

# Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Indiana



**Bulletin #1 Darling**

**April 28, 2024**

## **170<sup>th</sup> CONCLAVE DIGEST**

The 171<sup>st</sup> Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Indiana was held on April 27, 2024, in Muncie, Indiana.

At 8:00 am, Baldwin Commandery #2 Open their Commandery. Before declaring the Conclave open, the Grand Commander made a few brief opening statements before introducing the following Officers:

### **The Grand Commander introduced his officers:**

V. E. Deputy Grand Commander	Randy Darling
Grand Generalissimo	Joseph Sparks
Captain General	Dominic Hamblin
Senior Warden	Jonathan McCracken
Junior Warden	Joseph Sparks
Grand Prelate	Barry Clouser
Grand Treasurer	Robert Frazer, KCT, PGC
Grand Recorder	Edward Fodrea. KCT, PGC
Grand Standard Bearer	Scott Sacek
Grand Sword Bearer	Douglas Patmore
Grand Warder	Jeffery Prairie
Grand Sentinel	Mark Elder
Grand Organist	

### **Grand Commander introduced the following In State visiting dignitaries:**

Most Excellent Grand High Priest of Indiana Joseph H. Villarreal  
Most Illustrious Grand Master of Indiana James Davis  
Most Eminent Past Grand Master of the Grand Encampment Duane L. Vaught  
Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Free and Accepted Mason of Indiana Gary Brinley

### **Out of State Dignitaries**

Right Eminent Past Grand Commander of Illinois Sir Knight William J. Farris  
Right Eminent Grand Commander of Michigan Sir Knight Darel Winslow  
Right Eminent Grand Commander of Kentucky Sir Knight Marvin S. Blaine  
Right Eminent Grand Commander of Ohio Sir Knight Robert C. Hager, KCT

### **Grand Encampment Officers**

### **Reading of the minutes form the 170<sup>th</sup> Grand Conclave**

The Grand Commander called for the minutes of the 170<sup>th</sup> Conclave. A motion was made by Sir Knight Steven Barton. Past East Central Department Commander and Past Grand Commander, that the Minutes NOT be approved as written until next year due to the fact they were posted late in the year. Motions was seconded and PASSED

Steven Barton. Past East Central Department Commander and Past Grand Commander, Chairman of the Jurisprudence Committee made a motion to receive the preprinted reports in the Advanced Proceedings with some exceptions. Motion was duly seconded and passed.

Grand Commander Ellington presented his allocution. The Jurisprudence Committee move to accept the report and be placed in the Divisions and References.

**Grand Representatives:** were not called upon but were given credit as attending from those who were logged in the meeting. Those who were unable to attend the video meeting were counted as excused.

### **Grand Recorder's Report**

### **Charters and Dispensations**

### **Bylaw Committee Annual Report 2024**

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

Multiple Bylaws and been submitted, reviewed, signed, and sent back to the proper Commanderies at this time. At the time of this report only one Commandery's Bylaws are still being reviewed.

Fraternally & sincerely,  
Randy J. Darling, VEDGC

### **INDIANA GRAND COMMANDERY NECROLOGY REPORT**

#### **2024 Annual Conclave**

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

It is with sadness in my heart that I report that, since our last Annual Conclave, the following Sir Knights have laid down their swords and shields and have passed to the Grand Asylum Above.

As our Lord has greeted these Sir Knights into his all-encompassing love, we should cherish the times we all shared together and remember their families in our personal prayers.

Let Us Pray: Heavenly Father, we thank you for allowing us to be a part of the lives of these Sir Knights that have joined you in the past year. We recognize the loss to their families and to everyone who knew them, but we live with the assurance that their souls reside with you for all eternity, and that we will see them again according to your plan. In Your Son's Holy Name, we pray. Amen.

Respectfully Submitted

Sir Knight Barry Clouser - Grand Prelate

Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Indiana

**PASSINGS**  
**April 1, 2023 – February 29, 2024**

<b>Commandery</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Birth</b>	<b>Passing</b>
Raper #1	Ronald L. Williams	03/26/1951	06/21/2021
	Samuel R. Born, II	04/16/1945	10/23/2023
Baldwin #2	Kenneth L. Bowman	06/26/1929	01/03/2023
Fort Wayne #4	C. Robert Bier	08/18/1939	08/07/2023
	Wayne Ithier	05/03/1948	11/19/2023
	Robert A. McCullough	12/16/1948	03/31/2023
New Albany #5	Warren J. Nelsen	12/16/1927	02/02/2023
Richmond #8	Jeremy T. Woods	11/05/1972	11/27/2022
	Robert E. Napier	10/24/1930	04/10/2023
Greencastle #11	Robert S. Flint	08/21/1925	09/09/2023
	Ralph L. Persinger	07/27/1936	04/06/2023
LaPorte #12	Roy F. Denniston Jr.	01/05/1928	09/21/2022
	J. William Franks	12/25/1929	01/03/2024
Columbus #14	Dennis J. Anness	09/11/1946	06/04/2023
	Charles F. Wolter	05/24/1947	08/08/2023
	Stephen P. Kroman	05/25/1945	04/29/2023
	Marion K. Crum	06/22/1931	12/21/2023
	Ivan D. Lancaster	01/30/1942	12/26/2023
	Rickey W. Bush	04/18/1953	05/20/2022
La Valette #15	Marion L. Brandenberger	07/07/1939	05/10/2023
	Doyne W. Haley	06/07/1932	07/11/2023
	Larry A. Smith	02/07/1925	10/27/2023
Terre Haute #16	Jerry L. Burns	12/05/1942	04/11/2023
	Stephen M. Lewis	10/31/1953	06/27/2023
	Donald L. Weilhamer, Sr.	10/08/1936	09/14/2023
	Carl L. Dougherty	02/25/1953	12/13/2023
	Clifford A. Dunham Jr.	05/02/1947	12/21/2023
	Ronald J. Knopp	10/10/1949	01/05/2024
Apollo #19	NONE REPORTED		
Vincennes #20	Edward L. Sebring	09/25/1946	07/20/2023
	Samuel E. Barnett	08/29/1942	05/29/2023



