictions from the current Phase Four, Commanders shall comply with whatever restrictions are imposed.

Commandery Recorders shall update MMS with the new Knight's information as soon as possible after the Orders are conferred.



With All Knightly Courtesy.

  
AUSTON EUGENE SMITH  
Grand Commander

Attest:

MARK A. KEAGLE  
Grand Recorder

# **The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of The State of Illinois**



**HEADQUARTERS  
AUSTON EUGENE SMITH  
Right Eminent Grand Commander**

**GENERAL ORDER NO. 7 (A.E. Smith)  
ANNUAL CONCLAVE 2021  
1 June 2021**

To the Officers and Members of the Grand and Constituent Commanderies of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Illinois.

GREETINGS:

## **165<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL CONCLAVE**

The 165<sup>th</sup> Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Illinois shall be held in the City of Normal, Illinois, on Friday, 30 July 2021. The Grand Commandery shall convene at the Marriott Hotel and Convention Center, 201 Broadway Ave., Normal, Illinois 61761, at 8:30 A.M. for the opening session and will continue, with a recess for lunch, until business is concluded. The Election of Officers shall be called for on this day at an hour to be set by vote of the Grand Commandery immediately after it is convened.

## **HEADQUARTERS**

Headquarters for the Grand Commander, the Grand Recorder, and all Committees shall be the Marriott Hotel and Convention Center, Normal, Illinois. The Credentials Committee shall be open on Friday, 30 July 2021, between the hours of 7:00 A.M. and 10:00 A.M. for the registration of Grand Commandery Officers, Past Grand Commanders, Commanders, Generalissimos, Captain Generals, Past Commanders, and all Sir Knights of Constituent Commanderies. Any Sir Knight holding a proxy shall present it at the time of registration. Each Illinois Sir Knight shall be required to show his current Dues Card at the time of registration. REGISTRATION WILL CLOSE AT 10:00 A.M. SHARP.

## **ATTENDANCE AT CONCLAVE**

It is the duty of the Commander, Generalissimo, and Captain General of each Constituent Commandery to be present at the Grand Conclave, and such attendance is required by Section 67 of the Grand Encampment Code. Sir Knight John M. Sansone, Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander, is the Attendance Officer for this Grand Conclave and, as such, shall report on attendance of all Dais Officers of Constituent Commanderies.

## **PROXIES**

In the event the Commander, Generalissimo, and Captain General of a Constituent Commandery is unable to attend the Grand Commandery Conclave in person, each may appoint as his proxy a member in good standing of the same Constituent Commandery. Such proxy does not, by virtue of the appointment, become a member of this Grand

Commandery.

The Grand Recorder has mailed three proxy forms to each Commandery, which must be filled out, signed by the officer appointing the proxy, and bear the seal of the Commandery; and thus, the proxy should be prepared before you leave home. The proxy must be filed with the Credentials Committee at the time of registration.

### **ROLL CALL**

The Grand Recorder shall call the roll of the Grand Representatives from Illinois to other Grand Jurisdictions.

### **VOTING**

All Grand Commandery members in good standing, present in person or by proxy, SHALL HAVE ONLY ONE VOTE. A current member of the Grand Commandery holding a proxy for another member of the Grand Commandery shall have only one vote. For a Sir Knight to be eligible to vote, the Sir Knight shall be a member of at least one Constituent Commandery that is not in arrears in payments owed to the Grand Commandery.

### **UNIFORMS**

During all sessions of the Annual Conclave, Grand Officers and all Constituent Commandery current or past elected officers (Commander, Generalissimo and Captain General) shall wear full "Class A" Dress Templar Uniform, including Illinois regulation head-covering, black shoes and socks, and white gloves. Swords are only required to be worn by Grand Officers and those participating as escorts. At the Thursday evening Combined Grand Awards Dinner, Sir Knights may wear business casual, coat & tie preferred. At the Friday evening Gala Dinner, Sir Knights should wear Tuxedo or dark business suit.

During all sessions of the Annual Conclave, Sir Knights who are not current or past elected officers may wear either the full "Class A" Dress Templar Uniform, including Illinois regulation head-covering, black shoes and socks, and white gloves; the Illinois regulation Summer Uniform; the Illinois regulation Cap & Mantle (white long sleeve shirt, white cotton gloves, black pants, black socks and black shoes), or business casual with coat & tie. At the Thursday evening Combined Grand Awards Dinner, Sir Knights may wear business casual, coat & tie preferred. At the Friday evening Gala Dinner, Sir Knights should wear Tuxedo or dark business suit.

Section 463 of the Bylaws of the Grand Commandery of Illinois reads in part as follows regarding consumption of alcoholic beverages while in Templar uniform:

*"Such use while in Templar uniform, either in whole or in part, (or approval) at any banquet, social, or other function given by, under the auspices of, or for the benefit of Knights Templar, is likewise prohibited and shall subject every offender to discipline."*

### **HOST COMMANDERY**

The Host Commandery for this 165<sup>th</sup> Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Illinois will be Tancred Commandery, No. 02.

### **HOUSING AND GENERAL ARRANGEMENTS**

All requests for room reservations must be made directly to the Marriott Hotel and Convention Center, 201 Broadway, Normal, Illinois, 1-888-236-2427, or through the Grand Commandery Website, [kt-il.org](http://kt-il.org). Meal reservations shall be made on line at [kt-il.org](http://kt-il.org). Please include payment with the form. All meals shall require a ticket.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Each Committee Chairman shall submit his report to the Grand Recorder, 1700 E. Washington St., Clinton, IL 61727, no later than 15 JUNE 2021. A Preliminary Report of Proceedings shall be printed.

The Annual Meeting of the Illinois Knights Templar Home will be held on Friday, 30 July, 2021, during the Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery.

## **PROPOSED LEGISLATION**

### **RESOLUTIONS TO AMEND BYLAWS**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that Section 405 (B) of the Statutes of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Illinois be amended by changing the amount of the knighting fee from \$10.00 to \$30.00 and adding the following language: "which shall be used by the Grand Commandery to purchase a Life Sponsorship in the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., for him."

**Section 405 (B) currently reads:**

For each petitioner who has been created a Knight Templar and admitted to membership in such Commandery during the fiscal year; a knighting fee of ten dollars (\$10.00).

**If amended, Section 405 (B) would read:**

For each petitioner who has been created a Knight Templar and admitted to membership in such Commandery during the fiscal year; a knighting fee of thirty dollars (\$30.00), which shall be used by the Grand Commandery to purchase a Life Sponsorship in the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., for him.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that Section 411 of the Statutes of the Grand Commandery of knights Templar of the State of Illinois be amended by changing the word "Committee" to read "Committees" in the second sentence of the paragraph.

**Section 411 currently reads:**

He shall see that the Grand Treasurer and the Grand Recorder and such other officers and members of Committee, as the Grand Commandery from time to time may designate, shall each give bond, executed by a corporate surety company authorized to do business in the State of Illinois. The form and the amount of such bond shall from time to time be recommended by the Committee on Finance of this Grand Commandery. The Grand Commander and the Chairman of the Finance Committee shall judge and approve the sufficiency of such bonds and securities; and the Grand Commander shall keep and preserve the same.

**If amended, Section 411 would read:**

He shall see that the Grand Treasurer and the Grand Recorder and such other officers and members of Committees, as the Grand Commandery from time to time may designate, shall each give bond, executed by a corporate surety company authorized to do business in the State of Illinois. The form and the amount of such bond shall from time to time be recommended by the Committee on Finance of this Grand Commandery. The Grand Commander and the Chairman of the Finance Committee shall judge and approve the sufficiency of such bonds and securities; and the Grand Commander shall keep and preserve the same.

**BE IT RESOLVED** to amend Section 411(1) to change the last word in Section 411A from "Follows:" to read "follows:" Also, in the last sentence of Section 411A (1) changes the word "Five" to read "five."



**Section 411A and 411A (1) currently reads:**

Be it hereby resolved that a Fund, to be known as the Eloise H. Phillips Charity Fund of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Illinois, is created and is maintained by a Committee of Knights Templar for only Charitable and Benevolent purposes, as Follows:

(1) A five-member committee is hereby created, consisting of five Sir Knights, who will have complete control of the investing and any and all expenditures to be distributed annually from earnings. The Committee shall be composed of the Grand Recorder and the Grand Treasurer of the Grand Commandery, and three appointed Sir Knights. The Grand Recorder and Grand Treasurer are permanent members of the committee; the three appointed members will serve three years. An appointed member, having served two years, will serve as Chairman in the Third year. At the Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery the retiring Grand Commander will appoint one Sir Knight to complete the Committee requirements of the Five Sir Knights.

**If amended, Section 411A and 411A (1) would read:**

Be it hereby resolved that a Fund, to be known as the Eloise H. Phillips Charity Fund of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Illinois, is created and is maintained by a Committee of Knights Templar for only Charitable and Benevolent purposes, as follows:

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**BE IT RESOLVED** that Section 414(A) be amended to delete the semicolon following the word "Recorder" and adding a comma in its place; deleting the word "to" following the comma preceding the word "giving," and by correcting the spelling of "therefor."

**SECTION 414A currently reads:**

It shall be the duty of the Grand Treasurer to:

A. Receive all moneys belonging to the Grand Commandery from the Grand Recorder; to giving him receipts therefore;

**If amended, Section 414(A) would read:**

It shall be the duty of the Grand Treasurer to:

A. Receive all moneys belonging to the Grand Commandery from the Grand Recorder, giving him receipts therefor;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that Section 415(E) be amended to delete the word "exam" in the first sentence and insert the word "examine" in its place.

**Section 415(E) currently reads:**

E. Receive and exam the returns of constituent Commanderies of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Illinois and make adjustments with their representatives;

**If amended, Section 415(E) would read:**

E. Receive and examine the returns of constituent Commanderies of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Illinois and make adjustments with their representatives;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that that Section 415(L) be amended by inserting the word "in" between the word "Keep" and "the" in the first sentence.

**Section 415(L) currently reads:**

L. Keep the books provided for that purpose, a copy of the Coat of Arms and Seal of each constituent Commandery of the Grand Commandery of Knight Templar of Illinois;

**If amended, Section 415(L) would read:**

L. Keep in the books provided for that purpose, a copy of the Coat of Arms and Seal of each constituent Commandery of the Grand Commandery of Knight Templar of Illinois;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that Section 415P is amended to change the word "Amount" in the first sentence to read "amount" and change the word "charted" to read "chartered"

**Section 415P current reads:**

P. Receive as his sole compensation payable by the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Illinois for the performance of his duties an Amount determined by the following formula: \$50.00 for each chartered Commandery, plus \$1.00 for each member, including dual members, as of December 31 of each fiscal year of the Grand Commandery. An estimate of the amount of compensation shall be included in the annual budget approved at the Annual Conclave, with final determination of the compensation made as soon as the records as of December 31 are available. (2013)

**If amended, Section 415P would read:**

P. Receive as his sole compensation payable by the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Illinois for the performance of his duties an amount determined by the following formula: \$50.00 for each chartered Commandery, plus \$1.00 for each member, including dual members, as of December 31 of each fiscal year of the Grand Commandery. An estimate of the amount of compensation shall be included in the annual budget approved at the Annual Conclave, with final determination of the compensation made as soon as the records as of December 31 are available. (2013)

**BE IT RESOLVED** that Section 417(D) be amended to add "Standing Committees;" following the word "Perennial" in first sentence.

**Section 417(D) currently reads:**

D. The Grand Commander shall at all times be empowered to fill by appointment for the unexpired term, any vacancy, for any cause, in the Perennial.

**If amended, Section 417(D) would read:**

D. The Grand Commander shall at all times be empowered to fill by appointment for the unexpired term, any vacancy, for any cause, in the Perennial Standing Committees.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that Section 438A be amended to eliminate unnecessary spaces in the currency numbers in lines four and five. Also, delete the requirement to have insurance on Hired and Non-Owned automobiles.

**Section 438A currently reads:**

Each Constituent Commandery shall carry property insurance on its paraphernalia, equipment, and other property as listed in the Annual Report and Inventory in such amounts as recommended by the Finance Board and general liability insurance in an amount of at least One Million Dollars (\$1,000, 000) per occurrence and Two Million Dollars (\$2, 000, 000) annual aggregate. This policy should include Hired and Non-Owned Auto insurance in the same amount. A certificate of insurance may be required to be produced at the annual inspection of the Commandery. (2019)

**If amended, Section 438A would read:**

SECTION 438A. Each Constituent Commandery shall carry property insurance on its paraphernalia, equipment, and other property as listed in the Annual Report and Inventory in such amounts as recommended by the Finance Board and general liability insurance in an amount of at least One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) per occurrence and Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000) annual aggregate. A certificate of insurance shall be presented to the Inspecting Officer at the annual inspection of the Commandery. (2021)

**BE IT RESOLVED** that Section 453, second paragraph, be amended to capitalize the word “grand” preceding the word “Recorder.”

**Section 453 currently reads:**

Each Commandery under the jurisdiction of this Grand Commandery shall make out and return to the Grand Recorder, at the conclusion of each Fiscal Year (May 31<sup>st</sup>), a statement showing all work done, and such other information as may be required from the first day of June to the thirty-first day of May inclusive of that Fiscal Year.

All reports shall be completed and returned to the grand Recorder promptly, in accordance with request shown on form and/or statute.

**If amended, Section 453 would read:**

Each Commandery under the jurisdiction of this Grand Commandery shall make out and return to the Grand Recorder, at the conclusion of each Fiscal Year (May 31<sup>st</sup>), a statement showing all work done, and such other information as may be required from the first day of June to the thirty-first day of May inclusive of that Fiscal Year.

All reports shall be completed and returned to the Grand Recorder promptly, in accordance with request shown on form and/or statute.

**BE IT RESOLVED** that Section 459 of the Statutes of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Illinois be amended by inserting immediately after the first “Provided” the following: “the quorum required to conduct business shall not be less than five Sir Knights entitled to vote therein” and by removing the parenthetical in its entirety.

**SECTION 459 currently reads:**

For the government of its affairs, each chartered constituent Commandery in this Grand jurisdiction shall enact such code of uniform bylaws as may be enacted by this Grand Commandery, but not in conflict with the laws of the Grand Encampment.

Provided, the amount of fees for conferring the Orders (not less than \$45.00); the amount of annual dues for each member; the time or date of stated conclaves and the hour for opening such conclaves may be determined by such constituent Commanderies respectively. Provided, further, that bylaws, and/or amendments thereto, of constituent Commanderies shall not become operative unless or until approved by the Grand Commander, which approval shall be subject to review of the next succeeding annual

Conclave of the Grand Commandery.

**If amended, Section 459 would read:**

For the government of its affairs, each chartered constituent Commandery in this Grand jurisdiction shall enact such code of uniform bylaws as may be enacted by this Grand Commandery, but not in conflict with the laws of the Grand Encampment.

Provided, the quorum required to conduct business shall not be less than five Sir Knights entitled to vote therein; and the amount of fees for conferring the Orders, the amount of annual dues for each member, the time or date of stated conclaves, and the hour for opening such conclaves may be determined by such constituent Commanderies respectively. Provided, further, that bylaws, and/or amendments thereto, of constituent Commanderies shall not become operative unless or until approved by the Grand Commander, which approval shall be subject to review of the next succeeding annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery.

**BE IT RESOLVED** to amend Section 477(1)1.6 to correct the quotation mark in the second sentence immediately following the word "Vinces" and before the word "around" and eliminate the comma following the word "Vinces".

**Section 477(1)1.6 currently reads:**

1.6. Buttons: All buttons shall be black Templar buttons, of metal or hard plastic, with cross and crown in the center and the motto of our Order. "In Hoc Signo Vincens," around the edge. The buttons on the front of the coat shall be 29/32nds in diameter.

**If amended, Section 477(1)1.6 would read:**

1.6. Buttons: All buttons shall be black Templar buttons, of metal or hard plastic, with cross and crown in the center and the motto of our Order. "In Hoc Signo Vincens" around the edge. The buttons on the front of the coat shall be 29/32nds in diameter.

**BE IT RESOLVED** to amend Section 477 Mantle (21) to delete duplicate verbiage without changing any content.

**Section 477 Mantle (21) currently reads:**

(21) In general, the mantle shall be of the style worn by Medieval Templars and by Members of the Sovereign Great Priories. It shall consist of white material, with hood, reaching to approximately twelve inches from the floor and ornamented as follows:

Members of the Order below the Rank of Commander. The mantle shall be of white; the hood to be lined with silky white material; the Passion Cross in bright red, nine inches in height, on the left breast; the mantle to tie closely around the neck with white cords with white tassels.

Commanders and Past Commander. The mantle shall have a single red ribbon, one inch wide stitched one half inch from the outer edge; the hood to be lined with similar red material; the Passion Cross in red with gold rays, nine inches in height, on the left breast; the mantle to tie closely around the neck with red cords with red tassels.

Grand Officers and Past Grand Officers entitled to permanent Rank: The mantle shall have the ribbon of a Past Commander and an additional red ribbon one half inch wide stitched one half inch from said ribbon; the Templar Cross in red nine inches in height, on the left breast; the mantle to tie closely around the neck with red cords with red tassels.

Grand Commander. The mantle shall have a single red ribbon, two inches wide,

stitched one half inch from the outer edge; the hood lined in red with the similar material; the Templar Cross in red nine inches in height on the left breast; the mantle to tie closely around the neck with red cords and red tassels.

Past Grand Commanders: The mantle shall have a single purple ribbon, two inches wide, stitched one inch from the outer edge; the hood lined in purple in similar material; the Templar cross in purple nine inches in height on the left breast; the mantle to tie closely around the neck with purple cords with purple tassels.

Members of the Order below the Rank of Commander: The mantle shall be of white; the hood to be lined with silky white material; the Passion Cross in bright red, nine inches in height, on the left breast; the mantle to tie closely around the neck with white cords with white tassels.

Commanders and Past Commander: The mantle shall have a single red ribbon, one inch wide stitched one half inch from the outer edge; the hood to be lined with similar red material; the Passion Cross in red with gold rays, nine inches in height, on the left breast; the mantle to tie closely around the neck with red cords with red tassels.

Grand Officers and Past Grand Officers entitled to permanent Rank: The mantle shall have the ribbon of a Past Commander and an additional red ribbon one half inch wide stitched one half inch from said ribbon; the Templar Cross in red nine inches in height, on the left breast; the mantle to tie closely around the neck with red cords with red tassels.

Grand Commander: The mantle shall have a single red ribbon, two inches wide, stitched one half inch from the outer edge; the hood lined in red with the similar material; the Templar Cross in red nine inches in height on the left breast; the mantle to tie closely around the neck with red cords and red tassels.

Past Grand Commanders: The mantle shall have a single purple ribbon, two inches wide, stitched one inch from the outer edge; the hood lined in purple in similar material; the Templar cross in purple nine inches in height on the left breast; the mantle to tie closely around the neck with purple cords with purple tassels.

**If amended, Section 477 Mantel (21) would read:**

(21) In general, the mantle shall be of the style worn by Medieval Templars and by Members of the Sovereign Great Priories. It shall consist of white material, with hood, reaching to approximately twelve inches from the floor and ornamented as follows:

Members of the Order below the Rank of Commander: The hood to be lined with silky white material; the Passion Cross in bright red, nine inches in height, on the left breast; the mantle to tie closely around the neck with white cords with white tassels.

Commanders and Past Commander: The mantle shall have a single red ribbon, one inch wide, stitched one-half inch from the outer edge; the hood to be lined with similar red material; the Passion Cross in red with gold rays, nine inches in height, on the left breast; the mantle to tie closely around the neck with red cords with red tassels.

Grand Officers and Past Grand Officers entitled to permanent Rank: The mantle -shall have the ribbon of a Past Commander and an additional red ribbon one half inch wide stitched one-half inch from said ribbon; the Templar Cross in red, nine inches in height, on the left breast; the mantle to tie closely around the neck with red cords with red tassels.

Grand Commander: The mantle shall have a single red ribbon, two inches wide,

stitched one half inch from the outer edge; the hood lined in red with the similar material; the Templar Cross in red nine inches in height on the left breast; the mantle to tie closely around the neck with red cords and red tassels.

Past Grand Commanders: The mantle shall have a single purple ribbon, two inches wide, stitched one inch from the outer edge; the hood lined in purple in similar material; the Templar cross in purple nine inches in height on the left breast; the mantle to tie closely around the neck with purple cords with purple tassels.

## **RESOLUTION TO AMEND TACTICS**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Asylum Tactics of the Grand Commandery of Illinois be amended as follows:

### **Opening:**

Rehearsal instructions on page 19 to read as follows:

Each Knight lays his chapeau, cross up or cap or garrison cap, crown side down, cross facing the wearer, on the floor, with his left hand, the tops of the chapeau or side of the cap or garrison cap opposite and touching.

The grip and immaculate word page 92 to read as follows:

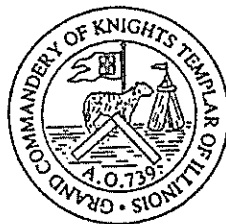
The EC moves to within one pace of the candidate, kneels, and instructs candidate to uncover (with left hand) and deposits chapeau with cross up or cap or garrison cap, crown side down, cross facing the wearer and interlace fingers.

## **GRAND SESSIONS**

This year, the York Rite Sessions will again include all three bodies: The Grand Chapter, The Grand Council, and the Grand Commandery of Illinois. The sessions will start with the Grand Council on Thursday, 29 July 2021, followed by the Grand Commandery on Friday, 30 July 2021 and ending with the Grand Chapter on Saturday, 31 July 2021. For further information about sessions and schedules, go to the Grand Commandery Web-site at [kt-il.org](http://kt-il.org) and click on the 2021 Sessions; there you will find all the information required.

This Order is to be read IN FULL at the first Stated Conclave following receipt and a record of its reading included in the minutes of the Stated Conclave.

A report of the reading shall be mailed to the Eminent Grand Recorder Sir Knight Mark A. Keagle with the enclosed Promulgation.



With All Knightly Courtesy,

Attest:

AUSTON EUGENE SMITH  
Grand Commander  
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# The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of The State of Illinois



**HEADQUARTERS  
AUSTON EUGENE SMITH  
Right Eminent Grand Commander**

**GENERAL ORDER NO. 7 (A.E. Smith)  
ANNUAL CONCLAVE 2021  
1 June 2021**

## **ADDENDUM TO GENERAL ORDER NO. 7**

Proposed amendment to SECTION 449 of the STATUTES OF THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS.

### **As currently written:**

SECTION 449. Jurisdiction of all Commanderies in the State of Illinois shall be concurrent. By concurrent jurisdiction is meant that the territorial jurisdiction exercised by one Commandery is the common property of all Commanderies in the State. Any Commandery may receive the petition of any duly qualified Royal Arch Mason residing in the State of Illinois and act thereon.

### **As it would read, if amended:**

SECTION 449. Jurisdiction of all Commanderies in the State of Illinois shall be concurrent. By concurrent jurisdiction is meant that the territorial jurisdiction exercised by one Commandery is the common property of all Commanderies in the State. Any Commandery may receive the petition of any duly qualified Cryptic Mason residing in the State of Illinois and act thereon.

### **Justification:**

As the State of Illinois has three primary York Rite bodies, and as membership in Cryptic Masonry requires membership in a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, and as Illinois strives to function as a unified York Rite, it is only fitting that membership in a Commandery of Knights Templar require that a candidate be a member of both preceding York Rite bodies, namely a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons AND a Council of Cryptic Masons, in order to petition for the Orders of Knighthood.

# The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of The State of Illinois



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Grand Commander  
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CIRCULAR NO. 1 (A.E. Smith)  
CONDUCT ON SOCIAL MEDIA  
1 September 2020

To the Officers and Members of the Grand and Constituent Commanderies of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Illinois.

GREETING:

1. The importance of social media platforms such as Facebook, Twitter and others are undeniable in the recruiting efforts of our Grand Commandery. Social Media is also an excellent tool for distributing information about the Masonic Knights Templar fraternity. Unfortunately, some people seem to take advantage of the "anonymous" nature of social media and feel free to post hateful, misleading and untrue comments. Therefore, I have outlined below my policies regarding postings on the official Facebook page of our Grand Commandery and the standards of conduct I expect of our members in the use of social media.
2. During my term as Grand Commander of The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Illinois, the policies as outlined below constitutes my expectations for the conduct by men who represent themselves as a member of this Grand Commandery, notwithstanding my strongest respect for our freedom of speech and expression provided by the First Amendment to the United States Constitution. It is expected that every Sir Knight under this Grand Commandery's jurisdiction conduct himself at all times as outlined in the following policies, when communicating via social media or when speaking publically.
3. For the purpose of these policies, "social media" means blogs, wikis, micro-blogs, message boards, chat rooms, electronic newsletters, online forums, social networking sites, and other sites and services that permit users to share information with others in a contemporaneous manner. "Speaking publically" means the Sir Knight is either in a Templar uniform or wearing clothing that could infer that he is a Knight Templar.
4. A Sir Knight should always be aware that all social media communications are permanent and may be made public, even if deleted. A Sir Knight should always conduct himself by the high standards of integrity to which he is held by his obligations. He is never to let fall the least sign, token or word whereby the secrets of Templary or Freemasonry may be unlawfully obtained. It is expected that these charges are to be observed in a Sir Knight's daily conduct as well as his online interactions.
  - a. Comply with and conform to laws, statutes and bylaws of a Sir Knight as printed in the Constitution & By-Laws of both the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Illinois and of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States.



- b. Reflect positively on the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Illinois, its charities and foundations.
- c. Not contain content or commentary that is derogatory, inflammatory, antagonistic, bullying, confidential, defamatory, harassing, offensive, pornographic or profane.
- d. Not contain a third party's copyrighted material, trademarks, service marks or other protected material unless legally authorized.
- e. Not allow the ritual of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Illinois nor the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar to be quoted or outlined in any manner which would allow the uninitiated to receive information, rights, or benefits to which he is not legally entitled.
- f. Not divulge information about the business of a tiled asylum with any non-Sir Knights, for it is considered a violation of the sacred trust with which each Sir Knight is charged.
- g. Not share a brother's personal information in any form of social media without his prior consent.
- h. Not contain discussions about a candidate's petition, balloting, background, or orders beyond notices of these events taking place.
- i. Not contain dishonorable content such as, but not limited to, racial, ethnic, sexual, religious, and physical disability slurs.
- j. Not contain any message, posting, video, or other form of communication that does not conform to established Grand Commandery bylaws and edicts.

