

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

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE
169TH. ANNUAL CONCLAVE**



**SIR KNIGHT
JAMIE ALLEN EMERY
Right Eminent Grand Commander
2024-2025
SPRINGFIELD ILLINOIS
JULY 19, 2025**



JAMIE ALLEN EMERY

Right Eminent Grand Commander

2024-2025

Jamie Allen Emery was born January 26, 1978 in Burlington, Iowa to James and Charlene Emery. Jamie was grew up in Oquawka, IL. He graduated from Union High School in Biggsville, IL in 1996. In 1998, he graduated from Southeastern Community College with an associate's in arts and science degree in Drafting Technology. Shortly after graduation from college in July 1998, he began his career working for CECO Building Systems (Cornerstone Building Brands) in Mount Pleasant, IA as a detail drafter and continues to work there today. He has also served the Village of Oquawka as a trustee, volunteer fire fighter and first responder in the past. He was a member of Boy Scout Troop #61 in Oquawka where he earned the rank of Eagle Scout in 1994. He later served the troop as Assistant Scoutmaster and as a Troop Committee member.

He was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on September 22, 2009 in Oquawka Lodge #123, AF&AM in Oquawka, Illinois. He is also a Plural member of Pacific Lodge #66 in Knoxville, IL and Big Spring #826 in Big Spring, KY. He served Oquawka Lodge from 2010-2015 as Secretary and presided as Worshipful Master from 2016-2018. He served Pacific Lodge as Worshipful master in 2014-2015.

He was Exalted a Royal Arch Mason in Warren Chapter #30 where he served as High Priest and is currently serving as Secretary. He is also a member of Macomb Chapter #111

He was greeted as a Royal and Select Master in Illinois Council #1. He is also a member of Macomb Council #117 where he served as Thrice Illustrious Master.

He was Dubbed and Created a Knight of the Valiant and Magnanimous Order of the Temple on September 11, 2010 in Galesburg Commandery #8 where he served as Eminent Commander 2013- 2013 and is currently serving as Recorder. He received the Knight Templar Cross of Honor on July 24, 2019.

He served as the second Division Commander from 2013-2019. He was elected Grand Junior Warden August 3, 2019, beginning his progression through the Grand Line. He was Installed Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of the State of Illinois July 26, 2024 in Springfield, Illinois. He has served on the Illinois Knight Templar Outreach Assistance Board of Directors and Board of Managers.

He was created a Knight of York at Central Illinois York Rite College #42. He is a plural member of Blackhawk York Rite College #88 and served as Governor.

He was ordained as a Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priest in Simon Peter Tabernacle #XXII.

He was received into Illinois Priory #11 as a Knight York of the York Cross of Honor in July 2017.

He was initiated as a member of the Valley of Moline, AASR located in Moline, IL on March 20, 2010, and served as Thrice Potent Master of the Lodge of Perfection. He Received the Moline Cross award in 2011 and the Meritorious Service Award (MSA) in 2020. He is an Emeritus member of the Moline Knights of Saint Andrew where he served as the Charter Knight Commander. He served as the Valley scholarship chairman for 6 years and is currently serving his second term as the Valley representative on the Illinois Scottish Rite Scholarship Fund Board of Directors.

He became an Honorary Member of the Order of Demolay of Illinois on October 26, 2024.

He is also a member of various appendant bodies: Past Sovereign of Fort Armstrong Allied Masonic Degrees #436, Earl of Torell Council #24 Knight Masons, Abbas Grotto in East Peoria.

He is also a member of the Illinois Widows Sons MRA, Knights of Malta Chapter serving as their Vice President.

He is also a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie 99999. He is a Past Worthy President of the former Oquawka Eagles Aerie #3629.

Saturday July 19, 2025

The 169th Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Illinois
was held at the Abraham Lincoln Hilton in Springfield, Illinois, on July 19, 2025.

Sir Knight Jamie A. Emery, Right Eminent Grand Commander presiding.

Grand Officers Present

Right Eminent Grand Commander	Jamie A. Emery
Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander	Sean P. McBride
Eminent Grand Generalissimo	Donald J. Cowart
Eminent Grand Captain General	Christopher J. Whitney
Eminent Grand Senior Warden	Derrick S. Helfer
Eminent Grand Junior Warden	Reno P. Reguya
Eminent Grand Prelate	Gary Sheets
Eminent Grand Treasurer	John M. Sansone
Eminent Grand Recorder	Mark A. Keagle
Eminent Grand Standard Bearer	Joseph L. Pieron
Eminent Grand Sword Bearer	Michael Millette
Eminent Grand Warder	Randy M. Zaerr
Eminent Grand Sentinel	Tim Ward
Eminent Grand Color Bearer	Steven Hornback
Eminent Grand Organist	Thomas R. Osborne

EGCG Whitney: Grand Officers, take your stations. Be seated.

EGCG Whitney: Eminent Grand Warder, direct the Captain of the Escort to form the lines for the reception of the Grand Commander.

EGW Zaerr: Captain of the Escort, form the lines for the reception of the Grand Commander.

EGCG Whitney: Sir Knights attention, Grand Officers, draw swords.

EGCG Whitney: Eminent Grand Warder, Inform the Right Eminent Grand Commander the asylum is in suitable array for his reception.

EGW Zaerr: REGC, the asylum is in suitable array for your reception.

REGC Emery: Lead on Eminent Grand Warder.

EGW Zaerr: The Right Eminent Grand Commander approaches.

EGCG Whitney: Commandery Attention, Present Swords.

REGC Emery: Carry Swords. Grand Officers, Return Swords, Be Seated.

REGC Emery: Eminent Grand Generalissimo. Escort the Right Eminent Past Grand Commanders of the State of Illinois into the Asylum.

Capt. Of Escort: Sir Knights form Arch of Steel, Cross Swords.

REGC Emery: Commandry attention.

Capt. Of Escort: Carry swords.

EGG Cowart: REGC, it is my honor to present to you the Right Eminent Past Grand Commanders of the State of Illinois.

REGC Emery: Thank you Sir Knight Cowart.

REGC Emery: Right Eminent Past Grand Commanders, Please About Face.
Sir Knights, I am pleased to present to you the Right Eminent Past Grand Commanders of the State of Illinois.

EGG Cowart: S.K. Gary D. Hermann 1978, S.K. Howard Wayne Hoffman 2007, S.K. Charles Edwin Hileman Jr. 2010, S.K. Russell Louis Schlosser 2014, S.K. Enrique Jorge Unanue 2015, S.K. Mark Allen Keagle 2018, S.K. William Joseph Farris 2019, S.K. John Michael Sansone 2021, S.K. Wayne R. Clark 2022, S.K. Richard T. Carnall 2023.

REGC Emery: Sir Knights, please join me in giving a hearty welcome to these distinguished Sir Knights.

REGC Emery: I invite Right Eminent Past Grand Commander Hermann to respond for the REPGCs.

REPGC Hermann: REGC, the Past Grand Commanders want to thank you for the welcome you gave us. We wish you well for your proceedings. You have done a good job this year. If you didn't notice, there aren't very many Past Grand Commanders here this year. Unfortunately, some are not physically able to be here. I don't know how mentally able those of us that are here are. We want to thank you for all the courtesy's you have extended to us and we wish you well during your proceedings.

REGC Emery: Eminent Grand Warder, you will conduct the officers of the appendant bodies into our Asylum.

EGG Cowart: REGC, I present Gregory L. Clark Active Illinois Supreme Council Scottish Rite.

REGC Emery: Please join me in giving them a hearty welcome.

REGC Emery: It is now my pleasure to introduce Companion Danny Gaddis, Most Excellent Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Illinois and his officers. Sir Knights, join me in welcoming these Grand Officers. Please be seated.

REGC Emery: It is now my pleasure to introduce Companion Billy McIntyre, Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of Illinois and his officers. Sir Knights, help me welcome these Grand Officers of the Grand Council. Please be seated.

REGC Emery: Eminent Grand Warder, invite the Grand Commandery Officers of our sister jurisdictions into our Asylum.

Capt. Of Escort: Escort, present swords.

VEDGC McBride: Sir Knights, Attention.

EGG Cowart: SK Dominic Hamblin VEDGC Grand Commandry of Indiana.

VEDGC McBride: Sir Knights, be seated.

REGC Emery: Eminent Grand Warder, invite the Right Eminent Grand Commanders from Sister Jurisdictions into the Asylum.

Capt. Of Escort: Escort Form Arch of Steel, Cross, Swords.

VEDGC McBride: Commandry, attention.

EGG Cowart: REGC, I present S.K. Joseph Sparks REGC Grand Commandry of Indiana, S.K. Dale Exline REGC Grand Commandry of Ohio, S.K. Adam Wygant VEDGC Grand Commandry of Michigan.

VEDGC McBride: Sir Knights, be seated.

REGC Emery: Eminent Grand Warder, invite the Officers of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Illinois into the Asylum.

Capt. Of Escort: Present swords.

VEDGC McBride: Commandery, attention.

EGG Cowart: Bro. Patrick Rhodes Right Worshipful Senior Grand Deacon State of Illinois, Bro. Frank Cline Right worshipful Grand Secretary State of Illinois, Bro. Angelo Desario Right Worshipful Junior Grand Warden of the State of Illinois. Bros. James D. Williams Right Worshipful Senior Grand Warden of the State of Illinois, Bros. Joseph Ferrell Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master of the State of Illinois.

Capt. Of Escort: Carry swords.

VEDGC McBride: Sir Knights, be seated.

REGC Emery: Eminent Grand Warder, invite the Right Eminent Department Commander into our Asylum. Grand Encampment into our asylum.

Capt. Of Escort: Escort Form Arch of Steel, Cross, Swords.

VEDGC McBride: Commandery, attention.

EGG Cowart: Sir Knight Jay Kennedy, Right Eminent Department Commander of the East Central Department of the Grand Encampment of the United States of America.

Capt. Of Escort: Carry swords.

REGC Emery: Eminent Grand Warder, invite the Right Eminent Deputy Grand Master into our asylum.

Capt. Of Escort: Sir Knights, form Arch of Steel, cross swords.

VEDGC McBride: Commandery, attention.

Capt. Of Escort: Carry swords.

REGC Emery: Sir Knights, I have the honor of introducing SK Jeffery A. Bolstad, Right Eminent Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Encampment Knights Templar of the United States of America. Please join me in giving him a hearty welcome.

REGC Emery: Eminent Grand Warder, invite the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Illinois into our asylum.

Capt. Of Escort: Sir Knights, form Arch of Steel, cross swords. Carry swords.

REGC Emery: Sir Knights, I have the honor of introducing Most Worshipful Brother David Lynch, Most Worshipful Grand Master of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Illinois. Please join me in giving him a hearty welcome. Sir Knights, be seated.

Capt. of Escort: Honor Guard, March. Honor Guard, halt, you are dismissed.

REGC Emery: Welcome to the 169th Grand Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Illinois. I hope our hospitality is to your liking. I would like to thank you for taking time out of your busy schedule to be with us.

OPENING OF THE CONCLAVE

REGC Emery: Eminent Grand Recorder, call the roll of the Grand Officers of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Illinois. Officers will stand and remain standing until the roll call is complete.

EGR Keagle:

Right Eminent Grand Commander,	Jamie A. Emery
Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander,	Sean P. McBride
Eminent Grand Generalissimo,	Donald J. Cowart
Eminent Grand Captain General,	Christopher J. Whitney
Eminent Grand Senior Warden,	Derrick S. Helfer
Eminent Grand Junior Warden,	Reno P. Reguya
Eminent Grand Prelate	Gary Sheets
Eminent Grand Treasurer,	John M. Sansone
Eminent Grand Recorder,	Mark A. Keagle
Eminent Grand Standard Bearer,	Joseph L. Pieron
Eminent Grand Sword Bearer,	Michael Millette
Eminent Grand Warder,	Randy M. Zaerr
Eminent Grand Sentinel,	Tim Ward
Eminent Grand Color Bearer,	Steven Hornback
Eminent Grand Organist,	Thomas R. Osborne

EGR Keagle: REGC, these are your Grand Officers.

REGC Emery: Sir Knights of the Grand Commandery, these are your Grand Officers. Please join me in giving them a hearty welcome.

REGC Emery: We will now convene the 169th Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Illinois. At this time I would ask all Non-Templars please retire from the Asylum.

REGC Emery: EGSW, are all present Knights Templar.

EGSW Helper: EGJW, are all in the north Knights Templar.

EGJW Reguya: EGSW, all in the north are Knights Templar.

EGSW Helper: REGC, all present are Knights Templar.

REGC Emery: Eminent Grand Warder, post the Eminent Grand Sentinel and inform him the 169th 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 Zaerr: REGC, the Eminent Grand Sentinel, is informed.

REGC Emery: Commandery, Attention. Sir Knights join with me in the pledge of allegiance to the flag of our country. Hand salute.

ALL: Pledge of Allegiance.

REGC Emery: Sir Knights, Un-cover. Eminent Grand Prelate, Lead our Devotions.

EGP Sheets: God our Father, Jesus Christ the Great Captain of our Salvation, the Blessed Holy Spirit which dwells and guides us. We ask that you would look with favor upon those who declare themselves Knights of the Cross. Father, we pray that you will be pleased with what you see us do here today, that you may be even more pleased with the attitude of our hearts and the condition of our souls. Father, we give to you and thank you for the leadership that you have blessed us with, and we ask that you bless them. Help us in our proceedings and above all our desire is to make you look good. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen,

REGC Emery: Re-cover. Waiving further ceremony, I declare the 169th Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Illinois convened in due form.

REGC Emery: Eminent Grand Warder, inform the Eminent Grand Sentinel and direct him to guard accordingly.

EGW Zaerr: REGC, your order has been obeyed.

REGC Emery: Sir Knights, be seated.

REGC Emery: Sir Knight Ward, do you have the preliminary report of the Credentials Committee?

EPC Ward: REGC and Sir Knights, the Credentials Committee is pleased to report that we do have a quorum, and ask for more time to complete the full report. I move for adoption of this report.

Second from floor

REGC Emery: We have a motion and a second to accept this report. All in favor vote by the sword arm. Those opposed the bridal arm. Motion is carried. Sir Knight Ward, thank you.

REGC Emery: It has been established a quorum is present. I declare this to be a lawful assembly of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Illinois.

REGC Emery: Our Parliamentarian for this session will be REPGC Charles Hileman of the Jurisprudence Committee. Also, judges for the elections will be all present members of the Jurisprudence Committee. Ballots will be collected by the Division Commanders.

VEDGC McBride: Right Eminent Grand Commander, I move that all Sir Knights in good standing be permitted to attend this Conclave.

EGG Cowart: Second.

REGC Emery: It has been moved and seconded that all Sir Knights in good standing be permitted to attend this Conclave. Any discussion? All in favor, extend the sword arm. Down hands. Opposed, the bridle arm. Motion passes.

EGG Cowart: Right Eminent Grand Commander, I move the election of Officers be held at 10:00 AM, and the Annual Meeting of the Illinois Knight Templar Home Corporation be held during a recess immediately thereafter.

EGCG Whitney: Second

REGC Emery: It has been moved and seconded that the election of Officers be held at 10:00 AM and the Annual Meeting of the Illinois Knight Templar Home Corporation be held during a recess immediately thereafter. Any discussion? All in favor, extend the sword arm. Down hands. Opposed, the bridle arm, Motion passes.

VEDGC McBride: Right Eminent Grand Commander, I move all committee reports published in the Preliminary Proceedings be accepted and approved as written, except those called for by the Grand Commander.

EGG Cowart: Second

REGC Emery: It has been moved and seconded all committee reports published in the Preliminary Proceedings be accepted and approved, except those called for by the Grand Commander. Any discussion? All in favor, extend the sword arm. Down hands. Opposed, the bridle arm. Motion passes.

EGR Keagle: Right Eminent Grand Commander, I move the minutes of the 168th Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Illinois be approved as printed in the Proceedings that have been distributed.

VEDGC McBride: Second

REGC Emery: It has been moved and seconded that the minutes of the 168th Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Illinois be approved as printed in the

Proceedings that have been distributed. Any discussion? All in favor will extend the sword arm. Down hands. Opposed, the bridle arm. Motion passes.

VEDGC McBride: Right Eminent Grand Commander, I move all visiting Grand Commanders be given Honorary Membership in the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Illinois.

EGG Cowart: Second.

REGC Emery: It has been moved and seconded all visiting Grand Commanders be given Honorary Membership in the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Illinois. Any discussion? All in favor extend the sword arm. Down hands. Opposed, the bridle arm. Motion passes.

REGC Emery: Will all visiting Right Eminent Grand Commanders approach the East.

REGC Emery: SK Dale Exline, REGC of Ohio will you please give the Red Cord address.

REGC Exline: Good morning, Sir Knights, I am Dale Exline, Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Ohio. I am here to speak for all the Grand Commanders of the East Central Department. It's a pleasure to be here and see some old friends and new friends. It's great to be here. Distinguished East, thank you for the recognition of Honorary Membership. Sir Knight Emery, we wish you the best. You are in the home stretch now. Thank you.

REGC Emery: Eminent Grand Recorder, you will call the Roll of all Grand Representatives of Illinois who will stand and signify by saying present and then remain standing.

EGR Keagle: (Calls Roll. See Preliminary Reports for details). REGC these are your Representatives.

REGC Emery: I thank each of these representatives for their service to our Grand Commandery. I urge you to attend the Conclaves in your respective states and territories and to keep in touch with the representatives in those states and territories. Sir Knights, these are the Sir Knights who keep us in contact with our Sister Jurisdictions. Let's give them a hearty thank you.

REGC Emery: I now call on EGR Mark Keagle for the report on Templar Dead.

EGR Keagle: (Reads the report on the Templar Dead. See Preliminary Reports for details.)

REGC Emery: Thank you Grand Recorder. Commandery Attention, Sir Knights uncover. Excellent Grand Prelate, will you offer a prayer for our fallen Sir Knights?

EGP Sheets: Father, we come before you with mixed emotions. In sorrow because they no longer physically are with us, but in joy because we know that they have received their reward from you. They have heard "Well done my good and faithful servant." Father, we also know that as long as we speak their name they never truly die. So, Father help us speak their names and give You glory. In Jesus name, Amen.

REGC Emery: Sir Knights Recover, Be seated.

REGC Emery: REPGC Enrique Unanue, will you give a Finance Report? (Enrique moves for the acceptance of the Report.)

REPGC Unanue: REGC, Distinguished East, and Sir Knights all for the Templar year, the Finance Committee monitored and reviewed the financial activities of the Grand Commandery, including investment income, revenue deposits and disbursements of funds for the year ending June 30, 2025. By unanimous vote the committee approved the 2025-2026 budget. Respectfully submitted by myself, Max Guthrie, and Michael Millette. At this point I would like to recognize Sir Knight Max Guthrie, whose accounting skills have made the review of the report as plain as possible. I move for approval of this report.

VEDGC McBride: Second

REGC Emery: It has been moved and seconded to accept the Report of the Finance Committee. Any discussion? All those in favor extend the sword arm. Down hands. Opposed, the bridal arm. Motion passes.

REGC Emery: While we are here Max Guthrie, could you please approach the East. Sir Knights Max was not here last night for the banquet. Max, with great pleasure I am going to award you the G. Wilbur Bell Award for service to our Grand Commandery. You have been with our finance committee of the Grand Commandery for years and I appreciate everything you have done for us. On behalf of the Grand Commandery I present you the G. Wilbur Bell Jewel. Sir Knights, please give Sir Knight Guthrie a round of applause.

EGC: SK Ronald Fullerlove will you give a short investment report?

EPC Fullerlove: The report I have is presented in the preliminary reports. I would entertain any questions anyone has and move for acceptance of that report.

VEDGC McBride: Second

REGC: The motion has been moved and properly seconded to accept the report of the Investment committee. Any discussion? All those in favor extend the sword arm. Down hands. Opposed, the bridal arm. Motion passes.

REGC Emery: Mark, do you want to do a report of the Grand Recorder?

EGR Keagle: REGC, the Report of the Grand Recorder is printed in the preliminary reports. I would like to thank all the Recorders from all the Constituent Commanderies who make my job a lot easier. Today I can report that everyone has paid their Per Capita this year. REGC, we have thirty-five working Commanderies and we started with thirty-five working Commanderies. We started the year with two thousand six hundred seventeen members. We knighted sixty-five, affiliated twenty and reinstated twenty-four, for a gain of one hundred nine. We had 45 demits, 82 suspensions and 112 deaths, for a total loss of 243 and a net loss of 134. We ended the year with 2,483 members. REGC, that is my report and I move for its acceptance.

Second from floor.

REGC: It has been regularly moved and seconded to accept the report of the Grand Recorder. Any discussion? All in favor extend the sword arm. All opposed the bridal arm. Motion carries.

REGC Emery: John would you like to give your report.

EGT Sansone: REGC, the finances of the Grand Commandery are in good shape. We ran a very conservative budget this year. That is mainly due to when the budget was approved. Prior to the approval of our Per Capita increase we ran a surplus. Our funds are divided into a checking account which pays our bills. We also have an investment account which can contribute to the general fund. We have a Jones Permanent fund that is a sustaining fund. We have a Graff Memorial fund which has restricted funds and the excess can be used for general purposes of the Grand Commandery. We have the Eloise Phillips Charity fund which has a restricted amount which the excess amount can be used for charitable purposes of the Grand Commandery. We have a Fiscal Officers fund that serves as an emergency should a Commandery run into trouble with accounting of monies. We have never had to use anything from that fund. We have a Holy Land Pilgrimage fund which is used to supplement flying our ministers to New York for the Pilgrimage. We also have our Life Membership fund, which has been doing very well and is distributed on a per share basis and we distributed four dollars a share this year. If anyone has any questions please get in touch with me. I move for acceptance of this report.

Second from floor.

REGC: It has been regularly moved and seconded to accept the report of the Grand Treasurer. Any discussion? All in favor extend the sword arm. All opposed the bridal arm. Motion carries.

REGC Emery: I call upon S.K. Whitney to give a report on the By-Laws.

EGCG Whitney: REGC, I will give the report of the By-Laws Committee. We have reviewed the By-Laws from the following Commanderies. St. Aldemar #47, Ottawa #10, Evanston #58, Silangan #93, and Clinton #66. We found the By-Laws to be in proper order and recommend approval. Peoria #3 we found section 3 needs to be corrected and resubmitted. I move that this report be accepted.

