

One Hundred Eighty-Second
Annual Conclave

Grand Commandery

Knights Templar

Of the State of Ohio



Richard L. Ganion, KCT
Grand Commander

October 11, 2024



Richard L. Ganion, KCT

**Sir Knight Richard L. Ganion
Right Eminent Grand Commander**

Sir Knight Richard L. Ganion was born July 17, 1955 to Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow W. and E. Evelyn Ganion in Carthage, Illinois, and lived most of his youth in Keokuk, Iowa. He graduated in 1973 from Satellite Beach High School in Florida. He holds a degree in Electronic Systems Technology from the Community College of the Air Force, and studied Information Systems Management at Western Governors University. He met and married Debbie Murphy of Detroit in 1973, and they celebrated 51 years of marriage in September, 2024. They have 3 grown children: Rich, Brian, and Annie; and they have 5 grandchildren: James, Audrey, Andrew, William, and Nathan. Richard is a member of Medway Church in Park Lane, Ohio.

Sir Knight Ganion worked the majority of his career for the United States Air Force. The first five years of active duty he was a research and development engineering technician developing command, control and data relay systems for high altitude balloon research projects while assigned to Hanscom AFB, Massachusetts. He was transferred to Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio in 1981, where he worked for more than 16 years flying on EC-135s as a telemetry operator and systems administrator. When not flying, he served as Operations Superintendent and in the Standards and Evaluations Branch as instructor and evaluator. After retiring from active duty in 1997, he continued his service in the DoD in the air combat simulator Systems Program Office as a Systems Analyst contractor until 2010. He then entered into civil service and retired as a Security Analyst in 2017.

Richard was raised in Huber Heights Lodge #777 as part of the Grand Master's Class in April 2002, and is a Past Master of the Lodge. He is a Past High Priest of Unity Chapter No. 16, a Past Illustrious Master of Reese Council

No. 9, and is a Knight York Grand Cross of Honour in Ohio Priory No. 18. Richard is a member of the Valley of Dayton A.A.S.R. and is a Past Sovereign Prince of Miami Council Princes of Jerusalem. He was coroneted a 33rd Degree Mason in Cleveland, Ohio in August 2021.

Sir Knight Richard L Ganion was knighted April 19, 2004 in Dayton Commandery No. 68 (now Reed No. 6). After completing his term as Eminent Commander, he was appointed to the West Central Division CTA where he subsequently served as President and then Secretary. He was appointed Deputy Division Commander for the 2nd (now West Central) Division in 2010. He served as Grand Aide and Grand Sword Bearer before serving again as Deputy Division Commander, then Division Commander. Richard was appointed as Grand Standard Bearer in 2017, beginning his journey in Grand Commandery. In 2019 he became a Knight Commander of the Temple. Sir Knight Richard L Ganion was elected and installed as Right Eminent Grand Commander on October 7, 2023.

Masonic Memberships and other associations:

Huber Heights Lodge #777

Unity Chapter #16 RAM

Reese Council #9 R&SM

Reed Commandery #6 Knights Templar of Ohio

Valley Commandery #80 Knights Templar of Ohio

St. George Commandery #76 Knights Templar of Ohio

Miami Valley York Rite College #193

Herbert T Leyland Council #281 Allied Masonic Degrees

Temple Tabernacle #LXII HRAKTP

Holy Grail Conclave Knights of the Red Cross of Constantine

Irish Council #67 Knight Masons

Harvest Chapter #564 OES
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Dayton Arabic Club
Dayton Club #69 High-12 International
Dayton Mariner's Club
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ACON
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**Annual Proceedings
Of the
Grand Commandery
Of Knights Templar
Of the
State of Ohio**

The One Hundred Eighty-Second Annual
Conclave held
October 10, 11 and 12, 2024

Richard L. Ganion, KCT
Right Eminent Grand Commander

Alfred T. Johnson, KCT
Eminent Grand Recorder

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General Orders

October 07, 2023

Office of the Right Eminent Grand Commander

To the Sir Knights, officers and members of all Constituent Commanderies and to all present and past Grand Commandery Officers of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Ohio.

Greetings:

It is my order that these General Orders be read in their entirety and be made a part of the minutes of each Constituent Commandery at the first stated conclave following the 2023 Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Ohio.

General Order No. 1 (Divisions)

It is hereby ordered that the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of the State of Ohio shall consist of seven Divisions. Pursuant to section 1038a, each division will have an assigned Division Commander and Deputy Division Commander appointed by the Grand Commander (see list in Roster).

General Order No. 2 (Inspections)

It is hereby ordered that all Constituent Commanderies (except No. 76) of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Ohio be inspected during the current Templar year, and I hereby appoint and commission the Sir Knights listed in the Inspection Schedule of the Roster as my representatives, with the authority and prerogatives of the Grand Commander at such inspections. The inspection will consist of all of the following elements: an Administrative Review (Administrative, Financial and Membership), the Order of the Temple, the Full Form Opening, a Ladies' program and Traditional Banquet.

General Order No. 3 (Conferral of Orders)

It is hereby ordered that all Constituent Commanderies (except No. 76) shall confer all three Commandery Orders before June 1, 2024. Division leadership will observe and report on these Orders (with the exception of the Commandery's Inspection Order). No Orders shall be conferred during Holy Week (Mar. 25 – Mar. 31, 2024).

General Order No. 4 (Photos)

In order to preserve the solemnity of the Orders, photography is strictly prohibited in a Council of the Illustrious Order of Red Cross, a Priory of the Order of Malta, or a Conclave of Knights Templar when open.

General Order No. 5 (By-Laws and Dispensations)

All requests for by-laws changes, dispensations and other special requests must be made in writing (e-mail recommended) through the chain of command (Constituent Commandery to DDC to DC to REGC) and are not approved until signed by the Grand Commander.

General Order No. 6 (Returns and Reports)

Each Constituent Commandery shall submit COMPLETE Annual Returns, Uniform Audit Reports (UARs), Reports of Election and other requested reports and documentation to the designated officer, in the required format, and by the deadline specified in the notification to submit.

General Order No. 7 (First Line Signers Records)

Each Recorder shall maintain on file an updated list of first line signers to facilitate timely presentation of Grand Encampment of the USA Membership Jewels and Grand Commandery of Ohio membership citation cords, patches, caps and jackets. Each Recorder shall enter the first line signer information into the MMS system for each new Sir Knight when he enters the new knighting information.

General Order No. 8 (Masonic Membership Solutions [MMS])

Accurate and timely membership records shall be maintained in the Grand Encampment's Masonic Membership Solutions (MMS) system. The Commandery's Recorder or an assigned assistant shall enter updates in the system. Failure to enter updates in a timely manner may result in removal of the Recorder and/or Commander from office and/or a financial penalty of up to \$250.00 per occurrence.

General Order No. 9 (Records)

If a Commandery maintains any electronic records outside of MMS, backup copies of such records must be maintained via separate media (printed or electronic), stored in a separate location from the source computer or peripheral equipment and accessible by another member of the Commandery. The location of backup copies should be noted in the Commandery's minutes.

General Order No. 10 (Maximizing the Impact of the Order of the Temple)

When conferring the Order of the Temple, Eminent Commanders should make every effort to ensure a special and personal experience for each Knight of Malta. Ideally the Order should be conferred on each Knight of Malta individually, however, the Order of the Temple may be conferred on a "class" with the restrictions listed in the supplemental instructions.

General Order No. 11 (Grand Master of Masons of Ohio)

The Most Worshipful Grand Master of Free and Accepted Masons of Ohio is hereby appointed my personal representative and as such shall be received under an Arch of Steel at all occasions where he is present and the Sir Knights of Ohio form lines for the reception of dignitaries.

General Order No. 12 (Templar Aprons)

The wearing of Templar Aprons, either Traditional or Contemporary has not been approved by the Grand Commandery of Ohio at this time. The wearing of either the Traditional or Contemporary apron in a private or public setting is not authorized.

General Order No. 13 (Use of Instructional videos prohibited)

Video tape, DVD, or any other form of video presentation of the Orders of Templary as depicted in the rituals of the Grand Encampment are not to be used in the conferral of said orders. They were produced for instructional purposes only. The conferral of any Order must be done by Sir Knights, in a Commandery Asylum. The use of these videos to actually confer any of the Templar Orders is a direct violation of our statutes and strictly prohibited.

General Order No. 14 (Junior Warden Address)

The Junior Warden of all Constituent Commanderies (except No. 76) of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Ohio shall give from memory in open Commandery at a stated meeting the Junior Warden's Chamber Lecture prior to the Annual Inspection of the Commandery. The recorder shall make note of that fact in the minutes of that meeting.

General Order No. 15 (Appearances)

A dispensation is hereby granted to all Constituent Commanderies to appear in public in "Full Templar Uniform" at Masonic functions and funeral visitation/services for the purpose of forming escorts and/or honor guards and/or presenting the United States Flag. Dispensation is also granted for participation in public for parades, presenting the United States Flag and religious services (except swords shall be omitted for religious services).

General Order No. 16 (Supplemental Instructions)

Supplemental instructions are issued concurrent with the General Orders to provide additional details and clarification on implementation of the General Orders and shall be strictly followed. The supplemental instructions are not required to be read at a stated conclave. HOWEVER, the Eminent Commander is responsible for ensuring that the other Commandery officers are familiar with these instructions.

Given under my hand and seal of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Ohio, on this 7th day of October, Anno Domini 2023, Anno Ordinis 905.



Richard L. Ganion, KCT

Right Eminent Grand Commander

Attest: Alfred T. Johnson, KCT, HPGC
Eminent Grand Recorder



Supplemental Instructions to the General Orders

October 2023

1) DIVISIONS:

Each of the seven (7) Divisions will have a Division Commander (DC) and Deputy Division Commander (DDC).

The Division Commander (DC) is responsible to the Grand Commander for activities and the performance of the Constituent Commanderies of his assigned Division. The DDC is responsible to the DC. Duties of the DC and DDC are outlined in the Grand Officers Handbook. DCs and DDCs are eligible to attend Grand Officer meetings when invited. They shall wear a Past Commander insignia (the Passion Cross) on their uniform unless they are entitled to wear a current or Past Grand Officer insignia by virtue of another office held.

An Associate Deputy Division Commander (ADDC) is not required but may be appointed by each Division Commander, at his discretion, to assist the DDC in his duties and to encourage leadership development within each Division. The ADDCs shall wear a Past Commander insignia (the Passion Cross) on their uniform unless they are entitled to wear a current or Past Grand Officer insignia by virtue of another office held. The ADDC is an administrative position only. The ADDC is not recognized as a Grand Commandery Officer.

2) INSPECTIONS:

All Commanderies (except St. George No. 76) will be inspected on a Saturday between January 6, 2024, and April 27, 2024 as listed in the Inspection Schedule of the Roster. There will be no Inspections on March 9, 2024 (East Central Department Conference), March 30, 2024 (Holy Week). On inspection day the Commandery will open no earlier than 1:00 PM.

No Sir Knight is authorized to cancel or reschedule an inspection without the consent of the Division Commander, Inspecting Officer, and the Grand Commander. If there is a Level 3 snow emergency declared in the county where the inspection is being held, the Eminent Commander should immediately notify the Division Commander, who will in turn confer with the Inspecting Officer and Grand Commander on whether to proceed with the inspection as planned or not. Sir Knights are expected to comply with Level 3 snow emergency travel restrictions and not endanger themselves and traveling companions.

A quorum must be present from the inspected Commandery. Lack of a quorum shall be considered a discrepancy and the planned activities of the day may continue or be terminated at the discretion of the Inspecting Officer. With no quorum, the conclave shall be declared abandoned in the minutes and any opening ceremonies or ritual work shall be considered a practice – not an inspection - and no certificates shall be presented. If the decision is to continue with ritual work as a practice only a pro tem candidate may be utilized.

The Deputy Division Commander of each Division shall complete an Administrative Review consisting of the Administrative, Financial, and Membership areas of the inspection report for each of the Commanderies in his assigned Division, except for his own Commandery which he shall arrange to be completed by the Division Commander or a Past Deputy Division Commander of the Division who is not a member of the Commandery. His report consisting of the Inspection Form with the applicable areas completed and any notes or comments must be provided to the Inspecting Officer **at least 3 weeks prior to Inspection Day.**

If there are unavoidable schedule conflicts or other circumstances preventing the Deputy Division Commander from accomplishing the Administrative Review, the Division Commander may relieve the Deputy Division Commander of his responsibility by completing the review himself. In no case shall anyone complete the Administrative Review of his own Commandery.

The Order of the Temple Conferral, Full Form Opening, Ladies' Program and Traditional Banquet shall be inspected by the assigned Inspecting Officer on the designated Inspection Day as well as any open or remaining questions he may have.

In order to facilitate standardization of inspections and to ensure that all Eminent Commanders are evaluated equally, all commanderies will be inspected in the Order of the Temple. There will be no provision to be inspected in another order regardless of Past Commander status of the Eminent Commander.

The inspected Commandery will confer the Order of the Temple upon only one candidate. If the inspected Commandery does not have a true Knight of Malta, before opting to use an exemplar candidate the Eminent Commander should coordinate with the DDC or DC to see if another Commandery has a candidate in waiting.

When conferring the Order of the Temple, the Knight of Malta shall be clothed in an authorized Templar uniform when knighted, unless the Knight's size or other unavoidable circumstances make it impracticable to be properly uniformed. In which case, the Knight of Malta shall be clothed as similar to the uniform as possible (i.e. black suit without sleeve crosses in lieu of a Class A uniform).

The Pre-Chamber Lecture is not part of the Grand Encampment ritual and is purely optional. It SHALL NOT BE GIVEN UNLESS quiet can be assured and the Sir Knight delivering the lecture can do so proficiently from memory and in the most solemn and serious manner. If the Eminent Commander is not confident that these two requirements can be met, the Pre-Chamber Lecture should not be given.

Only the traditional Full Form Opening will be acceptable for inspection and the elected Eminent Commander must preside and do the work from memory. The lines, escorts, triangle, etc. may be comprised of Sir Knights from other Commanderies, but all Commanderies are otherwise expected to perform the FFO independently.

Forming the lines for reception, receiving and introducing the Inspecting Officer and other dignitaries following usual protocol and forming an Arch of Steel for the Inspecting Officer (and Grand Commander if present) are required on Inspection Day. Commandery, being a uniform Order, all officers, including visiting Officers, should be in full Templar uniform. Sir Knights not in uniform should not be introduced.

At the conclusion of the inspection **only** the inspecting officer will be called upon to speak. The inspecting officer may call upon others for comments as he chooses. All announcements and remarks must be stated prior to calling on the inspecting officer.

There will be two certificates associated with inspection: a Commandery Proficiency Certificate and the traditional Eminent Commander Certificate. If there are no discrepancies, both certificates shall be presented on Inspection Day. If there are one or more discrepancies, the Eminent Commander Certificate shall **not** be presented on Inspection Day and shall be held until all discrepancies are corrected. If discrepancies are limited to the Eminent Commander only, while the Commandery displayed proficient work, the Commandery Proficiency Certificate shall be presented. In no event shall an Inspecting Officer, in his verbal or written comments, characterize an inspection as "failed." If there are discrepancies, the inspection is "incomplete," not failed.

At an appropriate time, the Inspecting Officer will hold a critique of the inspected Commandery to compliment them when appropriate, and share with them ideas

for improvement. The Inspecting Officer is expected to motivate, encourage and inspire the Sir Knights. Constructive critiques are to be offered in the fraternal spirit of our Order.

WITHIN 2 WEEKS of the Inspection Day, the Inspecting Officer shall write a post inspection letter to the Eminent Commander highlighting his remarks and make appropriate remarks concerning all inspected areas and the day's events. The inspection letter, a completed inspection report form and the Grand Warder's report may be attached to an email and shall be sent to the Eminent Commander with courtesy copies to the Recorder, DDC, DC, Reviewing Officer and Right Eminent Grand Commander. The Reviewing Officer for Commanderies 1 through 39 is the Deputy Grand Commander and for Commanderies 40 through 84 is the Grand Generalissimo. The Reviewing Officer is responsible for uploading an electronic copy of the letter, report and all attachments to the designated electronic archiving site. There is no requirement to retain hardcopies or provide hardcopies to the Grand Recorder. Any private remarks that the Inspecting Officer deems pertinent to the welfare of the Grand Commandery of Ohio, shall be sent directly to the Reviewing Officer and Grand Commander. The Reviewing Officer may also provide any private remarks he deems appropriate directly to the Grand Commander.

If there is a discrepancy, the Inspecting Officer **shall** notify the Right Eminent Grand Commander as soon as possible via phone call, text or e-mail with a brief description of the discrepancy and the plan for correcting the discrepancy. A Discrepancy Report shall be completed on the designated form and included as an attachment to the post inspection letter to the Eminent Commander referenced above.

Extending hospitality is among the duties of an Eminent Commander and is an important part of the inspection day. A ladies' program or entertainment **shall** be provided while the Order conferral is taking place, including light refreshments for the ladies of the visiting fraters.

A traditional banquet is a required part of inspection day. The banquet may be held at noon, between the Order of the Temple and the Full Form Opening (FFO) or at the end of the inspection day. Regardless of the timing, the banquet meal served must be a traditional "course dinner" (beyond soup and sandwiches). Templar protocol is to be followed per pages 90-91 of the Tactics including a head table and must include remarks by, at minimum, the Inspecting Officer.

The extent of introductions at the banquet may be dictated by Commandery or Division tradition, but must follow protocol regarding the order of introduction set forth in the tactics (page 91) and, at minimum, include the following:

- (1) Recognize the ranking officer from each visiting Commandery and his lady if present.
- (2) Introduce the DDC and his lady.
- (3) Introduce the DC and his lady.
- (4) Introduce any Past Grand Commanders, Emeritus Grand Officers, and visiting DDCs or DCs from other Divisions who are not seated at the head table and their ladies.
- (5) Introduce all Companions of the Temple (COT).
- (6) Introduce all seated at the head table.

NOTE: The Eminent Commander of the inspected commandery shall conduct the introductions. The Eminent Commander may not delegate this responsibility to any other Sir Knight such as the DC or DDC.

Inspection participation minimum requirements:

- All speaking parts shall be given from memory by voting members of the Commandery [no reading, except for the Prelate's lessons (Bible readings and Sepulcher scene) and the Hermits' lessons].
- Eminent Commander must proficiently preside in FFO.
- Eminent Commander must proficiently preside in the Order of the Temple.

3) CONFERRAL OF ORDERS:

The required review of the Orders of Red Cross or Malta, may be accomplished by the DC, DDC, PDC, PDDC of the division, a Grand Line Officer or a Past Grand Commander, but in no case will a Sir Knight review his own Commandery. An individual Commandery is permitted to perform the Orders of Red Cross or Malta in short form. Credit may be given to participating Commanderies when multiple Commanderies or a Division confer the orders jointly in full form only, but each Commandery given credit must have actively participated in the work to a reasonable extent. **Sideline attendance is not considered active participation.**

Eminent Commanders should keep their DC and DDC informed of any plans for conferrals of the Orders of Red Cross or Malta, especially those to be conferred in a "Festival" or "Reunion" format.

4) PHOTOS:

Sir Knights and ladies are cautioned to use good judgement when photographing anything related to Commandery and posting images to social media. Our costumes and robing are intended for the conferral of our Orders and are not appropriate material for social media. Under no circumstances are any images of the relics to be posted on any social media platform. Scrutinize every image and be sure that it portrays our wonderful Christian Order in a positive light!

5) BY-LAWS AND DISPENSATIONS:

For purposes of General Order No. 5, "chain of command" shall be Eminent Commander to DDC to DC to Grand Commander (in turn). Failure to follow the chain of command stops the process and renders the request disapproved. The Eminent Commander may appeal in writing to the Grand Commander. The Grand Commander's decision is final.

6) RETURNS AND REPORTS:

Timely and complete submissions of returns and reports are critical to the efficient management and operation of the Grand Commandery of Ohio. The Eminent Commander is ultimately responsible for these submissions and should proactively work with the Recorder and Treasurer to ensure that submissions are timely and complete.

- a. The Report of Election shall be sent (preferably in electronic format) to the Grand Recorder no later than 14 calendar days after election **with courtesy copies provided to the DC and DDC.**
- b. A signed copy of the completed Uniform Audit Report (UAR) shall be submitted to the DDC and in his hands no later than July 1, 2024, with a courtesy copy to the DC. The form may be either mailed or attached to an email. The DDC and DC will concurrently review the UAR and work through any required corrections

with the Commandery. Once the DDC and DC are satisfied, they will sign and transmit the original or corrected signed form to the Eminent Grand Captain General (Commanderies 1-39) or the Eminent Grand Senior Warden (Commanderies 40-84) with a courtesy copy to the Commandery's Recorder no later than August 1, 2024. The Eminent Grand Captain General and the Eminent Grand Senior Warden are responsible for reviewing the UARs, uploading archive copies to the designated electronic storage site and reporting to the Right Eminent Grand Commander and Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander on any Commanderies that have assets less than \$1,000.00 OR had total assets decrease during the year by more than 5%.

- c. The Annual Return of each Commandery shall be submitted to the Grand Recorder and in his hands no later than July 1, 2024, with a courtesy copy (preferably in electronic format) to the DC and DDC. Payment of fees and dues owed to the Grand Commandery for such year, pursuant to section 1117 of the Statutes of the Grand Commandery of Ohio, shall be made to the Grand Commandery of Ohio concurrent with submission of the Annual Return.
- d. The Report of Civic and Patriotic Activities shall be sent to the DDC and in his hands no later than July 15, 2024, so that he can collect the data from the Commanderies in the Division and submit a consolidated Division report to the Eminent Grand Captain General no later than August 1, 2024.

7) FIRST LINE SIGNERS RECORDS: No supplemental instructions.

8) MASONIC MEMBERSHIP SOLUTIONS (MMS):

Recorders shall enter Orders in MMS in a timely manner. This should be accomplished within 72 hours, but in no case later than 2 weeks of conferral. Failure to make timely entry of the Order of the Temple in MMS delays issuance of membership/dues cards and receipt of the Knight Templar magazine. Knightings and other status changes must be **entered** into MMS by 31 May to be counted in the current Commandery year.

9) RECORDS: No supplemental instructions.

10) MAXIMIZING THE IMPACT OF THE ORDER OF THE TEMPLE:

When conferring the Order of the Temple, Eminent Commanders should make every effort to ensure a special and personal experience for each Knight of Malta. Ideally the Order should be conferred on each Knight of Malta individually, however, the Order of the Temple may be conferred on a "class" with the following restrictions:

- a. Chamber of Reflection: If the size of the class is 5 or less, each Knight of Malta shall participate individually in the Chamber of Reflection. If the class size is 6 or more then the chamber lecture may be accomplished as a group. If accomplished as a group, it must be accomplished in a setting that as closely resembles an individual Chamber of Reflection as possible.
- b. Fifth Libation: If the size of the class is 5 or less Each Knight of Malta shall participate individually in the 5th Libation. If the class size is 6 or more then the

5th Libation may be accomplished as a group, each Knight of Malta should partake in a manner as closely similar to the Knight kneeling at the base of the triangle as possible. Following the conferral of the 5th Libation upon the Knights of Malta, the Knights shall be positioned at the base of the Triangle as a class. The order shall then resume with the phrase “Pilgrim, you have sealed your Faith” and proceed from that point.

- c. Knighting: Each Knight of Malta shall be individually knighted, and all proceed through an Arch of Steel.

Eminent Commanders should keep their DC and DDC informed of any plans for conferrals of the Order of the Temple, especially those to be conferred in a “Festival” or “Reunion” format and seek their advice and counsel in complying with General Order No. 10.

11) GRAND MASTER OF MASONS OF OHIO: No supplemental instructions.

12) TEMPLAR APRONS: No supplemental instructions.

13) INSTRUCTIONAL VIDEOS: No supplemental instructions.

14) JUNIOR WARDEN ADDRESS: No supplemental instructions.

15) APPEARANCES: No supplemental instructions.

16) SUPPLEMENTAL INSTRUCTIONS: As listed above.



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COMMANDER RICHARDSON: Sir Knight Warder, post the Sentinel. Inform him that Reed Commandery Number 6 is about to be opened and direct him to guard accordingly.

GRAND WARDER: The order has been obeyed.

COMMANDER RICHARDSON: Sir Knights, attention. Uncover. Please join me in the Lord's Prayer.

(Lord's Prayer.)

COMMANDER RICHARDSON: Sir Knights, recover. Waiving further ceremony, I now declare Reed Commandery Number 6 open for dispatch of such regular business as may regularly come before it, requiring all knights present to govern themselves according to the sublime principles of this magnanimous order. Sir Knight Warder, inform the Sentinel and direct him to guard accordingly.

GRAND SENTINAL: Eminent Commander, the order has been obeyed.

COMPANION RICHARDSON: Sir Knights, be seated. Sir Knight Captain General, form the lines for the reception of the grand commandery officers for the opening of Grand Commandery. Sir Knights, please silence your phones. Sir Knights, attention. Sir Knights, it's a great pleasure to have you all here. The Grand Officers will assume their stations Sir Knights, be seated.

GRAND COMMANDER GANION: Eminent Grand Sentinel, please inform our committee that we are awaiting reception of visitors.

SIR KNIGHT PUGH: Good morning Right Eminent Grand Commander. I do have the honor of introducing appendant bodies.

First, from the York Rite Sovereign College of North America, Sir Knight and Past Grand Commander, R. Thomas Starr, who is serving as the Grand Governor for the York Rite College.

Next, we have Sir Knight Dennis Lynch, who is the Eminent Prior of Ohio Priory No. 18, and the balance of the Priory officers are with him.

Next, we have Sir Knight Steve Duncan. He is the Intendant General for Ohio West, the Red Cross of Constantine.

And we also are privileged to have with us Sir Knight and Past Grand Commander Burch Zehner. He is the Most Illustrious Past Sovereign of the United Grand Imperial Council of the Red Cross of Constantine and Appendant Bodies and I leave them in your care.

GRAND CAPTAIN GENERAL: Sir Knights, form arch of steel. Cross swords.

All were greeted by the Grand Commander

GRAND CAPTAIN GENERAL: Sir Knights, carry swords.

SIR KNIGHT STARR: Right Eminent Grand Commander, I have the privilege to introduce those that have received the Knight Commander of the Temple.

We have Sir Knight Ken Crouch, Sir Knight Randy Clark, and Sir Knight Matthew Gloor, who is the newest recipient.

The Knights Templar Cross of Honor, one of the highest honors the Grand Encampment of the United States of America can bestow, and we're honored to have this group of Sir Knights here today. Sir Knight Edwin Jackson, Sir Knight Gary Shoemaker, Sir Knight Arthur Sterling, Sir Knight Harless Maynard, Sir Knight Thomas Johnson, and Sir Knight William "Tex" Ritter, all Knights Templar Cross of Honor.

Sir Knights and Right Eminent Grand Commander, it's my privilege to introduce Sir Knight Joshua Grove, Knight Commander of the Temple. He is Region 7 Director of the Tall Cedars of Lebanon International.

SIR KNIGHT STARR: We're honored to have this distinguished group of Grand Council Royal and Select Masons of the state of Ohio, led by most Illustrious Companion, R. Wesley Webber, Immediate-Past Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council, and Most Illustrious Companion James Sutherin, Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Royal and Select Masons of Ohio, and the remainder of the Grand Council officers.

GRAND COMMANDER GANION: Companions, we are honored to have you here with us today to celebrate – so happy to see this council so well attended. Will you please about-face for me? Sir Knights, please warmly welcome the Grand Council of Ohio. Thank you for being here. You may be seated.

SIR KNIGHT STARR: Right Eminent Grand Commander, we have a distinguished group of Royal Arch Masons here with us today. Leadership of the Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of Ohio. Most excellent companion Ryan W. Adams, who you've served with, immediate-past Grand High Priest, Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of Ohio, Most Excellent companion Kenneth B. Foy, Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of Ohio, and the balance of the Grand Chapter officers.

GRAND COMMANDER GANION: Wow. Such a great turnout from the Grand Chapter of Ohio. Grand Chapter officers, it's a great pleasure to have you here, and Welcome to the Grand Commandery. Ryan, you are done, I only have a little while to go. Please give a warm welcome to our Grand Chapter officers. You may be seated.

SIR KNIGHT STARR: Right Eminent Grand Commander, we have the distinct pleasure of introducing Sir Knights visiting from other jurisdictions, and it's my pleasure to introduce them to you.

First is Sir Knight Donald L. Trumbull, Knight Commander of the Temple, Past Grand Commander, Grand Commandery of Michigan; Sir Knight Cortland Rule, Knight Commander of the Temple, Past Grand Commander, Grand Commandery of Michigan.

Sir Knight Ed Fodrea, Knight Commander of the Temple, Past Grand Commander, Grand Commandery of Indiana. Sir Knight Phil Wisner, Knight Commander of the Temple, Past Grand Commander, Grand Commandery of Indiana.

Sir Knight H. Lee Hadley, Knight Commander of the Temple, Past Grand Commander, Grand Commandery of West Virginia.

Sir Knight Brian K. DiMatteo, Knight Commander of the Temple. He is the chief of staff of our Most Eminent Grand Master, David J. Kussman and a Past Grand Commander of Minnesota.

Sir Knight George J. White, Jr., Past Grand Commander, Knight Commander of the Temple, Grand Commandery of Idaho.

GRAND COMMANDER GANION: It is such an honor and a privilege to have past grand commanders from other jurisdictions in this department and beyond. We are deeply honored by your attendance here today, at the Grand Commandery session of Ohio. Sir Knights -- Sir Knights, please give a hearty, warm welcome for our visiting members. You can be seated.

SIR KNIGHT STARR: Right Eminent Grand Commander, it's an honor to present the Honorary Past Grand Commanders and Past Grand Commanders of the largest jurisdiction in Grand Encampment, Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Ohio. On my far left is Sir Knight Robert T. Davis, Honorary Past Grand Commander, and Knight Commander of the Temple. To his right is Sir Knight Duane Kemerley, Knight Commander of the Temple, Honorary Past Grand Commander. On his right is Sir Knight Dale A. Olson, Knight Commander of the Temple, Past Grand Commander. On his right is Sir Knight George Edmiston, III, Knight Commander of the Temple, Past Grand Commander. To his right is Sir Knight Robert C. Hager, Knight Commander of the Temple, Past Grand Commander. And to his right is Sir Knight Ronald L. Vicars, Knight Commander of the Temple, Past Grand Commander.

GRAND COMMANDER GANION: Sir Knights, before you, you have the backbone of the Grand Commandery of Ohio. They have led us well to this date. They have given me wise counsel, helped me along, and let me know if I'm going astray. I would not have been here and survived this year without them. I am duly honored to be with them today. If you'd please join me in a hearty round of applause for them. You can find a seat.

SIR KNIGHT STARR: Right Eminent Grand Commander, it gives me great pleasure to introduce Sir Knight and Illustrious Brother Donald R. Heldman, 33rd Degree. He

is the deputy for Ohio, the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, Northern Masonic jurisdiction.

GRAND COMMANDER GANION: Knights, please give a hearty welcome to our representatives from Scottish Rite.

SIR KNIGHT STARR: Right Eminent Grand Commander, you are blessed. Today with us is an outstanding group of Sir Knights from our East Central Department and our sister jurisdictions beginning with:

Sir Knight Jamie A. Emery, Right Eminent Grand Commander, Grand Commandery of Illinois. Sir Knight Shawn P. McBride, Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander, Grand Commandery of Illinois.

Sir Knight Donald E. Murphy, Grand Commander, Grand Commandery of Michigan. Sir Knight James D. Rutherford, Knight Commander of the Temple, Eminent Grand Generalissimo of the Grand Commandery of Michigan. Sir Knight Michael Hicks, Grand Captain General, Grand Commandery of Michigan.

Sir Knight Randy J. Darling, Right Eminent Grand Commander, Grand Commandery of Indiana. Sir Knight John McCracken, Grand Captain General, Grand Commandery of Indiana. Sir Knight Joe Sparks, Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander, Grand Commandery of Indiana. Sir Knight Dominick Hanblin, the Right Eminent Grand Generalissimo, Grand Commandery of Indiana; Sir Knight Scott Sage, the Eminent Grand Junior Warder, Grand Commandery of Indiana, Sir Knight Bill Short. He is the Eminent Grand Prelate, Knight Templar Cross of Honor, Grand Commandery of Indiana.

And Sir Knight David E. Jones, Knight Commander of the Temple. He is the Grand Captain General of the Grand Commandery of the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

GRAND COMMANDER GANION: Sir Knights, it is a great honor to have such a distinguished group from our sister jurisdictions within the department. I have traveled and met with many of you, and I am proud and honored to call each and every one of you my friend. Sir Knights, please give a very warm and hearty welcome to our visiting sister jurisdiction officers. Please find a seat amongst your peers. Thank you.

SIR KNIGHT STARR: Right Eminent Grand Commander, it is indeed my pleasure to introduce these three past East Central Department Commanders and Past Grand Commanders of this jurisdiction. Beginning on my far left is Sir Knight Martin R. Trent, Past East Central Department Commander, Knight Commander of the Temple, Past Grand Commander, Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Ohio. To his right is Sir Knight Gerald G. Pugh, Past East Central Department Commander, Knight Commander of the Temple, Right Eminent Past Commander of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Ohio. And to his right is Sir Knight Franklin Cooper Boner, Past Right Eminent Department Commander, Right Eminent Past Grand Commander, Knight Commander of the Temple, Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Ohio.

GRAND COMMANDER GANION: Sir Knights, you're looking at the leadership of not only Ohio, but also of the East Central Department, and some of the finest men I have ever had the privilege to know. Please join me in a very hearty, warm welcome, for our Past Department Commanders.

SIR KNIGHT STARR: Right Eminent Grand Commander and Sir Knights, it is a privilege to introduce visiting in this capacity in this jurisdiction for the first time, Sir Knight Jay P. Kennedy, Past Grand Commander, Grand Commandery of Michigan, Knight Commander of the Temple, Right Eminent Department Commander, East Central Department, Grand Encampment, Knights Templar U.S.A.

GRAND COMMANDER GANION: Sir Knights, this is a very dear friend. We've gotten to know each other several years in our travels back and forth to Michigan and back and forth to Ohio and going around to all the various jurisdictions. He's become a very dear fine friend and another one of the finest men I've ever had the privilege to know. Please join me in a very warm welcome to Ohio. It is also -- even though he hails from Michigan, he is one of our fellow alumni in Ohio. He is a member of Cincinnati Commandery Number 3.

SIR KNIGHT STARR: Right Eminent Grand Commander, it's my privilege to introduce at this time Sir Knight William Howard Koon, II, Most Eminent Past Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of the United States of America, and his aide, Sir Knight Dennis L. Wilhelm.

GRAND COMMANDER GANION: Sir Knights, I am -- it's a great honor to be standing next to the husband of Lady Elizabeth, past -- Past Senior Grand Commander of Ohio and Past Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, and Past Redemption of the United States of America. Please join me in a very hearty welcome.

SIR KNIGHT STARR: Commandery, attention. Right Eminent Grand Commander and Sir Knights present, it's a privilege to introduce Sir Knight Jeff Bolstad, Grand Cross Templar, Very Eminent Deputy Grand Master, Grand Encampment, Knights Templar, United States of America.

GRAND COMMANDER GANION: Sir Knights, please join me in a very, very hearty welcome to our Right Eminent Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Encampment.

SIR KNIGHT STARR: Right Eminent Grand Commander and Sir Knights, it's a privilege to introduce Sir Knight Mike Hines, Past Grand Master, Grand Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons of Ohio, Knight Commander of the Temple.

GRAND COMMANDER GANION: Sir Knights, please give a hearty welcome to the Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ohio.

SIR K NIGHT STARR: Right Eminent Grand Commander, this is Most Worshipful Brother Paul A. Weglage, Grand Master of Masons, Grand Lodge Free and Accepted Masons of Ohio.

GRAND COMMANDER GANION: Sir Knights, please join me in a very hearty welcome to our Grand Master of Ohio and a very dear friend. Sir Knights, please be seated.

GRAND COMMANDER GANION: Sir Knights, it is a great pleasure to see so many smiling faces out here. Sir Knights in line, I want to thank you not only for this morning's tribute, but also all your work through the week. Many of you I've seen at the lines in Grand Chapter, at the session, the banquet -- Grand Council session and banquet, and now out here this morning. I want to thank each and every one of you that have formed the lines this week. You are dismissed.

GRAND COMMANDER GANION: We'll give them a second. Sir Knights, attention. Uncover. Eminent Grand Prelate, please lead our devotions.

GRAND PRELATE RICHARDSON: Almighty God, we ask that you watch over the proceedings today, guide us in all that we do when we make our decisions. In Jesus' name we pray, amen.

ALL: Amen.

GRAND COMMANDER GANION: Recover. Eminent Grand Standard Bearer, would you please retrieve the flag so it can be properly presented. The flag's already up here, so we will consider it presented. Please join me in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of our country.

ALL: (Pledge of Allegiance.)

GRAND COMMANDER GANION: Please be seated. Eminent Grand Recorder, do we have a quorum?

GRAND RECORDER JOHNSON: Yes, Right Eminent Grand Commander, we do have a quorum.

GRAND COMMANDER GANION: Thank you. By the power in me vested as the Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Ohio, I declare the 182nd Annual Grand Conclave of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Ohio, open and convened for the dispatch of such business as may regularly come before it, requiring all knights to govern themselves according to the sublime principles of this magnanimous order. Eminent Grand Warder, inform the Grand Sentinel and direct him to guard accordingly.

GRAND WARDER: Right Eminent Grand Commander, your orders have been obeyed.

GRAND COMMANDER GANION: Sir Knights, welcome to our 182nd Annual Grand Conclave. There is a microphone in the center of the aisle -- actually, back there in the back -- and there's one here at the podium. If you wish to speak from the floor, please speak your name, your title, and your commandery to introduce yourself, and then make your comments. If you are a guest speaker today, please speak from the podium at the side of the stage. Eminent Grand Recorder, do we have a partial credentials report?

GRAND RECORDER JOHNSON: The registration committee is working very hard, but they do not have it in yet. We will have it for you right after your address.

GRAND COMMANDER GANION: Thank you. In accordance with Section 1007 of the statutes of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Ohio, I hereby grant permission for those Sir Knights not in uniform to remain in the asylum. I also grant permission for the stenographer to remain in the room.

Eminent Grand Warder, please check to see if a representative from the hotel and/or the Ohio Masonic Home is in waiting. Not yet. I just wanted to know if they were waiting. I'm not ready for them to come in yet. Sir Knights, attention. I declare the Grand Commandery in recess. Eminent Grand Warder, inform the Sentinel and then invite him to bring our guests in to speak. Sir Knights, be seated. Eminent Grand Standard Bearer, please escort our guests to the podium.

BRO. ROBERT HANRAHAN: Thank you. Grand Commander and Sir Knights, thank you for your generosity today. I bring you greetings from the Ohio Masonic Communities. We have some very exciting news to share. Just as of September 7, 2024, in Newsweek, we were voted as one of the top 40 senior living campuses in the state of Ohio. They did a survey across the country. So, two of our campuses -- our Springfield campus and our Western Reserve campus -- have received that rating. In the Ohio, we are five star. So much of that is due to you, your generosity and allowing us to help.

The statistics in Ohio are that, over the next 15 to 20 years, there will be 36 percent more individuals who are 65, 70, 80, 90, and 100 years old. However, there will only be -- there will be 26 percent less individuals who will be under the age of 65 to be able to care for them. So, as you have seen, I'm sure, in our commission and values statement, we talk about innovations, things that we're going to have to do to make sure that our seniors are well taken care of.

Many of you heard me speak before and probably have heard me talk about my mother. My mom unfortunately had a stroke in January of this past year. She's 92 years old. She went from being a vital, independent woman who two days before was driving around and going to her great-grandchildren -- 13 of her great grandchildren's games. Today we have a full-time caregiver in our home for her and another caregiver who comes in because she is not able to move the left side of her body. Indiana as many of you probably don't know, does not have Masonic communities. So, it's something all of you should feel very proud of, but the needs are growing exponentially.

Today we serve approximately 700 individuals on our campuses. And with our resource centers, we have over 1,500 individuals who we also serve. And we have to give credit to our ladies of our resource center who are out at the table. Make sure you stop and say hello to them and thank them for what they do. Many, many people would like to stay at home these days. We have a bright future, I think, but we also have a lot of challenges ahead of us. You know, many of you talk about a facility in southeast Ohio. It certainly isn't out of the question. But to do that, the resources are going to have to become available because the needs are getting greater and greater down there.

It's an honor for me to be able to be the executive director of the Ohio Masonic Communities Foundation. Those are things Sir Knights have helped us with this year and presented on our behalf. But we have a great task ahead of us. I've only been a Mason for two years now. It was two years in June. And during that time, I've learned of the great things that have happened and what the Masons have done, whether it be any of the appendant bodies. But I think we have a bigger task ahead of us. I've said this a couple times. That need is going to be the greatest that we have in the near future. I thank you for allowing me to speak to you. If you have any questions afterwards, I'll be out there. I was informed by Brother Ron Hart that next year I probably will be able to be in here, so we'll see if that happens or not. But, again, thank you very much, Grand Commander, for your time.

GRAND COMMANDER GANION: Thank you, Brother Ron. Thank you for taking time out of your busy schedule to give us your remarks today. We really appreciate it. Thank you.

GRAND COMMANDER GANION: Do we have a representative from the hotel in waiting? I take that as a no. Moving on. Sir Knights, attention. I declare this Grand Commandery reconvened. Sir Knight Warder, inform the Grand Sentinel. Sir Knights, be seated. Grand Recorder, do you have a motion?

GRAND RECORDER JOHNSON: Go ahead with our -- with Sir Knight Lipps, please.

GRAND COMMANDER GANION: He's a member of the commandery, so he can stay in here. He is a member. So, I was asking you if you wanted to approve the minutes of the 181st --

GRAND RECORDER JOHNSON: I would make that motion. The minutes of the last Grand Commandery were printed and are in the office. Anybody who wants a copy of those proceedings, they are available. They are also available on the website, and you can download them. You can read them. They are available, and I would move that they be approved as printed.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Second.

GRAND COMMANDER GANION: It has been moved and seconded that the minutes from the 181st Grand Conclave of the Knights Templar of the Grand

Commandery of Ohio be approved as printed. Is there any discussion? Hearing none, all in favor, sword arm. Down arm. Opposed, bridle arm. They are approved. Thank you. Eminent Grand Recorder, have we received any letters of regret?

GRAND RECORDER JOHNSON: I have received letters of regret. But, before that, I have some announcements that -- all of you should have gotten a voting card, a red card, that will be used if we have any contested elections. There seems to be a confusion about proxies. Proxies only have to do with voting only. Payroll is for anybody -- each commandery is allowed to get mileage and per diem, but one person has to sign for it. They'll get a payroll card that they will sign, and this afternoon, after the afternoon session, they will exchange that payroll card for a check. There is a packet for each recorder in our office. If your recorder is not here, I would request that somebody else from that commandery pick it up and take it to the recorder. I would urge each of you to stop in the office. There's a lot of memorabilia that you are welcome to go through and take home. There are also things for sale, and I encourage you to buy those. Tomorrow we will have a photographer here for the drill teams and for the grand officers, but he is available all day for you -- or you and your spouse, or you and your family -- for portraits. It will be in the Buckeye Room, which is behind the bar or next to where you had breakfast, this morning. He is available. The price is very reasonable. And I would encourage you to think about having a portrait done.

Now, we do have regrets from past Grand Commanders Thomas Gault, David Snyder, Richard Weaver, Tom Ramsay, and Richard Brady. We also have regrets from widows Alice Ritter, Janice Palm, Susan Hughes, and Charlene McLeod. Thank you.

GRAND COMMANDER GANION: Thank you. At this time, I would like to introduce Sir Knight Scott W. Lipps, representative from the 55th Ohio House District for his welcome remarks. Sir Knight Lipps is a member of Miami Commandery Number 22. Sir Knight Lipps?

SIR KNIGHT LIPPS: Good morning. Most Worshipful Grand Master, Right Eminent Grand Commander, Past Grand Commanders, Officers of the Grand Commandery, Division Commanders, Deputy Division Commanders, visiting Sir Knights, and friends, welcome to Columbus, Ohio, our state capital, home of The Ohio State Buckeyes, who play at Oregon tomorrow night. So, pay attention, damn it.

And today the nerve center of Knights Templar in Ohio -- I do this a lot. I have the opportunity to talk about subjects and travel around the state and speak, but it does not have the meaning that being here this morning has. I just shared a text with one of the guards. I just want to read you a text I sent home about 9:00 o'clock. I just love this fraternity, these guys. I feel so blessed to have this in my heart. That's why you're all here; because you have the calling also.

Last year I considered it an honor to be asked to spend a few minutes with you and welcome you to Columbus. This year, it was very humbling to be invited back, hoping it means that my message was positive and had significance for our fraternity. But I must add, it is not lost on me; that it may just be that everyone else

that was asked was busy. It's an honor to meet you, the architects of the future of chivalric Masonry.

My Masonic journey is similar to yours. It is a family romance of loving our fraternity. I'm a 46-year member and past master of Minerva Lodge Number 98, Miamisburg, Ohio. I had the honor of sitting in the East in 1990, in the very exact same chair, holding the same gavel that my father had previously held in 1976. Past High Priest of Chapter Number 44, again experiencing that blessing of following in Dad's footsteps in the East. I received my commandery degrees in the Valley Commandery Number 80, Knights Templar, Miamisburg, and several years ago became a member of Miami Commandery Number 22 in Lebanon. I did not have the privilege of going through the line in commandery, but, however, after meeting with you last year, several of you willingly and eagerly offered to help me get in line. You're just nice guys. You're just nice guys.

My dad is now 90 years old and struggling with disabilities. Many of you know Kenny Lipps. Sunday evening at a Masonic funeral for York Rite Cross of Honour and past Commander of Valley Commandery Number 80, Johnny Watkins, ten of you came up and asked about my dad at that funeral. Thank you for remembering his commitment to Masonry. Thank you for allowing me to talk about him for just a minute. I'll end this by telling you that every single time I talk to Dad, every time I see Dad, we talk about Masonry and the shrine. God blessed me to be his son. He shared his 68-year love affair with Masonry with me.

And God called you also, and the proof is that you are here today, standing as a Masonic leader, as a man among men in our society. I'm a four-term member of the Ohio House of Representatives, District 5, serving Warren County. Please understand, while that is important, it means very little compared to standing here amongst you this morning. I am proud to be one of you. I much prefer to be called "brother" over "representative." While you are deeply committed Masons and understand the oath we all took, I want to tell you a true story that happened at the Statehouse on September the 16th, 2024, less than a month ago.

I was scheduled to make a presentation in the atrium on the wages of people living with disabilities. It's a very important subject to me. About 15 minutes before taking the stage, I was standing on the sidelines with my staff, casually meeting audience members. A very passionate woman approached and lashed out at me. It spiraled into an aggressive tirade about me being wrong on this issue. It was uncomfortable and it was very public. As the confrontation continued, a man in the audience stood up, walked over to me. He walked between us and he reached out and took my hand with a Masonic handshake. I'm being yelled at, and he's holding my hand in a Masonic handshake. He whispered in my ear, please walk with me. He extracted me from the situation and explained that he knows the woman and they've had to address her behavior in the past. He put his hand on my shoulder and said, brother, I'm sorry that happened, and I appreciate everything you do to promote freemasonry. I stood there and fell in love with Masonry even more because that brother saw a brother in distress and immediately took action. That's what you would do. Look at the person sitting next to you. You know him. Turns out, my Masonic rescuer was a Freemason from the Valley in Cincinnati and he serves people with disabilities, so he knew exactly what we were trying to accomplish. We are a brotherhood.

At the Statehouse, I have a podium to promote freemasonry, yet my "work" work pales in comparison to the time and commitment that each of you have given. You've given your time, your treasure, your resources and your love and your support, and you promote Masonry. You live it. You are the torchbearers of the Knights Templar. Look at the rings on your hands. Look at the uniforms you so proudly wear. Last year I caught you off guard when I asked you to stop and block out all the noise and all the interference just for a minute and have silence in the room, and then I asked you to imagine what freemasonry, York Rite Masonry, and Knights Templar Masonry would be if this room were empty. I caught you off guard because you are such humble leaders. You didn't look at yourself as leaders. You looked at yourself as Masons. You go about your commitments to our fraternity and you do not realize that you are the blood coursing through the veins of our Masonic body. Where would Ohio Knights Templar be if this room were empty? Last year I listed off famous Masons in history. I have another list for you. Famous men, men who have made a positive impact in our society, and they use Masonry as one of their tools in their heart. Arnold Palmer, Steve Wozniak, Paul Weglage, Nat King Cole, Sugar Ray Robinson, Rich Ganion, Shaquille O'Neal, John Philip Sousa, Harless Maynard, Ty Cobb, Roy Rogers, Dale Exline, Brad Paisley, Buzz Aldren, Burch Zehner, John Elway, David Beckham, Al Johnson, Billy Ray Cyrus, Scotty Pippin, Steve Duncan, and one for good riddance, Randy Clark.

Gentlemen, I'm missing about 250 names. You all deserve to be mentioned. Just like you, I want people to know that I am a Mason. And just like you, I hope every day someone asks me about Masonry so I can tell our story. Maybe we can introduce Masonry to a new family. You know, that torchbearer thing. Sir Knights, welcome to Columbus. You have answered the call to serve York Rite Masonry. You've accepted the mantle of leadership. Our founding fathers fought for our country and our fraternity, and we find our face -- ourselves facing similar challenges today, spreading the word about Masonry in a divisive society, competing with things like the internet and streaming online. We have to gain the attention of the widows and Generation X to survive, gentlemen. We, like our brothers that handed this torch to us, stand on the front line of forging the future of Masonry and Knights Templar. I am proud to carry the torch with you. Thank you.