5. Violation of these guidelines may be considered in determining whether such posts constitute inappropriate conduct and subject the offender to suffer the penalties therefor as authorized by the Policies, Bylaws and Statutes of this Grand Commandery and of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar.

6. This Circular is to be read IN FULL at the first Stated Conclave following receipt and a record of its reading included in the minutes of the Stated Conclave. A report of the reading will be made to the Right Eminent Grand Commander, Sir Knight Auston E. Smith, 5205 Live Oak Dr., Smithton, IL 62285, with the enclosed Promulgation.



With All Knightly Courtesy,

Attest:

AUSTON E. SMITH  
Grand Commander

MARK A. KEAGLE  
Grand Recorder

# The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of The State of Illinois



HEADQUARTERS  
**Auston Eugene Smith**  
Grand Commander  
5205 Live Oak Drive  
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## CIRCULAR NO. 2 (A. E. Smith) POLICY ON MEETINGS AND PUBLIC ASSEMBLY IN UNIFORM 1 November 2020

To the Officers and Members of the Grand and Constituent Commanderies of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Illinois.

GREETING:

1. **GRAND COMMANDERY OFFICER MEETINGS:** There will be several Grand Commandery Officers' official meetings during the year, normally conjunction with a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Illinois Knights Templar Home. Attendance by officers of the "advancing line" is required and attendance by REPGC's is always encouraged. Schedule and location of the meetings will be announced in advance for planning purposes.
2. **REGC'S CHRISTMAS PARTY:** The tradition of having REGC's Christmas Party and gift exchange is suspended for the Command year of 2020 due to the COVID-19 restrictions. There should be no Christmas "gift" for the REGC or his Lady.
3. **CHRISTMAS LIBATIONS:** The tradition of having Christmas Libations is suspended for the Command year of 2020 due to the COVID-19 restrictions.
4. **COMMAND GALA:** The REPGC will host a semi-formal "Command Gala" dinner on the evening following the end of the Annual Conclave in 2021, COVID-19 restrictions permitting. The location will be determined approximately 1 month prior to the Sessions and invitations sent to attendees.
5. **PUBLIC ASSEMBLY, VISITS AND ESCORTS:** Dispensation is hereby granted to all Commanderies under the jurisdiction of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of The State of Illinois to appear in public in full Templar Dress Uniform and in suitable numbers to present a proper appearance within this jurisdiction, specifically for attendance at Divine Services, Funerals, Escort Duties to other Masonic Bodies where authorized, Scottish Rite Reunions and Public Parades, provided the REGC is notified no later than 15 days prior to the event. In all cases, other than parades, all Sir Knights must be dressed uniformly. In the case of a parade, each Commandery marching as a separate unit must be dressed uniformly. Public assembly in Templar uniform for any purpose not described above requires a formal Dispensation from the Grand

Commander. At all Templar assemblies outlined above, all Sir Knights will comply with the

COVID-19 restrictions imposed by local and state government officials

6. This Circular is to be read IN FULL at the first Stated Conclave following receipt and a record of its reading included in the minutes of the Stated Conclave. A report of the reading will be made to the Grand Commander, Sir Knight Auston E. Smith, 5205 Live Oak Dr., Smithton, IL 62285, with the enclosed Promulgation.



With All Knightly Courtesy,

Attest:

*Auston E. Smith*

AUSTON EUGENE SMITH  
Grand Commander

MARK A. KEAGLE  
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# The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of The State of Illinois



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CIRCULAR NO. 3 (A. E. Smith)  
ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES  
1 November 2020

To the Officers and Members of the Grand and Constituent Commanderies of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Illinois.

GREETING:

1. **DEMITTS:** All requests for demits are to be reviewed by the Eminent Commander who shall appoint a Committee to make a personal contact with the Sir Knight requesting the demit. After being contacted by the Committee, the demit will then be issued providing the Sir Knight is clear on the books of the Commandery. No dues are to be collected after the date of the demit.

2. **SUSPENSIONS:** Suspensions of members of a Commandery, due to being in arrears for dues and/or other indebtedness, are to be made in compliance with Sections 460 and 460B of the Statutes of the Grand Commandery of the State of Illinois. At the first Stated Conclave of the Commandery in October the Recorder shall report to the Commandery the names of all of the Sir Knights subject to suspension. The Commandery has the right to remit the dues of those Sir Knights in arrears when the Sir Knight is judged unable to comply due to illness, infirmity, or financial inability. Those instances of compassion demonstrate pure Templar benevolence. The Commander will appoint a Committee to make personal contact with the Sir Knight in question to determine how his membership can be continued. The Recorder will complete "Report to the Grand Commandery on Members subject to Suspension" sending copies to the Grand Recorder. All proceedings are to be made a part of the minutes of the Stated Conclave in October. If no report is received back from the Headquarters of the Grand Commandery, you may proceed with the action of suspending the Sir Knight from the Commandery.

3. **DISPENSATIONS:** Dispensations may be issued upon request as authorized by the Statutes of the Grand Commandery of the State of Illinois. The Commander shall make such request over his signature and bearing the Seal of the Commandery. All requests shall specify the date of the action and provide all pertinent information necessary for evaluation. The request must be forwarded to the Grand Commander with an appropriate time interval for his review and reply. After issuance, the original copy of the dispensation will be promptly returned to the Grand Commander with a full report of the action taken. The actions of the Commandery will be regularly recorded in the minutes of the Commandery.

4. FIFTY-YEAR PRESENTATIONS: Every Knight Templar who has been in good standing without interruption for a period of fifty (50) years will be recognized with a fifty-year membership card and pin and shall not be required to pay any further dues to his Commandery. It is the responsibility of the Recorder of each Commandery to notify the Grand Recorder who will forward the card and pin to the Commandery for presentation on the anniversary date. The Grand Commander will be notified by the Grand Recorder and will make the presentation if circumstances and time permit; otherwise, it is suggested that the presentation be made at a suitable public or Fraternal function.

5. HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE MINISTER PROPOSALS: The ministers' applications must be submitted by **September 14, 2021**, to the Office of the Grand Recorder. The committee will be selecting the minister prior to **November 1, 2021**. The goal of the Grand Commandery is to have at least one minister per year participate in this memorable program if the Holy Land Pilgrimage Fund has enough money to send a minister.

6. TEMPLAR MEMORIALS: Upon the death of any member of a constitute Commandery in the State of Illinois, the Recorder of the deceased Member's Commandery is requested to send to the Grand Recorder's office a notification regarding the deceased member's name, including his address, next of kin's address, his date of birth and any other information pertaining to the Sir Knight. The Grand Recorder will respond with appropriate condolences to the bereaved family. The Recorder must also report the death in his MMS report, and/or the Monthly Report.

7. This Circular is to be read IN FULL at the first Stated Conclave following receipt and a record of its reading included in the minutes of the Stated Conclave. A report of the reading will be made to the Grand Commander, Sir Knight Auston E. Smith, 5205 Live Oak Dr., Smithton, IL 62285, with the enclosed Promulgation.



With All Knightly Courtesy,

Attest:

*Auston E. Smith*

AUSTON EUGENE SMITH  
Grand Commander

MARK A. KEAGLE  
Grand Recorder

# The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of The State of Illinois



HEADQUARTERS  
Auston Eugene Smith  
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CIRCULAR NO. 4 (A. E. Smith)  
GRAND COMMANDER'S DECISION  
USE OF WINE DURING THE ORDER OF THE TEMPLE RITUAL  
AND CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE WHILE IN TEMPLAR UNIFORM  
1 August 2020

To the Officers and Members of the Grand and Constituent Commanderies of the Grand  
Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Illinois.

GREETING:

1. It is the philosophy of my command that we "Say what we mean; and mean what we say." Given this belief, this Circular is to clarify my decision regarding Section 463 of our Grand Commandery Bylaws, which I quote below:

"SECTION 463. The use or approval, either actual or tacit, of such use of spirituous, vinous or malt liquors as a beverage in an asylum of Knights Templar or on the grounds of a Masonic Temple during the time that any Order is being conferred therein is strictly prohibited and shall subject every offender to discipline. Such use while in Templar uniform, either in whole or in part, (or approval) at any banquet, social, or other function given by, under the auspices of, or for the benefit of Knights Templar, is likewise prohibited and shall subject every offender to discipline.(2018)."

2. I find no restrictions in the Grand Encampment Statutes that require the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Illinois to enact the restrictions outlined in Section 463 that read:

"Such use while in Templar uniform, either in whole or in part, (or approval) at any banquet, social, or other function given by, under the auspices of, or for the benefit of Knights Templar, is likewise prohibited and shall subject every offender to discipline.(2018)."

3. Other than Section 463 of our Bylaws, I see no reason why, for example, an Illinois Knight Templar attending a Grand Encampment banquet in either semi-formal or formal attire outside

the State of Illinois cannot consume alcoholic beverages when other Knights Templar from other jurisdictions, perhaps sitting at the same table in uniform are free to do so. In my opinion, the wording of Section 463 is not intended to include members attending a social event in Evening Attire. At the next Annual Conclave I will propose a change to this Bylaw; in the meantime I grant a blanket dispensation for Sir Knights under the jurisdiction of this Grand Commandery, when attending social events outside the State of Illinois, to wear Tuxedo or formal evening attire (with no Knights Templar markings or jewels) if they plan to consume alcoholic beverages.

4. The Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Illinois has written his interpretation of Code 485 of the Bylaws of the Grand Lodge and his interpretation does not prohibit renters/leasers (Templars) who rent space in a Lodge building from consuming alcoholic beverages in a social, dinner or banquet setting so long as a Lodge is not in session in that facility and the Lodge owning the building allows such use in their Bylaws.

5. Our Tacties during the First through the Fourth Libation of the Order of the Temple call for "water and wine." The Fifth Libation calls for "pure wine." Except for the ritualistic use of wine in the Order of the Temple, the use or approval, either actual or tacit, of spirituous, vinous or malt liquors as a beverage in an asylum of Knights Templar or on the grounds of a Masonic Temple while in Knights Templar uniform, is strictly prohibited and shall subject every offender to discipline. For example, "checking the vintage" by tasting the wine in the goblet on the Triangle Table prior to the beginning of the Libations while in any form of Templar uniform is prohibited! Likewise, Sir Knights in uniform shall not drink the wine in the unused goblets during Triangle breakdown.

6. TEMPLE BOARD RESTRICTIONS: Some Temple Boards prohibit the use of red wine in their Lodge facilities due to potential carpet damage in the event of an accidental spill. Commanderies should request permission from the Temple Board to substitute white wine. The Order of the Temple ritual does not require the wine to be "red."

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With All Knightly Courtesy,

Attest:

AUSTON EUGENE SMITH  
Grand Commander

MARK A. KEAGLE  
Grand Recorder

**GRAND COMMANDERY  
KNIGHTS TEMPLAR**



**STATE OF ILLINOIS  
HEADQUARTERS  
OF**

**Auston E. Smith  
Grand Commander**

**5204 Live Oak Dr.  
Smithton, Illinois 62285**

**CIRCULAR NO. 5 (Smith)**

**GRAND COMMANDER'S CHRISTMAS MESSAGE**

To All Sir Knights,

As we commemorate the birth of Jesus Christ on December 25th, I trust each of you will remember the true meaning of this day of celebration and review the "Old Story" as recounted in the Holy Bible.

Currently, the restrictions of Grand Master Nelson's General Order #12 do not allow for our traditional Christmas Libations ceremony to be conducted in person. If the restrictions have been lifted by the time you receive this message, I encourage you to make this year's Libations ceremony the best ever!

Stay in touch with your brother Templars and provide assistance where needed. In these turbulent times of being unable to meet in person, we must be creative in how we continue our Fraternal interactions and how we maintain contact with our elderly members and their widows. This difficulty, however, does not relieve us of our duty to be our brother's keeper! Our mission remains to "feed the hungry, clothe the naked and bind up the wounds of the afflicted," especially during this celebration of the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

Live safe, but not in fear! Obey the rules established by your local government officials. Say a prayer for those who put their life in danger in order to keep us safe.

Merry Christmas to all!



**Auston E. Smith  
Grand Commander**





# Grand Commandery of Knights Templar

of The State of Illinois

Desk of the Grand Commander

CIRCULAR NO. 2 (A.E. Smith)

1 April 2021

## GRAND COMMANDER'S EASTER MESSAGE - 2021

The month of April is a time of rebirth in Nature, with spring flowers emerging from the ground and birds returning to their tasks of raising young ones! Each of us should endeavor to renew our spirit and reaffirm our faith in this season of rebirth. God has granted us another day of life on earth for which we should be thankful.

I encourage each Sir Knight within our Grand Commandery to stand still for a moment and remember those whom we have lost during the past year; keep their family members in your prayers. Take time to count your blessings and listen in your conscience for that quiet voice telling you to fear not for God is with you. *In Exodus 14:13 we read: "And Moses said unto the people, Fear ye not, stand still, and see the salvation of the LORD, which he will shew to you today."*

April is also the month we celebrate and commemorate the resurrection and ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of his entombment. On this occasion we should renew our commitment as Knights Templar, acknowledging that we are proud guardians of the Christian faith, and as such we must represent the best and noblest in humanity, always demonstrating Christianity in action. We should reaffirm our obligation to defend the Christian religion with our sword, and if necessary, with our life.

We should reject hate and fearlessly bear witness in everyday life of a new Law brought by Jesus, LOVE! In 1<sup>st</sup> John 4:18 we read: *"There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love."*

On behalf of myself and all the Officers of the Grand Commandery, I wish you all a safe and Happy Easter. May God bless you and your family.

With All Knightly Courtesy,

AUSTON EUGENE SMITH

Grand Commander

5205 Live Oak Dr.

Smithton, IL 62285



**The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar  
of the State of Illinois**

HEADQUARTERS  
Auston Eugene Smith  
Right Eminent Grand Commander

**Dispensation**  
Number 1-06A  
Granted in favor of  
**Joliet Commandery No. 4**

To the Officers and Members of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Illinois.

GREETINGS:

By virtue of the authority vested in me as Grand Commander, I grant this Dispensation to General Order No. 6 Amended 1 April 2021, Reopening Templary in Illinois. Satisfactory reasons have been given that this action would be in the best interest of Joliet Commandery No. 4 and the candidate, and have no detrimental effect on Templary within the State of Illinois.

This Dispensation authorizes Joliet Commandery No. 4 to conduct a conclave on Saturday, 8 May 2021, in their asylum for the purpose of conveying the Order of The Temple in full form on a single candidate, David Patrick Lynch (M001630) of Crete Lodge No., 0763, Ancient Free & Accepted Masons of Illinois.

The Eminent Commander shall ensure compliance with all the requirements and restrictions of my General Order No. 6 Amended 1 April 2021, without exception, other than the 15 May 2021 effective date for reopening required by the order,

This Dispensation shall be read in full to all attendees prior to the opening of the conclave. Commandery Recorder shall update MMS with the new Knight's information as soon as possible after the Orders are conferred and return an accurate report of all actions taken under the authority of this Dispensation to the Grand Commander.

Given under my hand and seal at Smithton, Illinois  
On the 13th Day of April A.D. 2021 A.O. 903



With All Knightly Courtesy,

AUSTON EUGENE SMITH  
Grand Commander  
5205 Live Oak Drive  
Smithton, IL 62285

Attest:

MARK A. KEAGLE  
Grand Recorder

# Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Illinois

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## Dispensation Number 2020-1 Granted in favor of St. Elmo Commandery No. 64 Knights Templar of the State of Illinois

By virtue of the authority vested in me as Grand Commander of The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Illinois, with satisfactory reasons having been given that this action would be in the best interest of St. Elmo Commandery No. 64 and have no detrimental effect on the interest and welfare of our Christian Knighthood, I grant a Dispensation to Section 430 of the Bylaws of the Grand Commandery.

This dispensation will allow St. Elmo Commandery No. 64 to hold a Special Election and Installation of Officers on Tuesday, 22 December 2020, to fill the offices of Generalissimo and Prelate and any other vacancies that may be created by this action. This election is necessary due to the resignation of the incumbent Generalissimo, Sir Knight Marlon Antwan Logan (1503695). To the extent possible, all resident members should be notified.

In accordance with Section 432 of the Bylaws of Grand Commandery, the Recorder shall read this dispensation in open Conclave preceding the election and enter it at length upon the records of the Commandery. **Return an accurate report of all actions taken under the authority of this Dispensation to the Grand Recorder and the Grand Master within 7 days of the event.**

Given under my hand and seal at Smithton, Illinois,  
On the 1st day of December 2020 A.D., A.O. 902



AUSTON EUGENE SMITH  
Grand Commander



**The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar  
of the State of Illinois**

**HEADQUARTERS  
Auston Eugene Smith  
Right Eminent Grand Commander**

**Dispensation  
Number 3-430  
Granted in favor of  
Beaumanoir Commandery No. 9**

To the Officers and Members of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Illinois.

GREETINGS:

By virtue of the authority vested in me as Grand Commander, I grant this Dispensation to Section 430, CHARTERED COMMANDERIES ELECTION AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS. Satisfactory reasons have been given that this action would be in the best interest of Beaumanoir Commandery No. 9 and have no detrimental effect on Templary within the State of Illinois.

This Dispensation authorizes Beaumanoir Commandery No. 9 to conduct a special conclave on Wednesday, 21 June 2021, at 221 West William Street, Decatur, Illinois 62522, beginning at 6:00 pm, for the purpose of electing officers. This action is necessary due to Beaumanoir Commandery No. 9 not having a quorum present at its Annual Conclave on 17 June 2021 and therefore being unable to elect officers for the ensuing year.

The Eminent Commander shall ensure compliance with all the requirements and restrictions of my General Order No. 6 Amended 1 April 2021, without exception.

This Dispensation shall be read in full to all attendees prior to the opening of the conclave. The Commandery Recorder shall update MMS with the new newly elected and appointed officer's information as soon as possible after the election, and return an accurate report of all actions taken under the authority of this Dispensation to the Grand Commander.

Given under my hand and seal at Smithton, Illinois  
On the 18th Day of June A.D. 2021 A.O. 903



With All Knightly Courtesy,

Attest:

AUSTON EUGENE SMITH  
Grand Commander  
5205 Live Oak Drive  
Smithton, IL 62285

MARK A. KEAGLE  
Grand Recorder

# Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Illinois

HEADQUARTERS

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## Dispensation Number 2021-1 Granted in favor of Patton Commandery No. 69 Knights Templar of the State of Illinois

By virtue of the authority vested in me as Grand Commander of The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Illinois, with satisfactory reasons having been given that this action would be in the best interest of Patton Commandery No. 69 and have no detrimental effect on the interest and welfare of our Christian Knighthood, I grant a Dispensation to Section 430 of the Bylaws of the Grand Commandery.

This dispensation will allow Patton Commandery No. 69 to hold a Special Election and Installation of Officers on Thursday, 22 July 2021, to fill both the Elected and Appointed offices of the Commandery and any other vacancies that may be created by this action. This election is necessary due to the Commandery failing to conduct the elections at their Annual Conclave on 24 June 2021. To the extent possible, all resident members should be notified.

In accordance with Section 432 of the Bylaws of Grand Commandery, the Recorder shall read this dispensation in open Conclave preceding the election and enter it at length upon the records of the Commandery. **Return an accurate report of all actions taken under the authority of this Dispensation to the Grand Recorder and the Grand Master within 7 days of the event.**

Given under my hand and seal at Smithton, Illinois,  
On the 19th day of July 2021 A.D., A.O. 903

AUSTON EUGENE SMITH  
Grand Commander



cc: Grand Recorder, G.C. of IL

**Auston Eugene Smith**  
**Right Eminent Grand Commander**

**Dispensation**  
Number 2-430  
Granted in favor of  
Urbana Commandery No. 16

To the Officers and Members of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Illinois.

GREETINGS:

By virtue of the authority vested in me as Grand Commander, I grant this Dispensation to Section 430, CHARTERED COMMANDERIES ELECTION AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS. Satisfactory reasons have been given that this action would be in the best interest of Urbana Commandery No. 16 and have no detrimental effect on Templary within the State of Illinois.

This Dispensation authorizes Urbana Commandery No. 16 to conduct a special conclave on Wednesday, 16 June 2021, at the Champaign Masonic Center, 14 Bel Air Court, Champaign, Illinois, beginning at 8:00 pm, for the purpose of electing officers. This action is necessary due to Urbana Commandery No. 16 not having a quorum present at its Annual Conclave on 19 May 2021 and therefore being unable to elect officers for the ensuing year.

The Eminent Commander shall ensure compliance with all the requirements and restrictions of my General Order No. 6 Amended 1 April 2021, without exception.

This Dispensation shall be read in full to all attendees prior to the opening of the conclave. The Commandery Recorder shall update MMS with the new newly elected and appointed officer's information as soon as possible after the election, and return an accurate report of all actions taken under the authority of this Dispensation to the Grand Commander.

Given under my hand and seal at Smithton, Illinois  
On the 11th Day of June A.D. 2021 A.O. 903



With All Knightly Courtesy,

Attest:

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Auston Smith". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "A".

# Report on 2020-2021 Inspections

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

The 2020-2021 Inspection Season was challenging for the Grand Commandery and the Constituent Commanderies of the State of Illinois. The Commanderies were prevented from meeting in person from April 2020 until May of 2021. Therefore, I was impossible to Inspect the Commanderies in any way that resembled "Normal" procedures. The Grand Commandery Officers decided to perform Division Level Inspections which could incorporate Short Form Orders of Red Cross and Malta, or a School of Instruction. A Book Inspection would be accomplished at these Division Inspections to be sure every Commandery was current as much as possible with the minimum functions to sustain legal status under the Constitution, Laws and Edicts of the Grand Commandery, Grand Encampment and IRS. No member would be forced to participate due to individual health restrictions, but each Commandery was required to participate in some form or another.

As simplified Inspection Report was developed to document the minimum actions taken by the Commanderies. Scores are for reference only as we chose not to penalize Commanderies for not being polished in ritual or where most of the members were in the high health risk category.

The Inspection Scores are:

1 <sup>st</sup> Division			
Apollo No. 1	230	Mizpah No. 53	250
Joliet No. 4	250	Evanston No. 58	250
Calvary No. 25	120	St. Elmo No. 64	0
St. Bernard No. 35	0	Trinity No. 80	200
Bethel No. 36	210	Silangan No. 93	160

2 <sup>nd</sup> Division			
Galesburg No. 8	230	Rock Island No. 18	0
Ottawa No. 10	230	Dixon No. 21	250
Crusader No. 17	150	Aurora No. 22	180

3 <sup>rd</sup> Division			
Peoria No. 3	0	St. Aldemar No. 47	250
Blaney No. 5	0	Macomb No. 56	0
Elwood No. 6	200	Quincy No. 77	200
DeMolay No. 24	250		

4 <sup>th</sup> Division			
Beaumanoir No. 9	230	Mt. Olivet No. 38	220
Urbana No. 16	0	Constantine No. 51	190
Palestine No. 27	0	Clinton No. 66	230
Melita No. 37	0	Gil W. Barnard No. 74	0

5 <sup>th</sup> Division			
Tancred No. 2	210	Patton No. 69	160
Gorin No. 14	160	Beauseant No. 86	250
St. Omer No. 30	250		

Nine Commanderies did not participate in the Division Inspection and received a score of zero.

Inspections for the 2021 – 2022 Inspections season should be back to “Normal” where an Order of the Temple will be required during inspections and scores will reflect competence in Ritual and Participation of Commandery Members.

Respectfully Submitted,

John M. Sansone, DGC



# Illinois Grand Commandery of Knights Templar

## Inspection Schedule

Rev 7/18/2021

Date	Wayne Clark GSWB 1st Division	Richard Carnell GStdB 2nd Division	Jamie Emery GCB 3rd Division	Sean McBride GWrd 4th Division	TBD Gsent 5th Division
9/4/2021	Labor Day Weekend				
9/11/2021					
9/18/2021					School TBD
9/25/2021				School TBD	
10/2/2021			School TBD		
10/9/2021	Grand Lodge Grand Communication Grand Commandery of Ohio 10/8/2021				
10/16/2021		School TBD			
10/23/2021	School Joliet				
10/30/2021					
11/6/2021	Mizpah #53 Oak Lawn				
11/13/2021	Trinity #80 Naperville			Mt. Olivet #38 Paxton	
11/20/2021				Urbana 16 Champaign	
11/27/2021	Thanksgiving Weekend				
12/4/2021					
12/11/2021		Ottawa #10 Ottawa		Palistine #27 Paris	
12/18/2021		Crusader #17 Rockford		Melita #37 Tuscola	
12/25/2021	Christmas				
1/1/2022	New Years				
1/8/2022		Galesburg #8 Monmouth		Gil W Barnard #75 Sullivan	
1/15/2022			Macomb #56 Macomb	Constantine #51 Lincoln	Gorin #14 Bridgeport
1/22/2022	St. Elmo #64 Riverside			Clinton #66 Clinton	
1/29/2022	St. Bernard #35 Chicago		Quincy #77 Quincy		Beauseant #86 Murphysboro
2/5/2022	Silangan #93 Chicago	Rock Island #18 Moline			
2/12/2022	Calvary #25 Cary Grove		DeMoley #24 Bloomington		
2/19/2022					
2/26/2022	Apollo #1 Wheaton		St. Aldimar #47 Petersburg		
3/5/2022	Bethel #36 Palatine	Aurora #22 Aurora		Beaumanore #9 Decatur	
3/12/2022	East Central Department Conference				
3/19/2022	Evanston #58 Evanston	Dixon #21 Dixon	Peoria #3 Peoria		St. Omer Hillsboro
3/26/2022			Blaney #5 Tremont		Patton #69 Mt. Vernon
4/2/2022	Joliet #4 Joliet				Tancred #2 Bellville
4/9/2022					
4/16/2022	Easter Weekend Observance In Washington DC				
4/23/2022					
4/30/2022			Elwood # 6 Springfield		

Note:

Reception of GC 9/12/2021  
Grand Commandery of Kentucky  
9/19/2021 - 9/20/2021

Rededication Joliet Commandery #4

DAIS Inspection REGC  
VODanville Reunion  
VOC & VO Freeport Reunion

Thanksgiving Weekend

Grand Family Christmas Party 12/5/2021

Christmas

New Years

East Central Department Conference

VO Danville Reunion

VO Chicago Reunion

Easter Weekend Observance in Washington DC

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## REPORT OF THE GRAND TREASURER

To the Officers and Members of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Illinois,

The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Illinois has the following funds, accounts, and investments:

- 1. General Checking Account.** This checking account is now at US Bank and is used for payment of Grand Commandery Bills and as a pass-through account for other special accounts, such as the Life Membership Account and Phillips Charity Fund Account. Thus, you may see some liability from or to the General Fund and other funds. These liabilities are closed out periodically by transfers among the funds, and the liabilities shown in the attached reports were closed out in July 2021.
- 2. General Fund Investments.** Excess funds of the Grand Commandery are held in a managed investment account at Raymond James in Peoria, Illinois.
- 3. Jones Permanent Fund.** This Fund was established in 2004 from funds remaining in the Fund for 2003 Triennial Expenses raised through an assessment. This is an endowment fund from which one-half of the income is available for general Grand Commandery Expenses. Contributions to this fund should be promoted to increase the fund as a permanent sustaining fund of the Grand Commandery.
- 4. Graff Memorial Fund.** This fund was established in about 2002 when Dottie Graff, wife of Richard L. Graff, Grand Recorder, died. The stipulation for this endowment fund is that the fund is to be increased by donations of memorials and accumulated income until the fund reaches \$20,000.00, after which income from the fund can be used for general Grand Commandery Expenses. The fund has reached \$20,000.00.
- 5. Eloise H. Phillips Charity Fund.** This endowment fund is a separate investment account at Raymond James and was established in 1978 from a bequest to the Grand Commandery with a stipulation that the principal donated remain in the amount of \$116,114.98 and that only income be used for charitable purposes as specified in her Will.
- 6. Fiscal Officer's Fund.** This fund is also held in a separate investment account at Raymond James and was established to pay claims made by constituent Commanderies should a financial officer misappropriate funds. In essence this provides Commanderies protection against malfeasance or

misfeasance by financial officers. No claim has been allowed on this fund and contributions to this fund were discontinued a few years ago.

