

**GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF
INDIANA**

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168th CONCLAVE DIGEST

The 168th Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Indiana, was held at the Courtyard Hotel and Conference Center, Muncie, Indiana on April 29, 2022. The Sir Knights of Fort Wayne Commandery No. 4, the Commandery of the Right Eminent Grand Commander, served as hosts for the Conclave.

On Friday morning, the lines were formed, under the direction of S. K. Douglas Smith of Sidney Commandery #45 of Sidney, OH. Sir Knight Edward Fodrea, Right Eminent Grand Commander and his Officers assumed their offices.

The Grand Commander then introduced his officers as listed below:

V. E. Deputy Grand Commander Phillip D. Whisner
Grand Generalissimo Randal Ellington
Grand Captain General Randy Darling
Grand Treasurer Bobby J. Frazer, KCT, PGC
Grand Recorder Lawrence Williams, KCT, PGC
Grand Senior Warden Joseph Sparks
Grand Junior Warden Dominic Hamblin
Grand Prelate Danny Paterson
Grand Standard Bearer Jonathan McCracken
Grand Sword Bearer Shelby Olvey
Grand Warder Douglas Patmore
Grand Sentinel Mark Elder

The Distinguished Guests were received as follows under the direction of Sir Knight Paul Friend, KCT, PGC,

The Past Grand Commanders of Indiana were received and introduced. They included: SK Ronald D. Simpson, Paul W. Friend, George A. Ingles, Jr., Rodney Mann, James L. Dove, Jack Wallace, Michael D. Ritter, Donald Olvey, Michael F. Robbins

The Past Grand Commanders of Indiana then assisted in the following introductions.

Scott Sacek was introduced as an Aide to the Grand Commander

Deputy Battalion Commanders present were introduced, Arthur Tuesburg, Battalion #1, Jeffery Prairie Battalion #3, Christopher Thomas, Battalion #3

Knight Templar Cross of Honor: Carson Smith, Michael Rohrbaugh, Douglas E. Smith of Ohio Companion and Sir Knight Martin Evens PGHP, Grand Governor, York Rite Colleges of Indiana.

Companion and Sir Knight James Fairchild, Most Excellent Grand High Priest of Royal Arch Masons of Indiana, PGHP, and the officers of the Grand Chapter were received and introduced W. Kris Phillips, PGHP and REG Secretary, Steve Maxwell, PGHP, Dennis Schraeder Sr. RE Grand King, Matthew Lowe, KYCH RE Grand Scribe, David Leach Grand Master of the 1st Veil, Graig Huber Grand Master of the 2nd Veil, Brian Hooten Grand Chaplin, Joseph H. Villarreal Excellent Grand Captain of the Host, Timothy R. Brinkmeyer Excellent Grand Royal Arch Captain

Companion and Sir Knight Sean Jones, Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Cryptic Masons of Indiana was introduced and his Officers, David W. Miller Deputy Grand Master, James Catania, RIG PCW, Edwin Board, PMIGM, Terry Smith, PMIGM David Ulrich PMIGM and Grand Recorder, Charles Wood Jr. PMIGM and Ass. Grand Recorder, James Davis RIG Captain of the Guard, W. Keith Stiner, RIG Steward, Phillip Stroud, Grand Chaplin, Charles R. Bowling, Grand Lecturer, Bruce Bush Arch 1 Officer, Barry Clouser Arch 3 Officer, Frank Capler, Jr. Arch 4 Officer, Terry L. Smith PMIGM of Michigan

The following Officers of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Indiana were present Richard Elman PGM and Grand Secretary, John Bridegroom KCT, Junior Grand Deacon

Visiting Grand Officers from other jurisdictions included:

From Kentucky; Michael Yount Grand Generalissimo

The visiting Past Grand Commanders present were introduced as follows: SK Alfred T. Johnson KCT HPGC and Grand Recorder of Ohio, SK Robert Hager KCT, PGC and Associate Grand Recorder of Ohio, SK John E. Porritt, Michigan

Visiting Grand Commanders from other Jurisdictions were greeted as follows: SK George Edminton, KCT, Ohio; SK Joseph P. Giles, Kentucky; SK Gary L. Paquet, Michigan; SK John M. Sansone, Illinois.

SK Steven J. Barton, and SK Larry W. Brown, Past East Central Department Commanders

SK Martin Trent., REDC for the East Central Department of the Grand Encampment, United States of America were received.

SK Duane L. Vaught GCT, Past Most Eminent Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, Knights Templar of the United States of America

The Inspecting Officer was SK David Kussman, GCT, Most Eminent Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, Knights Templar of the United States of America, and Aide Jon Spann

SK and Brother Richard L. Lentz, Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Indiana and the personal Representative of Danny Martin the Most Worshipful Grand Master was received and introduced.

The Grand Commander thanked the Captain of the Escort and the Sir Knights forming the lines, a hardy thank-you was given from those present. He then ordered the Captain of the Escort to dismiss the escort. The guests were then excused. After the opening the preliminary report of the Credentials Committee was called for and a quorum was present. All Commanderies were represented. The Grand Commander then declared the Indiana Grand Commandery duly convened for the 168th Grand Conclave.

A Welcome address was given by the Commander of Fort Wayne No. 4, SK Russell Greim and a response from the Grand Commandery was given by Deputy Grand Commander SK Phillip Whisner.

The Grand Commander called for the minutes from the 167th Grand Conclave. A motion was made, and the minutes were approved as distributed.

Jurisprudence: Presented a motion to receive the preprinted reports in the Advanced Proceedings with some exceptions.

Grand Commander: The Grand Commander presented his allocution.

The Jurisprudence Committee move to accept the report and be place in Divisions and References.

Grand Representatives: Roll call of Grand Representatives showed that 32 were present, 17 were absent, 1 were excused and 0 positions open.

Grand Recorder: The Grand Recorder reported that there were 116 Knightings this Templar year on the flip side we lost 101 Sir Knights due to deaths, 98 to Demits, and 70 to Suspensions. As can be seen from the above numbers we need to address Demits and Suspensions

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

Charters and Dispensations: Reported Connersville Commandery No. 4 merged with Richmond Commandery No. 8

Holy Land Pilgrimage: The Holy Land Pilgrimage Committee reported that the Holy Land Pilgrimage trip was canceled do the Covid outbreak.

There are three (3) Paster who have been approved for the trip, they are:

Reverend Nick Miller

Reverend Thomas Adamson

Reverend Christopher Ruder

All three are looking forward to making the trip when the trips resume.

Trustees: The Permanent fund is invested with Morgan Stanley in a moderate growth account with a ten-year investment horizon. As of April 29, 2022:

Permanent Fund	\$623,281.14
Newby/Avery Fund	\$ 11,417.79
Life Membership Fund	<u>\$ 8,861.89</u>
Total	\$643,560.82

Necrology: The report of the Necrology Committee paid tribute to those 101 Sir Knights who have passed to their eternal rest. After Grand Prelate Charles King gave his report,

SK Steve Barton KCT, PECDC, PGC read a eulogy in memory of Sir Knight Dennis R. York, GPE, PGHP

SK Duane Vaught MEPGM of the Grand Encampment, PGC and PGM, read a eulogy for Sir Knight Irvin L. Bitting, KCT, PGC.