GRAND COMMANDER GANION: Thank you, Sir Knight Lipps for your Welcoming remarks of the Grand Commandery of Ohio, the best grand commandery in the world. You're not only here as a representative to the state of Ohio, but more especially, you're a representative -- you're a representative to the rest of the Sir Knights here. I love the way you spoke. I know that you're carrying the Masonic torch in your work. As a -- being one of our own Sir Knights, we appreciate the remarks that you have given us. I know that through thick and thin you have our backs. And, rightly so, we have your back. It's a -- a lawmaker is an unforgiving job. Like you said, you know, the lady was jumping on you because you didn't believe the way she did. That seems to be a major problem today. If you don't believe the way I do, you're worthless. I mean, seriously. We see this every day. I'm glad that we don't have that in our commandery. You know, we brought the -- we took a pledge to be brothers, and I'm pleased to say that we are brothers. But, more especially, I

think this knighthood is one of the strongest ties there is in the world. I mean, masonry's good. The commandery -- Knights Templar tie is the strongest there is.

I want to thank you for being here today. We take tips at the door. You know -- what was it? 10 cents a line or something on the -- a word.

SIR KNIGHT LIPPS: Oh, a word? Okay.

GRAND COMMANDER GANION: I didn't tell him that before he brought his speech in. It was on the side. It was on the side of the invite. But thank you, again, from myself and all the Sir Knights here, and the Sir Knights in the state of Ohio, for representing us as a state representative plus as a Mason. Thank you very much. And always remember, you can't please everybody. Scott, before you disappear, I want to give my personal thanks to you. Fellow Sir Knight, fellow illustrious brother, and the title I hold most dear, my friend, thank you very much for coming here with us today. Thank you.

Now it has come that time, so everybody, get your sleeping glasses on. Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander, would you assume command?

Good morning, Sir Knights. To the officers and members of this Grand Commandery of the Knights Templar of Ohio, welcome to the 182nd Annual Communications of the Grand Commandery of Ohio. I am duty-bound to give a summary of my activities and actions as grand commander. The details are in the preprint, and I will not be reciting that preprint in the record. Those of you that read the preprint, you probably know why. I will give a summary that will be as brief as possible, as I possibly can, while still fulfilling my responsibilities. I have sat through too many of those that went on too long, and I do not wish to put you through that.

I thank all Sir Knights for the trust you have placed in me and for the honor you have bestowed upon me to represent each of you as the grand commander of the Grand Commandery of the Knights Templar of Ohio, the greatest jurisdiction in the Grand Encampment, and I pray I have lived up to your expectations. I had the privilege of appointing several outstanding Sir Knights to their positions in the Grand Commandery to represent you this year. I want to thank each of them for their dedicated service to the Grand Commandery of Ohio and for saying yes and accompanying me on this journey.

I had the opportunity to make nine appointments, filling vacancies or changes, making it more likely that the grand representatives would be able to attend the grand sessions of the assigned state. I challenged each of the grand representatives that have been so assigned to do just that. It is vitally important that we get out and travel.

Dispensations. I issued a total of 17 dispensations and approved seven bylaw changes, which are detailed in the preprint on page 8.

Visitations. A complete list of my visitations is listed in the preprint, starting on page 10. Lady Debbie and I have thoroughly enjoyed our travels, especially the outward opportunity to represent the Sir Knights of Ohio to other jurisdictions.

I want to speak a little about Knights Templar, or some of them call it military balls. Lady Debbie and I were able to attend the Southwest Military Ball in Mason. Sadly, another event I had to attend that day prevented me from attending -- prevented us from attending the Northeast Division Military Ball. Lady Debbie and

I had a great time, and the hospitality exhibited at a Knights Templar ball is extraordinary. I strongly encourage each division of Ohio that does not have a Templar ball to start one.

Service awards. A complete list of the service awards for this year is in the preprint starting on page 15. There were a few that were extra special to me, but in the interest of time I will let you read them instead of reciting them for you now.

Funerals and memorial services. This is, of course, the most difficult duty that a grand commander has to perform. There were an extraordinary number of passings in the Grand Commandery this year. I did my best to attend as many funerals and memorial services as I could. Lady Debbie and I offer our most sincere condolences to the families and friends of these Sir Knights.

Grand Encampment Easter weekend. Ohio's participation in the Easter Sunrise Service at Arlington National Cemetery was, once again, an exceptional time. On Saturday, March 30th, we were honored to place a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknowns at Arlington National Cemetery. I consider this ceremony to be the high point of my year as grand commander. Ever since I realized that someday I might be Grand Commander, I have been looking forward to and planning that event. Following the wreath presentation, we were fortunate enough to be granted an incredible guided tour of the tomb guard's quarters. These young men and women could not be more friendly, informative, and respectful. The experience left me with tears in my eyes. I hope that that also was one of the high points of their Easter weekend. I am very happy that we got to see the unique, behind-the-scenes view of the innerworkings. Those of us that were on that tour will never forget it. My eternal thanks to the highly dedicated men and woman of the United States Army for allowing us a glimpse into their lives.

Unfortunately, the Easter sunrise service was held in the auditorium, not on the steps of the George Washington Masonic Memorial as in years past. It was still a very moving experience for knights from around the country. If you have never attended one of these Grand Encampment Easter events, you need to go.

Inspection season. Lady Debbie and I planned to visit each division at least twice during this past season. Though unforeseen circumstances did not allow us to visit each division twice, we did at least once. Lady Debbie and I thoroughly enjoyed traveling to inspections, and we want to thank all the Sir Knights and Ladies of the commanderies that we visited for their outstanding hospitality and their incredible generosity mentioned and gifts and donations that they made in our names. We were deeply touched by your generosity. I thank each of the Sir Knights that took the role of inspecting officer this year and for saying yes when I asked. I only had to make a couple of changes, replacements due to unforeseen circumstances and illnesses. I do wish to thank Sir Knights Randy Williams, Larry Rentz, Ron Richardson, and Robert Hager for quickly volunteering to step up and take additional inspections.

Membership. Sir Knights, many of you had a hand in contributing to a very successful -- successful Templar year, and I offer you my sincere thanks and to the Grand Commandery of Ohio. This year we had a net loss of only 147, or 2.6 percent, which is slightly more than the previous 2.8 percent loss, but not by much. The trend over the last three years is definitely an improvement in recruiting and retention. Like every grand commander, I had hoped for the first positive membership numbers in

recent years. Sadly, we had 214 losses attributable to Sir Knights who passed away. We cannot do anything about that, as there is just no escaping mortality.

I want to recognize Sir Knight David Kern once again for the extraordinary efforts he demonstrated as membership chairman this year. I am deeply grateful to him for the work that he has done in service to the Grand Commandery of Ohio. Dave was instrumental in the implementation of membership and retention programs and spearheading a very successful membership program. Despite all his efforts, Dave is just one man and he cannot change the membership program by himself. A membership chairman needs the support of the leadership of every division, eminent commander, and Sir Knights.

Probations. Along with the benefits and rewards of being a grand commander is the responsibility of maintaining the well-being of the Grand Commandery. This can be a daunting and overwhelming responsibility. Fortunately for the grand commander, some statutes and regulations are unambiguous and their implementation requires no interpretation, such as Section 176. Section 176 quoted statutes of the Grand Encampment of the United States of America and specifically states that “A commandery that fails to hold a conclave for twelve consecutive months or fails to knight a single candidate within such a period shall be placed on probation for the period of one year. And if it thereafter fails to hold a Conclave for the next twelve consecutive months or knight a single candidate within such period, its Charter may be arrested.

In accordance with this section of the Grand Encampment Code, I regretfully took the following actions. As of June 1st, 2024, the following commanderies were placed on probation for failing to knight a single candidate in the past 12-month period: Marion Number 36 in the Northwestern Division, Eu-Tah Number 66 in the Northwestern Division, and Allenby Number 73 in the Northeastern Division. The responsibility of this failure, along with the responsibility of being placed on probation, rests squarely on the shoulders of the eminent commander along with the Sir Knights of each of these commanderies.

Last year there were nine commanderies placed on probation for not knighting a single candidate, and I do take solace in the fact that there were only three this year. That is an improvement. And I do wish to note that each of the nine that were placed on probation last year did knight at least one this year, and they are hereby off probation. I am hoping that the next grand commander does not have to take this action.

Charities. As you will hear from our Eye Foundation chairman, Ohio ranked first throughout the Grand Encampment, once again, in dollars contributed during the campaign which ended May 5th, 2024. The Sir Knights of Ohio are very well known for their generosity. One special treat that I was thrilled to do was joining in the presentation of the Sword of Merit on June 27th for Sir Knight Tommie E. Leininger, of Sidney Commandery Number 46, for his outstanding donations to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation.

Drill teams. I am a drill guy and have promoted drill participation throughout my travels. Coming out of COVID, competition participation had plummeted, which made it questionable whether we could continue having drill competitions in conjunction with the Grand Commandery session due to the expense and level of effort involved in putting it all together. When I was planning this year,

I had set an arbitrary threshold that we had to have 12 teams taking the floor in 2023, or else I would exercise the options in the contract and cancel Saturday's drill session and Saturday activities and hold the drill competition sometime over the summer. Thankfully for me, we had 13 teams that competed in 2023. I am very excited that participation is again increasing, as drill is an important part of what we do. At the drill captain meeting in July, there were 18 teams registered to compete tomorrow. I'm hoping that there will be more, especially in the Asylum drills category, as that is great practice for full form openings. Every commandery should be participating in one of these.

We also promoted competing at the Grand Encampment triennial. This became a challenge, as most participants would have to travel to Salt Lake City, Utah. I am very happy to report that we had four teams form and compete. Class B a 21-man team, and a Class C 12-man team, and two Class D seven-man teams, and each of them came home with trophies. Congratulations and thank you, Sir Knights who attended, for showing how Ohio gets it done.

While on the subject of the triennial, in the case that you have not heard, Grand Encampment passed and we are now permitted to have the candidate in the room for the full form opening when the full form opening is conferred before the order of to the Temple on the same day. I do wish to thank Sir Knight Marty Trent and Sir Knight Jerry Pugh for their assistance in helping me draft that legislation.

I wish to thank each of the past grand commanders for their dedication and support and their effort, working for this, the Grand Commandery of the -- the best Grand Commandery of the Grand Encampment and for their mentorship, and I could only hope that they have found me worthy to follow in their footsteps. To the past grand commanders, I have, as have others, always been watching you and learning from your shining example.

My first exposure to a Masonic Templary was at a Masonic event shortly after becoming a master Mason, as they performed a presentation of colors, a simple act, but they made such an impression that I vowed to one day become one of them. My theme this year was Let Your Light So Shine. We, as Templars, are the shining stars and the epitome of Christian York Rite Masonry. As such, we should, as we have always heard repeatedly in our ritual, ever act and walk as such in both our public and private lives. We never know when someone is watching us.

Now as is custom, I do have a couple of observations and recommendations to make for consideration by our future leaders. One is something that's been bothering me for a while, but became more to the forefront, as I have heard similar comments in our travels. I do not want to see the day in Ohio where we have to rely upon "traveling degree teams" or, like some other Masonic bodies, where a designated cast confers the work and all candidates are sitting on the sideline. like the Scottish Rite. And in some of those other bodies, it is not a requirement for the officers to confer a part according to their office. That may be their candidate initiation model, but it is not ours. We Knights Templar expect and require our officers to confirm the orders.

I believe that relying too heavily on classes and festivals diminishes us. We need to remember that one of the purposes of performing a ritual is to have a personalized bonding experience between us and the new initiate, for them to get to know us and for us to get to know them. We should all resolve to never stoop, to

lower our standards, just because it may be more expedient. When the standards are lowered, so is the goal. Aim low, and that is where you will go. It is not easy, but as Annie Oakley always said, No, maybe not the first time or the second, maybe not the third; but keep on aiming and keep on shooting, for only practice will make you perfect.

My second recommendation, we need to take a serious look at streamlining this Grand York Rite Conclave week. For those of you that have been staying all week, I know you just love having to send in three different reservation forms and making three separate hotel reservations, hoping that the hotel will work with you, that you can stay in the same room all week. In my travels to other jurisdictions, I observed that many of them, if not most, have a York Rite Committee that takes care of all of the administrative functions and reservations and setup under a single group contract. If we could do that in Ohio and potentially get better volume deals from the hotels, we could shorten the time it takes to hold these conclaves and reduce the cost burden on our members. We want our members to be in attendance, but we seem to somehow make it unnecessarily difficult, time consuming, and expensive. We need to do this better and more efficiently. I challenge the upcoming grand officers to take a serious look at this.

I'm almost at the end. Lady Debbie and I traveled extensively in representing the Ohio Knights Templar as listed in the preprint. There were two Ohio sessions that we could not overcome scheduling conflicts. I do wish to thank Sir Knight Larry Rentz for carrying my proxy and representing me in the Grand Court of Ohio and Sir Knight Dale Exline for representing me at Ohio DeMolay. I also wish to thank, again, some of the Sir Knights that have been with me this year, my appointed officers, for saying yes. I hope you had a great time and a fun year in your travels as a grand officer.

I wish to say special appreciation to Sir Knight Jim Haugen who served both as -- he along with lady Joyce traveled extensively with us this year. You two have been with us throughout the years not only with the commandery, but also many if not all of the grand bodies that we belong to. You have exemplified Lady Debbie's model for the year. We met as strangers, became friends, and we are now family.

To our Grand Recorder, Sir Knight Al Johnson, thank you very much for all the hard work you do behind the scenes. You kept me in line. He has let me know what was coming up. If there's something that needed done, he gave me that voice of reason when something I was doing had gone astray. Thank you.

And thank you to each of you, Sir Knights. Your presence here today speaks of your support and love for this fraternity. The position of grand commander has to be earned in the Grand Commandery throughout every successful -- successive elected office. Those that we serve have the power to remove us from the line anytime they see fit. I deeply appreciate each and every Sir Knight who has allowed me to progress to this position. I have done my best to support you and to serve you to the best of my ability. I have never taken the honor that you have conferred upon me for granted.

She is not here, but to my Lady Debbie, you have been there by my side all these years. I remember back when I was a new Sir Knight, being asked to fill in as sword bearer in my commandery. I didn't have a clue what that meant or what that step would lead to. A few of the past commanders of Dayton Commandery

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unfortunately they're not here -- told me that I needed to attend sessions, that I might bring Debbie along as there will be several Ladies there, and there'll be a nice dinner, too. As you can imagine, Debbie did not really want to go, but she did, even though she didn't know anybody, and she went. The next week, they got me again to go, grabbed me by the shoulder, and really didn't give me any option. And she, again, grudgingly went along. The third week, I didn't want to go, but she said I could stay home. She was going with or without me so that she could visit with, as she calls them, her Ladies, the friends she had made. Ever since we have been in this journey together side by side, I could not and would not have made this journey without her. A man's most precious jewel is the woman who walks by his side.

The Savior's light so shined before men that they may hear your good works and glorify your Father, which is in Heaven. Our opportunities to shine are limitless. They surround us each day. To each of the officers elected or appointed to the coming year, I wish you all the best. I am confident that our beloved Templar fraternity will be in good hands under your leadership. Lady Debbie and I are truly blessed to have been given the opportunity to represent the Sir Knights and Ladies under the jurisdiction of the Ohio Grand Commandery. Thank you for allowing me the honor to serve you, and may God bless you all. Respectfully submitted, Sir Knight Richard L. Ganion, Knight Commander of the Templar, Grand Commander.

SIR KNIGHT BONER: Knights, it is with pleasure, that I rise to move that the report of the Grand Commander be approved as amended and his actions and decisions be endorsed and adopted.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Second.

DEPUTY GRAND COMMANDER ENSELL: Sir Knights, it's been moved and seconded that the report of the Grand Commander be approved and accepted, and actions, additions, and endorsements adopted. Is there any discussion? Hearing none, we will proceed to vote. All in favor, vote by extending your sword arm. Opposed, bridle arm.

GRAND COMMANDER GANION: Motion carried. Thank you, Sir Knights. Love you all. Somebody that was up here left a phone. Right Eminent Grand Prelate Sir Knight Ron Richardson, please give your Necrology report.

GRAND PRELATE RICHARDSON: Right Eminent Grand Commander, distinguished guests, Sir Knights all, we cannot be too often reminded that we are going to die. The fact that we all deal with in our own way, but a fact that we must deal with eventually. I understand that my God has a plan and I cannot change that plan. I accept that without question. However, I do struggle with the loss of my fellow Sir Knights.

This year the Grand Commandery of Ohio lost 214 individuals that every person in this room has known, many of whom were mentors and even petition signers to people in this room. Their swords have been returned to their scabbards, never to be drawn again. Their physical bodies are gone but their memory lives on

forever in terms of life eternal. No one can take that away, and we continue to live with the knowledge that someday our God will reunite us.

At this time, Sir Knight William Koon will give the eulogy for two former grand officers of the Grand Encampment Knights Templar of the United States of America.

SIR KNIGHT KOON: Good morning. James Morris Ward was born on August the 10th, 1950 and departed on March the 25th, 2024. Sir Knight Thurmond Pace was born on January 23, 1924 and passed to his eternal reward on January 21st, 2024. I have been asked to provide obituaries for these two very active Templars.

Jim Ward served the Grand Encampment as its Grand Master during the 1999-2000 triennium. Thurmond Pace was elected an Honorary Past Grand Master of our Grand Encampment in 2006. They were friends and contemporaries, and I served in various positions under their leadership in several Masonic bodies. Their leadership positions in our fraternity ended nearly 20 years ago, and I'm sure many of you know their names but did not know them personally. Therefore, I will not list their accomplishments at this time but their complete obituaries will appear in our proceedings for those of you who may be interested.

During the years that I served with these two, I learned many lessons and am grateful for having that opportunity. They both left me with important lessons with both things you should do and things you should never do. Both were charismatic leaders, impressive speakers, and inspired others to do their best for the fraternity. They had many things in common, and both would be loved by those that knew them. They left lasting impressions on those who crossed their paths.

However, both of these men define two very different views of what leadership really means, different results following their times in office. One left an indelible mark on every Masonic office he ever had. Every order he served was much improved and better than it had been when he came to office. One implemented important changes that are still found and enjoyed today by those of us that are involved with those orders. One never simply collected a title and left with another listing on his resume, but, rather, improved the Masonic body he was leading. His accomplishments in at least three orders are serving us well, although he is no longer with us. The other was flamboyant, and everyone looked forward to hearing him speak, anxiously awaited his remarks. But at the end of it, none of them they couldn't recall anything of value he spoke about. While he organized and presided extremely well over many orders he led, there is very little achieved from his service. He collected many titles but left few accomplishments. His resume is massive, but I can only think of one thing that he did that is still with us 20 years later and that is only a slogan that he came up with. It is ironic that they died just two months apart and had been close friends. These men leave a stark illustration of two completely different types of leadership that make up our fraternity. One was a builder and the other merely a placeholder.

It is an abject lesson to many of us. Many in this room have held leadership positions. What kind of a leader are you? What kind of a leader do you want to be? Do you want to be -- do you want a massive resume of Masonic service, or do you want to be remembered for what you accomplished? There are but two men alive who can speak to the accomplishments of the placeholder, and neither of us will

discuss it with everyone. We did our jobs. We served our leader with style and grace. But in the words of my dear friend, if you can't say anything good, then say nothing. Thank you.

GRAND COMMANDER GANION: Sir Knights, attention. Uncover.

GRAND PRELATE RICHARDSON: Almighty God, receive these souls into your heavenly mansion, prepared for your heavenly followers. Keep them in your loving arms until we will meet them again. Amen.

GRAND COMMANDER GANION: Sir Knights, recover. Be seated.

GRAND PRELATE RICHARDSON: Right Eminent Grand Commander, that concludes the Necrology Report.

GRAND COMMANDER GANION: Do I have a motion?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Motion to approve the report.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Second.

GRAND COMMANDER GANION: All in favor, extend sword arm. Opposed, bridle arm.

GRAND COMMANDER GANION: Motion carries. Did we already do the committee reports?

GRAND RECORDER JOHNSON: That's next.

GRAND COMMANDER GANION: Go ahead.

GRAND RECORDER JOHNSON: Right Eminent Grand Commander, before I make that motion, I did get a report from the Credentials Committee. At this time, we have 204 voting delegates present and 34 non-voting delegate people. There will be a complete report after lunch, but there are these commanderies that need to report to the registration table to complete something. Cyrene Number 10, Elyria Number 60, Fremont Number 56, Marion Number 36, and Jerusalem Number 75. If they would please report to the registration to get that cleared up.

Next, the preprints are 55 – 53 pages long. They are over here to my left, to your right, on the table. Each of you is welcome to one of those reports if you would like. Please don't just leave them around, though. If you're going to read them, you are most welcome to have them. Also, you can have them digitally. If you would send me an email, I'll send you a digital copy instead of the printed copy.

Next to them are -- is a copy of the proposed budget that our past Grand Master will be presenting to you a little later. You are also welcome to that, but we certainly ask that you not leave that laying around. Our finances really are not

something that needs to interest somebody else. You are welcome to know all about them, and we will be glad to answer any questions you may have. But I would move that those committee reports be approved as printed.

GRAND COMMANDER GANION: Is there a second?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Second.

GRAND COMMANDER GANION: Sir Knights, it has been moved and seconded to receive and approve the committee reports as preprinted. Is there any discussion? Hearing none, all in favor extend sword arm. Opposed, bridle arm. Motion carries.



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Right Eminent Grand Commander

2023-2024

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182nd Conclave
**Grand Commandery of Knights
Templar of Ohio**

Crown Plaza Columbus North
October 10, 11 and 12, 2024
Right Eminent Grand Commander
Richard L. Ganion, KCT

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THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF THE STATE OF OHIO

October 2023

The 181st Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Ohio was held on October 5, 6 and 7, 2023 at the Crowne Plaza Columbus North.

Sir Knight Dale A. Olson, our Right Eminent Grand Commander, presided. He and our Grand Officers entered between lines formed by Sir Knights from the Southwestern Division.

All sixty-three Constituent Commanderies of this Grand Commandery were represented. All of the Grand Officers were present. All of our living Past Grand Commanders were present except Sir Knights Richard L. Weaver, Richard M. Holcombe, S. Thomas Ramsay, Thomas H. Gault and Terry L. Wymer.

Attendance was reported as follows: Grand Officers 28; Past Grand Commanders 14; Commanders 48; Generalissimos 20; Captains General 19; Past Commanders 73 and 3 Proxies, giving us 205 voting delegates. We also had 25 non-voting members of Ohio Commanderies and 13 out of state guests.

We had many Distinguished guests from Ohio and out of state, plus the Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, SK David J. Kussman, our own Past Grand Master from Ohio, SK William H. Koon II, and our own East Central Department Commander, SK Martin R. Trent. All of the distinguished guests were afforded the proper Templar honors, including our Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, SK Steven M. Grindle.

The Grand Recorder reported that the Annual Returns for the year ending May 31, 2023 showed 64 (now 63) Commanderies. He also reported that during the year we had the following gains and losses:

Membership as of June 1, 2022		5871
	This year	Last year
Knightings	211	302
Admitted on demit	55	190 (skewed by mergers)
Reinstated	28	27
Total Additions	294	519

Deaths	262	274
Withdrawals	60	201(skewed by mergers)
Suspensions - NPD	46	10
Suspensions - N/A	88	78
Corrections	2	0
Total Losses	458	563
Membership as of May 31, 2023		5707
Net Loss	164	44

The trophy for the most knightings went to the West Central Division with 46 knightings.

Updated digital copies of our Statutes are available by requesting them from the Grand Recorder.

The Finance Committee presented a budget for the 2023-2024 Templar Year showing income and expenses of \$134,722.50.

During the weekend the College of Honors presented the following awards:

Knight Templar Cross of Honor

Ronald E. Cramblit, a Past Commander of Highland Commandery No. 31

Larry G. Moore, a Past Commander of Oriental Commandery No. 12

Knight Commander of the Temple

Larry A. Rentz, a Past Commander of DeMolay Commandery No. 9

D. Richard Heldman, a member of Cuyahoga Falls Commandery No. 83

Stephen E. Roth, a Past Commander of Findlay Commandery No. 49

Jeffery M. Gallaher, a Past Commander of Hope Commandery No. 26

Companion of the Temple

Four were approved and will be presented at Division functions.

The Divine Service was held on Thursday afternoon. The offering was \$787.00 and will go to the Knight Templar Holy Land Pilgrimage Fund. We are planning to send five ministers in February of 2024.

During this past year we were saddened to lose one of our Past Grand Commanders: SK Dennis L. Hughes.

The Installation of Officers and Awards Banquet were held on Saturday, October 7, 2023. Our Past Grand Commander SK Martin R. Trent had the privilege of installing SK Richard L. Ganion as our new Right Eminent Grand Commander, along with our corps of Grand Officers. SK Gerald G. Pugh served as the Installing Marshal and SK Franklin C. Boner served as Installing Prelate. SK Ronald L. Vickers presented our retiring REGC with his Past Grand Commander’s jewel.

We were pleased to again have our Drill Competition and also our Ritual Competition.

Ritual Competition Results

5 th Libation			
Jay Kennedy	Cincinnati No. 3		1 st
Joshua Grove	Akron No. 25		2 nd
Ode to the Skull			
Jay Kennedy	Cincinnati No. 3		1 st
David Gizzo	Columbus No. 69		2 nd
Flag Lecture			
Tom Gartner	St. Luke’s No. 34		1 st
Steve Roth	Findlay No. 49		2 nd
Junior Warden’s address			
Charles Thackery	Jerusalem No. 75		1 st
Wayne Seibert	Valley No. 80/Miami No. 22		2 nd
Prelate’s Address			
Jay Kennedy	Cincinnati No. 3		1 st
George Moore	Sidney No. 46		2 nd

Drill Results

C-15 Field	
1 st - West Central Division	
D-7 Field	
1 st – Sidney 46 – Smith	938
2 nd – Palestine 33 – Stewart	937
3 rd – Eagle 29 – Johnson	924

4 th – Jerusalem 75 – Smith	921
5 th – Findlay 49 – Eakin	915
C-6 Asylum	
1 st – Valley 80 – Fair	873
2 nd – Reed 6 – Keller	835
D-6 Asylum	
1 st – Bryan 74 – Crouch	915
2 nd – Columbus 69 - Flanigan	884
3 rd – East Central Div. - French	853
4 th – Medina 84 – Gregory	851
5 th – Defiance 30 – Cripps	834
Ned E. Dull Drill Captain's Award	
Zac Stewart	Palestine 33
Doug Smith	Sidney 46/Jerusalem 75
Joseph J Fair	Valley 80
Ken Crouch	Bryan 74
Bruce Basil Drill Captain's Award	
Mike Flanigan	Columbus 69
Aaron French	East Central Division
Wayne Cripps	Defiance 30

The 182nd Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery
Knights Templar of Ohio will be held at the Crowne Plaza Columbus
North, Worthington Ohio, on October 10, 11 and 12, 2024.

Fraternally submitted,
Al Johnson, Grand Recorder

2023-2024 GRAND COMMANDER'S REPORT

To the Officers and members of the Grand and constituent commanderies of Knights Templar of Ohio, welcome to the 182nd Annual Communication of the Grand Commandery of Ohio.

I am duty-bound to give a summary of my activities and actions as Grand Commander. This information will be contained in the pre-print, I will not be delivering it in its entirety as a verbal allocution during the conclave, rather at that time I will give a summary that will be as brief as I can possibly make it while still fulfilling my responsibilities. I have sat through too many that went on all-too-long, and do not wish to put you through that.

I thank all the Sir Knights of Ohio for the trust you have placed in me, and for the honor you bestowed upon me by electing me to represent each of you as Grand Commander of THE Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Ohio: THE greatest jurisdiction in the Grand Encampment. I pray that I have lived up to your expectations.

Listed below is a detailed list of activities and actions taken this year:

General Orders and Supplemental Instructions:

Effective 7 October 2023, I issued a series of General Orders numbered 1 through 16 along with supplemental instructions to accompany those General Orders. These Orders and Supplemental Instructions are provided in another section of these proceedings and there is no need for me to include them here.

Appointments:

In my capacity as Grand Commander, I was given the honor of appointing the following individuals to various Grand Commandery positions. I want to thank them all for their dedicated service to the Sir Knights of the Grand Commandery of Ohio. Well done Sir Knights!

Grand Officers:

Sir Knight Ronnie R. Richardson

Eminent Grand Prelate

Sir Knight John P. Pience	Eminent Grand Standard Bearer
Sir Knight Michael F. Lindsey	Eminent Grand Sword Bearer
Sir Knight James A. Haugen	Eminent Grand Warder
Sir Knight Ronald E. Shaw	Eminent Grand Sentinel
Sir Knight David R. Leytze	Eminent Grand Musician
Sir Knight Robert C. Hager	Eminent Associate Grand
Recorder	

Division Commanders: Division:

Sir Knight Stephen E. Roth	Northwestern
Sir Knight John P. Pience	West Central
Sir Knight Timothy O. Ralston	Southwestern
Sir Knight Larry E. Byer	Southeastern
Sir Knight Randy A. Williams	East Central
Sir Knight Larry H. Haines	North Central
Sir Knight Joshua J. Grove	Northeastern

Deputy Division Commanders: Division:

Sir Knight William Windnagel	Northwestern
Sir Knight Kyle J. Binkley	West Central
Sir Knight David S. Howe	Southwestern
Sir Knight Gary A. Coleman	Southeastern
Sir Knight David P. Welch	East Central
Sir Knight David P. Dauterman	North Central
Sir Knight Ronald B. Lankford	Northeastern

Aide to the Right Eminent Grand Commander:

Sir Knight Robert E. Lindsey	Grand Aide
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Grand Representatives:

Sir Knight Kyle J. Binkley	Grand Representative to California
Sir Knight William Windnagel	Grand Representative to Florida
Sir Knight John P. Pience	Grand Representative to Georgia
Sir Knight David P. Welch	Grand Representative to Idaho
Sir Knight Lloyd Eichenlaub	Grand Representative to Illinois

Sir Knight David S. Howe	Grand Representative to Iowa
Sir Knight Robert C. Hager	Grand Representative to Louisiana
Sir Knight David Dauterman	Grand Representative to N. Hampshire
Sir Knight Stephen E. Roth	Grand Representative to Pennsylvania

Committees:

The following committee assignment changes were made:

Charters and Dispensations Committee:

Sir Knight Martin R. Trent, KCT replaced SK Richard M. Holcombe, KCT

Visitors Committee:

Sir Knight Larry E. Byer, KCT replaced SK Kenneth L. Crouch, KCT

Grievances Committee:

Sir Knight Ronald L. Vicars replaced SK Dennis L. Hughes, KCT

Sir Knight Richard J. Brady, KCT appointed Chairman

69th Triennial Committee:

Sir Knight William H. Koon II, GCT

Sir Knight Martin R. Trent, KCT

Grand Commander

Grand Recorder

Drills Committee:

Sir Knight Gerald G. Pugh, KCT – Chairman

Sir Knight R. Thomas Starr, KCT replaced Sir Knight Dennis L. Wilhelm, KCT

Sir Knight Benjamin Okwumabua replaced Sir Knight Kenneth L. Crouch, KCT

Sir Knight Larry H. Haines removed

Grand Officer Leadership Committee:

Sir Knight Franklin C. Boner, KCT – Chairman

Sir Knight Robert C. Hager, KCT replaced Sir Knight Richard J. Brady, KCT

Webmaster:

Sir Knight R. Thomas Starr reappointed as temporary webmaster.

Dispensations:

The following dispensations were requested in proper format through the chain of command and were granted:

A dispensation was requested and granted authorizing Jerusalem Commandery # 75 to continue to meet at King Hiram Lodge # 88. In addition, this dispensation allows Jerusalem # 75 to hold their annual inspection on 22 April 2023 in the asylum of Valley Commandery.

A dispensation was requested and granted authorizing Steubenville # 11 to continue to meet in the Toronto Masonic Center.

A dispensation was requested and granted authorizing Pilgrim Commandery # 55 to hold Stated or Special Conclaves at the Wellsville Masonic Center.

A dispensation was requested and granted authorizing St. Omer Commandery # 59 to hold their annual inspection in the asylum of Sylvian Pyramid Lodge on March 4th, 2023. All other aspects of the inspection remain the same.

A dispensation was requested and granted authorizing Pilgrim Commandery No. 55 to hold their Annual Inspection at the Salem Masonic Temple, located at 788 East State Street, Salem, Ohio 44460. In the event that circumstances require the rescheduling of the inspection, this dispensation shall remain in effect until the final day of the inspection season.

A dispensation was requested and granted authorizing Mansfield Commandery # 21 to hold Stated or Special Conclaves at Galion Lodge # 414 located at 1252 State Route 598, Galion Ohio 44833. This dispensation remains in effect until 12:59 pm EST on October 6th, 2023, or until the Commandery secures an alternate location to meet, whichever occurs first.

A dispensation was requested and granted authorizing Hanselmann Commandery # 16 to hold a special election and installation of officers at their stated conclave on 19 October 2023. The

election is for the purpose of electing an Eminent Commander and any lesser ranking station resulting from this election.

A dispensation was requested and granted authorizing Jerusalem Commandery # 75, located at West Alexandria, Ohio 45381 to hold a Special Election for the purpose of electing a SK to fill the vacated position of Junior Warden and any other resulting vacated positions. This dispensation is issued in accordance with Section 76 of the Grand Encampment Code. The election is to be held during the Stated Conclave on 9/11/2023.

A dispensation was requested and granted authorizing Sidney Commandery No. 46 to perform the Order of Red Cross and the Order of Malta, on March 19, 2024 in Hamer Lodge No. 167, located at 932 W. Auglaize Street, Wapakoneta, Ohio 45895

A dispensation was requested and granted authorizing Sidney Commandery No. 46 to confer the Order of Red Cross and the Order of Malta, on May 30, 2024 at Hamer Lodge No. 167, located at 932 W. Auglaize Street, Wapakoneta, Ohio 45895

A dispensation was requested and granted any member of Ohio Grand Commanderies to attend, participate and/or witness all the Orders at the Angola Preceptory #2 All Order Day, March 2nd 2024, to be held in Angola, Indiana

A dispensation was requested and granted authorizing Highland Commandery # 31 to hold a special election and installation of officers at their stated conclave on 26 September 2024 for the purpose of filling the vacant position of Warden and any other station resulting from this election. This dispensation is issued in accordance with Section 76 of the Grand Encampment Code.

A dispensation was requested and granted authorizing St. Omer Commandery # 59 to hold a special election and installation of officers at their stated conclave on 11 September 2024 for the purpose of filling the vacant position of Recorder and any other station resulting from this election. This dispensation is issued in accordance with Section 76 of the Grand Encampment Code.

A dispensation was requested and granted authorizing Cambridge Commandery # 47 to hold a special election and installation of officers at their stated conclave on 18 September 2024 for the purpose of filling the vacant position of Recorder and any other station resulting from this election. This dispensation is issued in accordance with Section 76 of the Grand Encampment Code.

A dispensation was requested and granted authorizing Jerusalem Commandery # 75 to hold a special election and installation of officers at their stated conclave on 9 September 2024 for the purpose of filling the vacant position of Treasurer and any other station resulting from this election. This dispensation is issued in accordance with Section 76 of the Grand Encampment Code.

A dispensation was requested and granted authorizing Mt. Vernon Commandery # 1 to hold a special election and installation of officers at their stated conclave on 25 September 2024 for the purpose of filling the vacant position of Treasurer and any other station resulting from this election. This dispensation is issued in accordance with Section 76 of the Grand Encampment Code.

A dispensation was requested and granted authorizing Eu Tah Commandery # 66 to hold a special election and installation of officers at their stated conclave on 18 September 2024 for the purpose of filling the vacant position of Captain General and any other station resulting from this election. This dispensation is issued in accordance with Section 76 of the Grand Encampment Code.

By-Laws Changes:

The following By-Laws changes were submitted in the proper format through the chain of command and were approved by the Grand Commander:

By-laws changes were approved for Mt Vernon Commandery No. 1 to change their meeting date.

By-laws changes were approved for Freemont Commandery No 56 to change meeting dates and fees.

By-laws changes were approved for St John's Commandery No 20 to change fees.

By-laws changes were approved for Pilgrim Commandery No 55 to change fees.

By-laws changes were approved for Akron Commandery No 25 to change fees.

By-laws changes were approved for Hanselmann Commandery No 16 to change fees.

By-laws changes were approved for Sidney Commandery No 46 to change fees.

Proxies Issued:

The following proxies were issued to individuals in order to represent me as your representative to the Grand Commandery of Ohio at various events.

Sir Knight Paul A. Weglage, MWGM: To represent me at any time during my term as Grand Commander at any activity.

Sir Knight Larry A Rentz: To represent me at the Grand Court of Ohio, Order of Amaranth.

Sir Knight Dale A Exline: To represent me at the Ohio DeMolay Conclave

I want to thank these Sir Knights for taking time out of their schedules to represent me and the Grand Commandery of Ohio.

York Rite Festivals attended:

West Central Division York Rite Festival in Dayton, Ohio

Southwestern Division York Rite Festival in Mason, Ohio

East Central Division York Rite Festival in Columbus, Ohio

Knights Templar Military Balls attended:

East Central Division Military Ball in Zanesville, Ohio

Southwestern Division Military Ball in Mason, Ohio

A schedule conflict prevented us from attending the Northeastern Division Military Ball.

Lady Debbie and I had a great time at each of these. The hospitality and comradery exhibited at the Military Balls is extraordinary. I strongly encourage each Division in Ohio that does not have one to plan a Templar Military Ball and start organizing! You will not regret it.

Grand Lodge Annual Communications:

Ohio Grand Lodge

Grand Commandery Conclave Visitations:

Grand Commandery of Ohio

Grand Commandery of Tennessee

Grand Commandery of Indiana

Grand Commandery of Illinois

Grand Commandery of Kentucky

Grand Commandery of Michigan

Grand Commandery of Ohio Prince Hall
Grand Encampment 69th Triennial Conclave

Other Masonic Body Visitations:

Oct. 9, 2023 AASR Valley of Dayton Veterans recognition dinner
Oct. 11, 2023 Harvest Chapter #564 OES stated
Oct. 13, 2023 West Central Div. CTA carry-in w/Ladies, instructional program
Oct. 14, 2023 Grotto outing to Valley Vineyards
Oct. 16, 2023 High-12 meeting, Dayton #69 chapter
Oct. 16, 2023 Valley Commandery #80 carry-in w/Ladies and stated conclave
Oct. 17, 2023 Reed Commandery #6 stated conclave
Oct. 18, 2023 Harvest Chapter #564 meeting and installation practice
Oct. 19-20, 2023 Grand Lodge of Ohio annual convention
Oct. 25, 2023 Harvest Chapter #564 OES Officer Installation
Oct. 26, 2023 Miami Valley York Rite College #193 meeting and conferral
Oct. 28, 2023 Grand High Priest and Grand Ill Master Reception
Oct.30, 2023 Herbert T Leyland AMD dinner and stated
Oct. 31, 2023 Mariners Club meeting, Dayton Masonic Center
Nov. 1, 2023 DDGM Installation, 2nd Masonic District
Nov. 2, 2023 Huber Heights Lodge #777 stated
Nov. 3, 2023 West Central Div. CTA carry-in w/Ladies, instructional program
Nov. 4, 2023 Ohio Priory #18 KYCH annual meeting
Nov. 6, 2023 High-12 meeting, Dayton #69 chapter
Nov. 6, 2023 Valley #80 stated conclave
Nov. 7, 2023 Membership meeting
Nov. 7, 2023 Alpha Lodge #729 awards night
Nov. 8, 2023 Arabic Club meeting, Dayton Masonic Center
Nov. 8, 2023 Harvest Chapter #564 OES stated
Nov. 9, 2023 Jacob Eby # 571 OES installation
Nov. 10, 2023 Valley of Dayton Fall Reunion
Nov. 11, 2023 Valley of Dayton Fall Reunion
Nov. 15, 2023 Reception planning meeting
Nov. 17, 2023 INRI Chapter #17, Knights of ACON meeting

Nov. 18, 2023 Grand Commandery Grand Officers meeting & Reception

Nov. 20, 2023 High-12 meeting, Dayton #69 chapter

Nov. 20, 2023 Valley Commandery #80 carry-in w/Ladies and stated conclave

Nov. 21, 2023 Reed Commandery #6 carry-in w/Ladies, awards night

Nov. 26, 2023 National Sojourners Heroes of '76 rehearsal

Nov. 28, 2023 Reed Commandery #6 ORC & OM conferral

Nov. 29, 2023 National Sojourners Heroes of '76 conferral

Dec. 2-9, 2023 Grand Commander Caribbean Cruise

Dec. 10, 2023 West Central Division Christmas Observance

Dec. 12, 2023 Reed Commandery #6 carry-in w/Ladies and Christmas Observance

Dec. 13, 2023 Holy Grail Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine

Dec. 16, 2023 Jacob Eby Chapter #571 OES Breakfast

Dec. 18, 2023 Valley Commandery #80 stated, Christmas, and carry-in w/Ladies

Dec. 19, 2023 Unity Chapter #16 stated meeting

Dec. 19, 2023 Reed Commandery #6 stated conclave

Dec. 21, 2023 Reese Council #9 stated meeting

Dec. 21, 2023 Huber Heights Lodge #777 stated meeting

Dec. 14, 2023 Harvest Chapter #564 OES charities committee

Dec. 13, 2023 Unity #16 RAM PM Degree practice

Jan. 2, 2024 Reed Commandery #6 dinner w/Ladies and stated conclave

Jan. 4, 2024 Huber Heights Lodge #777 stated meeting

Jan. 5, 2024 Grand High Priest's Lodge inspection visitation

Jan. 6, 2024 Reed Commandery #6 Inspection

Jan. 10, 2024 Harvest Chapter #564 OES stated

Jan. 13, 2024 Toledo Commandery #7 Inspection

Jan. 15, 2024 High-12 meeting, Dayton #69 chapter

Jan. 15, 2024 Valley Commandery #80 stated & dinner w/Ladies

Jan. 16, 2024 Reed Commandery #6 stated conclave

Jan. 18, 2024 National Sojourners Heroes of '76 conferral

Jan. 20, 2024 Marietta Commandery # 50 Inspection

Jan. 24, 2024 Harvest Chapter #564 OES stated

Jan. 25, 2024 Miami Valley KYCH Club dinner

Jan. 27, 2024 Highland Commandery #31 Inspection
Jan. 29, 2024 Worshipful Grand Master's Lodge inspection visitation
Jan. 30, 2024 Mariners Club meeting, Dayton Masonic Center
Jan. 30, 2024 Huber Heights Rainbow Assembly board meeting
Feb. 1, 2024 Huber Heights Lodge #777 stated meeting
Feb. 3, 2024 Raper Commandery #19 inspection
Feb. 5, 2024 High-12 meeting, Dayton #69 chapter
Feb. 5, 2024 Valley Commandery #80 stated
Feb. 6, 2024 Reed Commandery #6 stated & dinner w/Ladies
Feb. 10, 2024 Oriental Commandery #12 inspection
Feb. 19, 2024 Jackson Commandery #53 inspection
Feb. 19, 2024 High-12 meeting, Dayton #69 chapter
Feb. 19, 2024 Valley Commandery #80 stated and carry-in w/Ladies
Feb. 20, 2024 Reed Commandery #6 stated
Feb. 21, 2024 Valley of Dayton AASR evening w/Bufalo Bill
Feb. 22, 2024 Huber Heights Lodge #777 inspection
Feb. 23, 2024 Antioch Shrine fish fry
Feb. 24, 2024 Calvary Commandery # 13 inspection
Feb. 26, 2024 DMC Festival – Mark Master Inspection
Feb. 27, 2024 DMC Festival = Past Master Inspection
Feb. 28, 2024 DMC Festival – Most Excellent Master Inspection
Feb. 29, 2024 DMC Festival – Royal Arch Inspection
Mar. 2, 2024 Eagle Commandery #29 inspection
Mar. 4, 2024 High-12 meeting, Dayton #69 chapter
Mar. 4, 2024 Valley Commandery #80 stated
Mar. 5, 2024 Reed Commandery #6 stated & dinner w/Ladies
Mar. 7, 2024 Huber Heights Lodge #777 stated
Mar. 8-9, 2024 East Central Department Conference
Mar. 12, 2024 Reed Commandery #6 Order of Temple
Mar. 13, 2024 Arabic Club meeting, Dayton Masonic Center
Mar. 13, 2024 Holy Grail Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine
Mar. 15, 2024 Miami Commandery #22 Order of Temple
Mar. 16, 2024 Ivanhoe Commandery #54 inspection
Mar. 18, 2024 High-12 meeting, Dayton #69 chapter
Mar. 18, 2024 Valley Commandery #80 stated & carry-in w/Ladies
Mar. 19, 2024 Unity Chapter #16 RAM stated
Mar. 19, 2024 Worthy Grand Patron's Lodge inspection

Mar. 20, 2024 Eminent Prior's Lodge inspection
Mar. 21, 2024 Reese Council #9 stated meeting
Mar. 23-27, 2024 Grand Commandery of Tennessee
Mar. 27-31, 2024 Easter DC Sunrise Service
Mar. 30, 2024 Wreath Laying at Tomb of the Unknown Soldier
Apr. 1, 2024 High-12 meeting, Dayton #69 chapter
Apr. 1, 2024 Valley Commandery #80 stated & carry-in w/Ladies
Apr. 2, 2024 Reed Commandery #6 stated & dinner w/Ladies
Apr. 4, 2024 Huber Heights Lodge #777 stated
Apr. 6, 2024 Bellefontaine Commandery #61 Inspection
Apr. 10, 2024 Arabic Club meeting, Dayton Masonic Center
Apr. 10, 2024 Harvest Chapter #564 OES stated
Apr. 12, 2024 AASR Valley of Dayton Spring Reunion
Apr. 13, 2024 Massillon Commandery #4 inspection
Apr. 15, 2024 High-12 meeting, Dayton #69 chapter
Apr. 15, 2024 Valley Commandery #80 stated
Apr. 16, 2024 Reed Commandery #6 Order of Temple
Apr. 17, 2024 ORMUS Grotto MOVPER Stated mtg.
Apr. 19, 2024 Hotel planning meeting for Grand Commandery
Apr. 19, 2024 West Central Division CTA meeting
Apr. 20, 2024 Coshocton Commandery #63 inspection
Apr. 21, 2024 Temple Tabernacle LXII HRAKTP meeting
Apr. 24, 2024 Grotto Ceremonial and recognition night
Apr. 25, 2024 Miami Council York Rite College annual meeting
Apr. 26-75, 2024 Indiana Grand Commandery
Apr. 28, 2024 Valley of Dayton AASR Officer Installation
Apr. 29, 2024 Herbert T Leyland AMD dinner & meeting
Apr. 30, 2024 Mariners Club meeting at Dayton Masonic Center
Apr. 30, 2024 National Sojourners Dayton Chapter meeting
May 2, 2024 Huber Heights Lodge #777 stated
May 3, 2024 3-5-7 Club luncheon
May 4, 2024 Central Ohio Commandery Festival
May 7, 2024 Reed Commandery #6 stated and carry-in w/Ladies
May 8, 2024 Arabic Club meeting, Dayton Masonic Center
May 8, 2024 Harvest Chapter OES stated
May 9, 2024 3-5-7 Club luncheon
May 11, 2024 East Central Division Military Ball

May 18, 2024 Jacob Eby Chapter #571 OES Breakfast
May 18, 2024 Irish Council Knight Masons meeting
May 18, 2024 Southwest Division York Rite Festival
May 20, 2024 High-12 meeting, Dayton #69 chapter
May 20, 2024 Valley Commandery #80 stated and carry-in w/Ladies
May 21, 2024 Reed Commandery #6 stated
May 22, 2024 Unity Chapter #16 RAM stated
May 22, 2024 Harvest Chapter OES stated
May 23, 2024 Honor Guard for SK Dean Settles
May 23, 2024 Miami Valley KYCH Club dinner
Jun. 1, 2024 Ohio AASR OCD session
Jun. 3, 2024 High-12 meeting, Dayton #69 chapter
Jun. 3, 2024 Valley Commandery #80 stated
Jun. 5-9, 2024 Grotto International at New Orleans
Jun. 12, 2024 Red Cross of Constantine, Holy Grail meeting w/Ladies
Jun. 13, 2024 Arabic Club dinner w/Ladies
Jun. 15, 2024 Southwest Division Military Ball
Jun. 17, 2024 Valley Commandery #80 installation and carry-in w/Ladies
Jun. 18, 2024 Unity Chapter #16 RAM installation of officers
Jun. 19, 2024 ORMUS Grotto MOVPER Stated meeting
Jun. 19, 2024 Grand Session of Ohio Job's Daughters
Jun. 23, 2024 West Central Division Knight Eminent Commander conferral
Jun. 23, 2024 West Central Division CTA Annual meeting
Jun. 26, 2024 Harvest Chapter #564 OES initiation
Jun. 27, 2024 Sword of Merit Presentation, Sidney Commandery #46
Jun. 28, 2024 Ohio Grand Assembly International Order of the Rainbow for Girls
Jun. 30, 2024 Drill team practice
Jul. 12, 2024 Heroes of 76 conferral upon Grand Master
Jul. 13, 2024 Drill Captain & Grand Officers meeting
Jul. 20-21, 2024 Prince Hall Ohio Grand Commandery
Jul. 23, 2024 Unity Chapter #16 RAM Officer meeting
Jul. 25-27, 2024 Illinois Grand Commandery
July 29, 2024 Drill team practice
Jul. 29, 2024 Herbert T Leyland AMD dinner & meeting

Jul. 30, 2024 Huber Heights Rainbow Assembly board meeting
 Aug. 14-15, 2024 Michigan Grand Commandery conclave
 Aug. 16-21, 2024 69th Triennial Conclave, Salt Lake City
 Aug. 26, 2024 Valley of Dayton 33° Member and Candidate Social
 Sep. 3, 2024 Reed Commandery #6 stated & dinner w/Ladies
 Sep. 11, 2024 Arabic Club meeting, Dayton Masonic Center
 Sep. 11, 2024 Red Cross of Constantine, Holy Grail meeting
 Sep. 13, 2024 West Central Division CTA meeting
 Sep. 15-16, 2024 Kentucky Grand Commandery conclave
 Sep. 17, 2024 Unity Chapter #16 RAM stated
 Sep. 17, 2024 Reed Commandery #6 stated
 Sep. 18, 2024 ORMUS Grotto MOVPER Stated meeting
 Sep. 19, 2024 Reese Council #9 stated
 Sep. 21, 2023 Jacob Eby Chapter #571 OES Breakfast
 Sep. 21, 2024 Irish Council Knight Masons annual session
 Sep. 26, 2024 Miami Valley York Rite College
 Sep. 27, 2024 Ohio Order of Eastern Star Grand Session
 Sep. 28, 2024 Red Cross of Constantine All-Ohio session
 Sep. 30, 2024 Herbert T Leyland AMD dinner and stated
 Oct. 1, 2024 Reed Commandery #6 stated & dinner w/Ladies
 Oct. 3, 2024 Huber Heights Lodge #777 stated
 Oct. 4, 2024 Royal Order of Scotland Burns Dinner
 Oct. 5, 2024 Red Cross of Constantine All-Ohio session
 Oct. 6-8, 2024 Grand Council R&S Masons
 Oct. 8-10, 2024 Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons
 Oct. 10-12, 2024 Grand Commandery of Ohio

Award Presentations:

Congratulations, and great appreciation to the many Sir Knights who have displayed exemplary service to Masonry and Templary.