Grant County #21	NONE REPORTED		
Crawfordsville #25	NONE REPORTED		
Valparaiso #28	Juhn W. King	02/19/1928	08/26/2023
	Robeert F. Gerstenberg	03/22/1951	07/10/2023
	Allen H. Petersen	09/27/1922	06/17/2021
Frankfort #29	Larry D. Shepherd	11/27/1932	07/31/2023
	Thomas Ulrey	08/25/1956	05/04/2023
	William P. Overman	08/20/1925	01/11/2023
	Courtland C. Christner	12/23/1938	10/10/2022
	Richard R. Crum	01/27/1925	11/15/2022
	Edson W. Murry	02/26/1924	11/02/2023
	Gerald T. Sandmann	03/13/1938	08/22/2023
Elkhart #31	Jo C Paxton	08/09/1940	12/12/2022
Anderson #32	Joseph R. Walker	10/15/1936	10/17/2023
	Edwaard A. Harrison	06/26/1928	12/16/2023
Huntington #35	Samuel M. Kaiser	02/20/1930	08/27/2023
Kokomo #36	Robert S. Flint	08/21/1925	09/09/2023
	James E. Harris	03/24/1944	07/02/2023
	Edward L. Baker	12/28/1931	08/27/2023
	Thomas C. Patterson	04/08/1921	12/15/2023
	Sidney L. Kirtley	06/23/1946	01/21/2024
Greenfield #39	Philip B. Alexander	04/14/1940	10/26/2023
	Alvin T. Schoonover	09/20/1967	12/12/2023
	Lance L. Hollan	07/26/1963	01/20/2024
Bedford #42	NONE REPORTED		
Angola #45	Frank M. Sanders	09/10/1935	04/06/2023
	Benjamin R. Helmuth	09/19/1946	08/23/2023
Elbert H. Gary #57	David R. Zimmer	02/19/1963	10/20/2023
	Roger K. Watts	06/03/1948	10/14/2023
	George C. Quigley	06/02/1948	05/09/2023
Noblesville #61	Ricky J. Beaver	03/01/1963	04/05/2023
	Tony S. Peterson	02/08/1969	05/20/2023
Prather #62	Charles L. Crabtree	06/03/1949	05/17/2023
Bloomington #63	Paul G. Morin	04/04/1938	09/01/2022
	Robert R. Carter	03/23/0933	09/24/2023
	Richard E. Hickam	11/17/1925	09/06/2023
	Joseph M. Parrott, Sr.	04/02/1935	01/06/2023

Wright #64	Roland A. Potts	08/11/1952	05/25/2023
Wm. G. Bray	John M. Dickey	10/29/1928	11/27/2016
	Paul A. Pool	12/04/1942	10/16/2023
H. E. Lackey #67	NONE REPORTED		
Greene County #68	NONE REPORTED		
Lawrence Kaminski	Stephen P. Kroman	05/25/1945	04/09/2023
	Robert S. Flint	08/21/1925	09/09/2023
	Ivan D. Lancaster	01/30/1942	12/26/2023



**Sir Knight Stephen P. Kroman, KCT, GPE**

**May 25, 1945 – April 29, 2023**

Stephen Paul Kroman, 77, of Seymour, passed away Saturday April 29, 2023 at Indiana University Hospital.

Born May 25, 1945, in Florida to Nathan Kroman and Vivian Gerstein, who preceded him in death. He married Margaret Brock Kroman on April 14, 1991, in San Jose, California. He and his wife are residents of Seymour and are parents of four grown children and three grandsons.

Stephen grew up in New York City where he graduated from Long Island University with a degree Marine Biology. He was drafted into the Army and served thirteen months in Vietnam, achieving the rank of Sergeant E5 and earning “Soldier of the Month” for all US forces in Vietnam. He also received the Army Commendation Medal with Oak Leaf Clusters for actions during the Tet Offensive.

After discharge, he relocated to San Jose, CA, pursued a degree in Business and

started his own Financial Management Consulting firm, which he ran for over 35 years. After retirement he continued to share his expertise with charitable organizations and small businesses across California and Indiana.

Stephen relocated to Seymour in 2001 and began his fraternal journey. He was raised a Master Mason in April 2002, became a life endowed member of Jackson Lodge #146 in 2005, and served as Worshipful Master in 2008-2009. He was Eminent Commander of Seymour Commandry, High Priest for Seymour Chapter RAM #85, and following the merger of Seymour and Columbus York Rite was Illustrious Master of the Columbus Council #54. He also served as Secretary/Recorder of all three Bodies. He is a 32° member of the Indianapolis Valley and the George Rogers Clark Valley of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, and the Indianapolis Murat Shrine. He was also a member of Seymour Chapter #134, Order of the Eastern Star. Stephen was inducted into the St. Bernard de Clairvaux Council #256 of the Allied Masonic Degrees and served as Sovereign Master. He also was a member of the Royal Order of Scotland, the York Rite College of Corydon #207, and recipient of the Knights of York Cross of Honor.

Stephen served in many capacities in these fraternal orders including Grand Chaplain for Grand Chapter RAM of the State of Indiana, Grand Marshal for Grand Lodge, Area Representative for Area 34, Board member of the Indiana Masonic Home, and 10 years as Secretary-Treasurer and Board Member of the Masonic Heritage Foundation. Stephen was Grand Photographer for Indiana Grand Lodge since 2013. He has served on many committees for Grand Lodge including leading Treasurer's Workshops around the State. He also served in the Grand Commandry as Grand Marshal and aide, and Grand Prelate. He was awarded Grand Prelate Emeritus and Knight Commander of the Temple by the General Grand Encampment of Knights Templar.

He loved his family and being a grandpa, road trips, and traveling abroad. His hobbies included photography, cooking Asian cuisine, Science Fiction, and an appreciation for automobiles. In his earlier years he enjoyed scuba diving, snow skiing, camping and all things outdoors.

He has visited all 50 states, Canada, Mexico, the Caribbean, England, Ireland, and Scotland.

He is survived by his wife Margaret, three sons Michael (Brielle) Kroman of Lafayette, CA, Joshua (Amanda) Kroman of Parkville, MO, and Daniel Kroman of Santa Clara, CA; step-daughter Linda (Dan) Gough of Paso Robles, CA; grandsons Garrett Gough (Paulina DeAlva), Ethan Kroman, and Jacob Kroman. He is also survived by a brother Jonathon (Caroline) Kroman, sister Ruth (Gregg) Gorrin, and several nieces and nephews.



### **Sir Knight Tony S. Peterson, KCT, KTCH, GPE**

**February 8, 1969 – May 20, 2023**

Tony Scott Peterson, 54, of Fishers, Indiana passed away from cardiac arrest on Saturday, May 20, 2023, with his loving wife by his side. He was born to Kevin Peterson and Brenda (Peterson) Reed on February 8, 1969, in Greenfield, Indiana. Tony has been a lifelong resident of Hamilton County and the surrounding area. Tony's parents divorced while he was young and in his early childhood, he gained a stepmother, Caroline Peterson, stepbrother Tim Lawson, and stepsister Pat Schaefer.

Tony attended Hamilton Southeastern High School. He was an avid sportsman in his youth, playing football, competitive swimming, and running track. Perhaps the best gift he obtained

from his education there was meeting the love of his life Monica (Dell) Peterson at the age of 15. Tony often joked about marrying an “older woman” as Monica is a whole six weeks older than him.

Tony served the community in various professional capacities over the years, his background was in construction, and he used his skill set freely with his friends and family. After volunteering for Hamilton County Emergency Management for six years, he was asked to join them as an employee and served as the Logistical Staging Area Manager until his passing. His favorite perk of working for the Hamilton County Emergency Management team was working alongside his wife as she serves as the Community Outreach and Volunteer Coordinator for the HCEM.