SK Larry Brown, KCT, PECDC, PGC read the eulogy for William Jackson Jones, MEPGM of the Grand Encampment

SK Rodney Mann PGC, PGM read the eulogy for PMWGM John E. Grein

Education Foundation: The Education Funds held by the Grand Encampment for the Indiana Division started out with a balance of \$248,471.00. After 9, \$1,000.00 scholarships were awarded by this committee and earnings received from the Grand Encampment, there is a balance of \$261,388.00 in the Education Fund.

Crusader: The official Conclave Program Book, “The Templar Crusader”, was again successful, and Angola Commandery No. 45 received the traveling award for selling the most ads.

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

Phillip D. Whisner, KTCH, GC
Randal Ellington, GPE, DGC
Randy Darling, GG
Joseph Sparks, GCG
Dominic Hamblin, GSW

Jonathan McCracken, GJW
Robert J. Frazer, KCT, PGC, GT
Edward Fodrea, KCT, PGC, GR
James L. Dove, KCT, PDC was elected
Grand Trustee for a term of 3 years

Grand Commander-elect Phillip Whisner, then announced the following appointments:

Archie Smallwood, PGC, GP
Dathan Reed, GStdBr
Scott Sacek, GSwdBr
Douglas Patmore, GW

Mark Elder, GS
Tony Peterson, KTCH, KCT, GPE, GM
Michael Robbins, KCT, PGC, GIG

Finance: SK Rodney Mann KCT, PGC, PGM gave a presentation on the finances of the Grand Commandery. The finance committee is recommending no change to the present assessment. In summary, the per capita now looks like this:

Grand Commandery: \$12.50.

Grand Encampment: \$ 9.00

Eye Foundation: \$ 1.00 (not assessed if member is a Life Member of the Eye Foundation).

LEGISLATION PASSED or FAILED or WITHDRAWN

PROPOSAL NO.: 22-01 - PASSED

Proposed Addition of Section 935 page 35 of the Grand Commandery of Indiana Laws

TEMPLAR APRONS

SECTION 937: TEMPLAR APRON

The Templar Apron may only be worn with an approved Templar Uniforms:

- Regulation Uniform
- Summer Uniform
- Cap and Mantle
- Ceremonial Uniform

A. **Traditional Apron:** A Traditional Templar Apron shall conform substantially in design to the images below left. It shall be trimmed in gold for Sir Knights of the rank of Commander or Past Commander and above, and in silver for Sir Knights below the rank of Commander.

B. **A Traditional Templar Apron may only be worn in an Asylum or other private setting where only Knights Templar are present.**



C. Contemporary Apron: Contemporary Templar Apron shall conform substantially in design to the image above right. It shall be trimmed in gold for Sir Knights of the rank of Commander or Past Commander and above, and in silver for Sir Knights below the rank of Commander.

D. Contemporary Templar Apron may be worn in both private and public settings. It is permissible to manufacture an apron so that it is reversible with the Traditional Apron on one side and the Contemporary Apron on the other.

E. Masonic Lodge: If a Sir Knight appears in uniform in a Tiled, Masonic Lodge, he may wear such apron as is in accord with local Masonic custom or approved by the presiding officer.

Respectfully submitted,
Joseph Sparks GSW

PROPOSAL NO: 22-02 - PASSED

Proposed Amendment to Section 920 page 24 of the Grand Commandery of Indiana Laws PROPOSED CHANGE TO SECTION 920

CURRENTLY READS

SECTION 920: Only Templar jewels are to be worn on the Templar Uniform. Meritorious Jewels, Badge of Commanderies and Malta Jewel shall be worn on the left breast welt, placed in the order named and spaced 1/8" apart. If the Malta Jewell only is worn, it shall be centered horizontally on the welt. The top of jewel/jewels are to be even with the top edge of the welt. Jewels of office may also be worn suspended from a black neck cord or silver chain. United States Armed Forces Service Bar as applicable to active military veterans shall be centered above jewels worn. (April 2007) Sir Knights who have been awarded the Distinguished Service Award may wear a service bar of white bearing a gold star thereon in lieu of the approved jewel. If worn, it shall be centered above jewels worn. If worn in conjunction with the United States Armed Forces Service Bar, then the two service bars shall be centered above jewels worn. (1992)

Provided also, that the jewels of the officers and Past Grand Commanders of this Grand Commandery may be worn on a collar of a design as may from time to time be approved, while appearing in civilian dress and representing the office to which the wearer had been duly elected or appointed. (April 2019)

Provided also, that the Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Indiana, may wear as a part of his official uniform, the double red cordon for the Grand Commander's Jewel.

The Jewel of the Office of Past Grand Command may be worn suspended from a heavy, royal purple silk cord with swivel; the cord to have a tassel at the ends to be held together by sliding holders with rosette; the cord to have a total length of sixty-four inches. (April 2019)

CHANGED TO READ

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Respectfully Submitted

Rodney Mann KGT, PGC, PGM

PROPOSAL NO: 22-03 – RETURNED TO COMMITTEE

Proposed Amendment to Section 920 (d) page 26-27 of the Grand Commandery of Indiana Laws

The committee would like to submit the following upgrades to the Knight Templar uniform: The Class A uniform, the left side above the pocket welt would consist of a total of 3-rows of bars/ribbons. Each row may have a bar holder that would hold 2-3 bars each depending on what you were qualified to wear. Such as there are a total of 8 bars you are allowed to wear and if you qualified to wear all 8 then you would have a top row of 2-bars followed below by two rows of 3 bars all sliding into a new bar holder designed to keep all these ribbons/bars in a neat straight line. The Bars/ Ribbons that you are eligible to wear are as follows in order of precedence.

1. Military
2. MSA
3. DSA
4. Past Commander Assoc.
5. Ritual
6. Mentor
7. Holy land
8. ITA

If you only have one bar you would center that above the pocket welt. Two bars also one row centered above the pocket welt. Three bars all centered above the pocket welt, four bars one on top centered three below the one centered above the pocket welt.

On the pocket welt you are allowed to wear 3-jewels, they must be centered on the welt, three jewels and three only. If you have a bar/ribbon that corresponds with a jewel you cannot wear both you must decide which one you want to wear either as a bar or jewel. The jewels you are allowed to wear are as follows:

1. Malta
2. Red Cross
3. Drill Bars
4. Officer Jewel
5. Past Commander
6. DSA
7. KTCH
8. Mentor
9. Holy Land

10. Past Commander Assoc.

The committee would also like to amend section 920 on the Past Commanders Assoc. Jewel, to state that the accepted members jewel or bar of that organization is authorized to be worn on the standard dress uniform.