Sir Knight Steve Morosko, present Eminent Commander of Canton No. 38 received a recognition certificate from Grand Lodge for being only the second person recognized by the 4 Grand bodies for doing all lectures, charges, apron presentations etc. for all 4 York Rite bodies. The Grand Master presented him with a special jewel that no one else in Ohio has. Priory gave him a recognition plaque for the same accomplishments and hoped he would inspire others to do the same.

There were many years-of-service awards this year, several of which we were able to participate in the presentation. There are three that were noteworthy as being very memorable to me, and make great stories:

It was a pleasure to be able to present a 70-years of service plaque to SK Thomas H Whitton, Jr. of Reed Commandery #6. SK Whitton recently celebrated his 100th birthday. Celebrating the occasion with him were nearly two dozen residents and staff of the senior living center in Greenville, along with REGC SK Richard Ganion; Eminent Commander of Reed Commandery, SK Carl Keller; Grand Recorder, SK and HPGC Al Johnson; Grand Warder, SK James Haugen; Grand Prelate, SK Ron Richardson; and SK Doug Smith, KTCH. Also present were Lady Debbie Ganion, Lady Marion Johnson, and Lady Joyce Haugen. SK Whitton regaled us with a few minutes talk of several of his life experiences, including service with the Marines in the Pacific in WWII.

Also had the honor of presenting a second 70-years of service to Templary, this one to SK Joseph R Smith of Reed Commandery No. 6. Was joined by the Grand Warder, SK James Haugen and the Grand Prelate, SK Ron Richardson. Ladies Debbie Ganion and Joyce Haugen accompanied us.

A little story behind making this event happen: I called a couple times over a week or two, leaving messages. On fourth attempt, Joseph answered, demanding to know who I was and why I kept calling, and then he hung up on me. I called back; his caregiver answered, and gave me the riot act for bothering him. Talking with her, she agreed to speak with Joseph's daughter. A week later, about the time I resigned to mailing the plaques and such, the daughter called. After some discussion about what it was about, she arranged a time to come out. Hearing about this, representatives from the other Masonic bodies, who had been trying to get hold of Joseph for some time, coordinated to tag along. Joseph's daughter graciously agreed to us bringing 'a few more' along. Turned out to be a great afternoon, with SK and Brother Joseph receiving 70-year awards from Grand Lodge, Grand Chapter, and Grand Council along with the one from Grand Commandery.

Lady Debbie and I presented a 65-year certificate and pin to 98-year-old SK Carl Campbell of Reed #6. This was another one of those interesting adventures. At a stated conclave, the Recorder mentioned that he had attempted to mail the certificate as he had been unable to

contact the Sir Knight, but the post office claimed the address didn't exist. Noticing location, knowing the road, I said I would deliver it personally. There was no phone number or other contact information available, so it was to be a cold-call house visit. Very uncomfortable for me to do. Google maps identified the location – or at least appeared to. Once I got near, google maps was directing me to turn down a road that didn't exist. Had to travel a ways before able to turn around and try again. Not finding house number yet again, turned down the next side road to turn around and try one more time. After turning around, stopped to inquire where an elderly lady was working on her yard, noticing her house number was near that which I was looking for (though on a side road, so not correct on that part of the address.) It turned out she knew him; said his wife died a couple years ago. Pointed me to a house across the street, on the corner. (Not even close to where google maps indicated.) She said she wasn't sure he was still alive. We drove over, parked, and knocked on door. Could hear TV – loud. Knocked again. Deb heard 'come in'. Glad she was there, as I didn't hear it. This is one of those things I am very glad to have done. I think he was very happy to have us there to give him the certificate and chat a bit. As he is a WWII Veteran, I also gave him one of my veteran's challenge coins, as well as my pin. Seeing this bed-ridden Sir Knight smile made it all worthwhile.

The list of service awards for this year:

70-Year

- 6 Joseph Robert Smith
- 6 Thomas Henderson Whitton, Jr.

65-Year

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| 2 | Richard Franklin Beiter | 6 | Edward M Taylor, Jr. |
| 9 | William D Dauterman | 9 | Richard Willard DeWald |
| 14 | Richard Garnjost | 23 | Edward Lee Asher |
| 33 | Donald James Stiles | 39 | Franklin R Manios |
| 59 | Wayne E Bittner | 71 | Ronald Lee Mitchell |

60-Year

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| 2 | Asa James Elsea | 6 | Rapheal P Gilbert |
| 8 | Charles Nelson Stevens | 9 | Henry A Black, Jr. |
| 9 | Richard H Heilman | 9 | William M Spencer |
| 14 | Brooks H Flinn | 15 | Dale Laverne Goldsberry |
| 15 | Joe Durwood Pierce | 24 | Harold Dana Brown |

25	Elmer E Jacobs	33	Robert A Dittmar
33	James R Turner	36	Terry Honaker
36	Edward R Rush	49	John Orville Sponsler
54	Joseph Floyd Moore	59	Robert S McKendrick
63	Richard D Wells	69	Walter D Ogle
74	Charles A Isaac	76	William D Kennedy
81	Robert Neal Grice	81	Billy Orbin Harris
83	Richard Earl McMasters		
50-Year			
1	Darrell B Kaufman		Robert D Kincer
2	Thomas Henry Householder		Donald R Phillips
	Earl Strawn		Richard Laurence Weaver
3	James L Dickerson		
4	Glen P Crites		
6	Neil M Smalley		Roger Lee Spencer
	Burch Eugene Zehner		
8	Henry Amado Salas		
9	Sterling Abbott		Norman D Adams
	Bernard E Englehart		Howard G Flood
	Glenn R Platt		Gerald A Smith
10	Bruce Theodore Morrison		
14	Dan Nolan Martin		
15	Samuel Jefferson Slattery II		Henry Blaine Young, Sr.
16	David Ferguson Howard		
19	Curtis Ross Huhn		Grand Kizer Johnson
20	Stephen Maurice Hartnett		Thomas Grant Jacobs
21	Charles John Briggs		
22	Richard A Howard		Robert L Pendygraft
	David Winston Slusher		
26	Joseph H Green		Joseph A Saus
29	Steven J Krekus		
31	James D Keith		
33	Donald G Womacks		
34	Forrest O Cooperrider		Floyud Edward Wymer
36	Leonard E Bays		Willis D Watts
40	David R Freeman		William R Halley
48	Marion D Haas		Harry S McClarran
49	Jackson Edward Winters		

50	Gary Lewis Dye	E Bruce Hardman
	Clyde Ray Huddleston, Sr.	Chester Mason Slonaker
54	Marlin D Medaugh	Richard Reid Thompson
59	Jimmie L Walsh	
61	Bill Guthrie	
69	George E Stowe	
70	Franklin Lee Stephens	
71	Gary Lawrence Cordrey	Jacob S Flannery
	Lawrence Hubert Fraley	Shirley King, Jr.
	Robert F Scott, Jr.	Clint Staton
76	Eberhard Beck	Michael F Kelly
80	James K Atchison	James A Hayes
	Lloyd Lynch	
81	Roger Edward Dawson	Beecher Wallace Vaughn
83	James V Caslow	Joe C Forlines, Jr.
	Donald R Neisch	

Funerals and Memorial Services:

This is, of course, the most difficult duty that a Grand Commander has to perform. There were an extraordinary number of passings in our Grand Commandery family this past year. I did my best to attend as many funerals and memorial services as I could. Lady Debbie and I offer our most sincere condolences to the families of our departed Sir Knights and Ladies.

Asylum Consecrations and Dedications:

There were no consecrations or dedications during my term as Grand Commander.

Grand Commander Reception:

The West Central Division conducted a reception at the Holiday Inn in Fairborn for me November 18, 2023. The reception was a tremendous success! The room block was sold out and the staff did a fantastic job with the banquet. I deeply appreciate everyone who went above and beyond and displayed exemplary effort to make this reception a tremendous success. Thank you all for allowing Lady Debbie and me to be the recipients of your wonderful hospitality!

Grand Encampment Easter Weekend:

Ohio's' participation in the Easter Sunrise Service along with the Arlington National Ceremony was once again an exceptional time.

On Saturday, March 30th, a delegation from the Grand Commandery of Ohio placed a memorial wreath at the Tomb of the Unknowns in Arlington National Cemetery. I consider this ceremony to be the high point of my year as Grand Commander. Ever since I realized that I may someday be Grand Commander, I had been looking forward to and planning for this event.

While I sincerely wish that we could have all been a part of that presentation team, the rules of the ceremony dictated that a maximum of four can participate directly in the presentation of the wreath.

The four who represented Ohio in the wreath presentation ceremony were myself, Lady Debbie Ganion, Sir Knight James A Haugen, and Nathan Walker. Lady Debbie not only has been by my side throughout my Masonic journey, she held down the home front, and pretty much raised our family single handedly, while I was often deployed over my 22-year military career. Nathan is my youngest grandson, and is a cadet in Junior ROTC at Wayne High School; this will be something I believe he will never forget. He, along with my oldest grandson, who is in service in the USAF as a drone operator, are the two of my grandchildren associated with the military. I was hoping for the oldest to join us, but his duties prohibited his attendance. I chose SK James Haugen as the fourth, as he is a retired military veteran, who has followed me in many Masonic bodies throughout my Masonic travels. He is also serving as the Grand Warder. He and his Lady Joyce have been our travel companions this year as we have visited inspections all through Ohio.

Following the wreath presentation, a large group of SK's and Ladies was given a tour of the Tomb Guards' area of operations located under the Tomb itself. We were divided into two groups and given an incredible guided tour by members of the Tomb Guard unit. These young men and women showed us everything! They could not have been more friendly, informative, and respectful. It was an experience that left me with tears in my eyes. Several Sir Knights and

their ladies have told me that it was the high point of their Easter Weekend. I am very happy that we got to see this unique behind the scenes view of the inner workings at the Tomb of the Unknowns. Those of us who were on that tour will never forget it. My eternal thanks to the highly dedicated men and women of the United States Army for allowing us a glimpse into their lives.

Unfortunately, the Sunrise Service was held in the auditorium instead of on the steps of the George Washington Masonic Memorial as in years past. It was still a very moving experience, and it was great to connect with so many Sir Knights from around the country. If you haven't attended one of these Easter events, you need to go!

Inspection Season:

Lady Debbie and I endeavored to perform official visitations during inspections twice in each Division. Though unforeseen circumstances didn't allow us to visit each twice, we were able to visit each Division. The one Commandery I inspected was Jackson Commandery No. 53, home Commandery of the Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander, Sir Knight Dale A Exline This in keeping the tradition alive of the Grand Commander inspecting the Deputy Grand Commander's Commandery, and vice-versa.

Lady Debbie and I thoroughly enjoyed our travels to these inspections, and we want to thank all the Sir Knights and Ladies of the Commanderies that we visited for their outstanding hospitality and their incredible generosity with gifts and donations that they made in our names. We were deeply touched by your generosity!

I thank each of the Sir Knights that took the role of Inspecting Officer this year, and for saying 'yes' when I asked. I only had to make a couple of changes and arrange replacements as the year progressed, due to unforeseen circumstances and illnesses. I do wish to thank Sir Knights Randy Williams, Larry Rentz, Ron Richardson, and Robert Hager for quickly volunteering to step up and take additional inspections when needed.

If there is anything I am disappointed in, is the timeliness of getting inspection reports completed this year. As of the Grand Family meeting, July 13, there is typically at most only one or two that have not been reviewed and uploaded into Dropbox. This year there were

17(!). With 62 Commanderies, having 27% or the reports incomplete at this point in time is completely unacceptable. No job is complete until the paperwork is done.

Overall, inspections were good. There were some problems, as there always seems to be. While most Commanderies are doing well, some appear to becoming overly reliant upon other Commanderies, or Division Festivals, doing the work on their candidates, and it shows. And the drop in participation in drill team competition is very much reflected in the quality of the Full Form Opening. I pray this trend reverses, I do not want to see Ohio go the way of smaller states in not being able to fully function as a Templar Order in performing all the required work within and by each of our Comraderies. I will be addressing this further in my recommendations toward the end of this allocution.

Membership:

Sir Knights, many of you had a hand in contributing to a very successful Templar year and I offer you my sincere thanks and congratulations for your devotion to our Grand Commandery of Ohio. This year, we had a net loss of only 147, or 2.6%, which is slightly better than the previous year's 2.8% loss, but not by much. We ended the year with a membership total of 5,560.

It would have been much better if there was a net gain. Sadly, there were 214 losses attributable to Sir Knights who passed away that we cannot do anything about. While I would have certainly preferred to have seen membership gain/loss as a positive number, the trend of the past three years is a definite improvement in our recruiting and retention trend. All of the membership statistics are presented elsewhere in this report so I will not go into detail here.

I want to recognize Sir Knight David Kern once again for the extraordinary effort he demonstrated as State Membership Chairman this year. I am deeply grateful to him for the work that he has done in service to the Grand Commandery of Ohio. Dave was instrumental in the implementation of membership and retention programs and exhibited extraordinary effort in spearheading a very successful membership program. Despite all his efforts, Dave is only one man, and he cannot change the membership program by himself. He needs

the support of the leadership of every division and of every Eminent Commander throughout the state. Although I hate to say it, the numbers indicate that this was not the case.

Like every Grand Commander, I had hoped for the first positive membership number in many years. I quickly realized that was not going to be the case. There just is no escaping mortality. It is very difficult to overcome the reality that we lose a lot of members every year to death. As hard as we try to recruit and retain members, we still struggle to maintain positive membership numbers. This certainly does not mean that we should not try to pursue this goal, but we just need to understand that it will take an extraordinary effort by every commandery to achieve a net positive membership number as we move forward.

Probations:

Along with the benefits and rewards of being Grand Commander comes the responsibility of maintaining the well-being of the Grand Commandery. This can be a daunting and overwhelming responsibility. Fortunately for the Grand Commander, some statutes and regulations are unambiguous, and their implementation requires no interpretation. Such is the case with Section 176.

Section 176 of the Code and Statutes of the Grand Encampment of the United States of America specifically States:

A Commandery that fails to hold a Conclave for twelve consecutive months or fails to Knight a single candidate within such period, shall be placed on probation for the period of one year and if thereafter fails to hold a Conclave for the next twelve consecutive months or Knight a single candidate within such period, its Charter may be arrested.

In accordance with this section of the Grand Encampment Code, I took the following action:

As of 1 June 2024, the following Commanderies are placed on probation for failure to Knight a single candidate in the past 12-month period:

Marion No. 36, Northwest Division

Eu Tah No. 66, Northwest Division

Allenby No. 73, Northeastern Division

The responsibility for this failure along with the responsibility for being placed on probation rests squarely upon the shoulders of the Eminent Commander of each of these Commanderies. Last year there were nine Commanderies placed on probation for not Knighting a single candidate, so I do take the fact that there were only three this year as somewhat of an improvement – and each of the nine that were placed on probation last year knighted at least one this year! I'm hoping these three can turn things around.

Drill Teams:

I am a drill guy, and have been promoting drill team participation throughout my travels. Coming out of COVID, team participation had plummeted, such that it was questionable whether we could continue having competition in conjunction with the Grand Commandery session due to the expense and level of effort involved in putting it all together. I set an arbitrary threshold of twelve teams needing to take the floor in 2023, or else I would exercise the option to cancel the contract for Saturday drill competition and award banquet at the hotel. There were thirteen teams that competed! I am excited that participation is again increasing, as drill is an important part of what we do. At the Drill Captains' meeting there were nineteen teams that planned to compete this year. I was hoping that there will be more, especially in the Asylum Drills as that is great practice for Full-Form Openings – every Commandery should be participating in that.

We also promoted competing at the Grand Encampment Triennial. This became a challenge, as that meant participants would have to travel to Salt Lake City, Utah. I am so very happy to report that we had four teams form and compete. A Class B 21-man team, a Class C 15-man team, and two Class D 7-man teams. And they each came home with trophies! Congratulations Sir Knights and thank you for representing Ohio Templary and showing the other jurisdictions how it is done.

Conclusion:

My theme this year was ‘Let Your Light So Shine’. As with all Grand Commanders, I started the year with a program, with lofty goals. Some happened, sadly, some did not.

Much of my program was the continuation of those of my predecessors. I wish to thank each of the Past Grand Commanders for their dedication and effort, working for this, the greatest Grand Commandery in the Grand Encampment. And for their mentorship. Their leadership and foresight have been exemplary, and I can only hope that they found me worthy to follow in their footsteps. To the Past Grand Commanders: I have, as have others, been watching you, and learning from your shining example.

Though there are many to single out, I do not want to try to list them all for fear of leaving someone out. I do wish to single out one Past Grand Commander, who unfortunately is no longer with us. REPGC John Clime was not only my inspecting officer for my first tour as Eminent Commander. He also was the one who initially appointed me as Deputy Division Commander (along with REPGC Tom Starr who was also initially appointed by John.) John, I wish you were here with us today, to see that two of the Sir Knights you initially appointed as Deputy Division Commanders progressed to serve as Grand Commander.

I believe that we should always exemplify the qualities of Service, Integrity, and Excellence in all we do – a theme of another recent Grand Commander. We, as Templars, are the shining stars and the epitome of Christian York Rite Masonry. As such, we should, as we have heard repeatedly in our ritual, ever act and walk as such, in both our public and private life. We never know when someone is watching us.

My first exposure to Masonic Templary was at a Masonic event, shortly after becoming a Mason. A group of sharp-looking Sir Knights performed a Presentation of Colors. They made such an impression that I vowed to one day become one of them.

As is custom, I have a couple recommendations to make to my successors.

One is something that has bothered me for a while, but became more to the forefront as I have heard similar concerns in my travels. We obviously need new members – and are often challenged

to get them. That problem has, in my opinion, exacerbated an issue that I have observed traveling around for inspections. Namely: Quality of work in conferrals. Too many Commanderies have been farming out candidates to others, or relying upon festivals. These have a place, but not at the expense of having Commandery officers and members not being proficient in the work.

Not every Commandery has fallen down this slippery slope, but too many have. It has been very obvious when the inspection has been the only time an officer has done the part. I do not want Ohio to become, like too many jurisdictions, become one where individual Commanderies are unable to confer the Orders upon candidates.

I do not want to see the day when we have to rely upon 'traveling degree teams', or we become, like other bodies, where a designated cast confers the work and all the candidates are just watching a play (Scottish Rite), or as in other York Rite bodies where it is not a requirement for the officers, much less the presiding officer to confer a part according to their office. I hope it never comes to that. That may be their candidate initiation model, but it isn't ours; we Knights Templar expect, and require, officers to confer the Orders.

We need to remember that one part of the purpose of performing ritual work is to have a bonding experience with the new initiate. For us to get to know them, and them us. If we 'farm out' the work, that phase of the bonding of the new member with his Commandery doesn't happen.

We need to always aim high – and resolve to never stoop to lowering our standards just because it may be more expedient. Strive for perfection! When the standards are lowered, so is the goal; aim low, and that's where you will go. It is not always easy, but as Annie Oakley eloquently said: "Aim at a high mark and you will hit it. No, [maybe] not the first time, nor the second, and maybe not the third. But keep on aiming and keep on shooting, for only practice will make you perfect!"

My second recommendation; we need to take a serious look at streamlining these Grand York Rite Conclave weeks. In my travels to other jurisdictions, I have observed that many have a committee that takes care of all the administrative functions such as reservations, setup, and contracts with venues. They have had combined banquets.

In short, they shortened the time required for these Grand sessions, and reduced the cost.

Unfortunately, we in Ohio are still way too stove piped, where each Grand body does their own thing. If we took that benchmark, we could possibly get better deals with venues, and if we combined activities, we could shorten the time it takes to hold these conclaves. Not to mention the efficiency, of having experienced committee members, not just somebody serving for one year, making arrangements – and possibly getting better deals with economy of scale. This currently falls on the presiding officer being the one who has to make all the arrangements, sign contracts, work with hotel management and banquet staff, while struggling to ensure everything is done correctly – often not in our areas of expertise.

Also, for those of us that are expected to be at all three bodies, and the honors dinner, it requires a whole week of time away from home and work, seven hotel nights, five banquets, three lunches, and who knows what else. Not to mention that for those of us staying all week there are three different hotel reservations, made under three different contracts. This is crazy.

We want our members to be in attendance, but we make it unnecessarily difficult, time consuming, and expensive. We need to do this better and more efficiently!

Almost at the end – Lady Debbie and I traveled extensively in representing Ohio Knights Templar, as listed in the pre-print. There were two Ohio sessions that we could not overcome schedule conflicts; I wish to thank SK Larry Rentz for carrying my proxy and representing me at the Grand Court of Ohio, Order of Amaranth, and SK Dale Exline for representing me at Ohio DeMolay.

I also wish to thank some of the Sir Knights that have been with me this year. My appointed officers, thank you for saying yes. I hope you have had a great, and fun year in your travels as a Grand Officer. Special appreciation to SK Jim Haugen, who served as Eminent Grand Warder and also acted as my Grand Aide. He, along with Lady Joyce Haugen, traveled extensively with us this year. You two have been with us throughout the years, not only within Commandery but also in many of the Masonic bodies. You have exemplified Lady Debbie's

motto for the year; we met as strangers, became friends, now we are family.

I thank each of the elected Grand Officers and Past Grand Commanders for all that you do, and your dedication to Templary. To our Grand Recorder, SK Al Johnson, thank you so very much for all you do behind the scenes. You have kept me in line, letting me know what is coming up, if there is something I need to get done, and often giving me that voice of reason when something I am doing is going astray. Thank you! And thanks to each of you, Sir Knights; your presence here today bespeaks your support and love for this fraternity.

I hope all of the appointed Grand Officers enjoyed their year, and it created memories to be cherished forever. Thank you for all you have done, and continue to do for Commandery.

The position of Grand Commander has to be earned through the support and consent of the Sir Knights of the Grand Commandery through every successive elected office. Those that we serve have the power to remove us from the line at any time they see fit. I deeply appreciate each and every Sir Knight who has allowed me to progress to this position. I have done my best to serve you to the best of my abilities and I have never taken the honor that you have conferred upon me for granted.

To my Lady Debbie, you have been there by my side for the last 51 years. I remember back when I was a new Sir Knight, being asked to fill-in as Sword Bearer of my Commandery. I didn't have a clue on what that meant (or what that step would lead to.) A few of the Past Commanders of Dayton Commandery told me that I really needed to attend upcoming inspections, in order to observe others and see what the job entails; and oh, by the way, bring Debbie along as there will be several Ladies there, and there will be a nice dinner too. Debbie really didn't want to go with me, as she didn't know anybody, but she relented. The next week, they got me to go again, and she again grudgingly went along. The third week, I didn't want to go – but she said I can stay home, she is going so she can visit with 'her Ladies', the friends she has made. Ever since, we have been on this journey together, side by side. I could not, and would not have made this journey without her. A man's most precious jewel is the woman who walks by his side.

The Savior said, "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven" (Matthew 5:16). Our opportunities to shine are limitless. They surround us each day.

To the each of the Officers elected and appointed for the upcoming year, I wish you all the best. I am confident that our beloved Templar Fraternity will be in good hands under your leadership!

Lady Debbie and I are truly blessed to have been given the opportunity to represent the Sir Knights and Ladies under the jurisdiction of The Ohio Grand Commandery. It has been an honor to serve you.

Thank you for allowing me the honor to serve you, and may God bless you all.

Respectfully submitted,
SK Richard L Ganion, KCT, GC

Necrology Report

We cannot be too often reminded that we are born to die. A fact that we all deal with in our own way, but a fact that we must deal with eventually. I understand that my God has a plan and that I cannot change that plan. I accept that, without question. However, I do struggle with the loss of my fellow Sir Knights. This year the Grand Commandery of Ohio lost 215 Sir Knights, individuals that every person in this room has known. Many of whom were mentors and even petition signers to people in this room.

Their swords have been returned to their scabbards, never to be drawn again. Their physical bodies are gone but their memory lives on forever, in realms of light and life eternal. No one can take that away, and we continue to live with the knowledge that someday our God will reunite us.

At this time Sir Knight William Koon will give a eulogy for 2 former Grand Officers of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America.

JAMES MORRIS WARD
M: E: GRAND MASTER
Grand Encampment of Knights Templar
1997-2000

Sir Knight James Morris Ward was born on August 10, 1930, in Dyersburg, Tennessee. The son of Thomas Henry and Lucile Bell Ward, he obtained his early education in the public schools of Dyersburg, graduating from high school in 1948. He attended the University of Mississippi and later the University Center in Jackson where he completed courses in business administration, mathematics, and engineering. In 1965 and 1966 he completed studies in the fields of mathematics, electronics, and economics at the Illinois Institute of Technology in Chicago.

Sir Knight Ward was employed in 1955 by the Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company (South Central Bell) as a lineman located in Jackson, TN. He worked on this and other jobs of increasing responsibility throughout west Tennessee until he was transferred to the engineering department in Jackson, MS, in 1961. At the time of his retirement in 1991, he was manager of district construction operations in Jackson, Mississippi.

He was a member of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, a professional engineering society. His hobbies were reading, hunting, fishing, and piddlin' with wood. He enjoyed almost all sports, especially football and baseball. Jim was a member and actively participated in the activities of Bethel Baptist Church where he served as an active deacon.

Masonically, Sir Knight Ward was Raised in Pearl Lodge No. 23, Jackson, Mississippi, on August 25, 1967. He served as Master in 1971 and then as Secretary. In 1979, he was elected Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Mississippi. He was also a past presiding officer of his Chapter, Council and Commandery and served as Secretary/Recorder of those York Rite bodies. He was Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of R.A.M. of Mississippi, in 1985; Grand Master of the Grand Council of R. & S.M. of Mississippi, in 1986; and Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Mississippi, in 1982. He received the Knight Commander of the Temple and Knight Grand Cross of the Temple from the Grand Encampment. He was elected Grand Sovereign of the United Grand

Imperial Council, Knights of the Red Cross of Constantine in June 1994, and is a past presiding officer of the following: the Grand College of America, Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests, 2000; the Grand Council of the Allied Masonic Degrees, 1995-96; and the Grand College of Rites, 1993. He was a member and past presiding officer of Mississippi Priory No. 36, KYCH and Mississippi York Rite College No. 83. He was a member of Tara Council No. 29, Knight Masons; Mississippi College, SRICF; Royal Order of Scotland; and the Order of the Eastern Star. An active member of the International Supreme Council, Order of DeMolay, and a recipient of the Honorary Legion of Honor. He was a member of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, Valley of Jackson, Mississippi, Southern Jurisdiction, and was invested with the rank and dignity of Knight Commander of the Court of Honour, and Coroneted a 33°, Inspector General Honorary. He served as presiding officer of all four bodies in the Valley of Jackson.

Sir Knight Ward served as Department Commander, Southeastern Department, 1982-85. He was elected Grand Captain General, August 9, 1988, at Lexington, Kentucky. He was elected Grand Generalissimo on August 20, 1991, at Washington, D.C. He was elected Deputy Grand Master on August 16, 1994, at Denver, Colorado. He was elected Grand Master of the Grand Encampment on August 12, 1997, and installed on August 13, 1997, in St. Louis, Missouri. He became a Most Eminent Past Grand Master at the 61 Triennial Conclave in Nashville, Tennessee, in August, 2000.

Sir Knight Ward laid down his sword and entered the Supreme Asylum above on Monday, March 25, 2024.

Thurman Cleveland Pace
Honorary Past Grand Master

January 23, 1924 - January 21, 2024

In a conversation many years ago during Masonic Week, A good friend referred to a meeting of Masonic Leaders taking place in one of the Hotel Washington Suites, as a “Meeting of the Great Men!”

But what defines Greatness? What single thing separates what is “Great” in a man from the ordinary? Greatness must be connected with SUCCESS in some way. Whether it be in ones personal life, professional life or Masonic Life, Success in some form must be present for one to have achieved Greatness,

At this time, it is my great pleasure to “speak” for S.K. Thurman Cleveland Pace, Jr., who, without question would, by anyone’s standards be considered a “Great Man”!

Thurman following Graduation in 1942, enlisted in the U.S. Army, and served in the European Theatre, during World War II, earning battle stars for the Battle of The Rhine River, and the Battle of Central Europe. He was present when the Dachau Death Camp was liberated, an experience that he never forgot. When his Country called, Thurman was there in the field of battle looking the enemy in the eye before many of us were born! He made a difference for his Country.

Following his discharge in 1946, he received a Bachelor of Science Degree from Auburn University in Auburn, Alabama. After working a year for Allis Chalmers Manufacturing Company, he joined Amstar Corporation, where he worked for 38 years, retiring in 1987 as Financial Executive of that Corporation and President of the United States Mutual Liability Insurance Company. He made a difference in his Professional Life!

In 1950, he made one of the smartest moves of his life when he married Betty Annette Drake! They’ve been blessed with three children (Donna, Arthur, and Susan), not to mention four grandchildren! Over the years, Thurman has been active in the Presbyterian Church, and more civic organizations than we have time to mention. He has made a difference and was beloved in his Personal Life!

His Masonic Record is an enviable one. He’s presided over more than 30 Masonic Organizations during his life. Again, time does not permit their listing. It would be far easier to list what Thurman hasn’t done!

Few in our Fraternity have had the Privilege of “Touching” nearly all the many branches of Freemasonry. But Thurman has! He’s left an indelible mark over the past 70 years on Templary, Scottish Rite Masonry, Symbolic Masonry, Masonic Rosicrucians to name just a few. I dare say, there are few Masons today who aren’t familiar with his name, though they may never have met him.

Scottish Rite thrived in New Jersey during the years he served as both an Active and Deputy for the Scottish Rite, Northern Masonic Jurisdiction. The Scottish Rite Learning Centers were in their infancy and are better today because of Thurman Pace’s influence. DeMolay has always been close to his heart, and he’s spent a lifetime helping and

assisting behind the scenes to make it as great as it should be. Templary has been much improved because Thurman served as the Grand Commander, and later as Grand Recorder of New Jersey. The entire Northeast Department thrived as a testament to Templar Unity under his able Leadership as Department Commander. His contributions as Supreme Magus of the Societas Rosicruciana in Civitatibus Foederatis is epic. Under his able leadership, he began building the Order into the Premier Rosicrucian Order in the World. He has made a BIG difference in our Fraternity!

During the 63rd Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment, in 2006 held in Houston, TX, he was elevated to the Rank and Title of “Honorary Past Grand Master”. At the time of his elevation, he truly honored us by accepting! Templary is grateful for the time he’s spent making us better!

Masonic Titles mean little unless they are coupled with Successful Accomplishments. Thurman achieved Success and Greatness vicariously through the young men he spent time mentoring. They are too numerous to mention, but many of those young men went on to lead numerous Masonic Orders over the years. With his smooth easy relaxed style, he helped those young men achieve their best destiny. I know of no better definition of success than to have mentored others who themselves achieved Greatness. Today, most of those ‘young men’ are in their 60’s, 70’s or 80’s, but none of them have ever forgotten Thurman’s helping hand.

Time alone will determine the level of his greatness. He didn’t win every battle, and, he wasn’t always right, but in the end, he won far more than he lost, and he was right more times than not! But more importantly, he never gave up! I daresay that Future Generations of Masons and Templars will be better because Thurman Cleveland Pace Jr. passed our way! He is truly one of the “Great Men”.

He passed to his eternal reward on January 21, 2024 two days before his 100th birthday.

Let us pray

Almighty glorious and blessed God, receive the souls of our fallen brother Sir Knights. May they rest from their labors and may their good works follow them. Help us to deal with the sting of these losses, but never let the memory of their contributions be forgotten. In the name of our precious Savior, Jesus Christ, we pray....amen

Ron R. Richardson, EGP

Topical Reference

The Committee on Topical Reference has reviewed the Report of the Right Eminent Grand Commander and makes the following recommendations:

That the portions of the Grand Commander's Report concerning dispensations be referred to the Committee on Charters and Dispensations;

That the portions of the Grand Commander's Report concerning General Orders and Supplemental Instructions be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence and Statutes;

That the portions of the Grand Commander's Report concerning deceased Sir Knights from this and other Grand Jurisdictions be referred to the Committee on Obituaries;

That the reports submitted by the Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder be referred to the Committee on Finance;

That all other actions detailed by the Grand Commander in his report be approved.

Courteously Submitted,
R. Thomas Starr, KCT, PGC, Chairman
Dale A. Exline, KCT, Deputy Grand Commander
Ronald L. Ensell, KCT, Grand Generalissimo

Report of the Audit Committee for the Grand Recorder Report of the Audit Committee for the Grand Treasurer

On July 13, 2024, Sir Knight Haines, EGSW and I meet with our Eminent Grand Treasurer, Randy Williams and our Eminent Grand Recorder, Alfred Johnson at Marysville Masonic Temple to audit the books of the Grand Commandery of Ohio. We found the books in excellent condition. The books balanced with the financial institutions and the Grand Treasurer's, and the Grand Recorder's books balanced with each other.

The diligent efforts of our Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder have our Grand Commandery finances in excellent condition for the future. Their system of checks and balances is outstanding.

To all Sir Knights of Ohio, if you see these Sir Knights, please give them a big thank you for their efforts.

Dale A. Exline, KCT, VEDGC
Larry H Haines, EGSW

Report of the Committee on Inspection Reports

No report submitted

Report of the Committee on Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business to be considered for this templar year.

The Long-Range Planning Committee is working on a couple of items but has not made it to the Unfinished Business Committee yet.

Dale A. Exline, KCT, VEDGC

181st Grand Commandery Finance Report Grand Conclave 2023 – Dale A Olson, REPGC

The Grand Commandery of Ohio donated a total of \$17,000 to offset expenses incurred during the 2023 Grand Conclave session. The session was held from 8-10 October 2023 at the Crowne Plaza, Columbus North.

A large percentage of this donated money was spent offsetting the expense of compensated (comps) room and meal charges. The breakdown is as follows:

40 room nights at a rate of \$135.13 per night equals \$5405 (rounded down) We did manage to earn credit for 8 rooms at a rate of \$115.00 per night. The difference is tax and occupancy fees. This amounts to a credit of \$920. The total cost for “Comp” rooms was \$4485.

The cost for “comp” meals was \$2410. This would have been even higher had the Grand High Priest and I not negotiated with the hotel for free breakfast for two on each day of the conclave.

The remainder of the \$17,000 donated by the Grand Commandery was taken up in the cost of the banquets. Each event results in the customer to be assessed four distinct charges. The reception fee, food charge, service charge and banquet tax. For the 2023 Grand Conclave, these charges resulted in the following total charges (excluding food which was covered by the members who paid for their meals)

Banquet Reception Fees	\$3740	
Banquet Service Charge	\$5228	
Banquet Tax	\$2097	
TOTAL		\$ 11,065

The total banquet fees combined with the room and meal “comps” comes to a grand total of \$ 17,960.

The \$17,000 donated by the Grand Commandery was used to offset nearly all of these fees and costs. I am extremely grateful to the Grand Commandery of Ohio for their very generous donation which allowed us to conduct a successful Grand Conclave.

Dale A. Olson, KCT, PGC

Grand Treasurer's Report

INVESTMENTS			
	7/31/23	7/31/24	Value Change
MEMBERSHIP & MEMORIAL	138,603.88	186,347.86	47,743.98
LIFE MEMBERSHIP	89,250.21	98,431.04	9,180.83
GENERAL FUND	200,939.80	240,071.12	39,131.32
INCOME & DIVIDEND	718,548.49	927,106.16	208,557.67
PERMANENT	2,671,706.78	3,525,390.62	853,683.84
EDUCATIONAL FUND - GRAND ENCAMPMENT	342,218.79	361,184.35	18,965.56
TOTAL INVESTABLE FUNDS	4,161,267.95	5,338,531.15	1,177,263.20
GENERAL CHECKING	184,051.80	177,108.47	
EDUCATIONAL CHECKING	1,304.06	2,644.06	
ST. GEORGE CHECKING	17,924.38	17,766.38	
HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE CHECKING	8,469.51	6,117.51	
TOTAL TRANSACTIONAL ACCOUNTS	211,749.75	203,636.42	
TOTAL FUNDS	4,373,017.70	5,542,167.57	
INVESTMENT FUNDS INCREASE		28.29%	1,177,263.20
Randy A. Williams Eminent Grand Treasurer			
Investment earnings did very well during the past 12 months. To have a 28.29% increase in asset value is excellent.			
Note we distributed \$20,000 in scholarships and the Scholarship fund still increased almost \$19,000.			
We have paid out Life Memberships but still had an increase of \$9,000 in that fund.			
The Endowed Membership fund has had a value increase of \$47,000, half of which is new members and the rest is value increase.			
The Grand Commandery of Ohio is on very solid footing at this time.			

Randy A Williams, KCT, GT

Grand Recorder's Report

It is once again time for me to report on the activities of the Grand Recorder for the past year. Four years ago, because of covid, you received digital copies of the Pre-printed Report, then the last three years you received hard copies of the Pre-printed Reports. In order to keep you informed and to be transparent, we will continue to make available hard copies of the pre-print

Four years ago, we informed you that we had accomplished a long-desired goal by digitizing ALL of our Grand Proceedings and had them available on the following website - **<http://gwm.lunaimaging.com/luna/servlet>**. We also made them available on a flash drive that individuals and/or Commanderies could purchase for \$15.00. For those that purchased a flash drive, each year you can obtain the current year's Proceedings from the Grand Commandery website and add it to your flash drive or you can get it from the website mentioned above. We still have a few of the flash drives available at a cost of \$15.00/each.

Our Recorders are the mainstay in our Commanderies. The other officers come and go, generally serving only one or two years but that faithful Recorder serves MULTIPLE years. Please be sure to thank your Recorder for all he does. Know that I especially appreciate those Recorders who continue to serve, especially those that respond quickly to emails, phone calls, other communications and get reports in promptly.

Because I have felt the strong support of not only the Grand Commandery Officers and Past Grand Commanders but also of the Sir Knights throughout this Grand Commandery, I have continued to serve in this capacity. And because of that strong support I continue to enjoy serving.

We especially thank the widows of our Past Grand Commanders for they served right along with their husbands and gave willingly of their time and talents. Please thank them when you have a chance. Their notes are always appreciated. We wish they could attend more of our functions but we also understand their reasons, mostly health and distance keep them away.

We are blessed by the long and faithful service of our dedicated Past Grand Commanders. They not only served through the officer line of this Great Grand Commandery but continue to serve in many ways. We are always pleased when they can join us and are saddened when age and health make that impossible. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

MMS – This is the Grand Encampment database and it is wonderful and very user friendly, but only if you use it on a regular basis. Some years ago, they improved it greatly when they moved away from Internet Explorer to Google Chrome. The more you use it the more you will like it. When you as a Recorder have questions I encourage you to call me and we will both get onto the system while we talk on the phone – this to me, is the very best way to learn the “ins and outs” of the system. If a Recorder has trouble getting onto the system he should call John Elkinton in the Grand Encampment office (713-349-8700) – he usually answers all questions the same day and generally within the hour. One thing that you must remember – when entering information into MMS, the date it is entered is what is important, rather than the date the event occurred. The Grand Commandery of Ohio uses the dates of June 1 – May 31 as the Commandery year. If you wait until June 3 to enter information it goes on the NEXT year’s business.

I continue to use e-mail almost exclusively to communicate with the Recorders and the Commanderies. I will always respond to your e-mails, even if it is a simple “thanks”. If you do not get a response within a day or two, that means I did not get it. I have two primary e-mails: jam@main-net.com and grandrecorder@ohioknightstemplar.com. I have two phones. My home phone is 937-465-3202 and my cell is 937-508-8922. If I don’t answer, please leave a message and I will get back with you. My home phone continues to be the most reliable.

During Grand Commandery I have an office at the hotel and encourage you to stop by to visit, to see what is available to buy and to go through the MANY items available for a donation to the Holy Land Pilgrimage Fund. During Grand Commandery the office is staffed by Bob and Del Hager, our Associate Grand Recorder and his wife, and my wife and me – we enjoy visiting with you when you stop in and there are always extra chairs for you to take a break.

I have a packet for each Recorder at Grand Commandery in my office – please stop by to get it and if the Recorder of your Commandery is not at Grand Commandery, please see that a member of your Commandery picks it up for him. It will contain 50, 60 and 65-year pins, cards and certificates for which your Sir Knights are eligible. It also contains two copies of the new Roster – one for the Recorder and one for the Commander. I urge you to get these veterans pins presented as soon as possible if they live reasonably close. It is preferred that they be presented at a Commandery Conclave but if not possible, it is hoped that it can be presented personally in the Sir Knight's home. If they live out of state, please mail them out promptly. Our Grand Officers are only too happy to be involved with these presentations if you make them aware of the dates.

We no longer mail out to every Grand Officer and every Commandery hard copies of the Grand Proceedings. They are available in the Grand Recorder's Office at Grand Commandery but it is YOUR responsibility to stop in and pick one up, if you want a hard copy. As you know they are now available on line as explained at the beginning of this report.

Supplies – I try to keep a stock of the supplies you may need and will normally ship them out within a day or two. I will also usually e-mail you the invoice as soon as I know the postage. I also have a large supply of items in my office here at the hotel.

Rosters – Each Commandery has one for the Commander and another for the Recorder. Additional copies are available for \$3.00 each if you see me, but if I have to mail them they will be \$5.00.

Office – during the year it is in our home. I encourage you to call any time between 6:30 AM and 10:00 PM.

PAYROLL – Each Commandery that is present at Grand Commandery is entitled to mileage and per diem and the checks will be handed out by me and Bob Hager on Friday afternoon, AFTER the close of Grand Commandery. The highest-ranking officer of the Commandery must get a payroll card from the Registration Committee which will be exchanged for the check. Proxies have nothing to do with the mileage and per diem check. Proxies are only for voting.

Mail – I have generally had excellent service from USPS. Please try not to send anything to me that requires a signature – if I am not home it requires me to drive quite a distance and get to the post office within a two-hour window. I think many of you could save your

Commandery a great deal of money by mailing first-class rather than some of the more expensive methods that the Post Office is only too willing to sell you. The Postal Service like everyone else is short-handed and the mail may take a few extra days. I have also found that the extra you pay generally does NOT make a difference.

CITATION CORDS – When a Sir Knight is eligible for a new cord the Recorder must fill out a request (available on line or from me) and send it to me by mail or preferably electronically, and I will send the cord to the Recorder. Even if you as the Recorder have a cord to present to him, the Recorder should send me an Application so that we can keep a record of who has what cord. These cords do not usually show much wear and can be reused many times. The CITATION CORD program is entirely separate from the Grand Encampment Membership Program – for that program the individual has to STILL be a member of Commandery.

ELECTION RETURNS and ANNUAL RETURNS – These are two entirely different forms. In both cases, please be sure to use the CURRENT form, not one you dig out from previous years. The ELECTION RETURN is a very simple fillable pdf form that should only take a few minutes to complete and should be sent to me electronically. It tells me who is elected to the various offices in your Commandery and the information is used to complete the Grand Commander's Roster. It should be completed immediately after election – do not wait until installation. You should also send a copy of it to your DC and DDC.

The ANNUAL RETURN is a report of the PREVIOUS year's activity for your Commandery. It has NOTHING to do with your Annual Election and can be filled out immediately after May 31 as that is the cutoff date for all activity for the year. The officers listed on page 3 are LAST YEAR's officers. This form is a fillable pdf and all calculations are done for you. All the information on this form can be verified by looking at MMS, because unless you have entered it in MMS by May 31, it cannot be included on your Annual Return. I prefer that you send the ANNUAL RETURN to me digitally. I will then look it over and either tell you I agree with all of your figures or will make the needed corrections – then you can send me your check.

OUR OHIO STATUTES are available from me electronically, only. We do not have printed copies as there are changes almost every year. I can email you the most current version any time you request it.

If you want to print it, that is fine but it will take several pages. The most current is dated October 2022. If we pass any legislation at this session the Statutes will be updated and available within the month.

RITUALS – Our Rituals are all in plain English – no code, and are available in either spiral bound or hard bound. The spiral bound are \$10.00 each and the hard bound are \$11.00 each.

TACTICS - These were updated in 2016 and are available in printed form or digitally – inserts only are \$5.00, with binders they are \$10.00. Any tactics that show a date prior to 2016 should have been destroyed long ago.

COMMANDERY YEARS – we use many different years which can be quite confusing.

Grand Encampment –

Member wise – Jan. 1 – Dec. 31

Fiscally they use triennial to triennial

Grand Commandery –

Membership payments to Grand Encampment – Jan. 1 – Dec. 31

Our membership year – June 1 – May 31

Fiscal year – Sept. 1 – Aug. 31

Constituent Commanderies –

Membership – June 1 – May 31

Election – May or June, depending on your By-Laws

Fiscal year – June 1 – May 31, but some close their books on April 31

Educational Foundation – Jan. 1 – Dec. 31

St. George is a constituent Commandery, books are closed on May 31

Holy Land Pilgrimage – Sept. 1 – Aug. 31

Three years ago, our Grand Commander appointed an Associate Grand Recorder. I could not have been more pleased that they chose our Past Grand Commander Bob Hager and his lovely wife Del. Our friendship has only deepened as we have worked together serving our Grand Commandery.

My wife Marion is not the Grand Recorder and I did not take on this responsibility expecting her to be – she does answer the phone, take messages and answer some questions and this year you will again see her smiling face and hear her friendly greeting in my office at Grand Commandery. I am very appreciative of how she supports me as I serve

our Grand Commandery and all of my other Masonic activities. She does enjoy the associations and friendships that we have developed with the Grand Commandery Officers and Past Grand Commanders and their wives. Thanks again for allowing me to help steer this vessel on its course through time for another year.