Tony was a proud Freemason of Indiana. He followed in his family’s footsteps and was raised a Master Mason at Hamilton County Masonic Lodge No 533 in 2003. Five generations of Tony’s family were Freemasons. Several of them joined the Scottish Rite, but Tony decided to follow in his great-grandfather’s footsteps and join the York Rite in 2005. Tony had a very distinguished career in Masonry with his Lady Monica ever at his side. He was an amazing servant to the fraternity, always willing to use his skills and expertise when called upon. He has served as an aide to the Grand Commander or Deputy Grand Commander since 2010. He had the honor of becoming a Grand Prelate Emeritus in 2013. He received the honors of KTCH – Knight Templar Cross of Honor in 2017, and KCT – Knight Commander of the Temple in 2021. Tony served as Grand Sentinel for Grand Council in 2022 and Marshal for the Grand Chapter in 2018. Both Tony and Monica could be found running hospitality rooms, organizing bus trips, taking photos, providing sound equipment, and running banquets on an almost weekly basis to serve the fraternity he loved. He leaves a huge hole in the fabric of the Masonic Brotherhood and his presence will most certainly be missed. We take solace in the knowledge that he will enter that celestial lodge in heaven, to that house not built with hands, eternal in the heavens where he will hear the words, we all seek, “Well done, thy good and faithful servant”.

Aside from his active participation in his Masonic endeavors, Tony had a passion for photography, rock music, and travel. He loved going to Minnesota to visit Monica’s family and take pictures. Tony shared a love of projects with his father-in-law John Dell those two would often be found tinkering and talking. His mother-in-law Betty Dell would always bake him coconut cream pie. Monica joked that perhaps her parents liked him better since she prefers a blueberry pie, but Betty would always insist on baking for Tony. Tony enjoyed hearing about and celebrating the latest accomplishments of his stepson, Jon, whom he raised as his own. Tony shared his love of photography with his Brother-in-Law Steve Cooper, and Steve, along with his wife Tanya and daughter Hannah will certainly miss Tony’s quiet strength and abiding family love. Tony has enjoyed a special kinship with his “Buddy” Caleb, he has known him and helped care for him for the last 14 years. Tony and Caleb shared a bond, beyond a simple friendship. Tony could be a bit quirky and was a fan of visiting the “World’s Largest” whatever he could

find and making memories with good friends, Sean Jones and Kim Creesy. Capturing moments on film or in person drove Tony into his love of travel and friendships. He was a tall man in stature, but he had a gentle warrior's heart. If you saw him in a crowd, you might think he was quiet, but if you sat beside him, you heard all the best comments and jokes. He purposefully tried to make everyone's life around him easier and more joyful. He loved his wife with every inch of his being and the partnership they shared is something to be envied.

Tony was preceded in death by his father, Kevin Peterson. He is survived by his loving wife Monica (Dell) Peterson; mother, Brenda Reed; and children, Jon Persinger and Chris Peterson.



## **Sir Knight Edward L. Sebring, GPE**

**September 25, 1946 – July 20, 2023**

Edward L. Sebring, known affectionately as "Big Ed" for his big heart and voice, passed away peacefully on July 20, 2023. He was surrounded by the love of his life, companion and soulmate Cindy Rider, and their cherished family. He is survived by his stepchildren, Brian Rider (Lisa) and Christie Spalla (Dave), whom he loved dearly and treated as his own, as well as his grandchildren who brought immeasurable happiness to his life. His beloved cat Kallie held a special place in his heart, providing comfort and companionship during quiet moments. He is also survived by his former wife, Jo Ellen Keller (Earle) and was preceded in death by their son Charles "Chuck" Stodghill Sebring, whom we are confident greeted him with "Hey old man, what took ya so long?" and a hilarious rendition of "The Spanish Inquisition."

Born on September 25, 1946 in Vincennes, Indiana, to Paul F. and Louise Lorentz Sebring, Ed's life was a testament to kindness, faith, dedication, and service to his community. He was proud to have attended The Ohio State University, earning a bachelor's degree in Ancient History as well as an MBA, and nurturing a lifelong love for the Buckeyes. Ed found fulfillment and purpose in serving as a lay pastor for many Presbyterian congregations over the years. His favorite message was "God's in charge; we ain't!"

Ed's family extended beyond his immediate kin, as he was an esteemed member of Freemasonry for 55 years, and a DeMolay for 60 years. He fully embraced the principles of brotherhood, charity, and integrity, serving in many leadership roles in Masonry, church, and the Boy Scouts. If you needed something done, Ed was your man.

With pen in hand and a heart full of stories, Ed made his mark as an award winning writer for the Vincennes Sun-Commercial newspaper. His words captured the essence of local events and offered uplifting stories and insights that inspired the community.

A memorial service to celebrate Ed's life will be held at the Vincennes #1 Masonic Lodge on Saturday, Sept. 2, at 11:00 a.m. In lieu of flowers or other gifts, the family kindly requests donations to be made in his honor to the Vincennes #1 Lodge F&AM, 501 Broadway, Vincennes, IN 47591; the Visiting Nurse Association and Hospice of the Wabash Valley, 400 8th Ave., Terre Haute, IN 47804; or the Masonic or community service organization of your choice.

Farewell, Big Ed. You will forever be remembered for your warmth, wisdom, and kind spirit. May you rest in eternal peace, knowing that your presence and loving legacy will be deeply missed and fondly remembered by all whose lives you touched. Bravo!





nt, KCT, KTCH, GPE

ber 9, 2023

fully at St. Vincent Kokomo Hospital on Saturday, September 9,  
MI on August 21, 1925 to Cecil and Georgia Flint. His family  
when he was 3 years old, and he was raised there. He served in  
during WWII. After returning home, he met and eventually  
len Tzouanakis, and remained married for 44 years until her death.

Bob was a licensed watch maker and co-owned a jewelry store in Greencastle with his father-in-law. After a few years, he moved his family to Kokomo to work at Delco Radio as a technician in the crystal growing lab and later as a journeyman tool and die maker until his retirement from Delco Electronics in 1991. From 1946 to 2000, he also worked at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway on the safety patrol for the activities associated with the Indy 500 each May.

Bob joined the Masons at 21 years of age. He became more active in his later years, holding many official positions and receiving multiple honors. In addition, Bob was a member of the Board of Directors and served as the Treasurer for the Horologic Association of Indiana. Bob also greatly enjoyed driving his minivan around the country to visit friends and family, often traveling up to 6000 miles in a single trip.

Bob was preceded in death by his parents; his brother, James; his wife, Helen; his youngest son, Regan; and his oldest granddaughter, Nicole. He is survived by his brother, William (Mary); two sons, Robert, II (Mitzi) and Rodney (Dawn); 5 grandchildren, Molly, Fabia, Ethan, Phoenix, and Issabella; and 8 great-grandchildren, Brayden, Rori, Zayne, Harleigh, Niko, Grayson, Lyra, and Reign.