BAR PLACEMENT



BARS AVAILABLE

RITUAL BARS



YORK RITE SERVICE BARS



DSA BAR



MILITARY SERVICE BAR



ITA BAR



MENTOR BAR



PAST COMMANDERS ASSOC. BARS



HOLYLAND PILGRIMAGE BARS



PROPOSAL NO: 22-04 – PASSED

Proposed Addition of Section 920 (e) page 27 of the Grand Commandery of Indiana Laws

SECTION 920 (e)

ADD Section 920 (e)

Grand Encampment Crusaders Cross.

The uniform committee would like to propose the following resolution.

As we are in full support of the Grand Encampment Eye Foundation Crusaders cross program, we find it necessary to define where the award should be worn. It shall be worn on the right side of standard uniform one inch above the line across from the top of pocket welt. Or if an optional name tag is worn one inch above the name tag.

Respectfully Submitted

Randy Darling GCG
Uniform Chairman

PROPOSAL NO: 22-05 - Passed

Proposed addition to Section 920 page 27 of the Grand Commandery of Indiana Laws

The purpose of this program is to increase membership in the York Rite. Not just in quantity but in quality. We often find ourselves signing petition after petition and steering the candidates to the Tri-State Festival to quickly and easily get them Knighted. Oftentimes that is where it ends. Without a solid mentor, the new Sir Knight struggles to find his way in the York Rite and does not fully participate in our order.

This program is designed to increase membership by challenging every Sir Knight in Indiana to find just one Master Mason to introduce to the York Rite and to Mentor him through the process. There will be a new jewel/bar created that may be worn on your uniform for successfully completing this program. If approved this program will begin in April after the 2022 Grand Conclave.

In order to qualify for the Mentor Jewel, you must Top Line Sign a Candidate's Petition and carry it to your local York Rite. After a successful vote you must then assist the Candidate in receiving the ~~degrees in Chapter, Council, and~~ Orders of the Commandery. This can be accomplished by traveling with your Protegee to attend ~~degrees~~ Orders presented singularly or to attend Classes to receive ~~degrees~~ Orders in a group.

After your Protegee is Knighted, you will then have several milestones to achieve with the new Sir Knight.

The following list is a first attempt at criteria for earning the Mentor Jewel. The Grand Commandery and the State Membership Chairmen will determine the final criteria to be presented to the Grand Commander for approval.

Things to achieve during the first year of Knighthood:

- Explain the signs and words and have the Sir Knight commit all to memory for and Commandery.
- Attend with your Protegee at least two meetings for Commandery.
- Visit another York Rite for a Stated Meeting.
- Put together a Commandery Uniform, either through purchase, the Quartermaster, or a combination of both.
- Attend at least one Grand Event.
- Attend at least one Commandery Inspection
- Explain the structure of each body, i.e., Grand Master of Grand Encampment, Grand Commander, Eminent Commander, etc.
- Commit to memory the 11 offices of the Commandery and plot them on a chart. Match the Jewel to the Office.
- Understand the Commandery structure, Battalion, Division, etc.
- Learn proper sword use – Learn the Sword Manual
- Other criteria to be determined



Jewel or bar to be worn as prescribed in jewel/bar section.

Respectfully Submitted

Jan Henline PC, Membership Chair

PROPOSAL NO: 22-06 – RETURNED TO COMMITTEE

Proposed Amendment to Section 920 (c) page 26 of the Grand Commandery of Indiana Laws

CURRENTLY READS

SECTION 920 (c): (RESOLUTION 9) the accepted member's jewel or past knight commander's jewel of that organization is authorized to be worn on the standard dress uniform. (Adopted 2001)

PROPOSED CHANGE

SECTION 920 (c): (RESOLUTION 9) the accepted member's jewel or past knight commander's jewel of that organization is authorized to be worn on the standard dress uniform. (Adopted 2001)

In leu of jewel a bar may be worn as prescribed.

PAST COMMANDERS ASSOC. BARS



Past Commander of Assoc.



Member

PROPOSAL NO: 22-07 – RETURNED TO COMMITTEE

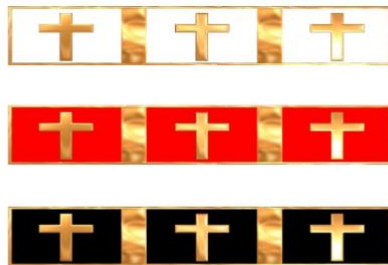
**Proposed Addition to Section 920 (c1) page 24
of the Grand Commandery of Indiana Laws**

Holy Land Pilgrimage Jewel 920 (c1)

In order to promote certain advantages for the welfare of the Grand Commandery in general, the Constituent Commanderies and Sir Knights in particular, there is hereby submitted to this Grand Commandery Conclave a proposal to establish a "HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE JEWEL" for the Grand Commandery of Indiana. (A) The Jewel should be presented only in consideration of loyal and financial support to the Holy Land Pilgrimage program. There is three level of support 1) \$250.00 2) \$500.00 3) \$1000.00. For a donation of two hundred and fifty dollars the donor shall receive a jewel with a black ribbon. For a donation of five hundred dollars the donor shall receive a jewel with a white ribbon. For a donation of one thousand dollars of more the donor shall receive a jewel with a red ribbon. The donation will be accumulative totals. In lieu of jewel the donor may wear the bar. See below



HOLYLAND PILGRIMAGE BARS



\$250.00	\$500.00
\$1000.00	Black

SECTION 920 (d) (RESOLUTION No. 10) WEARING OF JEWELS A person may not simultaneously wear more jewels than can be fit in a single line in the appropriate place on the standard Templar Uniform. For many Sir Knights this entails choosing which jewels to wear or omit. Any jewels that are worn should be in the following sequence from the wearer's right to left. The wearer's right is the edge closest to the center of the uniform front. Centered above the jewels, a Sir Knight may wear approved service bars. Only three bars may be worn in a row, but multiple rows are permitted. Service bars should be worn in the order listed from the top rows down and from the wearer's right to left. Thus, if multiple rows are worn, the highest ranked bars are in the top row.

JEWELS

1 Jewels of Office

- a) Grand Commandery Office
- b) Past Grand Commander
- c) Grand Prelate Emeritus
- d) Knight Templar Cross of Honor
- e) Grand Encampment Membership Jewel
- f) Constituent Commandery Office
- g) Past Commander

2 Meritorious jewels

- a) Past Commander's Association
- b) Distinguished Service Award
- c) Triennial Drill Bars
- d) State Drill Bars

3 Commandery Badges

- a) Grand Commandery Badge
- b) Constituent Commandery Badge
- c) Commandery Badge (Actual membership) (Honorary membership)
- ADD d) Holy Land Jewel

4 Malta Jewel

5 Red Cross Jewel

6 Service Bars (Adopted 2001)

- a) Armed Forces Service Bar
- b) Masonic Service Award
- c) Distinguished Service Award
- d) Ritualistic Award (April 2013)
- e) Indiana Templar Academy

ADD f) Holy Land Bar

Randy Darling GCG
Uniform Chairman

Proposal No: 22-08 – PRINTER’S ERROR – NO ACTION NEEDED

**Proposed Changed to Section 950
of the Laws
of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Indiana**

To the Right Eminent Grand Commander Edward Fodrea, Past Grand Commander’s, Grand Officers and the Sir Knights of the Grand Commandery of Indiana All,

Section 950 currently reads:

SHOULDER STRAPS FOR DIAS OFFICERS

SECTION 950: Eminent Commander: Emerald-green silk velvet, one and three-quarter to two inches wide by four inches long, bordered with one row of embroidery of gold bullion or gold Mylar 1/4 to 3/8 inch wide. A passion cross with a halo embroidered of silver shall be in the center. (April 2013) GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF INDIANA Generalissimo: During his incumbency in office - the same color as for Commander, with Square surmounted with the Paschal lamb in place of Passion cross. Captain General: During his incumbency in office - the same color as the Commander, with Level surmounted with the Cock in place of the Passion cross. Past Commanders: The same as for Eminent Commanders, except that the color shall be of bright red.