VEDGC McBride: Second.

REGC: It has been regularly moved and seconded to accept the report of the By-Laws Committee. Any discussion? All in favor extend the sword arm. All opposed the bridal arm. Motion carries.

REGC Emery: I call on S.K. Mark Keagle for a report of the Ritual and Tactics Committee.

REPGC Keagle: REGC, your Ritual and Tactics Committee met and discussed two proposals that came before them for tactics changes. The first was a proposal to change the tactic that when you are holding the flags in the west to salute with your right hand instead of the left hand. Illinois Tactics say you salute with your left hand. This committee recommends that we leave the tactics the same that they are now and we do not approve this proposal. The next proposal was submitted and this involved the Nine Man opening, which the ritual is not approved by the Grand Encampment at this point in time, but we are of the understanding that it is going to be presented at the next Triennial. So, we are trying to be proactive and approve some tactics for this Nine Man Opening. This Committee reviewed the tactics and modified the tactics. Once this ritual is approved, the committee recommends these tactics become part of the Illinois Tactics. REGC, I move for acceptance of this report.

VEDGC McBride: Second.

REGC: It has been regularly moved and seconded to accept the report of the Ritual and Tactics Committee. Any discussion? All in favor extend the sword arm. All opposed, the bridal arm. Motion carries.

REGC Emery: Sir Knights, at this time I would like to call upon S.K. Jay Kennedy who is a candidate for the Grand Captain General for the Grand Encampment at the upcoming Triennial to say a few words.

REDC Kennedy: REGC, REDGM, and Sir Knights, good morning. How is everyone doing? As many of you know I am proudly standing here as a candidate for the office of Grand Captain General of the Grand Encampment. That vote will be happening in 2027. It has been an incredible honor to be appointed as the Department Commander for the East Central Department, and a Department Commander I will give you my remarks on the great things that are going on in this Department. One of the reasons I am seeking this role is because of the great opportunity to take some things in the East Central Department and bring some of those things to the Grand Encampment. There are, as many of you know, a lot of challenges facing Templary now and in the future. There have always been challenges that face Templary, but the way we get through those challenges is by empowering Sir Knights to be the best that they can be for work in their communities. That is the reason why I am running for this office; to ensure that we continue the work that the current Grand Officers are doing and those that are proposed at the Grand Encampment going forward, to continue to tap into those skills that they may need with enthusiasm and that you have every opportunity to take advantage of the skills and tactics that you already have, to share those across the country, to continue to make Templary grow, but more importantly to make Templary thrive in every new Sir Knight and every existing Sir Knight in the Commandery across the country. As the Grand Encampment I see that it is our job to empower Commanderies. So, Sir Knights if you are a voting delegate and you are going to be traveling to Burbank, California in August of 2027, I definitely seek your vote. If you are not a voting delegate, I look to hear from you on what you need or what the Grand Encampment can continue to do to support you. With that REGC, I thank you very much for this time and Sir Knights, I thank you for the hospitality.

REGC Emery: Sir Knight Ward, do you have a final Credentials Report?

EPC Ward: REGC, Officers, and Sir Knights, on behalf of the Credentials Committee I have a final report. The Credentials Committee has issued 97 ballots with the following breakdown: 16 Commanders, 9 proxy, 12 Generalissimos, 3 proxy, 6 Captain Generals, 6 proxy, 15 Grand Officers, 11 Past Grand Commanders, 26 Past Commanders and 29 Commanderies represented by dais or proxy. I move for acceptance of this report.

Second from the floor.

REGC Emery: At this time, we will conduct the election of officers for the ensuing year. Eminent Grand Warder, you will instruct the EGS no one is to leave or enter this asylum while voting is in progress.

REGC Emery: Is there a suggestion for the office of Grand Commander?

EC Jeff Baine: REGC, my name is Jeff Baine, Commander of Urbana Commandery #16. It gives me great honor to suggest the name Sean Patrick McBride for Right Eminent Grand Commander.

REGC Emery: Are there any other suggestions? Are there any other suggestions? Are there any other suggestions? Hearing none, I declare the nominations closed and SK Sean P. McBride elected as Grand Commander by acclamation. SK McBride do you accept?

VEDGC McBride: REGC, I accept.

VEDGC McBride: REGC, I move the remaining elected Line Officers be advanced one station and the Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder be retained for the ensuing year.

REGC Emery: Is there a second?

EGG Cowart: Second.

REGC Emery: The motion has been moved and properly seconded. Is there any discussion? Hearing none, I proclaim the named Officers elected by acclamation.

REGC Emery: S.K. Cowart, do you accept?

EGG Cowart: I accept.

REGC Emery: SK Whitney, do you accept?

EGCG Whitney: I accept.

REGC Emery: S.K. Helfer, do you accept?

EGSW Helfer: I accept.

REGC Emery: S.K. Reguya, do you accept?

EGJW Reguya: I accept.

REGC Emery: S.K. Sansone, do you accept?

EGT Sansone: I accept.

REGC Emery: S.K. Keagle, do you accept?

EGR Keagle: I humbly accept and thank the Sir Knights.

REGC: I will now entertain suggestions for the office of Eminent Grand Junior Warden.

REPGC Carnall: REGC, my name is Richard Carnall, Past Commander of Trinity Apollo #1. I would like to suggest the name of Kevin Wheeler for the office of EGJW.

REPGC Jesse Johns: REGC, my name is Jesse Johns Past Commander of Clinton Commandery #66. I would like to suggest the name of Steve Hornback, Past Commander of Clinton Commandery #66 for the office of EGJW.

REGC Emery: Are there any other suggestions? Are there any other suggestions? Are there any other suggestions? Hearing none, I now declare the nominations for the position of Eminent Grand Junior Warden closed.

REGC Emery: Will the candidates approach the East, form a line facing West. On your left is SK Kevin Wheeler. On your right is SK Steve Hornback. We will vote using Ballot No. 1 for the Office of Eminent Grand Junior Warden, please write Kevin or Steve. Candidates you may return to your seats.

REPGC Hileman: REGC, who will be counting the ballots?

REGC Emery: It will be SK Hoffman, SK Unanue, and SK Schlosser.

REGC Emery: I declare the balloting closed.

REGC Emery: I now declare the 169th Annual Conclave to be at recess until the tabulation of the vote is complete. During this recess we will conduct the Annual Meeting of the Illinois Knights Templar Home Corporation.

REGC Emery: I now call on SK Keagle to conduct Illinois Knights Templar Home Corporation Annual meeting.

REPGC Keagle: Good Morning Sir Knights. As Chairman of the Illinois Knights Templar Assistance Outreach Board of Directors, I would like to thank you all for supporting this charity. This is our Annual Meeting and you have already elected your Board of Directors by the election of Grand Officers today. The Board of Directors consists of the Grand Treasurer, Grand Recorder, Grand Commander, Deputy Grand Commander, Grand Generalissimo, and Grand Captain General. Those are your Board of Directors. Now you also have a Board of Managers. The Board of Managers consists of one Sir Knight from each Division who serves a five-year term. So one of the pieces of business we need to conduct today is to elect one Sir Knight to go on that Board from the Second Division. The nominating committee is the VEDGC. The VEDGC does a nomination, but anyone can be nominated from the floor in the Second Division to represent that Division on the Board of Managers. The Board of Managers are the work horses of the charity. They are the ones who implement the programs. We also have a fine officer assistant who is Jeff Estes. Jeff is in our office in Normal and if you haven't been to our office it is on Susan Dr. Please stop by and see Jeff, or me occasionally. I will go and call on the VEDGC for his nomination.

VEDGC McBride: Good Morning, I would like to suggest the name of Jamie A. Emery for the Board of Managers.

REPGC Keagle: Sir Knights, are there any other nominations? Are there any other nominations? Are there any other nominations? There being no other nominations, I declare a unanimous ballot be cast for SK Jamie Emery to serve on the IKTAO Board of Managers for the Second Division. SK Emery, do you accept?

REGC Emery: I accept.

REPGC Keagle: Sir Knights, if you aren't aware of this charity they are the ones responsible for providing the coffee out front at no cost to you. They do ask that you buy a coffee cup from them. All that money goes to the charity. All the pins, coins and things you buy go to the charity. Enrique has a presentation to give and discuss some of the things this charity is doing. One of the things they are doing that affects you, and its in your face in the Commanderies. This charity offers \$2000 for each Commandery to do charitable things in their community and Commandery. They give you the option of responding to them and let them know what you are going to do with the money. If you do that they will then cut you a check. They have set aside \$70,000 for this program. Most Commanderies chose to participate but some don't. So, every year at this time the Commanderies that chose to respond get the chunk of money that was ear marked for the Commanderies that chose not to participate. We have some checks for those Commanderies today. I don't understand why a Commandery wouldn't respond but some don't. We can distribute those checks now. Can I have a representative of Aurora Commandery,

Beaumanoir? By the way these are the Commanderies that participated and they are spending the money of those that didn't: Beauseant, Bethel, Blaney, Clinton, Constantine, Crusader, DeMolay, Dixon, Elwood, Evanston, Galesburg, Gil W. Barnard, Gorin, Joliet, Macomb, Melita, Mizpah, Mt. Olivet, Palestine, Peoria, Rock Island, Silangan, St. Aldemar, St. Elmo, St. Omer, Tancred, Trinity Apollo, and Urbana Commandery. So, if you are in the room and you didn't hear your Commandery, you need to go find out why! One of the other things we need to do is that last year we brought back an award that awards a Commandery that has donated the most money to the charity in the last year. This is from all the different things that you do, pins, coins, donations, etc. If you buy those things your Commandery gets credit for it. We have a plaque that you can take home with you and a plaque in the office to honor you that has your name and year on it. This award is called the Forest Calvin McDaniel Award. It was started a long time ago when this charity had a nursing home. This year the Commandery that donated the most money is Dixon Commandery #21. Thank you, Dixon Commandery #21, for supporting this charity. The next award we will present is an award that was started a couple of years ago. It is named after somebody that is very passionate about this charity. We honored him with the first award that sits in the office. This is Andrew E. Mycheta Service Award. This is for service to the IKTAO. Drew went above and beyond just like all the other Sir Knights who are given this award. This year the Board of Directors has voted to award Jeffrey Lynn Estes with the Andrew E. Mycheta Service Award.

EPC Estes: I just want to say that I have thoroughly enjoyed working with the charity. I started in February of last year and we were working to get the office organized because it was just a hodge podge of files. I am way to OCD for that so over time we have been working really hard trying to identify exactly where everything needs to be and what records we need to keep, or destroy. I am happy to say we have made great progress and we are almost there. On those checks that are distributed you will find my name because I have been authorized to sign them after I have received them from the Grand Treasurer, of course. I think it's a very natural thing since I live in Bloomington/Normal that I can easily get over to the office any time I want. If you want to come visit the office please do, but please let me know ahead of time because I tend to work odd hours. I am retired and am not there all the time. I am happy to meet you anytime except when I am playing golf. Thank you very much.

REPGC Keagle: Enrique is the President of the Board of Managers and he has a presentation for you.

REPGC Unanue: The slide presentation represents the icing on the cake. We will talk about what we have accomplished this year. Our major charitable giving partner is IMOS and we work with them in assisting Sir Knights and their families when they are in need. We have done this for about 5 or 6 years and we have assisted 94 Sir Knights and their families. We have spent about \$240,000 on this. If you know a Sir Knight in need please refer them to this program. The next program that we have is also in partnership with the Grand Lodge. The Illinois Masonic Student Assistance Program. We started that a few years ago and we donate \$10,000 in assistance to them. Every year they have a golf outing and we are invited to have 4 players. The next one is a very significant one. We donate \$50,000 a year and we have a contract which expires this year with the Illinois Eye Clinic at Advocate Illinois Masonic Hospital. The money is used for procedures for people who cannot afford to pay for the service. We have assisted 157 individuals. We have some testimonials from people whom we have assisted. Dr. Lopez has no charge for these procedures and Dr. Lopez is also a Master Mason. We have another fund for activities for people who are still in the old nursing home. We also have a community outreach program which is the one we have passed out the checks for. We had 5 Commanderies that chose not to participate in it this year. We gave each Commandery \$2000, which is \$70,000 a year to be used for charitable purposes. I believe it is one of our best direct efforts and the 30 Commanderies that participated donated to a wide range of charitable organizations. This is something that takes you out into the community. That is all I have.

REGC Emery: On behalf of the Phillips Charity fund, we would like to donate a check to the IKTAO.

REPGC Unanue: Thank you.

REPGC Sansone: I am President of another charity that has to do with the Special Olympics athletes and things like that in the Chicago area. The local Park District runs a cooperative with about 6 Park Districts and they have programs for Special Olympics and Special Education Training. They teach swimming, bowling, botchy and cross-country skiing. Back in June Illinois Special Olympics needed help on the 3rd weekend of June. During that point the heat index went up to about 105 degrees. So, unfortunately, they had to cancel some of the outdoor events. One of the things my charity does is supply a pizza party for all the athletes who participated that year. We rent out a pavilion in one of the parks and have pizza brought in. With the heat index we were scrambling on deciding if we cancel this? It's 5 in the afternoon. So I got ahold of the Chairman of the Board of Directors and asked if we could open up the office to have this pizza party and he said, "Sure." So we reached out and gave charity to 30 athletes and their parents in our small little office in Bloomington. They ate pizza and had a good time and about 60% of the parents asked what do Masons do and what are Knights Templar. So now I get to put on a program on what Masons do and Knights Templar. They are so grateful to learn what we do. Basically what I am trying to say is that sometimes charity will walk up and hit you in the face and you not recognize it. It's the little things. It didn't cost the charity a lot to open up the doors. On behalf of Oaklawn Park District we want to thank you for opening the doors.

REPGC Keagle: I want to thank you all for supporting this charity. We are trying to do good work with you, for you. I thank you all for your support and its an honor to serve on this charity corporation. With that being said, we have no other business from the floor. I will close this meeting of the Illinois Knights Templar Home Corporation.

REGC Emery: SK Hileman, do we have an election?

REPGC Hileman: Yes, we do. We had 82 ballots cast. Kevin Wheeler received the majority.

REGC Emery: Sir Knights, you have elected Kevin Wheeler for the office of Grand Junior Warden for the ensuing year. SK Wheeler, do you accept?

EPC Wheeler: I accept.

REGC : I now call upon SK Don Cowart for the Knight Templar Eye Foundation Report.

EGG Cowart: Sir Knights, it has been my honor to serve as the State Chairman for the Knights Templar Eye Foundation this year. It is through your generosity that a child robbed of vision may once again see. Following is a summary of the 57th Annual Campaign for the year July 1, 2024 – May 15, 2025.

Grand Encampment Ranking for Illinois:

Contribution among U.S. States and Foreign Jurisdictions - 10th

Grand Encampment ranking of Commandries in Illinois:

Highest Cumulative Commandery - Elwood #6

Highest Per Capita Active Member - Elwood #6

Highest Cumulative Contributions + Trusts + Wills - Elwood #6

Congratulations to all Commanderies for their generous donations. Every Sir Knight who gives a single dollar can be counted as a Valiant Warrior in the battle against the loss of childhood vision. Good work to all!

Now we have some very important certificates to give out to Commanderies that have given an accumulative total of \$5-\$10 per member: Beaumanoir #9, Rock Island #18, DeMolay #24, Palestine #27, Clinton #66, Quincy #77 and Beauseant #86. Thank you very much Sir Knights.

These are seals that you place on the plaques for Commanderies that already have for achieving \$10 or more per member: Trinity Apollo #1, Tancred #2, Joliet #4, Blaney #5, Elwood #6, Galesburg #8, Urbana #16, Crusader #17, Aurora #22, St. Omer #30, Bethel #36, Melita #37, Mt. Olivet #38, St. Aldemar #47, Mizpah #53, Macomb#56 and Patton #69.

I move for acceptance of this report.

VEDGC McBride: Second.

REGC Emery: It has been regularly moved and seconded to accept the report of the Knight Templar Eye Foundation. Any discussion? All in favor extend the sword arm. All opposed the bridal arm. Motion carries.

REGC: I now call on REPGC Hileman for the Report of the Jurisprudence Committee.

REPGC Hileman: REGC, Distinguished Guests and Sir Knights all, this is the report on the Committee of Jurisprudence. The committee reviewed the dispensations issued by the Grand Commander and found them to be within his authority and followed Templar law. The committee examined General Orders and Circulars from the Grand Commander and found them to be in his authority, followed Templar law and they were in the best interest of Templary. I move for the adoption of this portion of the report.

VEDGC McBride: Second

REGC Emery: The motion has been moved and properly seconded to accept this portion of the report of the Jurisprudence Committee. Any discussion? All those in favor extend the sword arm. Down hands. Opposed the bridal arm. Motion passes.

REPGC Hileman: Four proposals to amend the Statutes of this Grand Commandery were submitted in a timely manner. You have them in your Preliminary Proceedings. REGC if you wish to proceed with this legislation at this time, I will complete this report.

REGC Emery: Go ahead.

REPGC Hileman: Number 1, Section 477 (12), is not in proper form because it is in conflict with the Grand Encampment code. Is Mark Hopf in the room? He is not, ok. That makes it a little more difficult. Richard Carnall being known for his great instructional capabilities, has done a better job of stating the proposal as it should have been written in the first place. He has written it so everyone can understand how the jewels should be worn on the uniform. His version is now up on the screen.

Amend Section 477 (12) to read:

(12) Only Templar Jewels are to be worn on the Templar Uniform. Jewels will be placed in a single straight line even with the breast pocket from the left shoulder seam to the left lapel of the standard

uniform coat and will not exceed the number that can be placed in the specified area. The Malta Jewel must be worn on the uniform coat even if other jewels are not worn.

Beginning at the left shoulder seam, jewels will be worn in the following order:

1. The Red Cross jewel, if worn, will be the first jewel on the left.
2. The Malta jewel (required).
3. Badges of Commanderies.
4. Meritorious jewels, including Commandery jewels (example: EPC jewel), Grand Commandery jewels (example: REPGC jewel, G Wilbur Bell Excalibur Award jewel), Grand Encampment jewels (example: KTCH jewel)
5. Current jewel(s) of office: Commandery – Grand Commandery – Grand Encampment if more than one office held at the same time.

The Masonic Veterans Pin may be worn immediately above the line of jewels described above by all those who qualify to wear the same.

The York Rite Service Award pin may be worn immediately to the left of the Masonic Veterans Pin by qualified Sir Knights who have been recognized for their service to the York Rite as a duly elected and installed Worshipful Master, Excellent High Priest, Thrice Illustrious Master, and Eminent Commander.

REPGC Hileman: Ok, what I want everybody to do is read it. Mark, would you just read it for us so everybody will know what it says? Then we can accept the change that is being proposed to this amendment.

EGR Keagle: (Reads the By-Law proposal printed above.)

REPGC Hileman: I move that this Amendment be adopted to replace the old proposal.

Second from floor.

REGC Emery: It has been regularly moved and seconded to Amend the By-Law Section 477 (12) proposal as written. Any discussion? All in favor extend the sword arm. Down hands. Opposed the bridal arm. Motion passes.

REGC Emery: Do we have a motion to accept the Amended By-Law Proposal.

REGC Carnall: So moved.

Second from the floor.

REGC Emery: It has been regularly moved and seconded to accept the Amended By-Law Section 477 (12) proposal as written. Any discussion? All in favor extend the sword arm. Down hands. Opposed the bridal arm. Motion passes.

REPGC Hileman: The second proposal was to repeal Section 433. It is in proper form and ready for voting.

REGC Emery: Section 433 is basically removing the requirement that all Recorders report monthly to the Grand Recorder which hasn't been done in years. So it is basically housekeeping. All in favor extend the sword arm. Down hands. Opposed the bridal arm. Motion passes.

REPGC Hileman: Proposal 3 is not in proper form because it is in conflict with Grand Encampment code in that the First Responders Ribbon has not been approved by the Grand Encampment according to Sir Knight Bolstad. Therefore, the Jurisprudence Committee withdraws this proposal.

REPGC Hileman: Proposal 4 was proposed by SK Whitney and deals with changing the language regarding the black tie to be worn with the uniform. SK Whitney has withdrawn because the Jurisprudence Committee has determined that it is unnecessary. The current code already legalizes the proposal. This completes the report of the Jurisprudence Committee. I move for the adoption of the report in its entirety.

VEDGC McBride: Second

REGC Emery: The motion has been moved and properly seconded to accept the report of the Jurisprudence Committee. Any discussion? All those in favor extend the sword arm. Down hands. Opposed the bridal arm. Motion passes.

REGC Emery: I now call on VEDGC McBride to for the Report of Divisional Inspections.

VEDGC McBride: REGC and Sir Knights, there are copies of this report on the Credentials table next to the Preliminary Proceedings. Your Inspecting Officers have been pleased to see many Commanderies making progress in conferring the Order of the Temple this past year during the Inspections. While we still have room for improvement, we have seen many young first-time Commanders performing the work. I do want to say personally that as the First Division Inspector, I was pleased to see all the first time Commanders doing his part in his station, as well as many other young Sir Knights participating and doing their parts. I know we had some of that across the state this year. Did it go perfectly? No, but none of us are. I have seen enthusiasm and participation and it has me really excited for the future. I won't read the score for every Commandery, but I will for each Division winner. First Division was very close competition and the winner was Trinity Apollo #1. We are going to ask a representative from each of the Commanderies to come forward and receive the ribbon for your Beauseant and Banner. Second Division was Dixon #21. Third Division was DeMolay #24. Fourth Division was Beaumanoir #9. Fifth Division was Patton #69. Sir Knights, immediately after lunch we will be meeting to share some details about next year's Inspections. The Overall winner was Trinity Apollo #1. I move for adoption of this report.

Second from floor.

REGC Emery: It has been regularly moved and seconded to accept the Report of the Divisional Inspections. Any discussion? All in favor extend the sword arm. Down hands. Opposed the bridal arm. Motion passes.

