

THE MASONIC ORDER OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF INDIANA



PROCEEDINGS OF THE 172nd ANNUAL CONCLAVE OF THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF INDIANA

*Held in
MUNICE, INDIANA
APRIL 25TH, 2026*

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE
Grand Commandery Knights
Templar of Indiana**

**ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH ANNUAL CONCLAVE
Held in Muncie, Indiana
Host
Crawfordsville Commandery #25**

April 25th , 2026

**Presiding
Sir Knight Joseph Lee Sparks, KCT,
Right Eminent Grand Commander**

**Elected
Sir Knight Dominic Hamblin, KCT,
Fort Wayne Commandery #4**

**The 173rd Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of
Indiana will be held at the
Horizon Convention Center, Muncie IN on April 27th , 2027
Hosted by Fort Wayne Commandery #4**

Warrant from W. B. Hubbard,
General Grand Master of the General Grand
Encampment, of the United States, to form a State Grand Encampment for the State
of Indiana was dated at Columbus, Ohio, on April 24, 1854.

The Grand Encampment (now Commandery) for the State of Indiana was formed
and organized at Indianapolis, Indiana, on May 16, 1854, by the following four
Commanderies: Raper No. 1; Baldwin No. 2; Lafayette
No. 3; and Fort Wayne No. 4.

APPROVAL OR DISAPPROVAL OF REPORTS

**All reports contained in the Proceedings of
the 172nd Annual Conclave of the Grand
Commandery Knights Templar of Indiana
were approved unless otherwise indicated or explained.**



**SIR KNIGHT DAVID J. KUSSMAN, GCT
MOST EMINENT GRAND MASTER,
GRAND ENCAMPMENT
KNIGHTS TEMPLAR, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

Sir Knight David J. Kussman, was born in Houston, Texas, on Easter Sunday morning, April 5, 1953. His father, Frederick J. Kussman, Jr. was an active Mason in Texas and later in California. His mother, Hazel E. Kussman, was active in both the Order of Eastern Star and the Social Order of the Beauceant, serving several times as President. Sir Knight Kussman is a graduate of Loara High School in Anaheim, California, and attended Fullerton College and August Vollemer University majoring in Criminal Justice. He received his teaching credential from the University of California in Los Angeles. He completed his ministry studies at Cottonwood Leadership College, School of Ministry and Leadership. Sir Knight Kussman was ordained in 2011 and has served as an associate pastor at Plaza Bible Church in Anaheim and Catch the Flame Ministries, Inc.

Sir Knight Kussman is a retired Police Sergeant from the Anaheim Police Department, completing thirty-four years of service.

Sir Knight Kussman was married to Lady Kimberly Ann (Schmidt) Kussman from 1988 until her passing in 2015. They were blessed with three children, two daughters and a son. His family currently now consists of six grandchildren: three boys and three girls.

Sir Knight Kussman met Lady Kimberly J. Burnett, PSWP, CT, of Columbus, Ohio at the 67th Triennial in Indiana. Ms. Burnett has served as Supreme Worthy President of the Supreme Assembly of the Social Order of the Beauceant. Their friendship has blossomed into a loving relationship and Ms. Burnett will be travelling with Sir Knight Kussman as often as her busy schedule permits.

In the Symbolic Craft Lodge, Brother Kussman was Initiated, Passed and Raised in Mother Colony Lodge No. 750, Free and Accepted Masons of California in 1979. In 1991, Mother Colony Lodge No. 750 and La Miranda Lodge No. 778 consolidated and became La Mirada Lodge No. 750 with Brother Kussman serving as the Worshipful Master. He transferred his membership to Anaheim Lodge No. 207 as an affiliated Past Master. Brother Kussman is also a member of the Southern California Research Lodge and the Southern California Past Master's Association.