7. **Holy Land Pilgrimage Fund.** This fund is held in a separate investment account at Raymond James and receives donations to pay for sending ministers to the Holy Land through the Grand Encampment Holy Land Pilgrimage program. Of the fund balance, \$4,000.00 is a restricted endowment.

Illinois Grand Commandery  
Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual  
July 2020 through June 2021

	Jul 20 - Jun 21	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>				
<b>Income</b>				
40000 · Income from Operations (Income from per capita, knighting fee...				
41000 · Grand Commandery Per Capita	27,000.00	26,500.00	500.00	101.9%
42000 · Knighting Fees	350.00	500.00	(150.00)	70.0%
43000 · Eye Foundation payment (Pass through income from Constitu...	1,313.00	1,500.00	(187.00)	87.5%
44000 · Grand Encampment Per Capita (Pass through Grand Encamp...	27,693.00	27,000.00	693.00	102.6%
44500 · Other Income from Operations (Miscellaneous income, such as...	2,294.60	100.00	2,194.60	2,294.6%
<b>Total 40000 · Income from Operations (Income from per capita, knighti...</b>	<b>58,650.60</b>	<b>55,600.00</b>	<b>3,050.60</b>	<b>105.5%</b>
<b>45000 · Investment Income (Revenue from investments in cash, securitie...</b>				
45020 · Capital Gain Distribution (Capital Gains distributed by funds)	223.34	5,500.00	(5,276.66)	4.1%
45050 · Other Investment Revenue (Revenue from other types of inves...	3.68	0.00	4,795.92	100.0%
45100 · Dividend, Interest (Securities) (Dividends received from securi...	4,795.92	0.00	4,795.92	100.0%
45150 · Interest income from Ray, James (Interest on Raymond James...	1.19	0.00	3,781.39	100.0%
45200 · Realized Capital Gain/Loss	3,781.39	0.00	3,781.39	100.0%
<b>Total 45000 · Investment Income (Revenue from investments in cash, se...</b>	<b>8,805.52</b>	<b>5,500.00</b>	<b>3,305.52</b>	<b>160.1%</b>
47000 · Donations to General Fund	25.68			
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>67,481.80</b>	<b>61,100.00</b>	<b>6,381.80</b>	<b>110.4%</b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>67,481.80</b>	<b>61,100.00</b>	<b>6,381.80</b>	<b>110.4%</b>
<b>Expense</b>				
60100 · Grand Commanders Expense	4,500.00	4,500.00	0.00	100.0%
60200 · Grand Recorders Expense	4,840.00	5,000.00	(160.00)	96.8%
60300 · Grand Recorder Office Expense	380.23	1,000.00	(619.77)	38.0%
60400 · Stationery/Printing Expense	740.40	500.00	240.40	148.1%
60500 · Telephone/Internet/Fax Expense	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
60600 · Postage and delivery Expense	1,641.84	500.00	1,141.84	328.4%
60700 · EGR Equipment Maintenance	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
60800 · EGR Equipment Purchases	361.24	400.00	(38.76)	90.3%
60900 · Grand Treasurer Honorarium				
60910 · Grand Treasurer Office Expense	0.00	500.00	(500.00)	0.0%
60900 · Grand Treasurer Honorarium - Other	500.00	500.00	0.00	100.0%

Illinois Grand Commandery  
Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual  
July 2020 through June 2021

	Jul '20 - Jun '21	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
Total 60900 · Grand Treasurer Honorarium	500.00	1,000.00	(500.00)	50.0%
61000 · Safe Deposit Box Fee	0.00	50.00	(50.00)	0.0%
61100 · EGR and EGT office Bond	100.00	100.00	0.00	100.0%
61200 · Insurance, liability and Office	2,290.00	2,000.00	290.00	114.5%
61300 · Conclave Expense	0.00	500.00	(500.00)	0.0%
61400 · Inspecting Officers Expense	1,457.26	2,500.00	(1,042.74)	58.3%
61500 · Awards and Plaques	892.68	500.00	392.68	178.5%
61600 · Past Grand Commander's Jewel	61.00	4,100.00	(4,039.00)	1.5%
61700 · Transcript & Print Proceedings	1,717.60	1,800.00	(82.40)	95.4%
61800 · Annual Payment for Triennial	0.00	1,000.00	(1,000.00)	0.0%
61900 · Grand Encampment Per Capita	28,673.00	27,000.00	1,673.00	106.2%
62000 · Eye Foundation Payment	0.00	1,500.00	(1,500.00)	0.0%
62100 · Miscellaneous Expense	1,934.11	500.00	1,434.11	386.8%
62200 · Web Site Expense	197.87	300.00	(102.13)	66.0%
62300 · Expense of Moving GR Office	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
62400 · Professional Fees	0.00	2,000.00	(2,000.00)	0.0%
62500 · Investment Expense General Fund	1,644.82	1,500.00	144.82	109.7%
67000 · Membership Program	0.00	2,850.00	(2,850.00)	0.0%
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>51,932.05</b>	<b>61,100.00</b>	<b>(9,167.95)</b>	<b>85.0%</b>
Net Ordinary Income	15,549.75	0.00	15,549.75	100.0%
Other Income/Expense				
Other Expense	6,899.83			
68000 · Bad Debt writeoff (To recognize bad debts that are uncollectible)	6,899.83			
<b>Total Other Expense</b>	<b>6,899.83</b>			
Net Other Income	(6,899.83)	0.00	(6,899.83)	100.0%
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>8,649.92</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>8,649.92</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

## Illinois Grand Commandery

## Balance Sheet

07/21/21

As of June 30, 2021

Accrual Basis

	Jun 30, 21
<b>ASSETS</b>	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
10000 · Cash (All Cash Accounts)	
10010 · US Bank Checking	12,241.80
10040 · Raymond James Cash	2,586.25
Total 10000 · Cash (All Cash Accounts)	14,828.05
Total Checking/Savings	14,828.05
Accounts Receivable	
16000 · Accounts Receivable	
16100 · Per Capita Receivable (Per Capita receivable from constituent Commanderies)	25,244.00
16400 · Accounts receivable -- other	100.00
Total 16000 · Accounts Receivable	25,344.00
Total Accounts Receivable	25,344.00
Total Current Assets	40,172.05
Other Assets	
18000 · Marketable Securities (Investments in stocks or bonds)	
18001 · Raymond James Investments Cost (Raymond James Investments at Cost)	160,419.72
18002 · Raymond James Unrealized g/l (Unrealized gain or loss in the Raymond James Acc...)	36,660.71
Total 18000 · Marketable Securities (Investments in stocks or bonds)	197,080.43
Total Other Assets	197,080.43
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>237,252.48</b>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	
20000 · Accounts Payable (Unpaid or unapplied vendor bills or credits)	27,191.41
Total Accounts Payable	27,191.41
Other Current Liabilities	
27000 · Other Current Liabilities	
27100 · Liability to Life Member Fund	1,000.00
27300 · Liability to Holy Land Fund	231.00
27400 · Liability, Phillips Payments (Liability for payments of Phillips Charity Fund depo...)	-25,000.00
27600 · Liability to Graff Memorial (Liability to Graff Memorial Fund Investment Account f...)	25.00
27700 · Liability to Jones Memorial (Liability to Jones Memorial Investment Account for ...)	10.00
Total 27000 · Other Current Liabilities	-23,734.00
Total Other Current Liabilities	-23,734.00
Total Current Liabilities	3,457.41
Total Liabilities	3,457.41
Equity	
32000 · Unrestricted Net Assets	188,484.44
32500 · Undistributed, unrealized inves	36,660.71
Net Income	8,649.92
Total Equity	233,795.07
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b>237,252.48</b>

**Jones Permanent Fund**  
**Balance Sheet**  
As of June 30, 2021

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	<u>Jun 30, 21</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>	
<b>Current Assets</b>	
Checking/Savings	
Raymond James Cash	2,787.20
<b>Total Checking/Savings</b>	<u>2,787.20</u>
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	2,787.20
<b>Other Assets</b>	
Securities at Raymond James	
Securities at cost	50,479.14
Unrealized gain or loss	10,498.78
<b>Total Securities at Raymond James</b>	<u>60,977.92</u>
<b>Total Other Assets</b>	<u>60,977.92</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b><u>63,765.12</u></b>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	
Equity	
Equity	
Restricted Equity	34,694.77
Temporarily Restricted Equity	21,570.90
Unrestricted Equity	4,040.00
<b>Total Equity</b>	<u>60,305.67</u>
<b>Net Income</b>	<u>3,459.45</u>
<b>Total Equity</b>	<u>63,765.12</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b><u>63,765.12</u></b>

**Graff Memorial Fund**  
**Balance Sheet**  
As of June 30, 2021

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	<u>Jun 30, 21</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>	
<b>Current Assets</b>	
Checking/Savings	
Raymond James Cash	1,437.27
<b>Total Checking/Savings</b>	<u>1,437.27</u>
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	1,437.27
<b>Other Assets</b>	
Securities at Raymond James	
Securities at cost	28,477.20
Unrealized gain or loss	5,967.41
<b>Total Securities at Raymond James</b>	<u>34,444.61</u>
<b>Total Other Assets</b>	<u>34,444.61</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b><u><u>35,881.88</u></u></b>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	
Equity	
Equity	
Restricted Equity	20,320.00
Temporarily Restricted Equity	13,653.41
<b>Total Equity</b>	33,973.41
<b>Net Income</b>	<u>1,908.47</u>
<b>Total Equity</b>	<u>35,881.88</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b><u><u>35,881.88</u></u></b>



Phillips Charity Fund  
**Balance Sheet**  
As of June 30, 2021

	<u>Jun 30, 21</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>	
<b>Current Assets</b>	
Checking/Savings	
Raymond James Cash	1,506.27
<b>Total Checking/Savings</b>	<u>1,506.27</u>
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	1,506.27
<b>Other Assets</b>	
Securities at Raymond James	
Securities at cost	132,927.79
Unrealized gain or loss	36,015.86
<b>Total Securities at Raymond Jam...</b>	<u>168,943.65</u>
<b>Total Other Assets</b>	<u>168,943.65</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b><u>170,449.92</u></b>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	
<b>Liabilities</b>	
<b>Current Liabilities</b>	
Other Current Liabilities	
Liabilities	
Liability for approved donat...	25,000.00
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<u>25,000.00</u>
<b>Total Other Current Liabilities</b>	<u>25,000.00</u>
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<u>25,000.00</u>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	25,000.00
<b>Equity</b>	
Equity	
Restricted Equity	116,114.98
Temporarily Restricted Equity	19,193.12
<b>Total Equity</b>	<u>135,308.10</u>
<b>Net Income</b>	<u>10,141.82</u>
<b>Total Equity</b>	<u>145,449.92</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b><u>170,449.92</u></b>

Holy Land Pilgrimage  
**Balance Sheet**  
As of June 30, 2021

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	<u>Jun 30, 21</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>	
<b>Current Assets</b>	
Checking/Savings	
Raymond James Cash	89.71
<b>Total Checking/Savings</b>	<u>89.71</u>
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	89.71
<b>Other Assets</b>	
Securities at Raymond James	
Securities at cost	6,678.94
Unrealized gain or loss	1,756.33
<b>Total Securities at Raymond James</b>	<u>8,435.27</u>
<b>Total Other Assets</b>	<u>8,435.27</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b><u>8,524.98</u></b>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	
Equity	
Equity	
Restricted Equity	4,000.00
Temporarily Restricted Equity	10,385.88
<b>Total Equity</b>	14,385.88
Retained Earnings	-6,076.64
Net Income	215.74
<b>Total Equity</b>	<u>8,524.98</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b><u>8,524.98</u></b>

**Fiscal Officers Fund**  
**Balance Sheet**  
As of June 30, 2021

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	Jun 30, 21
<b>ASSETS</b>	
<b>Current Assets</b>	
Checking/Savings	
Raymond James Cash	1,205.67
<b>Total Checking/Savings</b>	1,205.67
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	1,205.67
<b>Other Assets</b>	
Securities at Raymond James	
Securities at cost	70,130.05
Unrealized gain or loss	17,706.90
<b>Total Securities at Raymond James</b>	87,836.95
<b>Total Other Assets</b>	87,836.95
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>89,042.62</b>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	
<b>Equity</b>	
Equity	
Temporarily Restricted Equity	73,416.21
<b>Total Equity</b>	73,416.21
Retained Earnings	4,722.25
Net Income	10,904.16
<b>Total Equity</b>	89,042.62
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b>89,042.62</b>

## REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Right Eminent Grand Commander, Grand Officers and Sir Knights of Illinois;

Throughout the 2020 - 2021 Templar year the Finance Committee monitored the financial activity in the various funds of the Grand Commandery, including investment income, revenues deposited and the disbursement of funds. We specifically reviewed the various transactions as presented by the Grand Recorder as they occurred, including deposits as they were made and in the case of disbursements, the vouchers were approved for payment.

### Fiscal Year 2020 – 2021

<u>Voucher Number</u>	<u>Voucher Type</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Voucher Number</u>	<u>Voucher Type</u>	<u>Amount</u>
20-21/02	Deposit	4,984.00	20-21/29	Expense	120.50
20-21/03	Expense	361.24	20-21/30	Deposit	2,030.73
20-21/04	Expense	171.62	20-21/31	Expense	1200.00
20-21/05	Deposit	3,069.00	20-21/32	Expense	120.06
20-21/06	Expense	300.00	20-21/33	Deposit	120.06
20-21/07	Expense	61.00	20-21/34	Expense	214.05
20-21/08	Deposit	1,949.00	20-21/35	Expense	28,673.00
20-21/09	Deposit	6,377.00	20-21/36	Expense	507.26
20-21/10	Expense	479.60	20-21/37	Expense	500.00
20-21/11	Expense	2,290.00	20-21/38	Expense	4,840.00
20-21/12	Deposit	3,400.00	20-21/39	Expense	4,500.00
20-21/13	Deposit	2,318.00	20-21/40	Deposit	1,729.00
20-21/14	Deposit	420.82	20-21/41	Deposit	368.00
20-21/15	Expense	892.72	20-21/42	Deposit	2,693.00
20-21/16	Expense	253.85	20-21/43	Deposit	2,679.00
20-21/17	Expense	770.00	20-21/44	Deposit	2,419.00
20-21/18	Expense	1,080.00	20-21/45	Deposit	5,378.00
20-21/19	Expense	329.57	20-21/46	Expense	300.00
20-21/20	Expense	160.32	20-21/47	Deposit	5,463.50
20-21/21	Expense	300.00	20-21/48	Expense	100.00
20-21/22	Expense	12.19	20-21/49	Expense	197.87
20-21/23	Deposit	75.00	20-21/50	Deposit	5,681.00
20-21/24	Expense	450.00	20-21/51	Deposit	1,574.00
20-21/25	Expense	159.38	20-21/52	Expense	25,000.00
20-21/26	Expense	200.00	20-21/53	Expense	450.00
20-21/27	Deposit	1,475.16	20-21/54	Expense	1,417.60
20-21/28	Expense	87.88	20-21/55	Expense	217.06

The Finance Committee met in session on Wednesday, July 28, 2021 to review and approve the Grand Commander's budget for 2021 - 2022.

By a vote of 3 to 0 the Finance Committee approved the ensuing year's budget for inclusion in the preliminary reports and presents the budget for approval at the Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Illinois held on July 30, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,  
Finance Committee Members

David P. Hutt, GWB, EPC Chairman	2021	No.2
Henry DeHeer, KCT, REPCD, REPGC	2022	No.38
Max E. Guthrie, KTCH, EPC	2023	No.38

# Grand Commandery of Knights Templar

Proposed Budget for 2021 - 2022

Revised 7/13/2021

	<u>BUDGET</u> <u>2020-2021</u>	<u>BUDGET</u> <u>2021 - 2022</u>
<b>REVENUES</b>		
Grand Commandery Per Capita	26,500.00	27,500.00
Knighting Fees	500.00	500.00
Grand Encampment Per Capita	27,000.00	28,700.00
Eye Foundation	1,500.00	50.00
Dividends, Capital Gains Dist, Interest Div	5,500.00	8,000.00
Distribution from Triennial Fund	-	3,000.00
Other Income	100.00	100.00
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<u>61,100.00</u>	<u>67,850.00</u>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Grand Commander	4,500.00	4,500.00
Grand Recorder	5,000.00	5,000.00
Grand Treasure	500.00	500.00
Office Expense Grand Recorder	1,000.00	1,000.00
Equipment Purchase Grand Recorder	400.00	200.00
Office Expense Grand Treasurer	500.00	500.00
Stationery/Printing	500.00	750.00
Postage	500.00	750.00
Safety Deposit Box	50.00	50.00
Insurance (Office)	100.00	100.00
Insurance (Liability)	2,000.00	2,300.00
Conclave Expense	500.00	4,000.00
Inspections Officer Expense	2,500.00	1,800.00
Awards/Plaques	500.00	500.00
PGC Jewel and Officers Paraphanalia	4,100.00	4,100.00
Proceedings	1,800.00	2,000.00
Grand Encampment Per Capita	27,000.00	28,700.00
Eye Foundation	1,500.00	50.00
Miscellaneous Expense	500.00	300.00
Web Site Expense	300.00	300.00
Distribution of Triennial Funds	-	3,000.00
Professional Fees	2,000.00	2,000.00
Investment Expenses General Fund (Raymond James)	1,500.00	1,800.00
Membership Program	2,850.00	3,650.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<u>61,100.00</u>	<u>67,850.00</u>

## REPORT OF THE INVESTMENT COMMITTEE

Right Eminent Grand Commander, Grand Officers and Sir Knights of Illinois;

The Grand Commandery Investment Committee met virtually via Zoom on May 5, 2021 with our Raymond James advisor, Adam Hawks. In addition to the Investment Committee members, attendance also included S.K. Auston (Gene) Smith, REGC.

Adam Hawks reviewed the portfolio performance of the Grand Commandery investment accounts and copies of the 'Performance by Account Summary' and the 'Performance by Year' reports are both included in the proceedings.

The Grand Commandery Investment Funds include:

- General Account
- Fiscal Officers Fund
- Holy Land Pilgrimage Fund
- Graff Memorial Fund
- Jones Permanent Fund
- Phillips Fund
- Life Membership Fund

The Grand Commandery investment accounts continue to perform well showing steady growth and good returns in a volatile market. The Performance by Account Summary report lists the Beginning and Ending Market Values and Annualized Returns for each fund since inception. The Performance by Year report shows the changes in Market Values and Annualized Performance year by year since 2012.

Since 12/31/2020 to 6/30/2021 the year-to-date Grand Commandery total portfolio value has increased from \$797,801.17 to \$893,779.62, resulting from \$13,000 in contributions, \$9,460.25 in income and \$73,518.20 change in market value.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Investment Committee Members

David P. Hutt, GWB, EPC, Chairman	2021	No.2
Robert K. Cronk, KCT, REPDC, REPGC	2022	No.5
William E. Jegen, REPGC, EGT	E-O	No.1
Mark A. Keagle, REPGC, EGR	E-O	No.66

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# Financial Review Meeting

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# Performance by Account as of Jun 30, 2021

## Grand Commandery Knights

## HILLTOP WEALTH MANAGEMENT

### Performance by Account Summary

Time-Weighted (Net of Fees)

	Open Date/ (Close Date)	Market Value	Custom 6/30/20 6/30/21	2020 12/31/19 12/31/20	2019 12/31/18 12/31/19	2018 12/31/17 12/31/18	Since Inception* Inception 6/30/21
General Account - Dividend & Income // xxxxx355	11/1/11	\$200,087.63	23.04%	5.00%	19.92%	(7.77%)	6.03%
Fiscal Officers Fund // xxxxx685	7/6/12	\$89,042.62	39.38%	10.49%	27.95%	(1.79%)	9.49%
Holy Land Pilgrimage Fund // xxxxx805	7/6/12	\$8,525.40	23.13%	13.17%	13.12%	(4.37%)	6.38%
Graff Memorial Fund // xxxxx280	10/24/19	\$35,917.58	31.46%	13.83%	5.39%	N/A	18.14%
Jones Permanent Fund // xxxxx077	10/25/19	\$63,828.43	31.53%	13.92%	5.06%	N/A	18.01%
Phillips Fund Hilltop Div & Income // xxxxxx993	7/6/12	\$170,807.68	25.08%	6.10%	20.07%	(7.48%)	6.94%
Life Membership RJ Equity Inc AEQIT // xxxxx731	8/16/13	\$325,570.28	25.84%	1.13%	18.95%	(7.79%)	7.01%
<b>Total Portfolio</b>	<b>11/1/11</b>	<b>\$893,779.62</b>	<b>26.83%</b>	<b>5.15%</b>	<b>20.23%</b>	<b>(7.23%)</b>	<b>7.03%</b>

\*Returns are annualized for periods greater than one year.



# Performance by Year as of Jun 30, 2021

## Grand Commandery Knights

## HILLTOP WEALTH MANAGEMENT

	Beginning Market Value	Contributions/Withdrawals	Income	Change in Market Value	Ending Market Value	Investment Results	Time-Weighted (Net of Fees) Performance	Annualized* Performance
<b>Total Portfolio</b>	<b>\$101,895.65</b>	<b>\$377,969.48</b>	<b>\$272,436.08</b>	<b>\$141,478.41</b>	<b>\$893,779.62</b>	<b>\$413,914.49</b>		<b>7.03%</b>
Year to Date (12/31/2020 - 6/30/2021)	\$797,801.17	\$13,000.00	\$9,460.25	\$73,518.20	\$893,779.62	\$82,978.45	10.14%	7.03%
2020	\$782,990.02	(\$22,980.70)	\$25,867.72	\$11,924.13	\$797,801.17	\$37,791.85	5.15%	6.29%
2019	\$666,040.03	(\$16,527.41)	\$35,579.23	\$97,898.17	\$782,990.02	\$133,477.40	20.23%	6.43%
2018	\$740,041.83	(\$21,701.34)	\$46,840.07	(\$99,140.54)	\$666,040.03	(\$52,300.47)	(7.23%)	4.59%
2017	\$665,670.61	(\$14,331.62)	\$32,703.03	\$55,999.82	\$740,041.83	\$88,702.84	13.53%	6.71%
2016	\$612,147.70	(\$8,696.37)	\$27,257.50	\$34,961.78	\$665,670.61	\$62,219.28	10.33%	5.39%
2015	\$654,420.64	(\$6,007.98)	\$32,694.60	(\$68,959.56)	\$612,147.70	(\$36,264.96)	(5.59%)	4.20%
2014	\$621,582.95	(\$5,853.84)	\$34,159.72	\$4,531.81	\$654,420.64	\$38,691.53	6.28%	7.67%
2013	\$262,581.20	\$305,603.90	\$20,570.95	\$32,826.90	\$621,582.95	\$53,397.85	12.40%	8.37%
2012 (12/31/2011 - 12/31/2012)	\$101,895.65	\$155,464.84	\$7,303.01	(\$2,082.30)	\$262,581.20	\$5,220.71	4.52%	4.50%

\*Returns are annualized for periods greater than one year.

## Report of the Grand Recorder

As your Grand Recorder I submit the following report for the transactions of the Grand Recorder's Office from 1 June 2020 – 31 May 2021.

### **Annual Statistical Report - Start: 6/1/2020 End: 5/31/2021** **Grand Encampment of Knights Templar** **Grand Commandery of Illinois** **Stationed at Clinton, IL**

Total Working Commanderies = 36

**The following is a recapitulation of membership activity during the specified reporting period.**

Total number members on last return =		<u>3,172</u>
Total number KNIGHTED =	21	
Total number AFFILIATED =	80	
Total number REINSTATED =	8	
Total number ADD ADJUSTMENT =	0	
Total Gain (+)	<u>109</u>	
Total number DEMITTED =	93	
Total number SUSPENDED =	52	
Total number DECEASED =	183	
Total number EXPELLED =	0	
Total number DELETE ADJUSTMENT =	1	
Total Loss (-)	<u>329</u>	
	Net Gain (Net Loss) =	<u>(220)</u>
Total number of members (including Dual and Plural) on this report as of		
	=	<u>2,952</u>

The data was pulled from the MMS system. It is very important for the Recorders to update the MMS System in a timely fashion. This will ensure that we have the most accurate membership information at all times.