REGC Emery: Most Worshipful Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Right Eminent Deputy Grand Master, Right Eminent Department Commander, Right Eminent Past Grand Commanders, Sir Knights all, I would like to thank everyone for allowing me to serve this year as your Grand Commander. I have a whole allocation written up but I walked out of the house and forgot it and didn't want to drive a couple hours home to get it, so I am going to wing this. I started the year off with a lot of travel. I headed to Bay City, MI. for the Grand Commandery of Michigan's Grand Sessions. I then headed out to Salt Lake City for the Triennial. We had nine Sir Knights attend the Triennial, and I thank you all who made the trip it out. When I got back, I headed to Kentucky, then Ohio. I attended Inspections throughout the State. I was able to attend some of the youth group events, DeMolay on an Honorary DeMolay night. I attended the State Master Councilors' Reception. I went to the Rainbow Rite, Job's Daughters Masonic Heritage night, and of course all of their Grand Sessions. I was able to present

checks from the IKTAO to each of them. I do want to thank all the Sir Knights for voting to increase the Per Capita last year. That will be a great use to us in the years to come. We have been able to have a budget this year without going into our investments. We attended Grand Lodge and provided an Honor Guard for them and presented the Colors. We had a lot of positive feedback from people who attended. There is one person in here I would like to thank who has helped me in my Masonic journey. Sir Knight Tim Vice, thank you for everything you have done. He is the reason I got in as Division Commander and got into the Grand line. I move for acceptance of this report.

Second from floor.

VEDGC McBride: It has been regularly moved and seconded to accept the Report of the Grand Commander. Any discussion? All in favor extend the sword arm. Down hands. Opposed the bridal arm. Motion passes.

REGC Emery: At this time I would like to call on the Right Eminent Department Commander for his remarks.

REDC Kennedy: Most Worshipful Grand Master, Right Eminent Deputy Grand Master, Right Eminent Grand Commander, and Sir Knights all, I mentioned earlier that it has been a privilege to serve as your Department Commander, and I would say without any hesitation the best Department in the Grand Encampment. It is thanks to the hard work that you do. I was looking at the numbers and have a couple things that I want to address. You talked about your membership numbers, and I know that overall your numbers are down, which is an issue we are all facing, but one of the issues with the MMS is that it doesn't always show properly demits and affiliations. So if you take your reaffiliations from your demits, 13 have reaffiliated. Now if you take out deaths from the equation, you only have a loss of 9. So I think you are doing the right things, Knightings, reaffiliations, the numbers are not as bad as they seem. So please take heart in knowing that you are doing good. I want to go back to the Eye Foundation. Across the entire Grand Encampment 72% of the donations came from the East Central Department. That's five Grand Commanderies that did that. So Sir Knights, thank you very much for all the work you did. That is something you guys should be talking about as you do your recruiting. You should also be talking about what the IKTAO does as well. That in and of itself is a gold star. Every Commandery has at least \$2000 to spend for charitable purposes. While I always say we have the most beautiful orders in Masonry, but you talk about the work you guys have done in your communities, Sir Knights that surely has a wonderful impact. I want to say thank you on behalf of the Grand Encampment for doing great work. I would be remiss if I didn't say congratulations to Sir Knight Zaerr for receiving the KTCH and thank you for all the work you have done. I would encourage you all to recognize Sir Knights who do good work in your Commanderies and don't wait until it's too late. I would like to invite you to join us in March in Ft. Wayne, IN. for the East Central Department Conference. The last thing I will say is that I want to thank you for the great work you have done. You have made it easy for me to be the Department Commander and thank you.

REGC Emery: Sir Knights, attention. I would like to introduce SK Jeffery Bolstad Right Eminent Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of the United States of America.

REDGM Bolstad: Thank you Sir Knights, be seated. I am pleased to be with you in mercy and peace from the great captain of our salvation. I bring you greetings from the Most Eminent Grand Master David Kussman. Now later on in my remarks I am going to be asking you a very important question. That question is, how are you doing? The proper answer is to enthusiastically respond with "Fantastic." So let's practice. How are you doing? (Fantastic.) It's wonderful to be here and celebrate a great year in Templary. A few years ago Rick Warren wrote a book called "A purpose Driven Life." The very first line in that book says, "It's not about you." Write that in bold letters and post it on your bathroom

mirror, tape it on your computer screen, stick it on your coffee maker. "It's not about you." To attract attractive people, you have to be attractive. Another way is to attract who you are and what you are. John Maxwell says, "You can't have a leadership quotient of six, and expect to attract sevens, eights and nines. At best you will attract a five because we attract who we are, not what we want." Sometimes when we want a new member we go to work on them, but the real key is to go to work on yourself. Go to work on your Commandery and become attractive. So, what do we have that makes us attractive? Order of the Temple? You bet. Holy Land Pilgrimage and our Knight Templar magazine are beyond compare. Our Eye Foundation, our certified Chaplin Templar Program, nobody else has anything like that in the Masonic Fraternity. Drill Team stuff that can develop some comradery and leadership skills. Knight Templar Honor Guard, maybe your Commandery doesn't have one, but my dream is to have a complete instructional video on our website that shows you exactly how to do it. I am telling you, our sharp Honor Guard is fantastic for the very positive exposure that it gives Templary. It also makes the Sir Knights very proud to be a part of it. All of this takes good leadership to inspire Sir Knights to make it happen. The problem is we treat leadership with intensity. We have a one or two-day seminar and give everyone a certificate and bang you are a leader! Those things are very important, but they are kind of like going to the dentist. If that's all you do, your teeth are going to fall out. So its very important. The event is very good at reminding us and getting us back on track. We learn lessons but it's that daily process. The daily practice of all the monotonous boring things like flossing and brushing that matters most of all. The Law of Process says that "leaders develop daily, not in a day." You never see a leader develop in a day. You never see a leader become a leader at an event. Now you may go to that leader when you have a passion stirred to become a leader. How do you become a leader? You don't develop leaders in a microwave. You develop leaders with a crock pot. They have to simmer. They have to season and marinate. It takes time. You can grow weeds in just a couple days but to grow an oak tree takes years. Please respect the process. Let me emphasize how important this is for the Fraternity. We don't have a membership problem, Sir Knights. We have a leadership problem. Back in the day we had good leadership because most all the community leaders belonged to the lodge. Many may have joined because it was the popular thing to do, but we benefit from that leadership. Today fewer and fewer of the leaders in the community are joining us. Why is that? Well, once you find leaders in your community, drawing them in can be difficult. What you are doing has to be more compelling than what they are already doing. On top of that, your organization has to be doing things that are attractive to them. That is often not the case. Most organizations desire leadership and excitement. Most organizations desire structure. Leadership wants flexibility. Most organizations place a high value on following rules. Leaders want to think outside the box. We must develop our own leaders. It's up to you, each one of you. Become a daily student of servant leadership. It's kind of like getting good at golf. You practice, practice, and practice. The thing about Masonry is that it gives you the ability to practice more than any other place in society. The problem is that very few guys put in the hard work of leadership. Masonic organizations promote people into leadership positions that have no idea at all when they get there. What do I do now? Poor leadership sometimes comes about because of us. We promote our friends into positions of leadership when the better choice is someone else, just because we like buddies. We simply cannot continue to vote for anything not based on merit. It has got to be on qualifications not friendship. We have created a situation where the best guy for the job gets discouraged and we never see him again. Meanwhile old Joe fills the chair because he probably wants the title. Nothing happens and the Commandery continues to swirl down the drain. Then he promotes one of his buddies to the line without any regard to merit or leadership. I have never considered myself to be an expert on leadership but I am a die-hard student. The heart of leadership is serving others. So let's talk about that a little. You are going to be surprised with what I am going to tell you now. I have nothing new for you. That is the reality. There is nothing new. Everything you need to know, you already know. It's just doing the right thing. Treat people the way you want to be treated. Be the boss you wish your boss would be. We clearly know the difference between serving leaders and self-serving leaders. People are choosing serving leadership because it is the right thing to do, to serve other people. Just serve. You don't have to worry about leading. Zig Zigglar said, "You can do anything in life you want if you help people get

what they want.” So that’s what I do. I teach people about stuff they learned a long time ago. I say, I don’t instruct. I just remind. Everything I talk about, I stole it all. It’s the right thing to do to have patience and self-control with people. It’s the right thing to do to be kind. It’s the right thing to do to listen. It’s the right thing to do to humble. It’s the right thing to do to be respectful. That’s all leadership is, just doing the right thing. You are not a leader unless you have those that volunteer to follow you. You can’t force someone to follow you, they have to choose to follow you. Leaders inspire people to follow and in order to inspire those people in your charge, you have to know your why. Every single person knows what they do 100%. Some know how they do it, but very few know why. By why I mean what’s your purpose. What’s your belief. Why does your organization exist? Why do you want to be Grand Master? Be brutally honest with yourself. You may lie to others but don’t lie to yourself. If you are chasing another title, you are not developing the respect you need to have a following. That takes time. When you get to a place where you are in charge, you will have earned the influence necessary to be a leader and to have a following. You cannot short cut that process. People don’t butt into what you do, they butt into why you do it. If you talk about what you believe, you will attract people who believe what you believe. Templary is for those who want to inspire others in service to our Lord and Savior or for those that want to be inspired. Thank you for your support, thank you for your prayers and thank you for your friendship. God bless you all.

REGC Emery: I would like to call on our Brother David P. Lynch, Most Worshipful Grand Master of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Illinois, for his remarks. Sir Knights, attention.

MWGM Lynch: That’s a tough speech to follow. REGC, thank you for your hospitality. I looked at my wife this week and said I have been given so many gifts as Grand Master. I don’t know what to do with them all. I am in the autumn of my life, what am I going to do with them. Some are treasures that are so beautiful, but the greatest gift I have gotten is something I hope a lot of you have, too. That is the significant others you have at home who allow you to do this. Without that we wouldn’t be here. I want to thank you all for electing me in this position. It has been an honor to serve you. That is what I am trying to do is to serve you. It’s something I will never forget. You have two years of meeting the most precious people that you will meet because they have the same heart as you. It doesn’t matter if you belong to the Knights Templar or the York Rite or Scottish Rite, the Shrine or the Grotto. We are all Masons. Some of you don’t know it but you talk about giving to Advocate Masonic Hospital. In 1980 I was hired by Advocate and started an in-house construction program. I was hired to do the union construction as a carpenter. Twenty years later I left. In that time working at Illinois Masonic I became a Mason. I saw how they treated people, how they talked, and how they acted. If I had not worked there, I would not be standing here today, when I think about that and all the things that have occurred in my life. I opened up my bible one day and came across a passage because I was looking for an answer to something. It said, “Humans plan their course but God plans your footsteps.” With that thought I am going to leave you because He has planned every one of our footsteps. All you have to do is look up and ask for direction and say, “Thank you” . May God bless everyone of you. May you return safely home. Thank you for everything you do for Masonry.

REGC Emery: EGR Keagle, do we have anything else?

EGR Keagle: No, I think we have covered everything.

REGC Emery: Eminent Grand Captain General, I am about to adjourn this 169th Annual Conclave. See that the Eminent Grand Sentinel is informed, and that he guard accordingly.

EGCG Whitney: Eminent Grand Warder, inform the Eminent Grand Sentinel the REGC is about to adjourn this Annual Conclave and direct him to guard accordingly.

EGW Zaerr: Sir Knight Captain General, the order has been executed.

EGCG Whitney: REGC, your order has been obeyed.

REGC Emery: Commandery, Attention. Un-cover.

REGC Emery: Eminent Grand Prelate, pronounce the Benediction.

EGP Sheets: Father God, we ask that you dismiss us with Your blessing. Help us to realize that we are about to be apart from one another. Help us to bring the pieces of one another to make us whole. Father, we are grateful for what You have done today. Encourage us to fulfill Your mission for your Son. In the name of the Holy Spirit, we pray. Amen.

REGC Emery: Sir Knights, re-cover.

REGC Emery: By virtue of the power invested in me as Grand Commander, I declare this 169th Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Illinois adjourned.

REGC Emery: Eminent Grand Warder, inform the Eminent Grand Sentinel that the 169th Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Illinois is now adjourned.

EGW Zaerr: REGC, your order has been obeyed.

REGC Emery: Sir Knights, you are dismissed.

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**PRELIMINARY REPORTS
OF THE
169TH. ANNUAL CONCLAVE**



**SIR KNIGHT JAMIE A. EMERY
Right Eminent Grand Commander
2023-2024
SPRINGFIELD ILLINOIS
JULY 19, 2025**

**GRAND COMMANDERY
KNIGHTS TEMPLAR**



**STATE OF ILLINOIS
HEADQUARTERS OF**

**Jamie A. Emery
Grand Commander**

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August 1, 2024

GENERAL ORDER No 1 (Emery)

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

ANNUAL CONCLAVE

A Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Illinois was held in the City of Springfield, Illinois on Thursday, July 26, 2024, A.O. 906.

GRAND OFFICERS INSTALLED

Jamie A. Emery, KTCH	Right Eminent Grand Commander
Sean P. McBride, GWB	Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander
Donald J. Cowart	Eminent Grand Generalissimo
Christopher J. Whitney	Eminent Grand Captain General
Derrick S. Helfer, GWB	Eminent Grand Senior Warden
Reno P. Reguya, GWB	Eminent Grand Junior Warden
Gary Sheets, KTCH	Eminent Grand Prelate
John M. Sansone, REPGC	Eminent Grand Treasurer
Mark A. Keagle, KCT, REPGC	Eminent Grand Recorder
Steven B. Hornback	Eminent Grand Standard Bearer
Michael D. Millette	Eminent Grand Sword Bearer
Randy M. Zaerr, KCT, GWB	Eminent Grand Warder
Timothy J. Ward	Eminent Grand Sentinel
Joseph L. Pieron	Eminent Grand Color Bearer
Thomas R. Osborne	Eminent Grand Organist

COMMISSIONED AIDE TO THE GRAND COMMANDER

Stephen T. Adamson, KTCH, GWB, EPC

No. 04

COMMITTEE APOINTMENTS

JURISPRUDENCE

Henry J. DeHeer, KCT, REPDC, REPGC	Chairman	No. 38
Richard T. Carnall, KTCH, REPGC		No. 01
John T. Riedas, KCT, REPGC		No. 53
H. Wayne Hoffman, KCT, REPGC		No. 03
Enrique J. Unanue, REPGC		No. 06

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Enrique J. Unanue, KCT, REPGC	Chairman	No. 06
Max E. Guthrie, KTCH, EPC		No. 38
Michael D. Millette, EGSwB		No. 01

INVESTMENT COMMITTEE

Ronald E. Fullerlove, EPC	Chairman	No. 18
Jerry Askren		No. 16
Timothy J. Ward, EGSen		No. 01
John M. Sansone, REPGC, EGT		Ex-Officio No. 53
Mark. A. Keagle, KCT, REPGC, EGR		Ex-Officio No. 66

ELOISE H. PHILLIPS CHARITY FUND

Don J. Cowart, EGG	Chairman	No. 01
Christopher J. Whitney, EGCG		No. 09
Derrick S. Helfer, GWB, EGSW		No. 09
John M. Sansone, REPGC, EGT	Treasurer	No. 53
Mark A. Keagle, KCT, REPGC, EGR	Recorder	No. 66

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EYE FOUNDATION

Donald J. Cowart, EGG	Chairman	No. 01
H. Gary Reichert, EPC		No. 51
Stephen T. Adamson, KTCH, GWB, EPC		No. 04

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Mark A. Keagle, KCT, REPGC, EGR	Chairman	No. 66
Douglas W. Niewald, EPC		No. 38
William J. Smith, KCT, REPGC		No. 64
William J. Farris, KCT, REPGC		No. 17
Nyle G. Waters, KTCH, EPC		No. 47

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE

Gary W. Sheets, KTCH, EGP	Chairman	No. 06
Donald J. Cowart, EGG		No. 01
Derrick S. Helfer, GWB, EGSW		No. 09
William J. Farris, REPGC		No. 17
Douglas W. Niewald, EPC		No. 38

BYLAWS

Christopher J. Whitney, EGCG	Chairman	No. 09
Don J. Cowart, EGG		No. 01
Sean P. McBride, GWB, VEDGC		No. 16
Richard T. Carnall, KTCH, REPGC		No. 01

CREDENTIALS

H. Gary Reichert, EPC	Chairman	No. 51
Paul J. Dillow, EPC		No. 24
Verne LaGesse, EPC		No. 47
Timothy J. Ward, EPC		No. 01

MEMBERSHIP

Stephen T. Adamson, KTCH, GWB, EPC	Chairman	No. 04
Andrew F. Michyeta, GWB, EPC		No. 36
Michael D. Millette, EGSwB		No. 01

PUBLIC RELATIONS

Christopher J. Whitney, EGCG	Chairman	No. 09
Derrick S. Helfer, GWB, EGSW		No. 09
Stephen T. Adamson, KTCH, GWB, EPC		No. 04

CHARTERS AND DISPENSATION

Derrick S. Helfer, GWB, EGSW	Chairman	No. 09
Christopher J. Whitney, EGCG		No. 09
Don J. Cowart, EGG		No. 01

RITUAL AND TACTICS

Mark A. Keagle, KCT, REPGC, EGR	Chairman	No. 66
Robert H. Wright, EPC		No. 24
Richard T. Carnall, KTCH, REPGC		No. 01
Sean P. McBride, GWB, EGG		No. 16
Michael D. Millette, EGSwB		No. 01

WEBMASTER

John M. Sansone, REPGC, EGT	Chairman	No. 53
Timothy J. Ward, EGSen		No. 01

TRIENNIAL

Jamie A. Emery, KTCH, REGC	Chairman	No. 08
Mark A. Keagle, KCT, REPGC, EGR		No. 66
Christopher J. Whitney, EGCG		No. 09

PROTOCOL

Henry J. DeHeer, KCT, REPDC, REPGC	Chairman	No. 38
Richard T. Carnall, KTCH, REPGC		No. 01
John T. Riedas, KCT, REPGC		No. 53
Jesse L. Johns, KCT, REPGC		No. 66
Russel L. Schlosser, REPGC		No. 36

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR MAGAZINE EDITOR

John T. Riedas, KCT, REPGC		No. 53
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FISCAL OFFICERS FUND

Sean P. McBride, GWB, VEDGC	Chairman	No. 16
Don J. Cowart, EGG		No. 01
Christopher J. Whitney, EGCG		No. 09
John M. Sansone, REPGC, EGT		No. 53

TEMPLAR DEAD

Mark A. Keagle, KCT, REPGC, EGR	Chairman	No. 66
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SESSIONS COMMITTEE

Jamie A. Emery, KTCH, REGC	Chairman	No. 08
Sean P. McBride, GWB VEDGC		No. 16
Don J. Cowart, EGG		No. 01
Christopher J. Whitney, EGCG		No. 09
Mark A. Keagle, KCT, REPGC, EGR		No. 66

INSPECTIONS

An Officer of the Grand Commandery has been assigned to each Inspection Division to conduct an Annual Inspection of the Commanderies in that Division in accordance with Sections 471 and 472 of the Statutes of the Grand Commandery of Illinois. It is a requirement that a report of Inspection from the Inspecting Officer is received at the Office of the Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander within three weeks of the Inspection date. The Inspection will consist of an examination of monthly and permanent records of the Recorder and Treasurer, including special funds of the Commandery. All equipment and paraphernalia and their arrangements as used in the Order of the Temple will be inspected.

It is the responsibility of the Eminent Commander to see that the Ritual and Tactics of the Order are performed in an impressive manner. Each Commandery is required to Open and Close in Full Form as specified in the Illinois Tactics, available from The Grand Recorders Office.

Uniform requirements, as covered in the Statutes of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America, Chapter XIX, will be followed.

RECEPTION OF THE GRAND OFFICER

The Outline of Open Inspections as described in the official Asylum Tactics of the Grand Commandery is the only proper ceremony for the Reception of Grand Officers at the annual Commandery Inspection. Full credit will be given to a Commandery that organizes and conducts the Reception without regard to who actually fills the officer stations in the ceremony.

STARTING TIME FOR INSPECTION

Starting time for all Inspections will be **10:00 A.M.** unless otherwise determined by the Inspecting Officer. The Full Form Opening will begin promptly at **1:00 P.M.** followed immediately by the Order of the Temple.

INSPECTION ASSIGNMENTS

The Inspection Assignments for The Templar Year 2023 -2024 are as follows:

	<u>Inspecting Officer</u>	<u>Division Commander</u>
1 st Division	Sean P. McBride, GWB, VEDGC	Michael Millette, EGSwB
2 nd Division	Don J. Cowart, EGG	Timothy J. Ward, EGSen
3 rd Division	Christopher J. Whitney, EGCG	Randy M. Zaerr, KCT, GWB,EGW
4 th Division	Derrick S. Helfer, GWB, EGSW	Steve B. Hornback, EGStB
5 th Division	Reno P. Reguya, GWB, EGJW	Joseph L. Pieron, EGCB

The Division Commander will report to the Inspecting Office as his aide and will assist the Inspecting Officer in the discharge of his duties.

DIVISIONS

The Divisions for the Templar Year 2024 – 2025 are as follows:

1st Division

Apollo No. 1, at Naperville
Joliet No. 4, at Joliet
Calvary No. 25, at Cary
St. Bernard No. 35, at Chicago
Bethel No. 36, at Palatine

Mizpah No. 53, at Oak Lawn
Evanston No. 58, at Glenview
St. Elmo No. 64, at Riverside
Silangan No. 93, at Chicago

2nd Division

Galesburg No. 8, at Monmouth
Ottawa No. 10, at Ottawa
Crusader No. 17, at Rockford

Rock Island No. 18, at Milan
Dixon No. 21, at Dixon
Aurora No. 22, at Aurora

3rd Division

Peoria No. 3 at Peoria
Blaney No. 5, at Tremont
Elwood No. 6, at Springfield
DeMolay No. 24, at Bloomington

St. Aldemar No. 47, at Petersburg
Macomb No. 56, at Macomb
Quincy No. 77, at Quincy

4th Division

Beaumanoir No. 9 at Decatur
Urbana No. 16, at Champaign
Melita No. 37, at Tuscola
Mt. Olivet No. 38, at Paxton

Constantine No. 51, at Lincoln
Clinton No. 66, at Clinton
Gil W. Barnard No. 74, at Sullivan

5th Division

Tancred No. 2, at Belleville
Gorin No. 14, at Bridgeport
Palestine No. 27, at Paris

St. Omer No.30, at Hillsboro
Patton No. 69, at Mt. Vernon
Beauseant No. 86, at Murphysboro

PUBLIC ASSEMBLY, VISITS AND ESCORTS

Dispensation is hereby granted to all Commanderies to appear in public, in full Templar uniform and in suitable numbers to present a proper appearance within this jurisdiction, for attendance at Divine Services, Funerals, Escort Duties to other Masonic Bodies, Scottish Rite Reunions, and Public Parades. **In all cases, all Sir Knights must be dressed uniformly. In the case of a parade, each Commandery marching as a separate unit must be dressed uniformly.**

DEMITTS AND SUSPENSIONS

DEMITTS

All requests for demits are to be reviewed by the Eminent Commander. He should appoint a Committee to make 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.