In York Rite, Capitular Masonry, Companion Kussman was Exalted in Fullerton Chapter No. 90, Royal Arch Masons, where he served as High Priest in 1987. He was Consecrated in the Order of High Priesthood, served as an Inspector for the Grand Chapter of California, and decorated with the Grand Chapter Meritorious Service Award and Grand High Priest's Distinguished Service Medal.

In York Rite, Cryptic Masonry, Companion Kussman was Greeted in Santa Ana Council No. 14, Cryptic Masons, where he served as Illustrious Master in 1997. He received the Order of the Silver Trowel and served this body as Thrice Illustrious Master. He served the Grand Council as an Inspector and Assistant Director of Ritual. Companion Kussman was decorated with the Grand Master of Ish Sodi Award from the Grand Council and is a Companion of the Secret Vault within the Order of the Secret Vault of the General Grand Council Cryptic Masons International.

In York Rite, Chivalric Masonry, Sir Knight Kussman was Knighted in Fullerton Commandery No. 55, Knights Templar, where he served as Commander in 1986 and 1987. Ordained a member of the Past Commander's Association serving as both Virtual Prior and Actual Prior. He served the Grand Commandery as Inspector and Assistant Director of Ritual. He also served as a member of the Drill Team Committee, serving on three different drill teams. He was honored after seventeen years as Drill

Captain Emeritus form Orange County Commandery No. 36. Sir Knight Kussman received the Knight Templar Meritorious Award twice from the Grand Commandery of California and decorated with the Knights Templar Cross of Honor in 2005. Sir Knight Kussman was appointed to the Grand Commandery line in 2002 and served as Right Eminent Grand Commander in 2010-2011. During his term as Grand Commander, California hosted the first Grand Encampment Western States Easter Celebration in Los Angeles. For his efforts, the Grand Encampment Knights Templar, College of Honors, created him a Knight Commander of the Temple.

His service to the Grand Encampment Knights Templar of the United States of America began in 2012, when Grand Master David Dixon Goodwin, GCT appointed him as the Southwestern Department Commander for the 66th Triennium. Sir Knight Kussman was elected Grand Captain General for the 67th Triennium and decorated with the Knight Grand Cross of the Temple. He was elected Grand Generalissimo for the 68th Triennium. In August 2021, Sir Knight Kussman was elected Deputy Grand Master. Sir Knight Kussman is a member of The Sovereign Order of Knights Preceptor.

Ordained a Knight Priest in St. John the Baptist Tabernacle No. LXVI, Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests, where he served as Preceptor and Registrar. He holds the title of Knight Commander in the Order. He served the Grand College of America, Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests, twice as Grand Chaplain and is currently serving as Grand First Pillar.

In the York Rite College, Companion Knight Kussman was Initiated into Southern California York Rite College No. 110 and served as Governor in 2005. He was elevated to the Rank of Associate Regent (Order of the Purple Cross). Knight Companion Kussman served the York Rite Sovereign College of North America as Deputy Grand Governor and as Grand Governor of California.

Sir Knight Kussman is a Life Member of Los Angeles Priory No. 27 and Sierra Pacific Priory No. 71, where he served as Prior. Sir Knight was coronated a Knight York Grand Cross of Honor with one quadrant by the Convent General Knights of York Cross of Honor.

He received the degrees of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry in the Valley of Santa Ana, Orient of California. He is a Past Venerable Master of the Orange County Lodge of Perfection and Past Commander of Orange County Council of Knights of Kadosh. He served his Valley for ten years as Chaplain, and on the Investments Committee. Invested with the Rank and Decoration of Knight Commander of the Court of Honour and Coroneted a 33° Inspector General Honorary. Created a Noble in Al Malaikah Temple, Oasis of California, now a member of El Bekal Temple.