I would like to thank all the Recorders for the work that they continued to complete during this trying pandemic. You kept the fraternity moving forward and put all of us in great shape to hit the ground running once we could start meeting in person again. It was an honor to serve you as your Grand Recorder.

Respectfully submitted

Mark Keagle, KCT, REPGC, Grand Recorder

**Report of the Committee on Templar Dead**

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>COMMANDERY</u></b>	<b><u>Date of Death</u></b>
George Daniel Hair	Tancred #2	2/15/2021
Kenneth Glen Easton	Joliet #4	5/3/2021
Raymond Leroy Benson Sr.	Galesburg #8	12/18/2020
Leonard Everett Stoecker	Gorin #14	10/9/2020
Robert Raymond Butterworth	Urbana #16	5/1/2021
James Clayton Loving Jr.	Aurora #22	10/6/2020
Chester Walden Crouch	DeMolay #24	12/9/2020
Bradley Lincoln Baker	Calvary #25, Bethel #36	9/27/2020
Ralph Edward Bruhn	Bethel #36	6/3/2021
Alvie Lee Green	Bethel #36	6/12/2021
Charles R. Horwitz	Bethel #36	6/12/2021
John R. Zimmerman	Bethel #36	9/1/2020
Donald Wayne Niewold	Mt Olivet #38	1/22/2021
James Govis	Evanston #58	8/12/2020
George Herbert Wright	Evanston #58	2/24/2021
Earl Clyde Spohr	Patton #69	10/17/2020
Henry Jay Sade	Quincy #77	12/7/2020

The list of Eminent Past Commanders have laid down their sword since our last Conclave.

Respectfully submitted

Mark Keagle, KCT, REPGC, Grand Recorder

**GRAND REPRESENTATIVES OF ILLINOIS 2020-2021**

**R. E. Grand Commander, Grand Officers, and Sir Knights of the State of Illinois.**

**The following is a list of the Grand Representatives.**

ALABAMA	DARYL W. SELOCK	PALATINE
ARIZONA	PRESSLY A. LAIRD	GRIGGSVILLE
ARKANSAS	EARL F. WYS	PEORIA
CALIFORNIA	WALTER A. DEMENT	DIXON
COLORADO	CRAIG C. STIMPERT	MORRIS
CONNECTICUT	EARL W. KNIGHT	MCLEANSBORO
DELAWARE	RALPH J. PALMER	LAKE-IN-THE-HILLS
DIST OF COLUMBIA	DAVID HUTT	MARYVILLE
FLORIDA	D. MARC WILSON	SPRINGFIELD
GEORGIA	BERNARD A. NORTH	CLINTON
IDAHO	WILLIAM P. RAKES	OAK PARK
INDIANA	JOHN T. RIEDAS, SR	OAK FOREST
IOWA	MARVIN L. SELOCK	PALATINE
KANSAS	JOHN R. JORGENSON	GLENVIEW
KENTUCKY	CHARLES M. MILLS	KELL
LOUISIANA	GARY D. HERMANN	TREMONT
MAINE	ROBERT H. PIERCE	WINDSOR
MARYLAND	GRANT O. KOENTZ	COLLINSVILLE
MASS. & RHODE ISLAND	JAMES W. PATTON	DOWNERS GROVE
MICHIGAN	WILLIAM E. JEGEN	WHEATON
MINNESOTA	ROBERT G. MINTON	CHAMPAIGN
MISSISSIPPI	GREGORY R. KLEMM	OLIVE BRANCH, MS
MISSOURI	MARK A. KEAGLE	CLINTON
MONTANA	JAMIE EMERY	OQUAWKA
NEBRASKA	JOHN M. SANSONE	OAK LAWN
NEVADA	H. WAYNE HOFFMAN	DELAVAN
NEW HAMPSHIRE	WILLIAM H. POOLE, JR.	JOLIET
NEW JERSEY	WAYNE CLARK	SPRINGFIELD
NEW MEXICO	WILLIAM J. JONES	VILLA GROVE
NEW YORK	RUSSELL L. SCHLOSSER	ROLING MEADOWS
NORTH CAROLINA	BRUCE W. RHINEHART	BRIDGEPORT
NORTH DAKOTA	CHARLES E. HILEMAN, JR.	COLLINSVILLE
OHIO	WILLIAM J. FARRIS	ROCKFORD
OKLAHOMA	WENDELL E. WALCH	SPRINGFIELD
OREGON	SEAN MCBRIDE	DANVILLE
PENNSYLVANIA	DON COWART	NAPERVILLE
PHILIPPINES	ROLANDO V. GANGE	ADDISON
SOUTH CAROLINA	DANNY L. GADDIS, JR.	JOLIET
SOUTH DAKOTA	ENRIQUE UNANUE	SPRINGFIELD
TENNESSEE	JESSE L. JOHNS, SR.	CLINTON
TEXAS	F. RICHARD CARLSON	RIVERTON
UTAH	ORVILLE SHOEMAKER	DIXON
VERMONT	WILLIAM J. SMITH	CHICAGO
VIRGINIA	FRANK H. WELTER, SR.	CHICAGO
WASHINGTON	JOSEPH W. LUCAS	MT. PULASKI
WEST VIRGINIA	JOHNATHAN E. BARNES	CHICAGO
WISCONSIN	STANLEY P. BOYD	WHEATON
WYOMING	ROBERT K. CRONK	ROCK CITY

**That is the roll call of the Grand Representatives to other States.**

**Respectfully submitted,  
Mark A. Keagle, KCT, PGC, Grand Recorder**

## **Report Of The Committee On Public Relations**

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

This past year has been a challenge to those of us who are charged with communicating information in a meaningful manner. As we are once again able to gather together in fraternal fellowship, it is our intention to communicate information to those who have not as yet taken the step to increase their understanding of our Ancient Craft Fraternity through the conferral of the Degrees and Order of the York Rite of Freemasonry

Fraternally submitted,  
John Thomas Riedas, Sr., P.G.C., Chairman  
Enrique Jorge Unanue, P.G.C.  
William H. Poole, J., P.C.

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## **Report Of The Knight Templar Magazine Supplement Editor**

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

The objective of the Illinois Supplement, which is the only communication between the Grand Commandery and the Sir Knights of Illinois, is to bring to their attention information on the activities of the Grand Commandery and programs which will enhance their Chivalric experience. During the past twelve months we have submitted articles which were written by our Grand Commander, which he felt was in the best interest of our membership.

As we begin this new Templar Year, with changes on how the membership will be receiving this supplement, we look forward in presenting to you information which will be meaningful in assisting the Sir Knights of Illinois a means in which to improve both themselves and the Commandery of which they are a member.

Fraternally submitted,

John Thomas Riedas, Sr., P.G.C., Illinois Knight Templar Magazine Supplement Editor

## **Report of the Website Committee**

To: The Right Eminent Grand Commander and Sir Knights of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Illinois.

We the committee have endeavored to keep the Illinois Grand Commandery Website timely and up to date during this chivalric year. The volume of information was much less than previous years due to the impacts of COVID-19. Most updates and new data were uploaded to the website within 48hrs and in most cases within 2 to three hours of when they became known to the committee. We hope every SK found it to be timely and informative this year.

Respectfully submitted,  
John M. Sansone, DGC





**GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR  
OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS  
OFFICE OF THE EMINENT GRAND GENERALISSIMO**

**Date: May 16, 2021**

Report of the  
Charters and Dispensations Committee 2020-2021

To: the Grand Commander, Officers and Sir Knights of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar for the State of Illinois.

A Notice of Intent was received from Trinity Commandery No. 80 to merge into Apollo Commandery No.1. The surviving Commandery would combine the assets and members of both Commanderies then relocate from Wheaton, Il to The Naperville Lodge where Trinity Commandery No 80 currently resides. This Notice of Intent was voted on and approved by the members of Trinity No. 80 and Wheaton No.1 at a Stated Conclave after proper notice was sent to the Sir Knights of each Commandery in accordance with the Grand Commandery Statutes. Notice of the Intent was then sent to the Grand Commander. This matter was referred to The Charters and Dispensation Committee which recommends this merger and relocation be approved for the good of the fraternity.

No other actions were taken requiring review by this Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

SK Wayne Clark, EGG, Chairman  
SK John Sansone, VEDGC  
SK John Loayza

Charter and Dispensations Committee  
Grand Commandery of Knights Templar  
for the State of Illinois



**GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR  
OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS  
OFFICE OF THE EMINENT GRAND GENERALISSIMO**

**Date: May 16, 2021**

Report of the  
Ritual and Tactics Committee 2020-2021

There were no Ritual Certification evaluations conducted due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. However, the following proposed changes to the Grand Commandery Ritual and Tactic Manual were held over from the 2020 conclave as no new legislation was considered.

The following proposal to update the Grand Commandery Tactics Manual was submitted (in 2020) to the Jurisprudence Committee for approval and vote at the next Conclave.

*We would like to propose the following changes to the Grand Commandery Knights Templar Illinois Asylum Tactics. The only version I have found is dated 1989 so the wording may not match exactly with a more current revision.*

*Upon the Commander's command to deposit chapeaus during the rehearsal and attributes. The following additions are proposed:*

***Opening***

*Rehearsal instructions on page 19.*

*Each Knight lays his chapeau, cross up **or cap or garrison cap, crown side down, cross facing the wearer**, on the floor, with his left hand, the tops of the chapeau **or side of the cap or garrison cap** opposite and touching.*

***Attributes***

*The grip and immaculate word page 92.*

*The EC moves to within one pace of the candidate, kneels, and instructs candidate to uncover (with left hand) and deposits chapeau with cross up **or cap or garrison cap, crown side down, cross facing the wearer** and interlace fingers.*

Respectfully submitted,

SK Wayne Clark, EGG, Chairman  
SK John Sansone, VEDGC  
SK Richard Carnall, EGCG  
SK Joseph Lucas, REPGC  
SK Robert Wright, EPC

Ritual and Tactics Committee  
Grand Commandery of Knights Templar  
for the State of Illinois

# Report on The Committee on Fiscal Officers Fund

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

The Fiscal Officers Fun had no valid claims this year. Therefore, no actions were taken.

Respectfully Submitted,

John M. Sansone, DGC - Chairman

Wayne R. Clark, GG

Richard T. Carnell, GCG

David Hutt, PC

# Report on The Committee on the Eloise H. Phillips Charity Fund

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

The Sir Knights of the Committee on the Eloise H. Phillips Charity Fund met on May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2021 via ZOOM Conference. The Fund has done well this year with its return on its investments. The Committee decided to support the Masonic Youth Organizations and the Knights Templar Eye Foundation this year. The Youth Organizations, due to COVID-19 restrictions, were unable to carry out the normal business of fundraising for their various programs which has presented a particular and unusual need for support. Therefore, the Committee as a whole, took this unique opportunity to make the following donations:

DeMolay	\$10,000
Rainbow Girls	5,000
Jobs Daughters	5,000
KTEF	5,000

A list of possible donations was presented to the Committee for consideration. The Committee felt that investing in our young people of Illinois was the best use of our funds for the future. The KTEF donation will go toward purchasing Life Memberships for many of our Illinois Sir Knights and continue to support the good works of the foundation.

Respectfully Submitted,

John M. Sansone, DGC - Chairman

David Hutt, PC

Jamie Emery, GSW

## **2020-2021 Membership Committee Annual Report**

It is my pleasure to report on behalf of the Membership Committee for the previous year.

The committee focuses on Membership Retention, Attraction, and Development of our Sir Knights, all of whom represent and promote a quality life filled with honor, integrity, and brotherly love, and who have sworn to wield their swords in the defense of innocent maidens, destitute widows, helpless orphans, and the Christian Religion.

Due to the pandemic, this year's meetings were conducted virtually or by email correspondence. The past year was challenging, our committee held a few special meetings and discussions. However, during these discussions we looked for various ways in which to gain enthusiasm and participation from both newly Knighted and seasoned Sir Knights, as well as looking for ways in which to help further develop and enhance the Knight Templar Experience for each Sir Knight and their perspective commanderies.

I am happy to report that although for the most part we had a stagnant year, the committee was able to release several documents to help to encourage the better organizing of administrative duties, to include but not limited to, creating a 5-year Business Plan Model, Public Relations Guidelines, and releasing an education program that focuses on both Masonic and historical facts regarding our orders of Chivalry.

As we know Membership may very well be the most difficult of committees in which to be a member of, as everything is always changing around you but your goal remains the same. Making sure that all the Sir Knights of the State of Illinois have a worthwhile experience and gain what they expected from this fraternity, Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth. I would like to thank my committee members: SK Richard R. Sinclair, Jr., EPC, SK John C. Loayza, Sr., EPC, SK Wayne R. Clark, EGG and SK Nyle G. Waters, EPC.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kevin A. Wheeler,

Membership Committee Chairman

## KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EDUCATION FOUNDATION

The committee on Knights Templar Education Foundation is continuing the goal of providing as many scholarships grants as possible for Illinois students.

Three (3) years ago when we pooled our funds with the Grand Encampment Education Foundation, it provided for a better rate of return and we are no longer required to file the IRS 1096 forms.

All accounting, investment and reporting will be done by the Grand Encampment.

This year we are pleased to announce that the balance of the fund is \$1,128,918.76 as of June 1, 2021 for a growth of 1.4%.

The eight (8) recipients for this year are:

Oksana Zavolokoff (2<sup>nd</sup> year)

Angelica Julimo

Madison Butler

Franck Koko

Brigid Millette

Kirstin Kiper

Josefina Pimentel (2<sup>nd</sup> year)

Paul Crossen

I wish to thank all of the Committee member for their time and effort.

William Farris REPGC

Chairperson

Illinois Knights Templar Education Foundation Committee

July 11, 2021

Sir Knight Autsin Eugene Smith, Grand Commander  
Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Illinois  
Normal, IL

Right Eminent Sir:

The Knights Templar Eye Foundation 53rd Voluntary Campaign ran from June 1, 2020 through May 15, 2021. A Total of \$1,390,186.28 was realized by this Campaign from contributions by all Sir Knights and Commanderies. The Sir Knights of Illinois generously contributed \$30,605.93 to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. Illinois placed 16th in the Grand Encampment for Contributions. Our Per Capita Contributions were \$10.34 per Sir Knight, and placed us 43rd in the Grand Encampment in that category.

The above mentioned Contributions plus Trusts and Will made the Grand Total to be \$2,158,267.08 and which was received by the Knights Templar Eye Foundation during the 53rd Voluntary Campaign. The Sir Knights and Commanderies of Illinois final Contributions plus Trusts and Wills totaled \$296,017.04. This placed Illinois **first** in total Contributions plus Trusts and Wills.

First Place in Dollar Contributions in Illinois was Bethel #36 with \$4,039.00 and First Place in Per Capita Contributions was Evanston #58 with \$31.76 per Sir Knight.

Ten Commanderies contributed more than \$10 per member.  
These are:

Tancred Commandery No. 2  
Elwood Commandery No. 6  
Rock Island Commandery No. 18  
Aurora Commandery No.22  
St. Omer Commandery No. 30  
Bethel Commandery No. 36  
St. Aldemar Commandery No. 47  
Macomb Commandery No. 56  
Evanston Commandery No. 58  
Trinity Commandery No. 80



Those Commanderies receiving Plaques and Award Certificates for achieving \$10.00 or more per member for the first time or for those who have used up all of their spaces on the certificates:

Galesburg Commandery #8  
Mizpah Commandery #53

Eleven Commanderies contributed from \$5.00-\$9.99 per member.  
These are:

Beaumanoir Commandery No. 9  
Urbana Commandery No. 16  
Crusader Commandery No. 17  
Dixon Commandery No. 21  
DeMolay Commandery No. 24  
Melita Commandery No.37  
Mt. Olivet Commandery No. 38  
Constantine Commandery No. 51  
St. Elmo Commandery No. 64  
Patton Commandery No. 69  
Quincy Commandery No. 77

All Commanderies listed above will receive Plaques, Seal or Certificates for their generosity.

The attached spreadsheets list all Grand Commanderies and Subordinate Commanderies of the Grand Encampment and all Commanderies in Illinois and the respective amounts they donated.

It was the Eye Foundation Committees pleasure to serve yourself and the Grand Commandery of Illinois this year during the 53rd Voluntary Campaign of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc.

Sincerely and Fraternaly,

Don J. Cowrt, PC

Bradley L. Baker, PC, KTCH, Chairman (deceased)

H. Gary Reichert, PC

CC: Mark A. Keagle, REPGC, Eminent Grand Recorder

Attachments

To: Grand Recorders  
cc: Voluntary Campaign State Chairman

June 1, 2021

Dear Grand Recorder:

**Re: 53rd Annual Voluntary Campaign Awards**

The 53rd Voluntary Campaign has officially closed. We are pleased to enclose the following:

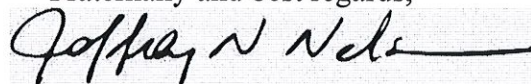
1. The final results from all Grand Commanderies.
2. The final results of all Constituent Commanderies within your Grand Commandery.
3. A listing of all the award recipients along with the seals & certificates for your Grand Commandery showing:
  - a. Those receiving seals for achieving \$10.00 or more per member.  
Plaque(s) and Award Certificates for achieving \$10.00 or more per member for those first time Commanderies making this achievement and for those who have used up all the spaces on their certificates.
  - b. Appreciation Certificate(s) for achieving \$5.00 - \$9.99 per member.

The new Voluntary report is broken up into two sides:

- On the left side the report shows all contributions received from members and Commanderies which is used to issue the awards based on the "Active Member Per Capita Average".
- On the right side the report shows all contributions received from members and Commanderies PLUS Trusts and Wills.

On behalf of the Officers and Trustees of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc. we thank you for your continued support of our mission for the prevention of blindness. The Foundation's benevolent acts depend on assistance, such as your Grand Commandery has shown, to continue funding for research and education for the preservation of sight.

Fraternally and best regards,



Jeffrey N. Nelson  
President



Jeffrey N. Nelson, M.E.G.M., President  
Michael B. Johnson, R.E.D.G.M., Vice President  
David J. Kussman, R.E.G.G., Vice President  
Jeffrey A. Bolstad, R.E.G.C.G., Vice President  
R. Thomas Starr, R.E.G.C., Campaign Chairman  
Lawrence E. Tucker, R.E.G.R., Secretary

To: Voluntary Campaign Chairmen & Grand Recorders  
Subject: 53rd Voluntary Campaign Report – Update

January 2021

For your review we have attached the current numbers of all the Commanderies in your jurisdiction through week 16 ending January 2, 2021.

The new Voluntary report is broken up into two sides:

- On the left side the report shows all contributions received from members and Commanderies and is used to issue the awards based on the “Active Member Per Capita Average”.
- On the right side the report shows all contributions received from members and Commanderies PLUS Trusts and Wills.

At the end of the campaign we have two awards that are issued based on the results shown on the left side.

- Active Member Per Capita Average - \$5.00 - \$9.99 – the Commandery gets an Appreciate Certificate
- Active Member Per Capita Average - \$10.00 and up – the Commandery receives a 53<sup>rd</sup> Voluntary Campaign Seal and if needed a Certificate and Plaque will go with it. *(The Certificate holds 11 seals and based on our records we will know if the Commandery needs a Certificate. But if a certificate is need at the time of issuance the Recorder of the Commandery should notify the Foundation office.)*

As a reminder as we come to the close of the 53rd Voluntary Campaign we will accept all contributions for credit that have a USPS Post Mark of May 15<sup>th</sup>.

If you would like to run this report yourself you can run the report by:

- Going to Reports / Donations / Voluntary Campaign / KTEF Campaign Activity
- National Body = Knights Templar State = Your Jurisdiction
- Fiscal Campaign: 53<sup>rd</sup> Campaign Week: you can select any week based on the date range
  - Click “Run Report”

The important fields for you to determine the awards will be the results on the left side of report.:

- *Cumulative Total* – this is the total account through the week you have selected
- *Rank* – this is the rank within your Jurisdiction based on “*Cumulative Total*” of contributions only
- *Active Members As of: mm/dd/yyyy* – this is the member currently in the MMS database based on end date of the week you have selected
- *Active Member Per Capita Average* – this is the average taking “*Cumulative Total*” and dividing by “*Active Members As of: mm/dd/yyyy*”
- *Rank* – this is the rank within your Jurisdiction based on “*Active Member Per Capita Average*”

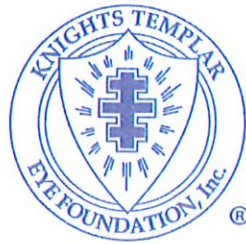
If you do not have “View Only” access rights to the MMS Database please give us a call and we will work with you to get you access, once you gain access we can walk you through the reports that are available to you as a Voluntary Campaign Chairman.

On behalf of the Officers and Trustees of the Foundation we thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely

Robert W. Bigley, KGC  
Assistant Secretary / Office Administrator





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# 53rd Annual Voluntary Campaign Final Report

## July 1, 2020 - May 15, 2021

State	Contributions Only - used for awards					Contributions + Trusts + Wills	
	Cumulative Total	Total \$ Rank	Active Members as of: 5/15/2021	Active Member Per Capita Average	Per Capita \$ Rank	Cumulative Total	Total \$ Rank
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,390,186.28</b>		<b>68,581</b>	<b>\$20.27</b>		<b>\$2,158,267.08</b>	
<i>Knights Templar</i>	\$33,749.43					\$33,749.43	
Alabama	\$30,432.66	17	1,004	\$30.31	10	\$31,434.28	17
Alaska	\$5,620.00	46	349	\$16.10	29	\$5,620.00	47
Arizona	\$14,172.00	28	526	\$26.94	15	\$29,289.00	18
Arkansas	\$9,277.63	33	672	\$13.81	34	\$9,277.63	34
Austria	\$0.00		15	\$0.00		\$0.00	
Brasil	\$0.00		717	\$0.00		\$0.00	
California	\$63,023.01	4	2,161	\$29.16	12	\$68,023.01	7
Colorado	\$31,630.85	15	703	\$44.99	5	\$206,630.85	4
Connecticut	\$32,034.23	13	593	\$54.02	4	\$32,034.23	16
Croatia	\$0.00		48	\$0.00		\$0.00	
Delaware	\$1,610.00	51	203	\$7.93	48	\$1,610.00	51
District of Columbia	\$9,491.00	32	216	\$43.94	6	\$9,491.00	33
Florida	\$50,999.07	8	2,672	\$19.09	27	\$66,221.58	8
GE Subordinate - Asia Pacific	\$210.00	54	133	\$1.58	54	\$210.00	54
GE Subordinate - European & Africa	\$970.00	53	252	\$3.85	53	\$970.00	53
GE Subordinate - Latin America &	\$1,260.00	52	289	\$4.36	51	\$1,260.00	52
Georgia	\$25,350.62	19	1,974	\$12.84	37	\$25,350.62	20
Hawaii	\$2,435.00	50	217	\$11.22	42	\$2,435.00	50
Idaho	\$12,344.00	31	211	\$58.50	3	\$12,344.00	32
Illinois	\$30,605.93	16	2,960	\$10.34	43	\$296,017.04	1
Indiana	\$20,964.64	20	2,520	\$8.32	47	\$20,964.64	24
Iowa	\$14,127.00	29	1,105	\$12.78	38	\$22,261.14	21
Italy	\$0.00		640	\$0.00		\$0.00	
Kansas	\$7,349.00	38	774	\$9.49	44	\$7,745.91	39
Kentucky	\$17,654.92	23	2,061	\$8.57	45	\$17,654.92	26
Louisiana	\$13,701.00	30	924	\$14.83	30	\$13,701.00	31
Maine	\$14,507.00	27	1,035	\$14.02	32	\$15,309.74	29



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	Cumulative Total	Total \$ Rank	Active Members as of: 5/15/2021	Active Member Per Capita Average	Per Capita \$ Rank	Cumulative Total	Total \$ Rank
Maryland	\$33,540.05	11	937	\$35.80	8	\$33,540.05	14
Mass/Rhode Island	\$57,221.00	5	1,930	\$29.65	11	\$57,221.00	9
Mexico	\$0.00		197	\$0.00		\$0.00	
Michigan	\$17,393.00	24	1,473	\$11.81	40	\$22,234.12	22
Minnesota	\$18,963.12	22	915	\$20.72	22	\$18,963.12	25
Mississippi	\$4,965.00	47	1,176	\$4.22	52	\$4,965.00	48
Missouri	\$20,479.71	21	1,559	\$13.14	36	\$21,809.34	23
Montana	\$7,826.00	37	560	\$13.98	33	\$7,826.00	38
Nebraska	\$33,034.00	12	562	\$58.78	2	\$33,034.00	15
Nevada	\$9,228.00	34	341	\$27.06	14	\$9,228.00	35
New Hampshire	\$5,905.06	43	294	\$20.09	24	\$5,905.06	44
New Jersey	\$14,986.00	26	695	\$21.56	20	\$14,986.00	30
New Mexico	\$5,990.00	42	288	\$20.80	21	\$5,990.00	43
New York	\$34,334.00	10	1,401	\$24.51	16	\$34,334.00	13
North Carolina	\$31,973.50	14	2,175	\$14.70	31	\$42,973.50	11
North Dakota	\$6,290.00	40	222	\$28.33	13	\$6,290.00	41
Ohio	\$236,574.11	1	6,010	\$39.36	7	\$246,133.40	2
Oklahoma	\$15,425.00	25	1,157	\$13.33	35	\$15,425.00	28
Oregon	\$5,876.51	45	484	\$12.14	39	\$5,876.51	46
Panama	\$40.00	55	155	\$0.26	55	\$40.00	55
Pennsylvania	\$86,768.54	3	3,723	\$23.31	18	\$207,044.94	3
Philippines	\$2,880.00	49	517	\$5.57	49	\$2,880.00	49
Portugal	\$0.00		202	\$0.00		\$0.00	
Romania	\$0.00		524	\$0.00		\$0.00	
South Carolina	\$26,058.26	18	2,223	\$11.72	41	\$26,058.26	19
South Dakota	\$6,276.00	41	306	\$20.51	23	\$6,276.00	42
Tennessee	\$55,433.01	6	2,798	\$19.81	26	\$56,349.09	10
Texas	\$86,811.93	2	5,373	\$16.16	28	\$171,092.64	5
Togo	\$0.00		84	\$0.00		\$0.00	
Utah	\$5,879.95	44	258	\$22.79	19	\$5,879.95	45
Vermont	\$6,331.90	39	269	\$23.54	17	\$6,331.90	40
Virginia	\$53,692.68	7	1,508	\$35.61	9	\$90,852.68	6
Washington	\$34,644.96	9	508	\$68.20	1	\$34,644.96	12
West Virginia	\$8,055.00	36	1,762	\$4.57	50	\$8,055.00	37
Wisconsin	\$4,895.00	48	577	\$8.48	46	\$17,526.54	27
Wyoming	\$8,896.00	35	444	\$20.04	25	\$8,896.00	36

# **53rd Annual Voluntary Campaign Awards**

## **Grand Commandery of Illinois**

*Those Commanderies receiving Seals for achieving \$10.00 or more per member:*

Tancred Commandery No.2  
Elwood Commandery No.6  
Rock Island Commandery No.18  
Aurora Commandery No.22  
St Omer Commandery No.30  
Bethel Commandery No.36  
St Aldemar Commandery No.47  
Macomb Commandery No.56  
Evanston Commandery No.58  
Trinity Commandery No.80

*Those Commanderies receiving Plaque(s) and Award Certificates for achieving \$10.00 or more per member for the first time or for those who have used up all of their spaces on the certificates:*

Galesburg Commandery No.8  
Mizpah Commandery No.53

*Appreciation Certificate(s) for achieving \$5.00-\$9.99 per member:*

Beaumanoir Commandery No.9  
Urbana Commandery No.16  
Crusader Commandery No.17  
Dixon Commandery No.21  
DeMolay Commandery No.24  
Melita Commandery No.37  
Mt Olivet Commandery No.38  
Constantine Commandery No.51  
St Elmo Commandery No.64  
Patton Commandery No.69  
Quincy Commandery No.77

# Campaign Activity

Record Count = 37

Body: Illinois, Knights Templar

Campaign: 53rd

Fiscal Week: 35

NOTE: All contributions postmarked on or before May 15th are credited and closing reports are based on membership as of May 15th posted within the MMS database. Following the close of any campaign reports from the system may change because of membership adjustments and Commanderies merging into others. Therefore the numbers represented on these reports after a campaign has officially closed will not change the final results because official results are only based on MMS database reports as of May 15th of that year.