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. 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 Eminent Commander will appoint a Committee to make personal contact with the Sir Knight in question to determine how his membership can be continued.

DISPENSATIONS

Dispensations may be issued upon request as authorized by the Statutes of the Grand Commandery of the State of Illinois. The Eminent 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. The actions of the Commandery will be regularly recorded in the minutes of the Commandery.

FIFTY YEAR PRESENTATIONS

Every Knight Templar who has been in good standing for a period of fifty 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 or about the anniversary date. It is suggested that the presentation be made at a suitable public or Fraternal function.

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, 2025**.

G. WILBUR BELL EXCALIBUR AWARD

This award can be awarded to 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, 2025**.

PAST COMMANDER CROSS & CROWN SERVICE AWARD

This award sets forth leadership criteria for immediate Past Commanders worthy of such recognition. This award was designed mainly to prompt greater overall efficiency in a Commandery's operation. While the newly elected Commander is the only one qualified to apply for and receive the award, he cannot do so alone. The requirements can only be met through the combined efforts of the entire Commandery. It is the Commander, however, who must provide the leadership and incentives which will stimulate and inspire the Commandery to success. The Commander must have served his Commandery on all three Dais Chairs to receive this award.

To qualify:

1. Hold four meetings with nine members present in uniform.
 - a. Two of the four meeting must be:
 - i. Annual Inspection with installed officers in uniform doing the full form opening, closing and reception of Inspecting Officer.
 - ii. Christmas Libation with members in uniform attending together with family members in the Commandery's asylum.
2. Within 40 miles: create a project that will cloth the naked, feed the hungry, bind up the wounds of the afflicted, or assist widows and orphans. The project should involve Sir Knights and their families.
3. Within 40 miles: make personal contact with all Commandery members and invite them to attend the meetings and dinners.
4. Appoint at least one Commandery Mentor who must attend training at the Schools of Instruction
5. Submit the 2024 annual report to the Grand Recorder on time.
6. At the close of the term, the applicant must submit a second letter to the Inspecting Officer summarizing achievements during his term.
7. A Past Commander Pin and Certificate will be issued to the recipients by the Grand Commandery. The Pin may be displayed only on the Suit Jacket and not worn as part of the uniform.

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE MINISTER PROPOSALS

The minister's applications must be submitted by September 14, 2024, to the Office of the Grand Recorder. The committee will be selecting the minister prior to November 1, 2024. The goal of the Grand Commandery is to have at least one minister per year participate in this memorable program.

MASONIC YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS

From our Masonic youth organizations of today will come our future leaders of tomorrow. Therefore, it is requested that each constituent Commandery lend its support by attending their meetings, both initiatory and stated and by providing them with financial support according to the ability of the Commandery. Our youth groups are more than willing to support our Commanderies in their activities and should be called upon whenever it is appropriate. We should also give them our support by providing escorts or whatever service they may require.

KNIGHT TEMPLAR MAGAZINE

The Knight Templar magazine published by the Grand Encampment is mailed to and available electronically to each Sir Knight in the State of Illinois, provided the Recorders of the constituent Commanderies promptly and correctly post information about Knighting's, Suspensions, Affiliation's, Demits, Deaths, and Top Line Signers on the Masonic Membership Solutions (MMS). This system is the only address source for the mailing by the Grand Encampment. The Knight Templar magazine is the primary news source of Templary coverage for the United States of America. All Commanderies are encouraged to submit pictures and information about Commandery activities and accomplishments of interest to other Sir Knights in the State. Send this information to the Illinois Editor of the Knight Templar magazine at john-olvr@att.net.

TEMPLAR MEMORIALS

Upon the death of any member of a constituent Commandery in the State of Illinois, the Recorder of the deceased Member's Commandery is requested to send to the Grand Recorders office a notification regarding the deceased member's name, including his address, his date of birth and any other information pertaining to the Sir Knight. The Recorder must also report the death in his MMS record. The Sir Knights are expected to participate in any Masonic Services if requested by the Family. Remember Knights Templar have a role in the Illinois Masonic funeral service along with a Templar Funeral Service available from the Grand Recorder's Office.

MEMBERSHIP

Every Knight Templar knows that the lifeblood of any organization is membership, and it remains the obligation of each and every Sir Knight in the State to promote membership at all times. The Grand Commandery encourages every Knight Templar to go back and work in and support his local Lodge. The Chapters of Royal Arch Masons and Councils of Cryptic Masons also need our assistance. Recognition that the members of the Commandery are supporting the Lodge, Chapter and Council goes a long way in encouraging a Blue Lodge Mason to continue his search for Masonic Light in the YORK RITE OF FREEMASONRY.

DECORUM

Sir Knights who are witnessing and are not performing ritual and tactics during the conferral of the Orders of Templary will refrain from unnecessary conversations and movement about the Asylum. It is disturbing and distracts from the solemnity and dramatic nature of the Templar experience. There are appropriate times during the conferring of the Orders that conversations and movements can be made without distracting from the work being performed.

KYCH JEWEL

The award of the KYCH JEWEL is a York Rite Honor. The only items that may be worn on the Templar Uniform are ones that have been authorized by the Grand Encampment or Grand Commandery uniform code. Therefore, the KYCH Jewel should NEVER be worn with your Commandery Uniform. (Decision. 1955, William C. Gordon)

APPROPRIATE TEMPLAR JEWELS

Templar Jewels are "to be worn from the left shoulder to the left lapel of the standard uniform coat beginning at the left shoulder seam, the Red Cross or Malta Jewel as preferred, honorary jewels ending with the highest jewel of office, present office jewel being designated as highest office. The Malta Jewel must be worn on the uniform coat even if other jewels are not worn." Jewels will be placed in a single 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. The Military Service Ribbon is worn above the line of jewels by those qualified to wear it. Only jewels that fit into the area described are to be worn. No jewels other than Grand Encampment authorized jewels and a name badge are worn on the right side of the uniform. Sir Knights wearing jewels in any other manner will be considered out of uniform.

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

Jamie A. Emery

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Grand Commander

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Grand Commander**

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**CIRCULAR NO. 1 (Emery)
GRAND COMMANDER'S CHRISTMAS MESSAGE**

Dear Sir Knights,

I am writing to extend warm Christmas greetings to the Sir Knights of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Illinois. As we celebrate this joyous season, I am reminded of the values of faith, hope, and love that unite us as a community. May this Christmas bring you and your family an abundance of blessings, peace, and happiness.

The spirit of Christmas serves as a reminder of the importance of coming together to support and uplift one another. As Christians, let us reflect on the teachings of love, compassion, and generosity exemplified by the life of Jesus Christ. May the message of Christ inspire us to spread kindness and goodwill to those around us and to be a beacon of light in our communities.

I extend my heartfelt gratitude for the dedication and commitment of each and every Sir Knight in Illinois. Your contributions and service are truly appreciated, and I am honored to serve as your Grand Commander of this esteemed organization.

Wishing you and your family a blessed Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Yours in Christ,

Jamie A. Emery

SK Jamie A. Emery, KTCH



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STATE OF ILLINOIS

Grand Prelates Christmas Message 2024

Greetings Sir Knights, wherever dispersed from the office of the Grand Prelate of Illinois under the leadership of Grand Commander Jamie Emery and his Lady Alyssa. In the midst of life who or what are you searching for? At this season let me make a suggestion. Those mysterious travelers from the East, be they Wisemen, Magi, or Kings were given divine and eternal insight. Matthew 2:2 “Where is He who has been born King of Jews? We saw His star in the East and are come to worship Him.”

That question caused a great stir in Jerusalem. The appearance of the Kings and their questions upset the status quo. A paranoid King and a fearful people could not ignore the question. We once again live in a world of great darkness and fear. We, Sir Knights bow our knee and pledge allegiance to King Jesus, who came as a babe, lived among us, showed us how to die and LIVE eternally.

Amidst all the hustle and bustle of the season, what are you doing about Jesus? May I challenge you to look for HIM, listen to HIM, worship HIM! Sir Knights, LOOK TO THE EAST! The next time Jesus appears He will be on a white horse, on his thigh engraved “KING OF KINGS & LORD OF LORDS”! He will be at the head of the Angel Armies leading us to ETERNAL GLORY! That, my dear Fraters is the complete message of Christmas.

LOOK TO THE EAST AND WORSHIP HIM!

Gary W. Sheets, KTCH

Grand Prelate

CICULAR No. 3 (Emery)

JOSEPH WILLARD LUCAS

Right Eminent Grand Commander 2010

Born: August 6, 1933

At Rest: April 6, 2025

Joe was born on August 6, 1933, in Mt. Pulaski, IL, to parents Roy B. and Dorothy Marie (Shoultz) Lucas. He graduated from Mt. Pulaski High School in 1951 and Iowa State University in 1955 with a B.S. in Agricultural Economics. While at ISU, he was a member of Tau Kappa Epsilon Fraternity and participated in ROTC.

Upon graduation, Joe was commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant in the United States Air Force. He attended flight training and received his wings as a single engine jet pilot. After active duty, he returned to Illinois and joined the 183rd Fighter Wing of the Illinois National Guard in Springfield, IL. He was called back into active duty during the Berlin Wall Crisis and at various times of need during his ILAirNG career. Joe served as the Commander of the 170th Fighter Squadron before retiring in 1977 with the rank of Colonel, after 22 years with the USAF and ILAirNG. During his years of flying, Joe flew the T33, F84, F86, F105, and F4 aircraft. He was awarded the General Joseph E. McElvain Memorial Trophy and named Pilot of the Year for Illinois in 1968.

Joe married Frankie Jo (Jody) Stonecipher at Williams Air Force Base, Chandler, AZ, on November 30, 1957. Together they farmed south of Mt. Pulaski from 1960-1994 until retirement. Jody preceded him in death in December of 2013.

Surviving family includes his daughter, Diane (Samuel) Millikin, Santa Clarita, CA, and his grandchildren Matthew (Caroline) Millikin, Vacaville, CA, and Danielle (Aaron) Charrier, Fresno, CA. He is also survived by his brothers, Caleb Lee (Pat) Lucas, Arlington, TX, and R. Leonard (Martee) Lucas, Alton, IL. As well as many beloved nieces and nephews. Joe was preceded in death by his sister, Mary Ellen Acosta, and infant brother, Charles Thomas Lucas.

Joe started his Masonic career by being raised a Master Mason in Mt. Pulaski Lodge #87 in 1957. Brother Joe served as Worshipful Master in 1964 and was a life member.

Companion Joe became a member of Mt. Pulaski Chapter #121 in 1958 and served as High Priest in 1961 and 1966 and was a life member. He was anointed in the Order of High Priesthood at the Grand Conclave. He held many honorary memberships in numerous chapters. He received the Lyle R. Melvin Distinguished Service Award of Illinois in 2005.

Companion Joe became a member Decatur Council #16 and served as Thrice Illustrious Master in 1969 and held a life membership in Decatur Council #1. He held many honorary memberships in numerous councils. He received the degree of Knight of Ish Sodi at the Grand Council in 2002.

Sir Knight Joe was Knighted on March 6, 1959, in Mt. Pulaski Commandery #39 and served as Commander in 1964-65, 1981-83, 1993 and 1995. He was a life member of Mt. Pulaski Commandery #39 and Constantine Commandery #51. Sir Knight Joe held many honorary memberships in dozens of Commanderies in Illinois and adjoining States. Sir Knight Joe was honored as a Knight Commander of the Temple by William Jackson Jones MEGM of the Grand Encampment of the United States of America in 2004. Sir Knight Joe was honored with the Knights Templar Cross of Honor for Illinois in 1994. Sir Knight Joe was elected as an Officer of the Grand Commandery of Illinois in 2004 and served as Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of the State of Illinois in 2010. Sir Knight Joe served on the Board of Directors of the Illinois Knights Templar Home. Sir Knight Joe continued to serve the Grand Commandery on several committees until his passing.

Sir Knight Joe received the Knight of York Cross of Honor from Illinois Priory #11 and was a past Prior of Illinois Priory and held the jewel of Knight Grand Cross of Honor with one quadrant.

Joe was a member and Past Governor of Southern Illinois York Rite College #33 and was awarded the Purple Cross of York from the York Rite Sovereign College of North America in 2002.

Brother Joe joined the Valley of Springfield Scottish Rite on April 15, 1994, and served as Sovereign Prince in the Council Princess of Jerusalem. He was coroneted a Sovereign Grand Inspector General of the 33rd Degree and Honorary member of the Supreme Council of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction August 30, 2005, in Grand Rapids Michigan.

Noble Joe became a member of Ansar Shrine A.A.O.N.M.S. in May 1962 and was elected Potentate of Ansar Shrine in December 2003.

In 1969 Joe served as Worthy Patron with his Lady Jody as Worthy Matron in Mt. Pulaski Eastern Star Chapter #46, He held an Honorary Legion of Honor degree from the International Supreme Council of the Order of DeMolay. He was a past Sovereign of Saxa Rubra Conclave Red Cross of Constantine, Past Preceptor Pathros Tabernacle Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priest, Past Sovereign Master Cahokia Mounds Council #225 AMD, Past Excellent Chief Shamrock Chapter #43 Knight Masons, member Societas Rosicrucian Illinois College SRICF, Universal Craftsmen Council Engineers #35, Mt Vernon Preceptory Yeomen of York, Charter Member and Past President Wayne W. Gatewood Chapter #536 National Sojourners and Past President Abraham Lincoln Heroes of '76, member of the Royal Order of Scotland, life member the Grand College of Rites.

Joe was a member of the Mt. Pulaski Christian Church, American Legion Post #447, Logan County Extension Council, Lincoln Elks #914, American Legion Council of Logan County, 40-8 #985, and a charter member of the Mt. Pulaski Jaycees. Additionally, he was a board member of the Steenberg Cemetery Association, Mt. Pulaski Grain Company, First National Bank, and Capital Community Bank of Springfield.

Sir Knight Joseph Willard Lucas ended his labor on earth April 6, 2025.

Mark A. Keagle

Grand Recorder

Attest: *Mark A. Keagle*, PGC, KCT.



CICULAR No. 4 (Emery)

MARVIN LEON SELOCK

Right Eminent Grand Commander 2003

Born: August 15, 1942

At Rest: April 29, 2025

Marvin Leon Selock was born on August 15, 1942, in Sullivan, Illinois, the son of June and William C. "Johnnie" Selock. After graduating from Sullivan High School in 1960, he entered the U.S. Air Force where he was stationed 3 years at a SAC Air Force Base near Madrid, Spain. After completing his enlistment, he enrolled in Western Illinois University where he graduated in 1968 with a Bachelor of Business. It was there he met his wife Jule Hornecker of Geneseo, Illinois, and they were married on September 2, 1964. Marvin and Jule have two sons, Daryl and Darren. They are also proud grandparents of Owen, Nolan, and Amber.

Marvin received his MBA in Finance from DePaul University in 1975. His career included positions with Continental Illinois National Bank of Chicago, Homewood Federal Savings and Loan Association, South Chicago Bank, and Office Administrator of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. Marvin retired as a Master Sergeant in the U.S. Army Reserve in 1998; later volunteering with the Satellite Retirees Activities Office (SPA0) in Arlington Heights. He holds memberships in Matteson American Legion Post No. 474, Chicago Heights Moose Lodge No. 828, and Decatur Elks Lodge No. 411.

Marvin's Masonic career began in Chicago Heights Lodge No. 851, A.F.& A.M. He was raised as a Master Mason on August 28, 1973 and would serve as Worshipful Master in 1979, 1990, 1997, 1998, and 1999. He is currently a member of Neighbor Lodge No. 1169 A.F.&A.M. by merger.

Brother Selock received the degrees of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite in the Valley of Chicago's Fall Reunion of 1985, subsequently serving as Sovereign Prince of Chicago Council, Princes of Jerusalem in 2007-2008. He was coroneted Sovereign Grand Inspector General of the 33rd Degree of the Scottish Rite of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction in Washington, D.C. on August 22, 2007. He was elected Fraternal Treasurer for the Valley of Chicago in 2009 and served until 2024.

Marvin was exalted in Chicago Heights Chapter No. 218, RAM on October 25, 1973 and elected as Most Excellent Grand High Priest of Illinois on July 22, 1994. He was initiated into Harvey Council, No. 106, CM on November 3, 1973, and installed as Thrice Illustrious Master on June 20, 1985. On November 20, 1973, Marvin was knighted in Chicago Heights Commandery No. 78, KT and elected Right Eminent Grand Commander of Illinois on July 20, 2002.

His Masonic memberships and honors include: Order of the Purple Cross and Past Governor of Illinois York Rite College No. 15, Knight Commander of the Temple Grand Encampment of Knights Templar, DeMolay Cross of Honor and Honorary Legion of Honor, Frank S. Land Preceptory, Medinah Shriners of Chicago AAOMAS, Amateur Radio Unit, Past Eminent Prior of Illinois Priory No. 11 KYCH, Past Preceptor of St. Peter Tabernacle XXII HRAKTP, G. Wilbur Bell Council No. 72 AMD, General Joseph Warren Order No. 119 Sword of Bunker Hill, Masonic Veterans Association and Starlite Chapter No. 1 OES.

Marvin was the beloved husband of Jule Selock for 60 years; loving father of Daryl (Jennifer) Selock, Darren (Nichole) Selock; cherished grandfather of Owen, Nolan, and Amber; and fond brother of Debbie (Allan) Eaton. He was preceded in death by his sister, Shirley (the late Robert) Thilmony.

Sir Knight Marvin Leon Selock ended his labor on earth April 25, 2025

Mark A. Keagle

Grand Recorder

Attest: **Mark A. Keagle**, PGC, KCT.



Harris Edwin Boeker

Honorary Right Eminent Grand Commander 2023

Born: July 24, 1928

At Rest: October 4, 2024

Harris Edwin Boeker, 96, of Chandlerville, Illinois, passed away at his home on Friday, October 4, 2024, surrounded by loving family. He was born July 24, 1928, on the family farm near Newmansville, Illinois, to Walter C. and Jeanette (nee Ritterbush) Boeker. He married Luella Wulf on July 24, 1949, at St Paul's United Church of Christ in Petersburg, Illinois.

Harris was a lifelong farmer and served the Newmansville Township for over 50 years as a Road Commissioner and Supervisor. He was a longtime member of the Chandlerville Masonic Lodge #724 and Clinton Masonic Lodge #19, named Mason of the Year in 2021. Sir Knight Boeker was Knighted February 13, 1957 in St. Aldemar Commandery #47 in Petersburg. Other organizations included : DeWitt Chapter #119 Royal Arch Masons, Jacksonville Council #5 Cryptic Council, Eastern Star, Chandlerville School Board, Cass County Mutual Fire Insurance Board, Lincoln Land Community College Board, Cass County ASC Chairman, Precinct Election Judge, member of the St. Paul's Evangelical Free Church, and volunteer usher for Theater in the Park.

Harris received awards for his service in the York Rite, receiving the Knights Templar Cross of Honor in July 2010. He recently traveled to Providence, RI in 2023 to receive Order of the Purple Cross from the Sovereign College of North America. He was unanimously elected as an Honorary Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of the State of Illinois at the 167th Conclave on July 27, 2023.

Sir Knight Harris Edwin Boeker ended his labor on earth October 4, 2024

Mark A. Keagle

Grand Recorder



**GRAND COMMANDERY
KNIGHTS TEMPLAR**



**STATE OF ILLINOIS
HEADQUARTERS OF**

**JAMIE A. EMERY
Grand Commander**

**307 Mercer St. P.O. Box 11
Oquawka, IL 61469**

May 15, 2025

GENERAL ORDER NO. 2- Emery

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

169th ANNUAL CONCLAVE

The 169th Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Illinois will be held in the City of Springfield, Illinois on Saturday, July 19, 2025. The Grand Commandery will convene at the Abraham Lincoln Hotel, 701 East Adams Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701, at 8:30 A.M. for the opening session and will continue until business is concluded with a recess for lunch. The Election of Officers will be called for on this day at an hour to be set by vote of the Grand Commandry immediately after it is convened,

HEADQUARTERS

Headquarters for the Grand Commander, the Grand Recorder, and all Committees will be the Abraham Lincoln Hotel, 701 East Adams Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701. The Credentials Committee will be open on Saturday, July 19, 2025, between the hours of 7:00 A.M. and 10:00 A.M. for the registration of Grand Commandery Officers, Past Grand Commanders, Commander, 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. All Illinois Sir Knights will be required to show their 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 Sean McBride, Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander, is the Attendance Officer for this Grand Conclave and as such will 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 their 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. Note that each Sir Knight may cast only one ballot: a Sir Knight already entitled to a ballot may not vote more than once by virtue of being assigned a proxy as shown below under VOTING. The proxy must be filed with the Credentials Committee at the time of registration.

ROLL CALL

There will be a roll call by the Grand Recorder 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 due to the Grand Commandery.

UNIFORMS

Full Templar Uniform as described in Section 477 of the Grand Commandery Statutes, including black shoes, socks, white gloves, and either Chapeau or Military Style Naval Dress Cap with a class A uniform coat, or a Cap and Mantel, shall be worn at the convening of the Grand Conclave. Swords will only be required by Grand Officers and those participating as escorts. Summer Uniforms are permitted for any session after lunch.

HOST COMMANDERY

The Host Commandery for this 169th Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Illinois will be Galesburg Commandery No. 8. Galesburg Commandery No. 8, and the Conclave Committee have planned many activities for the visiting Sir Knights and their Ladies; we hope everyone will take advantage and have a memorable time.