In the invitational Masonic orders:

Installed a Knight Companion in St. Croix Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine, where he served as Sovereign. Is currently serving the United Grand Imperial Council as Intendant General for the Division of California-Southern. Received and Admitted in California College, Societas Rosicruciana in Civitatibus Foederatis, and holds honorary memberships Golden State College and Concordia College. He has received his IX^o Grade, having served the High Council as Chief Adept for the three Colleges in California. He is currently serving as High Prelate and Deputy Treasurer General. Cousin Kussman is a Past Excellent Chief of Brian Boru Council No. 38 Knight Masons and was honored with the Order of Brian's Harp. He served the High Council Knight Masons of the United States of America as a Superintendent for California. Charter Member of Signet Council No. 230, Allied Masonic Degrees, where he served as Sovereign Master, and is a recipient of the Red Branch of Eri. Appointed to the progressive line of officers of the Grand Council Allied Masonic Degrees serving currently as Junior Grand Deacon. Awarded the Knight Grand Cross of the Red Branch of Eri. Recipient of the 4th Grade in the Ancient and Masonic Order of the Scarlet Cord. Advanced and Promoted a Knight Companion of the Royal Order of Scotland in the Provincial Grand Lodge of the United States of America. Charter member of Lone Star Chapel No. 45 and a member of Trinity Chapel No. 12, Commemorative Order of St. Thomas of Acon. Initiated into Santa Ana/El Toro Chapter No 250, and Camp William Biehl, Heroes of '76, serving as Chapter President and Camp Commander. Currently serving as Chaplain. Dual Membership with Joseph H. Pendleton Chapter No. 243 and Pasadena Chapter No. 265.

Membership in appendant Masonic orders include:

Made a Fellow of the Grand College of Rites of the United States of America. Currently serving as Grand Chancellor of the Grand College awarded the Knight Grand Cross.

On March 12, 2022, a special conclave of the Grand Encampment was convened at which time Sir Knight Kussman advanced by succession and was installed as the 61st Most Eminent Grand Master of the Grand Encampment Knights Templar, USA.

**INSPECTING OFFICER
SIR KNIGHT JEFFERY A. BOLSTAD,
RIGHT EMINENT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER of the
GRAND ENCAMPMENT,
KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF THE UNITED STATES OF
AMERICA**



SK Jeffrey A. Bolstad R.E. Deputy Grand Master Lewistown, MT SK Jeffrey Alan Bolstad has lived his entire life in various places in Montana. He was raised on a farm in extreme NE Montana, just a few miles from Saskatchewan and North Dakota.

He studied at Montana State and Brown Institute of Broadcasting, which spawned a radio career that lasted 10 years. Eventually he was fortunate enough to be able to open up his own business as a State Farm insurance agent.

SK Jeff began his Masonic journey on May 7, 1990 and has been heavily involved in the craft ever since. He was knighted at Bozeman in February 1998, then served as Grand Commander, and NWDC. He was elected GCG August 21, 2018 at Indianapolis. He has served in many leadership positions across the Masonic spectrum.

He has filled the pulpit at several rural churches as an interim pastor over

the years and also enjoyed reffing high school and college basketball. He has 2 sons and 6 grandchildren.



SK JAY P. KENNEDY
RIGHT EMINENT DEPARTMENT COMMANDER EAST
CENTRAL DEPARTMENT, IN, IL, KY, MI, and OH

Sir Knight Jay P. Kennedy was born March 31st, 1979, in Detroit, Michigan. He earned a Bachelor of Science in Criminology from Eastern Michigan University, a Master of Science in Criminal Justice from Wayne State University, and a Master of Business Administration and PhD in Criminal Justice from the University of Cincinnati. Following graduate school, S.K. Kennedy spent eight years on the faculty of the School of Criminal Justice at Michigan State University, also serving as Assistant Director of Research at the Center for Anti-Counterfeiting and Product Protection. He is an active scholar, authoring over 40 publications and his research has been covered by major news outlets such as Fox Business, Business Insider, The Wall Street Journal, and CNN. He has served on the editorial boards of several academic journals, was Vice-President of the White-Collar Crime Division of the American Society of Criminology, and currently sits on an OECD global experts advisory group. Sir Knight Kennedy is currently the Head of Illicit Trade Prevention Policy and Engagement for Philip Morris International. He has been married to Lady Brandi Kennedy since 2009, with whom he has three young daughters (Jaime, Aria and

Bree).