New Proposed Amendment shall read:

SHOULDER BOARDS FOR PAST AND PRESENT OFFICERS OF THE
GRAND COMMANDERY AND CONSTITUENT COMMANDERY’S

SECTION 950: Grand Commandery Officer Shoulder Boards: shall be of red silk velvet, one and three-quarter to two inches wide by four inches long, bordered with one row or two rows of embroidery of gold bullion or mylar 1/4 to 3/8 inch wide with a one-inch square malta cross (with or without a jewel) embroidered in gold bullion or mylar that shall be in the center. Past Deputy Grand Commander’s, Past Grand Generalissimo’s and Past Captain Generals are eligible to wear the Red Grand Commandery shoulder boards as long as they have completed that term of office. Past Grand Commander Shoulder Board shall be of purple silk velvet, one and three-quarter to two inches wide by four inches long, bordered with one row or two rows of embroidery of gold bullion or mylar 1/4 to 3/8 inch wide with a one-inch square malta cross (with or without a jewel) embroidered in gold bullion or mylar that shall be in the center. Grand Prelate Emeritus or Past Grand Prelate’s Shoulder Boards shall be either the Red Grand Commandery Shoulder Boards with the gold embroidered malta cross with or

without the letters of GPE in gold embroidery below it or with an embroidered set of gold triple triangles with the letters GPE in gold embroidery under them.

Constituent Commandery Shoulder Boards: Eminent Commander: During his incumbency in office – Emerald-green silk velvet, one and three-quarter to two inches wide by four inches long, bordered with one row of embroidery of gold bullion or mylar 1/4 to 3/8 inch wide. A Passion Cross embroidered of silver bullion or mylar, in the center; Cross to be one and one-half inches in height, Cross arm to be in proportion to height of Cross. Generalissimo: During his incumbency in office - the same color as for Commander, with Square surmounted with the Paschal lamb in place of Passion cross. Captain General: During his incumbency in office - the same color as the Commander, with Level surmounted with the Cock in place of the Passion cross. Past Commanders: The same as for Eminent Commanders, except that the color shall be of bright red and the passion cross be embroidered with gold bullion or mylar with rays shall be in the center.



Fraternally Submitted by,
Randal P. Ellington, GPE, GG
Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Indiana

PROPOSAL NO: 22-09 – PRINTER’S ERROR – NO ACTION NEEDED

Proposed Amendment to Section 955 page 29 of the Grand Commandery of Indiana Laws

To the Right Eminent Grand Commander Edward Fodrea, Past Grand Commander’s, Grand Officers and the Sir Knights of the Grand Commandery of Indiana All,

Section 955 currently reads:

CAPE FOR SIR KNIGHTS, GRAND OFFICERS AND PAST GRAND OFFICERS

SECTION 955: Cut circular, with fly front, closed with plain black button Black Velvet collar. No crosses on collar. Collar fastened with hook and eye in front. No loop at collar. The cape to

be made of black cloth, lined with fine black satin. On the left breast a silver or gold cross according to rank, size four inches square.

For Grand Officers - Same as above except Templar cross on the breast of red silk velvet and lined with red silk.

For Past Grand Officers - Same as above but with Templar Cross being purple silk velvet and lined with purple silk

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For Past Grand Officers ~~Officers~~ Commander's - Same as above but with Templar Cross being purple silk velvet and lined with purple silk

Fraternally Submitted by,

Randal P. Ellington, GPE, GG
Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Indiana

PROPOSAL NO: 22-10 – PASSED

Proposed Amendment to Section 780 page 17 of the Grand Commandery of Indiana Laws

To: The Grand Commander, Grand Officers and members of the Grand Commandery of Indiana

Subject: Proposed Change to Indiana Laws 780 Educational Foundation Committee

Current Law: SECTION 780: The Educational Foundation Committee shall consist of five members to serve five-year terms of which one will expire each year, one member to be appointed each year at the time of Annual Conclave by the incoming Grand Commander. The Grand Commander serving will make appointments to fill any vacancies for the unexpired portion of the term and may replace any member of the Committee but shall not be a member of the Committee. It shall be the duty of this Committee to administer the business of the

Educational Foundation in accordance with the rules and regulations established by the Grand Encampment Educational Foundation, and under the direction of the Grand Commandery.

Propose Changes to the Law: The Educational Foundation Committee shall consist of five members to serve five-year terms of which one will expire each year, one member to be appointed each year at the time of Annual Conclave by the incoming Grand Commander. The Grand Commander serving will make appointments to fill any vacancies for the unexpired portion of the term and may replace any member of the Committee but shall not be a member of the Committee. It shall be the duty of this Committee to administer the business of the Educational Foundation in accordance with the rules and regulations established by the Grand Encampment Educational Foundation, and under the direction of the Grand Commandery.

Committee shall review applications for Scholarship grants for students attending an Indiana Credible College/University and request a distribution of the funds from the Grand Encampment. Student applicants must be a Daughter, Son, Granddaughter, Grandson of an Active Indiana Knight Templar. Applications are to be provided online and filled out and mailed to Committee Secretary by March 1st yearly. Stepchildren also fall into the qualified applicants. The Committee Chairman will report all actions to the Grand Conclave each year.

Respectfully Submitted,
James L. Dove, PGC

Proposal No: 22-11 – WITH DRAWN BY MAKER

Proposed Amendment to Section 654 page 8 of the Grand Commandery of Indiana Laws Updated through April 24, 2021

As written:

REPRESENTATIVES, ECT, AT GRAND ENCAMPMENT CONCLAVES

SECTION 654: Each Grand Officer who is an official delegate or his proxy and each Past Grand Commander who shall be present in attendance at, and representing this Grand Commandery, in the Grand Encampment of the United States, shall be entitled to receive from the funds in the hands of the Grand Treasurer of this Grand Commandery Five Dollars for each day spent in officially attending the Conclaves of the Grand Encampment, also the further sum of Five cents per mile for each mile necessarily traveled by the most direct route from a place in Indiana going to and returning from such Conclaves PROVIDED, that a past officer of the Grand Commandery, who is already a member of the Grand Encampment, acting as a proxy for an officer of the Grand Commandery to the Grand Encampment shall not receive dual payment for per diem and mileage for attending the Conclaves of the Grand Encampment as such proxy, all

others, either as proxies or members of the Grand Encampment shall receive payment as herein provided.