**Sir Knight Thomas C. Patterson, KCT, KTCH, GPE**

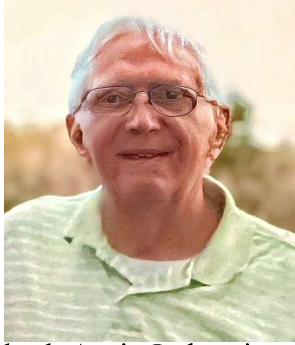
**April 18, 1921 – December 15, 2023**

Thomas “Tom” Carlton Patterson, 102, of Kokomo, passed away on Friday, December 15, 2023, at Community Howard Regional Health. He was born on April 8, 1921, in Miami County, IN, the son of James O. and Hazel M. (McCain) Patterson. On August 2, 1944, he married Margaret E. Nowak, and she preceded him in death on September 9, 1988.

Tom graduated from Union Township High School in 1939. He proudly served in the United States Navy. He worked as an Engineer at Delco Electronics, retiring after 38 years of service. In retirement Tom enjoyed painting and entered the Indiana State Fair art contest several times, winning multiple awards. He traveled extensively and visited all 50 states and some of the provinces of Canada. He was very proud of his grandchildren and great grandchild, and treasured the time he spent with them. Tom was a 50-year member of the Indiana Grand Masonic Lodge and the Scottish Rite. He was Past Master of Howard Masonic Lodge F&AM 93, Past Commander of Kokomo Commandry 36, and Past Patron of Kokomo Chapter 89 Order of Eastern Star. He was also a member of Main Street United Methodist Church.

Tom is survived by his children, Connie Patterson, Dr. David (Dr. Norma) Patterson, and Phyllis (Peter) Sills; grandchildren, Sean Patterson, Amelia Patterson, Dr. Elizabeth (Matthew Perreault) Sills, and Colin Patterson; and his great-grandson, Remy Perreault.

Tom was preceded in death by his parents, wife, and sister, Edna McCrumb.



**L. Ellis, KCT, PGC**

**9 – February 22, 2024**

of Columbus, passed away Thursday February 22, 2024. He was born Columbus to B. Gail and Bessie (Adams) Ellis. They preceded him in

achelor's and master's degrees from Purdue University. He retired from both Arvin Industries and NTN Driveshaft. He was also a member of the First United Methodist Church of Columbus.

Ron was an active member of the Masonic Lodge and Knights Templar. In 2009, he was Past Master of the Camon Lodge #343, Hope, IN. He also served as their current chaplain. He was Past Grand Eminent Commander of the Grand Commandery of the Knight Templar of Indiana in 2004.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife of 57 years, Beverly K. Ellis, in 2021.

Survivors include his loving daughter, Gail (Al) Scroggins of Mooresville, NC; and companion, Wilma Friend of Greensburg.

## **Holy Land Pilgrimage - Ministry Report 2024 Annual Report**

**April 2024**

To the Right Eminent Grand Commander Randal P. Ellington and Sir Knights of the Grand Commandery of Indiana,

The Holy Land Pilgrimage Ministry Program had no applications as of September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023. I had five Sir Knights ask for applications for their pastors of which I provided with instructions and a deadline that the applications needed to be returned by. I contacted all five Sir Knights on August 1<sup>st</sup> reminding them that the application deadline was fast approaching. Each Sir Knight that requested applications contacted their pastors and all decided they would wait until the following year to turn in their applications. I told each Sir Knight that the Grand Encampment usually provides new applications each year with updated pricing around March or shortly after the East Central conference. I informed each Sir Knight that I would send them all the new applications when the Grand Encampment published this document.

REGC Randal Ellington advised this year that he would be in charge of handling all Holy Land Pilgrimage coins and money generated from this fund raiser.

REGC Randal Ellington also advised this year that he would be in charge of receiving and reporting of all funds toward the R. Frank Williams award that is given out at each annual Grand Conclave.

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Patterson, GPE  
Holy Land Pilgrimage Chairman  
Grand Commandery of Indiana

## **Long Range Planning Annual Report 2024**

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

The Long-Range Planning has had informal meetings to discuss and plan for the growth of the Knight Templars of Indiana.

Fraternally & sincerely,

Randy J. Darling, VEDGC/ Chair

## MASONIC HOME NATIVITY SCENE REPORT 2023-2024

To the Right Eminent Grand Commander Randal P. Ellington, the Past Grand Commanders, the Grand Commander Officers, Sir Knights and all, the nativity scene at Compass Park has been a staple in the community for many years and many of the residents look forward to seeing it in all its glory every year. With the help and leadership of the young men and Chapter Dads of DeMolay, we will continue this tradition this November. It's an honor for us to be able to work with these young men as they begin their journey in Masonry. As Christians, this scene means everything to us. We look forward to bringing joy to the Masonic Home once again.

Respectfully,

Dominic Hamblin, GCG – Chair  
Randal Ellington, REGC, GPE  
Jon McCracken, GSW

## PATRIOTIC ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE REPORT

April 2024

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

The following activities were reported to me by the Battalion Commanders since Conclave in April 2023:

Date	Commandery	Activity	Location
5/25/2023	Baldwin	Memorial Service-Flag Ceremony	Shelby County
5/29/2023	New Albany and Bedford	Parade	New Albany
5/29/2023	Angola and Apollo	Flag Presentation	St. Joe. IN
7/6/2023	New Albany and Bedford	Flag Presentation	Salem Lodge # 21
8/1/2023	New Albany and Bedford	Flag Presentation	Blue River Lodge #457
7/9/2023	Kokomo Commandery	Flag Presentation	Kokomo, IN
9/12/2023	New Albany and Bedford	Flag Presentation	English Lodge #622
9/10/2023	Multiple (Grand Commandery Officers)	Parade and Color Guard Detail	Compass Park
10/3/2023	Grant County #21	Flag Presentation	Hannah Lodge #61,

			Wabash, IN
10/28/2023	New Albany and Bedford	Flag Presentation	Bedford Lodge for Master Mason Degree
11/19/2023	Grant County #21	Flag Presentation	Muncie Order of Eastern Star

If other activities occurred from other Battalions or Commanderies, I apologize for their omission.

Fraternally,  
Mark A. Elder  
Grand Warder/Battalion VI Commander  
Chairman-Patriotic Activities Committee

### **Public Relations & Marketing Annual Report 2023/2024**

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

Your Public Relations and Marketing committee has enjoyed the opportunity to aid and assist all of your efforts thus far in the 2023/24 year. We will keep an eye on what we could accomplish when presenting Templary to the Sir Knights of Indiana.

We will continue to create marketing materials and promote events such as the Holy Land Golf Outing, Levant Preceptory conferral and Grand Commandery projects, as they happen. We will continue to develop certificates, jewels, coins and pins to support both the Grand Commandery and its fundraising efforts when needed.

We will keep the Sir Knights informed on the protocols set forth by the Grand Commander and the workings of our local Commanderies.

Lastly, we will continue to try to keep a presence in the Indiana Freemason Magazine to ensure the Brethren of Indiana Freemasonry are aware of the York Rite and the Knights Templar. We will continue to work on updating Grand Commandery printed materials and assisting with the needs of activities or committees. We recommend working to improve the social media presence within the Craft, and to communicate with our members in the best way possible, whatever that technology may be.