Sir Knight Kennedy began his Masonic career in 2000 when he was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason in St. Andrew's Lodge No. 7 (Prince Hall Affiliated), in Ypsilanti, MI, later transferring his membership to Detroit Lodge No. 2 under the Grand Lodge Free and Accepted Masons of Michigan. He has held several chairs in Detroit Lodge No. 2 including Marshal, Chaplain, Junior Warden and Senior Warden, and was named Lodge Mason of the Year in 2008. S.K. Kennedy is a member of Monroe Chapter No. 1, R.A.M. where he has served as Principal Sojourner, Scribe and King, and Monroe Council No. 1, R.S.M where he has served as Principal Conductor of the Work. S.K. Kennedy was Knighted in Detroit Commandery No. 1 in 2007, serving as Commander in 2016. In 2015 he was awarded the Grand Commander's Service Award by Detroit Commandery. In 2017 he was elected Grand Junior Warden of the Grand Commandery of Michigan and served as Grand Commander for the 2023/2024 Templar year. He was awarded Knight Commander of the Temple in 2023. He is also a member of Lansing Commandery No. 25 (Michigan) and Cincinnati Commandery No. 3 (Ohio). He holds memberships in a number of Masonic bodies, including Detroit York Rite College No. 1, Michigan College, Societas Rosicruciana in Civitatibus Foederatis; Moslem Shrine A.E.O.N.M.S., St. Gobban Saer Council, Knight Masons, Ionic Council No. 251 Allied Masonic Degrees, and St. Vincent Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine. He was awarded the Order of the Purple Cross in 2021. In addition to these organizations, S.K. Kennedy has served his local Masonic organizations as President of The Old Guard of Detroit Commandery No. 1, Chief Hospitaler of Detroit Commandery's Hospitaler Committee, and Vice-President of the Detroit Masonic Temple Association Board of Trustees. S.K. Jay was installed as the East Central Department Commander at the 69th Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America on August 21st, 2024.

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David Dixon Goodwin	(2012-15)
Duane L. Vaught	(2015-18)
Jeffery N. Nelson	(2018-21)

Most Eminent Honorary Living Past Grand Masters

SK W. Bruce Pruitt, California

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SIR KNIGHT JOSEPH LEE SPARKS
RIGHT EMINENT GRAND COMMANDER 2025-26
GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF INDIANA



**Biography of
Sir Knight Joseph Sparks**

Biography of Joseph L. Sparks

Joe was born in Danville, Indiana, the son of Otis and Martha Sparks.

Joe graduated from Greencastle High School. He later received an Associate of Applied Science in Industrial Technology in 2011 from Ivy Tech Community College.

In 2013 he became an apprentice for Plumbers and Steamfitters Local Union #157 out of Terre Haute, Indiana. He is currently a Journeyman fitter/welder.

Joe married his wife, Tracy, on January 2019 at the Crawfordsville Masonic Temple. They have three children, Nathaniel Sparks, Brenan Hall and Theodore Bunch.

Masonic History

Joe's Masonic history began when he petitioned Alamo Masonic Lodge #144. He received his Entered Apprentice degree on March 26, 2009, his Fellow Craft degree April 30, 2009, and was raised a Master Mason on May 28, 2009. He served as Worshipful Master in 2012 and 2013. He was made an honorary member of Montgomery Lodge #50 July 1, 2019.