Changed to Read as Follows:

REPRESENTATIVES, ECT, AT GRAND ENCAMPMENT CONCLAVES
SECTION 654: The Grand Commander, Deputy Grand Commander, Grand Generalissimo and the Grand Captain General or their proxies are the official Representatives of this Grand Commandery and are required to attend the Triennial as such and will have all registration fees and lodging paid from the Triennial Fund referenced in Section 725.

Each Past Grand Commander who shall be present in attendance at, and representing this Grand Commandery, is responsible for their own registration fees and lodging at the Triennial, and shall be entitled to receive from the funds in the hands of the Grand Treasurer of this Grand Commandery Five Dollars a per diem \$45.00 for meals and non-alcoholic beverages each day spent in officially attending the Conclaves of the Grand Encampment, also the further sum of Five cents per mile allowed by the IRS per mile for each mile necessarily traveled by the most direct route from a place in Indiana going to and returning from such Conclaves PROVIDED, that a past officer of the Grand Commandery, who is already a member of the Grand Encampment, acting as a proxy for an officer of the Grand Commandery to the Grand Encampment shall not receive dual payment for per diem and mileage for attending the Conclaves of the Grand Encampment as such proxy, all others, either as proxies or members of the Grand Encampment shall receive payment as herein provided.

The reason for the proposed change is to bring the allowed funds to be brought up to date.

I respectfully move for adoption of the Amendment
Lawrence J. Williams, Grand Recorder
KCT, PGC

Proposal No: 22-12 – WITH DRAWN BY MAKER

**Proposed Amendment to Section 725 page 14
of the Grand Commandery of Indiana Laws
Updated through April 24, 2021**

Currently Reads:

TRIENNIAL COMMITTEE

SECTION 725: At the Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery, next succeeding the Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment, the incoming Grand Commander shall appoint a

Triennial Committee, composed of three members. Said Committee shall be charged with the duties of making all necessary arrangements for quarters for the Grand Commander and the delegates thereof to the Conclave of the Grand Encampment, and shall prepare and have in charge the receptions and entertainment given by the Grand Commandery during such Conclaves, and shall arrange for the necessary train service in going to and returning from said Conclaves, and shall, upon request from any Commandery, assist in securing quarters in and transportation to the Triennial City for the purpose of attending any Triennial Conclave Said committee shall appoint one of its members as Treasurer thereof who shall be covered by the blanket bond of the Grand Commandery. At the Annual Conclave next succeeding a Triennial Conclave, said committee shall make a report of its actions and file therewith an itemized statement of the moneys expended by it. The members of the Committee shall receive like mileage and per diem for attending the Triennial Conclave as is received by the representatives of the Grand Commandery, but no one shall receive both mileage and per diem as a member of the Committee and as a representative.

Changed to read as follows:

TRIENNIAL COMMITTEE

SECTION 725: At the Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery, next succeeding the Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment, the incoming Grand Commander shall appoint a Triennial Committee, composed of three members. Said Committee shall be charged with the duties **of creating a budget** for making all necessary arrangements for quarters for the Grand Commander and the delegates thereof to the Conclave of the Grand Encampment, and shall prepare and have in charge the receptions and entertainment given by the Grand Commandery during such Conclaves, and shall arrange for the ~~necessary train service~~ necessary transportation going to and returning from said Conclaves, and shall, upon request from any Commandery, assist in securing quarters in and transportation to the Triennial City for the purpose of attending any Triennial Conclave. **Each Commandry requesting assistance will be responsible for the cost of their transportation and their lodging.**

Said committee shall appoint one of its members as Treasurer thereof who shall be covered by the blanket bond of the Grand Commandery. At the Annual Conclave next succeeding a Triennial Conclave, said committee shall make a report of its actions and file therewith an itemized statement of the moneys expended by it. The members of the Committee shall receive like mileage and per diem for attending the Triennial Conclave as is received by the representatives of the Grand Commandery, but no one shall receive both mileage and per diem as a member of the Committee and as a representative.

ADD: The voting delegates attending the Triennial shall receive mileage allowance (shortest distance from their home at the rate allowed by the IRS) or a per diem of \$45.00 per day for attending the Triennial Conclave as is received by the representatives of the Grand Commandery, but no one shall receive both mileage and per diem as a member of the Committee and as a representative.

The reason for the proposed change is to bring the allowed funds to be brought up to date and clear up some of the language.

I respectfully move for adoption of the Amendment

Lawrence J. Williams, Grand Recorder
KCT, PGC

Honorary Memberships:

The following Sir Knights were presented with Honorary Membership to the Indiana Grand Commandery:

MWGM of the Free and Accepted Mason of Indiana – Danny Martin
MEGM of the Grand Encampment – David Kussman
REGC of Illinois – John Sansone
REGC of Michigan – Gary Paquet
REGC of Kentucky – Joseph Giles
REGC of Ohio – George Edmiston, III
MIGM of the Cryptic Mason of Indiana – Sean Jones

Ritual & Tactics – Changes to Malta – Passed

OPTIONAL FULL CEREMONIAL FOR CONFERRING THE MEDITERRANEAN PASS

[The Candidate, who must be a Companion of the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross, is prepared by being dressed in dark clothing, over which shall be a mantle similar in shape to the Malta mantle, except of white material with the red cross of the Order on the Left breast in red material initialed in green; mantle to be fastened with white cord and tassel. Candidate does not wear a headdress and is girded with sword and belt. He is accompanied by the Marshal to the door of the Guard room, where he makes an alarm of at the door. The Captain of the Outposts, inside, responds in the same manner, opens the door, and passes out.]

C. of O: What do you....

Marshal: A. B., a Companion of the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross....

C. of O: Give me the sign....

[The sign, grip, and word of a Companion of the Bed Cross are given.]

C. of O: You will wait

[Closes door and reports.]

Eminent Prior: A. B., a Companion of the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross....

Prior: Captain of the Outposts, far be it....

C. of O: I can, Eminent Prior.

Prior: Is it your pleasure....

[Knights give assent by holding up the right hand.]

Prior: I declare A. B., a Companion....

C. of O: [At door.] You have permission to enter.

[The Candidate, accompanied by the Marshal, enters and stands west of the Altar.]

Prior: Brother A. B., we have....

Candidate: I am.

Prior: My Brother, do you....

Candidate: I solemnly promise.

Prior: The incidents upon....

[Cast rises with the Chaplain and un-covers.]

Chaplain: Here beginneth the first verse of the twenty-eighth chapter of the Acts of the Apostles (verses 1-6).

Here endeth the first lesson.

[Cast re-covers and is seated.]

Prior: I will now invest....

[Cast rises with the Chaplain and un-covers.]

Chaplain: Here beginneth the twenty-second verse of the twenty-seventh chapter of the Acts of the Apostles (verses 22-25).

Here endeth the second lesson.

[Cast re-covers and is seated.]

Prior: The Password of this degree is....