On behalf of the entire committee, thank you for allowing us to serve the Grand Commandery and Templary, as a whole. The opportunity to improve the vision and direction of Indiana Templary is an honor, and the goal of improving the impression made by the Grand

Commandery on both its members and the public eye is a laudable one, which we consider a privilege to be a part of.

Courteously,  
Joseph L. Sparks, GG – Chairman  
Dominic Hamblin, GCG  
John Bridegroom, PC  
Mark Elder, GW

### **Ritual & Tactics**

#### **Annual Report 2023/2024**

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

Your committee on ritual and tactics has reviewed our ritual to its entirety. At this time we have only found some minor grammar errors. There is nothing that will require the membership to vote on at the annual conclave.

Courteously,  
Joseph L Sparks, GG – Chair  
Dominic Hamblin, GCG  
Jonathan McCracken, GSW  
Dathan Reed, GJW  
Jeffery Prairie, GS  
William Short, PC  
Phillip Whisner, PGC, KTCH

### **Templar Crusader**

#### **Annual Report 2023/2024**

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

I will continue to support the Templar Crusader magazine for this year. Balance in the checking account ending December 31<sup>st</sup> 2023 is \$2,987.76. The 2022/2023 publication was a success with 32 color pages and 18 ads placed. Details of the financials are available upon request.

I have received commitments for 14 full page ads, and 3 half page ads for the 2023/2024 publication. At the time of this report I have received payment of \$1,150.00 bringing the checking account balance to \$4,137.76.

My goal is to have every commandery support this endeavor.

Courteously,  
Joseph L Sparks, GG

## **Uniform Committee Annual Report 2024**

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

The Uniform Committee has made great progress in the last few years. With the introduction of the Uniform inspections at the Commander Receptions. The Uniform are looking better and the information of the placement of the jewels and devices worn in the correct manner per the Uniform guidance and the Uniform power point on the Grand Commandery website.

The Uniform Committee will reintroduce the Drill Cord legislation again at the 2024 Conclave.

Fraternally & sincerely,  
Randy J. Darling, VEDGC/ Chair

### **Resolution To for Drill Team Members to Wear Cords on Their Uniform**

Proposed by: SK William Short, SK Randy Darling, SK David Miller, II, SK Doug Patmore

A Resolution to amend the Laws of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Indiana by adding a Section 917.

WHEREAS: Competitive Drills have long been a tradition and integral facet of Indiana Templary.

WHEREAS: participating in drills is crucial for the exemplification of the Commandery Orders.

WHEREAS: it is readily apparent that those trained in drills display a sense of unity, discipline, and military bearing which serves as an example for all Hoosier Templars.

WHEREAS: Drill Team members are dedicated to many hours of practice, sacrificing their time, energy, and fortune in preparing for and attending drill competitions.

WHEREAS: experienced drill members are enabled to instruct in sword skills and tactics that serve to benefit all Indiana Commanderies.

WHEREAS: there is no current form of uniform accoutrements specific to Drill Team members as drill bars are awarded to all who participate in pass in reviews.

WHEREAS: a proper acknowledgment is necessary to recognize and reward drill members for their perseverance, fidelity, and loyalty to the advancement of Templarism.

WHEREAS: Competitive Drills have declined over the past several years, and a highly visible form of recognition would serve to incentivize Sir Knights to augment existing or forming new Drill Teams, as they aspire to attain the right to wear the coveted Drill Cord.



WHEREAS: a means of displaying and rewarding the pride in Templar Drills that these Sir Knights possess, is well earned, and long overdue.

RESOLVED: that a shoulder cord in the fashion of the membership cord, consisting of gold and white, the first color being the outside color, be approved for wearing on the right shoulder of Sir Knights who are active Drill Team members, thereby recognizing those Sir Knights for promoting, expanding, and perpetuating the legendary Indiana Drills tradition.

RESOLVED: that a shoulder cord of white and gold, reversing the active membership colors, be approved for wearing on the right shoulder for those Sir Knights who have actively participated in drills for a period of not less than 10 years, that may be worn thereafter, thereby honoring their long commitment and sacrifices in preserving the storied history of Indiana Drills.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that owing to the innate knowledge of the respective Drill Captains, it shall be the sole discretion of said Captains to determine eligibility of/and awarding of Drill Cord.

After some debate the resolution PASSED

## **Triennial Annual Report 2024**

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

The 69<sup>th</sup> Triennial Conclave will be held at the Little America Hotel at 500 S Main St, Salt Lake City Utah. The Drill Competition will be held on Saturday August 17, 2024. The location of the Drills is undetermined currently, due to space. The Devine Church Service will be held on Sunday August 18, 2024.

The 69<sup>th</sup> Triennial Conclave Business will be conducted on Monday and Tuesday August 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024, with the Installation of Officers on Wednesday August 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024.

Fraternally & sincerely,  
Randy J. Darling, VEDGC/ Chair

## **Treasurer's Report**

### **GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF INDIANA**

#### **2024-2025 Budget**

	Accounting 237 8 Number	Total
		Budget \$12.50
<b>RECEIPTS</b>		\$
Per Capita Dues - Indiana	237 8	29,737.50

		\$
Per Capita Dues - Grand Encampment		21,402.00
Transfer from Life Membership Funds		\$ 1,212.50
K. T. Eye Foundation Assessment		\$ 2,378.00
Knighting Fees		\$ 2,000.00
Total Per Capita Assessments	5200	\$ <b>56,730.00</b>
Interest earned	5310	\$ -
Permanent Fund / Newby/Avery/ Vaght Donations	4050	\$ 5,000.00
Transfer from Permanent Fund	5407	\$ 20,000.00
DSA Payments	5409	\$ 1,500.00
Grand Conclave Banquet Income	5459	\$ 15,000.00
ITA	5422	\$ -
Miscellaneous	5490	\$ -
DeMolay Sword	4041	\$ -
Easter Sunrise trip	4040	\$ -
Newby Avery Banquet	5480	
<b>Income Total</b>		<b>\$ 98,230.00</b>

## DISBURSEMENTS

### NON-DISCRETIONARY AND SPECIAL ACCOUNTS - 7300

Grand Encampment Per Capita		\$ 21,402.00
K.T. Eye Foundation		\$ 2,378.00
Grand Encampment Per-Capita Total	7310	\$ <b>23,780.00</b>
Refund of Per Capita	7315	-
Triennial	7320	\$ 3,000.00
Triennial Drill Team Travel	7321	\$ 250.00
	7400	\$ -
<b>DISCRETIONARY</b>	17500	
Officers Expenses	7410	\$ 27,000.00
	8140	\$ 100.00
	7510	\$ 1,500.00
		\$
Funeral Expenses	7524	250.00