He petitioned Crawfordsville York Rite Bodies. He was Exalted a Royal Arch Mason in Crawfordsville Chapter #40 on October 22, 2015. Greeted a Select Master in Montgomery Council #34 on April 2, 2016 and Knighted a Knight Templar in Crawfordsville Commandery #25 on April 2, 2016. He has served as High Priest, Illustrious Master, and Eminent Commander for Crawfordsville York Rite. He now serves as their secretary/recorder.

He became a charter member of the Indiana Widows Sons, Outer Guard Chapter of Lafayette, IN on August 2018 and served as President in 2022.

He became affiliated with Lawrence V. Kaminsky Commandery of Research on May 28, 2019.

He became a member of the York Rite Sovereign College of North America, Banks of the Wabash College #72 on May 18, 2019, and served as Governor in 2024-2025.

He became a member of Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite Valley of Terre Haute on April 27, 2019, where he now serves in the Lodge of Perfection line.

He became a member of the Murat Shrine on July 8, 2019 and later a member of the Montgomery Co. Shrine Club. He served as president of Montgomery County Shrine Club in 2024.

He became a member of Athens Chapter #97 Order of the Easter Star, of Crawfordsville on July 11, 2019.

On November 30, 2019, he became a member of The Order of the Sword of Bunker Hill, Cumberland Road #122.

He received the Distinguished Service Award from the Grand Commandery on January 18, 2020.

He received the Eminent Commander's Certificate of Merit Award on April 25, 2020.

He was initiated into the Sahara Grotto on March 27, 2021. He is also a plural member of Merou Grotto.

He was initiated into Thespian Council #492, Allied Masonic Degrees on April 16, 2021 and served as Sovereign Master in 2023, and now serves as secretary/ treasurer.

He was initiated into Robert A Woods Priory #62, Knight York Cross of Honor on July 25, 2021. He was initiated into Prather Council of Knight Masons #125 on November 6, 2021, as a charter member.

He was initiated into Regis Cordis Court #110, The Masonic Order of Athelstan, on November 18, 2021.

He was awarded the Gold Award from the York Rite Sovereign College of North America on April 20,

2022.

He was initiated into Yeomen of York Preceptory #15 on November 12, 2022.

He was initiated into Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priest, St Andrews Tabernacle #35 on December 10, 2022.

He was initiated into the Commemorative Order of St. Thomas of Acon, Canterbury Chapel #37 as a Charter Member on March 25, 2023.

He was initiated into Red Cross of Constantine, St. Basil conclave on June 17, 2023.

Joe was appointed to the Grand Commandery line in April 2019 as Grand Warder by Sir Knight Michael F. Robbins, Right Eminent Grand Commander.

He was awarded the Knight Commander of the Temple on January 18, 2025



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**Sir Knight, DOMINIC HAMBLIN, KCT
Right Eminent Grand Commander-Elect**

&

Lady Katie

**Invite you to attend the 173rd Annual Conclave of
Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Indiana**

Held at the Horizon Convention Center on April 27, 2027

Biography

Of

Sir Knight Dominic J. Hamblin

Dominic was born on June 17th, 1974, to Carmen Hamblin (mother) in Gary, Indiana. His Stepdad, Bernard Bowens (PHA Mason), came along later in life and raised him as his own. He has one daughter, A'Lexis S. Hamblin, who is his world. He is extremely close to his family and says he could not have gotten this far in life or in Masonry without them. He is a member of Fellowship Missionary Church in Fort Wayne, Indiana. He grew up in Van Buren Baptist Church in Gary, Indiana. Dominic graduated from Gary Roosevelt High School in 1992 where he played football.

Dominic has worked as an automotive technician for more than 33 years. He obtained his automotive technology degree from ITT Technical Institute in 1994, while working full time in the industry already. He spent 27 years with the Lexus car company, starting when he was only 19 years old. Over the last 6 years, Dominic has been with Jaguar and Land Rover car company. Dominic became an ASE Master Certified Technician and a Diagnostic Specialist with the Lexus car company and has become a top-level certified technician for the JLR company.