Al Johnson, KCT, Grand Recorder

Div	No.	Commandery	2023	Knlg	Adm	Rel	Addl	Dece	Dem	NPD	Non-	S/	Loss	2024	G/L
NW	7	Toledo	95	1	0	0	1	5	4	0	0	1	10	86	-9
	9	DeMolay	108	2	0	0	2	8	1	0	0	0	9	101	-7
	14	Shawnee	48	3	0	0	3	3	0	2	0	0	5	46	-2
	18	Norwalk	29	1	1	1	3	2	0	0	0	0	2	30	1
	23	Erie	67	2	0	0	2	1	4	2	0	0	7	62	-5
	30	Defiance	43	2	3	0	5	0	1	0	0	0	1	47	4
	36	Marion	99	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	4	0	8	91	-8
	49	Findlay	108	6	0	0	6	3	1	0	0	0	4	110	2
	54	Ivanhoe	45	2	1	0	3	3	0	1	0	0	4	44	-1
	56	Fremont	52	1	1	0	2	2	0	0	6	0	8	46	-6
	59	St. Omer	88	2	1	0	3	1	2	0	5	0	8	83	-5
	60	Elyria	46	4	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	4
	66	Eu Tah	36	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	34	-2
	74	Bryan	62	3	0	0	3	4	1	2	0	0	7	58	-4
			926	29	7	1	37	36	16	7	15	1	75	888	-38
wc	6	Reed	178	5	1	0	6	6	1	0	3	0	10	174	-4
	19	Raper	90	5	0	0	5	4	0	0	5	0	9	86	-4
	33	Palestine	133	4	1	2	7	10	1	0	2	0	13	127	-6
	46	Sidney	107	3	1	0	4	3	2	4	0	0	9	102	-5
	61	Bellefonta	61	3	0	0	3	1	0	0	0	0	1	63	2
	75	Jerusalem	53	2	0	0	2	2	1	0	1	0	4	51	-2
	80	Valley	82	3	0	0	3	1	0	0	0	0	1	84	2
	81	Nathaniel	110	5	1	0	6	6	0	0	12	0	18	98	-12
	82	Willis	76	2	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	1	77	1
			890	32	4	2	38	34	5	4	23	0	66	862	-28

SW	3 Cincinnati	154	7	1	1	9	5	1	1	2	0	9	154	0
	13 Calvary	131	7	3	1	11	6	0	0	0	0	6	136	5
	16 Hanselma	181	2	1	0	3	3	1	0	0	0	4	180	-1
	22 Miami	154	4	2	1	7	10	3	0	0	0	13	148	-6
	31 Highland	122	4	0	0	4	2	2	0	1	0	5	121	-1
	71 Middletow	156	2	1	1	4	6	1	0	13	0	20	140	-16
		898	26	8	4	38	32	8	1	16	0	57	879	-19
SE	2 Lancaster	103	2	1	0	3	3	0	0	0	0	3	103	0
	8 Chillicothe	149	9	1	1	11	5	0	0	0	0	5	155	6
	15 Athens	115	1	2	1	4	5	0	0	1	0	6	113	-2
	24 Ohio Valle	102	5	0	1	6	6	0	0	1	0	7	101	-1
	50 Marietta	183	1	0	0	1	10	4	0	4	0	18	166	-17
	53 Jackson	50	3	1	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	54	4
	78 Logan	49	1	0	0	1	1	47	0	2	0	50	0	-49
		751	22	5	3	30	30	51	0	8	0	89	692	-59
EC	1 Mt. Verno	186	5	0	0	5	1	0	0	0	0	1	190	4
	10 Cyrene	50	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	50	0
	11 Steubenvi	41	10	1	1	12	1	0	0	1	0	2	51	10
	26 Hope	77	4	0	0	4	4	0	1	4	0	9	72	-5
	34 St. Luke's	74	6	1	3	10	3	0	0	9	0	12	72	-2
	47 Cambridg	57	3	0	0	3	0	1	0	0	0	1	59	2
	63 Coshocto	71	1	0	0	1	4	0	0	0	0	4	68	-3
	69 Columbus	147	7	2	0	9	4	0	0	1	0	5	151	4
		703	37	4	4	45	18	1	1	15	0	35	713	10
NC	4 Massillon	50	3	1	0	4	3	2	0	0	0	5	49	-1
	5 Clinton	43	1	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	2	42	-1
	12 Oriental	47	2	1	0	3	1	0	0	1	0	2	48	1
	21 Mansfield	72	2	0	0	2	2	1	3	1	0	7	67	-5
	38 Canton	170	13	3	2	18	5	2	0	0	0	7	181	11
	40 Forest Cit	74	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	75	1
	48 Wooster	74	3	0	1	4	4	1	0	0	0	5	73	-1
	64 Coeur de	40	3	0	0	3	1	0	0	0	0	1	42	2
	70 Holy Grail	60	3	0	0	3	3	3	0	2	0	8	55	-5
	84 Medina	93	7	1	0	8	0	0	0	1	0	1	100	7
		723	38	6	3	47	21	9	3	5	0	38	732	9
NE	20 St. Johns	120	1	3	1	5	4	2	0	5	0	11	114	-6
	25 Akron	51	1	0	1	2	2	2	0	1	0	5	48	-3
	29 Eagle	67	6	0	1	7	3	1	1	0	0	5	69	2
	39 Warren	148	2	0	1	3	11	2	0	0	0	13	138	-10
	42 Salem	43	4	0	0	4	1	0	0	2	0	3	44	1
	52 Columbiar	50	4	1	0	5	1	0	0	0	1	2	53	3
	55 Pilgrim	71	3	0	2	5	4	3	0	2	0	9	67	-4
	73 Allenby	47	0	0	0	0	2	1	3	4	0	10	37	-10
	83 Cuyahoga	85	4	1	0	5	7	0	0	1	0	8	82	-3
		682	25	5	6	36	35	11	4	15	1	66	652	-30
	76 St. Georg	134	0	42	0	42	8	4	22	0	0	34	142	8
TOTALS		5707	209	81	23	313	214	105	42	97	2	460	5560	-147

St. George Commandery No. 76

Profit and Loss

June 1, 2023 – May 31, 2024

Balance Sheet

As of May 31,

Income	
Members	
Dues	
Life Members	1,000.00
Dues - Other	1,241.00
Total Dues	2,241.00
Fees	
Life Member	400.00
Fees - Other	200.00
Total Fees	600.00
Total Members	2,841.00
Total Income	2,841.00
Expense	
Disbursed Contributions	
Eye Foundation	30.00
Total Disbursed Contributions	30.00
Disbursements	
GC Per Capita	2,721.00
Total Disbursements	2,721.00
Postagew	136.00
Total Expense	2,887.00
Net Income	-46.00

ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
SNB Checking	20,339.38
Total Checking/Savings	20,339.38
Total Current Assets	20,339.38
TOTAL ASSETS	20,339.38
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	0.00
Total Liabilities	0.00

Knights Templar Educational Foundation

Profit and Loss Standard
January through December 2023

Income	
Donations	140.00
Interest Income	
ML Interest/Dividends	7,317.66
Interest Income - Other	4,144.31
Total Interest Income	11,461.97
ML Growth	3,273.61
Total Income	14,875.58
Expense	
Grand Commandery	
Office Supplies	16.00
Total Grand Commandery	16.00
Grand Encampment Fee	750.00
Miscellaneous	
CD Early Withdrawl Fee	0.15
Total Miscellaneous	0.15
Scholarship Payment	14,000.00
Total Expense	14,766.15
Net Income	109.43

Balance Sheet Standard
As of December 31, 2023

ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
Checking SNB	21,394.06
Merrill Lynch	
Investments	319,746.87
Total Merrill Lynch	319,746.87
Total Checking/Savings	341,140.93
Total Current Assets	341,140.93
TOTAL ASSETS	341,140.93

Holy Land Pilgrimage

A few years ago, we moved the Holy Land Pilgrimage Fund out of the Grand Commandery Account and set up a separate account. The Holy Land Pilgrimage is a 501 (c) (3) organization and by separating it from the Grand Commandery, contributions can be tax-deductible

Holyland Pilgrimage, Inc.
Profit and Loss Standard
September 2023 through August 2024
Sep '23 - Aug '24

Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
Donations	13,288.00
Total Income	13,288.00
Expense	
Program Expenses	
HolyLand - International	16,000.00
Total Program Expenses	16,000.00
Total Expense	16,000.00
Net Ordinary Income	-2,712.00
Net Income	-2,712.00

Holyland Pilgrimage, Inc.
Balance Sheet Standard
As of August 31, 2024
Aug 31, '24

ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
Park National	6,117.51
Total Checking/Savings	6,117.51
Total Current Assets	6,117.51
TOTAL ASSETS	6,117.51
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Equity	
Retained Earnings	8,829.51
Net Income	-2,712.00
Total Equity	6,117.51
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	6,117.51

Grand Commandery of Ohio

Profit and Loss Standard

09/10/24

September 2023 through August 2024

Cash Basis

			Sep '23 - Aug '24
	Income		
	Capital Gains (Losses)		1,061,429.50
	Dividends & Interest		72,085.14
	Dues & Fees		
	Grand Commandery Per Capita		117,700.00
	Total Dues & Fees		117,700.00
	Educational Foundation		
	Rent Reimbursement		1,600.00
	Total Educational Foundation		1,600.00
	KTEF		
	LS Passthru		-65.00
	Total KTEF		-65.00
	Life Membership Purchase		33,630.00
	Sales		
	25 Yr Pins		50.00
	Jewels		25.00
	Malta Jewels		1,268.61
	Misc		1,617.00
	MSA Pins		7.00
	Namebadges		930.89
	Rituals		907.68
	Roster		38.00
	Tactics		694.44
	Veterans Bars		30.00
	YR Service Jewel		355.78
	Total Sales		5,924.40
	Total Income		1,292,304.04

Expense	
Conclave	
Photographer	355.00
Conclave Committee	17,000.00
Drill Expenses	
Drill Award Plaques	256.98
Drill Expenses - Other	1,532.85
Total Drill Expenses	1,789.83
Payroll	
Past Grand Commanders	1,449.00
Constituent Commanderies	4,754.50
Grand Officers	1,825.50
Total Payroll	8,029.00
Printing	
Preprinted Reports	337.73
Proceedings	1,523.52
Total Printing	1,861.25
Stenographer	595.00
Total Conclave	29,630.08
Contributions	
DeMolay	1,450.00
Jobs Daughters	625.00
Rainbow	625.00
Total Contributions	2,700.00
Grand Commandery	
50 & Plus Year Pins	643.00
Citation Cord Program	406.05
Group Insurance	9,883.00
KCT & CoT	1,200.00
Life Membership Payment Endowed	3,960.00
Life Membership Payments OLD	4,887.00

Officers Expense	
GC's Expense	5,000.00
GO's Expense	7,681.61
Jewels	1,730.00
Total Officers Expense	14,411.61
Recorder & Treasurer Bond	359.00
Web Site	125.00
Total Grand Commandery	35,874.66
Grand Encampment	
Dues	50,247.00
Total Grand Encampment	50,247.00
KTEF Disbursements	
\$1.00 per Member	3.00
Total KTEF Disbursements	3.00
Miscellaneous Expenses	
Misc	631.77
Total Miscellaneous Expenses	631.77
Office	
Binding Annual Returns	137.44
Office Supplies	561.16
Postage	833.34
Rent and Expenses	9,000.00
Telephone	600.00
Total Office	11,131.94
OMH Disbursements	
Endowment Fund	2,500.00
Total OMH Disbursements	2,500.00
Supplies for Resale	
Jewels	1,668.00
Namebadges	863.85
Rituals	958.68
Supplies for Resale - Other	192.00
Total Supplies for Resale	3,682.53
Triennial	
Hospitality Room Expenses	2,651.94
Voting Delegate Payment	2,200.00
Total Triennial	4,851.94
Total Expense	141,252.92
Net Income	1,151,051.12

Balance Sheet Standard		09/10/24
As of August 31, 2024		Cash Basis
		Aug 31, '24
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Checking/Savings		
Combined SNB		
Life Sponsorship Pool		7,267.12
Endowed Membership - New		420.00
General - New		171,529.43
Total Combined SNB		179,216.55
Investments		
Stifel Nicolaus - Cash Mgnt		
Investments		541,905.34
Stifel Nicolaus - Cash Mgnt - Other		385,200.82
Total Stifel Nicolaus - Cash Mgnt		927,106.16
Stifel Nicolaus - Endowd & Mem		
Investments		73,247.18
Stifel Nicolaus - Endowd & Mem - Other		113,100.68
Total Stifel Nicolaus - Endowd & Mem		186,347.86
Stifel Nicolaus - General Fund		
Investments		145,678.15
Stifel Nicolaus - General Fund - Other		94,392.97
Total Stifel Nicolaus - General Fund		240,071.12
Stifel Nicolaus - Life Member		
Investments		78,359.07
Stifel Nicolaus - Life Member - Other		20,071.97
Total Stifel Nicolaus - Life Member		98,431.04
Stifel Nicolausl - Perm Fund		
Investments		1,752,942.85
Stifel Nicolausl - Perm Fund - Other		1,772,447.77
Total Stifel Nicolausl - Perm Fund		3,525,390.62
Total Investments		4,977,346.80
Total Checking/Savings		5,156,563.35

Grievance Committee Report

No report submitted

Charters and Dispensation Committee Report

Your committee for Charters and Dispensations respectfully reports that there were no applications or petitions for Charters presented, or matters pertaining to the same, submitted to this committee during this past year. Therefore, there is no report.

Ronald L. Vicars, KCT, PGC - Chairman

York Rite Unity Committee Report

No report submitted

Report of the Committee on Uniforms

No issues to report on any Uniform abnormalities this Templar Year

Dale A. Exline, KCT, VEDGC

Report of the Committee on Ritual and Tactics

There is nothing to report for this Templar Year. It is to be noted, at the Triennial this past August, legislation was passed that will add a change to the Short Form Red Cross Ritual.

Dale A. Exline, KCT, VEDGC

Publicity and Public Relations Committee Report

No report submitted

Website Committee Report

The Grand Commandery website, www.ohioknightstemplar.com, is maintained regularly with news, form revisions, and other necessary updates requested by the Right Eminent Grand Commander, the Grand Recorder, and the Associate Grand Recorder.

All required forms for Commandery Recorders and Grand Commandery officers are updated annually or as needed. Questions regarding or issues accessing forms should be directed to the Grand Recorder. Requests from a constituent Commandery to submit an item to be included on the website should be sent first to the Deputy Division

Commander. Errors or disabled links may be reported to the webmaster. I have agreed to serve as webmaster on an interim basis. I can be reached by e-mail at tstarr66@gmail.com or by phone or text at (740) 974-5620.

R Thomas Starr, Interim Webmaster

Report of The Knights Templar Educational Foundation – Ohio Division

The Knights Templar Educational Foundation – Ohio Division, received a record number of scholarship applications for the 2024-25 academic year, totaling 59! All complete applications were evaluated for scholastic achievement, extra-curricular involvement, and church and Masonic Youth Group participation.

We are able to award twenty \$1000.00 scholarships for the 2024-25 school year.

The recipients, in alphabetical order, are:

Brooke Carter – Columbus, OH	Keifer Clark – Xenia, OH
Alyssa Davis – Union, OH	Riley Hare – Rocky River, OH
Katelyn Heinselman – Niles, OH	Madison Humble – Portsmouth, OH
Coleman Leach – Logan, OH	Hannah Marion – Ashville, OH
Aidan McBride – Columbus, OH	Leanna Nugent – Bay Village, OH
Jakob Pelfrey – Lebanon, OH	John Perry – Cortland, OH
Logan Shope – Chillicothe, OH	Peytyn Slovesko – Hubbard, OH
Hannah Thompson – Circleville, OH	Rachel Thompson – Laurelville, OH
Ella Vlosich – Vienna, OH	Daniel Wise – Lima, OH
Matthew Wise – Lima, OH	Benjamin Woodruff – Cincinnati

The committee appreciates all those who promote and support the Educational Foundation by encouraging college-age students to apply.

The application for next year's scholarship cycle will be available on the Grand Commandery website in December; the deadline to submit the completed application is March 31, 2025.

R. Thomas Starr, KCT, PGC, Chairman (2027)
Robert C. Hager, KCT, PGC (2024)
Randy A. Williams, KCTY, GT (2025)
Larry H. Haines, GSW (2026)
Alfred T. Johnson, KCT, HPGC, Sec.

Long Range Planning Committee

The Long-range Planning committee focused our effort on several issues facing the Grand Commandery. Most of the efforts were placed on looking at realignment of Commanderies in the 7 divisions to balance the numbers. As you are aware, the Northwest Division has 14 commanderies and the Southwest and the Southeast only have 6 each. We have looked at the distance of travel in each division. Nothing has been finalized yet.

The committee has also taken a hard look at a formula for distribution of the Endowed Membership funds. The formula may be presented to the Grand Conclave by the Officers of the Grand Commandery of Ohio.

Other than the above issues it has been a relatively calm year.

Dale A. Exline, KCT, VEDGC

Ronald L. Ensell, KCT, EGG; Larry A. Rentz, KCT, EGCG;

Larry H. Haines, EGSW; Timothy O. Ralston, KCT, EGJW; John P.

Pience, EGStB

Grand Commandery Membership Committee Report

June 1, 2023 – May 31, 2024

Division	Months:								
Name	June - February	March	April	May	Total	Goal	% of goal	Reins	Avg. New SKs Per Commandery
East Central	8	2	0	27	37	39	94.87%	4	4.63
North Central	4	3	2	29	38	30	126.67%	1	3.80
Northeastern	8	1	2	14	25	27	92.59%	7	2.78
Northwestern	7	5	3	14	29	53	54.72%	1	2.07
Southeastern	13	3	0	5	21	30	70.00%	3	3.50
Southwestern	12	2	2	10	26	26	100.00%	4	4.33
West Central	15	3	7	7	32	35	91.43%	2	3.56
Divisions									
Total	67	19	16	106	208	240	86.67%	22	3.35
Logan #78					1				
Ironton #45								1	
G.C. Totals					209			23	

<u>Year</u>	<u>Grand Lodge New MMs</u>	<u>G.C New SKs</u>
2024	600 (Est.)	209
2023	775	211
2022	1605*	300
2021	1508*	11**
2020	657	75**
2019	1766*	168
2018	681	174
2017	2176*	187
2016	860	204
2015	849	234

Note: GL year ends July 31st.

*Grandmaster's Class

**G.C. Covid Shutdown

Commanderies Sorted by Size

<u>Members</u>	<u>2021-2022</u>	<u>2022-2023</u>	<u>2023-2024</u>
200+	2	0	0
150-200	6	8	8
100-150	17	15	14
50-100	27	28	27
Under 50	12	13	13

Total	64	64	62
Largest: Mt. Vernon #1 – 190 – 30		Smallest: Norwalk #19	

Note: Ironton #45 and Logan #78 have closed.

Commanderies With the Most New SKs**Commanderies With the Most % Growth**

Canton #38	13	Steubenville #11	24.39%
Steubenville #11	10	Defiance #30	9.30%
Chillicothe #8	9	Elyria #60	8.70%
Cincinnati #3	7	Medina #84	7.53%
Calvery #13	7	Canton #38	6.47%
Columbus #69	7	Columbian #52	6.00%
Medina #84	7		

Commanderies Sorted by Productivity

<u>New SKs</u>	<u>2021-2022</u>	<u>2022-2023</u>	<u>2023-2024</u>
0 -2 Unsuccessful	25	30	28
3 – 5 Successful	18	21	25
6+ Very Successful	21	13	9
Total	64	64	62

Dave Kern
2023-2024 Membership Chairman

Report from the Editor of the Ohio Supplement, Grand Encampment's Knight Templar Magazine

Thanks to Sir Knight Richard Ganion, Right Eminent Grand Commander. 2023-2024 for asking me to continue as the Ohio Supplement editor for Knight Templar Magazine, now the online KT news. It is fun to hear and share about the adventures of our Grand Commandery leadership throughout each year. It is an honor and a pleasure to serve the Grand Commandery of Ohio in this capacity.

Remember that you can find the link to the Ohio supplement from the Grand Commandery homepage at <https://ohioknightstemplar.com/> A link to all state supplements may be found in each issue of Knight Templar Magazine. If your commandery has an electronic newsletter be sure to add a link to the Ohio News supplement. There often is extra space for news in addition to the Grand Commander's message, so, please submit local news and photographs for inclusion in the supplement to the grand commander or to me. Best wishes for the upcoming Templar year.

Your Editor, S. Jefferson Slattery

The Public, Civic and Patriotic Activities Report

No report submitted

Report on Uniform Audits

No report submitted

Report of the Triennial Committee

The 69th Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar is now history. It was held on August 18 – 21, 2024 in Salt Lake City, Utah.

S.K. David J. Kussman GCT was elected as Grand Master, S.K. Jeffrey Bolstad, GCT as Deputy Grand Mater, S.K. Jack Harper, GCT as Grand Generalissimo and S.K. James McGee, GCT as Grand Captain General. S.K. David Studley as elected as the new Grand Treasurer.

Plans for the 70th Triennial are underway and it will be held in a City to be disclosed later. Dates have not yet been posted, but will be forthcoming.

William H. Koon II, PGC, GCT

Ohio Masonic Home Report

No report submitted

Ritual Competition Committee Report

No report submitted

Easter Sunrise Committee Report

No report submitted

Report of Competitive Drill Committee

No report submitted

Knight Templar HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE

Ohio Committee Report – 2024

No report submitted

Ohio Commandery DeMolay Cooperation Committee 2024

No report submitted

MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD REPORT

No report submitted

Knights Templar Eye Foundation Report

on 56th Voluntary Campaign

The 56th Voluntary Campaign is in the books, and once again the Sir Knights and Ohio's constituent commanderies contributed generously and greatly to its success.

Ohio ranked First throughout Grand Encampment in dollars contributed during this campaign, which ended May 15, 2024. Sir Knights and commanderies contributed \$122,790.83 as part of the \$1,616,534.30 given from all jurisdictions toward research for the prevention of blindness.

There are twenty one (21) Commanderies receiving certificates for achieving \$5.00 - \$9.00 per member:

Massillon Commandery No. 4, Toledo Commandery No. 7, Chillicothe Commandery No. 8, Cyrene Commandery No. 10, Raper Commandery No.19, Miami Commandery No.22, Erie Commandery No.23, Ohio Valley No.24, Ohio Valley Commandery No.24, Hope Commandery No. 26, St. Lukes Commandery No.34, Marion Commandery No.36, Wooster Commandery No.48, Findlay Commandery No.49, Jackson Commandery No.53, Fremont Commandery No.53, Elyria Commandery No.60, Bellefontaine Commandery No.61, Coshocton Commandery No.63, Coeur de Lion Commandery No.64, Bryan Commandery No. 80, Valley Commandery No. 80.

There are twenty-seven (27) Commanderies receiving seals for achieving \$10.00 or more per member:

Cincinnati Commandery No. 3, Clinton Commandery No. 5, Reed Commandery No. 6, DeMolay Commandery No. 9, Steubenville Commandery No. 11, Calvary Commandery No. 13, Shawnee Commandery No.14, Hanselmann Commandery No.16, Akron Commandery No.25, Eagle Commandery No. 29, Defiance Commandery No. 30, Highland Commandery No. 31, Palestine Commandery No. 33, Canton Commandery No. 38, Warren Commandery No. 39, Forest City Commandery No 40, Sidney Commandery No. 46, Columbian Commandery No. 52, Ivanhoe Commandery No. 54, Pilgrim Commandery No.55, Columbus Commandery No. 69, Holy Grail Commandery No. 70, Middletown Commandery No.71, Allenby Commandery No.73, Willis Commandery No. 82 Cuyahoga Falls Commandery No.83, Medina Commandery No.84.

An individual Sir Knight may become a Life Sponsor by contributing \$30.00 and may join The Grand Master's Club by giving \$1,000.00 or reach this level by joining The Grand Commander's Club (\$100.00 per year for 10 years).

Persons or organizations may contribute at the following levels: Associate Patron - \$50.00; Patron - \$100.00; Golden Chalice - \$10,000.00; Grand Master's Sword of Merit- \$25,000.00.

The 57th Voluntary Campaign is already underway. It is my honor to chair this campaign. I would never have this opportunity if it was not for the great support Ohio has shown over the years, and I am truly indebted to those who continue to support the Knights Templar Eye Foundation.

It has been my honor to serve as your State Chairman. Your generosity will never be forgotten, and I thank you for your continued support.

Jobie W. Dotson PDDC.
Chairman for Ohio, 55th Voluntary Campaign

Time and Place Committee Report

183rd Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Ohio will be held at the Crowne Plaza Columbus North, Worthington, Ohio on October 9 & 10, 2024.
Dale A Exline, KCT, VEDGC

Northwestern Division

I'm happy to report that the Northwestern Division had a very busy year. We were honored to have been invited to form the lines and present the Colors at the annual Communication of the Grand Lodge.

There were 40 Sir Knights and, in addition to the Northwestern Division, most of the other Divisions were also represented. One of our own, Sir Knight Steven Grindle, Past Commander of Toledo Commandery #7, presided as Grand Master.

All Commanderies participated in Christmas, Easter, and Ascension Services, either singly or in conjunction with other Commanderies.

Fourteen Inspections kept us busy. We were blessed that the weather, for the most part, cooperated. Every Inspection was held as scheduled and each was on its own day with no "doubling up", as we

have had to do in the past. The ladies' programs were all very well received. Four Sir Knights had perfect attendance this year and were presented awards for their accomplishments. For one Sir Knight, James Dahms of Eu-Tah #66, it was his second year in a row! There were two minor discrepancies which were corrected in a timely manner.

The Division participated in two York Rite Festivals. The first was the annual Tri-State Festival which alternates among Ohio, Michigan and Indiana. The second was the Northwest Ohio York Rite Festival which was held in Findlay. Seventeen new Sir Knights were admitted as a result of these. Overall, the Division Knighted 29 new members.

The year was capped off with the annual CTA picnic which was held at the Findlay Masonic Temple.

William G. Windnagel, DDC

West Central Division

During the 181st Grand Conclave of Knights Templar of Ohio the West Central Division was honored to see Sir Knight Richard L. Ganion, KCT elected as our Right Eminent Grand Commander, along with the appointments of Sir Knight John P. Pience, KCT as the Eminent Grand Standard Bearer, Sir Knight Ron R. Richardson as Eminent Grand Prelate, Sir Knight Michael F. Lindsey as Eminent Grand Sword Bearer and Sir Knight James A. Haugen as the Eminent Grand Warder. The Sir Knights and Ladies of the West Central Division thank Sir Knights Ganion, Pience, Richardson, Lindsey and Haugen for their service to the Division and the Grand Commandery of Ohio. The Grand Commander's reception was held on November 18th, 2023 at the Holiday Inn in Fairborn. Attendance for the reception was 223 Sir Knights and Ladies of which were 16 Sir Knights from West Central forming the lines. It was a well celebrated evening.

The fall meetings of the West Central Division CTA were held on October 13th in Beaver Valley by Nathaniel Greene No. 81 and November 3rd at Reed No. 6 where the CTA utilized the School of Instruction created by SK Larry E. Fisher, KCT. Each meeting was well attended, and every Sir Knight learned something new from this particular program. On December 10th, 2023 the West Central Division held their annual Christmas Celebration, which is always well attended, in the Pavilion at the Ohio Masonic Home in Springfield. The

April 19th meeting in Sidney No. 46 was held with the Ladies in attendance for their valued input into the happenings of the upcoming 2024-2025 Templar year. Again, on June 23rd, 2024 the CTA met at the Ohio Masonic Home where the Order of Knight Eminent Commander was held and ten new Knight Eminent Commanders were made members. We were fortunate to have a majority of the cast made up from Sir Knights who conferred the Order for the first time. The newly elected CTA Officers were installed by SK Martin R. Trent the Right Eminent Department Commander of the East Central Department of the Grand Encampment of the United States of America. The West Central Division would like to congratulate SK Trent who is finishing his time as the East Central Department Commander. The West Central CTA participated in forming the lines for several Grand bodies to include the Grand Lodge of Ohio, Ohio Grand Chapter Order of Eastern Star, the Right Eminent Grand Commander's Reception of the Grand Commandery of Ohio, Scottish Rite Council of Deliberation, Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Ohio, and Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Ohio.

Inspection season in the Division began in January and ended in April. All nine Commanderies had successful Inspections and each Inspection was well attended. Our Right Eminent Grand Commander Richard L. Ganion, KCT and his Lady Debbie visited the Division at the inspections of Reed Commandery No. 6 on January 6, 2024 and Bellefontaine Commandery No. 61 on April 6th, 2024. Sir Knights Ganion, Pience, Richardson, Lindsey, Haugen, and I along with their Ladies attended the East Central Department meeting in Fort Wayne, Indiana. The Commanderies of the West Central Division participated in or held Easter Services throughout the Division, including one in conjunction with Ivanhoe No. 54 and Shawnee No. 14 in the Northwest Division. The West Central Division was well represented at the Grand Encampment's Easter Sunrise Service in Arlington, Virginia. The Commanderies in the Division also participated in posting colors, posting Honour Guard and forming lines on many occasions throughout the year.

Sidney Commandery No. 46 had the pleasure of hosting SK James A. Haugen, the Eminent Grand Warder, SK John Pience, KCT the Eminent Grand Standard Bearer, SK Al Johnson, HPGC, KCT the Eminent Grand Recorder, SK Richard Ganion, KCT the Right Eminent Grand Commander of Ohio and SK Martin R. Trent the Right Eminent

Department Commander of the East Central Department of Knights Templar of the United States of America for the presentation of a Sword of Merit for SK Tommie E. Leininger of Sidney No. 46 for his donations to the Knight Templar Eye Foundation. SK Trent, as the installing officer, SK Ganion, as the installing Marshall, and SK Pience, as the installing Prelate then honored Sidney Commandery No. 46 by installing the new officers for the ensuing Templar year.

The West Central Division did a great job in knighting 31 new Sir Knights over this past year with 2 reinstatements. The West Central Division participated in a York Rite Week in Dayton which started on February 26th and ended with the Orders for Commandery being held on March 1st and 2nd, 2024 at Reed Commandery No. 6. I want to express my appreciation to all the Sir Knights and Ladies of the West Central Division for making my first year as Deputy Division Commander as smooth as possible.

Kyle J. Binkley, DDC

Southwestern Division

The Sir Knights and Ladies of the Southwestern Division wish Sir Knight Richard Ganion KCT and Lady Debbie all the best and congratulate them on a successful Chivalric year. During the 181st Grand Conclave of Knights Templar of Ohio, the Southwestern Division were honored to see Sir Knight Timothy Ralston KCT elected as the Eminent Grand Junior Warden, and Sir Knight Sir Knight Ron Richardson appointed as Eminent Grand Prelate. We offer our thanks and appreciation to these Sir Knights for their service to the Division and Grand Commandery of Ohio. Sir Knight Ralston and Lady Sandy along with Sir Knight Richardson and Lady Sarah are a great team and all the Sir Knights and Ladies of the Southwestern Division look forward to their years of service to our Division and the Grand Commandery of Ohio.

The Southwestern Division held five CTA meetings which were well attended this year. Education programs were conducted during the meetings in September, November, and January. During the November meeting representatives from Rainbow Girls presented an overview of their youth programs. Additionally during the November CTA meeting the division was honored to present Companion of the Temple awards to Lady Sandy Cramblit and Lady Tammy Benzinger. Sir Knight Dale Olson KCT, REPG was in attendance and recognized

Sir Knight Ron Cramblit for receiving the prestigious Knight Templar Cross of Honour. Congratulations to these Ladies and Sir Knight Cramblit on receiving these well-deserved honors. The March CTA meeting was a social evening with everyone enjoying great fellowship and fun. The Southwestern CTA officers hosted several special events throughout the year including a Thanksgiving meal, Christmas party, Easter sunrise service, and a Military Ball that raised over \$300 for the Knight Templar Eye Foundation. During the month of August two schools of instruction were held to review the Full Form Opening and Ohio Tactics with the incoming 2024-2025 officers.

The 2023-2024 Inspection season in the Division began in January and ended in February. All six Commanderies had successful Inspections and attendance for both Sir Knights and Ladies was excellent. The Southwestern Division was honored to have Our Right Eminent Grand Commander Richard Ganion, KCT and his Lady Debbie visit the Division at the inspections for Highland #31 and Calvary #13 Commanderies. It was a great joy to have them with us those days.

The necrology report for the Southwestern division includes adding 26 new Sir Knights over this past year, 4 reinstatements and lost 21 Sir Knights to death. The Southwestern Division was honored to have SK Richard Ganion, KCT, REGC knight 13 new Sir Knights during the York Rite Festival on May 18, 2024. This year's honoree was SK Dennis Lynch, KCT, Eminent Prior Ohio Priory No. 18. Collaborative York Rite Festivals for the 4th District Royal Arch Masons, and the 3rd Arch Royal & Select Masons were held on separate dates. Sir Knight Ralston, KCT and I offer our thanks and appreciation to all who helped to make this a successful year for knights within the Southwestern Division

The Southwestern Division posted colors in May for the First Masonic District Grand Master's reception. Sir Knights from the Southwestern Division also posted colors and assisted in forming lines during receptions for the Eminent Prior, Grand High Priest, and Illustrious Grand Master, and posted honor guards throughout the year.

The Southwestern Division's website was updated and improved this past year thanks to the efforts of Sir Knight Edward Galt. Additionally, a quarterly newsletter encompassing activities of the Southwest Ohio York Rite Bodies was published and distributed in July. These efforts have helped to strengthen the fraternal bonds

between the Commanderies and other York Rite bodies in Southwestern Ohio.

The year concluded with our annual CTA meeting and picnic in June. The Division elected new officers for the year and presented a number of awards. The Division awarded Sir Knight Timothy Evans as Sir Knight of the Year and Lady Pam Evans as Lady of the Year. Congratulations to Sir Evans and Lady Pam.

I want to express my appreciation to all the Sir Knights and Ladies of the Southwestern Division for making this a very successful year. The enthusiasm of the Sir Knights and especially the Ladies have made this year outstanding. I want to especially thank Brad and Jennifer Cox for their devotion and hard work during this year as President and First Lady of the Southwestern Division CTA.

David S. Howe, DDC

Southeastern Division

The Sir Knights and Ladies of the Southeastern Division enjoyed another year of fun and fellowship during the 2023-2024 Templar year.

The Southeastern Division was represented with a good attendance at the 181st Grand Conclave at the Crowne Plaza in Columbus, Ohio. We all enjoyed visiting with old friends and making new friends in the hospitality rooms. We are honored to support our Southeastern Division Grand Officers;

Dale A Exline, KCT was elected and installed as the Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander, Larry E. Byer, KCT was appointed and installed as the Division Commander, and Gary A Coleman was appointed and installed as the Deputy Division Commander.

During the month of October, we had several celebrations in our division. We attended receptions for Sir Knight R. Thomas Starr, and Sir Knight Stephen Carson, for receiving their Scottish Rite 33rd degrees. We also traveled to the Crowne Plaza in Columbus for the joint reception of the Grand High Priest Ryan Adams, and Grand Illustrious Master Wes Webber.

Our fall activities included our Grand Commandery fundraiser of peanut brittle, we once again would like to thank all the Sir Knights and Ladies from around the state for supporting our fundraiser.

The Grand Officers and Ladies, traveled to Dayton to attend the School of Instruction and reception for the Eminent Grand Commander Richard L Ganion, KCT and Lady Debbie. A few of us traveled to the Air Force Museum and met at the Texas Roadhouse for dinner on Friday evening. Everyone in attendance enjoyed the weekend visiting and celebrating.

The months of November and December brought visitations to our commanderies to prepare the Sir Knights for the upcoming inspection season. We also attended several Christmas observances. Lady Lisa and I once again reprised our roles as Santa and Mrs Claus, we visited some preschools, Churches, and CASA (Court appointed special advocate) for foster children.

Our CTA officers and Grand Officers had several work sessions and planning meetings throughout the year to promote activities within the division.

We had fairly nice weather for our inspections, we averaged 30 Sir Knights and 9 ladies in attendance, I thank our Sir Knights and Ladies for traveling to our inspections and for our traveling Sir Knights with helping each other, your dedication is greatly appreciated. I would also like to thank Eminent Grand Commander Richard L Ganion for the opportunity to inspect Norwalk Commandery 18, and Cambridge Commandery 47. It is always nice visiting other commanderies, seeing old friends and making new ones.

March brought us to the East Central Department meeting in Fort Wayne. The Southeastern Division was well represented in attendance for the meetings. Our group enjoyed the Ohio Dinner at the Hoppy Gnome and other activities during the weekend.

We traveled to Washington D.C., with Eminent Deputy Grand Commander Dale Exline and Lady Judy. We had quite the adventure. We arrived at the hotel to find a partial power outage. After getting checked in, the power came on shortly after we got to our rooms. Several of us enjoyed a night bus, walking tour of Washington D.C. On Saturday, Sir Knight Dale Exline and myself traveled to get a rental car, as Lady Judy's van decided her travels to Commandery functions was coming to an end. She lost her transmission in the parking garage and she decided to stay in Washington DC. Watching the tow truck driver trying to get the van out of the parking garage was quite a feat. We traveled to Arlington VA via the metro to attend the wreath ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Afterwards, our

Eminent Grand Commander arranged for us to tour the guard barracks and ask questions; this was very much enjoyed by all attending.

Easter Sunday morning our group attended Sunrise services at the George Washington Masonic Memorial. We were blessed with an uplifting service and message.

Larry E. Byer, KCT, DC

East Central Division

The East Central Division had an active and successful year. We participated in several presentation of colors, both at Masonic events and public opportunities, as well as honor guards at funerals.

We were represented at the Grand Commander's Officer training and reception on November 18, 2023. We held a fine CTA meeting on December 16, 2023 at Cyrene # 10 with officer training and a Christmas program. On February 10, 2024 we held our next CTA meeting at St Luke's # 34 along with the presentation of the Knight Eminent Commander ceremony.

We were pleased to be asked to participate in the Central Ohio York Rite Festival. The Chapter and Council degrees were presented on April 27, 2024 at the home of Columbus Commandery # 69 and the Commandery Orders portrayed at the home of Mt. Vernon # 1. A week later, on May 10, 2024, we held our Division Military Ball, including a Division meeting and a memorial service, at the home of Amrou Grotto in Zanesville. At the invitation of our Division President, Benjamin Okwumabua, we gathered at his home in Reynoldsburg for a Division picnic and annual election of new Division officers on August 10, 2024.

We were very close to reaching our membership goal of 39, with the knighting of 37 new Sir Knights. We also had 4 Sir Knights reinstated. All 8 of our Commanderies knighted men this past year and all had successful inspections for our Commanders and Commanderies. Of special note is the outstanding membership efforts of the Sir Knights at Steubenville # 11. They knighted 10 new Sir Knights during the Chivalric year.

David P Welch, DDC
Randy A Williams, DC

North Central Division

The 23/24 Templar year has come to a close and we again had a fun year. With conclaves in the asylums, knightings across the division, continued training and learning at our CTA events, drill team performance and a kindled spirit of the knights. All Commanderies were able to take part in Christmas and Easter observances as well as participating at the division's church services.

Many of our Sir Knights and family members were able to attend the Easter services in Alexandria; they were held inside again this year because of no bleachers and was a very moving service. Also, all Commanderies took part in color postings and helped to form lines at multiple events including the 22nd District Reception for the Grand Master, the 16th District Royal Arch Ball for the Grand High Priest and at the Scottish Rite Ohio Council of Deliberation.

Many of our Commanderies had new Sir Knights for our inspections. Our division also brought in 47 new Sir Knights by hosting a York Rite Festival in Canton. We even initiated a few new Sir Knights at the Findlay York Rite Festival. Our Commanderies have continued to drill, but the turnout of Knights was a challenge. We do hope to have three commanderies with drill teams competing at the 2024 Grand Conclave

A new corps of CTA officers was elected and installed and has begun work for the new year and are excited to help educate and inform in their sessions.

We also supported our youth groups by assisting DeMolay and Rainbow Girls in the division as well as helping them at state events; it was fun to watch as Elizabeth Dauterman led the Rainbow Girls as she concluded her Grand Assembly at Kenyon College. The division has seen growth in all three youth groups with new assemblies and chapters starting.

As the future unfolds we plan to continue moving forward with membership growth, more light for the Sir Knights, fun times together and support of the Eye Foundation, Holy Land Pilgrimage and the scholarship program.

David Dauterman, DDC

Northeastern Division

The 2023-2024 Templar year has been a positive year for the Northeastern Division. This year saw continued success in the division as well as the continued growth of fellowship and support among all the commanderies within the division. Although this year saw only two new Eminent Commanders, the strength of our division leadership, dedication of the CTA officers, and the support of Grand Officers, Past Grand Commanders, and Past Deputy Division Commanders made it a successful year.

This year saw 25 new Sir Knights, 5 affiliations and 6 reinstatements. This was almost double last year's growth, primarily due to 13 new Sir Knights who joined during the York Rite Festival held on May 4, 2024, in Canton. Many of the Sir Knights of the divisions participated in the festival taking multiple parts in both the Capitular and Cryptic degrees as well as presiding in the Order of the Red Cross, Order of Malta, and Order of the Temple.

Although it is unknown to us, God calls us all home in his own time. The Northeastern Division saw the loss of 35 faithful Sir Knights this year; including SK Lawrence Powell and SK Bruce McDowell, Past Deputy Division Commanders, many past commanders, and many long serving members such as SK Philip Lucco who received his 75-year membership award last year. Behold what havoc the scythe of time reaps.

The Northeastern Division had a strong inspection season with averages of 43 Sir Knights at each inspection, 16 members of the inspecting commanderies in attendance, 17 Ladies in attendance, and 57 attending banquets. These averages are all higher than last year. Every commandery in the division was present at each inspection which continues to serve as a testament to the strength of the division. It should be noted that Warren Commandery had an amazing inspection with 60 Sir Knights in attendance, 27 Ladies, and a banquet attendance of 80. Well done Sir Knights and Ladies.

The Northeastern Division continues to be strong in our outside activities. Members participated in forming lines at all Grand York Rite sessions, Grand Lodge, and many receptions throughout the state. Our Sir Knights participated in honor guards, posted colors for Blue Lodges, attended youth group events, and were active in multiple Christmas, Easter, and Ascension Day services. The Division joined with the North Central Division to hold a portrayal of the Living Last

Supper as an Easter Observance. This was the 30th year this has been performed and over \$400 was raised for the Holy Land Pilgrimage.

The Division again held their annual Military Ball on May 4, 2024. This proved to be an exciting day as many of the Sir Knights who assisted in the York Rite Festival in Canton ended their evening with their ladies at the Military Ball at the Youngstown Saxson Club. This continues to be a wonderful celebration of the division for the conclusion of a successful year.

On behalf of the Division and the Division Leadership we would like to thank the Sir Knights for all their hard work and look forward to continuing to grow and support SK Ronald Ensell, KCT, Eminent Grand Generalissimo.

Joshua J. Grove, DDC

GRAND COMMANDER GANION: Sir Knight Frank Boner, can you give us a report from the Jurisdiction Committee?

SIR KNIGHT BONER: Sir Knights --

GRAND COMMANDER GANION: Jurisprudence. Sorry.

SIR KNIGHT BONER: Sir Knights, the committee on Templar Jurisprudence. Well, who is the committee on Templar Jurisprudence, you ask? Pay attention. It will be myself as chairman, Sir Knight Gerald Pugh, Sir Knight Martin Trent, Sir Knight Dale Exline, Sir Knight Ron Ensell, and Sir Knight Larry Rentz. If you find any problems with this, please see one of them. The Committee on Templar Jurisprudence of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar for the State of Ohio, have reviewed the decisions, actions of the Right Eminent Grand Commander for the 1923, '24 chivalric year and find it to be in accordance with the constitution and statutes of the Grand Encampment, Knights Templar of the United States, and the bylaws and statutes of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the state of Ohio. I, therefore, recommend adoption and move for the adoption of this report.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Second.

GRAND COMMANDER GANION: It has been regularly moved and seconded to approve the report of the Jurisprudence Committee. Any discussion? Hearing none, all in favor, sword arm. Opposed, bridle arm. Motion carried. Thank you, Sir Knight Boner, for that report. Eminent Grand Recorder, are there any legislative items to come before this Grand Commandery?

GRAND RECORDER JOHNSON: There are no legislative items to come before this Grand Commandery.

GRAND COMMANDER GANION: I invite Sir Knight Richard "Dick" Heldman, acting member for the Supreme Council of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite for the Northern Masonic jurisdiction of the United States of America and deputy for Ohio to give remarks.

SIR KNIGHT HELDMAN: Most Worshipful Grand Master, Right Eminent Grand Commander, Distinguished East, distinguished guests, Sir Knights all, good morning.

ALL: Good morning.

SIR KNIGHT HELDMAN: It is my pleasure to bring fraternal greetings from Illustrious Walter Wheeler, 33rd Degree, Sovereign Commander for the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, Northern Masonic jurisdiction. Right Eminent, with your permission, might I ask Scottish Rite Masons with us today to stand and be acknowledged? That brings a smile to your deputy's face. Please be seated. While not all could stand, it looks like clearly, I still have work before me. I asked you to stand because, as you heard me say before, it is truly my belief that we need strong appendant bodies in Ohio, and I see that we have strong appendant bodies for that Master Mason seeking more light from Freemasonry.

I personally will support a Master Mason who finds his fulfillment in some Scottish Rite body or in any of our concordant bodies. Again, one who is finding himself fulfilled to try to be a better version of himself.

Eminent, as I have stated to you before and your successors as well, as the Deputy for Scottish Rite, my hand of friendship, brotherly love, and support for the York Rite bodies is always extended. I appreciate your leadership over this past year. It has been my pleasure to work alongside you as we both represent our respective bodies. And I thank you for your service and look forward -- wish you well in your future endeavors. Sir Knights, thank you.

GRAND COMMANDER GANION: Sir Knight Heldman, I thank you for your remarks -- for your kind remarks. We have traveled extensively and crisscrossed paths over many years, and it's always a pleasure, my friend. Thank you. Eminent Grand Recorder, please call the roll of the Grand Representatives.

GRAND RECORDER JOHNSON: As their names are called, do you want them to assemble or to stand?

GRAND COMMANDER GANION: Please stand in your place and be recognized.

GRAND RECORDER JOHNSON: Thank you.

Alabama, Richard J. Brady
Alaska, Burch E. Zehner.
Arizona, William D. Stratton
Arkansas, Robert Davis.
California, Kyle J. Binkley.

excused.
He's here.
is also excused due to health.
Here.
He is excused also. Got laid up with a broken ankle.

Colorado, Dennis M. Lynch.	Here.
Connecticut, Larry H. Haines.	Here.
Croatia	is empty.
Delaware, Dale A. Exline.	Here.
District of Columbia, Charles Swank.	Present.
Florida, William Windnagel.	Here.
Georgia, John P. Pience.	Present.
Hawaii, Gary A. Coleman.	
Idaho, David P. Welch.	
Illinois, Lloyd W. Eikenlaub.	Present.
Indiana, some guy named Al Johnson is here.	
Iowa, David S. Howe	Present
Italy, Ron R. Richardson.	Present
Kansas, Ronald L. Ensell.	Present
Kentucky, George Edmiston, III.	Present
Louisiana, Robert C. Hager.	Present.
Maine, Bradford Weesner.	Present.
Maryland, H. Lee Hadley.	Present.
Massachusetts and R I, John Cox.	He's here somewhere.
Mexico, David M. Snyder	is excused due to health.
Michigan, Richard Ganion.	Present.
Minnesota, Aaron L. French.	Present.
Mississippi, Ronald Langford.	Enthusiastically present.
Mississippi, Larry E. Byer	Present.
Montana, Joshua J. Grove.	Present
Nebraska, Ronald L Vicars	Present.
Nevada, R. Thomas Starr	Present.
New Hampshire, David P. Dauterman	Here.
New Jersey, William E. Robinson.	Present.
New Mexico, Ronald E. Shaw	Present.
New York, Richard A. Antill.	
North Carolina, Carroll Monday	excused due to health.
North Dakota, H. Lee Peterson.	
Oklahoma, Douglas A. Sunnenberg	Present.
Oregon, Larry A. Rentz.	Present.
Panama, Rodney L. Carr.	Present.
Pennsylvania, Steven E. Roth	Present.
Philippines, Ronald B. Langford	I'm still here. I didn't know I was -- You were replaced. I don't know what happened there. Sorry.
Portugal, Timothy O. Ralston	Present.
Prince Hall, Perry E. Coxson	Present.
S. Carolina, Dennis L. Wilhelm	Present.
South Dakota, David R. Leytze	
Texas, William H. Koon	Present.
Utah, Kenneth L. Crouch	Present.
Vermont, Larry Fisher	

Virginia, Franklin C. Boner	Present.
Washington, David G. Weimer	Present.
West Virginia, Gerald J. Pugh	Present.
Wisconsin, Martin R. Trent	Present.
Wyoming, David A. Wiley	

GRAND RECORDER JOHNSON: That is your Grand Representatives, Right Eminent.

GRAND COMMANDER GANION: Thank you, Eminent Grand Recorder. Representatives, I thank you for the work you do in keeping us in touch with our sister jurisdictions. I hope and pray that you do that. And if you do not, please travel to your assigned jurisdiction. I assure you that the friendships that you will make will be lifelong. Thank you, Sir Knights. Do we have any representatives from other jurisdictions to Ohio present? If so, please stand. Seeing none, I next invite Sir Knight R. Wesley Webber, the immediate-past Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masons of Ohio, to come forward and give remarks.

SIR KNIGHT WEBBER: Right Eminent, it was a pleasure to serve with you this year and other Sir Knights. And for those knights who think I'm just going to retire, because I'm up here at the microphone, but I think it will be the opposite. I'm the junior warden of the Canton Commandery But I am looking forward to the new officers taking over for next year and all the good things the commandery does in this state. Thank you very much.

GRAND COMMANDER GANION: Thank you. Thank you for sharing your remarks. It has been a great pleasure to travel with you throughout the years, my friend. Thank you. I have a request for the department commander of the West Central Department -- I elevated you. The West Central Division commander that the Sir Knights in the West Central Division be excused to assemble. So, would the West Central Division please join our Division Commander outside? I have no idea what he's up to, and it kind of scares me. Moving on, Sir Knight Exline, you're up.

SIR KNIGHT EXLINE: Right Eminent Grand Commander, I move that Honorary Memberships in the Grand Commandery of the State of Ohio be extended to the Right Eminent Grand Commanders.

GRAND COMMANDER GANION: Is there a second?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Second.

GRAND COMMANDER GANION: Sir Knights, it has been moved and seconded that Honorary Memberships be extended to the Grand Commanders visiting us. Is there any discussion? Hearing none, hearing none, all in favor, sword arm. Down arm. Opposed, bridle arm. Motion carries. Eminent Grand Recorder, please read the

names of the Sir Knights who will be receiving honorary memberships in the Grand Commandery of Ohio. As your name is called, please present yourself in the East.

GRAND RECORDER JOHNSON: Randy Joe Darling, Donald E. Murphy, Jamie Allen Emery. Did we have any others show up after introductions? Is the Grand Commander of Kentucky here somewhere?

GRAND COMMANDER GANION: He was. He was here. He might have stepped out. Picked the wrong time for a bathroom break. You can go ahead and return to your seats. Just remember, you are now members of the Grand Commandery of Ohio.

SIR KNIGHT PIENCE: Right Eminent Grand Commander, Knights of the West Central Division would like to be allowed to enter and approach the East.

GRAND COMMANDER GANION: They have my permission.

SIR KNIGHT PIENCE: Surprise.

GRAND COMMANDER GANION: You kept this a surprise. I have no idea what you're up to, so I'm going to let you run the show for the next few seconds.

SIR KNIGHT PIENCE: Grand Commander, the Knights of the West Central Division have been really proud to have been a part of this great Grand Commandery. These are a couple of gifts to be presented.

GRAND COMMANDER GANION: I'll set this down. I'll probably break it. It feels fragile. Should I open it? Do you want to see what it is?

SIR KNIGHT PIENCE: You'll probably want to open it.

GRAND COMMANDER GANION: Do you want to see what it is? It's heavy, whatever it is. Oh, my goodness. Look at that. This is heavy. "Sir Knight Richard L. Ganion, Right Eminent Grand Commander, Grand Commandery of Ohio, 2023 to 2024." Thank you so very much. And my pin is on it, so thank you very much. Sir Knights, I thank you for that. He just asked for some time. He would not tell me what it was. And the Sir Knights of the West Central Division, you are fantastic at keeping secrets, because I had no clue. And it actually did make me a little nervous. I thank you for those generous gifts. That plaque is actually beautiful. It is going to have a treasured place at my desk. I now invite Sir Knight Ryan W. Adams, the immediate-past Most Excellent Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Ohio, to come forward and give remarks.