HOUSING AND GENERAL ARRANGEMENTS

All requests for room reservations must be made direct to the Abraham Lincoln Hotel, 701 East Adams Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701, the Grand Commandery Website: www.kt-il.org will have all details on how to make your reservations when available. Meal reservations will also be made online at: www.kt-il.org PLEASE INCLUDE PAYMENT WITH THE FORM. ALL MEALS WILL REQUIRE A TICKET.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

All Committee Chairman shall submit their report to the Grand Recorder, 1700 E. Washington St., Clinton, IL 61727 no later than JUNE 28, 2025. A Preliminary Report of Proceedings will be printed. The Annual Meeting of the Illinois Knights Templar Home will be held on Saturday, July 19, 2025, during the Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery.

PROPOSED LEGISLATION

RESOLUTION TO AMEND BYLAWS

BE IT RESOLVED that Section 477 (12) of the Statutes of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Illinois be amended by adding “The KYCH Ribbon bar pin may also be worn for all those who qualify to wear the same.”

JEWELS

Section 477 (12) currently reads:

(12) To be worn from the left shoulder to the left lapel of standard uniform coat beginning at the left shoulder seam the Red Cross or Malta jewel as preferred, honorary jewels ending the highest jewel of office, present office jewel being designated as highest office. The Malta Jewel must be worn on the uniform Coat even if other jewels are not worn immediately above, in the jewel so prescribed, the Masonic Veterans Pin shall be allowed for all those qualify to wear the same. (2005 Passed on floor)

The Grand Encampment Knight Templar Cross of Honor and G Wilbur Bell Excalibur award will overrule all other jewels and will be worn closest to the left lapel in above order. Jewels will 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.

If Amended Section 477 (12) would read:

(12) To be worn from the left shoulder to the left lapel of standard uniform coat beginning at the left shoulder seam the Red Cross or Malta jewel as preferred, honorary jewels ending the highest jewel of office, present office jewel being designated as highest office. The Malta Jewel must be worn on the uniform Coat even if other jewels are not worn immediately above, in the jewel so prescribed, the Masonic Veterans Pin shall be allowed for all those qualify to wear the same. (2005 Passed on floor) The KYCH Ribbon bar pin may also be worn for all those who qualify to wear the same.

The Grand Encampment Knight Templar Cross of Honor and G Wilbur Bell Excalibur award will overrule all other jewels and will be worn closest to the left lapel in above order. Jewels will 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.

Proposed by SK Mark Hopf EC Trinity Apollo #1

BE IT RESOLVED that Section 433 of the Statutes of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Illinois be amended by completely removing Section 433.

Section 433 currently reads:

SECTION 433. The Recorder of each constituent Commandery shall make a written recapitulation report to the Grand Recorder, not later than the 10th day of each month, enumerating all Knightings, Affiliations, Reinstatements, Demotions, Deaths, Expulsions and Suspensions, during the previous month and the total membership at the end of the previous month, which shall be accompanied by all necessary membership change cards. Failure to make such report by the 10th day of each month shall be subject to a late-filing fee of \$5.00 to cover the extra clerical expense, which fee shall accompany the report and be deposited in the general fund.

If Amended Section 433 would read: (Deleted)

Proposed by SK Mark Keagle PGC

BE IT RESOLVED that Section 477 (12) of the Statutes of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Illinois be amended by adding “The First Responders Ribbon Bar (Virginia National Guard Homeland Defense Ribbon) may also be worn for all those who qualify to wear the same.”

JEWELS

Section 477 (12) currently reads:

(12) To be worn from the left shoulder to the left lapel of standard uniform coat beginning at the left shoulder seam the Red Cross or Malta jewel as preferred, honorary jewels ending the highest jewel of office, present office jewel being designated as highest office. The Malta Jewel must be worn on the uniform Coat even if other jewels are not worn immediately above, in the jewel so prescribed, the Masonic Veterans Pin shall be allowed for all those qualify to wear the same. (2005 Passed on floor)

The Grand Encampment Knight Templar Cross of Honor and G Wilbur Bell Excalibur award will overrule all other jewels and will be worn closest to the left lapel in above order. Jewels will 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.

If Amended Section 477 (12) would read:

(12) To be worn from the left shoulder to the left lapel of standard uniform coat beginning at the left shoulder seam the Red Cross or Malta jewel as preferred, honorary jewels ending the highest jewel of office, present office jewel being designated as highest office. The Malta Jewel must be worn on the uniform Coat even if other jewels are not worn immediately above, in the jewel so prescribed, the Masonic Veterans Pin shall be allowed for all those qualify to wear the same. (2005 Passed on floor) The First Responder Ribbon Bar (Virginia National Guard Homeland Defense Ribbon) may also be worn for all those who qualify to wear the same.

The Grand Encampment Knight Templar Cross of Honor and G Wilbur Bell Excalibur award will overrule all other jewels and will be worn closest to the left lapel in above order. Jewels will 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.

Proposed by SK Adam Thompson EC Patton #69

BE IT RESOLVED that Section 477 (6) of the Statutes of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Illinois be amended by removing “with no visible emblem” and adding “or black with a Cross and Crown, Grand Commandery, Grand Encampment, IKTAO, Holy Land Pilgrimage, KTEF emblem that may not be visible while the uniform coat is buttoned.”

Section 477 (12) currently reads:

(6) Black with no visible emblem

If Amended Section 477 (6) would read:

(6) Black, or black with a Cross and Crown, Grand Commandery, Grand Encampment, IKTAO, Holy Land Pilgrimage, KTEF emblem that may not be visible while the uniform coat is buttoned.

Proposed by SK Christopher Whitney GCG

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 Chapter on Thursday July 17th, followed by the Grand Council on Friday July 18th, and ending with the Grand Commandery on Saturday 19th. For further information about sessions and schedules go to the Grand Commandery Web-site at kt-il.org click on the 2025 Sessions, there you will find all the information required.

This Order shall be read at the head of the lines at the first Stated Conclave after its receipt and a record made in the Minutes.

Jamie A. Emery
Jamie A. Emery
Grand Commander

Amend Section 477 (12) to read:

(12) Only Templar Jewels are to be worn on the Templar Uniform. Jewels will be placed in a single straight line even with the breast pocket from the left shoulder seam to the left lapel of the standard uniform coat and will not exceed the number that can be placed in the specified area. The Malta Jewel must be worn on the uniform coat even if other jewels are not worn.

Beginning at the left shoulder seam, jewels will be worn in the following order:

1. The Red Cross jewel, if worn, will be the first jewel on the left.
2. The Malta jewel (required).
3. Badges of Commanderies.
4. Meritorious jewels, including Commandery jewels (example: EPC jewel), Grand Commandery jewels (example: REPGC jewel, G Wilbur Bell Excalibur Award jewel), Grand Encampment jewels (example: KTCH jewel)
5. Current jewel(s) of office: Commandery – Grand Commandery – Grand Encampment if more than one office held at the same time.

The Masonic Veterans Pin may be worn immediately above the line of jewels described above by all those who qualify to wear the same.

The York Rite Service Award pin may be worn immediately to the left of the Masonic Veterans Pin by qualified Sir Knights who have been recognized for their service to the York Rite as a duly elected and installed Worshipful Master, Excellent High Priest, Thrice Illustrious Master, and Eminent Commander.

**GRAND COMMANDERY
KNIGHTS TEMPLAR**



**STATE OF ILLINOIS
HEADQUARTERS
OF**

**Jamie A. Emery
Grand Commander**

**P.O. Box 11
Oquawka, Illinois 61469**

**CIRCULAR NO. 2 (Emery)
GRAND COMMANDER'S EASTER MESSAGE**

Dear Sir Knights,

I hope this letter finds you in good health and high spirits. I would like to take this opportunity to bring warm greetings from my family to yours.

As we approach the sacred season of Easter, it is an opportune moment to reflect upon the profound significance of Christianity and the resurrection of Jesus Christ. This season serves not only as a time for celebration but also as a reminder of renewal and hope that our faith brings.

The resurrection is the cornerstone of our beliefs, embodying the promise of eternal life and the triumph of good over evil. It invites us to revitalize our commitment to the teachings of Christ and inspires us to embody His values in our daily lives.

As Sir Knights, we have a unique opportunity to lead by example, sharing the message of love, compassion, and unity that Easter represents. May this Easter strengthen our bonds and motivate us to engage more deeply in our communities, fostering an environment of faith and brotherhood.

As I write this letter the Commandery Inspections are almost complete. This is an essential aspect of our organization, and I appreciate the dedication and hard work exhibited by each of you during this time. As my year as Grand Commander is coming to an end, I want to extend my heartfelt gratitude for your support and commitment throughout the year.

Looking ahead, we have the York Rite Grand Sessions in July, where we can come together once more to celebrate our achievements and plan for the future. Thank you for your continued dedication to our shared mission. I look forward to seeing all of you soon.

Yours in All Knightly Courtesy,

Jamie A. Emery, KTCH

Grand Commander



EASTER MESSAGE 2025

To the Right Imminent Grand Commander of Illinois, Grand Officers, Fraters everywhere dispersed: Greetings from the apartment of the Grand Prelate of Illinois. Both sides of the Divine Story have us waiting in darkness wondering when our Divine Father will speak or show His Glory. Whether or not the reason; we wait sometimes in despair, sometimes our faith hanging on by a thread. All down through Divine History our Holy Father asks us to trust Him. It is not easy sitting in the Ark waiting for the storms to subside and the waters to dry up. It is not easy bending under the slavery of Egypt and wandering 40 years in the wilderness. It is not easy waiting during 70 years of captivity in Babylon. 450 years of silence is hard to bear. God begins to speak and the Maccabees defeat Antiochus Epiphanes, retake the desecrated Temple and restore it, and watch the Miracle of Eight Days of Light from one day of oil! AND THEN—THE LIGHT DOES TRULY SHINE IN THE DARKNESS. The DARKNESS and, we in it, do not understand! We try to kill and extinguish the Light by crucifying the Lord of Glory, the One and Only Divine Son! THREE DAYS LATER THE KING SPRINGS FORTH IN ETERNAL LIGHT AND GLORY!! Now once again we wait for the eternal return of the Great Captain of Our Salvation! How do we wait? We are the keepers and guardians of the Light. Is your lamp lit? Do you have enough oil? Are you waiting with eager anticipation? Share the Light of Jesus wherever you go. Jesus said that if we lift Him up, He will draw all men to Himself! Here is to lifting our cross and shining our light!! BLESSINGS!! MATTHEW 28:5-6

Gary Sheets

Grand Prelate Illinois

GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR
OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS

No. **2024-2025-1**

HEADQUARTERS OF THE GRAND COMMANDER

DATE: **7/31/2024**

To the Commander of **Clinton** Commandery No.**66**, K.T.

By the virtue of the power in me vested as Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Illinois, believing that the welfare of Christian Knighthood may be thereby advanced, I do hereby grant my dispensation:

Authorizing Clinton Commandery No. 66 located at 926 E. Main St, Clinton, Illinois to Cancel the August 2024 Sated Meeting due to members attendance at the Grand Encampment Triennial.

Due and proper return of the action taken under this dispensation will be made on the back hereof and will be returned to the Grand Commander.

Given under my hand and seal, this July 31, 2024

Jamie A. Emery

Jamie A. Emery

Grand Commander



RECORDERS NOTICE: this dispensation MUST be returned to the Grand Commander immediately after the authorizing date, giving full details on the reverse side of the action had under this authority.

GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR
OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS

No. **2024-2025-2**

HEADQUARTERS OF THE GRAND COMMANDER

DATE: **8/4/2024**

To the Commander of **Ottawa** Commandery No. **10**, K.T.

By the virtue of the power in me vested as Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Illinois, believing that the welfare of Christian Knighthood may be thereby advanced, I do hereby grant my dispensation:

Authorizing Ottawa Commandery No. 10 located at 916 Columbus St, Ottawa, Illinois to hold a special election on August 8, 2024, to fill the vacancy of Treasurer and any other vacant position this action creates.

Due and proper return of the action taken under this dispensation will be made on the back hereof and will be returned to the Grand Commander.

Given under my hand and seal, this August 4, 2024

Jamie A. Emery

Jamie A. Emery

Grand Commander



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GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR
OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS

No. **2024-2025-3**

HEADQUARTERS OF THE GRAND COMMANDER

DATE: **8/15/2024**

To the Commander of **Aurora** Commandery No.**22**, K.T.

By the virtue of the power in me vested as Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Illinois, believing that the welfare of Christian Knighthood may be thereby advanced, I do hereby grant my dispensation:

Authorizing Aurora Commandery No. 22 located at 710 N. Highland Ave., Aurora, Illinois to hold a special election on August 28, 2024, to fill the vacancy of Recorder and any other vacant position this action creates.

Due and proper return of the action taken under this dispensation will be made on the back hereof and will be returned to the Grand Commander.

Given under my hand and seal, this August 15, 2024

Jamie A. Emery

Jamie A. Emery

Grand Commander



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GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR
OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS

No. **2024-2025-4**

HEADQUARTERS OF THE GRAND COMMANDER

DATE: **9/13/2024**

To the Commander of **Rock Island** Commandery No. **18**, K.T.

By the virtue of the power in me vested as Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Illinois, believing that the welfare of Christian Knighthood may be thereby advanced, I do hereby grant my dispensation:

Authorizing Rock Island Commandery No. 18 to move the September stated meeting place and time to 200 South E St. Monmouth, IL. 61462 on September 25, 2024 at 6pm.

Due and proper return of the action taken under this dispensation will be made on the back hereof and will be returned to the Grand Commander.

Given under my hand and seal, this September 13, 2024

Jamie A. Emery

Jamie A. Emery

Grand Commander



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GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS

No. **2024-2025-5**

HEADQUARTERS OF THE GRAND COMMANDER

DATE: **11/12/2024**

To the Commander of **Rock Island** Commandery No. **18**, K.T.

By the virtue of the power in me vested as Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Illinois, believing that the welfare of Christian Knighthood may be thereby advanced, I do hereby grant my dispensation:

Authorizing Rock Island Commandery No. 18 to move the December stated place and location from December 25, 2024, to December 7, 2024, at the location of 409 2nd Ave. E Milan, IL.

Due and proper return of the action taken under this dispensation will be made on the back hereof and will be returned to the Grand Commander.

Given under my hand and seal, this November 12, 2024.

Jamie A. Emery

Jamie A. Emery

Grand Commander



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GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR
OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS

No. **2024-2025-6**

HEADQUARTERS OF THE GRAND COMMANDER

DATE: **11/12/2024**

To the Commander of **Peoria** Commandery No. **3**, K.T.

By the virtue of the power in me vested as Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Illinois, believing that the welfare of Christian Knighthood may be thereby advanced, I do hereby grant my dispensation:

Authorizing Peoria Commandery No. 3 to cancel the December stated meeting, to allow the members to honor the Ladies of the Peoria York Rite with a Christmas Dinner.

Authorizing Peoria Commandery N0. 3 to move the January stated meeting from January 1, 2025, to January 8, 2025.

Due and proper return of the action taken under this dispensation will be made on the back hereof and will be returned to the Grand Commander.

Given under my hand and seal, this November 12, 2024.

Jamie A. Emery
Jamie A. Emery
Grand Commander

RECORDERS NOTICE: this dispensation MUST be returned to the Grand Commander immediately after the authorizing date, giving full details on the reverse side of the action had under this authority.

GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS

No. **2024-2025-7**

HEADQUARTERS OF THE GRAND COMMANDER

DATE: **3/15/2025**

To the Commander of **Beaumanoir** Commandery No.9, K.T.

By the virtue of the power in me vested as Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Illinois, believing that the welfare of Christian Knighthood may be thereby advanced, I do hereby grant my dispensation:

Authorizing Beaumanoir Commandery No. 9 to hold a special election at its March Stated Meeting to fill the vacancy of the Commander, and any other vacancies created by this action.

Due and proper return of the action taken under this dispensation will be made on the back hereof and will be returned to the Grand Commander.

Given under my hand and seal, this March 15, 2025.

Jamie A. Emery

Jamie A. Emery

Grand Commander



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GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS

No. **2024-2025-8**

HEADQUARTERS OF THE GRAND COMMANDER

DATE: **4/6/2025**

To the Commander of **Tancred** Commandery No. **2**, K.T.

By the virtue of the power in me vested as Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Illinois, believing that the welfare of Christian Knighthood may be thereby advanced, I do hereby grant my dispensation:

Authorizing Tancred Commandery No. 2 to move the April stated meeting date to April 11, to allow the members to practice for the Commandery Inspection to be held April 12.

Due and proper return of the action taken under this dispensation will be made on the back hereof and will be returned to the Grand Commander.

Given under my hand and seal, this April 6, 2025.

Jamie A. Emery

Jamie A. Emery

Grand Commander



RECORDERS NOTICE: this dispensation MUST be returned to the Grand Commander immediately after the authorizing date, giving full details on the reverse side of the action had under this authority.

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 2024 – 31 May 2025.

The Annual Returns are still currently being collected. It is very important that the Constituent Commandery Recorder update the MMS system in a timely manner to ensure that correct membership information is available. Currently seven Commanderies have not returned the Per Capita payment to this office for the year.

The Grand Commandery is currently maintaining the 100% Life Sponsorship status with the Knight Templar Eye Foundation on a quarterly basis. The Commanderies are billed for the Life Sponsorships on the Annual returns. Please do not send Life Sponsor payments to GEKT, this will avoid double billing.

I would like to thank all the Recorders for all the hard work they do. You are the engine that keeps the Commandery running.

Annual Statistical Report - Start: 1/1/2024 End: 12/31/2024
Grand Encampment of Knights Templar
Grand Commandery of Illinois
Stationed at Clinton, IL

Total Working Commanderies = 35

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

Total number members on last return =		<u>2,617</u>
Total number KNIGHTED =	<u>65</u>	
Total number AFFILIATED =	<u>20</u>	
Total number REINSTATED =	<u>24</u>	
Total number ADD ADJUSTMENT =	<u>0</u>	
Total Gain (+)		<u>109</u>
Total number DEMITTED =	<u>49</u>	
Total number SUSPENDED =	<u>82</u>	
Total number DECEASED =	<u>112</u>	
Total number EXPELLED =	<u>0</u>	
Total number DELETE ADJUSTMENT =	<u>0</u>	
Total Loss (-)		<u>243</u>
	Net Gain (Net Loss) =	<u>(134)</u>
Total number of members (including Dual and Plural)		<u>= 2,483</u>

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EYE FOUNDATION

Living/Active Life Sponsors =	<u>2,419</u>	
Living/Active Associate Patrons =	<u>0</u>	
Living/Active Patrons =	<u>0</u>	
Total Deductions		<u>2,419</u>

Note: A "Living/Active" member may be counted only once for an Eye Foundation deduction even if the member has purchased multiples within a level or across levels.

Example: If member has 2 Life Sponsors, 1 Associate Patron and 3 Patrons he is counted as 1 in Life Sponsor or if member has 2 Associate Patrons and 1 Patron he is counted as 1 in Associate Patron.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES OF ILLINOIS 2023-2024

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	CHRISTOPHER J. WHITNEY	DECATUR
DELAWARE		LAKE-IN-THE-HILLS
DIST OF COLUMBIA	DAVID HUTT	MARYVILLE
FLORIDA	D. MARC WILSON	SPRINGFIELD
GEORGIA	BERNARD A. NORTH	CLINTON
HAWAII	DERRIK HELFER	DECATUR
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		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	RICHARD T. CARNALL	COUNTRYSIDE
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	STEPHAN T. ADAMSON	ROMEOVILLE
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**

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EDUCATION FOUNDATION

The Knight Templar Scholarship Fund Committee met to review the applications for scholarships this year. The Committee reviewed eight (8) applications and approved (7) seven.

The seven (7) recipients for this year are:

Sadie Newton (2nd year)

Jack Wightman

Miranda Fisher

Nathan LaPlant

Allie Percy (2nd year)

Benjamin Whitney

Grant Keppy

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

Illinois Knights Templar Education Foundation Committee

Mark Keagle, KCT, REPGC, EGR Chairman

Douglas Niewold, EPC

William J. Smith, KCT, REPGC

William J. Farris, KCT, REPGC

Nyle G. Waters, EPC

Report of the Committee on Templar Dead

<u>Name</u>	<u>COMMANDERY</u>	<u>Date of Death</u>
Marvin Leon Selock	Bethel #36	4/29/2025
Fred H. Bright Jr.	Tancred #2	2/25/2025
Thomas Hughes Cox	Peoria #3	2/16/2025
Eric Laverne Johnson	Peoria #3	11/2/2024
Leon Hacker	Elwood #6	3/6/2025
Donald Edward Darnell	Galesburg #8	1/25/2025
Gary Lee Bryson	Ottawa #10	8/24/2024
John William Bracken	Dixon #21	7/27/2024
Roger Wayne Larson	Dixon #21	5/10/2025
John Gerald Campbell	DeMolay #24	6/18/2025
George D. Reeder	Calvary #25	2/2/2025
Thomas Martin Jones	Melita #37	10/24/2024
Harris Edwin Boeker	St. Aldemar #47	10/4/2024
Joseph Willard Lucas	Constantine #51	4/6/2025
James William Willis	Patton #69	9/4/2024
Walter Lyle Lamb	Gil W. Barnard #74	5/10/2025

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

Respectfully submitted

Mark Keagle, KCT, REPGC, Grand Recorder

Public Relations Committee

8 July 2025

The Public Relations committee met back in January. We collected information regarding public relations activities recommended from Grand Encampment and the Grand Commandery. The information was forwarded to all constituent Commanderies to review. The goal was for Commanderies to submit photos and articles for posting on our website. To date, nothing was received. The committee would encourage local commanderies to share activities and photo to show your support for Templar Masonry,

Thank You
Chris Whtiney
Public Relations Committee
Chairman

ByLaws Committe

8 July 2025

The Bylaws Committee has nothing to report.

Thank You
Chris Whitney
Chairman

REPORT OF THE WEBSITE COMMITTEE

Right Eminent Grand Commander, Grand Officers and Sir Knights,
The Website Committee, specifically SK Tim Ward, polished the appearance of the website this year. Although the layout and feel are much the same as we are used to, a little house cleaning and cosmetic work was over do.

As always, we attempt to keep the website as up to date as possible for the benefit of the Sir Knights of Illinois. Typically, the goal is to have the website updated within 24 hours of the committee being notified of changes in schedules or fresh information needed for the Sir Knights.

It has been a pleasure to serve on this committee for this Chivalric Year.