Dominic received his Entered Apprentice Degree on August 12th, 2009, passed to the Fellowcraft Degree on September 16th, 2009, and Raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason on October 29th, 2009 as a member of Waynedale Lodge #739 in Fort Wayne, Indiana. He immediately got involved and began his journey in the officer line, becoming Worshipful Master for the year of 2017. He is also a dual member of Concord Lodge #556.

Dominic began his York Rite journey in 2018 as he went through the Degrees in Fort Wayne York Rite. He became an Exalted member of Fort Wayne Chapter #19 Royal Arch Masonry; he was Greeted in Cryptic Masonry by Fort Wayne Council #4 and Knighted in Chivalric Masonry by Fort Wayne Commandery Knights Templar #4. He also became affiliated with Huntington York Rite. As a member of both York Rite bodies, he participated in all of the lines. He began the officer line in all three bodies and became Excellent High Priest and Illustrious Master in both York Rite Bodies. He became EC in Huntington York Rite in 2019. He was a Deputy Battalion Commander for the Grand Commandery of Indiana in 2019. He was appointed the Grand Commandery Officer Line in 2020 as Sword Bearer by PGC Ed Fodrea and has made his way to the Office of Right Eminent Grand Commander in 2026. During his journey up the Officer line, Dominic served on many committees and helped shape the Grand Commandery over the past few years.

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Waynedale Lodge #739

Huntington York Rite

Concord Lodge #556

Dekalb York Rite

Fort Wayne York Rite

Fort Wayne Valley Scottish Rite (Rose Croix)

Mizpah Shrine of Fort Wayne

Indiana Priory #8 KYCH

York Rite Indiana College #55 (Chancellor)

Pokagon Council #147 Allied Masonic Degrees

Angola Yeomen of York #2 Preceptory
(Chaplain)

St. Columba #118 Knight Masons

Royal Order of Scotland

Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priest
Gennesaret Tabernacle #XVII

Waynedale Order of the Eastern Star Chapter
#600

Lorica Lodge TI Masonic Order of St. Patrick
(Officer)

Lawrence V. Kaminsky Commandery UD

Past Commanders Association (Officer)

Knight Companion of the Red Cross of
Constantine

Knight of St. Thomas of Acorn

Regius Cordis Court #10 The Masonic Order of
Athelstan

Indiana Widows Sons Chapter 3-5-7

Sword of Bunker Hill

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Knight Commander of the Temple Recipient



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***Proceedings of the
One Hundred Seventh First Annual Conclave
of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Indiana***

Crawfordsville Commandery#25 Open their Commandery in short form at 8:00am on April 25, 2026. After the Opening the following Grand Commandery Officers were received and introduced after which they took their proper places within the asylum.

Grand Commandery Officers:

Joseph L. Sparks REGC
Dominic J. Hamblin VEDGC
Jon McCracken EGG
Dathan Reed EGCG
Scott Sacek EGSW
Mark Edler EGJW

John C. Jones, II EGP
Randy J. Darling EGT PGC
Lawrence J. Williams EGR PGC
Jeffery Prairie EGStB
John R. Freeland EGSdB
Lawrence Myers EGW
Andrew Bowman EGS

The Past Indiana Grand Commanders present were introduced:

Ronald D. Simpson
Paul Friend
Robert Frazer
George Ingles, Jr.