SIR KNIGHT ADAMS: First and foremost, I heard that word, "past." We're getting there.

GRAND COMMANDER GANION: Almost.

SIR KNIGHT ADAMS: We're almost there. We can drag this out a little bit longer, if you want.

GRAND COMMANDER GANION: Let me see how many minutes I've got left. They give me an hour and 26 minutes, no matter what.

SIR KNIGHT ADAMS: Right down to the second. Right Eminent Grand Commander, Most Worshipful Grand Master, Distinguished East, Distinguished Knights, and Sir Knights all, good morning.

ALL: Good morning.

SIR KNIGHT ADAMS: As I traveled to represent the 9,000 Royal Arch Masons in Ohio this year, it has been a pleasure to also share and serve in the chair right next to you, Right Eminent Grand Commander Rich. From the travels we shared in the York Rite Bodies that needed help, visiting each other during Blue Lodge inspections earlier this year, we were able to accomplish many things this year together, which I hope will continue and perpetuate the Ohio York Rite bodies for years to come. I wish you nothing but success in your, quote unquote, retirement to come. You and I both know this is not the end, obviously, since I'll have to do something else on Wednesday. There are many old and new paths to travel, and many adventures still to be had. Please continue to honor the past by looking to the future, and we must continue to look forward. To use another quote by another one of our Ohio leaders this year, be legendary. Thank you, Sir Knights. Thank you.

GRAND COMMANDER GANION: Thank you. I'm trying to think how many years ago it was. I think it was in the York Rite cooperation meetings back then. Since then, we have become friends. As a member of the three Rs, with you and Wes, I'm honored to call you friends. Thank you. Sir Knight William H. Koon II, please present the Finance Committee report and the proposed budget for the upcoming year.

SIR KNIGHT KOON: I just have the budget.

GRAND COMMANDER GANION: Okay. Well, that's the script. I thought you were giving it also.

SIR KNIGHT KOON: Good morning, Sir Knights.

ALL: Good morning.

SIR KNIGHT KOON: It's kind of a pleasure for me to present to you a balanced budget that amounts to \$132,273. Al has copies of them. Everybody that wants a copy, pick one up. Just don't leave them in the room after you're done. I will note that we budgeted last year \$12,297 from our dividends and our interest out of our permanent fund, and we didn't have to spend it. This year, we have budgeted \$11,748 of dividends and interest to come out of that permanent fund. Whether we spend it or not will be another story. I would move that -- is there any questions about the

budget? I don't want to just push this through. If there's no questions, I would move that we accept the budget for the ensuing year.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Second.

GRAND COMMANDER GANION: Sir Knights, it has been both moved and seconded that the report be accepted as read. Any discussion? All in favor hearing none, all in favor, sword arm. Down arm. Opposed, bridle arm. Adopted. Thank you.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you.

GRAND COMMANDER GANION: All right.

SIR KNIGHT KOON: I've got one more thing I'd like to talk to you about and present to the membership here. So, over the years, we've all paid per capita. We've all paid dues. But over the years we have passed per-capita increases. We did a \$5 a year for a ten-year assessment. And the Grand Commandery of Ohio is very solid financially. But when those dues increases and per-capita increases were passed, it was understood -- and I went back and researched the minutes. The commitment was made that the money that we paid in per capita is strictly used for the operational expenses of the Grand Commandery of Ohio. And I think we all understand that. We're all -- we're all good with that.

Two years ago, there were some discussions in the grand commandery officers' meeting that it would be a great and wonderful thing to be able to have money set aside to use for charitable endeavors, whatever they might be. This got discussed quite a bit, and the point that several of us made is you cannot take money that was allocated for the support of the Grand Commandery and use it for anything else but the support of the Grand Commandery. And I think that we would all agree to that. No matter how well intentioned, the people who sold the per-capita increases that I sold you, that I presented, the \$5 a year for ten years back in 1990 -- whatever year it was, '4? '3? And that was the commitment. However, after much discussion, I started to recall -- and I may be the only guy that recalls this unless you dig through the proceedings -- we have had money that was raised for other purposes besides the support of the Grand Commandery. And back in August or -- it was the end of August. It was the end of the calendar year for us in 2001. We did away with a lot of individual funds and threw them in the permanent fund.

Let me tell you what those funds were. Back in the '50s and the '60s and the '70s and the '80s and the '90s, we would budget money to put on a Grand Conclave. If there were monies left, it would go back into a special fund, and the interest generated off that fund would pay for Grand Encampment. Now we're doing it out of the budget. In 2001, there was only \$30,000 in that fund that just got thrown over into the permanent fund. And this goes back even further. This goes back to about 1980, when I was in line to be Grand Commander. We established a fund. Oh, I have it right here. 1985, we established a fund. Every member was assessed for all the years for use of the 1985 triennial. It was never reduced. On August -- on August 31, 2021, there was almost \$77,000 in that fund. Then we jump forward to 2000, and I

was elected Grand Captain General and we had a little gimmick deal where you gave \$100, you got a little lapel pin, and you got special seating at the triennial in 2012. In August of 2012, there was \$7,000 in that fund. If you update all of those funds going back from when they were reporting to the permanent fund, there was about \$522,000 that was in our permanent fund that was not particularly allocated for the support of the Grand Commandery. And theoretically, if you all want to, we could establish a charitable fund with that.

Now, there's no legislation today to talk about that. I'm floating the idea out here at the request of the officers to see if there's an interest. If there's an interest in doing that, then a lot of work needs to be done on what do we consider charitable events, how are we going to manage it, how are we going to administer it, what are we going to do. It's going to take a lot of work. But before the Grand Commander appoints a committee or whoever he's going to appoint, I kind of -- I think it makes sense that we ask you what you think. And if you like the idea, then give it some thought when you're going to your inspections and when you're going to your CTA meetings. Make your thoughts known to the division officers, the Division Commanders, and Deputy Division Commanders. Let me ask you this. If you think this is a good idea that should be pursued, would you raise your hand?

(Show of hands.)

SIR KNIGHT KOON: Okay. If you don't think it's a good idea, raise your hand.

(Show of hands.)

SIR KNIGHT KOON: All right. Grand Commander -- Grand Commander, appoint somebody to do this.

GRAND COMMANDER GANION: Thank you, Sir Knight Koon.

SIR KNIGHT OLSON: Right Eminent Grand Commander, sir, may I address the Grand Commandery?

GRAND COMMANDER GANION: Yes.

SIR KNIGHT OLSON: Thank you. Sir Knights, good morning. I'll be brief. Last year at the end of my term as Grand Commander, at the grand officers' meeting on the day before I had to change command, Sir Knight Pugh and, I believe, Sir Knight Williams brought up a proposal that we -- we procure for the Ohio Masonic Home for the memory unit something called a cognition board. It was a memory board. And it would help Alzheimer's patients, those who are suffering from memory loss, to basically just work with this -- with this board. It's a computer-generated board and it would work to help with their memory, and it would cost approximately \$7,000, I believe. I was very much in favor of this. I was happy to hear this, and I thought it was something that we should pursue. I was told that -- what Sir Knight Koon said is that the money that we had had to be used for the operations of the Grand Commandery and that we could not spend any money for this board. I was very

disappointed. I was upset. And with apologies to the stenographer, I was pissed off. Those of you who know me who are sitting out there are saying, wow, what are the chances that Dale Olson was pissed off about something? OBe that as it may, I spent the next few months fuming about the fact that we were not able to do this. I seem to remember that when I was Commander of my Commandery. Sitting in the East listening to the full form opening, that someone told me that one of my duties was to bind up the wounds of the afflicted. What are we here for? Why are we doing this? Why did I become a Knights Templar to sit on the sidelines and do nothing? I ask you to please consider favorably this proposal by Sir Knight Koon. Right Eminent Grand Commander, thank you so much for your time. Thank you, Sir Knights.

GRAND COMMANDER GANION: Thank you, Sir Knight Olson. I wholeheartedly endorse your comments. So, Sir Knights, please talk this up. I believe legislation will be coming forward. We definitely need to support this because right now our statutes do not allow us to spend money on this. We should be supporting and right now we're prohibited. We need to do this. We need to provide an avenue to deliver this support. At this time, I'd like to call Sir Knight -- let me see. Red Cords. Sir Knight Randall J. Darling. Randy J. Darling, Right Eminent Grand Commander of Indiana, I invite you to come forward and speak on behalf of the distinguished visitors representing Grand Commanderies from other state jurisdictions.

SIR KNIGHT DARLING: Right Eminent Grand Commander, Right Eminent Deputy Grand Master, Past Grand Master, Department Commanders, Sir Knights all. Greetings from the sister jurisdictions and the Red Cords. We'd like to thank you for your leadership, your devotion to Templary, and to the Sir Knights of Ohio. We would like to wish for you to have a very successful 182nd Grand Conclave, and enjoy your time off after this.

GRAND COMMANDER GANION: What's time off? If you get some -- any of the Past Grand Commanders, do you get time off?

ALL: No.

SIR KNIGHT DARLING: I can only hope for you, sir.

GRAND COMMANDER GANION: Thank you. Thank you, Sir Knight, very much. Thank you, Sir Knight Darling, for your comments. And from all of us we do welcome you with warm, fraternal greetings and hope that you are enjoying your visit to Ohio. We do have candidates for the next triennial, for Grand Captain General. So, I'm going to invite the first candidate to speak on his candidacy. I invite Sir Knight George Edmiston III, Right Eminent Past Grand Commander of Ohio, to give brief remarks concerning his candidacy for Grand Captain General of the Grand Encampment.

SIR KNIGHT EDMISTON: Right Eminent Deputy Grand Master, Sir Knights all, good morning.

ALL: Good morning.

SIR KNIGHT EDMISTON: My name is George Edmiston. I'm past grand Commander of this grand jurisdiction. I believe I know probably almost everybody in the room. Sir Knights, I don't know you because of my honors or because of any titles that I have. I don't know you because of recognition that I've gotten in different places. I know you because of the work that we have done together. I have traveled this jurisdiction as well as, I believe, almost every jurisdiction represented in the room. To Jeff Bolstad, I apologize, I have not really attended your jurisdiction, but that will happen this year.

Sir Knights, I'm just going to say -- I'm just going to say what's on my mind. Our Grand Encampment, the past couple of years, there have been some things that have gotten my attention that I personally have been very vocal about. Some of you have had some conversations with me. When I was Grand Commander, there was a lot of things that happened that I was unhappy with. There was a lot of things that happened that were good as well. But as we traveled around, I found there's a lot of work to be done. I personally feel Ohio does really great work, not that we're perfect, but we should be leading by example. We are the largest grand jurisdiction in the Grand Encampment of the United States. Between us, Texas, and Pennsylvania, we make up one quarter of the entire Grand Encampment, in those three jurisdictions, with us being the largest and then Texas.

Sir Knights, I -- if I'm being completely honest, I made this decision yesterday that I was going to run, because I've had some conversations, I went to some advisors on some things, and I heard some positive feedback and heard some negative feedback. But underlying all of that, we need representation from this grand jurisdiction, in my opinion, with the Grand Encampment of the United States of America. We have a lot of work to do. And the Grand Encampment, when anybody thinks it's different, they can't change things and they can't fix any of our problems for the future. Quite frankly, our grand jurisdictions -- the work needs to be done with our commanderies. And we need somebody that's willing to do that work with the commanderies and willing to represent each one of us at that level. And that's the only way that our voices are going to be heard. So, I have asked the Grand Commander to allow me to come before you this morning. I am asking you for your support. I am asking you for your voice. I believe we need to talk about the good, bad, and the ugly. We need to be honest with each other. We need to have honor, integrity, and truth, in everything that we do. That's something that's not going to happen if everybody's not willing to speak up and say what's on their mind. I'm asking as we proceed in the next couple of years for your advice and your thoughts on what we need to do to move the Grand Encampment of the United States to where it needs to be, supporting all jurisdictions. I thank you for your time.

GRAND COMMANDER GANION: Next up is the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. Our chairman is Sir Knight Jobie Dodson. His work schedule changed. His report is in the preprints. His wife's mother is in really bad shape. So even though he's not at the work schedule exchange, he's where he needs to be with his family right now. So, he's excused. His report is in the preprint. I don't know if he had somebody else that wanted to come -- that he assigned to do anything, to give a

report? If not, the report is in the preprints. If you have any questions, we will address them later. Next up, our state membership chairman, Sir Knight David Kern. Do you have a report?

SIR KNIGHT KERN: I do.

GRAND COMMANDER GANION: Please.

SIR KNIGHT KERN: Right Eminent Grand Commander, Distinguished East, good morning, Sir Knights.

ALL: Good morning.

SIR KNIGHT KERN: Membership report for the last membership term, which ended the end of May this year. During the past year, commanderies in the state of Ohio initiated 209 new Sir Knights. Now, that's -- that's a pretty good year. It's the third largest in the last ten years. But just two years ago, this Grand Commandery brought in 300 new Sir Knights. So, it's a good job, but we can do better and we have done better and hopefully we will do better.

I'm not going to take the time this morning to review all the statistics that are in the preprint for your review. I won't take away the joy of reading that yourself. But I do want to give you just a couple of examples, Sir Knights, of this Grand Commandery. We have seven divisions, as you know, and during the last year, the top two divisions in terms of number of Sir Knights initiated were the East Central Division with 37 and leading the way, the North Central Division with 38. Congratulations to those two -- to the Sir Knights of those two divisions.

We looked at division membership in a couple different ways because, you know, we have some divisions with only six commanderies and then we have one with, I think, 14 commanderies. So, we looked at two things. We looked at the total number of Sir Knights that that division brought in, but we also looked at the average number of new knights each of the commanderies in that division brought in. And looking at that standard, the Southwest Division averaged 4.33 members per commandery. And the East Central Division lead the way with 4.63 new Sir Knights per commandery. Congratulations to those two divisions. And then, finally, I want to congratulate two commanders that reached double-digit knighthoods this year. Steubenville Number 11 had ten new Sir Knights, and Canton Number 38 had 13 new Sir Knights. I think that deserves a round of applause for those two commanderies. Congratulations to them.

So, in review, we've looked at the grand commandery total, the division totals and, and we've talked about some commandery totals. So, what's left? Well, there's the individual Sir Knights. And you know, in the last year, if you have contributed to bringing in a new member in this Grand Commandery -- so I'm not going ask you to stand up if you have, but I will ask you to join me in a little exercise.

Let's take a moment -- let's take a moment and think about one member in our lodge, in our chapters, or in our councils, who have not yet had the opportunity to join this great Grand Commandery. Let's take three seconds and try to identify that one member in your head. We'll start now. Okay. Hopefully you've done that.

Hopefully you've identified that one. I know I have. Mine is Brother Matt Andre from my lodge, Capital City Lodge, here in Columbus. And it just so happens while you're enjoying your dinner this evening, with all due apologies, because they kind of want the secretary to be there. And I'm going to approach our Senior Deacon Matt Andre tonight. And I'm going to say, hey, Matt, I know you'd make a great York Rite Mason. I just happened to have a chat here. Let's get started. Now, Matt may say, great, Dave. Where do I sign? Or he may say, you know, Dave, I'm awful busy. Awful busy. Now isn't a great time. You've got that beautiful little girl and your wife. You're focused on the holidays coming up. I get it. I'll touch base with you in January of next year, and I will. And if each of you do that – if you have a conversation with a brother or a companion or multiple, we'll not only have a good year next year, but we'll have a great year. Right Eminent, that concludes my report. Thank you very much.

GRAND COMMANDER GANION: Thank you, Sir Knight Kern. You've done a great job. I do appreciate your efforts. Sir Knights, if you remember in my program I did offer some incentives, and the incentives were for divisions. Each commandery was given a target goal for membership and also for reinstatements. There were two divisions that achieved at least one of those goals and there is a check for \$150 to each of those two CTAs, to throw a party or a picnic or some refreshment to give back to the Sir Knights. I would present them here today. Sir Knight Johnson wanted to get them off his desk and out of his hands a couple of days ago, so he gave them to me so I would have them. They are up in my room. So, we will get those presented. It's okay. I can't cash them. They're made out to their division. I want to thank you, Sir Knights all, first line signers, thank you. Those that are not first line signers, why not? We're a Christian organization. I'm sure you have a lot of Christian friends that are not members. And, again, why not? Thank you again, Sir Knight Kern. As I said, we have a few candidates. For this one -- I would like you to meet another one. We have Sir Knight Jay Kennedy, East Department, to give brief remarks on his Grand Encampment.

SIR KNIGHT KENNEDY: Most Worshipful Grand Master, Right Eminent Deputy Grand Master, Right Eminent Grand Commander -- feels good to say that -- Sir Knights all, good morning.

ALL: Good morning.

SIR KNIGHT KENNEDY: My name is Jay Kennedy, and I am incredibly humble but also incredibly excited to stand before you as a candidate for the office of Grand Captain General for the Grand Encampment. And if you'd like to know more about my candidacy, I've got a little QR code. I've got some of these cards. You can take a look at them.

I won't spend time talking about it this morning, but what I will say is one of the reasons why I'm running for this office. I've been asked, why are you running for this office? I'm going to be incredibly honest and straightforward with you. It's very much a very selfish reason, and that selfish reason is I get an immense amount of pride and satisfaction from helping other people to succeed. I got that when I was

a professor at university, when I was going through my career helping other people and organizations to succeed. And to be very honest, this is a role where you have a key opportunity to make sure that the constituent commanderies and the Sir Knights that are doing the work of this great organization have the tools and resources they need to succeed. And the best thing I could get out of this journey is to see each one of you Sir Knights, each one of your new Sir Knights, each person who is not a Sir Knight, one of the things that we need to do -- and I'm glad we've got our Scottish Rite brother here -- as this is not just about -- Templary, it is not just about supporting the grand commanderies and the constituent commanderies. They're also Masonic values. And so, the best that I could do is to ensure that each one of you is empowered to do what you can do to spread Templar values, to spread Masonic values, to make this fraternity the best it can be.

The vision for my candidacy is to have -- Knights Templar will be the North Star of all religious organizations in the world. Not just Masonic, but all organizations. And I guarantee, I promise I will work every day during my candidacy. That's great because this fraternity will still move forward. But I would love to have your support in making sure that I've got the ability to continue -- to continue to ensure that we are successful. Going throughout this time, I would love to hear from you, what it is to be successful, and how we at the Grand Encampment can support that.

Sir Knights, I thank you for your time. I appreciate your support. I would love to hear from you. Whether you're a voting delegate or not, I would love to hear what you have to do. I appreciate and look forward to talking to you during the rest of the time we are here. Thank you very much.

GRAND COMMANDER GANION: At this time, I call upon Sir Knight Duane L. Kemerley.

SIR KNIGHT KEMERLEY: Good morning.

ALL: Good morning.

SIR KNIGHT KEMERLEY: The Knights Templar Holyland Pilgrimage. So, today I come before you with excitement and sadness. Sadness because -- and I'm just going to be really blunt here, because I've been known to be that way. Sadness because there are self-serving politicians and religious crazies that are serving their own purposes by stirring the Middle East. And we have no control over that. But, it can't go on forever, thanks be to God, and your Knights Templar Holyland Pilgrimage program on the Ohio level and on the Grand Encampment level is perfectly sound, is perfectly in gear, and ready to launch the minute the door is open. Here in Ohio, just as a looking forward, we will when the time comes be re-upping all the people you nominated, making sure they're still available, making sure they're receiving new nominations. As we move forward, we're ready. It does take us about a seven-month window. Not because we're not ready, but because of technicalities and arrangements, especially with the airlines. But as soon as we get an open window, we'll be scheduled and we're ready to pull the trigger. And we have people there. I'm regularly -- actually, each week -- in touch with people on the ground in Israel. Our guide, our assistant guide, members of the lodge of the Holy City Number 4 who are

Masonic members there, and a variety of other people and vendors that we worked with on a regular basis, they keep me well informed. And those gentlemen include Jews, Christians, and Muslims, so I get perspectives from all sides. So, I still have the excitement that I've always had. We're just on hold, and it's not of our doing. But as soon as that door is open -- I mentioned a seven-month window, which means we still have the fall trip in 2025 on the books. And when we get to about Easter time, if things have not quieted down, then we'll reschedule; we don't cancel anything. We reschedule. And that same November trip will be rescheduled to 2026, as have already been our February trips for the Christian ministries. So, keep us in mind. Things are on hold. They won't be forever. And we look forward to the continuing impact that will be brought to the future by the Knights Templar Holyland pilgrimage. Looking forward to excitement, thank you.

GRAND COMMANDER GANION: Thank you, Sir Knight Kemerley. Over the last three years, Lady Debbie and I had planned on going on next month's excursion. And it saddens us that that is postponed. We hope for a rapid conclusion to the turmoil in the Middle East. At this time I invite the third candidate to give brief remarks on his candidacy.

SIR KNIGHT DIMATTEO: Right Eminent Grand Commander, Right Eminent Deputy Grand Master, Most Worshipful Grand Master, Sir Knights all, good afternoon -- good morning.

ALL: Good morning.

SIR KNIGHT DIMATTEO: Sir Knights, I stand in 2027. As you know, I've been coming to this Grand Commandery for the past three years. And even if it weren't for the sessions that are coming up, I'd still be doing it because Ohio is doing it right. Every time I go home from this Grand Commandery, I come back with new ideas, things that your grand commandery is doing well. I come back with new and 12 invigorated friendships.

I want to talk a little bit today, just as a reminder, about our shared Christian faith. Sir Knights, all of you took your obligation to become a Mason at that altar. And I want to ask you four questions. When you were in lodge that night or that morning, you were asked, is it of your own free will and accord? And you gave your answer. You were asked, in who do you put your trust? And you answered. You were asked, are you ready to take this obligation as all Masons have done before you? And you answered that question as well. And, finally, as you were kneeling at the altar, you were asked what you most desire, and you answered. Sir Knights, if you string those four answers together, it is in God I am light. This is something that we need to remember. It's something that your Grand Commander has had as his motto this year. Letting our light shine. We know that men could be persecuted for their religion. It happens all the time. Sir Knights, we need to stand proud of our Christian faith. We need to stand proud of what we are to be Christian Masons and Christian Sir Knights.

Sir Knights, I appreciate all of your courtesies, your hospitalities. I would love to sit here and talk to anyone who wants to talk more about my candidacy. There

are three of us here so you've got a plethora of people that will be willing to have you bend their ear. So, Sir Knights, thank you for all of your courtesies. And I hope -- when it comes time to vote in 2027, I hope I can count on your support at the Grand Encampment Knights Templar. Thank you.

GRAND COMMANDER GANION: To each of the three candidates, we thank you for coming to Ohio. We look forward to hearing from you in the next year or two. Thank you, very much and good luck.

SIR KNIGHT EXLINE: Right Eminent Grand Commander, a proper application has been made to the Most Eminent Grand Master. I move that the title "Grand Prelate Emeritus" be conferred upon Sir Knight Ron R. Richardson.

GRAND COMMANDER GANION: Is there a second?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Second.

GRAND COMMANDER GANION: It has been moved and seconded that the title of "Grand Prelate Emeritus" be conferred on Sir Knight Ron R. Richardson. Any discussion? Hearing none, we will proceed to vote. All in favor, sword arm. Down arm. Opposed, bridle arm. Motion carried. Sir Knight Ron, congratulations, my friend, my friend.

To give a little brief history, several years ago, Sir Knight Ron was -- for some reason he came up and started visiting Reed Commandery. I think he's -- something's wrong with him. He's a little strange. He just keeps coming on up here. And then we had -- and then our prelate at the time, he came home from work and he wasn't feeling well. He sat down in his chair. His wife said he reached out to pet his cat, and he just -- he was gone. At that time Sir Knight Richardson came up and he volunteered to take part and fill in the year, and after that he joined Reed Commandery and became our prelate. And this year, again I questioned him. He decided to -- I know he dearly loves to be a prelate. He decided to move over and become our eminent commander. So, Ron, I value our friendship. I thank you, and congratulations.

GRAND PRELATE RICHARDSON: Thank you.

GRAND COMMANDER GANION: And now you're out of uniform. Well, we're a little bit ahead of time because, I believe, the schedule has us going to noon. Is that correct? Eminent Grand Recorder, do you have something?

GRAND RECORDER JOHNSON: Yes, I do. First of all, Mount Vernon Commandery, you have an Eye Foundation plaque in the office. Please pick that up. All of the rest of the certificates and seals for the Eye Foundation for each of the commanderies is in the packet for the Recorders. Sir Knights Shaw and Kern, please see Bob Hager before you go to lunch. And I have to report the sad news that our past Grand Commander, David Snyder, had another stroke this morning and is back in the hospital. So, please keep him in your prayers.

GRAND COMMANDER GANION: Thank you, Eminent Grand Recorder. First of all, since we are so far ahead, I ask of the chairman of Jurisprudence, is there anything that's going to need to lay over after lunch? If we can get it in, should we proceed before lunch? Is there anything that needs to be held over until after lunch?

SIR KNIGHT BONER: No, Right Eminent Grand Commander.

GRAND COMMANDER GANION: Okay. Thank you. So, at this time -- we are quite a bit ahead of time. I don't know how that happened. I am not known for getting done early. Those of you that heard me speak at inspections know I usually go a little bit longer. So, let's go to -- going to the after-lunch stuff. Sir Knight Richard Brady is our MSA Committee chairman. He is not able to attend. So, I know we have a representative for the meritorious service. Do we -- there we go. Please come forward and do your presentation for the meritorious service award. Sir Knight Perry Coxson.

SIR KNIGHT COXSON: Right Eminent Grand Commander, as you said, Sir Knight Brady could not be here, so I have the other committee members that will take the helm. Our Meritorious Service Award Committee has received applications from 36 commanderies across the state. Each application was found to be in proper order. We hope that the Deputy Division Commanders will continue to promote this program in their divisions in the coming year. The meritorious service award should be chosen by every presiding eminent commander of the constituent commanderies in the state of Ohio. This award is an excellent way to recognize the Sir Knights' contribution to Templary. In the future -- the hope is the future of commanderies will maintain this tradition and utilize it to show distinction to deserving Sir Knights in this Grand Commandery.

This year's list of recipients will be read by our Grand Recorder. We would ask that you, as a representative from each commandery, come up to the front of the room and line up by the number to receive your awards. So, if you'll line up by your commandery number. Either the deputy or the -- one of the CTA officers should come up and receive it if the person's not here. And you all know how to count. It will be 1 through whatever. So, Sir Knights and Right Eminent, would you please read -- or, Recorder, would you please read the list of recipients?

GRAND RECORDER JOHNSON: Mount Vernon Number 1, David P. Welch; Cincinnati Number 3, Douglas Sunnenberg; Massillon Number 4, Robert L. Keller.

SIR KNIGHT COXSON: Please line up, up front, gentlemen.

GRAND RECORDER JOHNSON:

Reed Commandery Number 6,	Daniel D. Frye;
Chillicothe Number 8,	Roger R. Jones;
DeMolay Number 9,	Richard Williams, III;
Steubenville Number 11,	Michael DiLeonardo;
Shawnee Number 14,	Brooks H. Flynn;

Hanselmann Number 16,
 St. John's Number 20,
 Mansfield Number 21,
 Miami Number 22,
 Erie Number 23,
 Akron Number 25,
 Eagle Number 29,
 Defiance Number 30,
 Highland Number 31,
 Palestine Number 33,
 St. Luke's Number 34,
 Canton Number 38,
 Forest City Number 40,
 Salem Number 42,
 Sidney Number 46,
 Findlay Number 49,
 Ivanhoe Number 54,
 Pilgrim Number 55,
 Fremont Number 56,
 St. Omer Number 59,
 Elyria Number 60,
 Eu Tah Number 66,
 Columbus Number 69,
 Holy Grail Number 70,
 Middletown Number 71,
 Allenby Number 73,
 Bryan Number 74,
 Cuyahoga Falls Number 83,

John A. Cox;
 Zel Edward Bush;
 Brian E. Adrian;
 Bradford A. Weesner;
 Richard N. Nemitz;
 Dale G. Ray III;
 Walter C. Johnston, Jr.;
 Keith R. Winnie;
 Jackie Grooms;
 James Howard Bard;
 William T. Owen;
 R. Wesley Webber;
 Thomas H. Galyen;
 Alan R. Burton;
 Kyle James Binkley;
 Linnville Ray Taggart;
 Richard Reid Thompson;
 Mark S. Fraley;
 Rodney V. Fowler;
 John M. Tansey;
 Douglas Walter Miller;
 Stephen M. Kodysch;
 Jose Alex Alonzo;
 Thomas D. Standen;
 Steven L. Hampton;
 Ronald D. Berteau;
 Jesse Spillman;
 Walter C. Robinson.

SIR KNIGHT COXSON: Next year, make a recommendation. It's your choice. Thank you, all.

GRAND COMMANDER GANION: Thank you, Sir Knights, and congratulations to the meritorious award winners, one and all. Sir Knights, we're running a little bit ahead of schedule. I'm going to put it before you. It's ten minutes after 11:00. We could either break early and have a long lunch and to hear our distinguished visitors speak. Or we could press forward and maybe be a couple minutes late for lunch. All in favor of pressing forward, raise sword arm. All that want to come back after lunch, bridle arm.

GRAND COMMANDER GANION: We're pressing on.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I want a recount.

GRAND COMMANDER GANION: A recount has been requested. Resubmit for further approval.

(Laughter.)

GRAND COMMANDER GANION: Sir Knights, it has come time to elect the officers for the 2024/2025 Templar year. Before we do this, Sir Knight Grand Recorder, do we have a final report?

GRAND RECORDER JOHNSON: We do, Right Eminent Grand Commander. We have present 28 grand officers. We have ten past grand commanders. We have 44 commanders, 19 generalissimos, 21 captain generals, 87 past commanders. Two people have a proxy, for 211 voting members. We also have 31 visitors who would not be voting. And according to the registration, no one from Elyria has signed in. Is there anybody here from Elyria commandery? Apparently not. So, we have one commandery that is not represented, Right Eminent. And after we get done voting, as you are leaving, if you will leave your red card somewhere by the door, I'll use them next year.

GRAND COMMANDER GANION: Thank you, Grand Recorder. The division and deputy division commanders for Elyria, I expect you to have somebody from them come in and sign in. I believe it will still be good if they're here before the session closes tomorrow. That is very nice. With all the representatives for the Grand Commanderies of Ohio, to only have one missing -- it would be nice if we had none missing, but to only have one commandery missing, I think, is a great success. Sir Knight W. H. Koon, II, do you have any other nominations for our consideration?

SIR KNIGHT KOON: You mean you don't want to do it another year.

GRAND COMMANDER GANION: I would be pleased to, but Lady Debbie may have other ideas.

SIR KNIGHT KOON: Right Eminent Grand Commander, Sir Knight Dale A. Exline, Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander Ronald L. Ensell, Grand Generalissimo Larry A. Rentz, Grand Captain General Larry H. Haines, Eminent Grand Senior Warden Timothy O. Ralston, Eminent Grand Junior Warden John P. Pience, Sir Knight Randy Williams for Grand Treasurer, and Sir Knight Alfred T. Johnson for Grand Recorder.

I would remind you all that a number of years ago you voted to put Randy Williams in the line behind Larry Rentz. So, with that in mind, Dale Exline will serve as Right Eminent Grand Commander for the 2025 Conclave, Ron Ensell for the 2026, Larry Rentz for the 2027. Everybody will stand still. Randy Williams will go in. I just reminded you, we all voted to do this. We need a second.

GRAND COMMANDER GANION: Is there a second?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Second.

GRAND COMMANDER GANION: It has been regularly moved and seconded that the slate of officers be elected as read. Is there any discussion? Any further

nominations? Any further nominations? Any other nominations? Hearing none, all in favor of the said slate of offers, raise sword arm. Down arm. Opposed, bridal arm.

GRAND COMMANDER GANION: Congratulations. I'm going to miss this jewel. Sir Knights of the Southeast Division may be excused to assemble. Sir Knight Dale A. Exline, you have been elected to the office of Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Ohio. Do you accept?

SIR KNIGHT EXLINE: Right Eminent Grand Commander, Sir Knights, I humbly accept this nomination. I will -- I pledge to you I will do my very best to uphold the high standards of this organization, but I'm also going to rely on you to help. So, with that, my theme for this year, Christ Gives Us Direction. And I rely on that every day. I hope each one of you do, too. Thank you very much.

(Applause.) (Standing ovation.)

GRAND COMMANDER GANION: Sir Knight Ronald L. Ensell, you have been elected to the office of Deputy Grand Commander. Do you accept?

SIR KNIGHT ENSELL: Right Eminent Grand Commander, I accept. And, Sir Knights, thank you very much for the vote of confidence. Thank you very much.

GRAND COMMANDER GANION: Thank you.

GRAND COMMANDER GANION: Sir Knight Larry A. Rentz, you have been elected to have office of Grand Generalissimo. Do you accept?

SIR KNIGHT RENTZ: With faith in my Lord above, and thank you for your faith in me be, Sir Knights, I do accept.

GRAND COMMANDER GANION: I typed this script up, and I think I messed up the names.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Yes, you did.

GRAND COMMANDER GANION: I did. Next up is Sir Knight Larry Haines, correct? Sir Knight Larry Haines, you have been elected to the office of Grand Captain General. Do you accept?

SIR KNIGHT HAINES: Right Eminent Grand Commander, I do accept, and I will do my best.

GRAND COMMANDER GANION: Thank you.

GRAND COMMANDER GANION: Sir Knight Timothy O. Ralston, you have been elected to serve as the office of Grand Senior Warden. Do you accept?

SIR KNIGHT RALSTON: I hopefully accept. I thank you for the confidence of the Sir Knights. Thank you.

GRAND COMMANDER GANION: Thank you.

GRAND COMMANDER GANION: Sir Knight John P. Pience, you have been elected to the office of Grand Junior Warden. Do you accept?

SIR KNIGHT PIENCE: I do accept. Thank you, Sir Knights.

GRAND COMMANDER GANION: Sir Knight Randy A. Williams, you have been elected to the office of Grand Treasurer once again. Do you accept?

SIR KNIGHT WILLIAMS: Right Eminent Grand Commander, I do. And, thank you, Sir Knights.

GRAND COMMANDER GANION: Sir Knight Alfred T. Johnson, you have been elected once again to the office of Grand Recorder. Do you accept?

GRAND RECORDER JOHNSON: I thank those of you who elected me to allow me to continue doing a job I thoroughly enjoy and hope I can merit your approval. Thank you, and I do accept.

GRAND COMMANDER GANION: If the knights Southeastern Division are assembled, let them enter. Wow. What a turnout you have from your division.

SIR KNIGHT BYER: Protocol having been established, the Sir Knights of the Southeast are indeed grateful for the Grand Commandery of Ohio electing Dale. You don't know what you've just done. Dale, we're proud that you. The actual gift is actually going to be given to him at his reception. And I think he already knows what it is, but we wanted to find a way to show our appreciation for you. Whatever you need this year, you know that we're at your disposal.

SIR KNIGHT EXLINE: Thank you, Sir Knights. I'm humbled by the turnout. I can actually call each and every one of you brother, and even more so, friend. You have helped me so much in my journey to get here, but you're not off the hook yet. We've got so much more to do. Again, thank you so much. I'm so humbled.

GRAND COMMANDER GANION: Sir Knight Exline, before you sit down, would you please announce your appointments? You can do it up here.

SIR KNIGHT EXLINE: I personally want to thank everybody that I asked to be appointed this year. I don't believe anybody turned me down. I had one that it was a job thing, I understood that, but he would have done it if it wasn't for his job. You don't know how much that means to me, to be able to ask somebody to, you know -- it's quite an extended job. Some of you who's never done it are in for a major surprise. But we'll get through it. You've got my wholehearted support. I know that, you

know, we will drive the Grand Commandery to new levels this year. So, again, thank you. And with that, my appointment for

Eminent Grand Prelate this year is Sir Michael L. Hines. And that's with an N. He's a Past Commander of Chillicothe.

Eminent Grand Sword Bearer is Sir Knight Lloyd Eichenlaub, KCT. And anybody that knows Lloyd and me, they know when we show up, there's trouble in the room.

The Eminent Grand Sword Bearer is Sir Knight Larry E. Byer. He's in the - - he's here somewhere.

Eminent Grand Warder, Michael A. Ash, Past Commander of Chillicothe No. 8.

The Eminent Grand Sentinel is Sir Knight Robin Leonard. He's a Past Commander of the Lancaster No. 2.

And this is not a new appointment, but it's -- the Associate Grand Recorder this year will be Sir Knight Robert C. Hager, KCT and Past Grand Commander.

And a new appointment we have this year, we haven't had in the past but we felt we needed, is Sir Knight R. Thomas Starr KCT and Past Grand Commander as Associate Grand Treasurer.

Sir Knight George Moore. He's a Past Commander in Sidney, isn't he?

Sir Knight Dennis Evans, he's a Past Commander of Calgary No. 13.

My aides this year are Sir Knight Mark S. Moody. He's a Past Commander of Ohio Valley No. 24. And Sir Knight Steven Roth. He's a Past Division Commander of the Northwest Division.

My Division appointments.

Division Commander in the Northwest Division is Sir Knight William Windnagel; Deputy Division Commander is Sir Knight Matthew Gloor.

West Central Division Commander, Sir Knight John P. Pience. And Deputy Division Commander is Sir Knight Kyle Binkley. I don't know if any of you know, but he broke his leg chasing a woman in a walk-in shower. So, if you don't believe me, ask him, because I told him I was going to tell that tale on him.

So Southwest Division, Division Commander is Sir Knight Timothy O. Ralston. Deputy Division Commander is Sir Knight David S. Howe.

Southeast Division, Division Commander, Larry E. Byer; Deputy Division Commander, Sir Knight John M. Goins.

East Central Division, Division Commander Randy A. Williams, KCT. Deputy Division Commander Benjamin N. Okwumabua. Am I getting it close? Yeah, most everybody knows him as Benji. So, I'm going to work on that name and I promise you, by the end of next year, I'll at least be able to say it once right.

North Central Division, Division Commander David P. Dauterman and Division Commander Jobie W. D0tson.

Northeastern Division, Division Commander Joshua M. Grove and Deputy Division Commander Walter G. Johnston.

And I want to point out there's five new deputies of the seven this year. So, we will need everybody's support. If you give them a hard time, you'll have to deal with Lady Judy. Please be seated, and thank you. Thank you, each and every one of you.

SIR KNIGHT EXLINE: Next is the report of the Time and Place, right?

GRAND COMMANDER GANION: Yes.

SIR KNIGHT EXLINE: All right. Next year's drill competition will be different. You know, we talked about this. Our Right Eminent Grand Commander made mention he had thought about this last year. You know, it's just to the point of finding a place large enough that we can hold, you know, these sessions and our big hold-up on place is drill competition. So, the Long-Range Planning Committee discussed this probably for two years. You know, we've kicked the idea -- you know, this comes from a Past Grand Commander. Are we letting the tail wag the dog with drill competition? Hold it in conjunction with -- try to hold it on the same weekend as the Conclave. So, you know, if -- if this works out, thank the Grand Commandery. If it don't, blame me. I got big shoulders. I can take it. But I felt we needed to try. That comes back to what was talked about -- someone was talking about earlier, one of the pasts, about shortening this from a week to three days. One thing would be we would have to move the drill competition away from our Grand Conclave. So, with that in mind, next year's drill competition will be held July 26th, 2025 at the Dayton Masonic Complex in Dayton, Ohio. We will -- along with that, we will come down with some -- Jerry Pugh's going to be the director. We will get stuff out to you well in advance so that you know well in advance what's going on with that.

The 183rd Annual Grand Conclave of Ohio will be held right here hopefully -- I've heard bad rumors -- hopefully at the Columbus Crowne Plaza North, Worthington, Ohio, October 9th and 10th, 2025. And if that changes, you know, I just -- I've heard some good rumors and bad rumors. So, keep your fingers crossed the good ones is going to stay. So, thank you, again, to all who supported me. All those that I asked to serve with me this year, you're in for a big ride. So, thank you, Sir Knights.

GRAND COMMANDER GANION: Thank you.

(Standing ovation.)

GRAND COMMANDER GANION: Sir Knight Exline, once again, I congratulate you on your election. I look forward to serving you as the next Grand Commander in the greatest jurisdiction in the Grand Encampment. I know that we're going to be in good hands with you and your officers.

SIR KNIGHT EXLINE: Thank you.

GRAND COMMANDER GANION: I am really excited to hand this over to you.

SIR KNIGHT PUGH: Right Eminent Grand Commander, may I address the Grand Commandery?

GRAND COMMANDER GANION: You may. And I was going to ask you next -- usually we have the drill captains immediately after this session, but that would be at lunch. Do you have --

SIR KNIGHT PUGH: Yeah. I just wanted to clarify some things. Thank you, Right Eminent Grand Commander. My name is Jerry Pugh, Past Commander of Marietta No. 50. I currently am the Drill Committee chair for Ohio. I want everybody to know, there were rumors out there that we was going to do away with drill. We are not doing away with drill. As our Grand Commander alluded to, there was a lot of discussion about it. And I think that it is in the best interests of everyone, and I was just talking to one of the Past Grand Commanders from Indiana and he assured me that they too have changed their drill. And when they changed the drill, the first year didn't do too good. By the fourth year, they had more yeas then, so look at it positively.

We are not doing away with drill by any means. But with that said, we're going to do things a little different. Because we've always had a drill captains' meeting. We're going to do this the same way we do the Grand Encampment. There is going to be -- and I'll explain to all the judges in Grand Encampments this afternoon, if you go to a website called KTdrill.org, that is where all the information is created. That's where all the information is going to be. You will go there and you will register the same as you would for Grand Encampment. There is going to be a deadline for when you have to register. I'll be in contact with every team that is at this year's competition to see if they're going to drill next year. And I will say that I already have the C-15 drills written and I have the D-7 drills written. And as soon as the competition is over with tomorrow, I will be putting them probably on Grand Encampment. Because I can't show favoritism to Ohio, as bad as I'd like to, I have to be fair. You know, we're all in this together. So, I will probably get it out, and it will be on the Grand Encampment site, but I'll also put it on the KTdrill.org site. So, Grand Commander, I just wanted everybody to know that.

GRAND COMMANDER GANION: Uh-huh.

SIR KNIGHT PUGH: And since we're finishing early, let's go to lunch, and let's have the Drill Captains meet back here at 1:30?

GRAND COMMANDER GANION: 1:30 would be good.

SIR KNIGHT PUGH: 1:30. Thank you, Right Eminent Grand Commander, and thank you, Sir Knights.

GRAND COMMANDER GANION: Eminent Grand Sentinel, if there's somebody outside the door, would you send them to the ladies and let them know that the Right Eminent Grand Commander does not know when to shut up. So that will put the blame on me. We're going to be a little bit late for lunch. Thank you.

With that, before I call on the distinguished remaining dignitaries for remarks, I will remind you that we will be going to lunch. I have in my notes that

we'll reconvene, but there will be no reconvening, as you heard. The drill captains' and judges' meeting will be at 1:30.

I do want to let you know that the Grand Commanders -- the divine service will begin at 5:00 p.m. The schedule had us in the pavilion. That has changed. The divine service will be at 5:00 p.m. in the Buckeye Room. They need to do some flipping and the time -- we had so much in the schedule tonight that the staff didn't have time to do the flipping and get it set up. The banquet will be in here tonight. Social time, the cash bar will be immediately 5:45 to 6:00 o'clock. Distinguished visitor introduction is at 6:30 p.m.

GRAND COMMANDER GANION: Okay. Are they preparing the rotten tomatoes to throw at me when I come in?

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Eggs.

GRAND COMMANDER GANION: If they're deviled eggs, I might catch them. It is my honor and pleasure to present Sir Knight Jay Kennedy, the Right Eminent Commander of the East Central Department.

SIR KNIGHT KENNEDY: Thank you. Please be seated. Right Eminent Deputy Grand Master, Most Eminent Past Grand Master, and Right Eminent Grand Commander, it's been a great year. It's been a pleasure. Sir Knights, it is a pleasure to stand before you as your East Central Department Commander. And the first thing I have to do is say a big, big thank you to Sir Knight Martin Trent, who did a wonderful job in leading this department for three years, set me up for success in ways I can't even explain. Thank you

SIR KNIGHT TRENT: Thank you.

SIR KNIGHT KENNEDY: Thank you for all of your hard work. Please give Sir Knight Martin Trent a round of applause. He's represented this Grand Encampment, this grand -- this department and this Grand Commandery so well for three years, and I've got really big shoes to fill. But I do have to say that it's really easy to do that with this Grand Commandery. And you should be incredibly proud of the legacy that you have left not only in Freemasonry but throughout this Grand Encampment. Every time I come here, it seems like there's some new mold that's being broken in Ohio. And it is -- it makes it really easy to be the department commander of the crown jewel in this Grand Encampment when you've got a jewel like Ohio. As many of you know, I was born and raised in Michigan, transplanted -- I know. I know. Transplanted a bit to Cincinnati. Very proud -- is Sir Knight May here? You got -- okay. You got my check, right?

SIR KNIGHT MAY: Yes, I did.

SIR KNIGHT KENNEDY: Awesome. So that means it's legitimate. Awesome. Good. The card's in the mail. So there is verifiable proof. Sir Knights, I'm not going to take up much more time, but I wanted to say, well, I appreciate what you do every

year to make Templary great in Ohio and beyond. You showed up at drills, as Gerald Pugh can attest. You gave great representation to the Grand Encampment. You produced great leaders, and that starts with getting the right people into Masonry, getting them right into commandery, and please keep doing that. Please keep making my job easier. And I look forward to continuing to come here. You treat our family great. My girls love coming here. So, thank you very much for everything. Sir Knights, I enjoyed talking to you and enjoy this time. For the elected officers, congratulations. I look forward to serving you. That's all I've got. God bless. Thank you so much.

(Standing ovation.)

GRAND COMMANDER GANION: I have a cane I'll be happy to auction -- no, no.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: \$100.00.

GRAND COMMANDER GANION: \$100.00, wait until he is installed before you do him bodily harm, please. I am now pleased to present our Senior Right Eminent Past Grand Commander, Lady Elizabeth's husband, Sir Knight William H. Koon, Most Eminent Past Grand Master of the Knights Templar of the State of Ohio.

SIR KNIGHT KOON: Thank you.

(Standing ovation.)

SIR KNIGHT KOON: Right Eminent Grand Commander, I congratulate you on having an outstanding year as Grand Commander. I wish you well in the future. And never let it be said that I talked too long. Thank you.

GRAND COMMANDER GANION: Sir Knights, attention.

(All stand at attention.)

GRAND COMMANDER GANION: We are pleased and privileged and honored to have with us today Sir Knight Jeffrey A. Bolstad, the Right Eminent Deputy Grand Encampment of the Knights Templar of the United States of America. Sir Knights, you may be seated.

SIR KNIGHT BOLSTAD: The protocol having been established, a I bring greetings from Sir Knight David J. Kussman, the Most Eminent Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar.

Now, I want to have a little activity with you before we go to lunch. Okay? I'm going to ask you a question when I'm done with my remarks, and that question is, "How are you doing?" And the correct answer is, "Fantastic," said with lots of enthusiasm. So, let's practice. Okay? How are you doing?

ALL: Fantastic!

SIR KNIGHT BOLSTAD: Excellent. A few years ago, Rick Warren wrote a book called *The Purpose-Driven Life*. The very first line in that book, "It's not about you." Write that in bold letters on a Post-it note. Stick it on your bathroom mirror. Stick 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. Put another way, you attract who you are and what you are. John Maxwell says you can't have a leadership quotient of a 6 and expect to attract 7s, 8s, and 9s. At best, you'll attract a 5. We attract who we are, not what we want. Sometimes when we want a new member or to retain one, or restore one for that matter, we go to work on them when the real key is to go to work on yourself and on your commandery and become attractive.

So, what do we have that makes us attractive? According to the Temple, done well, of course, our Knight Templar Magazine, our Eye Foundation, our certified Templar chaplain program, our leadership courses. Of course, drill team competition. All of this makes us attractive as Templars. And it takes good leadership to lead Sir Knights to make it want to happen. The problem is, we treat leadership with intensity. We have a one or two-day seminar someplace. We invite a bunch of speakers. We give everybody a certificate. Then, presto, you're a leader.

Those things are like going to the dentist. Very important, very good for reminding us, very good for getting us back on track of learning new lessons. But it's the daily practice of all the monotonous little boring things that matter the most. Leadership is exactly the same. There is no event, there's no single thing that I can tell you that you have to do that people are going to trust you. It just doesn't work that way. But if you do it consistently, you do it in combination with lots of other little things like saying good morning to everyone that you encounter.

And let me emphasize to you how important this is for our Masonic 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 of the community leaders belonged to the lodge. Now, maybe they joined because it was a popular thing to do. Whatever, we benefited from their leadership. Today fewer and fewer of those community leaders are joining us, and those that do are Masonic organizations that end up with folks in position of leadership who have no idea about what leadership even looks like. They got to the top position and they're wondering, what do I do? Poor leadership sometimes comes about because of us. We promote our friends when a better choice is ready, eager, and willing. So, we don't have the best guy in that spot because we like our buddy, old Joe.

We simply cannot afford for your vote to be based on anything other than qualifications. Not friendship, but merit. Really worse, I dislike the best job because it's some personal thing that has nothing to do with the job, but you support and vote for the other guy because of the hatred in your heart for the best guy. It's like we have a roster spot we need filled on the Cleveland Cavaliers. Michael Jordan is available, but you choose to promote your friend, Jeff Bolstad, for the job because he's a good guy. He's from my town and he wants to play. Besides, Michael Jordan refused to give you his autograph when you asked him very nicely, so now you can't stand Michael Jordan or you think he's playing for the wrong reasons. So, Jeff might be an okay choice, if he was younger and if Michael Jordan isn't in the mix, but putting Jeff

Bolstad on the team instead of Michael Jordan isn't for the good of the order. It's for the good of your buddy or the animosity for mine.