Respectfully submitted,
John M. Sansone, PGC, GT, Chairman
Timothy J Ward, EPC, GSent

Fiscal Officers Fund Committee

The Fiscal Officers Fund received no request for any actions during this Templar Year.

Respectfully Submitted

Sean McBride

Chairman Fiscal Officers Fund

Charter and Dispensation Committee

The Charters and Dispensations Committee received no requests for new Charters or Dispensations for new Commanderies this Templar Year.

Respectfully Submitted

Don Cowart

Chairman Charters/Dispensations Committee

Phillips Charity Fund

Phillips Charity Fund Committee held a meeting on June 1, 2025 in Danville. The Committee approved distributions of \$12000 total split between four groups. The Illinois Knight Templar Assistance Outreach, Illinois Jobs Daughters, Illinois Rainbow and Illinois DeMolay.

Respectfully Submitted

Don Cowart

Chairman Phillips Charity Fund

Ritual and Tactics Committee

The Ritual and Tactics Committee held a meeting to discuss two proposals and to review the Illinois Tactics. The first proposal discussed was to modify the tactics around the Color Bearer and the Standard Bearer. The tactic change request was how the two Officers salute with the flag. The request was to have the Officers salute with the right hand and move the flags to the left before doing so. This committee debated and ultimately decided to not recommend the tactic change for the Flag Bearers. .

The next proposal was to approve tactics for a proposed Nine Man opening. The Committee reviewed the proposed tactics and made some modifications. This Committee recommends the approval of the modified tactics in Illinois if/when the Grand Encampment approves the ritual for the Nine Man opening, which will be submitted by the proposer at the next Triennial Conclave in Burbank CA .

The Committee reviewed/updated the current Grand Commandery of Illinois Tactics and will be making available an updated version on the Illinois Tactics in the next couple of weeks. The update will be made available from the Grand Records Office for download. A printed version will be available for a fee.

Respectfully Submitted

Mark Keagle Chairman

Richard Carnall

Sean McBride

Michael Millette

Robert Wright

Holy Land Pilgrimage Committee

Greetings Sir Knights of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Illinois from your Knight Templar Holy Land Pilgrimage Committee.

The trip for this year was cancelled. We have been working on creating a coin to sell as a fund raiser for the Fund. The coin is still a work in process and we hope to have it finalized this year. I recommend that each division select and turn in one pilgrim application.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gary Sheets, KTCH, EPC Chairman

TRIENNIAL COMMITTEE REPORT

THE 69TH Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar, U.S.A. was held August 17-21, 2024, in Salt Lake City, Utah. It was held at The Little America Hotel. Illinois had (4) four Past Grand Commanders and (5) five Grand officers in attendance. In attendance were the following:

Past Grand Commanders

Gary D. Herman

Russel L. Schlosser

William J. Farris

Richard T. Carnall

Grand Officers

Jamie A. Emery

Sean P. McBride

Christopher J. Whitney

Derrick S Helfer

Mark A. Keagle

The 70th Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar, U.S.A. will be held August 21-25 2027 in Burbank, CA.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jamie A. Emery, KTCH, REGC (Chairman)

Mark A. Keagle, KCT, REPGC, EGR

Christopher J. Whitney, EGCG

REPORT OF THE GRAND TREASURER

Right Eminent Grand Commander, Grand Officers and Sir Knights,

It has been my pleasure to serve the Grand Commandery of Illinois as Grand Treasurer for this past Chivalric Year. I am pleased to report is the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar for the State of Illinois has been reinstated as a 501(c)10 in good standing by the IRS. Secondly, we have filed the necessary IRS 990 tax returns on time for the first time in many years.

The markets, Sir Knights and Grand Officers, have been good to the Grand Treasury this year. The Per-Capita increase was not reflected in the Budget for 2024 – 2025 as it was approved at conclave after the Budget was adopted. We initially planned to withdraw funds from the Graff Memorial and Jones Permanent Fund to cover the expenses for the year. The Per-Capita increase made the drawdown on these two sustaining funds unnecessary at this time ensuring fiscal soundness for many years to come.

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 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.

2. General Fund Investments.

Excess funds of the Grand Commandery are held in a managed investment account at Raymond James in Peoria, Illinois. Like the General Checking Account the General Fund is used as a pass-through for money movements from and to the other investment accounts.

3. Jones Permanent Fund. This Fund was established in 2004 with funds remaining in the Fund for the 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 the income from the fund can be used for general Grand Commandery Expenses. The fund has reached \$20,000.00 and funds are available for general Grand Commandery expenses.

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 with 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.

8. Life Membership Fund.

The Grand Commandery holds in trust the life memberships purchased by the constituent Commanderies for its members. This fund is held in a separate investment account at Raymond James, Hilltop Wealth Management. The Investment Committee oversees the investment of the funds, and the Finance Committee determines the amount of annual distributions, based upon the income and balance as of December 31st of each year. This year's distribution was \$4.00 per \$50.00 par-value share, or a return of 8.0%. Next year's distribution may vary due to stock market volatility.

Grand Commandery of Knights Templar

Budget vs Actual

7/1/2024 Through 6/30/2025

REVENUE		Budget	Actual
41000	Grand Commandery Per Capita	21,600.00	44,800.00
42000	Petition Fees	3,000.00	2,580.00
44000	Grand Encampment Per Capita	22,140.00	22,347.00
44500	Other Income	100.00	203.00
45010	Income from Jones Permanent	8,000.00	-
45020	Income from Graff Memorial Fund	7,000.00	-
45020	Capital Gain Distributions	1,000.00	2,271.61
45100	Dividends and Interest	9,300.00	9,236.46
45200	Realized Capital Gain/Loss	7,300.00	2,308.44
	Total Revenue	79,440.00	83,746.51
EXPENSE			
60100	Grand Commander Expense	4,500.00	4,500.00
60200	Grand Recorder Expense	6,000.00	6,000.00
60300	Grand Recorder Office Expense	800.00	752.75
60400	Stationery/Printing Expense	1,000.00	469.86
60600	Postage and Delivery Expense	1,000.00	146.00
60800	Grand Recorder Equipment	-	-
60900	Grand Treasurer Expense	2,000.00	2,000.00
60910	Grand Treasurer Office Expense	500.00	-
61100	EGR and EGT Office Bond	100.00	100.00
61200	Insurance, Liability and Office	2,700.00	2,880.63
61300	Conclave Expense	6,500.00	5,410.00
61400	Inspecting Officers Expense	-	-
61500	Awards and Plaques	500.00	752.28
61600	Past Grand Commander's Jewel	12,500.00	6,921.43
61700	Transcript & Print Proceedings	2,300.00	3,016.31
61900	Grand Encampment Per Capita	22,140.00	22,408.00
62000	Eye Foundation Payment (Life	3,000.00	1,740.00
62100	Miscellaneous Expense	1,500.00	625.94
62200	Web Site Expense	300.00	215.88
62400	Professional Fees	4,200.00	209.09
62500	Investment Expense General	2,400.00	2,574.12
62600	Triennial Expense	4,500.00	4,500.00
67000	Membership Program	1,000.00	-
	Total Expenses	79,440.00	65,222.29
	Surplus / (Shortfall)	-	18,524.22

Illinois Grand Commandery
Statement of Financial Position
as of June 30, 2025

	<u>June 30, 2025</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking US Bank	26,607.04
Total Checking	<u>26,607.04</u>
Life Membership Purchases	1,200.00
Total Current Assets	<u>27,807.04</u>
Accounts Recievable	
Per Capita Recievable	33,149.20
Total Accounts Receivable	<u>33,149.20</u>
Other Assets	
Securities at Raymond James Gen Fund	
Securities at Cost	102,195.06
Unrealized Gain / (Loss)	161,339.98
Total Securities at Raymond James Gen Fund	<u>263,535.04</u>
Total Other Assets	<u>263,535.04</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>324,491.28</u></u>
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	12,000.00
Liabilities to Life Membership Fund	1,200.00
Total Liabilities	<u>13,200.00</u>
Net Assets	
Unrestricted Net Assets	311,291.28
Total Net Assets	<u>311,291.28</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	<u><u>324,491.28</u></u>

ILLINOIS GRAND COMMANDERY

Statement of Activies General Fund

July 2024 through Jun 2025

Income	
Investment Income	
Capital Gains Distribution	2,271.61
Dividends and Interest	9,236.46
Total Investment Income	<u>11,508.07</u>
Total Income	<u>11,508.07</u>
Expenses	
Investment Advisory Fees	2,574.12
Total Expenses	<u>2,574.12</u>
Net Income	<u><u>8,933.95</u></u>

Jones Permanent Fund
Statement of Financial Position
as of June 30, 2025

	<u>June 30, 2025</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
Raymond James	1,818.53
Total Checking / Savings	<u>1,818.53</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>1,818.53</u>
Other Assets	
Securities at Raymond James	
Securities at Cost	71,767.74
Unrealized Gain / (Loss)	3,954.01
Total Securities at Raymond James	<u>75,721.75</u>
Total Other Assets	<u>75,721.75</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>77,540.28</u></u>
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	
Net Assets	
Restricted Net Assets	63,732.98
Unrestricted Retained Net Assets	10,773.42
Current Retained Net Assets	3,033.88
Total Net Assets	<u>77,540.28</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	<u><u>77,540.28</u></u>

JONES PERMANENT FUND

Statement of Activies

July 2024 through Jun 2025

Income		
Investment Income		
Capital Gains Distribution		2,493.40
Dividends and Interest		1,268.52
Other Income		-
Total Investment Income		<u>3,761.92</u>
Total Income		<u>3,761.92</u>
Expenses		
Investment Advisory Fees		728.04
Total Expenses		<u>728.04</u>
Net Income		<u><u>3,033.88</u></u>

Graff Memorial Fund
Statement of Financial Position
as of June 30, 2025

	<u>June 30, 2025</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
Raymond James	1,236.92
Total Checking / Savings	<u>1,236.92</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>1,236.92</u>
Other Assets	
Securities at Raymond James	
Securities at Cost	39,396.46
Unrealized Gain / (Loss)	1,885.76
Total Securities at Raymond James	<u>41,282.22</u>
Total Other Assets	<u>41,282.22</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>42,519.14</u></u>
 LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	
Net Assets	
Restricted Net Assets	20,000.00
Temporarily Restricted Net Assets	22,519.14
Total Net Assets	<u>42,519.14</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	<u><u>42,519.14</u></u>

GRAFF MEMORIAL FUND

Statement of Activies

July 2024 through Jun 2025

Income	
Investment Income	
Capital Gains Distribution	1,370.44
Dividends and Interest	696.95
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Total Investment Income	2,067.39
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Total Income	2,067.39
Expenses	
Investment Advisory Fees	399.25
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Total Expenses	399.25
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Net Income	<u>1,668.14</u>

Phillips Charity Fund
Statement of Financial Position
as of June 30, 2025

	<u>June 30, 2025</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
Raymond James	1,989.19
Total Checking / Savings	<u>1,989.19</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>1,989.19</u>
Other Assets	
Securities at Raymond James	
Securities at Cost	130,440.54
Unrealized Gain / (Loss)	2,587.14
Total Securities at Raymond James	<u>133,027.68</u>
Total Other Assets	<u>133,027.68</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>135,016.87</u></u>
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Donations approved	
By Committee	12,000.00
Total Current Liabilities	<u>12,000.00</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>12,000.00</u>
Net Assets	
Restricted Net Assets	130,075.41
Restricted Retained Net Assets	(7,058.54)
Total Net Assets	<u>123,016.87</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	<u><u>135,016.87</u></u>

PHILIPS CHARITY FUND

Statement of Activies

July 2024 through Jun 2025

Income	
Investment Income	
Capital Gains Distribution	1,221.92
Dividends and Interest	5,112.58
Total Investment Income	<u>6,334.50</u>
Total Income	<u>6,334.50</u>
Expenses	
Investment Advisory Fees	1,393.04
Charitable Distributions per Committee	12,000.00
Total Expenses	<u>13,393.04</u>
Net Income	<u><u>(7,058.54)</u></u>

Fiscal Officers Fund
Statement of Financial Position
as of June 30, 2025

	<u>June 30, 2025</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
Raymond James	162.42
Total Checking / Savings	<u>162.42</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>162.42</u>
Other Assets	
Securities at Raymond James	
Securities at Cost	39,490.61
Unrealized Gain / (Loss)	80,492.28
Total Securities at Raymond James	<u>119,982.89</u>
Total Other Assets	<u>119,982.89</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>120,145.31</u></u>
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	
Net Assets	
Restricted Net Assets	116,237.47
Restricted Retained Earnings	3,907.84
Total Net Assets	<u>120,145.31</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	<u><u>120,145.31</u></u>

FISCAL OFFICERS FUND

Statement of Activies

July 2024 through Jun 2025

Income		
Investment Income		
Capital Gains Distribution		3,803.03
Dividends and Interest		1,241.04
Other Income		-
Total Investment Income		<u>5,044.07</u>
Total Income		<u>5,044.07</u>
Expenses		
Investment Advisory Fees		1,136.23
Total Expenses		<u>1,136.23</u>
Net Income		<u><u>3,907.84</u></u>

Holy Land Pilgrimage Fund
Statement of Financial Position
as of June 30, 2025

	<u>June 30, 2025</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
Raymond James	450.04
Total Checking / Savings	<u>450.04</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>450.04</u>
Other Assets	
Securities at Raymond James	
Securities at Cost	12,777.32
Unrealized Gain / (Loss)	575.99
Total Securities at Raymond James	<u>13,353.31</u>
Total Other Assets	
TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>13,803.35</u></u>
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	
Net Assets	
Restricted Net Assets	11,019.58
Restricted Retained Income	2,783.77
Total Net Assets	<u>13,803.35</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	<u><u>13,803.35</u></u>

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE FUND

Statement of Activies

July 2024 through Jun 2025

Income	
Donations Received	2,073.00
Investment Income	
Capital Gains Distribution	576.58
Dividends and Interest	134.19
Total Investment Income	<u>710.77</u>
Total Income	<u>2,783.77</u>
Expenses	
Investment Advisory Fees	-
Total Expenses	<u>-</u>
Net Income	<u><u>2,783.77</u></u>

Life Membership Fund
Statement of Financial Position
as of June 30, 2025

	<u>June 30, 2025</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
Raymond James	7,539.64
Total Checking / Savings	<u>7,539.64</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>7,539.64</u>
Other Assets	
Securities at Raymond James	
Securities at Cost	326,804.00
Unrealized Gain / (Loss)	34,339.44
Total Securities at Raymond James	<u>361,143.44</u>
Total Other Assets	<u>361,143.44</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>368,683.08</u></u>
 LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	
Net Assets	
Restricted Net Assets	326,804.00
Temporarily Restricted Net Assets	41,879.08
Total Net Assets	<u>368,683.08</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	<u><u>368,683.08</u></u>

LIFE MEMBERSHIP FUND

Statement of Activities

July 2024 through Jun 2025

Income	
Purchased Shares (Par \$50)	9,254.00
Total Purchases	<u>9,254.00</u>
Investment Income	
Capital Gains Distribution	13,255.82
Dividends and Interest	11,072.26
Total Investment Income	<u>24,328.08</u>
Total Income	<u>33,582.08</u>
Expenses	
Life Membership Distributions	25,406.88
Investment Advisory Fees	3,543.86
Total Expenses	<u>28,950.74</u>
Net Income	<u><u>4,631.34</u></u>

Illinois Grand Commandery Combined Investment Account Summary

July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Fiscal Officers</u>	<u>Holy Land</u>	<u>Phillips Charity</u>	<u>Graff Mem.</u>	<u>Jones Perm</u>	<u>Life Members</u>	<u>Total Combined</u>
Beginning Balance	248,179.25	111,821.92	10,443.59	133,624.27	38,471.16	70,188.56	341,768.66	954,497.41
Deposits	37,406.88	134.07	2,073.00	-	-	-	9,254.00	48,867.95
Income	11,508.07	5,044.07	710.77	6,334.32	2,067.39	3,761.92	24,328.08	53,754.62
Withdrawals	(48,867.95)	-	-	(12,000.00)	-	-	(25,406.88)	(86,274.83)
Expenses	(2,574.12)	(1,136.23)	-	(1,393.04)	(399.25)	(728.04)	(3,543.86)	(9,774.54)
Invest Gain/(Loss)	17,882.91	4,281.48	575.99	8,451.32	2,379.84	4,317.84	22,283.08	60,172.46
Ending Balance	263,535.04	120,145.31	13,803.35	135,016.87	42,519.14	77,540.28	368,683.08	1,021,243.07
Interest Income	4.06	0.14	0.69	2.17	1.51	3.13	15.28	26.98
Dividend Income	9,232.40	1,240.90	133.50	5,110.41	695.44	1,265.39	11,056.98	28,735.02
Other Income	334.04	472.72	-	187.40	-	-	-	994.16
Capital Gains	1,937.57	3,330.31	576.58	1,034.52	1,370.44	2,493.40	13,255.82	23,998.64
Income	11,508.07	5,044.07	710.77	6,334.50	2,067.39	3,761.92	24,328.08	50,962.73
Cash	1,147.92	162.42	450.04	1,989.19	1,236.92	1,818.53	8,489.97	14,147.07
Realized ST Gain/(Loss)	102.00	-	-	106.72	2.73	14.81	(251.08)	(24.82)
Realized LT Gain/(Loss)	2,206.44	(6.25)	-	5,757.46	491.35	349.02	288.82	9,086.84
Realized Gain/(Loss)	2,308.44	(6.25)	-	5,864.18	494.08	363.83	37.74	9,062.02
UnRealized Gain/(Loss)	15,574.47	4,287.73	575.99	2,587.14	1,885.76	3,954.01	22,245.34	51,110.44

Investment Expenses

Investment expenses are dependent on the value of the funds and assessed on a quarterly basis. (The investment firm is incentivized to see that we do better, so they do better.)

Summary

The Grand Commandery is in a good and sound financial state. Each Grand Officer is invested in the future of the Grand Commandery. We need to put a succession plan together for the position of Grand Treasurer (also Grand Recorder) to facilitate cohesive and smooth transitions either due to choice or disaster. This should also be the goal for the individual Commanderies. Thank you again for choosing me to be the Grand Treasurer for this magnificent organization.

Respectfully Submitted,

John M. Sansone, PGC
Grand Treasurer

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

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

Throughout the 2024-2025 Templar Year the Finance Committee monitored financial activity in the various funds of the Grand Commandery, including investment income, revenue deposited and the disbursement of funds. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025 we specifically reviewed deposit vouchers and approved disbursement vouchers as follows:

Voucher Dated	Voucher Number	Voucher Type	Amount	Deposit	Disbursement
				Total	Total
07/01/2024	2024-2025-1	Deposit	\$ 1,960.30	\$ 1,960.30	\$ -
07/10/2024	2024-2025-2	Deposit	1,428.50	1,428.50	-
07/16/2024	2024-2025-3	Deposit	5,758.50	5,758.50	-
07/23/2024	2024-2025-4	Deposit	2,474.00	2,474.00	-
07/23/2024	2024-2025-5	Disbursement	9,794.77	-	9,794.77
07/30/2024	2024-2025-6	Disbursement	293.32	-	293.32
07/30/2024	2024-2025-7	Deposit	3,698.95	3,698.95	-
09/09/2024	2024-2025-8	Disbursement	5,332.61	-	5,332.61
09/12/2024	2024-2025-9	Disbursement	4,500.00	-	4,500.00
09/19/2024	2024-2025-10	Disbursement	100.00	-	100.00
09/23/2024	2024-2025-11	Deposit	225.00	225.00	-
10/14/2024	2024-2025-12	Disbursement	223.62	-	223.62
10/15/2024	2024-2025-13	Deposit	1,439.05	1,439.05	-
10/25/2024	2024-2025-14	Disbursement	469.86	-	469.86
10/31/2024	2024-2025-15	Disbursement	511.20	-	511.20
11/01/2024	2024-2025-16	Disbursement	2,880.63	-	2,880.63
11/12/2024	2024-2025-17	Disbursement	482.12	-	482.12
12/20/2024	2024-2025-18	Disbursement	1,740.00	-	1,740.00
01/20/2025	2024-2025-19	Deposit	1,403.00	1,403.00	-
03/25/2025	2024-2025-20	Deposit	2,625.00	2,625.00	-
04/14/2025	2024-2025-21	Disbursement	22,583.72	-	22,583.72
05/01/2025	2024-2025-22	Disbursement	165.97	-	165.97
05/15/2025	2024-2025-23	Disbursement	361.00	-	361.00
05/18/2025	2024-2025-24	Deposit	7,431.00	7,431.00	-
05/18/2025	2024-2025-25	Disbursement	8,042.40	-	8,042.40
05/20/2025	2024-2025-26	Disbursement	4,612.50	-	4,612.50
05/28/2025	2024-2025-27	Deposit	2,919.00	2,919.00	-
06/15/2025	2024-2025-28	Deposit	8,637.92	8,637.92	-
06/29/2025	2024-2025-29	Disbursement	12,000.00	-	12,000.00
Totals			<u>\$ 114,093.94</u>	<u>\$ 40,000.22</u>	<u>\$ 74,093.72</u>

The Finance Committee met virtually on Sunday, July 6, 2025 to consider the budget for 2025-2026. That meeting was attended by Sir Knight Enrique J. Unanue, KCT, REPGC, Chairman and Sir Knight Max E. Guthrie, KTCH, EPC. The Eminent Grand Generalissimo, Eminent Grand Treasurer and Eminent Grand Recorder also attended.

By a vote of 2 to 0 the Committee approved the 2025-2026 budget for inclusion in the preliminary reports and presents that budget for approval at the 169th Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Illinois.