Michael Robbins
Phillip Whisner
Edward Fodrea
Randal P. Ellington

Deputy Battalion Commanders and Aides were introduced:

Robert H. Kendell
Scott Pike
James Jarvis
Jordan McCracken
Mitchel Rohrbaugh

Gary Paschke
Bruce Bush
Joseph Korschot
Dan Patterson

The Following Distinguished Guest were Received & Introduced:

Grand Chapter:

Timothy R. Brinkmeyer MEGHP
Graig A. Huber REGK
Sean Jones REGSCH
Joseph Pask EGPS
Brent L. Arnold GM 2nd Veil
Michael R. Stewart GM of the 1st Veil
Eric Anderson Grand Chaplin

Brain Bates Grand Marshall
Steven Snyder RAD District "A"
Russell Sthrome RAD
Paul Roark RAD District "H"
Joseph H. Villarreal MEPGHP
Jason Miller MEPGHP

Grand Council:

W. Keith Stiner MIGM

Frank E. Capler MIDGM

Michael Doxsee RIGPW
Max Maupin PMIGM GT
Ronald Ross RIGCC
Stephen Roberts GS
Barry Clouser Grand Chaplin
David Noble Arch 1 Officer
Russell Sthrome Arch 3 Officer

Rodney McGillvary Arch 2 Officer
Kent Holiday Arch 4 Officer
Larry Gardner Arch 6 Officer
Michael Stoner PMINGM PGRP of
Amaranth
James Davis PMIGM

Junior Officers of Grand Ledge:

David J. Hosler Junior Grand Deacon

Junior Officers of of other Grand Commanderies:

James W. Ryan Grand Generalissimo of KY
Greg Raque Grand Captain General of KY
Timothy O. Ralston Grand Captain General
OH
James D. Rutherford VEDGC MI
Michael Hicks Grand Generalissimo MI
James W. Moss PH Grand Commandery

David Heise Grand Captain General MI
David D. Hutton Grand Senior Warden MI
James Omlor Grand Standard Bearer MI
Timothy R. Monroe Grand Warder MI
Larry Rentz VEDGC OH

Past Grand Commanders of other Jurisdictions:

Richard L. Ganoin OH
Vernon Barnhart MI

Rick Sears KY
Jamie A. Emery IL

Right Eminent Grand Commanders of other Jurisdictions:

Sean P. McBride IL

Bruce Von Dwingelo KY
Adam Wygant MI

Prince Hall Grand Commandery of Indiana:

Clarence Thomas, Jr. MEGC

Grand Encampment Officers:

Jon S. Spann Aide De Camp to the Grand Master

Jay Kennedy ECDC
Jeffery A. Bolstad REDGM

Grand Lodge of Indiana:

Steven A. Bates Senior Grand Warden - Personal Representative of the Grand Master Randolph
L. Seipel

Following the introductions Jurisprudence made a motion to receive the preprinted reports with

some exceptions. The motion was 2nd and passed

WELCOME ADDRESS

SK Gary Paschke II: Right Eminent Grand Commander, Distinguished Guest and Sir Knights all. It is my distinct pleasure and honor; on behalf of the Sir Knights of Crawfordsville Commandery No. 25 to welcome you here to the 172nd Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Indiana. We are sure that your stay here in Muncie will be pleasant and enjoyable and this Grand Conclave will be good for all who are in attendance and that the business of the Grand Commandery will be conducted in peace and harmony.

The Sir Knights and I of Crawfordsville Commandery No. 25 are at your service if you need any assistance.

Right Eminent Grand Commander, on behalf of the members of Crawfordsville Commandery No. 25 and myself, we thank you for this opportunity and thank you for your service to the Grand Commandery and to Crawfordsville Commandery No. 25 this year.

RESPONSE TO WELCOME ADDRESS

Good morning, Sir Knights,

Sir Knight Gary Paschke II and the Sir Knights of Crawfordsville Commandery #25, on behalf of the Right Eminent Grand Commander Joseph Sparks, the Officers of the Grand Commandery of Indiana, our distinguished guests, and Sir Knights all, we would like to thank you for hosting the 172nd Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Indiana here at the Horizon Convention Center in Muncie, IN.

To the Officers, Sir Knights, and Ladies of Crawfordsville Commandery #25, we would like to thank you sincerely for the courtesy and hospitality that you have provided us with this weekend. We would also like to thank you for the support you have given Right Eminent Grand Commander Joseph Sparks and Lady Tracy, as well as the Grand Commandery during this very busy Templar Year. This has meant the world to us all. Thank you again and God Bless all Sir Knights where so ever dispersed.