	Contributions Only - used for awards						Contributions + Trusts + Wills				
	Total for Week: 35	Count	Cumulative Total	Rank	Active Members as of: 5/15/2021	Active Member Per Capita Average	Rank	Total for Week: 35	Count	Cumulative Total.	Rank
Illinois	\$2,420.00	459	\$30,605.93		2,960	\$10.34		\$2,420.00	461	\$296,017.04	
Grand Commandery	\$0.00	1	\$50.00			\$10.32		\$0.00	1	\$50.00	
Apollo No. 1	\$0.00	9	\$362.00	21	91	\$3.98	27	\$0.00	9	\$362.00	21
Aurora No. 22	\$0.00	18	\$1,060.00	10	86	\$12.33	11	\$0.00	18	\$1,060.00	11
Beaumanoir No. 9	\$0.00	5	\$262.93	27	47	\$5.59	22	\$0.00	5	\$262.93	27
Beauseant No. 86	\$0.00	2	\$150.00	32	97	\$1.55	36	\$0.00	2	\$150.00	32
Bethel No. 36	\$0.00	54	\$4,039.00	1	321	\$12.58	10	\$0.00	54	\$4,039.00	2
Blaney No. 5	\$0.00	3	\$80.00	35	46	\$1.74	35	\$0.00	3	\$80.00	34
Calvary No. 25	\$0.00	5	\$250.00	28	54	\$4.63	24	\$0.00	5	\$250.00	28
Clinton No. 66	\$0.00	3	\$70.00	36	32	\$2.19	33	\$0.00	3	\$70.00	36
Constantine No. 51	\$150.00	11	\$472.00	16	57	\$8.28	16	\$150.00	11	\$472.00	16
Crusader No. 17	\$0.00	13	\$400.00	19	58	\$6.90	19	\$0.00	13	\$400.00	19
DeMolay No. 24	\$50.00	21	\$715.00	13	72	\$9.93	13	\$50.00	21	\$715.00	13
Dixon No. 21	\$0.00	9	\$400.00	18	70	\$5.71	21	\$0.00	9	\$400.00	18
Elwood No. 6	\$50.00	13	\$1,720.00	7	58	\$29.66	2	\$50.00	13	\$1,720.00	8
Evanston No. 58	\$1,000.00	17	\$2,795.00	2	88	\$31.76	1	\$1,000.00	17	\$2,795.00	3
Galesburg No. 8	\$0.00	7	\$1,235.00	9	55	\$22.45	4	\$0.00	7	\$1,235.00	10
Gil W. Barnard No. 74	\$0.00	2	\$80.00	34	42	\$1.90	34	\$0.00	2	\$80.00	35
Gorin No. 14	\$0.00	12	\$330.00	23	122	\$2.70	31	\$0.00	12	\$330.00	23
Joliet No. 4	\$100.00	13	\$490.00	15	110	\$4.45	25	\$100.00	13	\$490.00	15
Macomb No. 56	\$0.00	18	\$720.00	12	57	\$12.63	9	\$0.00	20	\$266,131.11	1
Melita No. 37	\$0.00	8	\$390.00	20	46	\$8.48	15	\$0.00	8	\$390.00	20





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	Total for Week: 35	Count	Cumulative Total	Rank	Active Members as of: 5/15/2021	Active Member Per Capita Average	Rank	Total for Week: 35	Count	Cumulative Total.	Rank
Mizpah No. 53	\$900.00	35	\$2,455.00	5	112	\$21.92	6	\$900.00	35	\$2,455.00	6
Mt Olivet No. 38	\$0.00	10	\$305.00	25	37	\$8.24	17	\$0.00	10	\$305.00	25
Ottawa No. 10	\$0.00	8	\$235.00	29	64	\$3.67	29	\$0.00	8	\$235.00	29
Palestine No. 27	\$0.00	5	\$180.00	30	46	\$3.91	28	\$0.00	5	\$180.00	30
Patton No. 69	\$0.00	22	\$1,870.00	6	197	\$9.49	14	\$0.00	22	\$1,870.00	7
Peoria No. 3	\$0.00	10	\$275.00	26	117	\$2.35	32	\$0.00	10	\$275.00	26
Quincy No. 77	\$0.00	7	\$180.00	31	36	\$5.00	23	\$0.00	7	\$180.00	31
Rock Island No. 18	\$0.00	6	\$660.00	14	30	\$22.00	5	\$0.00	6	\$660.00	14
Silangan No. 93	\$0.00	1	\$150.00	33	35	\$4.29	26	\$0.00	1	\$150.00	33
St Aldemar No. 47	\$0.00	13	\$1,395.00	8	56	\$24.91	3	\$0.00	13	\$1,395.00	9
St Bernard No. 35	\$0.00	6	\$320.00	24	114	\$2.81	30	\$0.00	6	\$320.00	24
St Elmo No. 64	\$30.00	14	\$755.00	11	98	\$7.70	18	\$30.00	14	\$755.00	12
St Omer No. 30	\$0.00	8	\$410.00	17	41	\$10.00	12	\$0.00	8	\$410.00	17
Tancred No. 2	\$0.00	33	\$2,465.00	4	144	\$17.12	7	\$0.00	33	\$2,465.00	5
Trinity No. 80	\$100.00	29	\$2,530.00	3	166	\$15.24	8	\$100.00	29	\$2,530.00	4
Urbana No. 16	\$40.00	8	\$350.00	22	58	\$6.03	20	\$40.00	8	\$350.00	22



## **Report of the Triennial Committee**

30 July 2021

To the Officers and Sir Knights of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Illinois.

This Committee has expended no funds during the past year.

This Committee thanks you for the opportunity to serve you and the Grand Commandery of Illinois.

Respectfully submitted,

Auston Eugene Smith, Grand Commander, Chairman

John M. Sansone, VEDGC

Mark A. Keagle, KCT, REPGC, EGR

## COMMANDERY CHARTER - PAST AND PRESENT

<u>No.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Chartered / Change Date</u>	<u>Defunct</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
1	Apollo	Chicago/Wheaton	Sept 17, 1847		
2	Tancred	Belleville	Sept 19, 1853		Belvidere #2 Consolidated with Tancred #50. Moved to Belleville. Name changed to Tancred #2.
3	Peoria	Peoria	Sept 15, 1856		
4	Joliet	Joliet	Oct 26, 1858		Blaney #5 Consolidated with Joliet #4
5	Blaney	Tremont	June 29, 1994		Rechartered, moved to Tremont
6	Elwood	Springfield	Oct 25, 1858		
7	Freeport	Freeport	Oct 26, 1859	August 1, 2020	Consolidated with Dixon #21
8	Galesburg	Monmouth/Galesburg	Oct 23, 1860		
9	Beaumanoir	Decatur	Oct 23, 1860		
10	Ottawa	Ottawa	Oct 23, 1861		Temple #20 Merged with Ottawa #10
11	Beauseant	Quincy	Oct 23, 1861	Jan 11, 1912	Consolidated with Quincy #77
12	Waukegan	Libertyville	Oct 23, 1861	July 20, 1996	Consolidated with Bethel #36
12	Waukegan	Libertyville	Oct 23, 1861	July 20, 1996	Consolidated with Bethel #36
13	Cairo	Cairo	Oct 25, 1864	July 20, 1996	Consolidated with Pilgrim #91
14	Gorin	Olney	Oct 24, 1865		
15	Sycamore	Sycamore/DeKalb	Oct 24, 1865		Arrested 2018
16	Urbana	Urbana/Champaign	Oct 24, 1865	Jan 1, 1983	Consolidated with Champaign #68
17	Crusader	Rockford	Oct 24, 1865		
18	Rock Island	Rock Island	Oct 23, 1866		Name Change from Everts to Rock Island Oct 22, 1981
19	Chicago	Chicago	Oct 23, 1866	July 20, 1996	Consolidated with St Elmo #64
	Siloam-Chicago	Oak Park	July 20, 1991	July 31, 1982	Siloam #54 merged with Chicago
20	Temple	Princeton	Oct 23, 1866	July 13, 2017	Temple #20 Merged with Ottawa #10
21	Dixon	Dixon	Oct 23, 1866		
22	Aurora	Aurora	Oct 22, 1867		
23	Cyrene	Vandalia	Oct 22, 1867		Moved from Centralia to Vandalia, July 4, 1974
24	DeMolay	Bloomington	Oct 22, 1867		
25	Calvary	Woodstock	Oct 22, 1867		
26	St. John	Peru	Oct 22, 1867		Consolidated with Pilgrim #91
27	Palestine	Paris	Oct 22, 1867		
28	Bethaney	Mendota	Oct 27, 1868	July 30, 1995	Consolidated with Ottawa #10
29	Hugh De Payens	Carrollton	Oct 27, 1868	Sept 10, 1955	Consolidated with Hospitaller #31
30	St Omer	Litchfield	Oct 27, 1868		
31	Hospitaller	Jacksonville	Oct 27, 1869	Sept 10, 1955	Consolidated with Hugh De Payens Consolidated with St Aldemar #47
32	Almoner	Augusta	Oct 27, 1869	Oct 8, 1959	Merge with Calumet #62
33	Ivanhoe	Kankakee	Oct 27, 1869	July 16, 2016	Consolidated with Ivanhoe, Sept 8, 1951 Merged with Joliet#4, July 16, 2016
34	St Paul	Fairbury	Oct 26, 1870	July 20, 1996	Consolidated with Coeur De Leon
35	St Bernard	Chicago	Oct 26, 1870		Consolidated with St Cecelia, April 12, 1962
36	Bethel	Elgin	Oct 26, 1870		Austin #84 Merged with Bethel #36
37	Melita	Tuscola	Oct 26, 1870		
38	Mt Olivet	Paxton	Oct 26, 1870		
39	Mt Pulaski	Mt Pulaski	Oct 24, 1871		Consolidated with Constantine #51
40	Galena	Galena	Oct 24, 1871		Moved to Pilgrim #91 2008

41	Gethsemane	Metropolis	Oct 22, 1872		Consolidated with Beauseant #86
42	Damascus	Havana	Oct 22, 1872	Oct 17, 2001	Consolidated with Pilgrim #91
43	Coeur De Leon	El Paso	Oct 24, 1873	July 28, 2007	Consolidated with Pilgrim #91
44	Godfroy De Bouillon	Mattoon	Oct 28, 1874		Consolidated with Melita #37
45	Athelstan	Danville	Oct 28, 1874		Consolidated with Urbana #16
46	Templestowe	Sullivan	Oct 27, 1875	May 30, 1881	Withdrawn, joined others
47	St Aldemar	Petersburg	Oct 27, 1875		
48	Delta	Clayton	Oct 27, 1875	March 9, 1967	Consolidated with Quincy #77 Consolidated with Quincy #77 Emmanuel #81 Merged with Tancred
49	Ascalon	Pittsfield	Oct 23, 1877	July 30, 1995	#50. Tancred #50 Consolidated with Belvidere #2.
50	Tancred	Belleville	Oct 22, 1878	July 30, 2021	Name changed to Tancred #2.
51	Constantine	Lincoln	Oct 22, 1878		
52	Chevalier Bayard	Chicago	Oct 28, 1881	Sept 28, 1956	Consolidated with Englewood #59 Montjoie #53 consolidated with Calumet , Oct 4, 1952
53	Mizpah	Chicago	Oct 28, 1881		Montjoie #53 merged with Mizpah #73 and assigned Mizpah #53, Aug 3, 1974 Englewood #59 merged with Mizpah #53, July 27, 1985
54	Siloam	Oak Park	Oct 24, 1882	July 31, 1982	Merged with Columbia #63, Sept 7, 1968 Consolidated with Chicago #19, July 31, 1982
55	El-Aksa	Quincy	Oct 24, 1882	Jan 11, 1912	Merged with Quincy #77
56	Rushville	Rushville	Oct 24, 1882		
57	Sterling	Sterling	Oct 24, 1884		Mt Carroll #60 merged with Sterling, Sept 5, 1970, Consolidated with Dixon Commandery #21, May 30, 2010
58	Evanston	Evanston	Oct 26, 1886		Consolidated with Illinois of Chicago, June 1, 1978
59	Englewood	Englewood	Oct 26, 1886	July 27, 1985	Consolidated with Chevalier Bayard #52 and Woodlawn #76, Sept 28, 1956 Merged with Mizpah #53, July 27, 1985
60	Long	Mt Carroll	Oct 28, 1891	Sept 5, 1970	Merged into Sterling #57
61	Macomb	Macomb	Oct 26, 1892	July 15, 2000	Merged into Rushville #56
62	Calumet	South Chicago	Oct 26, 1892	Oct 4, 1952	Merged with Montjoie #53
63	Columbia	Chicago	Oct 25, 1893	Sept 7, 1968	Merged with Siloam #54
64	Lincoln Park	Chicago	Oct 24, 1894	Sept 5, 1970	Lincoln Park & St Elmo merged together Humboldt Park #79 merged with St Elmo, Jan 1, 1978
	St Elmo	Chicago	Oct 25, 1894		
65	St Elmo	Chicago	Oct 25, 1894	Sept 5, 1970	Lincoln Park & St Elmo merged into #64
66	Clinton	Clinton	Oct 23, 1895		
67	Mary	Watseka	Oct 28, 1896	Sept 8, 1951	Consolidated with Ivanhoe #33
68	Champaign	Champaign	Sept 2, 1903	June 1, 1983	Consolidated with Urbana #16
69	Patton	Mt Vernon	Oct 24, 1905		Consolidated with Harrisburg #89, Sept 5, 1970
70	Streator	Streator	Oct 24, 1905	Jan 9, 1997	Consolidated with Ottawa #10
71	Kewanee	Chicago	Oct 24, 1886		
72	Illinois	Chicago	Oct 24, 1886	June 1, 1978	Consolidated with Evanston #58
73	Mizpah	Chicago	Oct 23, 1907	Aug 3, 1974	Merged with Montjoie #53
74	Gil W Barnard	Sullivan	Oct 26, 1909		
75	Inglevere	Carthage	Oct 26, 1909	Sept 18, 1954	Charter picked up
76	Woodlawn	Quincy	Dec 13, 1918	Sept 28, 1956	Consolidated with Englewood #59 Charter withdrawn, joined others
77	Quincy	Quincy	Oct 12, 1911		Beauseant #11, Quincy & El-Aksa, Quincy #55, Merged with Quincy #77

				on Jan 11, 1912	
				Delta #48 merged with Quincy on March 9, 1967	
78	Chicago Heights	Chicago Heights	Sept 18, 1912	Mar 5, 1912	Merged with Trinity #80
79	Humboldt	Humboldt Park	Sept 18, 1912	Jan 1, 1978	Consolidated with St Elmo #64
80	Trinity	Naperville	Sept 18, 1912		Moved from LaGrange to Downers Grove Moved from Downers Grove to Naperville
81	Emmanuel	Granite City	Sept 18, 1912	July 16, 2016	Merged with Tancred # 50
82	Mt Carmel	Mt Carmel	Oct 28, 1913	1983	Consolidated with Gorin #14
83	St Cecelia	Chicago	Oct 28, 1913	April 12, 1962	Consolidated with St Bernard #35
84	Austin	Glenview	Jan 24, 1916	July 13, 2017	Consolidated with Bethel #36
85	Pontiac	Pontiac	Oct 4, 1916	June 11, 1996	Consolidated with Coeur De Leon #43
86	Beauseant	Murphysboro		July 31, 2004	Charter reissued July 31, 2004
87	Maywood	Maywood	Sept 12, 1923	Aug 30, 1969	Consolidated with DuPage #88
88	DuPage	Lombard	Sept 22, 1945	July 30, 1983	Consolidated with Apollo #1
89	Harrisburg	Harrisburg	Sept 27, 1947	Sept 5, 1970	Consolidated with Patton #69
90	Camelot	Cahokia	June 25, 1986	April 6, 1995	Consolidated with Emmanuel #81
91	Pilgrim	Rock City	Sept 17, 1998		
92	Albertus Magnus	Chicago	July 28, 2007		Arrested 1/27/2019
93	Silangan	Chicago	July 28, 2007		

### COMMANDERIES EXTINGUISHED

<u>No.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Chartered</u>	<u>Extinguished</u>	<u>Consolidated With</u>
5	Blaney	Morris	Oct 26, 1858	July 29, 1978	Joliet #4
7	Freeport	Freeport	Oct 26, 1859	August 1, 2020	Dixon #21
11	Beauseant	Quincy	Oct 23, 1861	Jan 11, 1912	Quincy #77
12	Waukegan	Libertyville	Oct 23, 1861	May 31, 1996	Bethel #36
13	Cairo	Cairo	Oct 25, 1864	Feb 28, 1996	Pilgrim #91
15	Sycamore	Dekalb	Oct 24, 1865	Aug 3, 2019	Arrested
19	Siloam-Chicago	Berwyn	July 20, 1991	May 31, 1996	St Elmo #64
20	Temple	Princeton	Oct 23, 1866	July 13, 2017	Ottawa #10
26	St. John	Peru	Oct 22, 1867		Pilgrim #91
28	Bethaney	Mendota	Oct 27, 1868	July 30, 1995	Ottawa #10
29	Hugh De Payens	Carrollton	Oct 27, 1868	Sept 10, 1955	Hospitaller #31
31	Hospitaller	Jacksonville	Oct 27, 1869	Aug 3, 2019	St Aldemar #47
32	Almoner	Augusta	Oct 27, 1869	Oct 8, 1959	Calumet #62
33	Ivanhoe	Kankakee	Oct 27, 1869	July 16, 2016	Joliet #4
34	St. Paul	Fairbury	Oct 26, 1870	June 11, 1996	Coeur De Leon #43
39	Mt. Pulaski	Mt. Pulaski	Oct 24, 1871	2012	Constantine #51
40	Galena	Galena		2008	Pilgrim #91
41	Gethsemane	Metropolis	Oct 22, 1872	2012	Beauseant #86
42	Damascus	Havana	Oct 22, 1872	Oct 17, 2001	Pilgrim #91
43	Coeur De Leon	El Paso	Oct 24, 1873	July 28, 2007	Pilgrim #91
44	Godfroy De Bouillon	Mattoon	Oct 28, 1874		Melita #37
45	Athelstan	Danville	Oct 28, 1874	July 31, 2004	Urbana #16
46	Templestowe	Sullivan	Oct 27, 1875	May 30, 1881	Withdrawn, joined others
48	Delta	Clayton	Oct 27, 1875	Mar 9, 1967	Quincy #77
49	Ascalon	Pittsfield	Oct 23, 1877	July 30, 1995	Quincy #77

50	Tancred	Belleville	Oct 22, 1878	July 30, 2021	Belvidere #2
52	Chevalier Bayard	Chicago	Oct 28, 1881	Sept 28, 1956	Englewood #59
54	Siloam	Oak Park	Oct 24, 1882	July 31, 1982	Chicago #19
55	El-Aksa	Quincy	Oct 24, 1882	Jan 11, 1912	Quincy #77
57	Sterling	Sterling	Oct 29, 1884	May 30, 2010	Dixon #21
59	Englewood	Englewood	Oct 26, 1886	July 27, 1985	Mizpah #53
60	Long	Mt Carroll	Oct 28, 1891	Sept 5, 1970	Sterling #57
61	Macomb	Macomb South	Oct 26, 1892	July 15, 2000	Rushville #56
62	Calumet	Chicago	Oct 26, 1892	Oct 4, 1952	Montjoie #53
63	Columbia	Chicago	Oct 25, 1893	Sept 7, 1968	Siloam #54
67	Mary	Watseka	Oct 28, 1896	Sept 8, 1951	Ivanhoe #33
68	Champaign	Champaign	Sept 2, 1903	June 1, 1983	Urbana #16
70	Streator	Streator	Oct 24, 1905	Jan 9, 1997	Ottawa #10
72	Illinois	Chicago	Oct 24, 1986	June 1, 1978	Evanston #58
73	Mizpah	Chicago	Oct 23, 1907	Aug 3, 1974	Montjoie #53
75	Inglevere	Carthage	Oct 26, 1909	Sept 18, 1954	Withdrawn, joined others
76	Woodlawn	Quincy Chicago	Dec 13, 1918	Sept 28, 1956	Englewood #59
78	Chicago Heights	Chicago Heights Humboldt Park	Mar 5, 1912	June 30, 2010	Trinity #80
79	Humboldt	Humboldt Park	Sept 18, 1912	Jan 1, 1978	St Elmo #64
81	Emmanuel	Granite City	Sept 18, 1912	July 16, 2016	Tancred # 50
82	Mt Carmel	Mt Carmel	Oct 28, 1913	1983	Gorin #14
83	St Cecelia	Chicago	Oct 28, 1913	April 12, 1962	St Bernard #35
84	Austin	Glenview	Jan. 24, 1916	July 13, 2017	Ottawa #10
85	Pontiac	Pontiac	Oct 4, 1916	June 11, 1996	Coeur De Leon #43
87	Maywood	Maywood	Sept 12, 1923	Aug 30, 1969	DuPage #88
88	DuPage	Lombard	Sept 22, 1945	July 30, 1983	Apollo #1
89	Harrisburg	Harrisburg	Sept 27, 1947	Sept 5, 1970	Patton #69
90	Camelot	Cahokia	June 25, 1986	April 6, 1995	Emmanuel #81
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## OFFICERS OF THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF ILLINOIS

SINCE ITS FORMATION, OCTOBER 27, 1857

<u>Year</u>	<u>Grand Commanders</u>	<u>Deputy Commanders</u>	<u>Grand Generalissimos</u>	<u>Grand Capt. Generals</u>	<u>Grand Prelates</u>
1857	James V Z Blaney	Clark B Stebbins	Benjamin F Barry	Hosmer A Johnson	Rueben Taylor
1858	James V Z Blaney	Josiah Hunt	Benjamin F Barry	Hosmer A Johnson	James D C Locke
1859	Josiah Hunt	Hosmer A Johnson	Nelson D Elwood	Frank K Hurlburd	John C Rybolt
1860	Hosmer A Johnson	Nelson D Elwood	Frank K Hurlburd	William H Turner	John C Rybolt
1861	Hosmer A Johnson	Frank K Hurlburd	William H Turner	Dewitt C Martin	John C Rybolt
1862	George W Deering	William H Turner	James H Hibbard	Nathan F Prentice	Seymour Stover
1863	William H Turner	James H Hibbard	Nathan F Prentice	Perry A Armstrong	Seymour Stover
1864	Nathan F Prentice	Perry A Armstrong	Vincent L Hurlbut	George C Lamphere	Seymour Stover
1865	Henry C Ranney	George C Lamphere	Jerome R Gorin	William Rounseville	Seymour Stover
1866	George C Lamphere	Jerome R Gorin	William Rounseville	William E Oven	Seymour Stover
1867	Vincent L Hurlbut	Jerome R Gorin	William E Oven	Charles E Munger	Charles A Gilbert
1868	Jerome R Gorin	Charles E Munger	Andrew J Dunning	John M Pearson	Charles A Gilbert
1869	Charles E Munger	John M Pearson	Wiley M Egan	Daniel Dustin	Charles A Gilbert
1870	John M Pearson	Wiley M Egan	Daniel Dustin	James A Hawley	Charles A Gilbert
1871	Wiley M Egan	Daniel Dustin	James A Hawley	Hiram W Hubbard	Charles A Gilbert
1872	Daniel Dustin	James A Hawley	Hiram W Hubbard	Theodore T Gurney	Charles A Gilbert
1873	Daniel Dustin	Hiram W Hubbard	Theodore T Gurney	Louis H Jorgensen	Jonathan E Forrester
1874	Hiram W Hubbard	Theodore T Gurney	Louis H Jorgensen	Charles H Brower	John W Phillips
1875	Theodore T Gurney	Philander W Barclay	John F Nash	Robert L McKinlay	Nathaniel P Heath
1876	Philander W Barclay	John F Nash	Robert L McKinlay	Charles M Morse	Nathaniel P Heath
1877	John F Nash	Robert L McKinlay	Charles M Morse	John C Smith	Nathaniel P Heath
1878	Robert L McKinlay	Charles M Morse	John C Smith	Loyal L Munn	Nathaniel P Heath
1879	Charles M Morse	John C Smith	Loyal L Munn	Henry Turner	Clinton Locke
1880	John C Smith	Loyal L Munn	Henry Turner	James G Elwood	Freeman D Rickerson
1881	Loyal L Munn	Henry Turner	James G Elwood	Haswell C Clarke	Freeman D Rickerson
1882	Henry Turner	James G Elwood	Haswell C Clarke	Charles W Dunning	Freeman D Rickerson
1883	James G Elwood	Haswell C Clarke	Charles W Dunning	John L White	W M Burbank
1884	Haswell C Clarke	John L White	Wilbur F Bromfield	Edward S Mulliner	W M Burbank
1885	John L White	Wilbur F Bromfield	Edward S Mulliner	Norman T Gassette	John W Phillips
1886	Wilbur F Bromfield	Edward S Mulliner	Norman T Gassette	George M Moulton	John W Phillips
1887	Edward S Mulliner	Norman T Gassette	George M Moulton	Joseph E Dyas	John W Phillips
1888	Norman T Gassette	George M Moulton	Joseph E Dyas	Sylvester O Spring	James Miller
1889	George M Moulton	Joseph E Dyas	Sylvester O Spring	Charles G Mac	James Miller
1890	Joseph E Dyas	Sylvester O Spring	Charles G Mac	Harvey M Hall	James Miller
1891	Sylvester O Spring	Charles G Mac	Harvey M Hall	Henry H Montgomery	James Miller
1892	Charles G Mac	Harvey M Hall	Henry H Montgomery	Augustus L Webster	James Miller
1893	Harvey M Hall	Henry H Montgomery	Augustus L Webster	Edward C Pace	James Miller
1894	Henry H Montgomery	Augustus L Webster	Edward C Pace	James P Sherwim	James Miller
1895	Augustus L Webster	Edward C Pace	James P Sherwim	William Jenkins	James Miller
1896	Edward C Pace	James P Sherwim	William Jenkins	George W Curtiss	James Miller
1897	James P Sherwim	William Jenkins	James B McFatrigh	George W Curtiss	Thomas A Parker
1898	George W Curtiss	James B McFatrigh	Charles P Kane	Fredric C Winslow	Thomas A Parker