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	Travel / Misc. Grand Conclave Expenses	7551	\$ 950.00
	Grand Conclave	7559	\$ 10,000.00
Awards 50 year Postage	Grand Conclave Banquet		\$ 15,000.00
Accounting (Audit) / Taxes	Proceedings - Advanced	8171	\$ 600.00
	Proceedings - Annual	8172	\$ 2,000.00
	Drills/Ritual Competition Rental	7553	\$ 600.00
Travel & Meeting expenses	Competition Awards	7554	\$ 1,000.00
	Newby/Avery	7555	\$ 450.00
		7570	\$ 1,000.00
	Checks	7580	\$ -
		760 1	
		7620	\$ 300.00
		7625	\$ 500.00
		7651	\$ 800.00
		7652	\$ -
			\$ -
BOND Insurance - Grand Recorder	Newby/Avery Plaques / Pins	7555	\$ -
	Ribbons, Plaques, Trophies	7710	\$ 500.00
Operation Supplies		7705	
Rituals & Shipping			
Uniform		7800	\$ 500.00
PGC Jewels New & Repairs		7920	\$ 250.00
Jewels New & Repairs		7930	\$ 250.00
Awards		7940	\$ 250.00
		7941	\$ -
	ITA Supplies	7855	\$ -
		810 0	\$ 7,150.00
Membership Development /Publicity Expense			
Youth Job's Daughters			\$ 250.00
Youth Rainbow			\$ 250.00
Youth DeMolay			\$ 250.00
Youth DeMolay Sword			\$ 250.00

<b>Expense Total</b>	<b>\$ 97,980.00</b>
Surplus / (Deficit)	250

## **Trustees Reports Permanent Fund**

### **MAIN ACCOUNT**

Beginning Total Value (as of 2/1/24) \$713,247.80

Ending Total Value (as of 2/29/24) \$741,385.72

### **LIFE MEMBERSHIP ACCOUNT**

Beginning Total Value (as of 2/1/24) \$12,993.72

Ending Total Value (as of 2/29/24) \$13,457.05

### **NEWBY-AVERY-VAUGHT ACCOUNT**

Beginning Total Value (as of 2/1/24) \$10,088.63

Ending Total Value (as of 2/29/24) \$10,449.23

## **Eye Foundation Report Grand Conclave**

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

As of February 29, 2024, the Sir Knights of Indiana and the Ladies of the Eastern Star have donated \$24,911.04 to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation.

Crawfordsville Commandery #25 ranks first in the state with a total donation of \$4,020.00.

Indiana currently ranks in 17<sup>th</sup> place in overall donations for the Grand Encampment.

For information about the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, I direct your attention to the following link [KTEF.ORG](http://KTEF.ORG) There you learn about the History of the Foundation. The different partnerships and how to make donations. Please take the time to visit the site. I think you will find it very informative.

To the Sir Knights of Indiana thank you for your donations. Please continue to support this very wonderful philanthropic work.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lawrence Williams, KCT, PGC  
State Eye Foundation Chairman

## **Lanyard Program Cord Report Grand Conclave**

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

This is the report for the Lanyard Cord Program. As of December 28, 2023, we have the following activity:

- 22 – New Topline Signers
- 18 – New Cords Handed out
  - 9 – White
  - 4 – Silver
  - 3 – Gold
  - 1 – Red/Silver
  - 1 – Blue/Silver

To the Recorders, I have been getting questions about why “I have not gotten my cord?” As with any program it is only successful if the necessary information is input into the system. I check the MMS for updates on Knightings on a weekly basis. When I look at the activity for the past week, I have found that occasionally a Sir Knight has been inputted into the system without Top Line Signer being assigned. Please be careful about assigning the Top Line Signers. We do not want to short anyone on what they have earned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lawrence Williams, KCT, PGC  
Lanyard Cord Coordinator

## **Grand Commandery Masonic Youth Final Report 2023-2024**

To the Officers of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Indiana, Sir Knights All:

The Masonic Youth Groups of Indiana, DeMolay, Job’s Daughters and the Rainbow Girls all are working on putting their 2023-2024 Summer Sessions together.

Indiana DeMolay will hold their Conclave at Wabash College in Crawfordsville TBD

Job’s Daughters of Indiana will hold their Grand Bethel Session June 20-23 at The Seasons in Nashville

Rainbow for Girls in Indiana will hold their Grand Assembly at The Seasons in Nashville, TBD

Job’s Daughters of Indiana held their 2022/2023 Grand Session at The Seasons in Nashville, IN on June 23<sup>rd</sup> through June 25<sup>th</sup>. Grand Bethel Honored Queen Emily P. and Miss Indiana Annabelle H. presiding. Sir Knight Randal Ellington, REGC was in attendance. Miss Gracie Miller, Daughter of Sir Knight David Miller, Jr and Grand Daughter of David Miller Sr was elected as the Grand Bethel Honored Queen for 2023/2024.

Indiana DeMolay held their 2023 State Conclave at Wabash College June 15<sup>th</sup> through June 18<sup>th</sup> Brother Owen V. was installed as State Master Councilor, Speedway Chapter Order of DeMolay in Speedway, IN Sir Knights Randal Ellington, REGC and Sir Knight Barry Clouser, GP were in attendance.

The International Rainbow for Girls in Indiana held their 2022/2023 Grand Assembly July 6<sup>th</sup> through the 9<sup>th</sup> at The Seasons in Nashville, IN with Grand Worthy Advisor Destiny S. presiding. Miss Sophia Myers was Elected as the Grand Worthy Advisor for 2023/2024 Sir Knight Randal Ellington, REGC had the honor of escorting Miss Destiny under an Arch of Steel. Thank you to all the Sir Knights who were in attendance.

The DeMolay International Grand Session was held in Cincinnati, OH and SK Randal Ellington, REGC was in attendance. Sir Knight and Dad Greg Childs of Indiana and Past Grand Master of DeMolay International was Installed as Grand Treasure. It was a delight to be in attendance as the only Sir Knight in Uniform. Sir Knight David Kussman, MEGM and Sir Knight Lawrence Tucker, Grand Recorder were also in attendance. Dad Terry Peters of California was Installed as Grand Master of DeMolay International. Miss Sophia Myers was a guest speaker and spoke on behalf of Rainbow International. **Way to Go, Very Proud of you Miss Sophia!**

The Indiana Job's Daughters Miss and Jr Miss Pageant was held at Mt. Moriah Lodge with SK Randal Ellington, REGC and Lady Dee in attendance. A wonderful Pageant was held with Miss Keely R. elected as Miss Indiana and Miss Gabi C. elected as Jr Miss Indiana for 2023/2024. Miss Keely R. is also a Past Indiana DeMolay State Sweetheart.

The Grand Commander's Personal Coin which depicted the logos of the 3 Masonic Youth Groups represents not only the Youth Groups but my personal family, my Sister Carla is a Majority Member of Bethel #67 formally in Cumberland, by Brother Roger is a Senior DeMolay from Cumberland Chapter Order of DeMolay and I am a Senior DeMolay of Wm Hacker Chapter Order of DeMolay that was in Shelbyville and a Current DeMolay Dad. These Coins that have been sold this year have raised close to \$10,000 that will be donated to all 3 Masonic Youth Groups. SK Randal Ellington, REGC designed and contributed the logo representing Job's Daughters and it was also used by the York Rite Sovereign College of North America on their Youth Coins that were sold across the United States, Canada and some traveled to England. The coin sales from the Colleges in Indiana Alone raised \$10,000 for Indiana DeMolay, Indiana Job's Daughters and Rainbow for Girls in Indiana. I am humbled to have been able to contribute this design on these coins and so proud of the money that they have raised!