Respectfully submitted,

Enrique J. Unanue, KCT, REPGC, Chairman	2025	No. 06
Max E. Guthrie, KTCH, EPC	2026	No. 38
Michael D. Millette, EGSwB	2027	No. 01

Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Illinois
Budget for 2025 - 2026

		Budget <u>2024 - 2025</u>	Budget <u>2025 - 2026</u>
REVENUE			
41000	Grand Commandery Per Capita	21,600.00	42,500.00
42000	Petition Fees	3,000.00	2,700.00
44000	Grand Encampment Per Capita	22,140.00	21,375.00
44500	Other Income	100.00	100.00
45010	Income from Jones Permanent Fund	8,000.00	-
45020	Income from Graff Memorial Fund	7,000.00	-
45020	Capital Gain Distributions	1,000.00	1,500.00
45100	Dividends and Interest	9,300.00	9,300.00
45200	Realized Capital Gain/Loss	7,300.00	1,500.00
Total Revenue		<u>79,440.00</u>	<u>78,975.00</u>
EXPENSE			
60100	Grand Commander Expense	4,500.00	6,000.00
60200	Grand Recorder Expense	6,000.00	6,000.00
60300	Grand Recorder Office Expense	800.00	800.00
60400	Stationery/Printing Expense	1,000.00	1,000.00
60600	Postage and Delivery Expense	1,000.00	750.00
60900	Grand Treasurer Expense	2,000.00	2,400.00
60910	Grand Treasurer Office Expense	500.00	500.00
61100	EGR and EGT Office Bond	100.00	100.00
61200	Insurance, Liability and Office	2,700.00	3,000.00
61300	Conclave Expense	6,500.00	7,000.00
61500	Awards and Plaques	500.00	500.00
61600	Past Grand Commander's Jewel	12,500.00	7,500.00
61700	Transcript & Print Proceedings	2,300.00	3,500.00
61900	Grand Encampment Per Capita	22,140.00	21,375.00
62000	Eye Foundation Payment (Life Sponsors)	3,000.00	2,700.00
62100	Miscellaneous Expense	1,500.00	3,500.00
62200	Web Site Expense	300.00	350.00
62400	Professional Fees	4,200.00	5,000.00
62500	Investment Expense General Fund	2,400.00	3,000.00
62600	Triennial Expense	4,500.00	-
	Special Events	-	3,000.00
67000	Membership Program	1,000.00	1,000.00
Total Expense		<u>79,440.00</u>	<u>78,975.00</u>
Net Revenue Over (Under) Expense		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT 2024-2025

Eminent Commander, Distinguished East, Members of the Grand
Commandery:

Throughout the 2024-2025 Templar Year the Finance Committee monitored and reviewed the financial activities of the Grand Commandery including Investment Income, Revenues Deposited, and the Disbursement of All funds for the fiscal year ending in June 30, 2025.

By a vote of 2 to 0 after the above mentioned final review the committee approved the 2025-2026 budget included in the attached documents.

Respectfully submitted:

Enrique J. Unanue, KCT, REPGC, Chairman

Max Guthrie KCT, EPC

Michael D. Millette, EGSB

Attachments:

Deposits and Disbursements worksheet

2024-2025 Budget

2025-2026 Budget

SPECIAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT:

Recognition is given to Sir Knights Max Guthrie whose accounting skills have made the review and report by this Committee possible.

I move for approval of the Report as presented.

Knights Templar Eye Foundation

Sir Knights,

It is my honor and privilege to serve as your state chairman for the Knight Templar Eye Foundation. It is through your generosity that a child robbed of vision might once again see.

Following is a summary of the 57th Annual Campaign for the year July1, 2024 - May 15, 2025.

Grand Encampment Ranking for Illinois:

Contribution among U.S. States and Foreign Jurisdictions - 10th

Grand Encampment ranking of Commandries in Illinois:

Highest Cumulative Commandery - Elwood #6

Highest Per Capita Active Member - Elwood #6

Highest Cumulative Contributions + Trusts + Wills - Elwood #6

Congratulations to all Commanderies for their generous donations. Every Sir Knight that gives a single dollar can be counted as a Valiant Warrior in the battle against the loss of childhood vision. Good work to all!

Respectfully submitted,

S.K. Don Cowart, E.G.G.

Campaign Activity

Record Count = 36

Body: Illinois, Knights Templar Campaign: 57th

Fiscal Week: 35

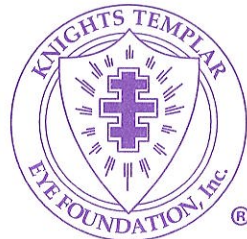
NOTE: All contributions postmarked on or before May 15th are credited and closing reports are based on membership as of May 15th posted within the MMS database. Following the close of any campaign reports from the system may change because of membership adjustments and Commanderies merging into others. 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: 5/15/2025	Active Member Per Capita Average	Rank	Total for Week: 35	Count	Cumulative Total.	Rank
Illinois	\$500.00	438	\$47,516.73		2,475	\$19.20		\$500.00	439	\$50,537.23	
Grand Commandery	\$0.00	0	\$0.00			\$19.20		\$0.00	0	\$0.00	
Aurora No. 22	\$0.00	15	\$895.00	11	88	\$10.17	17	\$0.00	15	\$895.00	11
Beaumanoir No. 9	\$0.00	4	\$250.00	26	36	\$6.94	23	\$0.00	4	\$250.00	26
Beauseant No. 86	\$0.00	14	\$875.00	12	90	\$9.72	18	\$0.00	14	\$875.00	12
Bethel No. 36	\$100.00	48	\$4,346.18	3	222	\$19.58	7	\$100.00	48	\$4,346.18	3
Blaney No. 5	\$0.00	13	\$710.00	14	49	\$14.49	11	\$0.00	13	\$710.00	14
Calvary No. 25	\$0.00	3	\$105.00	33	41	\$2.56	31	\$0.00	3	\$105.00	33
Clinton No. 66	\$0.00	5	\$290.00	22	31	\$9.35	20	\$0.00	5	\$290.00	22
Constantine No. 51	\$0.00	5	\$185.00	30	39	\$4.74	25	\$0.00	5	\$185.00	30
Crusader No. 17	\$0.00	36	\$3,160.00	5	53	\$59.62	2	\$0.00	36	\$3,160.00	6
DeMolay No. 24	\$0.00	6	\$350.00	17	65	\$5.38	24	\$0.00	6	\$350.00	17
Dixon No. 21	\$0.00	5	\$245.00	27	52	\$4.71	26	\$0.00	5	\$245.00	27
Elwood No. 6	\$0.00	25	\$11,577.00	1	57	\$203.11	1	\$0.00	25	\$11,577.00	1
Evanson No. 58	\$0.00	6	\$220.00	29	72	\$3.06	30	\$0.00	6	\$220.00	29
Galesburg No. 8	\$0.00	3	\$400.00	16	39	\$10.26	16	\$0.00	3	\$400.00	16
Gil W. Barnard No. 74	\$0.00	0	\$0.00		36	\$0.00		\$0.00	0	\$0.00	
Gorin No. 14	\$0.00	8	\$285.00	23	91	\$3.13	29	\$0.00	8	\$285.00	23
Joliet No. 4	\$300.00	19	\$1,775.00	7	89	\$19.94	6	\$300.00	19	\$1,775.00	8
Macomb No. 56	\$0.00	6	\$1,278.55	10	51	\$25.07	5	\$0.00	7	\$4,299.05	4
Melita No. 37	\$0.00	3	\$490.00	15	31	\$15.81	10	\$0.00	3	\$490.00	15
Mizpah No. 53	\$0.00	15	\$1,420.00	9	99	\$14.34	12	\$0.00	15	\$1,420.00	10



	Contributions Only - used for awards						Contributions + Trusts + Wills					
	Total for Week: 35	Count	Cumulative Total	Rank	Active Members as of: 5/15/2025	Active Member Per Capita Average	Rank	Total for Week: 35	Count	Cumulative Total.	Rank	
Mt Olivet No. 38	\$0.00	7	\$295.00	21	25	\$11.80	14	\$0.00	7	\$295.00	21	
Ottawa No. 10	\$0.00	4	\$135.00	32	37	\$3.65	27	\$0.00	4	\$135.00	32	
Palestine No. 27	\$0.00	5	\$330.00	20	40	\$8.25	21	\$0.00	5	\$330.00	20	
Patton No. 69	\$0.00	26	\$6,820.00	2	140	\$48.71	4	\$0.00	26	\$6,820.00	2	
Peoria No. 3	\$0.00	5	\$180.00	31	105	\$1.71	33	\$0.00	5	\$180.00	31	
Quincy No. 77	\$0.00	10	\$350.00	18	37	\$9.46	19	\$0.00	10	\$350.00	18	
Rock Island No. 18	\$0.00	7	\$250.00	25	33	\$7.58	22	\$0.00	7	\$250.00	25	
Silangan No. 93	\$0.00	2	\$60.00	34	41	\$1.46	34	\$0.00	2	\$60.00	34	
St Aldemar No. 47	\$0.00	16	\$815.00	13	46	\$17.72	8	\$0.00	16	\$815.00	13	
St Bernard No. 35	\$0.00	3	\$270.00	24	114	\$2.37	32	\$0.00	3	\$270.00	24	
St Elmo No. 64	\$0.00	9	\$245.00	28	78	\$3.14	28	\$0.00	9	\$245.00	28	
St Omer No. 30	\$0.00	7	\$340.00	19	33	\$10.30	15	\$0.00	7	\$340.00	19	
Tancred No. 2	\$0.00	36	\$1,635.00	8	130	\$12.58	13	\$0.00	36	\$1,635.00	9	
Trinity Apollo No. 1	\$100.00	43	\$3,975.00	4	230	\$17.28	9	\$100.00	43	\$3,975.00	5	
Urbana No. 16	\$0.00	19	\$2,960.00	6	55	\$53.82	3	\$0.00	19	\$2,960.00	7	





"A Masonic Charity"

David J. Kussman, M.E.G.M., President
 Jeffrey Bolstad, R.E.D.G.M., Vice President
 Richard R. Jernigan, R.E.P.G.C., Campaign Chairman
 Lawrence E. Tucker, R.E.G.R., Secretary

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State	Contributions Only - used for awards					Contributions + Trusts + Wills	
	Cumulative Total	Total \$ Rank	Active Members as of: 5/15/2025	Active Member Per Capita Average	Per Capita \$ Rank	Cumulative Total	Total \$ Rank
Total	\$1,877,594.49		61,153	\$30.70		\$8,698,115.20	
<i>Knights Templar</i>	\$54,635.09					\$54,635.09	
Alabama	\$28,892.00	25	887	\$32.57	23	\$28,892.00	28
Alaska	\$2,680.00	50	302	\$8.87	50	\$2,680.00	50
Arizona	\$40,201.25	14	520	\$77.31	6	\$57,300.75	15
Arkansas	\$9,973.05	39	604	\$16.51	40	\$9,973.05	39
Austria	\$0.00		17	\$0.00		\$0.00	
Brasil	\$8.00	57	717	\$0.01	57	\$8.00	57
California	\$183,893.09	1	1,917	\$95.93	2	\$183,893.09	6
Central America	\$0.00			\$0.00		\$0.00	
Colorado	\$33,385.49	20	596	\$56.02	11	\$33,393.70	24
Connecticut	\$39,618.36	15	536	\$73.91	8	\$39,618.36	20
Croatia	\$0.00		58	\$0.00		\$0.00	
Delaware	\$6,641.00	46	155	\$42.85	16	\$6,641.00	46
District of Columbia	\$18,895.00	31	207	\$91.28	3	\$18,895.00	33
Florida	\$87,072.07	4	2,441	\$35.67	21	\$97,874.30	10
GE Subordinate - Asia Pacific	\$80.00	56	144	\$0.56	56	\$80.00	56
GE Subordinate - European & Africa	\$100.00	55	127	\$0.79	53	\$100.00	55
GE Subordinate - Latin America & Caribbean	\$215.00	53	303	\$0.71	55	\$215.00	53
Georgia	\$28,695.63	26	1,750	\$16.40	41	\$28,695.63	29
Hawaii	\$3,470.00	49	199	\$17.44	39	\$3,470.00	49
Idaho	\$10,162.00	38	191	\$53.20	12	\$10,162.00	38
Illinois	\$47,516.73	10	2,475	\$19.20	37	\$50,537.23	17
Indiana	\$33,291.96	21	2,333	\$14.27	44	\$33,291.96	25
Iowa	\$64,303.00	9	908	\$70.82	9	\$85,383.63	12

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Italy	\$0.00		642	\$0.00		\$0.00	
Kansas	\$14,175.00	35	661	\$21.44	34	\$89,897.33	11
Kentucky	\$17,504.00	32	1,898	\$9.22	49	\$5,067,140.39	1
Louisiana	\$32,196.48	22	852	\$37.79	18	\$81,298.54	13
Maine	\$27,372.00	27	819	\$33.42	22	\$28,212.35	30
Maryland	\$29,860.75	24	797	\$37.47	20	\$29,860.75	27
Mass/Rhode Island	\$118,463.61	3	1,581	\$74.93	7	\$118,463.61	8
Mexico	\$4,100.00	48	320	\$12.81	47	\$4,100.00	48
Michigan	\$35,651.29	17	1,234	\$28.89	28	\$522,365.99	3
Minnesota	\$39,041.55	16	774	\$50.44	13	\$39,041.55	21
Mississippi	\$9,410.00	41	804	\$11.70	48	\$9,410.00	41
Missouri	\$26,042.04	28	1,295	\$20.11	35	\$26,042.04	31
Montana	\$6,854.33	45	445	\$15.40	42	\$6,854.33	45
Nebraska	\$9,969.32	40	499	\$19.98	36	\$9,969.32	40
Nevada	\$42,156.00	12	323	\$130.51	1	\$42,156.00	19
New Hampshire	\$18,992.00	30	297	\$63.95	10	\$180,136.38	7
New Jersey	\$43,968.72	11	502	\$87.59	4	\$43,968.72	18
New Mexico	\$5,490.00	47	247	\$22.23	31	\$5,490.00	47
New York	\$34,810.40	18	1,259	\$27.65	29	\$34,810.40	22
North Carolina	\$40,604.33	13	1,886	\$21.53	33	\$53,104.33	16
North Dakota	\$2,341.00	51	171	\$13.69	46	\$2,341.00	51
Ohio	\$77,296.50	6	5,382	\$14.36	43	\$583,046.50	2
Oklahoma	\$34,096.00	19	1,139	\$29.94	26	\$34,096.00	23
Oregon	\$15,720.00	33	418	\$37.61	19	\$15,720.00	34
Panama	\$0.00		81	\$0.00		\$0.00	
Pennsylvania	\$141,289.67	2	3,267	\$43.25	15	\$440,986.49	4
Philippines	\$2,260.00	52	663	\$3.41	52	\$2,260.00	52
Portugal	\$150.00	54	201	\$0.75	54	\$150.00	54
Romania	\$0.00		547	\$0.00		\$0.00	
South Carolina	\$30,780.00	23	2,183	\$14.10	45	\$30,780.00	26
South Dakota	\$8,332.68	43	286	\$29.14	27	\$8,332.68	43
Tennessee	\$77,052.76	7	2,495	\$30.88	25	\$105,634.41	9
Texas	\$86,116.05	5	4,847	\$17.77	38	\$184,937.01	5
Togo	\$0.00		78	\$0.00		\$0.00	
Utah	\$20,068.00	29	253	\$79.32	5	\$20,068.00	32
Vermont	\$8,607.33	42	225	\$38.25	17	\$8,607.33	42
Virginia	\$74,900.78	8	1,515	\$49.44	14	\$74,900.78	14
Washington	\$15,460.00	34	493	\$31.36	24	\$15,460.00	35
West Virginia	\$11,485.00	37	1,468	\$7.82	51	\$11,485.00	37
Wisconsin	\$12,955.00	36	539	\$24.04	30	\$12,955.00	36
Wyoming	\$8,293.18	44	380	\$21.82	32	\$8,293.18	44



57th Annual Voluntary Campaign Awards

Grand Commandery of Illinois

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

Trinity Apollo Commandery No.1
Tancred Commandery No.2
Joliet Commandery No.4
Blaney Commandery No.5
Elwood Commandery No.6
Galesburg Commandery No.8
Urbana Commandery No.16
Crusader Commandery No.17
Aurora Commandery No.22
St Omer Commandery No.30
Bethel Commandery No.36
Melita Commandery No.37
Mt Olivet Commandery No.38
St Aldemar Commandery No.47
Mizpah Commandery No.53
Macomb Commandery No.56
Patton Commandery No.69

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

Beaumanoir Commandery No.9
Rock Island Commandery No.18
DeMolay Commandery No.24
Palestine Commandery No.27
Clinton Commandery No.66
Quincy Commandery No.77
Beauseant Commandery No.86

Investment Review Committee

Right Eminent Grand Commander,

Your Committee on Investment holdings have conducted a brief and initial review of the named Investments listed below. Please note that this Committee has no participation in the purchasing or management of these funds.

All investments are managed by: HILLTOPWEALTHMANAGEMENT
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<i>Account</i>	<i>Beginning 7/1/2024</i>	<i>Income</i>	<i>Net Deposit/ (Withdrawal)</i>	<i>Expenses</i>	<i>Invest Gain/(Loss)</i>	<i>Ending 6/30/2025</i>
General Fund	248,179.25	11,508.07	(11,461.07)	(2,574.12)	17,882.91	263,535.04
Fiscal Officers	111,821.92	5,044.07	134.07	(1,136.23)	4,281.48	120,145.31
Holy Land	10,443.59	710.77	2,073.00	-	575.99	13,803.35
Philips Charity Graff	133,624.27	6,334.32	(12,000.00)	(1,393.04)	8,451.32	135,016.87
Memorial Jones Perm	38,471.16	2,067.39	-	(399.25)	2,379.84	42,519.14
Life Membership	70,188.56	3,761.92	-	(728.04)	4,317.84	77,540.28
All Accts	341,768.66	24,328.08	(16,152.88)	(3,543.86)	22,283.08	368,683.08
	954,497.41	53,754.62	(37,406.88)	(9,774.54)	60,172.46	1,021,243.07

Each Account has multiple investments in the portfolio and are too numerous to delineate.

Each Account has a mixture of investments including Cash, Mutual Funds, Exchange Traded Products (ETPs), Equities (Stocks), and Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs). The portfolios are well balanced based on our brief review.

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Respectfully submitted,

Ronald E. Fullerlove, Chairman
EPC Rock Island Commandery # 18



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Account Listing

Raymond James	Account Number	Account Type	Market Value (\$)
Fiscal Officers Fund	xxxxx685	Non-Incorporated Association	120,145.31
General Account - Dividend & Income	xxxxx355	Non-Incorporated Association	264,099.29
Graff Memorial Fund	xxxxx280	Non-Incorporated Association	42,561.29
Holy Land Pilgrimage Fund	xxxxx805	Non-Incorporated Association	13,835.22
Jones Permanent Fund	xxxxx077	Non-Incorporated Association	77,618.83
Life Membership RJ Equity Inc AEQIT	xxxxx731	Non-Incorporated Association	369,279.44
Phillips Fund Hilltop Div & Income	xxxxx993	Non-Incorporated Association	135,281.91
Total Market Value			\$1,022,821.29
Total Portfolio			\$1,022,821.29

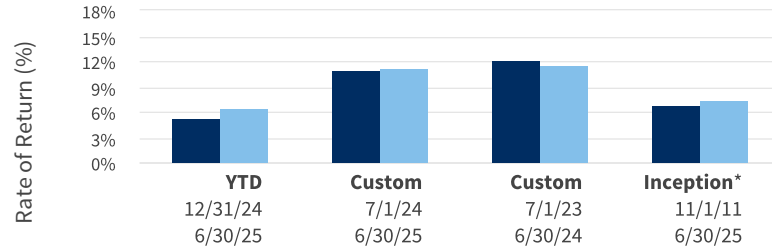
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Portfolio Performance

Time-Weighted (Net of Fees)

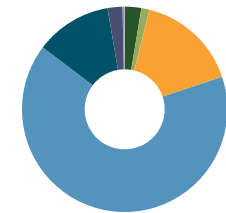


Grand Commandery Knights	5.41%	10.97%	12.43%	6.93%
Custom Blended Benchmark 1^	6.68%	11.47%	11.55%	7.44%
S&P 500 Total Return Indx	6.20%	14.85%	24.56%	14.78%
Bloomberg U.S. Agg Bd	4.02%	6.69%	2.63%	1.90%

*Returns are annualized. ^See Additional Information for benchmark info.