1899	James B McFatrigh	Charles P Kane	Fredric C Winslow	Hamer H Green	Thomas A Parker
1900	Charles P Kane	Fredric C Winslow	Hamer H Green	Holman G Purinton	Thomas A Parker
1901	Hamer H Green	Holman G Purinton	Alonzo S Wilderman	George E Ohara	Thomas A Parker
1902	Holman G Purinton	Alonzo S Wilderman	George E Ohara	Alfred A Whipple	Thomas A Parker
1903	Alonzo S Wilderman	George E Ohara	Alfred A Whipple	Albert F Schoch	Thomas A Parker
1904	George E Ohara	Alfred A Whipple	Albert F Schoch	Smyth Crooks	Thomas A Parker
1905	Alfred A Whipple	Albert F Schoch	Smyth Crooks	William L Gross	Thomas A Parker
1906	Albert F Schoch	Smyth Crooks	William L Gross	John D Cleveland	Thomas A Parker
1907	Smyth Crooks	William L Gross	John D Cleveland	Harry H Cleveland	Thomas A Parker
1908	William L Gross	John D Cleveland	Harry H Cleveland	Arthur M Otman	Thomas A Parker
1909	John D Cleveland	Harry H Cleveland	Arthur M Otman	William L Sharp	Thomas A Parker
1910	Harry H Cleveland	Arthur M Otman	William L Sharp	Stuart E Pierson	Thomas A Parker
1911	Arthur M Otman	William L Sharp	Stuart E Pierson	Thomas A Stevens	Thomas A Parker
1912	William L Sharp	Stuart E Pierson	Thomas A Stevens	Louis A Mills	Thomas A Parker
1913	Stuart E Pierson	Thomas A Stevens	Louis A Mills	Andrew J Redmond	Thomas A Parker
1914	Thomas A Stevens	Louis A Mills	Andrew J Redmond	Andrew L Anderson	Thomas A Parker
1915	Louis A Mills	Andrew J Redmond	Andrew L Anderson	James McCredie	Frank Fox
1916	Andrew J Redmond	Andrew L Anderson	James McCredie	Milton E Robinson	Abel M White
1917	Andrew L Anderson	James McCredie	Milton E Robinson	Louis L Emmerson	Rueben N Lawrence
1918	James McCredie	Milton E Robinson	Louis L Emmerson	Roland M Hollock	Jonas E Artz
1919	Louis L Emmerson	Roland M Hollock	William H Jennings	Joseph A Painter	Euclid B Rogers
1920	Roland M Hollock	William H Jennings	Joseph A Painter	Harry W Hanson	Edgar Bogardus
1921	William H Jennings	Joseph A Painter	Harry W Hanson	Henry R Lunblad	Plato G Emery
1922	Joseph A Painter	Harry W Hanson	Henry R Lunblad	Arthur Wainwright	Elmer E Matlack
1923	Harry W Hanson	Henry R Lunblad	Arthur Wainwright	John P Hobbs	Clarence Bennett
1924	Henry R Lunblad	John P Hobbs	Horace H Halliday	Glen F Coe	David A Campbell
1925	John P Hobbs	Glen F Coe	Edward A Glad	Aurbrey Prosser	George H Murphy
1926	Glen F Coe	Edward A Glad	Aurbrey Prosser	David W Isenhour	Lewis E Edwards
1927	Edward A Glad	Aurbrey Prosser	David W Isenhour	Edwin D Wade	Peter J Gerner
1928	Aurbrey Prosser	David W Isenhour	Edwin D Wade	Thomas G Taggart	David Park
1929	David W Isenhour	Edwin D Wade	Thomas G Taggart	Louis E Wangelin	Frederick A Piatt
1930	Edwin D Wade	Thomas G Taggart	Louis E Wangelin	Charles H Smith	W A MacCollum
1931	Thomas G Taggart	Louis E Wangelin	Charles H Smith	Carl R Malmberg	Frederick W Kregel
1932	Louis E Wangelin	Charles H Smith	Carl R Malmberg	Carl A Hallgren	Ernest Wangelin
1933	Charles H Smith	Carl R Malmberg	Carl A Hallgren	Charles J Retterer	Edgar L George
1934	Carl R Malmberg	Carl A Hallgren	Charles J Retterer	Cedric C Howland	Russel H Sherwood
1935	Carl A Hallgren	Charles J Retterer	Cedric C Howland	Frank I Hooper	Carl A Miller
1936	Charles J Retterer	Cedric C Howland	Frank I Hooper	Charles H Toothe	Myron B Tillotson
1937	Cedric C Howland	Frank I Hooper	Charles H Toothe	Robert Y Wallace	Francis C Brewer
1938	Frank I Hooper	Charles H Toothe	Robert Y Wallace	David B Finney	Irving J Eales
1939	Charles H Toothe	David B Finney	James N Finn	Warren A MacCollum	William Teal
1940	David B Finney	James N Finn	Warren A MacCollum	Harold D Hayes	Grant Mason
1941	James N Finn	Warren A MacCollum	Harold D Hayes	Andrew M Uhl	Lewis F Thomas
1942	Warren A MacCollum	Harold D Hayes	Andrew M Uhl	Murray A Stillwaugh	Raymond R Winklemann
1943	Harold D Hayes	Andrew M Uhl	Murray A Stillwaugh	Paul S Penewitt	Oscar S Baertschy
1944	Andrew M Uhl	Murray A Stillwaugh	Paul S Penewitt	John Levett	Alvin O Eckert



1945 Murray A Stillwaugh	Paul S Penewitt	John Levett	Russel H Sherwood	Rudolph P Engle
1946 Paul S Penewitt	John Levett	Russel H Sherwood	Francis M Chesseman	Edward Ottoman, Jr.
1947 John Levett	Russel H Sherwood	Francis M Chesseman	George W Martin	Horace Batchelor
1948 Russel H Sherwood	Francis M Chesseman	George W Martin	Russel V Wright	Otto DeJong
1949 Francis M Chesseman	George W Martin	Russel V Wright	Sigurd R Jensen	Ferinand H Witte
1950 George W Martin	Russel V Wright	Sigurd R Jensen	Jack H Neumann	James H Wigginton
1951 Russel V Wright	Sigurd R Jensen	Rufus S Druley	Ernest M Campbell	Henry J Crews
1952 Sigurd R Jensen	Rufus S Druley	Leo C Dimmer	Carl E Anderson	Henry J McCann
1953 Rufus S Druley	Leo C Dimmer	Carl E Anderson	George W Bell	Wilbur B Knox
1954 Leo C Dimmer	Carl E Anderson	George W Bell	Howard M Snapp, Jr.	Parker M Wheeler
1955 Carl E Anderson	George W Bell	Howard M Snapp, Jr.	Elmore F Whitman	Henry L Johnson
1956 George W Bell	Howard M Snapp, Jr.	Elmore F Whitman	Jerry C Angel	Orlie E Carter
1957 Howard M Snapp, Jr.	Elmore F Whitman	Jerry C Angel	Clarence C Dewitt	Elmer A Albers
1958 Elmore F Whitman	Jerry C Angel	Clarence C Dewitt	Seth W Flanders	Thomas E Bailor
1959 Jerry C Angel	Clarence C Dewitt	Seth W Flanders	Edwain R Hobson	George H Vann
1960 Clarence C Dewitt	Seth W Flanders	Edwain R Hobson	Alvin L Crump	Tyra G Dollins
1961 Seth W Flanders	Edwain R Hobson	Alvin L Crump	Ragnar E Broms	Edwin T Grove
1962 Alvin L Crump	Ragnar E Broms	Alfred E Koch	Haldane W Bean	Ronald H Rammer
1963 Alfred E Koch	Haldane W Bean	Charles E Bostick	David E Wennerstrand	Charles K McCann
1964 Haldane W Bean	Charles E Bostick	David E Wennerstrand	Andrew E Barton	Clarence E Beaty
1965 Charles E Bostick	David E Wennerstrand	Andrew E Barton	Stuart W Stone	Charles T Lindner
1966 David E Wennerstrand	Andrew E Barton	Stuart W Stone	John W Wheeler, Jr.	Marvin A Henrickson
1967 Andrew E Barton	Stuart W Stone	John W Wheeler, Jr.	Thomas W Richards	George F Moulton
1968 Stuart W Stone	John W Wheeler, Jr.	Thomas W Richards	Kenneth E McCarty	John W Heafer, Sr.
1969 John W Wheeler, Jr.	Thomas W Richards	Kenneth E McCarty	J Emerson Miller	Robert Woodall, Jr.
1970 Thomas W Richards	Kenneth E McCarty	J Emerson Miller	John E Cook	Ernest N Armstrong
1971 Kenneth E McCarty	J Emerson Miller	John E Cook	Forest C McDaniel	Larry G McCarty
1972 J Emerson Miller	John E Cook	Forest C McDaniel	Charles R Neumann	Clarence F Krughoff
1973 John E Cook	Forest C McDaniel	Charles R Neumann	Volney E Storey	John W Robinson
1974 Forest C McDaniel	Charles R Neumann	Volney E Storey	Robert E McAllister	Joe P Houchard
1975 Charles R Neumann	Volney E Storey	Robert E McAllister	Gary D Hermann	Robert J Hoeckelberg
1976 Volney E Storey	Robert E McAllister	Gary D Hermann	Earl F Torell	Ernest N Armstrong
1977 Robert E McAllister	Gary D Hermann	Earl F Torell	Donald E Bathe	Elwood Boyd
1978 Gary D Hermann	Earl F Torell	Donald E Bathe	William R Dawkins	Raymond A Lesovsky
1979 Earl F Torell	Donald E Bathe	William R Dawkins	Frank G Billmire	Wayne F Williams
1980 Donald E Bathe	William R Dawkins	Frank G Billmire	Chester A Owings	Robert R Dukeman
1981 William R Dawkins	Frank G Billmire	Chester A Owings	William J Jones	Samuel M Jenks
1982 Frank G Billmire	Chester A Owings	William J Jones	Richard L Graff	Emmett H Nabstedt
1983 Chester A Owings	William J Jones	Richard L Graff	D Allan Easley	Clyde A Wiskamp
1984 William J Jones	Richard L Graff	Frank W Smith	Edward F Wilgocki	James W Whiteley
1985 Richard L Graff	Frank W Smith	Edward F Wilgocki	Robert G Minton	Harold W Sanderson
1986 Frank W Smith	Robert G Minton	Herschel O Thomas	Richard E Rollo	Phillip R McDowell
1987 Robert G Minton	Herschel O Thomas	Richard E Rollo	Charles A Brown	John W Becker
1988 Herschel O Thomas	Richard E Rollo	Charles A Brown	Paul E Ellis	James W Patton
1989 Richard E Rollo	Charles A Brown	Paul E Ellis	Henry DeHeer	Woodroe F McNeese
1990 Charles A Brown	Paul E Ellis	Henry DeHeer	John D Deetz	Russel W Wagenknecht
1991 Paul E Ellis	Henry DeHeer	John D Deetz	Troy W Timm	Harry R Brahmstadt
1992 Henry DeHeer	John D Deetz	Troy W Timm	J Robert Stockner	Kenneth E Moore

1993	John D Deetz	Troy W Timm	J Robert Stockner	Robert K Cronk	Stanley P Boyd
1994	Troy W Timm	J Robert Stockner	Robert K Cronk	Elwood M Adams	Richard T Carnall
1995	J Robert Stockner	Robert K Cronk	Elwood M Adams	Richard R Salsbury	James W Patton
1996	Robert K Cronk	Elwood M Adams	Richard R Salsbury	Wayne W Gatewood	Bradley L Baker
1997	Elwood M Adams	Richard R Salsbury	Richard W Young	Robert E Martin, Jr.	Walter E Davison
1998	Richard R Salsbury	Richard W Young	Robert E Martin, Jr.	Stanley P Boyd	James W Patton
1999	Richard W Young	Robert E Martin, Jr.	Stanley P Boyd	Marvin L Selock	Robert H Pierce
2000	Robert E Martin, Jr.	Stanley P Boyd	Marvin L Selock	Charles M Mills	John A Reining
2001	Stanley P Boyd	Marvin L Selock	Charles M Mills	John T Riedas, Sr.	Michael R Fowler
2002	Marvin L Selock	Charles M Mills	John T Riedas, Sr.	Pressly A Laird	Donald E Nusbaum
2003	Charles M Mills	John T Riedas, Sr.	Pressly A Laird	William H Brown	Robert H Pierce
2004	John T Riedas, Sr	Pressly A Laird	William H Brown	H Wayne Hoffman	Robert H Pierce
2005	Pressly A Laird	William H Brown	H Wayne Hoffman	Jesse L Johns, Sr	Earl Wys
2006	William H Brown	H Wayne Hoffman	Jesse L Johns, Sr	Joseph W Lucas	John D Jones
2007	H Wayne Hoffman	Jesse L Johns, Sr	Joseph W Lucas	Charles E Hileman, Jr	Robert H Pierce
2008	Jesse L Johns, Sr.	Joseph W Lucas	Charles E Hileman, Jr	D Marc Wilson	John D Jones
2009	Joseph W Lucas	Charles E Hileman, Jr	D Marc Wilson	William E Jegen	John D Jones
2010	Charles W. Hileman Jr	D. Marc Wilson	William E. Jegen	Kenneth W. Smith	James W. Patton
2011	D. Marc Wilson	William E. Jegen	Kenneth W. Smith	Russell L. Schlosser	John D. Jones
2012	William E. Jegen	Kenneth W. Smith	Russell L. Schlosser	Enrique J. Unanue	James W. Patton
2013	Kenneth W. Smith	Russell L. Schlosser	Enrique J. Unanue	William J. Smith	John D. Jones
2014	Russell L. Schlosser	Enrique J. Unanue	William J. Smith	Wendell E. Walch	Bradley L. Baker
2015	Enrique J. Unanue	William J. Smith	Wendell E. Walch	Mark A. Keagle	Pressly A. Laird
2016	William J. Smith	Wendell E. Walch	Mark A. Keagle	William J. Farris	Pressly A. Laird
2017	Wedell E. Walch	Mark A. Keagle	William J. Farris	Auston E. Smith	Pressly A. Laird
2018	Mark A. Keagle	William J. Farris	Auston E. Smith	John M. Sansone	Pressly A. Laird
2019	William J. Farris	Auston E. Smith	John M. Sansone	Wayne R. Clark	Dean G. White
2020	Auston E. Smith	John M. Sansone	Wayne R. Clark	Richard Carnall	Charles E. Hileman Jr.

**OFFICERS OF THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF ILLINOIS  
SINCE ITS FORMATION, OCTOBER 27, 1857**

<u>Year</u>	<u>Grand Senior Wardens</u>	<u>Grand Junior Wardens</u>	<u>Grand Treasurers</u>	<u>Grand Recorders</u>
1857	Henry D Gaines	DeWitt C Martin	Robert H Foss	William H Turner
1858	Isaac Underhill	Rudolphus Rouse	Robert H Foss	William H Turner
1859	William W Mitchell	DeWitt C Martin	Robert H Foss	William H Turner
1860	DeWitt C Martin	Perry A Armstrong	Robert H Foss	George W Deering
1861	Perry A Armstrong	Hiram W Hubbard	Robert H Foss	Henry C Ranney
1862	Hiram W Hubbard	Jerome R Gorin	Robert H Foss	Henry C Ranney
1863	Jerome R Gorin	Charles Fisher	Robert H Foss	Henry C Ranney
1864	Charles Fisher	William E Oven	Robert H Foss	Henry C Ranney
1865	Charles Fisher	William E Oven	Robert H Foss	James H Miles
1866	Charles E Munger	John M Pearson	Robert H Foss	James H Miles
1867	John M Pearson	Andrew J Dunning	Robert H Foss	James H Miles
1868	Daniel Dustin	James A Hawley	Robert H Foss	James H Miles
1869	James A Hawley	Hiram W Hubbard	Robert H Foss	James H Miles
1870	Hiram W Hubbard	Theodore T Gurney	Robert H Foss	James H Miles
1871	Theodore T Gurney	Louis H Jorgenson	Robert H Foss	James H Miles
1872	Louis H Jorgenson	Asa W Blakesley	Robert H Foss	James H Miles
1873	Asa W Blakesley	Charles H Brower	Robert H Foss	James H Miles
1874	John F Nash	Robert L McKinlay	Robert H Foss	James H Miles
1875	Charles M Morse	John C Smith	Robert H Foss	James H Miles
1876	John C Smith	Loyal L Munn	Robert H Foss	James H Miles
1877	Henry Turner	James G Elwood	Robert H Foss	Gil W Barnard
1878	Henry Turner	James G Elwood	Robert H Foss	Gil W Barnard
1879	James G Elwood	Haswell C Clarke	John H Witbeck	Gil W Barnard
1880	Haswell C Clarke	Charles W Dunning	John H Witbeck	Gil W Barnard

1881	Charles W Dunning	John L White	John H Witbeck	Gil W Barnard
1882	John L White	Wilbur F Bromfield	John H Witbeck	Gil W Barnard
1883	Wilbur F Bromfield	Edward S Mulliner	John H Witbeck	Gil W Barnard
1884	Norman Gassette	Louis C Starkel	John H Witbeck	Gil W Barnard
1885	Louis Starkel	John P Norvell	John H Witbeck	Gil W Barnard
1886	Henry S Bryan	Joseph E Dyas	John H Witbeck	Gil W Barnard
1887	Sylvester O Spring	Charles G Mac	John H Witbeck	Gil W Barnard
1888	Charles G Mac	Harvey M Hall	John H Witbeck	Gil W Barnard
1889	Harvey M Hall	Caleb C Johnson	John H Witbeck	Gil W Barnard
1890	Harvey H Montgomery	Augustus L Webster	John H Witbeck	Gil W Barnard
1891	Augustus L Webster	Edward C Pace	John H Witbeck	Gil W Barnard
1892	Edward C Pace	James P Sherwin	John H Witbeck	Gil W Barnard
1893	James P Sherwin	William Jenkins	John H Witbeck	Gil W Barnard
1894	William Jenkins	George W Curtiss	John H Witbeck	Gil W Barnard
1895	George W Curtiss	James B McFatrigh	John H Witbeck	Gil W Barnard
1896	James B McFatrigh	Charles P Kane	John H Witbeck	Gil W Barnard
1897	Charles P Kane	Frederic C Winslow	John H Witbeck	Gil W Barnard
1898	Hamer H Green	Henry C Cleveland	John H Witbeck	Gil W Barnard
1899	Holman G Purinton	Alonzo S Wilderman	John H Witbeck	Gil W Barnard
1900	Alonzo S Wilderman	George E Ohara	John H Witbeck	Gil W Barnard
1901	Alfred A Whipple	Albert F Schoch	John H Witbeck	Gil W Barnard
1902	Albert F Schoch	Smyth Crooks	John H Witbeck	Gil W Barnard
1903	Smyth Crooks	William L Gross	John H Witbeck	Gil W Barnard
1904	William L Gross	John D Cleveland	John H Witbeck	Gil W Barnard
1905	John D Cleveland	Harry H Cleveland	Sylvester O Spring	Gil W Barnard
1906	Harry H Cleveland	Arthur M Otman	Sylvester O Spring	Gil W Barnard
1907	Arthur M Otman	William L Sharp	Sylvester O Spring	Gil W Barnard
1908	William L Sharp	Stuart E Pierson	Sylvester O Spring	Harris A Wheeler
1909	Stuart E Pierson	Thomas A Stevens	Sylvester O Spring	Harris A Wheeler
1910	Thomas A Stevens	Louis A Mills	Sylvester O Spring	Delmer D Darrah
1911	Louis A Mills	Andrew J Redmond	Sylvester O Spring	Delmer D Darrah
1912	Andrew J Redmond	Andrew L Anderson	Sylvester O Spring	Delmer D Darrah
1913	Andrew L Anderson	James McCredie	Sylvester O Spring	Delmer D Darrah
1914	James McCredie	Milton E Robinson	Sylvester O Spring	Delmer D Darrah
1915	Milton E Robison	Louis L Emmerson	Sylvester O Spring	Delmer D Darrah
1916	Louis L Emmerson	Roland M Hollock	Sylvester O Spring	Delmer D Darrah
1917	Roland M Hollock	William H Jennings	Sylvester O Spring	Delmer D Darrah
1918	William H Jennings	Joseph A Painter	Sylvester O Spring	Delmer D Darrah
1919	Harry W Hanson	Henry R Lunblad	Sylvester O Spring	Delmer D Darrah
1920	Henry R Lunblad	Arthur Wainwright	Sylvester O Spring	Delmer D Darrah
1921	Arthur Wainwright	John P Hobbs	Sylvester O Spring	Delmer D Darrah
1922	John P Hobbs	Horace H Halliday	Sylvester O Spring	William H Jennings
1923	Horace H Halliday	Glen F Coe	Sylvester O Spring	William H Jennings
1924	Edward A Glad	Aubrey Prosser	Sylvester O Spring	William H Jennings
1925	David W Isenhour	Edwin D Wade	Sylvester O Spring	William H Jennings
1926	Edwin D Wade	Thomas G Taggart	Sylvester O Spring	William H Jennings
1927	Thomas G Taggart	Louis E Wangelin	Sylvester O Spring	William H Jennings
1928	Louis E Wangelin	Charles H Smith	Sylvester O Spring	William H Jennings

1929	Charles H Smith	Carl R Malmberg	Sylvester O Spring	William H Jennings
1930	Carl R Malmberg	Carl A Hallgren	Sylvester O Spring	William H Jennings
1931	Carl A Hallgren	Charles J Retterer	Sylvester O Spring	William H Jennings
1932	Charles J Retterer	Cedric C Howland	Stuart E Pierson	Edward A Glad
1933	Cedric C Howland	Frank I Hooper	Stuart E Pierson	Edward A Glad
1934	Frank I Hooper	Charles H Toothe	Stuart E Pierson	Edward A Glad
1935	Charles H Toothe	Robert Y Wallace	Stuart E Pierson	Edward A Glad
1936	Robert Y Wallace	David B Finney	Stuart E Pierson	Edward A Glad
1937	David B Finney	James N Finn	Stuart E Pierson	Edward A Glad
1938	James N Finn	Warren A MacCollum	Stuart E Pierson	Edward A Glad
1939	Harold D Hayes	Andrew M Uhl	Stuart E Pierson	Edward A Glad
1940	Andrew M Uhl	Murray A Stillwaugh	Stuart E Pierson	Edward A Glad
1941	Murray A Stillwaugh	Paul S Penewitt	Stuart E Pierson	Edward A Glad
1942	Paul S Penewitt	John Levett	Stuart E Pierson	Edward A Glad
1943	John Levett	George L Miller	Stuart E Pierson	Edward A Glad
1944	George L Miller	Russel H Sherwood	Stuart E Pierson	Edward A Glad
1945	Francis M Chessemann	George W Martin	Stuart E Pierson	Edward A Glad
1946	George W Martin	Russel V Wright	Stuart E Pierson	Edward A Glad
1947	Russel V Wright	Sigurd R Jensen	Stuart E Pierson	Edward A Glad
1948	Sigurd R Jensen	Jack H Neumann	Stuart E Pierson	Edward A Glad
1949	Jack H Neumann	Ernest M Campbell	Stuart E Pierson	Edward A Glad
1950	Ernest M Campbell	Rufus S Druley	Stuart E Pierson	Edward A Glad
1951	Rufus S Druley	Leo C Dimmer	Stuart E Pierson	Edward A Glad
1952	George W Bell	Howard M Snapp, Jr.	Stuart E Pierson	Edward A Glad
1953	Howard M Snapp, Jr.	Charles C Wodetzki	Stuart E Pierson	Edward A Glad
1954	Charles C Wodetzki	Elmore F Whitman	Stuart E Pierson	Edward A Glad
1955	Jerry C Angel	Clarence C Dewitt	Stuart E Pierson	Edward A Glad
1956	Clarence C Dewitt	Seth W Flanders	Stuart E Pierson	Edward A Glad
1957	Seth W Flanders	Elmore R Hobson	Stuart E Pierson	Edward A Glad
1958	Edwain R Hobson	Alvin L Crump	George W Bell	Russel V Wright
1959	Alvin L Crump	Ragnar E Broms	George W Bell	Russel V Wright
1960	Ragnar E Broms	Alfred E Koch	George W Bell	Russel V Wright
1961	Alfred E Koch	Haldane W Bean	George W Bell	Russel V Wright
1962	Charles E Bostick	David E Wennerstrand	George W Bell	Russel V Wright
1963	Andrew E Barton	Stuart W Stone	George W Bell	Russel V Wright
1964	Stuart W Stone	John W Wheeler	George W Bell	Russel V Wright
1965	John W Wheeler	Thomas W Richards	George W Bell	Russel V Wright
1966	Thomas W Richards	Kenneth E McCarty	George W Bell	Carl E Anderson
1967	Kenneth E McCarty	J Emerson Miller	George W Bell	Carl E Anderson
1968	J Emerson Miller	John E Cook	George W Bell	Carl E Anderson
1969	John E Cook	Forest C McDaniel	George W Bell	Carl E Anderson
1970	Forest C McDaniel	Horrel V Dawson	George W Bell	Carl E Anderson
1971	Horrel V Dawson	Charles R Neumann	George W Bell	Lyle R Melvin
1972	Volney E Storey	Robert E McAllister	George W Bell	Lyle R Melvin
1973	Robert E McAllister	Gary D Hermann	George W Bell	Lyle R Melvin
1974	Gary D Hermann	Earl F Torell	George W Bell	Lyle R Melvin
1975	Earl F Torell	Donald E Bathe	George W Bell	Lyle R Melvin
1976	Donald E Bathe	William R Dawkins	George W Bell	Lyle R Melvin