The Knights Templars of Levant Preceptory and Indiana DeMolay held a Joint event at Indiana Freemason's Hall on Friday October 13<sup>th</sup> 2023 to commemorate the 716<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Demise of the Templars. Levant performed their Public Presentation and Indiana DeMolay held the Initiatory and DeMolay Degrees in honor of Jacques DeMolay and the Templars.

Indiana Jobs Daughter's are very proud to have one of their own to serve as Miss International Jobs Daughter, Miss Annabelle Hadley has travel the globe in support of Jobs Daughter's and had brought her Hoosier Hospitality and Spirit with her where ever she goes. It has been a joy to support Annabelle as she represents Jobs Daughters International. **Very Proud of you Miss Annabelle, Miss International!**

Brother Owen V. State Master Councilor aka Special Master of Ceremonies served as the MC for the Newby-Avery-Vaught Banquet for 2024 and with his ever so charming wit made quick work of the Grand Commandery Officer Line as they were introduced! **Well Done and Very Proud of you Brother Owen!**

Sir Knight Randal Ellington, REGC Served as a Judge for the Indiana DeMolay Dad Wayne Reid Ritual Tournament and that evening several Sir Knights directed by Sir Knight Carson Smith gathered at the Indiana DeMolay Sweetheart Dance at the Indianapolis Valley of the Scottish Rite where the Dignitaries of all 3 Youth Groups were escorted under the Arch of Steel.

Congratulations to the Newly Chartered Jerry L. Burns Chapter Order of DeMolay in Terre Haute, name after Sir Knight Jerry L. Burns and it is Sponsored by Indiana Eastern Star Chapter #43.

Congratulations to Job's Daughters of Indiana on Charting a Bethel that is Under Dispensation in Kentucky and also Welcoming another Kentucky Bethel #18 into Indiana Job's Daughters.

Congratulations to the Grand Bethel of Indiana Job's Daughters on Celebrating their Diamond Jubilee 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary 1948-2023 and to Bethel #2 in Terre Haute on their 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

I would like to thank fellow Sir Knights that are DeMolay Dad's, Sk and Dad Randal Ellington, REGC SK and Dad Barry Clouser, GP, SK and Dad Dathan Reed, GJW and his Lady Mom Teresa, SK and Dad Brian Figueiredo, SK and Dad Craig Huber, Dad Eric Vermeulen, Personal Representing to Dad Terry Peters, Grand Master of DeMolay International, SK and Dad Tom Fallis, Past Executive Officer, SK and Dad Greg Childs, Past Executive Officer and Past Grand Master of DeMolay Internation and Current DI Treasurer. I know I have forgot some but please know that you not forgotten because we continue to have several other Sir Knights that are not named that are involved with all 3 Masonic Youth Groups!

Thank you All who give of your time and your dedication to Rainbow, Job's and DeMolay!

In Closing I would like to leave you with a quote from "Dad" Frank Sherman Land, Founder of the Order of DeMolay in 1919. "How lonely it must be for a boy not to have a man to talk with or a man to provide some type of inspiration and direction." This is why "Dad" Land decided there was a need for an organization where boys would have the opportunity to associate with other boys and a place, they could share common interests, learn responsibility and other skills that would benefit them throughout their lives.

Please keep this quote in mind as you journey around the State of Indiana and might approach one of our Masonic Youths and I encourage you to attend a Masonic Youth Meeting or Activity in the future and become active and please support our Masonic Youth as these Young Adults are our direct Life Line!!!

Thank you to all of the Sir Knights who have traveled to meetings, installations and other events of our Masonic Youth Groups. I hope you know how much it means to me, that you are showing your support, but I hope you know how much more it means to the Masonic Youth that you are showing them your support!

Respectfully Submitted in Christian Masonry,

Dad and Sir Knight Randal P. Ellington, GPE,  
Right Eminent Grand Commander – Chairman

## **2023-24 Grand Commandery Membership Committee**

### **EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION**

To the Right Eminent Grand Commander Randal P. Ellington, as we know education and information are extremely important to the further growth of Knights Templar. We as a committee are committed to working on this as the year goes on. We expect the foundation to continue to grow stronger as we as Knights Templar strive to bring forth more help and honor. However, currently there is nothing to report.

Courteously,

Dominic Hamblin, GCG - Chair  
Joseph Sparks, GG  
Robert Frazier, PGC, KCT, GT  
Terry Kehrer, PGC, KCT

## **Templar Crusader Report**

**I believe that Joe Sparks gave this report**

## **Finance Committee Report**

### **Elected Officers of Grand Commandery:**

Grand Commander	Randy J. Darling
Very Eminent Duty Grand Commander	Joseph Sparks
Grand Generalissimo	Dominic Hamblin
Grand Captain General	Jonathan McCracken
Grand Senior Warden	Dathen Reed
Grand Junior Warden	Scott Sacek
Grand Treasurer	Robert Frazer, KCT, PGC
Grand Recorder	Edward Fodrea. KCT, PGC
Three Year Trustee	Donald Olvey, KCT, PGC

### **Appointed Grand Commandery Officers:**

Grand Prelate	William Short
Grand Standard Bearer	Douglas Patmore
Grand Sword Bearer	Jeffery Prairie
Grand Warder	Mark Elder
Grand Sentinel	John Freeland
Grand Marshal/Photographer	Matthew McLaughlin