[A salver is here presented by the Chaplain, upon it a cup of water and two or three small pieces of bread.]

Prior: You will now receive bread from the point of the sword and water from the blade.

[The Prior then takes the sword from the Altar, placing on its point a piece of bread, and presents it to the Candidate, who receives and eats it. The Prior then takes the cup in his left hand, supporting the bottom of it with the blade of the sword, presents it to the Candidate, who takes it in his right hand and thinks from it. The cup is then replaced on the salver.]

Chaplain: May you be kept steadfast in all your solemn professions and blessed in all praiseworthy occupations and undertakings.

Prior: This ceremony constitutes you....

[The Marshal and Candidate

OPTIONAL FULL CEREMONIAL FOR CONFERRING THE KNIGHT OF MALTA FULL CEREMONIAL

At the conclusion of the Mediterranean Pass after the Marshal has retired with the Candidate, the Chapel is restored to the setting used in the Opening. Banners are replaced, candles are re-lighted, and the tables are put in order with the swords in proper position. The Altar with the New Testament open at 19th Chapter of John, and with Cross, sword, crucifix and kneeling cushion is placed, as shown in figure 1.

When all is in readiness, the officers seated at the tables, the Banner Guards and Banner Bearers seated in their stations, the cue is given for the Marshal and the Candidate, costumed as in the preceding degree, to make an alarm at the door.

[The Prior, with the officers, seat themselves at the tables in the East and West, the Banner Guards and Banner Bearers take stations. The Marshal, with the Candidate costumed as in the preceding degree, makes an alarm of at the door.]

C. of O.: Eminent Prior, there is an alarm....

Prior: Captain of the Outposts, ascertain the....

*[C. of O. goes to the door, responds to the alarm, gives knocks *** ** opens the door and passes out.]*

C. of O.: Who....

Marshal: A worthy Knight of the Mediterranean Pass....

C. of O.: Has he the necessary....

Marshal: He has.

C. of O.: Give me the Sign, *[Done]* Let him wait until his *[C. of O. returns to Priory]*

C. of O.: Eminent Prior, the alarm was caused....

Prior: Has he answered....

C. of O.: He has and has given me....

Prior: Admit him.

*When the Prior says, "Admit him" the five Ceremonial Banner Guards rise, take one step forward, draw swords, all watching the No. 5 or Yellow Banner for their cues so all can work in unison. When challenging the Candidate, each Banner Guard should use the position of "On Guard". After "You have permission to pass", Guards come to "Carry Swords". When Candidate passes the fifth Guard, all return swords, step back one step, and are seated. All watch the fifth or Yellow Banner for all cues.
[C. of O. opens the door]*

C. of O.: You have permission....

[Marshal and Candidate enter and approach first (white) banner]

Guard: Halt! Who....

Marshal: A friend.

Guard: Advance and....

Marshal: *[In a low tone]* "Birth."

Guard: You have permission....

[They approach the second (red) banner]

Guard: Halt! Who....

Marshal: A friend.

Guard: Advance and give....

Marshal: *[In a low tone]* "Life."

Guard: You have permission....

[They approach the third (black) banner]

Guard: Halt! Who comes there?

Marshal: A friend.

Guard: Advance and....

Marshal: *[In a low tone.]* "Death."

Guard: You have permission....

[They approach the fourth (purple) banner]

Guard: Halt! Who

Marshal: A friend.

Guard: Advance and give....

Marshal: *[In a low tone.]* "Resurrection."

Guard: You have permission to pass.

[They approach the fifth (yellow) banner]

Guard: Halt! Who....

Marshal: A friend.

Guard: Advance and give....

Marshal: *[In a low tone.]* "Ascension."

Guard: You have permission....

[Candidate is conducted west of Altar, facing Prior]

[If the ceremony is accompanied by music, the Candidate should be seated west of the Altar after passing the fifth banner, while the "Kyrie Eleison," "Lord have mercy on us," or some similar selection of sacred music, is sung. At the conclusion of the music the Marshal and Candidate rise.]

Prior: Brother Marshal, what strange

Marshal: A. B., a Knight of St. Paul, or the Mediterranean Pass,....

Prior: Stranger, what proof....

[Candidate, prompted by the Marshal, bows and points to the Cross on his mantle]

Candidate: I have this.

Prior: My brother, is it still your wish....

Candidate: It is.

Prior: My Brother, the request you make....

Candidate: I have none.

The Prior remains seated at the table in the east until the obligation, when he approaches the Altar. During the obligation, all in costume will arise without command and cross their arms on their breasts, right arm uppermost. Watch Maltese banner guard for cue. The arms will be dropped to the sides at the completion of the Obligation, but all should remain standing. When the Prior concludes "Arise, Knight of Malta", all are seated without command.

Prior: You will draw your sword, deposit it on the Altar.... *[Done]* (Priory arise, un-cover.)
You will say "I,"
I..... of my (Priory, re-cover, be seated.)

[Prior takes up the sword and with it gently strikes the Candidate three blows on the right shoulder]

Prior: Let this teach you....

[Lays the sword on the Altar and with the palm of his open hand strikes Candidate slightly on the left cheek]

Prior: Awake! Be not asleep....

Prior: By virtue of the power.... *[Taking him by the right hand]*
We admit you....

[Music appropriate, instrumental, with grand flourish when Candidate is raised by new name.]

Prior: Take up your sword *[Done]* As you have....
During the Investitures, the Chaplain approaches the Prior, first with the taper. He waits, while the Prior gives "The burning taper....". The Chaplain returns to the table and brings forward the Knight of Malta mantle. As the Chaplain returns to the table, the Candidate is divested of the Red Cross Mantle.

Prior: This burning taper....

[The taper is taken away and the Candidate divested of his Red Cross mantle. The Chaplain brings forward the Knight of Malta mantle or cloak and hands it to the Prior. The Prior, pointing to the cross on the mantle]

Prior: My Brother, do you....

Candidate: I do.

[Music: The "Credo," "I believe in God the Father," etc.—should be sung]

Prior: The Cross is also....

[The Prior places mantle on Candidate, tying the mantle about his neck with the white cord, and says]

Prior: By this cord I....

[The Chaplain presents the Cross of the Order, borne upon a black velvet cushion, to the Prior, who places it upon the breast of the Candidate, saying]

Chaplain: I now invest you with....

[Music: "Sanctus," "Holy, HoLy, etc.]

The Chaplain in returning approaches the lectern to be ready to read the first lesson. He returns to his station at the table in the east immediately after reading the last lesson. In other words, he should be seated at his station at the table in the east when the Marshal gives the historical lecture at the table and refers to the first five officers of the Priory.

Prior: Reverend Chaplain, you will....

When the scripture lessons are read, all knights will arise with the Chaplain. The banner guards and banner bearers will draw and present swords and remain so during the reading. Those whose swords are on the tables will cross their arms on their breasts, right arm uppermost. At the conclusion of the reading, swords will be brought to "Carry" and then "Return", and arms will be dropped. All will be seated in unison. Cues are to be taken from the Bearer of The Maltese banner.