Say you're going to have open heart surgery. Do you want the best surgeon or the nice guy you like to have a beer with? Remember the MASH movie -- the movie now, the one with Donald Sutherland and Elliott Gould? Well, anyway, they were the pros from Dover. The general's son needed open heart surgery, and the general hated Hawkeye and Trapper because of their irreverent attitude and lack of protocol, but he flew them in from their remote Army unit to operate on his kid. Why? Because they were the best. Like they told the nurse there at the hospital, relax, the pros from Dover are here.

Back to our lodge situation. Now we've created a situation where the best guy for the spot gets discharged. We never see him again. Meanwhile, old Joe just fills that spot because he wants the title -- probably really wants the title of past whatever, and nothing happens and the commandery continues to swirl down the drain. Or, even worse, the power associated with the position goes to his head and he drives everyone away with abuse of his position and high-handed edicts. And then he appoints one of his buddies to the bottom of the line without any regard to merit or leadership because he doesn't care about it. He only cares that it's his buddy.

Now, I've never considered myself an expert on leadership, but I am a diehard student. I love the talk. So, what do we do? First thing is vote for the good of the order, not for the good of your buddy. You hear a term tossed around a lot called servant leadership. So, let's talk about that for a little bit. What I'm going to tell you is nothing new. I've got nothing new for you today. Everything you need to know, you already know. Because, really, all it is, is just doing the right thing. Treat people the way you want to be treated. Be the boss that you wish your boss would be. We clearly know the difference between servant leaders and self-serving leaders. And what's happening now is that people are choosing servant leadership because they recognize that it's the right thing to do, to serve other people. So, that's what I do. I go around teaching people about stuff that they learned a long time ago. I don't instruct anyone. I just remind people. Everything I talk about, I stole it all. None of it's new. It's been around forever.

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 be humble. It's the right thing to be respectful. That's all leadership is. Just doing the right thing. You're not a leader unless there are those that volunteer to follow you. Especially in this organization. You cannot force someone to follow you. They have to choose to follow you. Leaders inspire people to follow them. They inspire people to go in the direction they're going. And in order to inspire those people in your charge, you have to know your why. Every single person knows what they do 100 percent. Some know how they do it. But very few people know why they do what they do. And by why, I mean, what's your purpose? What's your cause? What's your belief? Why does your organization exist? Why do you want to be the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge? Why do you want to be grand commander? Why do you want to be potentates? People don't buy into what you do. They buy into why you do it. But if they don't know why you do what you do and people respond to why you do what you do, then how will you ever get someone to vote for you, to buy something

from you, or, more importantly, to be loyal and want to be part of what it is that you do? People don't buy what you do. They buy why you do it.

And if you talk about what you believe, you will attract those who believe what you believe. It has nothing to do with how smart you are or how talented you are or being the superstar of your team. David Ross, until last year, was a manager of the Chicago Cubs. Now, back when he was a player, he bounced around quite a bit. He got cut from the Cincinnati Reds because he was a bad teammate. He just wasn't someone who made other people better. And in that experience, one of the things that he came to realize was that if he could learn how to make other people better, if he could be a great teammate, he might have a bigger future in the game of baseball. So, he committed himself to that very thing. He went to the Atlanta Braves and he asked them to tell him, what is it about the greatest teammate that you ever had? Give me three words to describe that teammate. And he built himself a list, a list of what it meant to become a great teammate. And every day before he took the field, he checked the boxes to say I'm going to be a teammate that will make others better whether I play or not. And what I learned was that you could be invaluable without ever being most valuable. You can become invaluable in your organization without ever being the best on your team. Now, David would teach us that we could become special in any organization that we choose to, if we elect to, to make other people better. He made his list. Over the course of the next several years, he not only became a great teammate. Other teams wanted him because -- now, don't get me wrong. He wasn't a great player. Not at all. But he made the locker room better. He made the environment better. And, as a result, he got to be in two World Series and he has two championship rings. And when the seventh game of the World Series was played in Cleveland and the Chicago Cubs, once the game ended, the guy carried off the field was a back-up catcher named David Ross because he made others better. That's leading without being in a leadership position.

Some of you might know the name of Swen Nater. He was a first-round draft pick out of college, had a successful pro basketball career, was the only player to lead both the NBA and the ABA in rebounds, but he never started one game in college. He played at UCLA. And when John Wooden went to recruit him, he said, I want you to come play at UCLA and you'll probably never play. But Swen knew he had a role. He realized that the difference he made would make a greater difference than if he went to some other school where he could play all the time. And Swen was on two national championship teams, and Bill Walton said, until the day he died, that the toughest center he ever played against was in practice at UCLA.

There was a lot of talk about Michael Jordan, talk about Kobe Bryant, Larry Bird. There are a lot more Sven Naters in the world because there's only a few superstars, but we could all be the one that uplifts that team. We could all lead by serving and by inspiring our teammates. The best leaders understand that they're only as good as the people around them. So, if you want to learn leadership, Sir Knights, here's my advice. Become a student. Spend some time every day reading about it, watching videos, listening to podcasts, flat-out practicing leadership. Touch base with your people. I call the guys on my team every single day. There are many leadership gurus out there. You can't be exposed too much to any of it.

If you haven't taken the Grand Encampment leadership courses, I encourage you to do so. I've seen lots of seminars and workshops over the years. I would not

hesitate to put our product up against any of them. And if you've already taken them, I challenge you to take them again. Why not? They're free. When I look in the mirror, I don't see a leader. I see a servant. And I pray every morning that the Holy Spirit will fill my heart with the grace to serve you, particularly in your leadership journey. There are leaders and those who lead. Leaders hold a position of power or authority. But those who lead inspire us, and we follow those who lead not because we have to but because we want to. Always be working on your leadership quotients. Evaluate yourself honestly. The higher your level of leadership, the higher the quality of members you will attract to your team. Remember, it's not about you. It's about the people that you serve.

One last story. There was a former undersecretary of defense who was invited to give a speech at a large conference of about a thousand people. And he was standing on the stage with his cup of coffee in his Styrofoam cup, and he took a sip of his coffee and he smiled. He went off script. He said, you know, last year I spoke at this exact same conference. Last year I was still the undersecretary. And when I spoke here last year, they flew me here, business class. And when I arrived at the airport, there was somebody waiting for me to take me to my hotel. They'd already checked me in, so they just took me right up to my room. The next morning, I came downstairs. There was someone waiting in the lobby to greet me. They drove me to this same venue and handed me a cup of coffee in a beautiful ceramic cup.

He says, now I'm no longer the undersecretary. I flew here coach. I took a taxi to my hotel and I checked myself in. When I came down to the lobby this morning, I took another taxi to this venue. And when I asked someone, do you have any coffee? He pointed to the coffee machine in the corner of the room, and I went over and poured myself a cup of coffee into this here Styrofoam cup. He says, the lesson is, the ceramic cup was never meant for me; it was meant for the position I held. I deserve a Styrofoam cup.

Remember this. As you gain fame, as you gain fortune, as you gain position, as you gain seniority, people will treat you better. They will hold doors open for you. They will get you a cup of coffee without you even asking for it. None of that stuff is meant for you. That stuff is meant for the position that you hold. It's meant for the level that you have achieved, leader, success, whatever you want to call it, but you will always deserve a Styrofoam cup. Remember that lesson of humility and gratitude. You can accept all the free stuff. Sure, you can accept all the perks. Absolutely, you can enjoy them. But just be grateful for them and know that they're not for you. Servant leadership was for our Lord and Savior or for those who want to be inspired. And I can say without a doubt, Sir Knights, you inspire me. I thank you for your support, for your prayers, for your inspiration, and for your friendship. God bless you all. Now, how are you all doing?

ALL: Fantastic!

SIR KNIGHT BOLSTAD: Yes, you are. Thank you very much. God bless.

(Standing ovation.)

GRAND COMMANDER GANION: Before I call on our Grand Master, Sir Knight Recorder, is there anything at all to come before this Grand Commandery?

GRAND RECORDER JOHNSON: Your checks will be available in the office after 1:00 o'clock.

GRAND COMMANDER GANION: Is that it? All right. Sir Knights, attention.

(All stand at attention.)

GRAND COMMANDER GANION: It is now my distinct privilege and honor to welcome Sir Knight Paul A. Weglage, the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons of Ohio.

SIR KNIGHT WEGLAGE: Please be seated. Thank you, Sir Knights.

(All are seated.)

SIR KNIGHT WEGLAGE: We've had some great travels the last couple years traveling around this great state of Ohio, and Rich and Debbie have been really good friends to us over the years. And I appreciate our friendship. It's reciprocal for what you've done for me, and hopefully I've done some good things for you. So with that -- and I do appreciate all the courtesies that you have extended to my Lady Karen and me.

Sir Knights, it's great to be with you this morning. I stand between you and lunch, so I will -- I just have a short little thing here. It all begins with being a Freemason. And what is needed at this time is a knowledge of Freemasonry. There has been no other time in Masonic history that there's been a greater need or understanding of what Freemasonry is and what it stands for than there is today. Much has been left undone in the education of members of our lodges. The first essential in Masonic education is the desire to become interested and enthused in what Freemasonry is all about.

Here is where the instructions can serve -- the instructors can serve well and can influence the candidate to continue to search for a more Masonic life. The qualifications for instructing are less exciting than may be imagined. What is essential is a basic knowledge by the instructor. Too many times lately I've seen where the instructors are the candidate that was just raised maybe six months ago. In this day and age with so many counter attractions, it becomes more evident that greater effort must be put forth to instruct our new members. Members in the ideals and fundamentals of Freemasonry. Every lodge should have a definite program along with authentic educational Masonic lines.

We must understand what Freemasonry really is in our lives. Freemasonry is judged by the actions of its individual members. We must set an example to those outside the craft at all times. The need for Masonic knowledge is often evidenced in our lodges. This can be alleviated where dedicated members qualify as mentors and then share the fundamentals of Freemasonry to all who will listen.

Sir Knights, I do wish you safe travels on your journeys home this weekend. Next Friday is our Grand Session for the Grand Lodge of Ohio in Dayton, Ohio. I know I will see many of you there next week. And to Sir Knight Exline, congratulations on your election to run this Grand Commandery in the ensuing year and all of your offices that are about to be installed later on. Thank you, Brothers, and Sir Knights, have a great day. Thank you.

(Standing ovation.)

GRAND COMMANDER GANION: Sir Knights, thank you for -- you may be seated, please. Thank you for allowing me to serve as your grand commander. It has been the opportunity of a lifetime to serve you in this capacity. It's not something I ever dreamed that would be possible, never dreamed it would happen. I am immensely honored to have been selected by you to serve in this capacity. Sir Knight Exline, again, I look forward to an outstanding year supporting you and your officers in the Templar year. May God bless you and be with you in your journey.

SIR KNIGHT EXLINE: Thank you.

GRAND COMMANDER GANION: For those of you who have lunch tickets, lunch will be in the pavilion. Please don't dawdle. We're keeping the ladies waiting already. This Grand Commandery of the Knights Templar of Ohio to be in recess. Sir Knight Grand Recorder, see that the Eminent Grand Sentinel is informed. Sir Knights, attention.

(All stand at attention.)

GRAND COMMANDER GANION: Uncover. Eminent Grand Prelate, please lead our devotions.

GRAND PRELATE RICHARDSON: Thank you, God, for this time together. Thank you for the nourishment we are about to receive. May we enjoy it together with our friends and family. Bless it to our bodies. In Jesus' name we pray, amen.

ALL: Amen.

GRAND COMMANDER GANION: Recover. Sir Knights, I now declare the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Ohio to be at recess until tomorrow evening for the installation of officers. Sir Knight Eminent Grand Warder, see that the Eminent Grand Sentinel is informed. Sir Knights, you are dismissed. Thank you.

(Thereupon, the proceedings were concluded at 12:08 p.m.)

THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF THE STATE OF OHIO

October 2024

The 182nd Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Ohio was held on October 10, 11 and 12, 2024 at the Crowne Plaza Columbus North.

Sir Knight Richard L. Ganion, our Right Eminent Grand Commander, presided. He and our Grand Officers entered between lines formed by Sir Knights from the several Divisions.

All sixty-three Constituent Commanderies of this Grand Commandery were represented. All of the Grand Officers were present. All of our living Past Grand Commanders were present except Sir Knights Richard L. Weaver, David M. Snyder, Richard M. Holcombe, S. Thomas Ramsay, Richard J. Brady, Thomas H. Gault and Terry L. Wymer.

Attendance was reported as follows: Grand Officers 28; Past Grand Commanders 10; Commanders 44; Generalissimos 19; Captains General 21; Past Commanders 87 and 2 Proxies, giving us 211 voting delegates. We also had 13 non-voting members of Ohio Commanderies and 18 out of state guests.

We had many Distinguished guests from Ohio and out of state, plus the Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, SK Jeffrey A. Bolstad, our own Past Grand Master from Ohio, SK William H. Koon II, and our East Central Department Commander, SK Jay P. Kennedy. All of the distinguished guests were afforded the proper Templar honors, including our Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, SK Paul A. Weglage.

The Grand Recorder reported that the Annual Returns for the year ending May 31, 2024 showed 63 Commanderies. He also reported that during the year we had the following gains and losses:

Membership as of June 1, 2023			5707
	This year	Last year	
Knightings	209	211	
Admitted on demit	81	55	
Reinstated	23	28	
Total Additions	313	294	
Deaths	214	262	
Withdrawals	105	60	
Suspensions - NPD	42	46	
Suspensions - N/A	97	88	
Corrections	2	2	
Total Losses	460	458	
Membership as of May 31, 2024			5560
Net Loss	147	164	

The trophy for the most knightings went to the North Central Division with 38 knightings.

Updated digital copies of our Statutes are available by requesting them from the Grand Recorder.

The Finance Committee presented a budget for the 2024-2025 Templar Year showing income and expenses of \$132,273.00.

During the weekend the College of Honors presented the following awards:

Knight Templar Cross of Honor

Richard J. Amlung, a PC of Cuyahoga Falls Commandery No. 83

Richard E. Eakin, a PC of Findlay Commandery No. 49

Knight Commander of the Temple

Matthew G. Gloor, a PC of Defiance Commandery No. 30

Joshua J. Grove, a PC of Akron Commandery No. 25

Larry H. Haines, a PC of Canton Commandery No. 38

William G. Windnagel, a PC of Fremont No. 56

Knight Grand Cross of the Temple

Alfred T. Johnson, a PC of Raper Commandery No. 19

Companion of the Temple

Four were approved and will be presented at Division functions.

The Divine Service was held on Friday afternoon. The offering was \$1000.00 and will go to the Knights Templar Holy Land Pilgrimage Fund. By the time things settle in the Middle East we may be able to send SEVERAL ministers.

During this past year we were blessed to not lose any of our Past Grand Commanders, although we are saddened that several are no longer able to be with us.

The Installation of Officers and Awards Banquet were held on Saturday, October 12, 2024. Our Past East Central Department Commander SK Gerald G. Pugh had the privilege of installing SK Dale A. Exline as our new Right Eminent Grand Commander, along with our corps of Grand Officers. SK R. Thomas Starr served as the Installing Marshal, SK Franklin C. Boner served as Installing Recorder and Sir Knight Dennis M Evans served as Installing Chaplain. SK Martin R. Trent presented our retiring REGC his Past Grand Commander's jewel which had been previously worn by Past Grand Commanders Martin R. Trent and George W. Davidson.

We were pleased to again have our Drill Competition and also our Ritual Competition.

Ritual Competition Results

5th Libation

Stephen E. Roth	Findlay No. 49	1 st
Chris F. Schick	Mansfield No. 21	2 nd
Carl C. Keller	Reed No. 6	3 rd

Ode to the Skull

Thomas A. Gartner	St. Luke's No. 34	1 st
H. Mac Hared	Hanselmann No. 16	2 nd
Timothy D. Ohm	Mount Vernon No. 1	3 rd

Flag Lecture

Richard A. Roe	Marietta No. 50	1 st
Thomas A. Gartner	St. Luke's No. 34	2 nd
Ronald C. Nischwitz	Sidney No. 46	3 rd

Junior Warden's address

Richard A. Roe	Marietta No. 50	1 st
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Chris F. Schick	Mansfield No. 21	2 nd
Ronald L. Ensell	Columbian No. 52	3 rd
Prelate's Address		
Clifford J. Askey	Cuyahoga Falls No. 83	1 st
James M. Carlson	Raper No. 19	2 nd
Andrew McConnell	Reed No. 6	3 rd

Drill Results

Captain Team

Captain

C-15 Field

1 st - West Central Division	Stewart	857	36
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D-7 Field

1 st – Marietta 50	Miller	918	36
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2 nd – Palestine 33	Stewart	913	8
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3 rd – Findlay 49	Eakin	904	36
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4 th – Eagle 29	Johnson	884	28
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5 th – Sidney 46	Stiltner	857	73
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6 th – Warren 39	Goddard	847	73
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7 th – Canton 38	Haines	813	128
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C-6 Asylum

1 st – Valley 80	Fair	906	57
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D-6 Asylum

1 st – Defiance 30	Cripps	973	24
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2 nd – Medina 84	Gregory	964	26
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3 rd – Bryan 74	Miller	963	20
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4 th – East Central Div.	French	947	44
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5 th – Columbus 69	Adams	890	95
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Ned E. Dull Drill Captain's Award

Zac Stewart	Palestine 33
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Joseph J Fair	Valley 80
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Steve Miller	Bryan 74
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Bruce Basil Drill Captain's Award

Dave Miller	Marietta 50
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Tim Adams	Columbus 69
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This coming year the Drill Competition and Ritual Competition will be held on July 26, 2025 at the Dayton Masonic Center.

The 183rd Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Ohio will be held at the Crowne Plaza Columbus North, Worthington Ohio, on October 9 and 10, 2025.

Fraternally submitted,
Al Johnson, Grand Recorder

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COMMANDERY LOCATIONS as per Alphabet

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COMMANDERY LOCATIONS as per City

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COMMANDERIES by Division and Number

NW	Division		SE	Division
7	Toledo		2	Lancaster
9	DeMolay		8	Chillicothe
14	Shawnee		15	Athens
18	Norwalk		24	Ohio Valley
23	Erie		50	Marietta
30	Defiance		53	Jackson
36	Marion			
49	Findlay		EC	Division
54	Ivanhoe		1	Mt. Vernon
56	Fremont		10	Cyrene
59	St. Omer		11	Steubenville
60	Elyria		26	Hope
66	Eu-Tah		34	St. Luke's
74	Bryan		47	Cambridge
			63	Coshocton
WC	Division		69	Columbus
6	Reed			
19	Raper		NC	Division
33	Palestine		4	Massillon
46	Sidney		5	Clinton
61	Bellefontaine		12	Oriental
75	Jerusalem		21	Mansfield
80	Valley		38	Canton
81	Nathaniel Greene		40	Forest City
82	Willis		48	Wooster
			64	Coeur de Lion
			70	Holy Grail
SW	Division		84	Medina
3	Cincinnati			
13	Calvary		NE	Division
16	Hanselmann		20	St. Johns
22	Miami		25	Akron
31	Highland		29	Eagle
71	Middletown		39	Warren
			42	Salem
			52	Columbian
			55	Pilgrim
	Numbers		73	Allenby
	Not Used		83	Cuyahoga Falls
	17 27 28 32 35 37			
	41 43 44 45 51 57			
	58 62 65 67 68 72			
	77 78 79			
			76	St. George

LIVING COMPANIONS of the TEMPLE

Christy Adkins	Jean Harrington	Diana Olson
Shirley Andrew	Naundice Hart	Janice Palm
Patricia Arnold	Joyce Haugen	Linda Percival
Pattie Arnold	Brianna Holcepl	Barb Peterson
Michelle Bacon	Millie Holzer	Teresa Pience
Gwenn Bair	Rebecca Houck	Shirley Powell
Doris Barnes	Erin Howe	Cheryl Pugh
Sharon Basil	Susan Hughes	Nora Pugh
Karen Baughman	Traci Humble	Sandy Ralston
Betty Boner	Marion Johnson	Diane Reeves
Donna Brady	Jenna Johnston	Rachel Rentz
Kim Burnett	Debra Kemerley	Betty Rettig
Lisa Byer	Marjorie Jo Kennedy	Commilla Rich
Robin Carr	Elizabeth Koon	Sarah Richardson
Joyce Cogley	Charlotte Kornmiller	Alice Ritter
Mary Clime	Cindy Langmead	Cindi Robinson
Kathryn Cooper	Jennifer Lawson	Catherine Roland
Margie Couch	Patricia Lenhart	Esther Rosendaul
Debbie Cox	Theda Losasso	Traci Roth
Becky Coxson	Connie Lynch	Cathy Shaw
Sue Crouch	Dottie Manning	Marcella Shinabery
Margaret Curtiss	Doris Markel	Donna Shoemaker
Veronica Dahms	Susan Martin	Laura Sibbalds
Julie Davis	Patricia Mason	Mary Smith
Linda Dillon	Lois Mick	Marjorie Snow
Lin Drebert	Pat Monday	Dorothy Snyder
Toni Duncan	Clara McClure	Anita Speer
Pam Edmiston	Barbara McKibben	Barbara Stephens
Judy Exline	Charlene McLeod	Carol Stevens
Shirley Faul	Ann Meacham	Donna Thomas
Patty Forror	Kathy Mendelssohn	Bonita Trent
Michelle French	Susan Mick	Lianne Vargo
Deborah Ganion	Joyce A Miller	Pat Vicars
Judy Gardner	Sandy Moxley	Brenda Watson
Paula Gaul	Teanya Myers	Dawn Weaver
Grace George	Cindy O'Dell	Ruby Webb
Mallory Grafton	Carolyn O'Neal	Laura Weimer
Cindy Griffith	Ruth Ann Oldfather	Jennifer Wessner
Ruth Hadley	Shirley Olmstead	Kathy Wiley
Delphine Hager		Joan Wilhelm
		Lynn Zehner

KNIGHT COMMANDERS of the TEMPLE

Name		Date of Reception		Name		Date of Reception	
1	Ned E Dull, GCT	(died 2017)	1992	2	William H Koon II GCT		1992
3	Frank W Crane	(died 2019)	1992	4	William Ammer	(died 2003)	1992
5	George W Davidson	(died 2014)	1992	6	E Raymond Loose	(died 2003)	1992
7	Alfred Rice	(died 2017)	1992	8	William J Faul	(died 1995)	1992
9	David R Poling	(died 2006)	1993	10	William H Koon I	(died 2006)	1993
11	Richard G Dennis	(died 2001)	1993	12	Richard A Meacham	(died 2010)	1993
13	James E Olmstead	(died 2014)	1994	14	Neil M Smalley		1994
15	H Ray Evans	(died 2013)	1994	16	John V Cooper, Jr	(died 2004)	1995
17	Aaron Hard	(died 2002)	1995	18	Richard H Palm	(died 2012)	1995
19	Kenneth C Flick	(died 1999)	1995	20	Merlyn E Meredith	(died 2018)	1995
21	Paul R Jellison	(died 2015)	1996	22	R Dale Long	(died 2011)	1996
23	Elwood L Nelson	(died 2003)	1996	24	C Michael Watson		1996
25	Richard L Harless	(died 2015)	1996	26	Edward F Howard		1996
27	George T Rosendaul	(died 2008)	1996	28	Thomas H Galyen		1996
29	Victor C Nussbaum	(died 2002)	1997	30	Ray G Earl	(died 2010)	1997
31	Earl C Gifford	(died 2004)	1997	32	Walter J Howdyshe	(died 2002)	1997
33	Wayne S Dill	(died 2023)	1997	34	Sylvester L Maust	(died 2005)	1997
35	Richard L Weaver		1998	36	Richard B Ingham	(died 2004)	1998
37	William P Mayberry, Sr	(died 2015)	1998	38	Jim J Buckingham		1998
39	James W Wolfgang	(died 2003)	1999	40	Dennis L Wilhelm		1999
41	Franklin C Boner		1999	42	Arthur D Michael, Jr	(died 2021)	1999
43	John M Worcester		1999	44	George N Barkhurst	(died 2000)	2000
45	Donald W Mumford		2000	46	Charles R Albertson	(died 2007)	2000
47	Arthur S Holmes	(died 2015)	2000	48	Wilfrid A Grose, Jr	(died 2011)	2000
49	Joseph J Atkinson	(died 2018)	2000	50	Roy C Ritter	(died 2008)	2000
51	Richard F Maier	(died 2017)	2000	52	David L Stickel	(died 2006)	2000
53	Harvey J Kiesel	(died 2022)	2000	54	Edward A Puff	(died 2006)	2000
55	Rodney W Lutz	(died 2012)	2001	56	Homer L Buchanon		2001
57	Jack L Allen		2001	58	George O Braatz		2001
59	Ronald R Ebert	(died 2019)	2001	60	Theodore B Korn		2001
61	David M Snyder, Sr		2001	62	Donald B Gardner	(died 2020)	2001
63	Darl D Waltermire		2001	64	Charles Robinson	(died 2023)	2002
65	Bruce D Basil	(died 2013)	2002	66	Chester G Burton		2002
67	H Lee Hadley		2002	68	Richard W Kroner	(died 2016)	2002
69	Charles F McLeod	(died 2010)	2002	70	Robert E McNutt		2002
71	Thomas E Reynolds	(died 2008)	2002	72	Randy A Williams		2002
73	Lloyd P Basil	(died 2008)	2002	74	Gerald A Newman	(died 2010)	2003
75	Burch E Zehner		2003	76	Beecher W Vaughn	(died 2023)	2003
77	Lloyd E Bradshaw	(died 2022)	2003	78	James E Shaw	(died 2017)	2003
79	C Kenneth Campbell	(died 2012)	2003	80	Martin R Schuller	(died 2014)	2003
81	Rolland I Huss	(died 2014)	2003	82	Elmer E Myers	(died 2005)	2004
83	Robert J Hibjan	(died 2020)	2004	84	Robert D Crabbs	(died 2022)	2004
85	Richard L Speer	(died 2013)	2004	86	Kenneth L Crouch		2004
87	Michael A Himes		2004	88	Howard C Bodine	(died 2012)	2004
89	Ivan M Tribe	(died 2023)	2004	90	William D Stratton		2004
91	John W Pryor, Jr	(died 2010)	2004	92	John Monroe	(died 2015)	2005
93	Lynn B Alexander		2005	94	Orlo R Cully, Jr	(died 2023)	2005
95	Steven A Duncan		2005	96	James R Filliez		2005
97	Alan D Hart	(died 2024)	2005	98	Howard L Lambert		2005
99	Paul B Saunders	(died 2018)	2005	100	H Jeffery Shaw		2005
101	Edward A Estep	(died 2013)	2006	102	Craig C Stimpert		2006
103	Clarence L Hartzell III		2006	104	Richard E Groves	(died 2014)	2006

KNIGHT COMMANDERS of the TEMPLE (cont.)

Name			Date of Reception			Name			Date of Reception		
105	Andre B Celestin	(susp. 2009)	2006			106	Richard M Holcombe		2006		
107	August C Holzer	(died 2017)	2006			108	Dennis L Hughes	(died 2022)	2006		
109	David A Rich	(died 2012)	2006			110	David A Wiley		2006		
111	Kermit V Zimmerman		2006			112	Robert T Davis		2007		
113	Philip R Elliott, Jr		2007			114	James M McDonald	(died 2019)	2007		
115	Robert A Oldfather		2007			116	Terry W Posey		2007		
117	S Thomas Ramsay		2007			118	James D Rex	(died 2020)	2007		
119	Arlen E Saunders	(died 2023)	2007			120	Louis S Van Slyck	(died 2014)	2007		
121	Paxton T Mendelssohn	(died 2016)	2008			122	Bobby G Campbell		2008		
123	John R Clime	(died 2022)	2008			124	Larry E Fisher		2008		
125	David W Fox	(died 2021)	2008			126	Bernard J Lemieux		2008		
127	Gary L McElfresh	(susp. 2012)	2008			128	Ben M Moxley		2008		
129	Charles R Murphy		2008			130	Richard J Brady		2009		
131	Roger C Gaul		2009			132	Bradford A Goebel	(died 2022)	2009		
133	Howard L McClure		2009			134	John I Miller		2009		
135	Gerald G Pugh		2009			136	Robert R Rettig		2010		
137	Richard G Griffith, Jr		2010			138	Jon Robert Armstrong		2010		
139	Donald L Losasso	(died 2024)	2010			140	Peter J Uncapher		2010		
141	Thomas H Gault, Sr		2010			142	William E Stanley	(died 2020)	2010		
143	Martin R Trent		2011			144	Kevin R Weisman		2011		
145	Vater D Webb	(died 2022)	2011			146	Cloyce J Treece	(died 2018)	2011		
147	Charles L Paine	(died 2024)	2011			148	R Thomas Starr		2011		
149	Chad E Simpson	(died 2022)	2011			150	William McKinney	(died 2012)	2011		
151	Raymond E Field	(died 2015)	2012			152	Duane Kemerley		2012		
153	Daniel W Harrington		2012			154	Michael D Cecil	(died 2021)	2012		
155	Rodney L Carr		2012			156	James C Pace	(died 2020)	2012		
157	Donald R Forquer		2012			158	Charles H Houck, Sr	(died 2022)	2012		
159	John I Christman		2012			160	Jean L Davis	(died 2020)	2013		
161	Alfred T Johnson		2013			162	Howard E Potter	(died 2021)	2013		
163	Ronald L Vicars		2013			164	George M Shell		2013		
165	Dennis M Lynch		2013			166	John S Ranck		2013		
167	Christian M Beard		2014			168	Perry E Coxson III		2014		
169	William R Eagle		2014			170	Norman J Mick	(died 2021)	2014		
171	Michael A Smith		2014			172	Michael J Woodward		2014		
173	Terry L Wymer		2014			174	Steven E Kokonougher		2015		
175	James M Frazier		2015			176	Virgil W Mick		2015		
177	Charles W Wise		2015			178	Dale A Exline		2016		
179	Timothy D Martin		2016			180	Carol E Monday		2016		
181	Burrell K Pettet II		2016			182	Robert C Rill, Jr		2016		
183	S Jefferson Slattery		2016			184	Alan W Bacon		2018		
185	Ross R Black II		2018			186	George Edmiston III		2018		
187	J Keith Green		2018			188	Robert C Hager		2018		
189	Douglas N Kaylor		2018			190	Robert W Thomas		2018		
191	Charles A Wood		2018			192	Jimmy Wright		2018		
193	Richard L Ganion		2019			194	Dale A Olson		2019		
195	Timothy O Ralston		2019			196	Charles H Gaiser		2019		
197	Mark W Bruns		2020			198	Robert J Davis		2020		
199	Lloyd W Eichenlaub		2020			200	David R Leytze		2020		
201	J Randolph Clark		2021			202	Ronald L Connelly		2021		
203	Christian A King		2021			204	Roy J Kurka		2021		
205	Larry E Byer		2022			206	Ronald L Ensell		2022		
207	John P Pience		2022			208	R Wesley Webber		2022		
209	Larry A Rentz		2023			210	D Richard Heldman		2023		
211	Stephen E Roth		2023			212	Jeffery M Gallaher		2023		
213	Matthew G Gloor		2024			214	Joshua J Grove		2024		
215	Larry H Haines		2024			216	William G Windnagel		2024		

LIVING RECIPIENTS OF THE KNIGHTS TEMPLAR CROSS OF HONOR

1988	David J Roth	PC Findlay No 49
1992	Donald R Forquer	PC Scioto No 35
1998	Ivan L McClary	PC Mt Vernon No 1
2000	Floyd E Wymer	PC St Luke's No 34
2002	Richard P Williams	PC Holy Grail No 70
2002	Richard E McMasters	PC Cuyahoga Falls No 83
2003	Howard Ballard	PC Palestine No 33
2005	Edwin Earl Jackson	PC Clinton No 5
2006	Glenn R Greenamyer	PC Canton No 38
2006	J Michael Lenhart	PC Kenton No 58
2007	Gary D Shoemaker	PC Columbus No 69
2009	Douglas E Smith	PC Coleman No 17
2009	David W Slusher	PC Miami No 22
2010	John H Donohoo	PC Cincinnati No 3
2010	Dan C Arnold	PC Ohio Valley No 24
2011	Arthur Roy Sterling	PC St Luke's No 34
2012	Benny Morris Moxley	PC Steubenville No 11
2012	Bobby G George	PC Hamilton No 41
2013	D Douglas Dolan	PC Eagle No 29
2014	Robert P May	PC Cincinnati No 3
2014	Jack E Nicholas	PC Reed No 6
2015	Harless H Maynard	PC Wilmington No. 37
2015	Robert A Esarey	PC Holy Grail No. 70
2016	Timothy Jagers	PC Athens No. 15
2016	Timothy D Roth	PC Findlay No. 49
2017	Robert E Lindsey	PC Raper No. 19
2017	Ross R Black II	PC Cuyahoga Falls No. 83
2017	Robert R Childers	PC Forest City No. 40
2018	Richard D Snow	PC Mt. Vernon No. 1
2018	Richard D Hall	PC Covert No. 43
2019	Ronald E Shaw	PC Cambridge No. 47
2019	Richard D Smith	PC Highland No. 31
2020	James A Langmead	HPC Forest City No. 40
2020	Robert E Carson	PC Cincinnati No. 3
2021	Charles L Collins	PC Athens No. 15
2021	Darrel G Pugh	HPC Marietta No. 50
2022	Thomas R Johnson	PC Eagle 29
2022	William "Tex" Ritter	PC Cuyahoga Falls 83
2023	Ronald E Cramblit	PC Highland 31
2023	Larry G Moore	PC Oriental 12
2024	Richard J Amlung	PC Cuyahoga Falls 83
2024	Richard E Eakin	PC Findlay No. 49

Grand Representatives

Richard J Brady	Alabama	Phillip Sherman
Burch E Zehner	Alaska	
William D Stratton	Arizona	Quaid E Smith
Robert T Davis	Arkansas	Phillip L McConnell
Kyle J Binkley	California	Roger S Ross
Dennis M Lynch	Colorado	Aaron Heizer
Larry H Haines	Connecticut	Clyde W Kayser
	Croatia	
Dale A Exline	Delaware	Mark E Irwin
Charles Swank	District of Columbia	
William Windnagel	Florida	Robert L T Phillips
John P Pience	Georgia	
Gary A Coleman	Hawaii	
David P Welch	Idaho	David A Grindle
Lloyd Eichenlaub	Illinois	William J Farris
Alfred T Johnson	Indiana	Edward E Fodrea
David S Howe	Iowa	Christian M Beard
Ron R Richardson	Italy	Giorgio Rossi
Ronald L Ensell	Kansas	Boyce W Dougherty
George Edmiston III	Kentucky	Donald Matt Lewis
Robert C Hager	Louisiana	Matthew D White
Bradford Weesner	Maine	
H Lee Hadley	Maryland	
John Cox	Mass. and RI	George A Sarafinas
David M Snyder, Sr.	Mexico	
Richard L Ganion	Michigan	Erwin W O'Dell
Aaron L French	Minnesota	
Ronald B Lankford	Mississippi	William F Hall
Larry E Byer	Missouri	William J Sherman
Joshua J Grove	Montana	
Ronald L Vicars	Nebraska	Phillip P Lyons
R Thomas Starr	Nevada	Larry G Kesler
David P Dauterman	New Hampshire	Thomas X Tsirimokos
William Robinson	New Jersey	
Ronald E Shaw	New Mexico	
Richard A Antill	New York	
Carol Monday	North Carolina	Ludwik Wodka

N Lee Peterson	North Dakota	H Allen Ohrt
Douglas A Sunnenberg	Oklahoma	
Larry A Rentz	Oregon	Steve Gatton
Rodney L Carr	Panama	
Stephen E Roth	Pennsylvania	Nicholas Vaccarello
	Philippines	Henry W Cheng
Timothy O Ralston	Portugal	
Perry Coxson III	Prince Hall	
Randy A Williams	Romania	
Dennis L Wilhelm	South Carolina	Gerald D Burton
David R Leytze	South Dakota	
Thomas H Gault, Sr.	Tennessee	John R Cantrell
William H Koon II	Texas	Frances E Smith, Jr.
Kenneth L Crouch	Utah	Michael L Busby
Larry E Fisher	Vermont	
Franklin C Boner	Virginia	James B Bartley
David G Weimer	Washington	Lloyd R Linn
Gerald G Pugh	West Virginia	
Martin R Trent	Wisconsin	
David A Wiley	Wyoming	

Commanders and Recorders – 2024-2025

Mt Vernon 1	Daniel Smith	J Brian Wise
Lancaster 2	Robin Leonard	Larry M Flowers
Cincinnati 3	Allen R Scarber	Robert P May
Massillon 4	Kristopher Sams	James B Haught
Clinton 5	Michael Langdon	Franklin C Boner
Reed 6	Ron Richardson	Daniel D Frye
Toledo 7	Raymond Slates	John J Zettler
Chillicothe 8	Eugene L Hardman	John R Ashton
DeMolay 9	Jon L Aldrich	Kenneth B Foy
Cyrene 10	Joshua M Binkley	Aaron L French
Steubenville 11	Michael W DiLeonardo	James R Gilday
Oriental 12	Isaiah M Foss	Joseph H Rothbrust
Calvary 13	Jeffery Ellis	Timothy D Martin
Shawnee 14	Kyle J Binkley	Dennis L Wilhelm
Athens 15	R Thomas Starr	Timothy Jagers
Hanselmann 16	Mac Harned	John Cox
Norwalk 18	Eric W Heyman	Gary R Meikle
Raper 19	Christopher Blakeman	Martin R Trent
St. Johns 20	Thomas J Cresanto	W Douglas Nutter
Mansfield 21	Christian Schick	Brian Adrian
Miami 22	Kelly Byer	Bradford Weesner
Erie 23	Adam R Rearden	Bradley Reed
Ohio Valley 24	Mark S Mooney	Larry E Byer
Akron 25	Glenn W Hartong	Joshua J Grove
Hope 26	Randy Oiler	Ronald E Shaw
Eagle 29	John B Nelson II	Arthur Moore
Defiance 30	Eugene N Bitler	Matthew G Gloor
Highland 31	Tyler Coleman	Timothy O Ralston
Palestine 33	John Maxwell	Martin R Trent
St. Luke's 34	Thomas A Gartner	Charles H Gaiser
Marion 36	Matthew K Pollock	Richard N Helwig
Canton 38	Larry H Haines	Randall L Hahn
Warren 39	W Douglas Nutter	Christopher M Kiraly
Forest City 40	Terry A Hoover	James A Langmead
Salem 42	Ronald B Lankford	Gary L Ronshausen
Sidney 46	Michael Snyder	Kyle J Binkley
Cambridge 47	Randy C Rubel	David A Mourer

Wooster 48	Jason Brake	William Seymour
Findlay 49	Linnville Taggart	James Klausing
Marietta 50	Walter V Borkoski	David A Mouer
Columbian 52	Walter Johnston	William E Robinson
Jackson 53	Lloyd Eichenlaub	Dale A Exline
Ivanhoe 54	Bruce Shinabery	Dennis L Wilhelm
Pilgrim 55	Ronald E Shaw	William R Frail
Fremont 56	Steven B Cooley	William G Windnagel
St. Omer 59	Dennis Johnston	John Tansey
Elyria 60	Ray Hardwick	Michael Howard
Bellefontaine 61	Jeff L Starr	Dan E Hewitt
Coshocton 63	David Cochran	David A Mourer
Coeur de Lion 64	Todd Vargo	Franck T Kakou
Eu-Tah 66	Charles Ottney	James R Dahms
Columbus 69	Clifford E Nicol	J Alex Alonzo
Holy Grail 70	Jonathan R Hupp	Robert W Niebaum
Middletown 71	Thomas Edward Mueller	Steven L Hampton
Allenby 73	Timothy W Burkhart II	Robert Berteau
Bryan 74	Steven A Miller	Matthew G Gloor
Jerusalem 75	J Wade Guthrie	Jerry Ken Carter III
St. George 76	James A Langmead	Alfred T Johnson
Valley 80	Gregory Clatterbuck	Steve A Duncan
Nath. Greene 81	Jaken Wilcox	David Trainer
Willis 82	John W Green	Charles E Herrnstein
Cuyahoga Falls 83	Randy Porter	William "Tex" Ritter
Medina 84	Andrew M Gregory	Timothy Eames

Membership Changes
June 1, 2023- May 31, 2024

K - Knighted
D - Died

A - Affiliated
W - Demitted or Withdrawn

R - Reinstated
S - Suspended

2023 2024

Mt. Vernon 1

K James O Badgley
 Michael W Gleim
D Charles F Pyle

Michael Cooke
Greg A Smith

186 190
James C Eggers

Lancaster 2

K John Hamric III
A Rodney Carr
D Kenneth Brown

Dustin Garner

Richard Mattox

103 103

Jerry Trego

Cincinnati 3

K Jason T Burt
 Michael A Kesterman
 Paul Young III
A Garland Manes
R Terrence W Adams
D William R Eckerle
 Thomas E Williams
W Jack W Lenzer
S James J Antell

Ryan Burt
Daren Reeves

Renie Blankenship
Charles W Marrs

Brandon Smallwood

154 154
Harold W Harper
Ronnie Wardrup

Lawrence G Neumann

Kevin R Kane

Massillon 4

R Charles E Gesen
A Ronald G Hart II
D Richard E Bordner
W Wayne F Sperber

Kenneth A Koontz

Thomas D Zahler
James M Thornsberry

50 49
James P Wallinga, Jr.

Brad R Richardson

Clinton 5

K David E Ramey
D Ronald E Carr

Keith J Zolman, PC

43 42

Reed 6

K Chase R Druin
 Eugene Saunders
A Jerry D Hays
D Richard A Chipman
 George M Lawson
W Howard E Laudermilk
S Stephone A Grier, Sr

Bruce M Howard
Michael Treggett

Gerald R Duncan
James L Mack

Gary J Kline

178 174
Shawn T May

Lloyd J Harvey
James L Sloan

Andrew J Sellers

Toledo 7			95	86
K	Tommy Hudson			
D	Joseph R Bublick	Orlo R Cully, Jr.	David Lindley	
	Ray L McLargin	Louis Shinledecker		
W	Mark P Allred, Jr.	Douglas J Pratt	Elliott Sells	
	David A Smith			
S	Patrick M Codden			
Chillicothe 8			149	155
K	Nicholas White	Christopher M Ebert	Shane E Smith	
	Devon M Stover	John T Reedy	Carl R Bobbitt	
	Michael C Smallwood	William T Greene	Travis L Thompson	
A	Louis N McFarland			
R	Brian Workman			
D	Samuel D Ackley	David Gibson	John Mayfield	
	John Peters	Roy Stone		
DeMolay 9			108	101
K	Devon J Huber	Leland H Kemerley		
D	Sterling Abbott	Melvin G Baxter	Howard W Beisner	
	John L Covert, PC	James I Hall	George D Rhoad	
	James Shobe	Jerald E Wheatley		
W	Paul E Fortney			
Cyrene 10			50	50
K	Zebulin P Sharkey			
D	George R Haines			
Steubenville 11			41	51
K	James Carroll	Norman F Hewitt	Jay T Hutter	
	Thomas J Hutter	Denzel S Linn	Brett P Lysle	
	Kelly J Michaels	Larry P Sneathen	Blair D Stock	
	William N Wetherington			
A	Brian J Breyer			
R	Michael T Wood			
D	Charles W Vandine			
S	Kenneth K Arnold			
Oriental 12			47	48
K	William J Diesing	Lucas Whittenberger		
A	Robert R Nilsen			
D	James A Lettofsky, PC			
S	Kenneth R Kuback			
Calvary 13			131	136
K	Shawn L Akers	Talmadge Buckle, Jr.	Larry D Carter, Jr.	
	Jeffery S Jones	Justin R Lindamood	Robert S Lintz	
	Ralph Noel			

A	Franklin D Barnhart	Scott D Evans	Willis R Ridgeway
R	Christopher R Neu		
D	Edward E Arms	Edward E Davis	Eugene L Hankison
	Charles P Hauck	R Keith O'Dell	John T Stevens
Shawnee 14			48 46
K	Jason R Ballenger	Kenneth H Hengstler	Shane R ason
D	Robert G Pickering	Philibert R Poulin	Charles H Robinson, PC
S	Phillip A Cosart	Toby K Rion	
Athens 15			115 113
K	Francisco W Ray		
A	Rodney L Carr	Larry E Kornmiller	
R	Alfred G Troiano		
D	Donald K Douglas, Jr.	John E M Kerr	Delmar G Pullins, PC
	Anthony L Sayers	Kenneth D Thomas	
S	Richard D Lindsey		
Hanselmann 16			181 180
K	William N Maltbie	Joshua Dayton	
A	James N Dollar		
D	Harry Archer	Gerald F Gilman	Roy F Hiser
W	Garland Maines, PC		
Norwalk 18			29 30
K	Daniel S Griggs		
A	Gail E Reeder		
R	Mark L McCombs		
D	Alfred L Oney, PC	Alfred P Thomas, PC	
Raper 19			90 86
K	Mitchell K Bronne	Mark R Gaver	Robert K Nuzum
	Vincent T Sebastian	Steven L Sullivan	
D	Michael R Melvin	Richard E Petty	Vanis P Waugh
	James A Zerkle		
S	Charles E Ford	Timothy L Kingery	Chris Mann
	Adam Newsome	Terry Rittenhouse	
St John's 20			120 114
K	Zachary E Crouse		
A	Randal E Davis	Edward C Ross II	Worthy W Cottrill, Jr.
R	Jack L Maxwell		
D	James K Booher	Raymond H Huish	Donald L Lambert
	George L Loveless		
W	Alan ross Burton	William W Saylor	
S	Christopher R Albert	David L Campbell	James T McGarry
	Richard C Palmer	Jason S Parker	
Mansfield 21			72 67
K	Zachary Wilson	Christopher M Morehead	

D	Michael L McKee	Karl W Beaver	
S	Ambrose Adams	James W Hunter	Steven S Strawser
	Lawrence C Palmer		
W	Albert L Jeffery		
Miami 22			154 148
K	Robert W Davis, Jr.	David P Henn	Michael L Kock
	Todd Wilson		
A	William E LaSeur, Jr.	Bradford Weesner	
R	Quentin M Smith		
D	Robert Armstrong	Elmer R Butler	Charles A Denny
	Lawrence C Fischer	Kenneth L Hamilton	John A King
	Anthony T Wabic	Herschel E Wells	Dillard Wilder
	Lantie Wilson, Jr.		
W	Harlan M Bricker	Donald Gibson, Jr.	Kermit Zimmerman
Erie 23			67 62
K	Bradley Reed	John G Schaefer	
D	Walter Bauman		
W	Thomas McRitchie	Robert Ransom	Ray Thom
	Jeffrey Wright		
S	Joseph Catri	David Springer	
Ohio Valley 24			102 101
K	Zachary Williams	Josh Hysell	Todd Lee
	Caden Goff	Nocolas Mills	
R	David S Stevenson		
D	Roger Belville	Frank Krautter	John Newell
	Johnny J Kuhn	Charles D Wilson	Beryl Wilson
S	Ron Clark		
Akron 25			51 48
K	John W Young		
R	Robert R Ewaska, Sr.		
D	Thomas C Hutchison	Lawrence E Powell, PC	
W	William E Murphy	George R Shrader, PC	
S	Larry M Downey		
Hope 26			77 72
K	David P Blazak	Jason Carpen ter	Allen L France
	Robert P Supanik		
D	Lee T Cook	Roy Moore	Cecilk Smittle
	William Tomich		
S	Mike Beaver	William E Benline	Scott A Blosser
	Ricky L Carpenter	Jeffery L Wallace	
Eagle 29			67 69
K	Rodney A Jenkins	Thomas M Molnar	Louis A Mucci
	Leland M Neal	Mark A Neal	John A Ralph
R	Mark C Knuth		

D	Ronald E Doll	Robert E Elegante	Neal B Forbes
W	Robert Pyule		
S	Victor D Rogers, PC		
Defiance 30			43 47
K	Michael A Hart	Robert Coop	
A	JesseeM Spillman	Leonard C Gozdowski	Ken Crouch
W	Anthony D Tenwalde		
Highland 31			122 121
K	David L Caldwell	Lonnie Pittman, Jr.	Jason Taulbee
	Michael Thompson		
D	Denver L Conley, PC	R Keith O'Dell	
W	Adrian A Craig	John D Gillespie, PC	
S	Hank A DDingus, Jr.		
Palestine 33			133 127
K	Lucas Blair	Bradley Campbell	D Michael T Collier
	John D Jones		
A	Steven P Raiff		
R	William H Clark	Alfred J Patchin	
D	James A Berry	Richard D Dolbeer	William C Fippin
	Larry R Miller, PC	O Ray Roberts	Charles R Rutan
	Earl D Settles	James A Shuman II	Richard W Stewart
	James R Turner		
W	James A Kern		
S	Bruce Baisden	Timothy A Garner	
St Luke's 34			74 72
K	William A Collins	Todd A Hawk	Terrance C Hill
	Larry L Tanksley	Tuyler Vanveelzor	Anthony Wentworth
A	David M Gubanc		
R	Nicholas R Baxter	Mark S Huggins	Randy A Spiker
D	Richard A Beard	William E Cannode	Gilbert A Kokensparger
S	Nicholas R Baxter	Michael K Brock	Mark S Huggins
	Dennis R Musgrave	Troy D Skeese	Randy A Spiker
	James E United, Jr.	James E United, Sr.	Billy C Vaughn
Marion 36			99 91
D	Richard W Carey	David M Kuhlen	
W	Matthew E Bosh	Robert Howard	
S	Hunter Frey	Thomas W Sams	Aaron Wilburn
	Charles Adams		
Canton 38			170 181
K	Charles M Auker	Daniel T Callahan	Ronald W Gay
	Ernest B Kuhley	Sean B Leeffler	Michel E Lengler
	Rodney W Lentz	Rick L Miller	Christopher T Nupp
	Noah J W Aturgeon	Aaron E Tice	Douglas A Turner
	Rex W Unkefer		