1977	William R Dawkins	Frank G Billmire	George W Bell	Lyle R Melvin
1978	Frank G Billmire	Chester A Owings	George W Bell	Lyle R Melvin
1979	Chester A Owings	William J Jones	George W Bell	Lyle R Melvin
1980	William J Jones	Richard L Graff	George W Bell	Lyle R Melvin
1981	Richard L Graff	D Allan Easley	George W Bell	Lyle R Melvin
1982	D Allan Easley	Frank W Smith	George W Bell	Lyle R Melvin
1983	Frank W Smith	Edward F Wilgocki, Jr.	George W Bell	Lyle R Melvin
1984	Robert G Minton	Herschel O Thomas	George W Bell	Lyle R Melvin
1985	Herschel O Thomas	Richard E Rollo	George W Bell	Lyle R Melvin
1986	Charles A Brown	Paul E Ellis	George W Bell	Lyle R Melvin
1987	Paul E Ellis	Henry DeHeer	Gary D Hermann	Robert E Martin, Sr.
1988	Henry DeHeer	John D Deetz	Gary D Hermann	Robert E Martin, Sr.
1989	John D Deetz	Troy W Timm	Gary D Hermann	Robert E Martin, Sr.
1990	Troy W Timm	J Robert Stockner	Gary D Hermann	Robert E Martin, Sr.
1991	J Robert Stockner	Robert K Cronk	Gary D Hermann	Robert E Martin, Sr.
1992	Robert K Cronk	Elwood M Adams	Gary D Hermann	Robert E Martin, Sr.
1993	Elwood M Adams	Richard R Salsbury	Gary D Hermann	Robert E Martin, Sr.
1994	Richard R Salsbury	Wayne W Gatewood	Gary D Hermann	Richard L Graff
1995	Wayne W Gatewood	Richard W Young	Gary D Hermann	Richard L Graff
1996	Richard W Young	Robert E Martin, Jr.	Gary D Hermann	Richard L Graff
1997	Stanley P Boyd	Marvin L Selock	Gary D Hermann	Richard L Graff
1998	Marvin L Selock	Raymond L Picl, Jr.	Gary D Hermann	Richard L Graff
1999	Raymond L Picl, Jr.	Charles M Mills	Gary D Hermann	Richard L Graff
2000	John T Riedas	Pressly A Laird	Gary D Hermann	Richard L Graff
2001	Pressly A Laird	William H Brown	Gary D Hermann	Richard L Graff
2002	William H Brown	H Wayne Hoffman	Gary D Hermann	Richard L Graff
2003	H Wayne Hoffman	Ronald A Fraser	Gary D Hermann	Richard L Graff
2004	Jesse L Johns	Donald R Barrett	Gary D Hermann	Robert K Cronk
2005	Joseph W Lucas	Charles E Hileman, Jr	Gary D Hermann	Robert K Cronk
2006	Charles E Hileman, Jr	D Marc Wilson	Gary D Hermann	Robert K Cronk
2007	D Marc Wilson	William E Jegen	Gary D Hermann	Robert K Cronk
2008	William E Jegen	Kenneth W Smith	Gary D Hermann	Robert K Cronk
2009	Kenneth W Smith	Russell L Schlosser	Gary D Hermann	Robert K Cronk
2010	Russell L Schlosser	Enrique J Unanue	Gary D Hermann	Robert K Cronk
2011	Enrique J Unanue	William J Smith	Gary D Hermann	Robert K Cronk
2012	William J Smith	Wendell E. Walch	Gary D Hermann	Robert K Cronk
2013	Wendell E. Walch	Andrew E. Michyeta	Gary D Hermann	Robert K Cronk
2014	Mark A. Keagle	William J. Farris	Gary D Hermann	H. Wayne Hoffman
2015	William J. Farris	Auston E Smith	Gary D Hermann	H. Wayne Hoffman
2016	Auston E. Smith	John M. Sansone	William E. Jegen	H. Wayne Hoffman
2017	John M. Sansone	Wayne R. Clark	William E. Jegen	H. Wayne Hoffman
2018	Wayne R. Clark	Richard T. Carnall	William E. Jegen	H. Wayne Hoffman
2019	Richard T. Carnall	Jamie Emery	William E. Jegen	Mark A. Keagle
2020	Jamie A. Emery	Sean P. McBride	William E. Jegen	Mark A. Keagle

**OFFICERS OF THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF ILLINOIS  
SINCE IT FORMATION, OCTOBER 27, 1857**

<u>Year</u>	<u>Grand Standard Bearers</u>	<u>Grand Sword Bearers</u>	<u>Grand Warders</u>	<u>Grand Captain of the Guard</u>	<u>Grand Color Bearers</u>
1857	Josiah Hunt	Isaac Underhill	Charles R Starkweather	Ezra J Higgins	
1858	Nelson D Elwood	Frank K Hulburd	William S Brooks	Ezra J Higgins	
1859	Clark B Stebbins	Perry A Armstrong	Harmon G Reynolds	Lockwood K Osborn	
1860	Clark B Stebbins	James Newman	James A Thompson	Lockwood K Osborn	
1861	James H Hibbard	Jerome R Gorin	John W Spaulding	Lockwood K Osborn	
1862	Charles Fisher	Richard N Goodsell	William E Oven	Lockwood K Osborn	
1863	George C Lamphere	John B Peckham	Lewis Keyon	Lockwood K Osborn	
1864	John C Baker	Clark B Stebbins	Lorenzo D Cleveland	Lockwood K Osborn	
1865	John M Pearson	Thomas J Wade	Hiram A Hubbard	Lockwood K Osborn	
1866	Hiram W Hubbard	Andrew J Dunning	Daniel Dustin	Lockwood K Osborn	
1867	Daniel Dustin	William D E Andrews	Augustus S Converse	Lockwood K Osborn	Not Appointed until 1921
1868	Hiram W Hubbard	Augustus S Converse	Louis H Jorgensen	Lockwood K Osborn	
1869	Theodore T Gurney	Louis H Jorgensen	Asa W Blakesley	Lockwood K Osborn	
1870	Louis H Jorgensen	Asa W Blakesley	John F Nash	Lockwood K Osborn	
1871	Asa W Blakesley	John F Nash	Charles H Brower	Lockwood K Osborn	
1872	John F Nash	Charles H Brower	Robert L McKinlay	Lockwood K Osborn	
1873	Robert L McKinlay	Charles M Morse	John C Smith	Lockwood K Osborn	
1874	Charles M Morse	John C Smith	Loyal L Munn	John P Ferns	
1875	Loyal L Munn	Henry Turner	James G Elwood	John P Ferns	
1876	Henry Turner	James G Elwood	Haswell C Clarke	John P Ferns	
1877	Haswell C Clarke	Charles W Dunning	John L White	John P Ferns	
1878	Haswell C Clarke	Charles W Dunning	John L White	John P Ferns	
1879	Charles W Dunning	John L White	Wilbur F Bromfield	John P Ferns	
1880	John L White	Wilbur F Bromfield	Edward S Mulliner	John P Ferns	
1881	Wilbur F Bromfield	Edward S Mulliner	Norman T Gassette	John P Ferns	
1882	Edward S Mulliner	Norman T Gassette	Louis C Starkel	John P Ferns	
1883	Norman T Gassette	Louis C Starkel	John P Norvell	John P Ferns	
1884	John P Norvell	George M Moulton	Henry S Bryan	Henry H Pond	
1885	George M Moulton	Henry S Bryan	Joseph E Dyas	Archibald McLellan	
1886	Sylvester O Spring	Charles G Mac	Harvey M Hall	Archibald McLellan	
1887	Harvey M Hall	Caleb C Johnson	Henry H Montgomery	Archibald McLellan	
1888	Caleb C Johnson	Henry H Montgomery	Augustus L Webster	Archibald McLellan	
1889	Edward C Pace	James P Sherwin	William Jenkins	Archibald McLellan	
1890	Edward C Pace	James P Sherwin	William Jenkins	Archibald McLellan	
1891	James P Sherwin	William Jenkins	George W Curtiss	Archibald McLellan	

1892	William Jenkins	George W Curtiss	James B McFatrigh	William L Orr	
1893	George W Curtiss	James B McFatrigh	Charles P Kane	William L Orr	
1894	James B McFatrigh	Charles P Kane	Frederic C Winslow	William L Orr	
1895	Charles P Kane	Frederic C Winslow	Hamer H Green	William L Orr	
1896	Frederic C Winslow	Hamer H Green	Henry C Cleveland	William L Orr	
1897	Hamer H Green	Henry C Cleveland	Holman G Purinton	William L Orr	
1898	Holman G Purinton	Alonzo S Wilderman	George E Ohara	William L Orr	
1899	George E Ohara	Alfred A Whipple	Albert F Schoch	William L Orr	
1900	Alfred A Whipple	Albert F Schoch	Smyth Crooks	William L Orr	
1901	Smyth Crooks	William L Gross	John D Cleveland	William L Orr	
1902	William L Gross	John D Cleveland	Harry H Cleveland	William L Orr	
1903	John D Cleveland	Harry H Cleveland	Arthur M Otman	William L Orr	
1904	Harry H Cleveland	Arthur M Otman	William L Sharp	Archibald McLellan	
1905	Arthur M Otman	William L Sharp	Stuart E Pierson	Chester S Gurney	
1906	William L Sharp	Stuart E Pierson	George E Feagans	Chester S Gurney	
1907	Stuart E Pierson	Thomas A Stevens	Louis A Mills	Chester S Gurney	
1908	Thomas A Stevens	Louis A Mills	Andrew J Redmond	Chester S Gurney	
1909	Louis A Mills	Andrew J Redmond	Andrew L Anderson	Chester S Gurney	
1910	Andrew J Redmond	Andrew L Anderson	James McCredie	Chester S Gurney	
1911	Andrew L Anderson	James McCredie	Milton E Robinson	Chester S Gurney	
1912	James McCredie	Milton E Robinson	Louis L Emmerson	Chester S Gurney	
1913	Milton E Robinson	Roland M Hollock	William H Jennings	Chester S Gurney	
1914	Louis L Emmerson	Roland M Hollock	William H Jennings	Chester S Gurney	
1915	Roland M Hollock	William H Jennings	Joseph A Painter	Chester S Gurney	
1916	William H Jennings	Joseph A Painter	Harry W Hanson	Chester S Gurney	
1917	Joseph A Painter	Harry W Hanson	Henry R Lundbald	Chester S Gurney	
1918	Harry W Hanson	Henry R Lundbald	Arthur Wainright	Chester S Gurney	
1919	Arthur Wainright	John P Hobbs	Horace H Halliday	Chester S Gurney	
1920	John P Hobbs	Horace H Halliday	Frank D Rock	Chester S Gurney	
1921	Horace H Halliday	Frank D Rock	Glen F Coe	Chester S Gurney	Walter J Uhr
1922	Frank D Rock	Glen F Coe	Edward A Glad	Chester S Gurney	Harry L Smith
1923	Edward A Glad	Harry L Smith	Aubrey Prosser	Chester S Gurney	Edwin A Vaughan
1924	David W Isenhour	Edwin D Wade	John A Barber	Richard J Howells	George E Dierssen
1925	Thomas G Taggart	Louis E Wangelin	Charles H Smith	Richard J Howells	Frank R Hillyer
1926	Louis E Wangelin	Charles H Smith	Earl S Welch	Richard J Howells	Carl A Miller
1927	Charles H Smith	Earl S Welch	Carl R Malmberg	Richard J Howells	Charles H Stephen
1928	Earl S Welch	Carl R Malmberg	Carl A Hallgren	Richard J Howells	Carl A Miller
1929	Carl A Hallgren	Charles J Retterer	Cedric C Howland	Richard J Howells	Frank E Walker
1930	Charles J Retterer	Cedric C Howland	Frank I Hooper	Richard J Howells	John J Wade
1931	Cedric C Howland	Frank I Hooper	Charles H Toothe	Richard J Howells	Carl V Tunelius
1932	Frank I Hooper	Charles H Toothe	Robert Y Wallace	Richard J Howells	Murray A Stillwaugh
1933	Charles H Toothe	Robert Y Wallace	David B Finney	Richard J Howells	Warren A MacCollum
1934	Robert Y Wallace	David B Finney	James N Finn	Richard J Howells	Howard C Haungs
1935	David B Finney	James N Finn	Warren A MacCollum	Richard J Howells	Harry H Cleveland, Jr.
1936	James N Finn	Warren A MacCollum	Harold D Hayes	Richard J Howells	Andrew M Uhl
1937	Warren A MacCollum	Harold D Hayes	Andrew M Uhl	Richard J Howells	John Levett
1938	Harold D Hayes	Andrew M Uhl	Murray A Stillwaugh	Richard J Howells	Paul S Penewitt
1939	Murray A Stillwaugh	Paul S Penewitt	John Levett	Richard J Howells	Harold D Culp



1940 Paul S Penewitt	John Levett	George L Miller	Richard J Howells	James L Kostka
1941 John Levett	George L Miller	Russell H Sherwood	Richard J Howells	Case L Griffis
1942 George L Miller	Russell H Sherwood	Francis M Cheeseman	Richard J Howells	Herbert E Habecker
1943 Russell H Sherwood	Francis M Cheeseman	George W Martin	Richard J Howells	Leo C Dimmer
1944 Francis M Cheeseman	George W Martin	Russell V Wright	Leo C Dimmer	Jack H Neumann
1945 Russell V Wright	Sigurd R Jensen	Jack H Neumann	Leo C Dimmer	Clyde F Kensinger
1946 Sigurd R Jensen	Jack H Neumann	Ernest M Campbell	Leo C Dimmer	Charles M Bostick
1947 Jack H Neumann	Ernest M Campbell	Rufus S Druley	Leo C Dimmer	Myron B Walling
1948 Ernest M Campbell	Rufus S Druley	Leo C Dimmer	Clyde F Kensinger	Clarence F Krughoff
1949 Rufus S Druley	Leo C Dimmer	Carl E Anderson	Clyde F Kensinger	Robert H Kloss
1950 Leo C Dimmer	Carl E Anderson	George W Bell	Charles C Wodetzki	George W MacLean
1951 Carl E Anderson	George W Bell	Howard M Snapp, Jr	Oscar H Anderson	Leon F Levy
1952 Charles C Wodetzki	Elmore F Whitman	Oscar H Anderson	Walter H Jenkins	Paul R Somer
1953 Elmore F Whitman	Jerry C Angel	Clarence C DeWitt	Charles W Frame	Seth W Flanders
1954 Jerry C Angel	Clarence C DeWitt	Seth W Flanders	Earl A Kelle	Fred J H Kilgour
1955 Seth W Flanders	Edwin R Hobson	Alvin L Crump	Charles W Alcock	Thomas R Dalbey
1956 Edwin R Hobson	Alvin L Crump	William Meade	James W Lawrence	Elmer J Vonesh
1957 Alvin L Crump	Ragnar E Broms	Paul F Miller	Fred J Hoffman	Harold Emerich
1958 Ragnar E Broms	Alfred E Koch	Haldane W Bean	Henry E Winslow	John L Murock
1959 Alfred E Koch	Haldane W Bean	Lawrence R Gilman	Harold E Nelson	Wilbur E Landau
1960 Haldane W Bean	Lawrence R Gilman	Charles E Bostick	Henry M Writer	Emil A Dobry
1961 Lawrence R Gilman	Charles E Bostick	David E Wennerstrand	Sylvester M Shule	Maynard F LaFollette
1962 Andrew E Barton	Stuart W Stone	John W Wheeler	Wesley E Ashland	George R Wilson
1963 John W Wheeler	James S Demond	Thomas W Richards	James M Fehlman	Jacob E Miller
1964 James S Demond	Thomas W Richards	Kenneth E McCarty	Leo T Pope	Jacob E Miller
1965 Kenneth E McCarty	Jacob E Miller	Leo T Pope	Albert G Webber, III	James W Cross
1966 Jacob E Miller	John E Cook	Louis C Mohler	Vertner J Donnan	Henry A Wallace
1967 John E Cook	Louis C Mohler	Forest C McDaniel	Clyde C Taylor	Chalmers E Carroll
1968 Louis C Mohler	Forest C McDaniel	H Vere Dawson	Charles R Neumann	Stuart S Stone
1969 H Vere Dawson	Charles R Neumann	Volney E Storey	Laurence J Van Nattan	Samuel S Blane

**Grand Sentinel**

1970 Charles R Neumann	Volney E Storey	Robert E McAllister	Robert E Koons	William R Dawkins
1971 Volney E Storey	Robert E McAllister	Gary D Hermann	Robert W Rohlman	William R Dawkins
1972 Gary D Hermann	Earl F Torell	Donald E Bathe	Merwyn W Ehlbeck	William R Dawkins
1973 Earl F Torell	Donald E Bathe	William R Dawkins	Herman E Schwartz	Frank G Billmire
1974 Donald E Bathe	William R Dawkins	Frank G Billmire	Ronald E Erickson	Edwin M Lambert
1975 William R Dawkins	Frank G Billmire	Chester A Owings	Henry G Sass, Jr	Charles H George
1976 Frank G Billmire	Chester A Owings	William J Harvey	Henry G Sass, Jr	Charles H George
1977 Chester A Owings	William J Harvey	Charles H George	G Robert McAllister	William C Roseboom
1978 Charles H George	William J Jones	Richard L Graff	D Allan Easley	Anton A Schamber
1979 Richard L Graff	D Allan Easley	Frank W Smith	Wallace V Giffen	John D Deetz
1980 D Allan Easley	Frank W Smith	Edward F Wilgocki, Jr	Burnell E Hulton	Richard E Rollo
1981 Frank W Smith	Edward F Wilgocki, Jr	Robert G Minton	Harold R Jouett	Allen W Halquist
1982 Edward F Wilgocki, Jr	Robert G Minton	Herschel O Thomas	Richard E Rollo	Ronald Fullerlove
1983 Robert G Minton	Herschel O Thomas	Richard E Rollo	Bobbie G Linder	Robert H Blackwell
1984 Richard E Rollo	Charles A Brown	Paul E Ellis	Aldo E Reid	Charles H George
1985 Charles A Brown	Paul E Ellis	Henry J DeHeer	Troy W Timm	Jack E Barnes
1986 Henry J DeHeer	Wallace V Griffen	Troy W Timm	Gary L Bryson	Woodrow F McNeese

1987	Wallace V Griffen	Troy W Timm	Donald L Dorward	Bernard M North	Donald E Dietzler
1988	Try W Timm	Donald L Dorward	J Robert Stockner	Jerry G Osborne	William F Dyer
1989	Donald L Dorward	J Robert Stockner	Robert K Cronk	William H Poole, Jr.	Robert Stewart
1990	Robert K Cronk	Elwood M Adams	Richard R Salsbury	Erwin Woelfel	Lawrence E Brown
1991	Elwood M Adams	Richard R Salsbury	Wayne W Gatewood	Walter J Bissen	William T Unwin
1992	Richard R Salsbury	Wayne W Gatewood	Ricahrd W Young	Eugene C Thornton	Bradley L Baker
1993	Wayne W Gatewood	Ricahrd W Young	Robert E Martin, Jr.	Leslie Wicks	William T Unwin
1994	Ricahrd W Young	Robert E Martin, Jr.	Stanley P Boyd	Harold A Walton	F James Thompson
1995	Robert E Martin, Jr.	Stanley P Boyd	John O Harden	J Larry Martin, Sr.	Walter E Davison
1996	Stanley P Boyd	Walter E Davison	Harold A Walton	Roger G Shippee	Robert F Cronk
1997	Bradley L Baker	Harry F Farnsworth	James A Cooper	John O Harden	Allen L Lester
1998	Bradley L Baker	Ronald A Fraser	Charles M Mills	Henry G Sass, Jr	Clifford H Blatvhley
1999	Walter E Davison	Harland H Hector	Wayne F Brizendine	William A Doran	Albert L Stier
2000	Richard E Rann	William H Brown	Earl W Knight	William T Unwin	Richard T Carnall
2001	Donald L Anderson	Glenn R McCoy	Craig C Stimpert	Walter A DeMent	C Walden Crouch
2002	Michael R Fowler	Daryl W Selock	Walter A DeMent	Robert A Stefanski	Craig C Stimpert
2003	Glenn R McCoy	Merle R Tate	Robert L Cook	Michael R Fowler	Keith G Hazelwood
2004	Walter A DeMent	Mark R Jennings	Leonard E Stoecker	Harry R Brahmstadt	Earl W Knight
2005	Walter A DeMent	Glen R McCoy	Mark R Jennings	Michael R Fowler	D Marc Wilson
2006	Mark D Jennings	John R Jorgenson	Walter A DeMent	Jose G Villarreal, Jr	William E Jegen
2007	Randy M Zaerr	Walter A DeMent	Robert L Cook	Robert A Stefanski	Jerry G Osborn
2008	Richard R Lasswell	Bernard M North	Richard T Carnall	Merle R Tate	John M Cozzie
2009	Bruce D Rhinehart	Richard T Carnall	Enrique J Unanue	Randy M Zaerr	Geoffrey L Lasswell
2010	Bernard M North	Leonard E Stoecker	Earl F Wys	Richard A Cummings	George D Hair
2011	Scott R Schuett	Steven Hermanson	Andrew E Michyeta	Harris E Boeker	C Mark Jacobs
2012	Andrew E Michyeta	C Mark Jacobs	Scott R Schuett	Stuart S Stone	Richard F Nash II
2013	John S Teaters	Richard T Carnall	Jeffery L Estes	Stuart S Stone	Bernard M North
2014	Ralph J Palmer	Randy M Zaerr	Wayne R Clark	Stuart S Stone	Steven Hermanson
2015	Matthew R. Stolz	John S. Teaters	Wayne R Clark	Stuart S Stone	Randy M. Zaerr
2016	Ralph J. Palmer	Andrew E. Michyeta, III	Bradley L. Baker	Stuart S Stone	Randy M. Zaerr
2017	Ralph J. Palmer	Andrew E. Michyeta, III	Bradley L. Baker	William H. Poole	Randy M. Zaerr
2018	Richard R. Sinclair	Ziad Sweis	Derrick S. Helfer	Gene F. Horn	Orville E. Shoemaker
2019	Matthew Gibbons	Joseph L. Pieron	Danny Gaddis	David Klopp	Davis Hutt
2020	Gary Jascur	Gerald Peinetti	Don J. Cowart	R. William Perkins	Michael D. Staley

### TRIENNIALS 1816 TO 2018

Names of cities in which the Triennial Conclaves of the Grand Encampment have been held from 1816-2000 and dates of meetings:

<u>Conclave</u>	<u>Where Held</u>	<u>Date</u>
1	New York, New York	June 20-21, 1816
2	New York, New York	September 16, 1819
3	New York, New York	September 18-19, 1826
4	New York, New York	September 14-15, 1829
5	Baltimore, Maryland	November 29- December 1, 1832
6	Washington, DC	December 7-10, 1835
7	Boston, Massachusetts	December 12-14, 1838
8	New York, New York	September 14-17, 1841

9	New Haven, Connecticut	September 10-12, 1844
10	Columbus, Ohio	September 14-18, 1847
11	Boston, Massachusetts	September 10-14, 1850
12	Lexington, Kentucky	September 13-19, 1853
13	Hartford, Connecticut	September 9-15, 1856
14	Chicago, Illinois	September 13-19, 1859
15	New York, New York	September 1-4, 1862
16	Columbus, Ohio	September 5-7, 1865
17	St Louis, Missouri	September 15-18, 1868
18	Baltimore, Maryland	September 19-23, 1871
19	New Orleans, Louisiana	December 1-5, 1874
20	Cleveland, Ohio	August 28-31, 1877
21	Chicago, Illinois	August 17-20, 1880
22	San Francisco, California	August 21-23, 1883
23	St Louis, Missouri	September 21-24, 1886
24	Washington, DC	October 8-11, 1889
25	Denver, Colorado	August 9-12, 1892
26	Boston, Massachusetts	August 27-30, 1895
27	Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania	October 11-14, 1898
28	Louisville, Kentucky	August 27-29, 1901
29	San Francisco, California	September 6-9, 1904
30	Saratoga Springs, New York	July 9-11, 1907
31	Chicago, Illinois	August 9-11, 1910
32	Denver, Colorado	August 12-14, 1913
33	Los Angeles, California	June 20-23, 1916
34	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	September 9-11, 1919
35	New Orleans, Louisiana	April 25-27, 1922
36	Seattle, Washington	July 28-31, 192
37	Detroit, Michigan	July 16, 19, 1928
38	Minneapolis Minnesota	June 20-26, 1931
39	San Francisco, California	July 7-13, 1934
40	Miami, Florida	July 17-23, 1937
41	Cleveland, Ohio	July 13-19, 1940
42	Chicago, Illinois	May 24-25, 1943
43	Houston, Texas	October 26 - November 2, 1946
44	San Francisco, California	September 17-23, 1949
45	New Orleans, Louisiana	September 21-26, 1952
46	New York, New York	August 21-25, 1955
47	Indianapolis, Indiana	August 16-22, 1958
48	Cleveland, Ohio	August 12-17, 1961
49	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	August 22-27, 1964
50	Detroit, Michigan	August 19-24, 1967
51	Denver, Colorado	August 22-27, 1970
52	Chicago, Illinois	August 11-16, 1973
53	Kansas City, Missouri	August 28 - September 2, 1976
54	Indianapolis, Indiana	August 11-16, 1979
55	Hot Springs, Arkansas	August 14-19, 1982
56	Cincinnati, Ohio	August 10-14, 1985