Chaplain: Here beginneth the third

[Reads third to eleventh verses, inclusive]

Chaplain: Here endeth the....

[Cast returns swords and is seated]

Prior: My Brother, these virtues....

[Cast arises with Chaplain draw and present swords]

Chaplain: Here beginneth the twenty-fourth verse of the twentieth chapter of the Gospel according to St. John.

[Reads the twenty-fourth to the twenty-ninth verses, in-elusive]

Here endeth the second lesson.

[Cast returns swords and is seated]

Prior: I will now invest you with the Sign, Grip, and Word of the Order....

I will now invest you....

The Grand Hailing sign....

The Grand Word of a Knight of Malta: (*Giving Grand Hailing Sign.*) One says: "Do you come in peace?"

Answer: "We come in peace."

Response: "Then come in peace."

The Grand Token and Word:.... "King of Kings, and Lord of Lords."

Prior: The Passwords of the Order are,.... Reverend Chaplain, you will read another lesson from the Holy Evangelist.

[Cast arises with Chaplain, draw and present swords.]

Chaplain: Here beginneth the nineteenth verse of the nineteenth chapter of the Gospel according to St. John. *[Reads nineteenth verse only.]* Here endeth the third lesson.

[Cast returns swords and is seated]

Prior: The Sacred Word....

[Music: The "Agnus Del"—"Lamb of God, who taketh away the sins of the world," may be sung]

Prior: You will now give your attention....

Prior: Knight Marshal, you will instruct the newly made Knight of Malta.

HISTORICAL AND EXPLANATORY LECTURE

Marshal: My Brother, I will now direct....

The historical and explanatory lecture is begun by the Marshal as the candidate stands at the Altar. When reference is made to the ceremonial banners and the Marshal starts west with the Candidate, the Ceremonial Banner Guards rise, take one step forward, draw swords, and remain at "Carry Swords" until Candidates have passed all five Banners. Then upon cue from the No. 5 Banner, they return swords, step back and are seated.

[They proceed and halt at the first banner, "Birth."]

Banner Guard: This Order was....

[They pass to the second banner, "Life."]

Banner Guard: After a troubled....

[They pass to the third banner, "Death."]

Banner Guard: On the fifth of August....

[They pass to the fourth banner, "Resurrection."]

Banner Guard: During the period from....

[They pass to the fifth banner, "Ascension."]

Banner Guard: On the 24th of.... of the Order.

Lecturer: The number 5 also symbolically reminds us of the passion of our Blessed Savior, and of his five wounds upon the Cross.

The Marshal again conducts the candidate to the west and as they approach the Table in the West, the Number One Knight rises and steps aside as he gives his lecture. All other knights remain seated.

Lecturer: The number is again....

1. A ship....
2. A ladder, with....
3. A hand and a serpent.
4. A human skull, cloven....

Leaving the Table in the West, the Marshal and the Candidate proceed along the north side to the banners of St. John and Malta. As they start toward the east, the two banner bearers, rise simultaneously, take one step forward, draw swords and remain standing at "Carry".

Marshal: I will now direct your attention....

Banner Guard: The Banner of St. John....

Banner Guard: The Maltese Banner....

At conclusion of the Maltese Banner lecture the Marshal conducts the candidate to west of the Altar and the two banner bearers, return swords, step back and are seated.

[Music: Finale, "Gloria in Excelsis," after Rex Regain et Dominus Minorum. If the Prior prefers, the "Gloria" may precede the lecture, though properly it should follow it.]

Prior: And now, my Brother,....

The Prior delivers the welcome address and final lecture to the Candidate and then directs him to be seated. The Marshal conducts the Candidate to a seat on the south side and removes the Malta Mantle and leaves him in charge of a Knight designated for the purpose. The Marshal then approaches his station at the Table in the East, faces West, and is seated.

Prior: Brother Knights, Attention!

When the Prior commands “Brother Knights, Attention!”, all rise, draw swords and come to “Carry”. The Knights at the Tables simultaneously take their swords from the tables and also come to “Carry”.

Prior: ... Let us again lay our swords at the foot....

Continue ritual to page 89, line 15 where the Prior says, “Let us again lay our swords...” all deposit their sword as in the opening and stand in their places with arms crossed on their breasts, right arm uppermost.

Prior: Brothers, resume your arms....

At the conclusion of the prayer, Prior says, “Brothers, resume your arms...” all recover their swords and returns them to their scabbards simultaneously, taking the cue from the Knight Bearer of the Maltese Banner.

Prior and four Officers: You came in peace?

Prior and four Officers at the Table in the East give the first part of the Grand Hailing Sign and after the Knights give the second part in unison, they conclude with the response.

Prior: To the glory of our Blessed Savior....

Prior closes Priory and Captain General informs the Captain of the Outpost to “dismiss the Guard; this Priory of Knights of Malta is closed”.

Cap. Gen.: Captain of the Outpost, you will dismiss....

Without command, the Captain General draws his sword and immediately begins to form the Recessional. See figure 3. All Officers and Knights in the West draw swords. Leaving his station, the Captain General is followed by the Banners of St. John and Malta, and the Marshal. They march west to the east side of the Altar, thence north and west, where the Knights at the Table in the West who have faced outward, fall in behind the Marshal. The Captain of the Outpost falls in behind the Captain General as the Column passes his station headed north. The five Ceremonial Banner Guards also fall in as the Procession passes them. When the Column is all assembled in file in the east facing south, it is halted by the Captain General so all can “close up” and cover

in file accurately. The Processional two step march then begins and all step off with the hesitation step. The Chaplain, carrying the Bible on the cushion, the Lieutenant Commander, and the Prior fall in line as the Processional passes them, and they too pick up the hesitation step.

The Procession marches once around the Chapel and then out the door.

When the Procession has cleared the door, it is shut, and this is the cue for the Acolyte to begin putting out the candles. He starts with the four on the Table in the West and concludes with the two at the Altar. The ceiling lights should be on a dimmer and are lowered as the candles are put out.

When the Acolyte leaves the Chapel, the lights are brought up immediately. A cordial welcome to the Candidate and remarks by the Commander concludes the work. No speeches!

The entire Order of Malta as prescribed in these Tactics can be exemplified in an hour and a half – 90 minutes.

Easter Trip: The bus trip was once again cancelled. However Grand Commander Fodrea and five other Sir Knights made the trip to Washington DC. They stopped in Shanksville, PA at the Flight 93 National Memorial. They also stopped at Valley Forge National Park and had dinner at Medieval Times, a good time was had by all. On Saturday, SK Fodrea laid a Wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington Cemetery. Sunday morning attended the Sunrise Easter Service at the George Washington Masonic Memorial.