Asset Allocation

	Market Value (\$)	% of Portfolio
Cash & Cash Alternatives	39,785.13	3.89%
Cash	26,829.51	2.62%
Cash Alternatives	12,955.62	1.27%
Fixed Income	163,538.88	15.99%
Equity	816,453.93	79.82%
U.S. Equity	669,277.13	65.43%
Non U.S. Equity	122,999.10	12.03%
Real Estate	23,891.15	2.34%
Equity Other	286.55	0.03%
Alternative Investments	2,122.94	0.21%
Allocation Strategies	0.00	0.00%
Non-Classified	920.40	0.09%
Total Portfolio	\$1,022,821.29	100%



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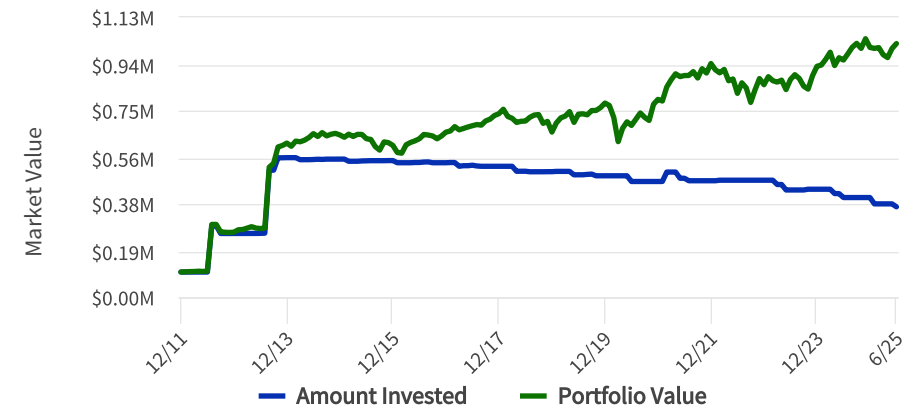
*\$15,294.99 is held in cash and cash sweep products

Asset Growth

	YTD 12/31/24 6/30/25	Custom 7/1/24 6/30/25	Custom 7/1/23 6/30/24	Inception 11/1/11 6/30/25
Beginning Market Value	\$1,007,190.61	\$956,770.72	\$877,954.92	\$57,047.15
Contributions/ Withdrawals	(\$37,406.88)	(\$37,406.88)	(\$30,605.18)	\$306,554.10
Income	\$14,109.71	\$51,608.30	\$37,151.30	\$448,010.00
Change in Market Value	\$38,927.85	\$51,849.16	\$71,724.27	\$211,210.05
Ending Market Value	\$1,022,821.30	\$1,022,821.30	\$956,225.31	\$1,022,821.30
Investment Results	\$53,037.56	\$103,457.46	\$108,875.57	\$659,220.05

Value Over Time

12/31/11 - 6/30/25



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Asset Class Performance Summary

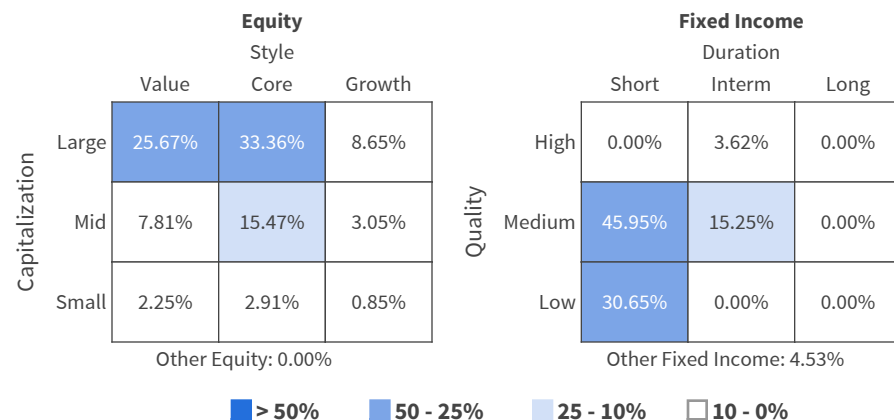
	Starts Date	Current Market Value	YTD 12/31/24 6/30/25	Custom 7/1/24 6/30/25	Custom 7/1/23 6/30/24	Inception* Inception 6/30/25
Cash & Cash Alternatives	12/31/15	\$15,294.99	0.08%	0.19%	2.13%	(0.29%)
Fixed Income	12/31/15	\$120,095.99	4.20%	7.86%	8.48%	3.85%
Equity	12/31/15	\$758,689.94	5.80%	12.84%	15.38%	10.98%
Alternative Investments	5/6/25	\$18,450.22	5.56%	5.56%	N/A	5.56%
Allocation Strategies	12/31/15	\$110,290.15	9.93%	14.55%	10.73%	6.81%
Non-Classified	N/A	\$0.00	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

*Returns are annualized for periods greater than one year.
The inception date on the report may be different than the actual account inception date.

Top 10 Holdings

	Symbol/ CUSIP	Market Value (\$)	% of Portfolio
VANGUARD DIVIDEND GROWTH INV	VDIGX	45,315.99	4.44%
MICROSOFT CORP	MSFT	44,249.74	4.33%
BLACKROCK MULTI-ASSET INCOME INSTL	BIICX	42,308.33	4.14%
CARILLON EAGLE GROWTH & INCOME I	HIGJX	37,522.38	3.67%
VANGUARD S&P 500 ETF	VOO	37,489.98	3.67%
VANGUARD DIVIDEND APPRECIATION ETF	VIG	33,361.21	3.27%
AMERICAN FUNDS CAPITAL INCOME BLDR F2	CAIFX	33,133.51	3.24%
AMERICAN FUNDS INTL GR AND INC F2	IGFFX	29,311.28	2.87%
EATON VANCE STRATEGIC INCOME CLASS I	ESIIX	27,694.97	2.71%
FEDERATED HERMES STRATEGIC VALUE DIV IS	SVAIX	25,490.32	2.50%

Style Analysis



Equity Sector Allocation

	Market Value (\$)	% of Equity
Basic Materials	22,488.09	2.75%
Consumer Cyclical	78,927.87	9.67%
Financial Services	122,024.62	14.95%
Real Estate	26,226.89	3.21%
Consumer Defensive	54,599.57	6.69%
Healthcare	91,540.69	11.21%
Utilities	38,422.53	4.71%
Communication	40,742.66	4.99%
Energy	39,982.60	4.90%
Industrials	97,443.71	11.93%
Technology	204,062.86	24.99%
Other	0.00	0.00%
Total Equity	\$816,462.09	100%

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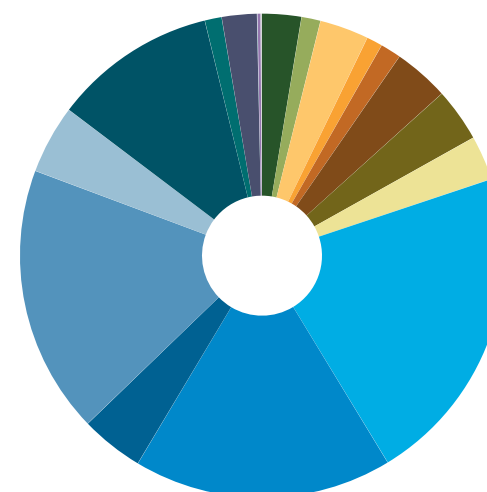
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Asset Allocation Summary

	Market Value (\$)	% of Portfolio
Cash & Cash Alternatives	39,785.13	3.89%
■ Cash*	26,829.51	2.62%
■ Cash Alternatives	12,955.62	1.27%
Fixed Income	163,538.82	15.99%
■ Investment Grade Long Maturity Fixed Income	33,563.47	3.28%
■ Investment Grade Intermediate Maturity Fixed Income	10,941.07	1.07%
■ Investment Grade Short Maturity Fixed Income	14,140.92	1.38%
■ Non-Investment Grade Fixed Income	37,919.98	3.71%
■ Non-U.S. Fixed Income	36,495.22	3.57%
■ Multi-Sector Fixed Income Strategies	0.62	0.00%
■ Fixed Income Other	30,477.54	2.98%
Equity	816,453.90	79.82%
■ U.S. Large Cap Blend	219,308.55	21.44%
■ U.S. Large Cap Value	176,520.05	17.26%
■ U.S. Large Cap Growth	43,264.24	4.23%
■ U.S. Mid Cap Equity	183,084.29	17.90%
■ U.S. Small Cap Equity	47,095.82	4.60%
■ Non-U.S. Developed Market Equity	111,544.80	10.91%
■ Non-U.S. Emerging Market Equity	11,454.28	1.12%
■ Real Estate	23,891.15	2.34%
■ Equity Other	290.72	0.03%



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Asset Allocation Summary *(continued)*

	Market Value (\$)	% of Portfolio
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■ Alternative Strategies	2,122.94	0.21%
Allocation Strategies	0.00	0.00%
■ Non-Classified	920.40	0.09%
Total Portfolio	\$1,022,821.29	100%

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Performance by Account as of Jun 30, 2025

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Performance by Account Summary

Time-Weighted (Net of Fees)

	Open Date / (Close Date)	Market Value	YTD 12/31/24 6/30/25	Custom 7/1/24 6/30/25	Custom 7/1/23 6/30/24	Custom 7/1/22 6/30/23	Since Inception* Inception 6/30/25
Fiscal Officers Fund // xxxxx685	7/6/12	\$120,145.31	2.66%	6.24%	16.49%	22.71%	8.94%
General Account - Dividend & Income // xxxxx355	11/1/11	\$264,099.30	4.88%	10.82%	13.61%	13.07%	6.63%
Graff Memorial Fund // xxxxx280	10/24/19	\$42,561.28	4.09%	10.77%	13.08%	10.73%	8.23%
Holy Land Pilgrimage Fund // xxxxx805	7/6/12	\$13,835.22	7.21%	11.17%	13.97%	7.28%	5.96%
Jones Permanent Fund // xxxxx077	10/25/19	\$77,618.83	4.13%	10.72%	13.03%	10.33%	8.02%
Life Membership RJ Equity Inc AEQIT // xxxxx731	8/16/13	\$369,279.45	7.29%	13.09%	9.67%	5.46%	6.57%
Phillips Fund Hilltop Div & Income // xxxxx993	7/6/12	\$135,281.90	5.03%	10.21%	13.43%	13.67%	7.23%
Total Portfolio	11/1/11	\$1,022,821.30	5.41%	10.97%	12.43%	10.84%	6.93%

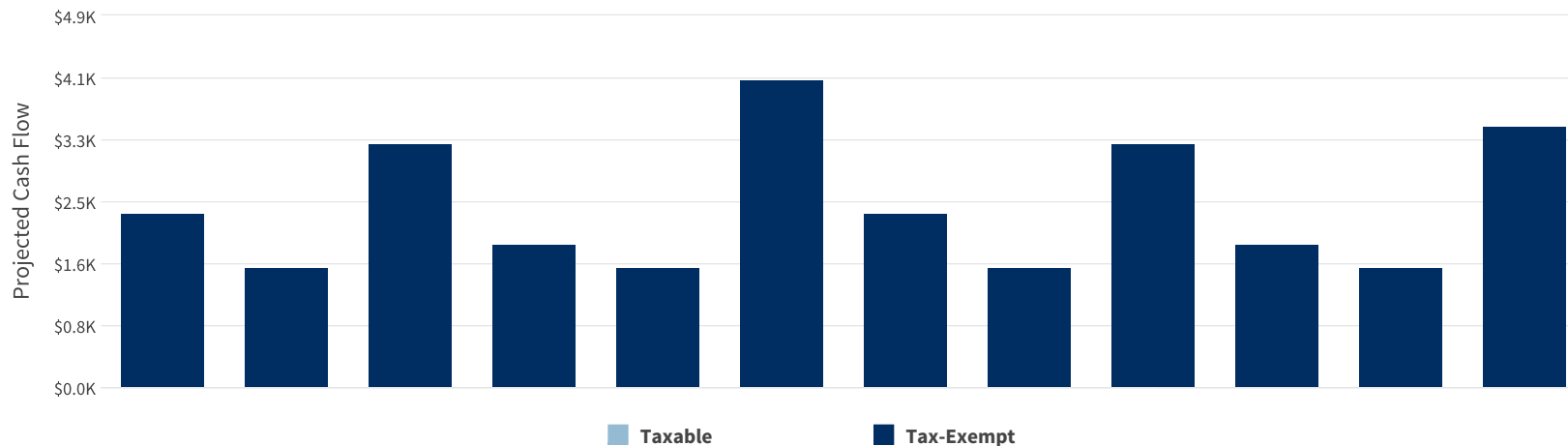
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Projected Cash Flow as of Jun 30, 2025

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Projected Cash Flow Summary



	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	2026 Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Projected Total
Tax-Exempt: Dividend	2,336	1,596	3,245	1,937	1,596	4,116	2,336	1,596	3,245	1,937	1,596	3,511	\$29,051
Tax-Exempt: Interest	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	\$23
Total Portfolio	\$2,338	\$1,598	\$3,247	\$1,939	\$1,598	\$4,118	\$2,338	\$1,598	\$3,247	\$1,939	\$1,598	\$3,513	\$29,074

Annual Yield calculation is inclusive of all client holdings.

Performance by Year as of Jun 30, 2025

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	Beginning Market Value	Contributions/ Withdrawals	Income	Change in Market Value	Ending Market Value	Investment Results	Time-Weighted (Net of Fees) Performance	Annualized* Performance
Total Portfolio	\$101,895.65	\$262,817.96	\$446,975.39	\$211,132.30	\$1,022,821.30	\$658,107.69		6.93%
Year to Date (12/31/2024 - 6/30/2025)	\$1,007,190.61	(\$37,406.88)	\$14,109.71	\$38,927.85	\$1,022,821.30	\$53,037.56	5.41%	6.93%
2024	\$931,167.40	(\$33,605.18)	\$53,151.02	\$56,477.38	\$1,007,190.61	\$109,628.40	12.05%	6.77%
2023	\$856,828.79	(\$36,334.44)	\$35,059.91	\$75,613.14	\$931,167.40	\$110,673.05	13.42%	6.34%
2022	\$942,257.12	\$2,194.98	\$38,901.25	(\$126,524.57)	\$856,828.79	(\$87,623.32)	(9.29%)	5.72%
2021	\$797,801.17	\$3,000.00	\$42,777.67	\$98,678.29	\$942,257.12	\$141,455.96	17.42%	7.35%
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%

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Performance

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Performance is depicted using the Time-Weighted method for the entire period.

Time-Weighted - The geometric (compounded) return measured on the basis of periodic market valuations of assets. If applicable, the return includes the effects of leverage. Unlike the dollar-weighted method, it minimizes the impact of cash flows on the rate of return; however, in principle it requires valuations to be made on the occasion of each cash flow. Approximation to this measure can be obtained by prorating cash flows to successive valuation points or by computing internal rates of return between valuation points. If there are no interim cash flows, the time-weighted return, compounded annually determines the entire value of an investment.

Returns are calculated net of fees.

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Values include accrued income. Values are based on trade date accounting method.

Morningstar equity information as of (July 10, 2025)

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Morningstar mutual fund and annuity information as of (July 10, 2025)

Morningstar 529 information as of (June 18, 2025)

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Amounts are projected over the next 12 months and do not reflect actual cash flows.

Positions that do not produce income are not included on this report; however, they are included as part of the total estimated annual yield calculation.

Projected income amounts are estimated using current positions, rates and market values. Variable rate income projection is based on the current coupon or rate available and may change without notice. Any change in coupon or rate will affect the estimate and cannot be guaranteed.

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Mortgage-backed securities and Collateralized Mortgage Obligations (CMOs) are priced based on average life. The actual maturity date may be shorter than stated. For more information, please review FINRA's Investor's Guide to Mortgage Securities and CMOs at finra.org.

Foreign bonds are subject to additional risks, including without limitation, currency fluctuations, differing accounting standards, political and economic instability, and changes in tax laws. The cost basis for Original Issue Discount (OID) bonds and municipal bonds purchased at a premium may or may not have been adjusted using the constant yield method, providing an approximation of the adjusted cost basis and unrealized gains or losses. Cost basis information is displayed for your information only and should not be relied upon for tax reporting purposes. You should consult your tax advisor to ensure proper tax reporting.

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Benchmark Information

Bloomberg U.S. Agg Bd - The Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond index is a measure of the investment grade, fixed-rate, taxable bond market of roughly 6,000 SEC-registered securities with intermediate maturities averaging approximately 10 years. The index includes bonds from the Treasury, Government-Related, Corporate, MBS, ABS, and CMBS sectors.

S&P 500 Total Return Indx - The S&P 500 Index Total Return is a broad-based measurement of changes in stock market conditions based on the average performance of 500 widely held common stocks. It consists of 400 industrial, 40 utility, 20 transportation, and 40 financial companies listed on U.S. market exchanges. This is a capitalization-weighted calculated on a total return basis with dividends reinvested. The S&P represents about 75% of the NYSE market capitalization.

Custom Blended Benchmark 1

S&P 500 Total Return Indx 25%, Russell 2000 (TR) Indx 10%, MSCI Emerging Mkts (Net Div) 5%, MSCI EAFE (Net Div) Indx 15%, Bloomberg Commodity Indx (TR) 5%, Bloomberg U.S. CP HY Bd 5%, Bloomberg U.S. Agg Bd 25%, Dow Jones U.S. Select REIT 5%, Bloomberg U.S. Gov 1-3 Yr 5% - The S&P 500 Index Total Return is a broad-based measurement of changes in stock market conditions based on the average performance of 500 widely held common stocks. It consists of 400 industrial, 40 utility, 20 transportation, and 40 financial companies listed on U.S. market exchanges. This is a capitalization-weighted calculated on a total return basis with dividends reinvested. The S&P represents about 75% of the NYSE market capitalization.

The Russell 2000 Index covers 2000 of the smallest companies in the Russell 3000 index, which ranks the 3000 largest U.S. companies by market capitalization. The Russell 2000 represents approximately 10% of the Russell 3000 total market capitalization. This Index includes the effects of reinvested dividends.

MSCI Emerging Markets Net Dividend is a free float-adjusted market capitalization index that is designed to measure equity market performance of emerging markets. As of December 31, 2010, the MSCI Emerging Markets Index consists of the following 21 emerging market country indices: Brazil, Chile, China, Colombia, Czech, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Korea, Malaysia, Mexico, Morocco, Peru, Poland, Russia, South Africa, Taiwan, Thailand, and Turkey. **MSCI Total Return Index:** Measures the price performance of markets with the income from constituent dividend payments. The MSCI Daily Total Return (DTR) Methodology reinvests an index constituent's dividends at the close of trading on the day the security is quoted ex-dividend (the ex-date). With Gross Dividends and With Net Dividends are the two variant calculations of MSCI Total Return Indices.

MSCI EAFE Net Dividend is a free float-adjusted market capitalization index that is designed to measure the equity market performance of developed markets, excluding the United States & Canada. As of June 2007 the MSCI EAFE Index consisted of the following 21 developed market countries: Australia, Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hong Kong, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Portugal, Singapore, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, and the United Kingdom. (Total Return Index) - With Net Dividends: Approximates the minimum possible dividend reinvestment. The dividend is reinvested after deduction of withholding tax, applying the rate to non-resident individuals who do not benefit from double taxation treaties. MSCI Barra uses withholding tax rates applicable to Luxembourg holding companies, as Luxembourg applies the highest rates.

The Bloomberg Commodity Index tracks prices of futures contracts on physical commodities on the commodity markets. The index is designed to minimize concentration in any one commodity or sector. It currently has 22 commodity futures in seven sectors. No one commodity can compose less than 2% or more than 15% of the index, and no sector can represent more than 33% of the index (as of the annual weightings of the components). The weightings for each commodity included in Bloomberg Commodity Index are calculated in accordance with rules that ensure that the relative proportion of each of the underlying individual commodities reflects its global economic significance and market liquidity. Annual rebalancing and reweighting ensure that diversity is maintained over time.

The Bloomberg US CP High Yld Bond index covers all fixed rate, non-investment grade debt, including corporate (both US and non-US Industrial, Utility, and Finance), and non-corporate sectors. Also included, Canadian and Global Bonds-(SEC registered, and issuers in non-emerging market countries), original issue zeroes, step-up coupon structures, and 144-As. Exclusions are Pay-in-kind bonds, Eurobonds, debt issues from emerging market countries, structured notes with embedded swaps or other special features, private placements, and floating rate securities. Must be publicly issued, dollar denominated, non-convertible,

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rated high-yield or lower by at least two of the following: Moody's, S&P, or Fitch. Unrated bonds, although a small number, are included but must have previously held a high yield rating or been associated with a high yield issuer, and must trade accordingly. As well, there must be at least 1 year left to maturity, and an outstanding par value of at least \$150 million.

The Bloomberg U.S. Aggregate Bond index is a measure of the investment grade, fixed-rate, taxable bond market of roughly 6,000 SEC-registered securities with intermediate maturities averaging approximately 10 years. The index includes bonds from the Treasury, Government-Related, Corporate, MBS, ABS, and CMBS sectors.

A measurement of equity REITs and Real Estate Operating Companies. No special-purpose or health care REITs are included. It is weighted by full float-adjusted market capitalization for which returns are calculated monthly using buy and hold methodology; it is re-balanced monthly.

The Bloomberg U.S. Government 1-3 Year index is composed of agency and Treasury securities with maturities of one to three years and includes the reinvestment of dividends.

Grand Commandery Knights Templar of the State of Illinois 2024-2025 Report of Inspections

July 16, 2025

Sir Knights,

Your Inspecting Officers were pleased to see many Commanderies displaying notable progress in conferring the Order of the Temple. While there is room for improvement, seeing several young, first time Eminent Commander's, conferring the Order of the Temple during their Inspection is very encouraging. The Inspection scores are listed as follows:

First Division:

Trinity – Apollo #1...**839**
Joliet #4...829
Calvary #25...399
St. Bernard #35...530
Bethel #36...771
Mizpah #53...559
Evanston #58...411
St. Elmo #64...510
Silangan #93...540

Third Division:

Peoria #3...513
Blaney #5...423
Elwood #6...596
DeMolay #24...**643**
St. Aldemar #47...530
Macomb #56...200
Quincy #77...496

Second Division:

Galesburg #8...517
Ottawa #10...604
Crusader #17...444
Rock Island #18...520
Dixon #21...**694**
Aurora #22...570

Fourth Division:

Beaumanoir #9...**532**
Urbana #16...510
Melita #37...185
Mt. Olivet #38...407
Constantine #51...431
Clinton #66...479
Gil W. Barnard #74...280

Fifth Division:

Tancred #2...543
Gorin #14...509
Palestine #27...548
St. Omer #30...424
Patton #69...**556**
Beauseant #86...452

Respectfully submittd,

Sean P. McBride, VEDGC

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2025 – 2026 SOI and Inspection Schedule

First Division:

October 18...St. Elmo #64
January 17...Silangan #93
January 24...Calvary #25
January 31...Trinity – Appollo #1 (VEDGC Dais)
February 7...Mizpah #53
March 7...Bethel #36
March 21...St. Bernard #35
March 28...Evanston #58
April 18...Joliet #4

Third Division:

September 20...Peoria #3
October 25...DeMolay #24
January 10...Macomb #56
February 7...Quincy #77
March 7...St. Aldemar #47
April 18...Elwood #6
April 28...Blaney #5

Fifth Division:

October 25...Patton #69
November 15...St. Omer #30
January 24...Gorin #14
March 21...Tancred #2
March 28...Palestine #27
April 18...Beauseant #86

Other important dates:

September 21...Joint Grand York Rite Reception at Northfield Inn Springfield
Nov 1... Northern York Rite Day at Scottish Rite Cathedral Bloomingdale (Valley of Chicago)
November 22...Central York Rite Day at Champaign Masonic Center
April 11...Outdoor Order of the Temple at Philo, Illinois
May 30...Southern York Rite Day at Mt. Vernon Masonic Temple

Second Division:

October 18...Ottawa #10
December 6...Rock Island #18
January 10...Crusader #17
February 21...Aurora #22
March 21...Dixon #21
March 28...Galesburg #8

Fourth Division:

January 10...Clinton #66
January 17...Constantine #51
January 24...Melita #37
February 7...Gil W. Barnard #74
February 21...Beaumanoir #9
February 28...Urbana #16 (REGC Dais)
March 21...Mt. Olivet #38

Schools of Instruction:

August 16...Second Division at Ottawa
August 23...Third Division at Macomb
September 6...First Division at Riverside
September 6...Fifth Division at Mt. Vernon
September 13...Fourth Division at Clinton