57	Lexington, Kentucky	August 6-10, 1988
58	Washington, DC	August 17-21, 1991
59	Denver, Colorado	August 14-17, 1994
60	St Louis, Missouri	August 9-13, 1997
61	Nashville, Tennessee	August 11-16, 2000
62	St Louis, Missouri	August 16-20, 2003
63	Houston, Texas	August 13-16, 2006
64	Roanoke, Virginia	August 17-19, 2009
65	Alexander, Virginia	August 9-16, 2012
66	Buffalo, New York	August 8-12, 2015
67	Indianapolis, Indiana	August 18-22, 2018

**PRECEDENCE OF GRAND COMMANDERIES BASED UPON THE  
DATES OF THEIR RESPECTIVE ORGANIZATIONS**

1	Massachusetts and Rhode Island	May 6, 1805
2	New York	June 18, 1814
3	Virginia	November 27, 1823
4	Vermont	June 27, 1824
5	New Hampshire	June 13, 1826
6	Connecticut	September 13, 1827
7	Ohio	October 24, 1843
8	Kentucky	October 15, 1847
9	Maine	May 5, 1852
10	Pennsylvania	April 12, 1854
11	Indiana	May 16, 1854
12	Texas	January 18, 1855
13	Mississippi	January 21, 1857
14	Michigan	April 7, 1857
15	Illinois	October 27, 1857
16	California	August 10, 1858
17	Tennessee	October 12, 1859
18	Wisconsin	October 20, 1859
19	New Jersey	February 14, 1860
20	Georgia	April 25, 1860
21	Missouri	May 22, 1860
22	Alabama	November 29, 1860
23	Louisiana	February 12, 1864
24	Iowa	June 6, 1864
25	Minnesota	October 23, 1865
26	Kansas	December 29, 1868
27	Maryland	January 23, 1871
28	Nebraska	December 27, 1871

29 Arkansas	March 23, 1872
30 West Virginia	February 25, 1874
31 Colorado	March 14, 1876
32 North Carolina	May 10, 1881
33 South Dakota	May 14, 1884
34 Oregon	April 13, 1887
35 Washington	June 2, 1887
36 Wyoming	March 7, 1888
37 Montana	May 14, 1888
38 North Dakota	June 16, 1890
39 Arizona	November 16, 1893
40 Florida	August 15, 1895
41 *Indian Territory	December 27, 1895
42 District of Columbia	January 14, 1896
43 *Oklahoma	February 10, 1896
44 New Mexico	August 21, 1901
45 Idaho	August 31, 1904
46 South Carolina	March 25, 1907
47 Utah	April 20, 1910
48 Nevada	April 15, 1918
49 Philippines	October 31, 1963
50 Delaware	August 20, 1991
51 Italy	August 20, 1991
52 Alaska	August 18, 2003
53 Portugal	August 18, 2003
54 Mexico	August 15, 2006
55 Romania	August 18, 2009
56 Togo	August 19, 2009
57 Croatia	August 14, 2012
58 Hawaii	August 14, 2012
59 Panama	August 14, 2012

(\*Consolidated October 6, 1911, as The Grand Commandery of Oklahoma)

**CONSTITUENT COMMANDERIES  
PAST COMMANDERS AND YEAR OF ELECTION**

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**1. APOLLO, WHEATON**

**120 W. Wesley St, Wheaton 60187  
(630) 668-9893**

Chartered September 17, 1845                      Stated Conclaves 4<sup>th</sup> Monday  
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*Milton Bowers '70	Richard T. Carnall, EGCG, KTCH
Griffith R. Finch '72	'04,'14,'15 (P)
Harold W. Sanderson '78, '92	William E Jegen, REPGC,EGT, '05,'06
Peter P. Lentini '79	Michael K Pender '09, '10, '13'
Lawrence A. Deck '86, '91, '07	Richard F. Nash II '11, '12
Richard L. Graff, II '87	Charles Bremner '16
John O. Harden '94, '98, '03	Gregory L. Hayden '17
Dwayne D. Graff '95, '96	Alexander Makarov '18
John E. Hilbert '97	Don Cowart '19

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**2. TANCRED, BELLVILLE**  
**225 E. A St., Belleville 62221**  
**(618) 462-1512**

Chartered September 19, 1853      Stated Conclaves 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday  
 Membership – 184      (5<sup>th</sup> Division)

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– Past Commanders –

John C. Wildly, « 65	Kenneth R. Rogers, '03
Jack W. Robinson, « 75	Karl G. Smith, '04
Charles E. Hileman, Jr. KCT, REPGC, EGP, '76, '77, '80, '03	Lloyd C. Haynes, '05
Donald E. Barnett, Sr. '84	William Robinson '06
Donald C. Frank, '84	Larry Laubscher '07
Jimmy E. Stuart, '84, '88	Kevin M. Take, '07, '08
Donald E. Barnet, Jr. '86	Wm Steve Dugger, '09
Jeffrey L. Cook, '88	Steve Walker, '10
Fred H. Bright, Jr. '91, '92	Gary W. Jascur, '10
Thomas R. Smith, '91	R. William Perkins '11, '13, '16
Ellis N. Hackney, Jr., '92	Stuart T. Eberle, '11, '14
Steven K. Hotto, '92	Gerald D. Peinetti, '11
*Elmer D. Keys '93	Steven E. Hermanson, '12
Franklin L. Porch, '93, '95	Auston E. Smith, REGC, '14
Brian C. Hogue '94	David P. Hutt '14, '18, '19
George D. Hair '97	Justin W. Parmley '15
Larry J. Wofford '98	Nicholas I. Cunningham, '15
Marion W. Dey, '99, '02	Herman J. Alberts, '16
B. Lee Reeves, '00, '01	Jeffery A. Berry, '17, '19
Gerd Knauff, '01	Steven L. Imel '17
Charles P. Cuoco '03, '04	

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**6. ELWOOD, SPRINGFIELD**  
**1020 Rickard Rd., Springfield 62704**  
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Chartered October 15, 1859                      Stated Conclave 4<sup>th</sup> Monday  
 (Except July & August)  
 Membership – 60    (3<sup>rd</sup> Division)

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– Past Commanders –

Leon Hacker, '79,'92	*John S. Teaters '05
Thomas J. Lucchesi '83	Enrique J. Unanue, REPGC '06,
*Gary W. Sheets, KTCH '86,'87	12,16, 18, 19
Earl W. Woodrum '94, '04	Wendell E. Walch, GWB, REPGC,
F. Richard Carlson, KTCH,'96,'98	08
James W. Dodge '97	Abraham H. Forsyth, Jr., '10,'14,
*Scott R. Schuett '04 (P)	'15, '17
D. Marc Wilson, KCT, REPGC '05	Wayne R. Clark, EGG, '11'13
*Cole Langley '05 (P)	

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**9. BEAUMANOIR, DECATUR**  
**221 W. William St., Decatur 62522**  
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Chartered October 23, 1860                      Stated Conclave 3<sup>rd</sup>. Thursday  
 Membership – 55    (4<sup>th</sup> Division)

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– Past Commanders –

Michael B. Maurer '76	Derrick S. Helfer, '16, '17
Wilmer L. Snow '79	Chad R. Richards, '18, '19
Cecil H. Griffith, Jr. '88, '92, '05	
Troy T. Tate '12	
Jesse L. Schmahl '13	
Charles G. Richards '14, '18	
Matthew R. Stolz '15	

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**10. OTTAWA, OTTAWA**  
**916 Columbus St, Ottawa 61350**  
**(815) 433-1038**

Chartered October 23, 1863                      Stated Conclaves 2<sup>nd</sup>. Thursday  
 Membership – 79    (2<sup>nd</sup> Division)

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ROBERT PUCKETT, RECORDER  
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– Past Commanders –

George C. Hupp, '64	*Charles Wellman, Jr., '93, '04
Russell E. Buckhart '68	+Frank J. Strader, GWB, '93,
James G. Lair, '79, '82	'94, '97, '98, '99, '00, '01, '02,
Johnson R. Jerrolds, '84	'03, '04, '05, '06, '09, '10, '12,
+ Roy M. Bolen, '85, '89	'13, '14, '15, '16
Gary Bryson '86	Russell W Pratt Jr., '07, '08
+Larry E. Lawson, '87, '88	Ronald E. Yeager '09, '10, '11,
+Michael H. Huffaker, '87, '88	'12, '13
+Ronald J. Licko, '90, '91	Charles D. Woods, Jr., '14, '15
Richard D. Logston '93, '94, '95,	Eric L. Goetsch '16, '17
'02, '03, '05	Robert Puchett '18, '19

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\*Affiliated

**14. GORIN, BRIDGEPORT**  
**201 Washington St. Bridgeport 62417**

Chartered December 24, 1865  
 Membership – 132

Stated Conclave 4<sup>th</sup>. Monday  
 (5<sup>th</sup> Division)

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– Past Commanders –

James O Spillman, '71	Norman R. Trousdale, '10 (P)
Jeffery J Cralle, '72, '81, '85	Terry D. Ramsey, '11
Max D Balding, KCT, '90, '91(P), '07	Bryan L. Hart, '12
Leonard E. Stoecker '93, '05, '06	Darrell A. Hamilton, '13
Ronald R Mains, '96, '00	Byford O. Cook, '14
Bruce W Rhinehart, KCT, '01, '02, '03, '04	Miles S. Patterson, '15
Edward I. Oliver '08 (P)	Warren L. Crabtree, '16
William J. Hussey, Jr., GWB, '09	Jason C. Kinsolving '17
	Joseph B. Thompson '18

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**17. CRUSADER, ROCKFORD**  
**4524 Charles Street, Rockford 61108**

Chartered October 24, 1865  
 Membership – 66

Stated Conclaves 3<sup>RD</sup> Thursday  
 (2<sup>nd</sup> Division)

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– Past Commanders –

Robert K. Cronk, KCT, REPDC, REGC, '87, '03	William J. Farris, KCT, REPGC, 00, '01, '08, '10, '11, '12, '13, '14, '15, '16
Lawrence E. Brown, '88	Matthew F. Gibbons, '04, '05, '06, '07, '09
Richard Theyerl, '93	David E. Klopp '17, '18
Sami S. Jaurish, '95, '96	Barry L. Kasmar, '19
Glen A. Klebsdel, '98, '99	

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**18. ROCK ISLAND, ROCK ISLAND**  
**414 w. 1ST Avenue, Milan 61264**

Chartered October 23, 1866  
 Membership – 33

Stated Conclaves 1<sup>st</sup>. Monday  
 (2<sup>nd</sup> Division)

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– Past Commanders –

Ronald E. Fullerlove, '81, '98, '14	Donald R. Wood, '08
Larry P. Ryan, '84	James D. North '11
Harry E. Hamilton, '99	Ernest D. Manrique "12
Donald L. Anderson, GWB, KCT, '00	Thomas W. Podrovitz '18, '19
William B. Endres, '01, '17	
William G. Schlobohm, '02, '10	
N. Laverne Robertson, '05	
Grady M. Birdsell, '06, '15, '16	

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**21. DIXON, DIXON**  
**1409 N. Galena Ave., Dixon 61021**  
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Chartered October 23, 1866                      Stated Conclave 2<sup>nd</sup>. Monday  
 Membership – 84    (2<sup>nd</sup> Division)

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- Past Commanders -

*Leon R. Sell '70, '71, '72, '81, '83, '04, '05, '13	Thomas E. Lewis, Sr., '01, '06, '07, '08, '14, '15, '16, '17, '18, '19
Orville E. Shoemaker, KCT, '84, '87, '91, '92	Gregory M. Lutyens '02, '03 Jim Toms '08 '09
Lawrence L. Moats '96, '97	Paul D. Pack '10
Richard L. Card, '98, '99, '00	Terry R. Irwin '11, '12, '17
W. Lamar Walters, '01	

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**25. CALVARY, CARY**  
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Chartered October 22, 1867                      Stated Conclave 3<sup>rd</sup>. Monday  
 Membership 55    (1<sup>st</sup> Division)

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– Past Commanders –

Jimmy J. James, '69	*Frederick J. Martin, '05
Theodore E. Shanks, '87,'95, '96, '97, '98	Greg A. Wiley, '06
Ronald A. Fraser '94 (P)	Jonathan A. Horvath '09
William W. Dew, '99	James J. Chrisamore '10
George D. Reeder, '00	Ethan J. Flackler '11, '12
*Dale L Corrice, '01	Stephen T. Maginity '13,'14
Frank D. Heabler, '02	Darren A. Phipps '15
Benjamin R. Gates, (P) '03	Ralph J. Palmer (P) '16
Raymond E. Belstner, '04	Andrew E. Michyeta, III, '17
	Darrel G. Terry, '19

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**30. ST. OMER, HILLSBORO**  
**903 S. Main St. Hillsboro 62049**  
**(217) 436-2243**

Chartered October 27, 1868                      Stated Conclave 1<sup>st</sup>. Friday  
Membership – 54    (5<sup>th</sup> Division)

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– Past Commanders –

David W. Jones, '86, '99, '00,	Michael L. Walters 11, 12, 13,
'03, '04, '16, '18	14, '18
Gary L. Gratton, '07, '08	Mark Osborn, '19
Kevin E. Bacon, '09, '10	

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**35. ST. BERNARD, CHICAGO**  
**5418 W. Gale St. Chicago 60630**  
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Chartered October 26, Stated Conclaves 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday 7:30 PM  
 Membership – 117 (1<sup>st</sup> Division)

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– Past Commanders –

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Terry McCammon '86	Omar De La Cruz '05
Gerald D. Carlton, KCT, '87	Paul A Scheeler, '06
Paul S. Perkins '88, '90, '94	Patrick B Jones, '07
Eugene C. Thornton '92	Michael K Marr, '08
Robert W. Pierce '93	Stanley W. Smith '09
John P. Mooney '97	David A. Miley '10
Dwaine A. Churma, KCT, '97	Kyle E. Bieneman '11, '12, '13
Robert A. Rylowicz '99	Matthew C. Robinson '14
*Daryl W. Selock, KTCH, *'99,	Rudy A. Galvin '15
*'00, '01, '03	Joseph L. Teland '16
Martin P. Starr '00	Hector L. Centeno, '17
Johnathan E. Barnes, GWB, '08,	Theodore M. Hogan '18
'02, '08, '09	Craig N. Norris, '19

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**36. BETHEL, PALATINE**  
**455 W. Dundee Rd. Palatine, 60067**

Chartered October 26, 1870 Stated Conclaves 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed. Sept- June  
 Membership – 339 (1<sup>st</sup> Division)

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Richard R. Salsbury, KCT, REPGC '71	+Charles R. Horwitz '95 Thomas Nars '96
+Ronald E. Ericksen, GWB, KCT, '72, '01, '10, '11, '14	+Donald W. Zimmerman Jr., '00 Dean W. Chambers '03
+Ralph E. Bruhn '76	+Brian Robson, '03, '04
Robert W. Bigley, KGC, '77	+Michael Fortunato, '05, 06
Steven S. Sumner '78	Joseph H. Santisteban '06
+William C. Morgan '78	+John C. Loayza, '07 (P)
*Russell Schlosser REPGC '78	+Gerald D. Carlton, KCT, '07, '08,
+Richard T Carnall, KTCH, EGCG, '79	Andrew E Michyeta III, GWB, '10
*Marvin L. Selock, KCT, REPGC '81*, '89*, '96, '97 (P)	Richard B. Pugh '11 Robert E. Prinzing, Jr. '12
Alan MacDougall, '83, '84, '89	Ralph J. Palmer, KTCH '13
Fredrick W. Hagel '86	Gary S. Berenger '14, '17
*Sidney S. Glynn '86	James N. Newby '15
+Basil F. Mroz '86	+Fred Kaufman '15
John L. Pampel '87	David A. Truax, '18
+William R. Sassaman '93	Ernest P. Georgean HPC
Alvie L. Green '93, '94, '95	David J. Lee HPC
+John R. Jorgenson, KTCH, 88, '02	
+Gregory R. Klemm, KCT, '91	
David P. Miller, KCT, '91	

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**38. Mt. OLIVET, PAXTON**  
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Chartered October 26, 1870                      Stated Conclave 1<sup>st</sup>. Thursday  
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Henry J. DeHeer, KCT, REPDC, REPGC, '84, '04, '05	Max E. Guthrie, KTCH, '96, '98
William B. Stubbs, '87	
Donald W. Niewold, '88,'00, '06	
Max L. Gentzler '89	
Lyle T. Brewer '90	
Richard S. Thompson, '91,'13, '14,'15,'16,'17, '18,'19	

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**51. CONSTANTINE, LINCOLN**  
**2022 N. Kickapoo St, Lincoln 62656**  
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Chartered October 22, 1878                      Stated Conclave 3<sup>rd</sup>. Thursday  
 Membership – 58    (4<sup>th</sup> Division)

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– Past Commanders –

William E. Gossett '57	*Scott R. Schuett '04
*William J. Matthews '58	D. Marc Wilson, KCT, REPGC,
*John L. Woodrum '59	'05 (P)
*Joseph W. Lucas, KCT, KTCH, REPGC, '51, '64, '82, '83.'95	H Gary Reichert, '06, '07 Larry Raglan, KTCH, '07,'08,'09,'10(P)
Robert N. Lowman '69	Mark A. Keagle, KCT, REPGC '11,
*Robert May, '77, '79	'12,'13 (P)
William D. Rose '84	Barry W. Leach,'13, '14, '15,'16
Charles W. Anderson '86	'17, '18,'19
John R. Ewins '94	
*George I. Walton*'97, '*98,'12	

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**56. MACOMB, MACOMB**  
**133 ½ South Randolph St., Macomb 61455**

Chartered October 24, 1882  
 Membership –61

Stated Conclave 2<sup>nd</sup>. Tuesday  
 (3<sup>rd</sup> Division)

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GARY LAFARY, GEN  
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– Past Commanders –

Charles V. Jones '68	(P)Richard L. Lasswell, KCT, '06,
Charles Berry, Jr. '70	'07,'08, '09, '13, '14, '15, '16, '17,
C. William Redshaw '73	'18
Ronald Busby '74	Don Watson '10
James H. Sichelau '79	(P)Geoffrey C. Lasswell, GWB, 10
Timothy A. Eifert, '82, '83,	Danny Phillips '12
'84,'03, '04, '05	Joseph L. Logsdon, '19

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**58. EVANSTON, EVANSTON**  
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Chartered October 27, 1886                      Stated Conclave 1<sup>st</sup>. Monday  
 Membership – 100    (1<sup>st</sup> Division)

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Robert L. Ottoman '70	Mark A. Kalita '08
William E. Belke '72	Patrick K. Jones '09,'10
George H. Wright '73	Dan Harper '12
James Govis '79, '80, '84	Guy Carbona '15
Frank H. Welter, Sr., GWB, KCT,	John Kuppin '16
'96, '98, '00, '08, '07, '13	William Wojtas, '17
Robert W. Dehlinger '97	Mchael W. Wiener, '18
Harold H. Lundberg, Jr., '98	
Gary L. Langwell '04,'19	
Thomas F. J. Boyle, '05	

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**64. ST. ELMO, CHICAGO**  
**40 Forest Ave., Riverside 60546**  
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Chartered October 25, 1894                      Stated Conclave 4th Tuesday  
 Membership – 99    (1<sup>st</sup> Division)

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OSCAR T. LEON, CAPT GEN  
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G. Ford Rogers III '68	William E. Carlton, '99, '00, '05,
Gabriel F Spataro, '78, '79, '90,	'06 (P)
'92, '95	Richard J. Yniguez, '01
Daniel E. Coulon '84	Jose G Villarreal, Jr., '03, '04,
Gerald D. Carlton, KCT, '87(P)	'13, '17, '18
John J. Valencik, '88, '93, '94	Gonzalo J. Meza '09, '12
David B. Bassett, '90	G. Demetruis Pritchett '14
William J. Smith, REPGC, '91,	Kenmond B. Eng, '15
'95, '98	Alejandro Cabral '16
David A. Olver, '92, '08	Kevin Wheeler, '19

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**66. CLINTON, CLINTON**  
**926 E. Main, Clinton 61727**

Chartered October 23, 1895  
 Membership 36

Stated Conclave 3<sup>rd</sup>. Tuesday  
 (4<sup>th</sup> Division)

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– Past Commanders –

Joseph W. Lucas, KCT, KTCH, REPGC, '51, '64, '82, '83, '95 (P)	, '84, '88, '92, '97, '05
Paul J Wagner, '72	George W. Kyle, '94, '95, '96
*Robert G. Minton, KCT, REPGC, '75	*George I. Walton, '97, '98, '12
*Jesse L Johns, Sr, KCT, REPGC, '00, '01, '02, '14	Larry E. Raglan, KCTH, '07, '08, '09, '10, '15, '16
Bernard M. North, KTCH, '83, , '84, '88, '92, '97, '05	Mark A. Keagle, KCT, REPGC, EGR, '11, '12, '13, '17
	Christopher Goff, '18, '19

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**69. PATTON, MT. VERNON**  
**124 N. Tenth St, Mt Vernon 62864**  
**(618) 242-1582**

Chartered October 24, 1905                      Stated Conclave 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday  
 Membership – 218    (5<sup>th</sup> Division)

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– Past Commanders –

Joseph I. Claxton '71	Everett S Campbell, GWB, '90
Robert H. Pierce, GWB, KTCH,	Joe G. Wilks, '93
KCT, 74, 83, 90, 91, 95, 96, 97,	*Charles M Mills, KCT, REPGC,
98, 99, 00, 03, 04, 05, 09, 11,	'93, '96, '06, '14, '18
12 (P)	V. Ray Landers, '95, '06
Charles E. Hileman, Jr., KCT	Earl W. Knight, GWB, KCTH, '99
REPGC, '76, '77, '03 (P)	R Barrett, KCT, 02, 03 (P)
Jesse L. Johns, KCT, REPGC,	John H. During, '02
'76, '00, '01, '02, '03 (P)	James A. Hale, '05
Kenneth L Williams, '77	J. B. Gates, '07
*Eugene Gallmeister, '78	Edward I. Oliver , '10 (P)
*Charles Milt, '79, '84	James W. Branch '11
Lehman D. Krause, '80	*Norman R. Trousdale '10* '12
Charles N. Cravens, '82	Arvey O. Hartlipp '13
Earl C. Spohr, '85, '90	Michael Staley '15, '16
James W. Willis, '86	Edward E. Bloodworth '17
*Jerry G. Osborn, KCT, '87, '88	Joseph L. Pieron, '19

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**74. GIL W. BARNARD, SULLIVAN**  
**107 W. Jefferson St., Sullivan 61951**  
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Chartered October 26, 1909                      Stated Conclave 3<sup>Rd</sup> Wednesday  
 Membership – 42    (4<sup>th</sup> Division)

, RONALD L. CHENOWETH EC (Kennette).  
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DONALD R. STRODE, GEN  
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– Past Commanders –

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Robert H. Pierce, GWB, KTCH,	Sean Vogal, '13
KCT, 74, 83, 90, 91, 92, 95, 96, 97,	Jonathon Book, '14
98, 99, 00, 03, 04, 05, 09,11, 12	Christopher Johnson, '15
Marvin L. Selock, KCT, REPGC,	Michael Rollins, '16, '17
'81, '88, '89, '96	Michael Black, '18
Steven Porter, '01, '06	Ronald L. Chenoweth, '19

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**77. QUINCY, QUINCY**  
**428 Jersey St., Quincy 62301**  
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Chartered October 12, 1911                      Stated Conclave 2<sup>nd</sup>. Thursday  
 Membership – 37    (3<sup>rd</sup> Division)

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– Past Commanders –

*Ronald H. Fuller '61	Robert C. Bedell, '97, '98
Roger E. Yaeger '80	Pressly Laird, KCT, REPGC, '99,
Charles A. Barber III '82	'00, '08
Harry S. Wright, Jr. '83	Randy Zaerr, GWB, '01, '02, '03,
Walter L. Lamb '84	'04
James F. Albsmeyer, '91	H. Ray Sade, '05
Robert R. Gleckler, '92	James D. Williams, '06, '07
Don F. Lair, Sr., '93	Thomas T. Johnson '10 '12
David G. Lewis, '95, '96, '09, '10,	
'13, '14, '15, '16, '17, '18, '19	

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**86. BEAUSEANT, MURPHYSBORO  
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Charter reissued July 31, 2004  
Membership - 105

Stated Meeting 4<sup>th</sup>. Monday  
(5<sup>th</sup> Division)

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- Past Commanders -

Jesse L. Johns, REPGC '76	*Randall Young '06, '07, '08, '09
*Eugene Gallmeister, '78	Donald T. Asbury '08
Edward Choate, '82, '83, '84, '85	David Yates 10
*Guy Wilcox '86, '95	Joe Canup '10
Jack Whitlock, 85-86	Ronald R. Stanton, Jr. '11
*Harold W. Lovelace, 95, '00, '01, '11, '12	Gene F. Horn '12
Thomas C. Rice, '96, '97, '98	Thomas R. Robertson, Sr., '13
*Donald R. Barrett, KCT, '03, '04	Travis L. Stewart '14, '15, '16
*David S. Cox, KTCH, '04, '05	Tracy W. Harris, '17
	Jason I. Moser, '18

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**93 SILANGA N**

**6910 West Grand Avenue, Chicago 60707**

Chartered August 1, 2009  
Membership – 38

Stated Conclave  
(1<sup>st</sup> Division)

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– Past Commanders –

Rolando V. Gange, '09 (P)	Mark Barquez '14, '15
Benjamin Mendoza '10, '11,	Franciso Centeno '16, '17
Nicolas S. Sarabia, '12 (P)	Eduardo Velasco, '18
Ethelbert P. Gazman '13	

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