A	James B Haught, Jr.	Larry Mackey II	Wayne F Sperber
R	Dallas J Baldwin	Paul L Richardson	
D	Harold Baker	George E Bowden	Larry J Legros, PC
	Edward K Moody	Michael R Zigler, PC	
W	Michael R Parsons	Edward C Ross II	

Warren 39 148 138

K	Troy D Magrini	Wyatt Mitchell	
R	Larry Cates		
D	Lloyd T Carmichael, PC	William R Fiest, Jr.	Kenton A Hyde
	George M Kapsulis	William H Lynn, Jr.	Gerald W Martin
	Bruce M McDowell, PC	Kenneth R Miller	John Siman
	Michael G Weaver, PC	Patrick G Yoder	
W	Randal Davis	John VanMeter	

Forest City 40 74 75

K John E Bricker

Salem 42 43 44

K	Richard T Elliott	Steve B Evans	Joseph L Gear
	Dennis L Henthorne		
D	Donald Damicone		
S	Roy A Hartman, Jr.	Kyle Rogers	

Sidney 46 107 102

K	Daniel L Goins	Jeffrey A Koesters	Brandon V Place
A	Charles A James		
D	Robert L McFarlan, Jr.	William E Miller	Leo R Rader, Jr.
W	Jon Dutro	David R Leytze	
S	Ralph Fearnley	Joshua P Gearhardt	Joseph W Snider
	Jasono D Woerl		

Cambridge 47 57 59

K	Jeffery R Bosson	Joshua A Kinney	Steven C Miller
W	Dale A Olson		

Wooster 48 74 73

K	Thomas Goldsmith	Johny L Henbree	James E Jeffery
R	James E Jeffery		
D	Robert O Conn, Sr.	Alvin L Smith	James L Tish
	Richard N Myers		
W	James E Jeffery		

Findlay 49 108 110

K	Al Centonze	Dan Fawcett	Noah Caudill
	Phillip Wilson	Drew DeVore	Michael Keith
D	James Warren	Leland Waltz	Paul Hatcher
W	Michael Barringer		

Marietta 50		183	166
K	David P Norris		
D	Gary S Addams	Timothy A Beardsley	Stephen D Cooper
	Robert C Davis	Robert B Johnson	Robert B McDonald
	Glen O Miller	Jerry L Miller	Robert J Miracle
	Steven G Perkins		
W	Kelly P Cummings	John W Hess	Christopher Woods
	Carl R Yaney		
S	Jeffery A Cordy	Jeffery P Hart	Byron J Moore
	David L Ruble		
Columbian 52		50	53
K	Charles A Doritty II	Clinton P Kingston	Thomas C Ranck II
	Edward H Spaid II		
A	Richard J Goddard		
D	Larry K Carlson		
S	Mitchell W Hudson		
Jackson 53		50	54
K	Timothy A Jackson	Roger D Miller	Kevin Napper
A	Larry Byer		
	Emmentt Conway	Lincoln Dearth	Steven Pittman
Ivanhoe 54		45	44
K	Robert c Dorsett	Michael S Lassiter	
A	Eugene N Bitler		
D	Kenneth R Anspach	Timothy M Oechsle	Eugene G Spicer
S	Dennis L Piper		
Pilgrim 55		71	67
K	Cody D Cole	Jeremiah L Cole	David Stock
R	Thomas R Jones, Jr.	Anthony D Thompson	
D	James W Davis	John T Everett	Edwin C Peters
	John C Walters		
W	John P Benitz	Robert F Weber	
S	David B Kidder	Andrew D Brown	Christopher Murphy
Fremont 56		52	46
K	Thomas A Payne		
A	Mark R Goebel		
D	Wayne S Dill, PC	Theodore Rarig	
S	Kevin L Cischke	Lawrence M Kilgore	Anthony D Knipp
	Jason A Laub	Eric J Miller	John C Myers
St Omer 59		88	83
K	Johnny Cardenas	Jon Majerowski	
A	Rodney V Fowler		
D	Jimmie Walsh		
W	Jim Dollar	Gregory Zook	

S	Robert Cooper Kenneth Rutski	Donald Finnegan Melek Bouni	Lyle Meeker
Elyria 60			46 50
K	Michael Ellis Robert R Cooke	James S Parker	Jeffery A Ingersole
Bellefontaine 61			61 63
K	Edwin S Knox II	Jeffrey R Long	Michael R Davis
D	John J Dray		
Coshocton 63			71 68
K	John S Thomas		
D	James C Ashcraft Charles L Knight	Dennis R Barlow	Alan D Hart, PC
Coeur de Lion 64			40 42
K	Gregory Sulak	Shawn Brown	Kirk Miller
D	Glenn Trejbal		
Eu Tah 66			36 34
D	Orlo R Cully, Jr.	Henry W Honaker, Jr.	
Columbus 69			147 151
K	David L Brewer Timothy Donahue John Shoeman	Joseph Coe Randall Horn	Edwin D Dickerson James K Rinehard
A	James M Carlson	Stephen A Hemmelgarn	
D	William E Cannode Charles W Swank	William D Lott	John S Russo
S	Emerson L Whisner IV		
Holy Grail 70			60 55
K	Damion E Chatmon	Edward W Haupin	Eric R Owens
D	Albert J Chesbrough	Kenyon A Killinger, PC	Thomas B McKinley, PC
W	Russell A Alford	Eric A Braden	Jeroold P Motyka
S	Donald W Foor	Darrell A Weaver	
Middletown 71			156 140
K	Timothy Miracle, Jr.	Daniel G Caudill	
R	Robert T Bogart		
D	James A Clark, PC Carl E Smith, PC	John C Cole David D Stoutenbrough	George S Develen Ronald Wood
S	Larry J Bryant Andrew S Clinard Roger C Geisler Steven R Ingram Harold M Reed	Eddie A Butcher Duaine Couch Gary W Griessmann Joseph B Mullins, Jr.	Sean P Carr Robert F Gehron Aloyisus I Hymer James M Mondabaugh
Allenby 73			47 37

D	Wayne Butts	Richard G Griffith, Sr., PC	
W	Walter C. Robinson		
S	Robin S Burton	Joel Deckman	Jon P Trego
	Jonathon D Drenski	Paul J Yanovich	William Harwell
	Delmas Riggs		
Bryan 74			62 58
K	Joshua D Chapin	Logan M Miller	Curtis W Smith
D	Vernon L French	Raymond H Gross	Charles A Isaac
	William G Kerr		
W	Steven W Brunn		
S	Jason J Simon	Robert A Zartman	
Jerusalem 75			53 51
K	Edward B Johnson	Jason T Morgan	
D	Kenneth D Root	Roy Turner	
S	Kent A Bridges		
St George 76			134 142
A	41 from Logan No. 78	James A Langmead	
D	George W Bloomfield	Joseph P Bohner	Clarence O Brewer
	Willis Dicken	James E Durbin	John R Skelly
	Andrew L Wiseman	Paul J Hatcher	
W	Franklin D Barnhart	Rodney L Carr	Larry E Kormmiller
	Willis R Ridgeway		
S	Greg A Boggs	John W Brumfield	Dale Burcham
	Rex C Lawless	David L McGoron	Ellis D Morgan, Jr.
	Jerry Pendleton	Thomas D Phillips	Douglas A Shaffer
	Sammy K Suiter, Sr	Stephen H Thompson	Robert W Vinson
	Charles B Wall	Timothy M Wamack	Roger E Wilson
	Robert E Cassell	William D Click	James D Cochran
	Freddie L Evans	Earl E Lake	Samuel R Morgan
	Wayne Pennington		
Logan 78			49 00
K	Bishop M Chamberlain		
D	John R Hockingberry		
W	45 demitted to St George No. 76		Wilson L Browning
	Roy L Campbell, Jr.		
S	Damon A Clement	Graig D Markin	
Valley 80			82 84
K	Joshua T Fox	Jacob M Gore	Paul K Huffman
D	Darrell W Goodrich		
Nathaniel Green 81			110 98
K	Ronald Clement	James Elliot	Raymond Fitzgerald
	Andrew Scott	Joseph Snell	
A	Donald Gibson		
D	James R Brown, PC	Kenneth Brown	John Campbell, PC

S	John Hunt	Roy K Smith, PC	Beecher Vaughn, PC
	Martin L Bartik	Brady R Black	Douglas M Boone
	Donald V Craycraft	Ralph J Flannagan	Gale E Gilbert
	Scott E Hudson	Robert S Hiseu, Jr. PC	Todd B Huffman
	Darrin F Jones	Brent Ross	Robert E Wood
Willis 82			76 77
K	Kyle T Gilliam	Joel D Mullins	
D	Herbert N Browning		
Cuyahoga Falls 83			85 82
K	Adam Bonner	Jason Debolt	D Thomas Koch
	Jasoon Walther		
A	William E Murphy		
D	Elton C Lown	Phillip F Lucco	James D Murray
	Donald R Nelsh	John Popa	Dallas E Stiles
	Harry E Drew, Jr.		
S	Stephen A Oechale		
Medina 84			93 100
K	Anthony A Basile III	Adonn A Kroki	Darryl L Neal
	Donald T Robinson	Peter S Scmitt	William E Thrasher
	Ear; D Webster		
A	William J Ritter		
D	Roger A Crislip		

Veteran Awards – 2024-2025

76-year 75-year Plaque given by Trent
2 Joseph Michael Weishaupt – lives in New Mexico

75-Year 70-year Plaque given by Hager
66 Clay Pearce Hepler – 8135 Sunset Ln, Sylvania OH

74-Year 70-year Plaque given by Starr
38 Donald Stuart Judisch

72-Year 70-year Plaque given by Olson
20 Nicholas Yurchyk

71-year 70-year Plaques given by Ganion
6 Joseph Robert Smith
6 Thomas Henderson Whitton

Those listed above are still living.

70-Year Plaques to be given by Exline
2 Neil Raymond Scholl – 80 Snoke Hill Rd NE, Lancaster OH
43130-9315

39 Calvin Charles Ray – 238 W Market St, New Wilmington PA
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Pins, cards and certificates will be given to Recorder at Grand Commandery.

65-Year

1 Albert Eugene Argenbright	2 James Raymond Fricker
2 David Burl Moyer	5 Richard Wyman Morain
20 Guy Frank Damore	39 John David Leek
54 Charles Frank Stephenson	59 Stuart Wynn Stearns
63 Nelson Lewis Hall	83 John Alvord Thompson

60-Year

1 Ivan Lester Mc Clary	1 Jerry Lee Snowden
5 Royal Copeland Hall	6 Robert James Davis
8 John Rains Overman, Jr.	9 Charles Vernon Anderson
21 Galen Dean Crawford	22 Jackson Craig Hedges
22 Thomas R. Walker	23 Donald Robert Leafgreen
31 Thomas H. Hughes	33 William Martin Berry
33 Edward Anthony Tossey	39 John Siman
40 Gary John Brookins	46 Roy Lawrence Bitzow
50 Harold Lee Hadley	59 Richard Dale Farthing
63 Charles Christopher Mitchell	64 Donald Parmelee
66 Henry Wallace Honaker, Jr.	71 John D. Carey
71 Emery Arnell Williams	73 Claude Wendell Ball, Jr.
74 Hanson Curly Lilly	74 Gene Lee Stauffer
75 Scott Edward Worley	81 Larry Ray Ellsberry
83 Arthur Eugene Wallach	

50-Year

1 Donald Lee Wright		
2 Lynn Edward Griffith	Frank Robinson Smith	
4 Thomas Eugene Anderson	John Clark Meldrum	Donald E Scott

5	Charles L Beatty	Douglas O Brenneman	
8	Roger Allen Bost	Daniel Edward Coates	David William Fouch
	Jean Ward Justus	Robert Lowell La Gard	
9	Wallace J Knapp		
11	Harry Clayton Kellermier		
12	Robert Alan Esarey		
14	Howard E Heilman	Philibert R Poulin	
15	James E Mc Comas		
19	Kenneth Bailey	Lee H Collins	
20	Raymond H Mc Cune	Glenn Harry Presley	
21	Larry B Penix		
22	Charles Robert Dimmitt	Hughie Roosevelt Smith	
25	Robert Holaday Parker		
30	William A Coffman		
31	William L Arledge	Thomas L Black	
33	Kenneth Bailey	Terry W Simonton	
34	Jerry L Baumgartner	Larry L Morgan	
36	John W Scharer		
38	Larry K Hagan		
39	Curtis A Miller	James John Mulligan	Thomas Purnell
	Robert K Rhinehart		
40	Robert Alan Esarey	Jay A Flack	
46	Gary L Lucous		
48	Ralph E Shaffer	Michael J Woodward	
49	James Richard Disher		
50	Michael Stanley Spence		
52	Charles Ralph Mc Elroy		
55	Timothy Scott Weigle		
59	James Ronald Hill	Ralph Carl Mattes	Jesse Ottney
61	David Lee Vassar		
63	Charles L Beatty	David C Miller	David Woodmansee
69	Robert W Parsons	Stephen M Smith	
71	Robert Lee Daniels		
73	Robert Alan Esarey		
74	Gary R Lee		
76	Homer L Buchanan	Earl Mason Saunders	David M Snyder
81	Jay Clifton Pugh		
82	Robert S Collier	William Francis Higgins	
84	Daryl C Higgins	David M Snyder	

THE AMERICAN ORDER OF THE TEMPLE
Grand Masters of the Grand Encampment

Name	Year	Where From	Date of Death
DeWitt Clinton	1816-1828	New York, NY	02/11/1828
Rev. Jonathan Nye	1829-1834	Claremont, NH	04/01/1843
James Madison Allen	1835-1844	Cayuga, NY	Unknown
Archibald Bull	1844-1846	Troy, NY	12/22/1865
William Blackstone Hubbard	1847-1858	Columbus, OH	01/05/1866
Benjamin Brown French	1859-1864	Washington, DC	08/12/1870
Henry Lynde Palmer	1865-1867	Milwaukee, WI	05/07/1909
William Sewall Gardner	1868-1870	Newton, MS	04/04/1888
John Quincy Adams Fellows	1871-1873	New Orleans, LA	11/28/1897
James Herron Hopkins	1874-1876	Washington, PA	06/18/1904
Vincent Lombard Hurlbut	1877-1879	Chicago, IL	07/24/1896
Benjamin Dean	1880-1882	Boston, MS	04/09/1897
Robert Enoch Withers	1883-1885	Wytheville, VA	09/21/1907
Charles Roome	1886-1889	New York, NY	06/28/1890
John Peter Shindel Gobin	1889-1892	Lebanon, PA	05/01/1910
Hugh McCurdy	1892-1895	Corunna, MI	07/16/1908
Warren LaRue Thomas	1895-1898	Danville, KY	11/23/1914
Rueben Hedley Lloyd	1898-1901	San Francisco, CA	03/10/1909
Henry Bates Stoddard	1901-1904	Bryan, TX	05/29/1925
George Mayhew Moulton	1904-1907	Chicago, IL	07/24/1927
Henry Warren Rugg	1907-1910	Providence, RI	07/21/1910
William Bromwell Melish	1910-1913	Cincinnati, OH	10/21/1927
Arthur MacArthur	1913-1916	Troy, NY	12/27/1914
Lee Stewart Smith	1916-1919	Pittsburgh, PA	04/08/1926
Joseph Kyle Orr	1919-1922	Atlanta, GA	09/18/1938
Leonidas Perry Newby	1922-1925	Knightstown, IN	10/25/1945
George William Vallery	1925-1928	Denver, CO	12/29/1933
William Leslie Sharp	1928-1931	Chicago, IL	12/22/1950
Perry Winslow Weidner	1931-1934	Los Angeles, CA.	08/16/1932
Harry Clay Walker	1931-1934	Binghamton, NY	11/02/1932
Andrew Davison Agnew	1934-1937	Milwaukee, WI	12/20/1951
Mark Norris	1937-1940	Grand Rapids, MI	05/31/1943
Harry Gilmore Pollard	1940-1943	Lowell, MS	06/29/1968
Charles Noah Orr	1943-1946	St. Paul, MN	01/10/1949
John Temple Rice	1946-1949	El Paso, TX	11/05/1970
Robert Brainerd Gaylord	1949-1952	San Francisco, CA	08/04/1953
William Catron Gordon	1952-1955	Marshall, MO	01/10/1959
Walter Allen DeLamater	1955-1958	Rhinebeck, NY	08/25/1973
Louis Henry Wieber	1958-1961	Cleveland, OH	05/30/1964
Paul Miller Moore	1961-1964	Aliquippa, PA	04/08/1966
Wilber Marion Brucker	1964-1967	Detroit, MI	10/20/1968
John Lawton Crofts, Sr.	1967-1970	Red Oak, IA	02/28/2000
George Wilber Bell	1970-1973	Chandlerville, IL	03/24/1992
Roy Wilford Reigle	1973-1976	Emporia, KS	02/02/1988
Willard Meredith Avery	1976-1979	Knightstown, IN	02/11/2012
Kenneth Culver Johnson	1979-1982	Little Rock, AR	11/20/1987
Ned Eugene Dull	1982-1985	Van Wert, OH	01/11/2017
Donald Hinslea Smith	1985-1988	Richmond, KY	2/27/2019
Marvin Edward Fowler	1988-1991	Alexandria, VA	12/11/2001
William Henry Thornley, Jr.	1991-1994	Denver, CO	07/25/2008
Blair Christy Mayford	1994-1997	St. Peters, MO	03/28/2015
James Morris Ward	1997-2000	Jackson, MS	03/25/2024
William Jackson Jones	2000-2003	Villa Grove, IL	1/31/2022
Kenneth Bernard Fischer	2003-2006	Friendswood, TX	
Richard Burdett Baldwin	2006-2007	Burke, VA	02/05/2009

William Howard Koon, II	2008-2009	Columbus Grove OH	
William Howard Koon, II	2009-2012	Columbus Grove OH	
David Dixon Goodwin	2012-2015	Vestal, NY	
Duane Lee Vaught	2015-2018	Bloomington IN	
Jeffrey J Nelson	2018-2021	Bismarck, ND	
Michael B Johnson	2021-2022	Crowheart, WY	
David J Kussman	2022-2024	Anaheim, CA	

MASONIC DATES 2024-2025

Ancient Craft Masons:

Commence their era with the creation of the world, calling it Anno Lucis (A.L.), “In the year of light”. Add 4000 years to the Christian era, thus, 2025 and 4000 would be 6025

Royal Arch Masons:

Dates from the year the second temple was commenced by Zerubbabel, Anno Inventionis (A.I.), “In the year of discovery.” Add 530 years to the Christian era, thus 2025 and 530 would be 2555.

Order of High Priesthood:

Dates from the blessing of Abraham by High Priest Melchisedek, Anno Benefacio (A.B.), “In the year of Blessing.” Add 1913 years to the Christian era, thus 2025 and 1913 would be 3938.

Royal and Select Masons:

Dates from the year in which the Temple of Solomon was completed, Anno Depositionis (A.Dep.), “In the year of deposit.” Add 1000 years to the Christian era, thus 2025 and 1000 would be 3025.

Knights Templar:

Dates from the year of organization of their Order, Anno Ordinis, (A.O.). “In the year of the Order.” From the Christian era take 1118 years, thus 1118 from 2025 would be 907.

Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite Masons:

The same as Ancient Craft Masons, except the Jewish Chronology is used. Anno Mundi (A.M.), “In the year of the world.” Add 3760 years to the Christian era, thus 2024 and 3760 would be 5784.

Red Cross of Constantine:

Dates from the year of the foundation of the Order after the Battle of Saxa Rubra, October 28, 312 A.D. near Rome and the official recognition of the Christian religion by Emperor Constantine, Anno Ordinis “In the year of the Order.” From the Christian era take 313 years, thus 313 from 2025 would be 1712.

Festival of St. John the Baptist, June 24th.

Festival of St. John the Evangelist, December 27th.

Grand Conclaves and Grand Commanders Elected Thereat

Year	City	Grand Commander	Year	City	Grand Commander
1843	Lancaster	*Michael Z. Kreider	1891	Cincinnati	*Huntington Brown
1844	Columbus	*Michael Z. Kreider	1892	Columbus	*Martin J. Houck
1845	Columbus	*Bela Latham	1893	Columbus	*Henry P. McIntosh
1846	Dayton	*Bela Latham	1894	Cleveland	*John A. Warner
1847	Columbus	*Bela Latham	1895	Columbus	*John P. McCune
1848	Columbus	*John L. Vattier	1896	Dayton	*Barton Smith
1849	Steubenville	*John L. Vattier	1897	Toledo	*Robert V. Hampson
1850	Cincinnati	*William B. Thrall	1898	Springfield	*Stephen P. Sands
1851	Cleveland	*C. F. Hanselmann	1899	Cincinnati	*Horace R. Bradbury
1852	Chillicothe	*C. F. Hanselmann	1900	Columbus	*Arthur B. Foster
1853	Chillicothe	*C. F. Hanselmann	1901	Lima	*William L. Bates
1854	Chillicothe	*C. F. Hanselmann	1902	Dayton	*William T. McLean
1855	Mansfield	*C. F. Hanselmann	1903	Cleveland	*Thomas Kite
1856	Zanesville	*C. F. Hanselmann	1904	Canton	*Carroll F. Clapp
1857	Massillon	*C. F. Hanselmann	1905	Columbus	*Frederick L. Geddes
1858	Columbus	*John H. Achey	1906	Toledo	*John H. Gibson
1859	Columbus	*Kent Jarvis	1907	Springfield	*Ralph R. Rickly
1860	Columbus	*Kent Jarvis	1908	Cincinnati	*Edmund B. King
1861	Columbus	*Kent Jarvis	1909	Marion	*Charles F. Henry
1862	Columbus	*Kent Jarvis	1910	Marietta	*J. Russell Johnston
1863	Columbus	*Kent Jarvis	1911	Dayton	*Charles H. Eichorn
1864	Cleveland	*Herman Ely	1912	Cleveland	*Henry Shaefer
1865	Columbus	*Herman Ely	1913	Akron	*Campbell M. Voorhees
1866	Toledo	*Herman Ely	1914	Columbus	*Nelson Williams
1867	Cincinnati	*Herman Ely	1915	Toledo	*Robert T. Whitaker
1868	Dayton	*Herman Ely	1916	Tiffin	*George H. Knight
1869	Cleveland	*Herman Ely	1917	Springfield	*William B. Baldwin
1870	Cincinnati	*Herman Ely	1918	Akron	*Michael L. Finnell
1871	Sandusky	*Enoch T. Carson	1919	Dayton	*Jacob H. Bromwell
1872	Columbus	*Enoch T. Carson	1920	Cincinnati	*Thomas J. Jones
1873	Toledo	*Enoch T. Carson	1921	Cleveland	*Danile E. Jones
1874	Dayton	*Enoch T. Carson	1922	Toledo	*F. Oscar Schoedinger
1875	Put-in-Bay	*Charles C. Kiefer	1923	Columbus	*B. Frank Murphy
1876	Put-in-Bay	*Charles C. Kiefer	1924	Steubenville	*Edward G. Craun
1877	Cleveland	*Brenton D. Babcock	1925	Tiffin	*Charles H. Voegelé
1878	Put-in-Bay	*Brenton D. Babcock	1926	Mansfield	*W. Edwin Palmer
1879	Lancaster	*J. Kelly O'Neill	1927	Akron	*Joseph A. Wortman
1880	Mansfield	*J. Kelly O'Neill	1928	Dayton	*John H. Dickerson
1881	Cincinnati	*Henry H. Tatem	1929	Cincinnati	*Robert L. Queisser
1882	Zanesville	*Henry H. Tatem	1930	Cleveland	*Robert J. West
1883	Sandusky	*Alex F. Vance Jr.	1931	Toledo	*Robert H. Puasch
1884	Dayton	*Eli Fasold	1932	Columbus	*Frank M. Ransbottom
1885	Cleveland	*Charles E. Stanley	1933	Springfield	*Riley L. Wortman
1886	Akron	*LaFayette Lyttle	1934	Lima	*Clyde L. Smith
1887	Columbus	*F. H. Rehwinkel	1935	Youngstown	*Albert H. Kohler
1888	Cleveland	*William T. Walker	1936	Akron	*Paul P. O'Brien
1889	Dayton	*Henry Perkins	1937	Dayton	*George Naegele
1890	Toledo	*William B. Melish	1938	Cincinnati	*Louis H. Weber

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Grand Conclaves and Grand Commanders Elected There at

Year	City	Grand Commander	Year	City	Grand Commander
1939	Cleveland	*Lloyd E. Roulet	1985	Columbus	*Kenneth C. Flick
1940	Toledo	*J. Wallace Cherry	1986	Mansfield	*F. Dean Winrod
1941	Columbus	*John B. McGrew	1987	Canton	*Frank W. Crane
1942	Toledo	*Lachlan M. MacDonald	1988	Toledo	*Donald E. Shoemaker, Sr
1943	Columbus	*Judson C. King	1989	Dayton	*Arthur S. Holmes
1944	Columbus	*Robert J. Hackett	1990	Cincinnati	*Wilfrid A. Grose, Jr.
1945	Akron	*Miles S. Kuhns	1991	Canton	*Richard G. Dennis
1946	Dayton	*Samuel S. Nicholson	1992	Marietta	*Richard A. Meacham
1947	Cincinnati	*Robert A. Burri	1993	Columbus	*Richard H. Palm
1948	Cleveland	*Vernon C. Maxwell	1994	Youngstown	*R. Dale Long
1949	Toledo	*Robert W. Taylor	1995	Canton	*Paul R. Jellison
1950	Columbus	*Thomas E. Gibson	1996	Mansfield	William H. Koon, II
1951	Columbus	*Earl C. Krueger	1997	Toledo	*Sylvester L. Maust
1952	Columbus	*Chesterfield J. Holley	1998	Dayton	*Edward A. Estep
1953	Toledo	*Fern J. Blose	1999	Toledo	*Charles R. Albertson
1954	Dayton	*George H. Thomas	2000	Cincinnati	*Ronald R. Ebert
1955	Cincinnati	*Earl T. Armesy	2001	Toledo	Richard L. Weaver
1956	Cleveland	*Clayton G. Cousino	2002	Columbus	Franklin C. Boner
1957	Toledo	*Russell Davis	2003	Columbus	*Roy C. Ritter
1958	Columbus	*Homer C. Helser	2004	Girard	*Arthur D. Michael, Jr.
1959	Columbus	*Virgil F. Kent	2005	Columbus	David M. Snyder, Sr.
1960	Toledo	*Sydney C. Partridge	2006	Columbus	*Bruce "D" Basil
1961	Akron	*Howard R. Malone	2007	Columbus	Burch E. Zehner
1962	Dayton	*Cecil J. Pierce	2008	Dayton	Richard M. Holcomb
1963	Cincinnati	*Warren H. Smith	2009	West Chester	S. Thomas Ramsey
1964	Cleveland	*John W. Rutschow	2010	Columbus	*John R. Clime
1965	Toledo	*Robert S. Schoedinger	2011	Columbus	*August C. (Jerry) Holzer
1966	Columbus	*Herbert E. Rogler	2012	Sandusky	Richard J. Brady
1967	Akron	*Cecil S. Blair	2013	Sandusky	*Dennis L. Hughes
1968	Columbus	*Ned E. Dull	2014	Columbus	Thomas H Gault
1969	Toledo	*Thomas P. Rankin	2015	Mason	Gerald G Pugh
1970	Akron	*George W. Davidson	2016	Columbus	Ronald L. Vicars
1971	Dayton	*Robert H. Emmons	2017	Columbus	Terry L Wymer
1972	Cincinnati	*Walter E. Drake	2018	Columbus	Martin R Trent
1973	Berea	*Parker G. Manning	2019	Columbus	Robert C Hager
1974	Toledo	*Lawrence M. Looker	2020	Via Zoom	R. Thomas Starr
1975	Columbus	*George D. Stein	2021	Columbus	George Edmiston III
1976	Akron	*William D. Coffman	2022	Sandusky	Dale A Olson
1977	Columbus	*W. Boyd Sibold	2023	Columbus	Richard L. Ganion
1978	Toledo	*Donald W. Anderson	2024	Columbus	Dale A. Exline
1979	Toledo	*Elwood L. Nelson			
1980	Dayton	*William J. Faul			
1981	Cincinnati	*Reuben C. Welker			
1982	Cleveland	*Raymond E. Loose			
1983	Toledo	*Aaron Hard, Jr.			
1984	Columbus	*William Ammer			

* Deceased

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Year	Grand Commander	Dep. Gr. Com.	Gr. Generalissimo	Gr. Capt General
1843	*Michael Z. Kreider	*George D. Hine	*Isaac C. Copelen	*Jonathon N. Burr
1844	*Michael Z. Kreider	*George D. Hine	*Isaac C. Copelen	*Isaac Davis
1845	*Bela Latham	*John L. Vattier	*Jonathon N. Burr	*John W. Milligan
1846	*Bela Latham	*John L. Vattier	*Jonathon N. Burr	*Isaac Copeland
1847	*Bela Latham	*John L. Vattier	*Jonathon N. Burr	*F. M. Keith
1848	*John L. Vattier	*Wm. H. Raper	*Kent Jarvis	*William B. Thrall
1849	*John L. Vattier	*Thomas Bell	*J. S. Atwood	*Kent Jarvis
1850	*Wm. B. Thrall	*C. F. Hanselmann	*Geo. L. Shinnick	*Edwin Smith
1851	*C. F. Hanselmann	*Kent Jarvis	*R. H. Cotton	*Jonathon N. Burr
1852	*C. F. Hanselmann	*J. S. Atwood	*R. H. Cotton	*Wm. B. Dodds
1853	*C. F. Hanselmann	*Thomas Orr	*Benj. F. Smith	*John H. Achey
1854	*C. F. Hanselmann	*Benj. F. Smith	*George W. True	*R. W. Denning
1855	*C. F. Hanselmann	*Benj. F. Smith	*George W. True	*Platt Benedict
1856	*C. F. Hanselmann	*George W. True	*John H. Achey	*Richard Creighton
1857	*C. F. Hanselmann	*John H. Achey	*Richard Creighton	*Jonas Ward
1858	*John H. Achey	*Kent Jarvis	*Richard Creighton	*Francis Cleveland
1859	*Kent Jarvis	*Thomas Sparrow	*Richard Creighton	*George Webster
1860	*Kent Jarvis	*Thomas Sparrow	*Richard Creighton	*George Webster
1861	*Kent Jarvis	*Thomas Sparrow	*Richard Creighton	*Herman Ely
1862	*Kent Jarvis	*S. L. Collins	*Richard Creighton	*Herman Ely
1863	*Kent Jarvis	*Herman Ely	*Charles C. Kiefer	*Charles Brown
1864	*Herman Ely	*Charles Brown	*Charles C. Kiefer	*Edgar B. Hyde
1865	*Herman Ely	*Charles Brown	*Charles C. Kiefer	*Edgar B. Hyde
1866	*Herman Ely	*Charles Brown	*Charles C. Kiefer	*Wm. B. Hershiser
1867	*Herman Ely	*Wm. A. Hershier	*James Underhill	*Samuel P. Axtel
1868	*Herman Ely	*Thomas Sparrow	*C. A. Woodward	*Robert H. Lansing
1869	*Herman Ely	*Thomas Sparrow	*Oliver E. Davis	*Robert H. Lansing
1870	*Herman Ely	*Thomas Sparrow	*Oliver E. Davis	*Joseph M. Stuart
1871	*Enoch T. Carson	*Oliver E. Davis	*Joseph M. Stuart	*O. C. Maxwell
1872	*Enoch T. Carson	*Charles C. Kiefer	*John Lewis	*David Atwater
1873	*Enoch T. Carson	*Charles C. Kiefer	*John Lewis	*David Atwater
1874	*Enoch T. Carson	*Charles C. Kiefer	*B. D. Babcock	*LaFayette Lyttle
1875	*Charles C. Kiefer	*J. Kelly O'Neal	*B. D. Babcock	*LaFayette Lyttle
1876	*Charles C. Kiefer	*J. Kelly O'Neal	*B. D. Babcock	*LaFayette Lyttle
1877	*B. D. Babcock	*J. Kelly O'Neal	*Henry H. Tatum	*James H. Cushing
1878	*B. D. Babcock	*J. Kelly O'Neal	*Henry H. Tatum	*Elijah H. Norton
1879	*J. Kelly O'Neal	*Henry H. Tatum	*Alex F. Vance, Jr.	*Elijah H. Norton
1880	*J. Kelly O'Neal	*Henry H. Tatum	*Alex F. Vance, Jr.	*Elijah H. Norton
1881	*Henry H. Tatum	*Alex F. Vance, Jr.	*Eli Fasold	*Wm. T. Walker
1882	*Henry H. Tatum	*Alex F. Vance, Jr.	*Eli Fasold	*Wm. T. Walker
1883	*Alex F. Vance, Jr	*Eli Fasold	*Charles E. Stanley	*Theo. F. Nieman
1884	*Eli Fasold	*Charles E. Stanley	*Theo F. Nieman	*O. A. B. Senter
1885	*Charles E. Stanley	*LaFayette Lyttle	*Fr. H. Rehwinkel	*O. A. B. Senter
1886	*LaFayette Lyttle	*Fr. H. Rehwinkel	*O. A. B. Senter	*L. W. Buckmaster
1887	*Fr. H. Rehwinkel	*William T. Walker	*O. A. B. Senter	*Henry Perkins
1888	*Wm. T. Walker	*Henry Perkins	*Wm. P. Melish	*Huntington Brow
1889	*Henry Perkins	*William P. Melish	*Huntington Brown	*Martin J. Houck
1890	*Wm. P. Melish	*Huntington Brown	*Martin J. Houck	*Henry P. McIntosh
1891	*Huntington Brown	*Martin J. Houck	*Henry P. McIntosh	*John A. Warner
1892	*Martin J. Houck	*Henry P. McIntosh	*John A. Warner	*John P. McCune
1893	*Henry P. McIntosh	*John A. Warner	*John P. McCune	*Barton Smith
1894	*John A. Warner	*John P. McCune	*Barton Smith	*Robert V. Hampson
1895	*John P. McCune	*Barton Smith	*Robert V. Hampson	*Stephen P. Sands

* Deceased

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Year	Grand Commander	Dep. Gr. Com.	Gr. Generalissimo	Gr. Cap. General
1896	*Barton Smith	*Robert V. Hampson	*Stephen P. Sands	*H. R. Bradbury
1897	*Robert V. Hampson	*Stephen P. Sands	*H. R. Bradbury	*Arthur B. Foster
1898	*Stephen P. Sands	*H. R. Bradbury	*Arthur B. Foster	*Wm. L. Bates
1899	*H. R. Bradbury	*Arthur B. Foster	*Wm. T. McLean	*Wm. T. McLean
1900	*Arthur B. Foster	*Wm. L. Bates	*Carroll F. Clapp	*Thomas Kite
1901	*Wm. L. Bates	*Wm. T. McLean	*Frederick L. Geddes	*Carroll F. Clapp
1902	*Wm. T. McLean	*Thomas Kite	*John H. Gibson	*Fredrick L. Geddes
1903	*Thomas Kite	*Carroll F. Clapp	*Ralph R. Rickly	*John H. Gibson
1904	*Carroll F. Clapp	*Frederick L. Geddes	*Edmund B. King	*Ralph R. Rickly
1905	*Frederick L. Geddes	*John H. Gibson	*Henry C. Dimond	*Edmund B. King
1906	*John H. Gibson	*Ralph R. Rickly	*J. Russell Johnston	*Henry C. Dimond
1907	*Ralph R. Rickly	*Edmund B. King	*Thomas Kite	*Charles F. Henry
1908	*Edmund B. King	*Charles F. Henry	*Wm. L. Bates	*Charles H. Eichorn
1909	*Charles F. Henry	*J. Russell Johnston	*Charles H. Eichorn	*Henry Schaefer
1910	*J. Russell Johnston	*Charles H. Eichorn	*Henry Schaefer	*Charles E. Logan
1911	*Charles H. Eichorn	*Henry Schaefer	*C. M. Voorhees	*Nelson Williams
1912	*Henry Schaefer	*C. M. Voorhees	*Nelson Williams	*Robert T. Whitaker
1913	*C. M. Voorhees	*Nelson Williams	*Robert T. Whitaker	*George H. Knight
1914	*Nelson Williams	*Robert T. Whitaker	*George H. Knight	*William Baldwin
1915	*Robert T. Whitaker	*George H. Knight	*William B. Baldwin	*Michael L. Fennell
1916	*George H. Knight	*William B. Baldwin	*Michael L. Fennell	*Jacob H. Bromwell
1917	*William B. Baldwin	*Michael L. Fennell	*Jacob H. Bromwell	*Thomas J. Jones
1918	*Michael L. Fennell	*Jacob H. Bromwell	*Thomas J. Jones	*Daniel E. Jones
1919	*Jacob H. Bromwell	*Thomas J. Jones	*Daniel E. Jones	*F. O. Schoedinger
1920	*Thomas J. Jones	*Daniel E. Jones	*F. O. Schoedinger	*B. Frank Murphy
1921	*Daniel E. Jones	*F. O. Schoedinger	*B. Frank Murphy	*Edwin J. Craun
1922	*F. O. Schoedinger	*B. Frank Murphy	*Edwin G. Craun	*Charles H. Voegelé
1923	*B. Frank Murphy	*Edwin G. Craun	*Charles H. Voegelé	*W. Edwin Palmer
1924	*Edwin G. Craun	*Charles H. Voegelé	*W. Edwin Palmer	*Joseph H. Wortman
1925	*Charles H. Voegelé	*W. Edwin Palmer	*Joseph A. Wortman	*John H. Dickerson
1926	*W. Edwin Palmer	*Joseph A. Wortman	*John H. Dickerson	*Robert L. Queisser
1927	*Joseph A. Wortman	*John H. Dickerson	*Robert L. Queisser	*Robert J. West
1928	*John H. Dickerson	*Robert L. Queisser	*Robert J. West	*Robert H. Pausch
1929	*Robert L. Queisser	*Robert J. West	*Robert H. Pausch	*F. M. Ransbottom
1930	*Robert J. West	*Robert H. Pausch	*F. M. Ransbottom	*Riley W. Wortman
1931	*Robert H. Pausch	*F. M. Ransbottom	*Riley W. Wortman	*Clyde L. Smith
1932	*F. M. Ransbottom	*Riley W. Wortman	*Clyde L. Smith	*Albert A. Kohler
1933	*Riley W. Wortman	*Clyde L. Smith	*Albert A. Kohler	*Paul P. O'Brien
1934	*Clyde L. Smith	*Albert A. Kohler	*Paul P. O'Brien	*George Naegele
1935	*Albert A. Kohler	*Paul P. O'Brien	*George Naegele	*Louis H. Wieber
1936	*Paul P. O'Brien	*George Naegele	*Louis H. Wieber	*Lloyd E. Roulet
1937	*George Naegele	*Louis H. Wieber	*Lloyd E. Roulet	*J. Wallace Cherry
1938	*Louis H. Wieber	*Lloyd E. Roulet	*J. Wallace Cherry	*John B. McGrew
1939	*Lloyd E. Roulet	*J. Wallace Cherry	*John B. McGrew	*L. M. MacDonald
1940	*J. Wallace Cherry	*John B. McGrew	*L. M. MacDonald	*Judson C. King
1941	*John B. McGrew	*L. M. MacDonald	*Judson C. King	*Robert J. Hackett
1942	*L. M. MacDonald	*Judson C. King	*Robert J. Hackett	*Miles S. Kahns
1943	*Judson C. King	*Robert J. Hackett	*Miles S. Kahns	*Sam'l Nicholson
1944	*Robert J. Hackett	*Miles S. Kahns	*Sam'l S. Nicholson	*Robert A. Burri
1945	*Miles S. Kahns	*Sam'l S. Nicholson	*Robert A. Burri	*Vernon C. Maxwell
1946	*Sam'l S. Nicholson	*Robert A. Burri	*Vernon C. Maxwell	*Robert W. Taylor
1947	*Robert A. Burri	*Vernon C. Maxwell	*Robert W. Taylor	*Thomas E. Gibson

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Year	Grand Commander	Dep. Gr. Com.	Gr. Generalissimo	Gr. Capt. General
1948	*Vernon C. Maxwell	*Robert W. Taylor	*Thomas E. Gibson	*Earl C. Krueger
1949	*Robert W. Taylor	*Thomas E. Gibson	*Earl C. Krueger	*Chesterfield Holley
1950	*Thomas E. Gibson	*Earl C. Krueger	*Chesterfield Holley	*Ralph O. Bower
1951	*Earl C. Krueger	*Chesterfield Holley	*Ralph O. Bower	*Fern J. Blose
1952	*Chesterfield J. Holley	*Ralph O. Bower	*Fern J. Blose	*George H. Thomas
1953	*Fern J. Blose	*George H. Thomas	*Earl T. Armesy	*Clayton G. Cousino
1954	*George H. Thomas	*Earl T. Armesy	*Clayton G. Cousino	*Russell Davis
1955	*Earl T. Armesy	*Clayton G. Cousino	*Russell Davis	*Homer C. Helser
1956	*Clayton G. Cousino	*Russell Davis	*Homer C. Helser	*Virgil F. Kent
1957	*Russell Davis	*Homer C. Helser	*Virgil F. Kent	*Sydney C. Partridge
1958	*Homer C. Helser	*Virgil F. Kent	*Sydney C. Partridge	*Howard R. Malone
1959	*Virgil F. Kent	*Sydney C. Partridge	*Howard R. Malone	*Cecil J. Pierce
1960	*Sydney C. Partridge	*Howard R. Malone	*Cecil J. Pierce	*Warren H. Smith
1961	*Howard R. Malone	*Cecil J. Pierce	*Warren H. Smith	*John W. Rutschow
1962	*Cecil J. Pierce	*Warren H. Smith	*John W. Rutschow	*R. S. Schoedinger
1963	*Warren H. Smith	*John W. Rutschow	*Robt S. Schoedinger	*Herbert E. Rogler
1964	*John W. Rutschow	*R. S. Schoedinger	*Herbert E. Rogler	*Cecil S. Blair
1965	*Robt S. Schoedinger	*Herbert E. Rogler	*Cecil S. Blair	*Ned E. Dull
1966	*Herbert E. Rogler	*Cecil S. Blair	*Ned E. Dull	*Thomas P. Rankin
1967	*Cecil S. Blair	*Ned E. Dull	*Thomas P. Rankin	*George Davidson
1968	*Ned E. Dull	*Thomas P. Rankin	*George W Davidson	*Robert H Emmons
1969	*Thomas P. Rankin	*George Davidson	*Robert H. Emmons	*Walter E. Drake
1970	*George W. Davidson	*Robert H Emmons	*Walter E. Drake	*Parker G Manning
1971	*Robert H. Emmons	*Walter E. Drake	* Parker G. Manning	*Lawrence Looker
1972	*Walter E. Drake	*Parker G Manning	*Lawrence Looker	*George D. Stein
1973	*Parker G. Manning	*Lawrence Looker	*George D. Stein	*William D Coffman
1974	*Lawrence M. Looker	*George D. Stein	*William D Coffman	*W. Boyd Sibold
1975	*George D. Stein	*William Coffman	*W. Boyd Sibold	*Donald Anderson
1976	*William D. Coffman	*W. Boyd Sibold	*Donald Wanderson	*Elwood L. Nelson
1977	*W. Boyd Sibold	*Donald Anderson	*Elwood L. Nelson	*William J. Faul
1978	*Donald W. Anderson	*Elwood L. Nelson	*William J. Faul	*Reuben C. Welker
1979	*Elwood L. Nelson	*William J. Faul	*Reuben C. Welker	*Raymond E. Loose
1980	*William J. Faul	*Reuben C. Welker	*Raymond E. Loose	*Aaron Hard, Jr.
1981	*Reuben C. Welker	*Raymond E. Loose	*Aaron Hard, Jr.	*William Ammer
1982	*Raymond E. Loose	*Aaron Hard, Jr.	*William Ammer	*Kenneth C. Flick
1983	*Aaron Hard, Jr.	*William Ammer	*Kenneth C. Flick	*F. Dean Winrod
1984	*William Ammer	*Kenneth C. Flick	*F. Dean Winrod	*Frank W. Crane
1985	*Kenneth C. Flick	*F. Dean Winrod	*Frank W. Crane	*Don. Shoemaker, Sr
1986	*F. Dean Winrod	*Frank W. Crane	*Don. Shoemaker Sr.	*Arthur S. Holmes
1987	*Frank W. Crane	*Don ShoemakerSr.	*Arthur S. Holmes	*Wilfrid Grose, Jr.
1988	*Donald Shoemaker, Sr	*Arthur S. Holmes	*Wilfrid A. Grose, Jr.	*RichardG. Dennis
1989	*Arthur S. Holmes	*Wilfrid A. Grose, Jr.	*Richard G. Dennis	*Richard Meacham
1990	*Wilfrid A. Grose, Jr.	*Richard G. Dennis	*Richard A. Meacham	*Richard H. Palm
1991	*Richard G. Dennis	*Richard Meacham	*Richard H. Palm	*R. Dale Long
1992	*Richard A. Meacham	*Richard H. Palm	*R. Dale Long	*Paul R. Jellison
1993	*Richard H. Palm	*R. Dale Long	*Paul R. Jellison	William H. Koon, II
1994	*R. Dale Long	*Paul R. Jellison	William H. Koon, II	*Sylvester L. Maust
1995	*Paul R. Jellison	William H. Koon, II	*Sylvester L. Maust	*Edward A. Estep
1996	William H. Koon, II	*Sylvester. L. Maust	*Edward A. Estep	*Charles R. Albertson
1997	*Sylvester L. Maust	*Edward A. Estep	*Charles R. Albertson	*Ronald R. Ebert
1998	*Edward A. Estep	*Charles R. Albertson	*Ronald R. Ebert	Richard L. Weaver
1999	*Charles R. Albertson	*Ronald R. Ebert	Richard L. Weaver	Franklin C. Boner
2000	*Ronald R. Ebert	Richard L. Weaver	Franklin C. Boner	*Roy C. Ritter

* Deceased

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Year	Gr. Commander	Dep. Gr. Com.	Gr. Generalissimo	Gr. Capt General
2001	Richard L. Weaver	Franklin C. Boner	*Roy C. Ritter	*Arthur D. Michael, Jr
2002	Franklin C. Boner	*Roy C. Ritter	*Arthur D. Michael, Jr	David M. Snyder Sr
2003	*Roy C. Ritter	*Arthur D. Michael, Jr	David M. Snyder, Sr.	*Bruce "D" Basil
2004	*Arthur D. Michael, Jr	David M. Snyder Sr	*Bruce "D" Basil	*Richard L. Speer
2005	David M. Snyder, Sr.	*Bruce "D" Basil	Burch E. Zehner	Richard M Holcombe
2006	*Bruce "D" Basil	Burch E. Zehner	Richard M. Holcombe	S. Thomas Ramsay
2007	Burch E. Zehner	Richard M Holcombe	S. Thomas Ramsey	*John R. Clime
2008	Richard M Holcombe	S. Thomas Ramsay	*John R. Clime	*August C. Holzer
2009	S. Thomas Ramsay	*John R. Clime	*August C. Holzer	Richard J. Brady
2010	*John R. Clime	*August C. Holzer	Richard J. Brady	*Dennis L. Hughes
2011	*August C. Holzer	Richard J. Brady	*Dennis L. Hughes	Thomas H. Gault
2012	Richard J. Brady	*Dennis L. Hughes	Thomas H. Gault	Gerald G. Pugh
2013	*Dennis L. Hughes	Thomas H. Gault	Gerald G. Pugh	Ronald L. Vicars
2014	Thomas H Gault	Gerald G Pugh	Ronald L Vicars	Terry L Wymer
2015	Gerald G Pugh	Ronald L Vicars	Terry L Wymer	Martin R Trent
2016	Ronald L Vicars	Terry L. Wymer	Martin R. Trent	Robert C. Hager
2017	Terry L Wymer	Martin R Treent	Robert C Hager	R Thomas Starr
2018	Martin R Trent	Robert C Hager	R Thomas Starr	George Edmiston III
2019	Robert C Hager	R Thomas Starr	George Edmiston III	Dale A Olson
2020	R Thomas Starr	George Edmiston III	Dale A Olson	Richard L Ganion
2021	George Edmiston III	Dale A Olson	Richard L Ganion	Dale A Exline
2022	Dale A Olson	Richard L Ganion	Dale A Exline	Ronald L Ensell
2023	Richard L. Ganion	Dale A. Exline	Ronald L. Ensell	Larry A. Rentz
2024	Dale A. Exline	Ronald L. Ensell	Larry A. Rentz	Larry H. Haines