Grand Organist

Barry Clouser

## **2024/25 Battalion Structure:**

### **BATTALION #1**

BC: Scott Sacek, Grand Junior Warden

DBC: Dion Diakis

DBC: Ronald Ross

#12 LaPorte

#28 Valparaiso

#31 Elkhart

#57 E.H. Gary

### **BATTALION #2**

BC: Dominic Hamblin, Grand Generalissimo

DBC: Dan Patterson, GPE

DBC: Bruce Scott

#4 Ft. Wayne

#19 Apollo

#35 Huntington

#45 Angola

### **BATTALION #3**

BC: Dathan Reed, Grand Senior Warden

DBC: Andrew Bowman

DBC: Xen Prickett

DBC: Robert Kendall

#21 Grant County

#32 Anderson

#31 Kokomo

#61 Noblesville

### **BATTALION #4**

BC: John Freeland, Grand Sentinel

DBC: Gary Paschke, II

DBC: Shamus Driver

DBC: Barry Clouser

#11 Greencastle

#16 Terre Haute

#25 Crawfordsville

#29 Frankfort

### **BATTALION #5**

BC: Jeffery Prairie, Grand Warder

DBC: Vance Brewer

DBC: Joseph Hedges

#39 Greenfield

#62 Prather

#65 William G. Bray

### **BATTALION #6**

BC: Mark Elder, Grand Sword Bearer

DBC Brian Hooten

#1 Raper

#2 Baldwin

#8 Richmond

### **BATTALION #7**

BC: Jonathan McCracken, Grand Captain General

DBC: Richard Milligan

DBC: Lawrence D. Meyers

#5 New Albany

#14 Columbus

#42 Bedford

#63 Bloomington

### **BATTALION #8**

BC: Douglas Patmore, Grand Standard Bearer

DBC: Shelby Olvey

DBC: Robert Hendrix

#15 LaValette

#20 Vincennes

#64 Wright

#68 Greene County

### **Grand Inspector Generals**

Michael F. Robbins, PGC, GIG

Lawrence Williams, PGC Dep. GIG

## **Committees**

### **2024-2025**

#### **Executive Committee**

**Randy Darling – Chair**  
**All Elected Grand Officers**

#### **Jurisprudence**

Michael Robbins, PGC, KCT – Chair  
All Past Grand Commanders

#### **Finance / Budget**

Edward Fodrea, PGC, KCT, GR – (Darling)  
Edward Fodrea, PGC, KCT, GR – (Sparks)  
Robert Frazier, PGC, KCT, TR

#### **Trustees**

Rodney Mann, PGC, PGM, KCY – Chair  
Michael Robbins PGC, KCT  
Donald Olvey PGC, PHP, KCT

#### **By-laws**

Joseph Spark, VEDGC – Chair  
Dominic Hamblin, GG  
Edward Fodrea, PGC, KCT, GR

#### **Holy Land Pilgrimage**

Dan Patterson, GPE – Chair  
Barry Clouser, GPE  
William Short GP, KTCH

#### **Lanyard Program**

Lawrence J. Williams, PGC

#### **Leadership Program (ITA)**

Dominic Hamblin, GG – Chair  
Jonathan McCracken, GCG  
Dathen Reed, GSW

#### **Life Membership**

#### **????**

#### **Long Range Planning**

Joseph Spark, VEDGC – Chair  
George Ingles, PGC, PGM, KCT  
Michael Robbins, PGC, 1 Year  
Appointment  
Edward Fodrea, PGC, GR, 2 Year  
Appointment  
Phillip Whisner, PGC, 3 Year Appointment  
Jonathan McCracken, GCG, 1 Year  
Appointment  
Dathan Reed, GSW, 2 Year Appointment  
Scott Sacek, GJW, 3 Year Appointment

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

Doug Patmore, GStB – Chair  
Jeffery Prairie, GW  
Randal Ellington, PGC, KCT, GPE

#### **Masonic Youth**

Randal Ellington, PGC, KCT, GPE – Chair

#### **Competitive Drills**

William Short, GP, KTCH – Chair  
Randy Darling, REGC  
David Miller, PC  
Steve Barton, PGC, PECDC, KCT

#### **Ritual Competition**

Joseph Spark, VEDGC – Chair  
Jonathan McCracken, GCG  
Mark Elder, GSwB  
Jeffery Prairie, GWW

#### **Credentials**

Scott Sacek, GJW – Chair  
Doug Patmore, GStB

Mark Elder, GSB  
Jeffery Prairie, GW  
John Freeland, GS

### **Dispensations and Charters**

Steve Barton, PGC, PECDC, KCT – Chair  
George Ingles, PGC, PGM, KCT

### **Easter Sunrise Service Trip**

Jonathan McCracken, GCG – Chair  
Dathan Reed, GSW  
Scott Sacek, GJW

### **Educational Foundation**

#### **Scholarships**

Barry Clouser, GPE – Chair  
Jeffery Prairie, GW  
Robert Frazier, PGC, KCT, GT

### **Grievances and Appeals**

Steve Barton, PGC, PECDC, KCT – Chair  
Rodney Mann, PGC, PGM, KCT  
Paul Friend, PGC, KCT  
Duane Vaught, PGC, PGM, MEPGM

### **Membership**

John Freeland, GS – Chair  
Mike Bailey #5 – South  
Mark Baker #65- Southwest Central  
Xen Prickett #21, DBC – Northeast Central  
Mark Vickers #31 – Northwest Central  
Shamus Driver #62 – Indianapolis/Center  
Vance Brewer #2 – Southeast  
Don Lauderman #31, DBC – Northwest  
Terry Bisping #25 – West Central  
Benton Davis #19 – Northeast  
William ‘Bill’ Payton #11 – West  
Larry Sisk #20 – Southwest

### **State KT Eye Foundation**

Lawrence Williams, PGC, KCT – Chair  
Rodney Mann PGC, PGM, KCT  
George Ingles, PGC, PGM, KCT

Phillip Whisner, PGC, KCT, KTCH

### **Tellers**

Phillip Whisner, PGC, KCT, KTCH – Chair  
Doug Patmore, GStB  
Mark Elder, GSwB  
Jeffery Prairie, GW  
John Freeland, GS

### **Templar Education**

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### **Templar Uniform**

Dathan Reed, GSW – Chair  
Randy Darling – REGC  
Willaim Short, GP, KTCH  
John Freeland, GS

### **Triennial**

Jonathan McCracken, GCG – Chair  
Dathan Reed, GSW  
Scott Sacek, GJW

### **Patriotic Activities**

John Freeland, GS – Chair  
Jeffery Prairie, GW  
Doug Patmore, GStB

### **Ritual and Tactics**

Jonathan McCracken, GCG – Chair  
Dathan Reed, GSW  
Mark Elder, GSwB  
Jeffery Prairie, GW

### **Grand Inspector General**

Michael Robbins, PGC, KCT – Chair  
Lawrence Williams, PGC KCT, DGIG

### **KT Supplement**

Dathan Reed, GSW – Chair  
Joseph Sparks, VEDGC

Randal Ellington, PGC, KCT, GPE  
All Battalion Commanders\_

### **Unfinished Business**

Joseph Spark, VEDGC – Chair  
Dominis Hamblin, GG

### **Visiting Sir Knights**

Dathan Reed, GSW – Chair  
Jeffery Prairie, GW  
Phillip Whisner, PGC, KCT, KTCH

### **York Rite Coordinating**

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### **Necrology**

William Short, GP KTCH – Chair

### **Next Annual Conclave**

#### **Arrangements**

Randy Darling, REGC – Chair  
Joseph Sparks, VEDGC  
Dominic Hamblin, GG  
Jonathan McCracken, GCG  
Edward Fodrea, PGC, GR KCT

### **Publicity and Public Relations**

Mark Elder, GSwB – Chair  
Johnn Bridegroom, PC, PGIM  
All Battalion Commander

### **Indiana KT Website**

Lucas Pacukovski - Webmaster

**This Bulletin shall be read in all Constituent Commanderies at the first Stated Conclave following its receipt and be made a part of the minutes.**

Given under my hand and seal this 28<sup>th</sup> day of April, A.D. 2024, A.O. 906

Randy Darling. Grand Commander

**ATTESTED:**

Edward Fodrea, KCT, PGC, Grand Recorder