Awards Presented:

Star Recorder of the Year 2022

Barry Clouser – Kokomo Commandery #36

J. Rufus Hinshaw Award 2022 – Highest Percentage of Knightings

Grant County #21 – 24%

Grand Commander's Award 2022 – Highest Number of Knightings

Valparaiso #28 with 19 Knightings

Activity Awards (Ribbons) 2022

1. Battalion #1
 - a. Blue Ribbon – Elkhart #31
 - b. Red Ribbon – Valparaiso #28
2. Battalion #2
 - a. Blue Ribbon – Apollo #
 - b. Red Ribbon – Fort Wayne #4
3. Battalion #3
 - a. Blue Ribbon – Grant County #21

- b. Red Ribbon – Noblesville #61
- 4. Battalion #4
 - a. Blue Ribbon – Crawfordsville #25
 - b. Red Ribbon – Frankfort #29
- 5. Battalion #5
 - a. Blue Ribbon – Prather #62
 - b. Red Ribbon - Wm. G. Bray #65
- 6. Battalion #6
 - a. Blue Ribbon – Baldwin # 2
 - b. Red Ribbon – Greenfield #39
- 7. Battalion #7
 - a. Blue Ribbon – Bedford #42
 - b. Red Ribbon – New Albany #5
- 8. Battalion #8
 - a. Blue Ribbon – Wright #64
 - b. Red Ribbon – La Valette #15

Battalion Guidons 2022 – Highest Ritual Score for Battalion

1. Battalion #1 (927) Valparaiso Commandery #28
2. Battalion #2 (1086) Fort Wayne Commandery #4
3. Battalion #3 (626) Grant County Commandery #21
4. Battalion #4 (568) Frankfort Commandery #29
5. Battalion #5 (847) Prather Commandery #62
6. Battalion #6 (639) Greenfield Commandery #39
7. Battalion #7 (876) Bedford Commandery #42
8. Battalion #8 NO SCORES had Battalion Wide Instructional

Grand Commandery Guidon 2022 Highest Ritual Score

Fort Wayne Commandery #4 1086 points

Eminent Commander Certificate of Merit 2022

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|---|--------------------------------------|
| • Vance Brewer – Baldwin #2 | • Bruce Bush – Valparaiso #28 |
| • Jan Henline – Fort Wayne #4 | • Michael Insenhower – Frankfort #29 |
| • Joseph Villarreal – LaPorte #12 | • Ronald Ross – Elkhart #31 |
| • Matthew Lowe – Terre Haute #16 | • Steve Barton – Greenfield #39 |
| • James David – Apollo #19 | • Mark Elder – Noblesville #61 |
| • Steve Bates – Grant County #21 | • Matthew Worland – Prather #62 |
| • Michael Morrison – Crawfordsville #25 | • Robert Addington – Wm. G. Bray #65 |

Competitive Drills: The competitive drills were held on Saturday, April 30th.

The following 3 teams competed in the drills:

- (1) Raper #1 - 1st Place Class “C” 822 Points

- (2) Baldwin #2 - 1st Place Class “D” 939 Points
- (3) Greenfield #39 - 2nd Place Class “D” 923 Points

Pass-in-Review lineup: There were 8 Commanderies present for the Pass & Review

Ritual Award Competition:

- Ode to the Skull – Chris Steel
- Junior Warden Address – Jan Henline
- Sword Presentation – Greg Huber

Installation: The business of the 168th Annual Conclave having been completed, the new officers were installed by S.K. Michael Robbins, KCT, PGC, as Installing Officer, S.K. Tony Peterson, KTCH, KCT, GPE as Installing Marshall, S.K. George Ingles, KCT, PGC, PGM as Installing Recorder, S.K. Jack Wallace, KCT, PGC as Installing Prelate.

The Grand Commander then installed the remaining Aides, DBC’s and other Administrative Officers.

After remarks and introductions by the new Grand Commander Phillip D. Whisner, he then declared the 168th Annual Conclave adjourned.

The Joint Incoming Banquet was held on Saturday evening with over 125 Companions, Sir Knights and their Ladies present. An excellent dinner was enjoyed by all. Several presentations were made by each of the Newly Elected Head Officers of the York Rite,

The 169th Annual Grand Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Indiana will be held at the Marriot East Hotel in Indianapolis, IN on Tuesday, April 25, 2023.

**BATTALION STRUCTURE
2022-23**

Battalion #1

Commander – Scott Sacek

LaPorte #12
Valparaiso #28

Elkhart - #31
Elbert H. Gary #57

Battalion #2

Commander – Dominic Hamblin

Fort Wayne #4
Apollo #19

Huntington #35
Angola #45

Battalion #3

Commander – Dathan Reed

Grant County #21
Anderson #32

Kokomo #31
Noblesville #61

Battalion #4

Commander – Joseph Sparks

Greencastle #11
Terre Haute #16

Crawfordsville #25
Frankfort #29

Battalion #5

Commander – Randy Darling

Greenfield #39
Prather #62

Wm. G. Bray #65
Lackey #67

Battalion #6

Commander – Mark Elder

Raper #1
Baldwin #2

Richmond #8

Battalion #7

Commander – Jonathan McCracken

New Albany #5
Columbus #14

Bedford #42
Bloomington #63

Battalion #8

Commander – Douglas Patmore

La Valette #15
Vincennes #20

Wright #63
Greene County #68

COMMITTEES 2022-2023

APPEALS & GRIEVANCES

Steve Barton, PGC, PDC, KCT -- Chair
Larry Brown, PGC, PDC, KCT
James Dove, PGC, KC
Paul Friend, PGC, KCT

BY-LAWS

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Joseph Sparks, GCG
Edward Fodrea, PGC, KCT, GR

COMPETITIVE DRILLS

William Short, PC -- Chair
Randy Darling, GG
David Miller II, PC
Doug Patmore, GW

CREDENTIALS

Jon McCracken, GJW
Appoint as needed

DISPENSATIONS & CHARTERS

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EASTER SUNRISE TRIP

Tony Peterson, KCT, KTCH, GPE

EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

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James Dove, PGC, KCT
Robert Frazier, PGC, KCT, GT
Terry Kehrer, PGC, KCT

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Phillip Whisner, REGC, KTCH -- Chair
All elected Grand Officers

FINANCE/BUDGET

Mike Robbins, PGC, KCT – Chair (PHIL)
Steve Barton, PGC, PGC, KCT (Randal)
Ed Fodrea, PGC, KCT, GR (Randy)
Robert Frazier, PGC, KCT, GT

GRAND INSPECTOR GENERAL

Mike Robbins, PGC, KCT, GIG
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Larry Williams, PGC, KCT, DGIG

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Dan Patterson, GPE
Doug Patmore, GW
Tony Peterson, KCT, KTCH, GPE

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G: Carson Smith, PC, KCT, KCTH
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Lawrence Williams, PGC, KCT

LEADERSHIP

Larry Williams, PGC, KCT

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Larry Williams, PGC, KCT, 1 year
Dominic Hamblin, GSW, 2 year
Terry Kehrer, 2 year
Ed Fodrea, PGC, KCT, GR 3 year
Jon McCracken, GJW, 3 year

MASONIC HOME NATIVITY SCENE

Joseph Sparks, GCG -- Chair
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Dominic Hamblin, GSW

MASONIC YOUTH

Randall Ellington, VEDGC, GPE

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Phillip D. Whisner, Grand Commander

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