* Deceased

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Year	Grand Senior Warden	Grand Junior Warden	Grand Prelate	Grand Treasurer
1843	*John Evans	*Kimball Porter	*John Barney	*A. D. Bigelow
1844	*Leander Ransom	*Kimball Porter	*Robert Punshon	*A. D. Bigelow
1845	*Isaac Davis	*George Shinnick	*James T. Donahoo	*A. D. Bigelow
1846	*Isaac Davis	*Kent Jarvis	*Wm. P. Strickland	*Timothy Griffith
1847	*Isaac Davis	*Joseph Hildreth	*Wm. H. Raper	*Timothy Griffith
1848	*Geo. L. Shinnick	*Daniel Wheeler	*James T. Donahoo	*Timothy Griffith
1849	*Platt Benedict	*Robert H. Cotton	*James T. Donahoo	*Timothy Griffith
1850	*Robert H. Cotton	*John M. Barrere	*James T. Donahoo	*Leonidas Jewett
1851	*John W. Milligan	*Kimball Porter	*James T. Donahoo	*Leonidas Jewett
1852	*John H. Achey	*D. L. Woodbury	*Erastus Burr	*Leonidas Jewett
1853	*Pliney M. Crume	*Platt Benedict	*Robert H. Sedwick	*Isaac C. Copelen
1854	*Gottlieb Steinman	*Jas. A. Underhill	*Robert H. Sedwick	*Isaac C. Copelen
1855	*F. J. Phillips	*G. W. Williams	*Robert H. Sedwick	*Isaac C. Copelen
1856	*F. J. Phillips	*George D. Martin	*Robert H. Sedwick	*Isaac C. Copelen
1857	*Charles C. Keifer	*Samuel P. Axtel	*Zachariah Connell	*Isaac C. Copelen
1858	*George H. Burt	*Samuel P. Axtel	*Zachariah Connell	*Isaac C. Copelen
1859	*George H. Burt	*Charles C. Keifer	*Samuel Marks	*Isaac C. Copelen
1860	*Cornelius Moore	*Samuel P. Axtel	*H. B. Walbridge	*Isaac C. Copelen
1861	*Cornelius Moore	*Samuel P. Axtel	*Zachariah Connell	*Isaac C. Copelen
1862	*Cornelius Moore	*Samuel P. Axtel	*Zachariah Connell	*Peter Thatcher
1863	*George H. Burt	*Samuel P. Axtel	*Zachariah Connell	*Peter Thatcher
1864	*H. M. Waggoner	*Samuel P. Axtel	*Erastus Burr	*Peter Thatcher
1865	*H. M. Waggoner	*David Atwater	*Alansom Phelps	*Peter Thatcher
1866	*Joseph M. Stuart	*Samuel P. Axtel	*H. B. Walbridge	*Peter Thatcher
1867	*Joseph M. Stuart	*C. A. Woodward	*Richard Grey	*Peter Thatcher
1868	*Joseph M. Stuart	*David Atwater	*La F. VanCleve	*Peter Thatcher
1869	*Joseph M. Stuart	*David Atwater	*La F. VanCleve	*Peter Thatcher
1870	*David Atwater	*Robert Gwynn	*La F. VanCleve	*Peter Thatcher
1871	*David Atwater	*Lucien B. Curtis	*La F. VanCleve	*Peter Thatcher
1872	*Lucien B. Curtis	*Leander Burdick	*La F. VanCleve	*Peter Thatcher
1873	*Lucien B. Curtis	*B. D. Babcock	*La F. VanCleve	*Peter Thatcher
1874	*Lucien B. Curtis	*Justice S. Wilson	*La F. VanCleve	*Peter Thatcher
1875	*R. H. Lansing	*John R. Miner	*La F. VanCleve	*Peter Thatcher
1876	*R. H. Lansing	*John R. Miner	*La F. VanCleve	*Peter Thatcher
1877	*Alex F. Vance, Jr.	*Eli Fasold	*La F. VanCleve	*Peter Thatcher
1878	*Alex F. Vance, Jr.	*Eli Fasold	*La F. VanCleve	*Peter Thatcher
1879	*Eli Fasold	*Foster V. Follett	*La F. VanCleve	*Peter Thatcher
1880	*Eli Fasold	*Foster V. Follett	*La F. VanCleve	*J. Burton Parsons
1881	*Charles E. Stanley	*Theo. F. Nieman	*La F. VanCleve	*J. Burton Parsons
1882	*Charles E. Stanley	*Theo. F. Nieman	*La F. VanCleve	*J. Burton Parsons
1883	*O. A. B. Senter	*L. W. Buckmaster	*La F. VanCleve	*J. Burton Parsons
1884	*L. W. Buckmaster	*Calvin Halliday	*La F. VanCleve	*J. Burton Parsons
1885	*L. W. Buckmaster	*Calvin Halliday	*La F. VanCleve	*J. Burton Parsons
1886	*Calvin Halliday	*Huntington Brown	*La F. VanCleve	*J. Burton Parsons
1887	*Calvin Halliday	*Huntington Brown	*La F. VanCleve	*J. Burton Parsons
1888	*Martin J. Houck	*Elisha M. Colver	*La F. VanCleve	*J. Burton Parsons
1889	*Henry P. McIntosh	*Wm. P. Meek	*La F. VanCleve	*J. Burton Parsons
1890	*John A. Warner	*John P. McCune	*La F. VanCleve	*J. Burton Parsons
1891	*John P. McCune	*Barton Smith	*La F. VanCleve	*J. Burton Parsons
1892	*Barton Smith	*Robert V. Hampson	*Thomas J. Melish	*J. Burton Parsons
1893	*Robert V. Hampson	*Stephen P. Sands	*Thomas J. Melish	*J. Burton Parsons
1894	*Stephen P. Sands	*H. R. Bradbury	*Thomas J. Melish	*J. Burton Parsons
1895	*H. R. Bradbury	*Arthur B. Foster	*Thomas J. Melish	*J. Burton Parsons

* Deceased

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Year	Grand Senior Warden	Grand Junior Warden	Grand Prelate	Grand Treasurer
1896	*Arthur B. Foster	*Wm. L. Bates	*Thomas J. Melish	*J. Burton Parsons
1897	*Wm. L. Bates	*Wm. T. McLean	+S. Montgomery	*J. Burton Parsons
1898	*Wm. T. McLean	*Thomas Kite	+S. Montgomery	*J. Burton Parsons
1899	*Thomas Kite	*Carroll F. Clapp	*John M. Mills	*J. Burton Parsons
1900	*Carroll F. Clapp	*Frederick L. Geddes	*John M. Mills	*J. Burton Parsons
1901	*Frederick L. Geddes	*John H. Gibson	*John M. Mills	*LaFayette Lyttle
1902	*John H. Gibson	*Ralph R. Rickly	*John M. Mills	*LaFayette Lyttle
1903	*Ralph R. Rickly	*Edmund B. King	*John M. Mills	*LaFayette Lyttle
1904	*Edmund B. King	*Henry C. Dimond	*John M. Mills	*LaFayette Lyttle
1905	*Henry C. Dimond	*Charles F. Henry	*John M. Mills	*LaFayette Lyttle
1906	*Charles F. Henry	*J. Russell Johnston	*John M. Mills	*LaFayette Lyttle
1907	*J. Russell Johnston	*Charles H. Eichorn	*Charles B. Mitchell	*LaFayette Lyttle
1908	*Henry Schafer	*Charles E. Logan	*Frank Roudenbush	*LaFayette Lyttle
1909	*Charles E. Logan	*C. M. Voorhees	*John M. Walden	*LaFayette Lyttle
1910	*C. M. Voorhees	*Nelson Williams	*John M. Walden	*LaFayette Lyttle
1911	*Robert T. Whitaker	*George H. Knight	*John M. Walden	*LaFayette Lyttle
1912	*George H. Knight	*William B. Baldwin	*John M. Walden	*LaFayette Lyttle
1913	*William B. Baldwin	*Michael L. Finnell	*John M. Walden	*LaFayette Lyttle
1914	*Michael L. Finnell	*Jacob H. Bromwell	*George P. Atwater	*LaFayette Lyttle
1915	*Jacob H. Bromwell	*Thomas J. Jones	*George P. Atwater	*LaFayette Lyttle
1916	*Thomas J. Jones	*Daniel E. Jones	*George P. Atwater	*Henry Schaefer
1917	*Daniel E. Jones	*F. O. Schoedinger	*George P. Atwater	*Henry Schaefer
1918	*F. O. Schoedinger	*B. Frank Murphy	*George P. Atwater	*Henry Schaefer
1919	*B. Frank Murphy	*Edwin G. Craun	*George W. Bunton	*Henry Schaefer
1920	*Edwin G. Craun	*Charles H. Voegelé	*George W. Bunton	*Henry Schaefer
1921	*Charles H. Voegelé	*W. Edwin Palmer	*William B. Baldwin	*Henry Schaefer
1922	*W. Edwin Palmer	*Joseph A. Wortman	*Burt David Evans	*G. H. Knight
1923	*Joseph A. Wortman	*John H. Dickerson	*William B. Baldwin	*G. H. Knight
1924	*John H. Dickerson	*Robert L. Queisser	*William B. Baldwin	*G. H. Knight
1925	*Robert L. Queisser	*Robert J. West	*William B. Baldwin	*G. H. Knight
1926	*Robert J. West	*Robert H. Pausch	*William B. Baldwin	*Charles F. Henry
1927	*Robert H. Pausch	*F. M. Ransbottom	*William B. Baldwin	*Charles F. Henry
1928	*F. M. Ransbottom	*Riley W. Wortman	*Frank H. Nelson	*Charles F. Henry
1929	*Riley W. Wortman	*Clyde L. Smith	*Warren L. Rogers	*Charles F. Henry
1930	*Clyde L. Smith	*Albert A. Kohler	*Warren L. Rogers	*Charles F. Henry
1931	*Albert A. Kohler	*Paul P. O'Brien	*Warren L. Rogers	*Charles F. Henry
1932	*Paul P. O'Brien	*George Naegele	*Warren L. Rogers	*Charles F. Henry
1933	*George Naegele	*Louis H. Wieber	*Louis C. Wright	*Charles F. Henry
1934	*Louis H. Wieber	*Lloyd E. Roulet	*Louis C. Wright	*A. Cunningham
1935	*Lloyd E. Roulet	*J. Wallace Cherry	*Louis C. Wright	*A. Cunningham
1936	*J. Wallace Cherry	*John B. McGrew	*Phil Porter	*A. Cunningham
1937	*John B. McGrew	*L. M. MacDonald	*Phil Porter	*A. Cunningham
1938	*L. M. MacDonald	*Judson C. King	*Phil Porter	*A. Cunningham
1939	*Judson C. King	*Robert J. Hackett	*Phil Porter	*A. Cunningham
1940	*Robert J. Hackett	*Miles S. Kuhns	*Phil Porter	*A. Cunningham
1941	*Miles S. Kuhns	*Samuel S. Nicholson	*Phil Porter	*A. Cunningham
1942	*Samuel S. Nicholson	*Robert A. Burri	*Phil Porter	*A. Cunningham
1943	*Robert A. Burri	*Vernon C. Maxwell	*Phil Porter	*A. Cunningham
1944	*Vernon C. Maxwell	*Robert W. Taylor	*Phil Porter	*Robert H. Pausch
1945	*Robert W. Taylor	*Thomas E. Gibson	*Phil Porter	*Robert H. Pausch
1946	*Thomas E. Gibson	*Earl C. Krueger	*Phil Porter	*Robert H. Pausch
1947	*Earl C. Krueger	*Chesterfield J Holley	*Phil Porter	*Robert H. Pausch

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Year	Grand Senior Warden	Grand Junior Warden	Grand Prelate	Grand Treasurer
1948	*Chesterfield J. Holley	*Ralph O. Bower	*Phil Porter	*Robert H. Pausch
1949	*Ralph O. Bower	*Fern J. Blose	*Phil Porter	*Robert H. Pausch
1950	*Fern J. Blose	*George H. Thomas	*Phil Porter	*Robert H. Pausch
1951	*George H. Thomas	*Earl T. Armesy	*Phil Porter	*Robert H. Pausch
1952	*Earl T. Armesy	*Clayton G. Cousino	*Phil Porter	*Robert H. Pausch
1953	*Russell Davis	*Homer C. Helser	*Phil Porter	*J. Wallace Cherry
1954	*Homer C. Helser	*Virgil F. Kent	*Harvey A. Wolf	*J. Wallace Cherry
1955	*Virgil F. Kent	*Martin W. Shibley	*Eugene Buxton	*J. Wallace Cherry
1956	*Martin W. Shibley	*Sidney C. Partridge	*A. W. Hargate	*J. Wallace Cherry
1957	*Martin W. Shibley	*Howard R. Malone	*Eugene Buxton	*Robert W. Taylor
1958	*Cecil J. Pierce	*Warren H. Smith	*Eugene Buxton	*Robert W. Taylor
1959	*Warren H. Smith	*John W. Rutschow	*Eugene Buxton	*Robert W. Taylor
1960	*John W. Rutschow	*Robert S. Schoedinger	*Eugene Buxton	*Robert W. Taylor
1961	*Robert S. Schoedinger	*Herbert E. Rogler	*Eugene Buxton	*Robert W. Taylor
1962	*Herbert E. Rogler	*Cecil S. Blair	*Eugene Buxton	*Homer C. Helser
1963	*Cecil S. Blair	*Ned E. Dull	*Eugene Buxton	*Homer C. Helser
1964	*Ned E. Dull	*Thomas P. Rankin	*Eugene Buxton	*Homer C. Helser
1965	*Thomas P. Rankin	*George W. Davidson	*Eugene Buxton	*Clayton Cousino
1966	*George W. Davidson	*Robert H. Emmons	*Eugene Buxton	*Lloyd E. Roulet
1967	*Robert H. Emmons	*Walter E. Drake	*Eugene Buxton	*Lloyd E. Roulet
1968	*Walter E. Drake	*Parker G. Manning	*Eugene Buxton	*Thomas E. Gibson
1969	*Parker G. Manning	*Lawrence M. Looker	*Eugene Buxton	*Thomas E. Gibson
1970	*Lawrence M. Looker	*George D. Stein	*Eugene Buxton	*Thomas E. Gibson
1971	*George D. Stein	*William D. Coffman	*Eugene Buxton	*Thomas E. Gibson
1972	*William D. Coffman	*W. Boyd Sibold	*Eugene Buxton	*Thomas E. Gibson
1973	*W. Boyd Sibold	*Donald W. Anderson	*Eugene Buxton	*Robt Schoedinger
1974	*Donald W. Anderson	*Elwood L. Nelson	*Eugene Buxton	*William J. Faul
1975	*Elwood L. Nelson	*William J. Faul	*Eugene Buxton	*Reuben C. Welker
1976	*William J. Faul	*Reuben C. Welker	*Eugene Buxton	*Raymond E. Loose
1977	*Reuben C. Welker	*Raymond E. Loose	*Eugene Buxton	*Aaron Hard, Jr.
1978	*Raymond E. Loose	*Aaron Hard, Jr.	*Eugene Buxton	*William Ammer
1979	*Aaron Hard, Jr.	*William Ammer	*Eugene Buxton	*Kenneth C. Flick
1980	*William Ammer	*Kenneth C. Flick	*Eugene Buxton	*F. Dean Winrod
1981	*Kenneth C. Flick	*F. Dean Winrod	*Eugene Buxton	*Frank W. Crane
1982	*F. Dean Winrod	*Frank W. Crane	*Eugene Buxton	*Don Shoemaker
1983	*Frank W. Crane	*Don Shoemaker Sr	*Morris E. Alton	*Arthur S. Holmes
1984	*Donald Shoemaker, Sr	*Arthur S. Holmes	*J. E. Henson, Sr.	*Wilfrid A. Grose, Jr.
1985	*Arthur S. Holmes	*Wilfrid A. Grose, Jr.	D. A. Kemerley	*Richard G. Dennis
1986	*Wilfrid A. Grose, Jr.	*Richard G. Dennis	D. A. Kemerley	*Franklin Harman
1987	*Richard G. Dennis	*Franklin Harman	D. A. Kemerley	*Richard A. Meacham
1988	*Richard A. Meacham	*Richard H. Palm	D. A. Kemerley	*R. Dale Long
1989	*Richard H. Palm	*R. Dale Long	D. A. Kemerley	*Paul R. Jellison
1990	*Richard Dale Long	*Paul R. Jellison	D. A. Kemerley	William H. Koon, II
1991	*Paul R. Jellison	William H. Koon, II	*R. M. Wilson	*Sylvester L. Maust
1992	William H. Koon, II	*Sylvester L. Maust	D. A. Kemerley	*Edward A. Estep
1993	*Sylvester L. Maust	*Edward A. Estep	D. A. Kemerley	*Charles R. Albertson
1994	*Edward A. Estep	*Charles R. Albertson	D. A. Kemerley	*Ronald R. Ebert
1995	*Charles R. Albertson	*Ronald R. Ebert	D. A. Kemerley	Richard L. Weaver
1996	*Ronald R. Ebert	Richard L. Weaver	*W. J. Bushong	Franklin C. Boner
1997	Richard L. Weaver	Franklin C. Boner	D. A. Kemerley	*Roy C. Ritter
1998	Franklin C. Boner	*Roy C. Ritter	D. A. Kemerley	*Arthur D. Michael, Jr
1999	*Roy C. Ritter	*Arthur D. Michael, Jr	D. A. Kemerley	David M. Snyder Sr.
2000	*Arthur D. Michael, Jr	David M Snyder Sr	D. A. Kemerley	*Bruce "D" Basil

* Deceased

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Year	Grand Senior Warden	Grand Junior Warden	Grand Prelate	Grand Treasurer
2001	David M. Snyder, Sr.	*Bruce "D" Basil	D. A. Kemerley	Burch E. Zehner
2002	*Bruce "D" Basil	Burch E. Zehner	*F. R. Sharritts	Richard L. Weaver
2003	Burch E. Zehner	Richard M. Holcombe	D. A. Kemerley	Richard L. Weaver
2004	Richard M. Holcombe	S. Thomas Ramsay	*Randall B Craven	Richard L. Weaver
2005	S. Thomas Ramsay	*John R. Clime	Robert McNutt	Richard L. Weaver
2006	*John R. Clime	*August C. Holzer Jr.	Theodore B. Korn	Richard L. Weaver
2007	*August C. Holzer, Jr.	Richard J. Brady	D. A. Kemerley	Richard L. Weaver
2008	Richard J. Brady	*Dennis L. Hughes	David W. Slusher	Richard L. Weaver
2009	*Dennis L. Hughes	Thomas H. Gault	*Donald B. Gardner	Burch E. Zehner
2010	Thomas H. Gault	Gerald G. Pugh	Edwin E. Jackson	Richard L. Weaver
2011	Gerald G. Pugh	Ronald L. Vicars	William R. Markin	Richard L. Weaver
2012	Ronald L. Vicars	Terry L. Wymer	*Kenneth J. Ayers	*John R. Clime
2013	Terry L. Wymer	Christian M. Beard	*Glen M. Place	*John R. Clime
2014	Martin R Trent	*PaxtonTMendelssohn	Timothy D Martin	*John R. Clime
2015	*Paxton T Mendelssohn	Robert C Hager	Donald R Forquer	*John R. Clime
2016	R. Thomas Starr	George Edmiston III	D. A. Kemerley	*John R. Clime
2017	George Edmiston III	Dale A Olson	*Jean L Davis	*John R. Clime
2018	Dale A Olson	Richard L Ganion	David R Leytze	Randy A Williams
2019	Richard L Ganion	Dale A Exline	Robert R Childers	Randy A Williams
2020	Dale A Exline	Ronald L Ensell	*Donald I Losasso	Randy A Williams
2021	Ronald L Ensell	Larry A Rentz	WilliamERobinson	Randy A Williams
2022	Larry A Rentz	Larry H Haines	Ron R Richardson	Randy A Williams
2023	Larry H. Haines	Timothy O. Ralston	Ron R Richardson	Randy A Williams
2024	Timothy O. Ralston	John J. Pience	Michael L. Hines	Randy A. Williams

* Deceased

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Year	Grand Recorder	Gr. Standard Bearer	Grand Sword Bearer	Grand Warder
1843	*Benjamin F. Smith	*Bela Latham	*Ezra Griswold	*J. P. Wortsell
1844	*Benjamin F. Smith	*Bela Latham	*Absalom Death	*J. P. Wortsell
1845	*Benjamin F. Smith	*Isaac C. Copelen	*John Whipple	*Kimball Porter
1846	*Benjamin F. Smith	*William B. Dodds	*John Meredith	*Kimball Porter
1847	*Benjamin F. Smith	*Kimball Porter	*George L. Shinnick	*John Evans
1848	*Benjamin F. Smith	*Thomas Orr	*Jeremiah Banks	*Josiah Roop
1849	*Benjamin F. Smith	*John H. Achey	*Issac T. Martin	*George L. Shinnick
1850	*Benjamin F. Smith	*John Redmond	*Thomas Salter	*William H. Burke
1851	*John D. Caldwell	*John H. Achey	*John Redmond	*P. K. Hulburt
1852	*John D. Caldwell	*Gilbert D. Palmer	*Platt Benedict	*P. K. Hulburt
1853	*John D. Caldwell	*Francis Cleveland	*H. J. Hukill	*George W. True
1854	*John D. Caldwell	*A. C. Davis	*H. J. Hukill	*W. H. Beaumont
1855	*John D. Caldwell	*George D. Martin	*Charles C. Kiefer	*Jonas Ward
1856	*John D. Caldwell	*Francis Cleveland	*Mark Loudan	*Jonas Ward
1857	*John D. Caldwell	*James Gates	*George M. Burt	*H. H. Wagoner
1858	*John D. Caldwell	*George Webster	*Joseph M. Dana	*Thomas Sparrow
1859	*John D. Caldwell	*H. H. Wagoner	*Joseph M. Dana	*Samuel P. Axtel
1860	*John D. Caldwell	*H. H. Wagoner	*David Atwater	*Joseph M. Stuart
1861	*John D. Caldwell	*H. H. Wagoner	*David Atwater	*Joseph M. Stuart
1862	*John D. Caldwell	*H. H. Wagoner	*James W. Underhill	*Joseph M. Stuart
1863	*John D. Caldwell	*H. H. Wagoner	*Eli Bond	*Edgar B. Hyde
1864	*John D. Caldwell	*Stith M. Sullivan	*Richard Creighton	*Joseph M. Stuart
1865	*John D. Caldwell	*Stith M. Sullivan	*Edgar A. Hopkins	*Joseph M. Stuart
1866	*John D. Caldwell	*Stith M. Sullivan	*David Atwater	*Leander Burdick
1867	*John D. Caldwell	*Stith M. Sullivan	*David Atwater	*Moses P. Smith
1868	*John D. Caldwell	*D. C. F. Terrill	*Louis H. Pike	*Lucien B. Curtis
1869	*John D. Caldwell	*Lucien B. Curtis	*David K. Boyer	*Leander Burdick
1870	*James Nesbitt	*Lucien B. Curtis	*Stith M. Sullivan	*Leander Burdick
1871	*James Nesbitt	*Leander Burdick	*E. T. Ellsworth	*Joseph Culbertson
1872	*James Nesbitt	*Justus S. Wilson	*B. D. Babcock	*Joseph Culbertson
1873	*James Nesbitt	*Justus S. Wilson	*Joseph Culbertson	*John H. Johnson
1874	*James Nesbitt	*Joseph F. Culbertson	*William Buschner	*John R. Drake
1875	*James Nesbitt	*Joseph F. Culbertson	*William Buschner	*W. A. Ward
1876	*James Nesbitt	*Joseph F. Culbertson	*William Buschner	*W. A. Ward
1877	*James Nesbitt	*H. E. O'Hagan	*W. A. Ward	*J. C. Gillespie
1878	*James Nesbitt	*H. E. O'Hagan	*W. A. Ward	*J. C. Gillespie
1879	*James Nesbitt	*H. E. O'Hagan	*W. A. Ward	*J. C. Gillespie
1880	*James Nesbitt	*H. E. O'Hagan	*W. A. Ward	*J. C. Gillespie
1881	*James Nesbitt	*H. E. O'Hagan	*O. A. B. Senter	*J. C. Gillespie
1882	*James Nesbitt	*H. E. O'Hagan	*O. A. B. Senter	*L. W. Buckmaster
1883	*James Nesbitt	*James C. Gillespie	*A. E. Keyes	*R. P. Marvin
1884	*James Nesbitt	*James C. Gillespie	*Huntington Brown	*Henry Perkins
1885	*James Nesbitt	*Huntington Brown	*Henry Perkins	*William P. Melish
1886	*John N. Bell	*Henry Perkins	*William P. Melish	*William M. Meek
1887	*John N. Bell	*William B. Melish	*William M. Meek	*E. M. Culver
1888	*John N. Bell	*William B. Meek	*G. H. Robinson	*William S. Hufford
1889	*John N. Bell	*John A. Warner	*William S. Hufford	*John P. McCune
1890	*John N. Bell	*Barton Smith	*Robert V. Hampson	*H. R. Bradbury
1891	*John N. Bell	*Robert V. Hampson	*Stephen P. Sands	*H. R. Bradbury
1892	*John N. Bell	*Stephen P. Sands	*H. R. Bradbury	*Arthur B. Foster
1893	*John N. Bell	*H. R. Bradbury	*Arthur B. Foster	*William L. Bates
1894	*John N. Bell	*Arthur B. Foster	*William L. Bates	*William T. McLean
1895	*John N. Bell	*William L. Bates	*William T. McLean	*Thomas Kite

* Deceased

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Year	Grand Recorder	Gr. Standard Bearer	Grand Sword Bearer	Grand Warder
1896	*John N. Bell	*William T. McLean	*Thomas Kite	*Carroll F. Clapp
1897	*John N. Bell	*Thomas Kite	*Carroll F. Clapp	*Frank M. Wyant
1898	*John N. Bell	*Carroll F. Clapp	*Frank M. Wyant	*B. F. Templeton
1899	*John N. Bell	*Frank M. Wyant	*B. F. Templeton	*Frederick L. Geddes
1900	*John N. Bell	*John H. Gibson	*Ralph R. Rickly	*Edmund B. King
1901	*John N. Bell	*Ralph R. Rickly	*Edmund B. King	*Henry C. Dimond
1902	*John N. Bell	*Edmund B. King	*Henry C. Dimond	*Charles F. Henry
1903	*John N. Bell	*Henry C. Dimond	*Charles F. Henry	*J. Russell Johnston
1904	*John N. Bell	*Charles F. Henry	*J. Russell Johnston	*Charles H. Eichorn
1905	*John N. Bell	*J. Russell Johnston	*Charles H. Eichorn	*Daniel E. Holwick
1906	*John N. Bell	*Charles H. Eichorn	*Daniel L. Holwick	*Henry Schaefer
1907	*John N. Bell	*Daniel L. Holwick	*Henry Schaefer	*Charles E. Logan
1908	*John N. Bell	*C. M. Voorhees	*Nelson Williams	*Robert T. Whitaker
1909	*John N. Bell	*Nelson Williams	*Robert T. Whitaker	*George H. Knight
1910	*John N. Bell	*Robert T. Whitaker	*George H. Knight	*William Baldwin
1911	*John N. Bell	*William B. Baldwin	*Michael L. Finnell	*Jacob H. Bromwell
1912	*John N. Bell	*Michael L. Finnell	*Jacob H. Bromwell	*Thomas J. Jones
1913	*John N. Bell	*Jacob H. Bromwell	*Thomas J. Jones	*Daniel E. Jones
1914	*John N. Bell	*Thomas J. Jones	*Daniel E. Jones	*F. O. Schoedinger
1915	*John N. Bell	*Daniel E. Jones	*F. O. Schoedinger	*B. Frank Murphy
1916	*John N. Bell	*F. O. Schoedinger	*B. Frank Murphy	*Edwin G. Craun
1917	*John N. Bell	*B. Frank Murphy	*Edwin G. Craun	*Charles H. Voegelé
1918	*John N. Bell	*Edwin G. Craun	*Charles H. Voegelé	*W. Edwin Palmer
1919	*John N. Bell	*Charles H. Voegelé	*W. Edwin Palmer	*Joseph A. Wortman
1920	*John N. Bell	*W. Edwin Palmer	*Joseph A. Wortman	*John H. Dickerson
1921	*John N. Bell	*Joseph A. Wortman	*John H. Dickerson	*Robert L. Queisser
1922	*Henry Schaefer	*John H. Dickerson	*Robert L. Queisser	*Robert J. West
1923	*Henry Schaefer	*Robert L. Queisser	*Robert J. West	*Robert H. Pausch
1924	*Henry Schaefer	*Robert J. West	*Robert H. Pausch	*Riley W. Wortman
1925	*Henry Schaefer	*Robert H. Pausch	*Riley W. Wortman	*F. M. Ransbottom
1926	*Henry Schaefer	*Riley W. Wortman	*F. M. Ransbottom	*Clyde L. Smith
1927	*Henry Schaefer	*F. M. Ransbottom	*Clyde L. Smith	*Albert A. Kohler
1928	*Henry Schaefer	*Clyde L. Smith	*Albert A. Kohler	*Paul P. O'Brien
1929	*Henry Schaefer	*Albert A. Kohler	*Paul P. O'Brien	*George Naegele
1930	*Henry Schaefer	*Paul P. O'Brien	*George Naegele	*Louis H. Wieber
1931	*Henry Schaefer	*George Naegele	*Louis H. Wieber	*Lloyd E. Roulet
1932	*Henry Schaefer	*Louis H. Wieber	*Lloyd E. Roulet	*J. Wallace Cherry
1933	*Henry Schaefer	*Lloyd E. Roulet	*J. Wallace Cherry	*John B. McGrew
1934	*Henry Schaefer	*J. Wallace Cherry	*John B. McGrew	*L. M. MacDonald
1935	*Henry Schaefer	*John B. McGrew	*L. M. MacDonald	*Fred J. Warnock
1936	*W. Edwin Palmer	*L. M. MacDonald	*Judson C. King	*Robert J. Hackett
1937	*W. Edwin Palmer	*Judson C. King	*Robert J. Hackett	*Miles S. Kuhns
1938	*W. Edwin Palmer	*Robert J. Hackett	*Miles S. Kuhns	*Samuel Nicholson
1939	*W. Edwin Palmer	*Miles S. Kuhns	*Samuel Nicholson	*Robert A. Burri
1940	*W. Edwin Palmer	*Samuel S. Nicholson	*Robert A. Burri	*Vernon C. Maxwell
1941	*W. Edwin Palmer	*Robert A. Burri	*Vernon C. Maxwell	*Robert W. Taylor
1942	*W. Edwin Palmer	*Vernon C. Maxwell	*Robert W. Taylor	*Thomas E. Gibson
1943	*W. Edwin Palmer	*Robert W. Taylor	*Thomas E. Gibson	*Earl C. Krueger
1944	*Oliver D. Everhard	*Thomas E. Gibson	*Earl C. Krueger	*Chesterfield Holley
1945	*Robert J. Hackett	*Earl C. Krueger	*Chesterfield Holley	*Ralph O. Bower
1946	*Robert J. Hackett	*Chesterfield J. Holley	*Ralph O. Bower	*Fern J. Blose
1947	*Robert J. Hackett	*Ralph O. Bower	*Fern J. Blose	*George H. Thomas
1948	*Robert J. Hackett	*Fern J. Blose	*George H. Thomas	*Earl T. Armesy

* Deceased

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Year	Grand Recorder	Gr. Standard Bearer	Grand Sword Bearer	Grand Warder
1949	*Robert J. Hackett	*George H. Thomas	*Earl T. Armesy	*Clayton G. Cousino
1950	*Robert J. Hackett	*Earl T. Armesy	*Clayton G. Cousino	*Russell Davis
1951	*Robert J. Hackett	*Clayton G. Cousino	*Russell Davis	*Henry A. Senart
1952	*Robert J. Hackett	*Russell Davis	*Homer C. Helser	*Virgil F. Kent
1953	*Robert J. Hackett	*Virgil F. Kent	*Martin W. Shibley	*Sydney C. Partidge
1954	*Robert J. Hackett	*Martin W. Shibley	*Sydney C. Partidge	*Howard R. Malone
1955	*Robert J. Hackett	*Sydney C. Partidge	*Howard R. Malone	*Roy J. Cline
1956	*Robert J. Hackett	*Howard R. Malone	*Roy J. Cline	*Warren H. Smith
1957	*Robert J. Hackett	*Roy J. Cline	*Warren H. Smith	*John W. Rutschow
1958	*Robert J. Hackett	*John W. Rutschow	*Robt S Schoedinger	*Herbert E. Rogler
1959	*Robert J. Hackett	*Robt S Schoedinger	*Herbert E. Rogler	*Cecil S. Blair
1960	*Robert J. Hackett	*Herbert E. Rogler	*Cecil S. Blair	*Ned E. Dull
1961	*Robert J. Hackett	*Cecil S. Blair	*Ned E. Dull	*Thomas P. Rankin
1962	*Robert J. Hackett	*Ned E. Dull	*Thomas P. Rankin	*George W Davidson
1963	*Robert J. Hackett	*Thomas P. Rankin	*George W Davidson	*Robert H. Emmons
1964	*Robert J. Hackett	*George W. Davidson	*Robert H Emmons	*Walter E. Drake
1965	*Robert J. Hackett	*Robert H. Emmons	*Walter E. Drake	*Parker G. Manning
1966	*Robert J. Hackett	*Walter E. Drake	*Parker G Manning	*Lawrence M Looker
1967	*Robert J. Hackett	*Parker G. Manning	*Lawrence M. Looker	*George D. Stein
1968	*Herbert E. Rogler	*Lawrence M. Looker	*George D. Stein	*William Coffman
1969	*George R. Fitez	*George D. Stein	*William Coffman	*W. Boyd Sibold
1970	*George R. Fitez	*William D. Coffman	*W. Boyd Sibold	*Donald Anderson
1971	*George R. Fitez	*W. Boyd Sibold	*Donald W. Anderson	*Elwood L. Nelson
1972	*George R. Fitez	*Donald W. Anderson	*Elwood L. Nelson	*William J. Faul
1973	*George R. Fitez	*Elwood L. Nelson	*William J. Faul	*Reuben C. Welker
1974	*George R. Fitez	*Reuben C. Welker	*Raymond E. Loose	*Aaron Hard Jr.
1975	*George R. Fitez	*Raymond E. Loose	*Aaron Hard, Jr.	*William Ammer
1976	*George R. Fitez	*Aaron Hard, Jr.	*William Ammer	*Kenneth C. Flick
1977	*George R. Fitez	*William Ammer	*Kenneth C. Flick	*F. Dean Winrod
1978	*George R. Fitez	*Kenneth C. Flick	*F. Dean Winrod	*Frank W. Crane
1979	*George R. Fitez	*F. Dean Winrod	*Frank W. Crane	*William C. Hoff
1980	*George R. Fitez	*Frank W. Crane	*William C. Hoff	*Don Shoemaker Jr.
1981	*George R. Fitez	*William C. Hoff	*Don Shoemaker Jr	*Arthur S. Holmes
1982	*George R. Fitez	*Arthur S. Holmes	*Wilfrid A. Grose Jr.	*Richard G. Dennis
1983	*George R. Fitez	*Wilfrid A. Grose, Jr.	*Richard G. Dennis	*Franklin S Harmon
1984	*George R. Fitez	*Richard G. Dennis	*Franklin S Harmon	*Richard Meacham
1985	*George R. Fitez	*Franklin S. Harmon	*Richard A Meacham	*Richard H. Palm
1986	*Charles F McLeod	*Richard A. Meacham	*Richard H. Palm	*Paul R. Jellison
1986	*Charles F McLeod	*Richard H. Palm	*Paul R. Jellison	*R. Dale Long
1988	*Charles F McLeod	*Paul R. Jellison	William H. Koon, II	*Sylvester L. Maust
1989	*Charles F McLeod	William H. Koon, II	*Sylvester L. Maust	*Edward A. Estep
1990	*Charles F McLeod	*Sylvester L. Maust	*Edward A. Estep	*Charles R Albertson
1991	*Charles F McLeod	*Edward A. Estep	*Charles R Albertson	*Ronald R. Ebert
1992	*Charles F McLeod	*Charles R. Albertson	*Ronald R. Ebert	Richard L. Weaver
1993	*Frank W. Crane	*Ronald R. Ebert	Richard L. Weaver	Franklin C. Boner
1994	*Frank W. Crane	Richard L. Weaver	Franklin C. Boner	*Roy C. Ritter
1995	*Richard H. Palm	Franklin C. Boner	*Roy C. Ritter	*Arthur D. Michael, Jr
1996	*Richard H. Palm	*Roy C. Ritter	*Arthur D. Michael, Jr	David M. Snyder Sr

* Deceased

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Year	Grand Recorder	Gr. Standard Bearer	Grand Sword Bearer	Grand Warder
1997	*Richard H. Palm	*Arthur D. Michael, Jr	David M. Snyder Sr	*Bruce "D" Basil
1998	*Richard H. Palm	David M. Snyder, Sr	*Bruce "D" Basil	Burch E. Zehner
1999	*Richard H. Palm	*Bruce "D" Basil	Burch E. Zehner	*Richard L. Speer
2000	*Richard H. Palm	Burch E. Zehner	*Richard L. Speer	Richard M Holcombe
2001	*Richard H. Palm	*Richard L. Speer	Richard M Holcombe	Roger D. Kerns
2002	*Richard H. Palm	*Richard L. Speer	Richard M Holcombe	S. Thomas Ramsay
2003	*Richard H. Palm	Richard M Holcombe	S. Thomas Ramsay	*John R. Clime
2004	*Richard H. Palm	S. Thomas Ramsay	*John R. Clime	Thomas R. Jones, Jr.
2005	*Richard H. Palm	Richard J. Herr	*William Grater	Richard E. McMasters
2006	*Richard H. Palm	Richard J. Brady	Darl D. Waltermire	*George T. Rosendaul
2007	*Bruce "D" Basil	*Dennis L. Hughes	Robert A. Oldfather	Larry E. Fisher
2008	*Bruce "D" Basil	Thomas H. Gault, Sr.	*R. Keith O'Dell	Dennis M. Lynch
2009	*Bruce "D" Basil	Gerald G. Pugh	*Mark K. Richards	Ronald L. Vicars
2010	*Bruce "D" Basil	Ronald L. Vicars	*Mark K. Richards	Terry L. Wymer
2011	*Bruce "D" Basil	Terry L. Wymer	Christian M. Beard	Peter J. Uncapher
2012	*Bruce "D" Basil	Christian M. Beard	Martin R. Trent	Andrew Konsol Jr.
2013	Alfred T. Johnson	Martin R. Trent	Richard L. Ganion	John I. Christman
2014	Alfred T Johnson	Robert C Hager	Ralph E McLemore	James M Frazier
2015	Alfred T Johnson	R Thomas Starr	N Lee Peterson	Charles L Collins
2016	Alfred T Johnson	Dale A. Olson	Dale A. Exline	Virgil Mick II
2017	Alfred T Johnson	Richard L Ganion	Dale A Exline	Ronald L Ensell
2018	Alfred T Johnson	Dale A Exline	Ronald L Ensell	Larry A Rentz
2019	Alfred T Johnson	Ronald L Ensell	Larry A Rentz	Larry H Haines
2020	Alfred T Johnson	Larry A Rentz	David A Levitze	Larry E Byer
2021	Alfred T Johnson	Larry H Haines	Richard J Goddard	Perry E Coxson III
2022	Alfred T Johnson	Timothy O Ralston	Dennis M Lynch	Larry E Byer
2023	Alfred T. Johnson	John P. Pience	Michael F. Lindsey	James A Haugen
2024	Alfred T. Johnson	Lloyd W Eichenlaub	Larry E Byer	Michael A Ash

* Deceased

ANNALS OF THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF OHIO GRAND CAPTAIN OF THE GUARD (GRAND SENTINEL)

Year		Year		Year	
1862	*Joseph B. Colvert	1916	*Riley W. Wortman	1970	*Elwood L. Nelson
1863	*Joseph B. Colvert	1917	*Riley W. Wortman	1971	*William J. Faul
1864	*Joseph B. Colvert	1918	*Riley W. Wortman	1972	*Reuben C. Welker
1865	*Jacob Randall	1919	*Riley W. Wortman	1973	*Raymond E. Loose
1866	*Jacob Randall	1920	*Riley W. Wortman	1974	*William Ammer
1867	*Jacob Randall	1921	*Riley W. Wortman	1975	*Kenneth C. Flick
1868	*Jacob Randall	1922	*Riley W. Wortman	1976	*F. Dean Winrod
1869	*Jacob Randall	1923	*Riley W. Wortman	1977	*Frank W. Crane
1870	*Jacob Randall	1924	*Riley W. Wortman	1978	*William C. Hoff
1871	*Jacob Randall	1925	*Robert W. Taylor	1979	*Donald Shoemaker Sr
1872	*Jacob Randall	1926	*Robert W. Taylor	1980	*Arthur S. Holmes
1873	*Jacob Randall	1927	*Robert W. Taylor	1981	*Wilfrid A. Grose, Jr
1874	*Jacob Randall	1928	*Robert W. Taylor	1982	*Franklin S. Harmon
1875	*Jacob Randall	1929	*Robert W. Taylor	1983	*Richard A. Meacham
1876	*Jacob Randall	1930	*Robert W. Taylor	1984	*Richard H. Palm
1877	*Jacob Randall	1931	*Robert W. Taylor	1985	*Paul R. Jellison
1878	*Jacob Randall	1932	*Robert W. Taylor	1986	*R. Dale Long
1879	*Jacob Randall	1933	*Robert W. Taylor	1987	William H. Koon, II
1880	*Jacob Randall	1934	*Robert W. Taylor	1988	*Edward A. Estep
1881	*Jacob Randall	1935	*Robert W. Taylor	1989	*Charles R. Albertson
1882	*Jacob Randall	1936	*Robert W. Taylor	1990	*Ronald R. Ebert
1883	*Jacob Randall	1937	*Robert W. Taylor	1991	Richard L. Weaver
1884	*Jacob Randall	1938	*Robert W. Taylor	1992	Franklin C. Boner
1885	*Jacob Randall	1939	*Robert W. Taylor	1993	*Roy C. Ritter
1886	*Jacob Randall	1940	*Robert W. Taylor	1994	*Arthur D. Michael, Jr
1887	*Jacob Randall	1941	*Chesterfield J. Holley	1995	David M. Snyder, Sr
1888	*Jacob Randall	1942	*Chesterfield J. Holley	1996	*Bruce "D" Basil
1889	*Jacob Randall	1943	*Chesterfield J. Holley	1997	Burch E. Zehner
1890	*Jacob Randall	1944	*Henry A. Senart	1998	*Richard L. Speer
1891	*Jacob Randall	1945	*Henry A. Senart	1999	Richard M. Holcombe
1892	*Jacob Randall	1946	*Henry A. Senart	2000	Roger D. Kerns
1893	*Jacob Randall	1947	*Henry A. Senart	2001	S. Thomas Ramsay
1894	*Jacob Randall	1948	*Henry A. Senart	2002	*John R. Clime
1895	*Jacob Randall	1949	*Henry A. Senart	2003	Richard J. Brady
1896	*Jacob Randall	1950	*Henry A. Senart	2004	*George E. Bickerstaff
1897	*Jacob Randall	1951	*Virgil F. Kent	2005	*John D. Stiteler
1898	*William T. Robbins	1952	*Robert E. Parrish	2006	Kenneth L. Crouch
1899	*William T. Robbins	1953	*Robert E. Parrish	2007	Arnold Fugate
1900	*William T. Robbins	1954	*Robert E. Parrish	2008	*Rene Blankenship
1901	*William T. Robbins	1955	*Robert E. Parrish	2009	*Thomas D. Sibbalds
1902	*George S. McGuire	1956	*John W. Rutschow	2010	Martin R. Trent
1903	*George S. McGuire	1957	*Robert S. Schoedinger	2011	William H. Garrett
1904	*George S. McGuire	1958	*Cecil S. Blair	2012	D. Douglas Dolan
1905	*George S. McGuire	1959	*Ned E. Dull	2013	Robert T. Davis
1906	*George S. McGuire	1960	*Thomas P. Rankin	2014	*George S. Develen
1907	*George S. McGuire	1961	*George W. Davidson	2015	Burrell K. Pettett, II
1908	*George S. McGuire	1962	*Robert H. Emmons	2016	Virgil D. Kline
1909	*George S. McGuire	1963	*Walter E. Drake	2017	Larry A. Rentz
1910	*George S. McGuire	1964	*Parker G. Manning	2018	William A. Parmer
1911	*George S. McGuire	1965	*Lawrence M. Looker	2019	Barry J. Siegel
1912	*George S. McGuire	1966	*George D. Stein	2020	Lloyd W. Eichenlaub
1913	*George S. McGuire	1967	*William D. Coffman	2021	Robert T. Davis
1914	*George S. McGuire	1968	*W. Boyd Sibold	2022	Ronald E. Shaw
1915	*Riley W. Wortman	1969	*Donald W. Anderson	2023	Ronald E. Shaw
2024	Robin P. Leonard				

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2024 Grand Commander and Lady Debbie

2025 Grand Commander



2025 Grand Commander and Lady Judy

2024 Grand Officers



Front: Timothy O Ralston, GJW; Larry A Rentz, GCG; Dale A Exline, DGC; Richard L Ganion, GC; Ronald L Ensell, GG; Larry H Haines, GSW and Ronald R Richardson, GP
Back: Robert C Hager, AGR; Ronald E Shaw, GS; Michael F Lindsey, GSwB; Alfred T Johnson, GR; Randy A Williams, GT; John P Pience, GStB; James A Haugen, GW and Robert E Lindsey, GAide

Ladies of the 2024 Grand Officers



Front: Sandy Ralston, Rachel Rentz, Judy Exline, Debbie Ganion, Kim Haines and Sarah Richardson
Back: Delphine Hager, Cathy Shaw, Cathy Lindsey, Marion Johnson, Debbie Williams, Teresa Pience, Joyce Haugen and Marsha Lindsey

2025 Grand Officers



Front: Michael L Hines, GP; John P Pience, GJW; Larry H Haines, GCG; Ronald L Ensell, DGG; Dale A Exline, GC; Larry A Rentz, GG; Timothy O Ralston, GSW; and Randy A Williams, GT
Back: Stephen E Roth, GAide; George E Moore, GM; Michael A Ash, GW; Lloyd W Eichenlaub, GStB; Alfred T Johnson, GR; Larry E Byer, GSwB; Robin P Leonard, GW; Robert C Hager, AGR and Mark S Mooney, GAide



Front: Teresa Pience, Kim Haines, Judy Exline, Rachel Rentz, Sandy Ralston and Debbie Williams
Back: Traci Roth, Tricia Eichenlaub, Marion Johnson, Lisa Byer, Ann Leonard and Delphine Hager

2024 Division Commanders and Ladies



Larry E Byer, Joshua Grove and Stephen E Roth



Lisa Byer, Mindy Grove and Traci Roth

2025 Division Commanders and Ladies



John P Pience, William Windnagel, Timothy O Ralston, Randy A Williams, Larry E Byer and Joshua J Grove



Charlene Windnagel, Sandy Ralston, Debbie Williams, Lisa Byer and Mindy Grove

2024 Deputy Division Commanders and Ladies



**William Windnagel, Kyle J Binkley and David S Howe
Gary A Coleman, David P Welch, David P Dauterman and Ronald B Lankford**



Charlene Windnagel and Erin Howe

2024 Deputy Division Commanders and Ladies



John M and Debra Goins, Walter C and Jenna Johnston, Benjamin and Samantha Okwumab ua, Matthew G and Diane Gloor and David S and Erin Howe

Ritual Competition Results

5th Libation

Stephen E. Roth	Findlay No. 49	1 st
Chris F. Schick	Mansfield No. 21	2 nd
Carl C. Keller	Reed No. 6	3 rd

Ode to the Skull

Thomas A. Gartner	St. Luke's No. 34	1 st
H. Mac Hared	Hanselmann No. 16	2 nd
Timothy D. Ohm	Mount Vernon No. 1	3 rd

Flag Lecture

Richard A. Roe	Marietta No. 50	1 st
Thomas A. Gartner	St. Luke's No. 34	2 nd
Ronald C. Nischwitz	Sidney No. 46	3 rd

Junior Warden's address

Richard A. Roe	Marietta No. 50	1 st
Chris F. Schick	Mansfield No. 21	2 nd
Ronald L. Ensell	Columbian No. 52	3 rd

Prelate's Address

Clifford J. Askey	Cuyahoga Falls No. 83	1 st
James M. Carlson	Raper No. 19	2 nd
Andrew McConnell	Reed No. 6	3 rd

Drill Results	Captain	Team	Captain	
C-15 Field				
1 st - West Central Div.	Stewart		857	36
D-7 Field				
1 st – Marietta 50	Miller		918	36
2 nd – Palestine 33	Stewart		913	8
3 rd – Findlay 49	Eakin		904	36
4 th – Eagle 29	Johnson		884	28
5 th – Sidney 46	Stiltner		857	73
6 th – Warren 39	Goddard		847	73
7 th – Canton 38	Haines		813	128
C-6 Asylum				
1 st – Valley 80	Fair		906	57
D-6 Asylum				
1 st – Defiance 30	Cripps		973	24
2 nd – Medina 84	Gregory		964	26
3 rd – Bryan 74	Miller		963	20
4 th – East Central Div.	French		947	44
5 th – Columbus 69	Adams		890	95
Ned E. Dull Drill Captain's Award				
Zac Stewart	Palestine 33			
Joseph J Fair	Valley 80			
Steve Miller	Bryan 74			
Bruce Basil Drill Captain's Award				
Dave Miller	Marietta 50			
Tim Adams	Columbus 69			



West Central Division First Place C-15 Field



Marietta Commandery No. 50 First Place D-7 Field



Palestine Commandery No. 33

Second Place D-7 Field



Findlay Commandery No. 49

Third Place D-7 Field



Eagle Commandery No. 29

Fourth Place D-7 Field



Sidney Commandery No. 46

Fifth Place D-7 Field



Warren Commandery No. 39

Sixth Place D-7 Field



Canton Commandery No. 38

Seventh Place D-7 Field



Valley Commandery No. 80

First Place C-6 Asylum



Defiance Commandery No. 30

First Place D-6 Asylum



Medina Commandery No. 74 – Second Place D-6 Asylum



Bryan Commandery No. 74 – Third Place D-6 Asylum



East Central Division – Fourth Place D-6 Asylum



Columbus Commandery No. 69 – Fifth Place D-6 Asylum



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