Respectfully submitted,
Dominic J. Hamblin, Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander.

GRAND COMMANDER'S ALLOCUTION

Welcome:

On behalf of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Indiana, I would like to thank you for attending the 172nd Annual Grand Conclave. I would like to welcome all the Sir Knights from neighboring jurisdictions and the Representatives of the Grand Encampment, Grand Lodge and all Distinguished guests from the other appendant bodies. If there is anything you need, let me or one of the other officers know and we will do our best to accommodate you. I am very honored and humbled to have served the Sir Knights of the Great State of Indiana as your Grand Commander.

One of my last duties as your Grand Commander is to report on my activities and decisions for the past 12 months. You will also find this report published in the proceedings.

Meetings:

April 25, 2025, Officers Meeting

Discussed my plans and goals for the year

Discussed General Orders

Discussed Bulletins

Discussed Officer Expectations

June 21, 2025, Summer Meeting & Officer Training

Reviewed my plans and goals

Committee Reports

Battalion Commander Reports

Officer Training covered Navigating MMS

August 31, 2025, Teams Meeting

Went over inspections & Receptions

Scoring for Inspections

Commandery reports from the Battalion Commanders

January 17, 2026, Winter Meeting

Jurisprudence Meeting

Executive Officers Meeting

General Meeting

Committee Reports

Battalion Reports

Grand Commandery Picnic:

The Grand Commandery Summer picnic was held in central Indiana this year at Hummel Park in Plainfield Indiana on July 26, 2026. We had 31 Sir Knights, Ladies and their families in attendance. We had BBQ pulled pork and BBQ brisket catered with everyone bringing a side dish. It was a great day of food, fun and fellowship.

Knight Templar Ball:

The second annual Templar ball was held at the Sahara Grotto on August 30, 2025. We added a dinner and silent auction to this year's ball. There were 75 in attendance. PRG Darling donated his DJ services to provide entertainment for the evening. The meal was catered by the Sahara

Grotto with a choice of Chicken or Ribeye. There were 38 items donated for the silent auction. \$3,990.00 was raised this evening and donated to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation to go toward making Indiana 100% life sponsors.

Grand Commandery Christmas Party:

The Annual Christmas Party was held on December 6, 2025, at the Crawfordsville Masonic Temple. There were 79 Sir Knights, Ladies and their families in attendance. The Grand Commander and his Lady supplied the Ham, and everyone brought a side or dessert. The day concluded with a “dirty Santa” gift exchange , which is always full of fun and laughter. Non-perishable food items were collected for Servants Heart and delivered by our Grand Prelate and his Lady.

Newby-Avery-Vaught Banquet:

The 127th annual Newby-Avery-Vaught banquet was held on January 17, 2026, at the Horizon Convention Center in Muncie Indiana. The banquet was open to all Sir Knights, their ladies and their family. We had 101 RSVPs with the MEPGM Duane Vaught being the guest of honor. Dinner choices were Prime Rib or Chicken. We raised \$5,000.00 for the Permanent Fund.

Visitations:

May 1, 2025,	50 Year Presentation	LaPorte, Indiana
May 2, 2025,	KT Memorial Service, Larry Huffman	Spencer, Indiana
May 18, 2025,	KT Memorial Service, PGC Herb Roach	Vincennes, Indiana
May 19, 2025,	Grand Masters Banquet & Reception	Indianapolis, Indiana
May 20, 2025,	Grand Lodge Annual Communication	Indianapolis, Indiana
May 21, 2025,	Crawfordsville York Rite Stated Meeting	Crawfordsville, Indiana
June 5, 2025,	Grand Court, Amaranth Informal Opening	Nashville, Indiana
June 6, 2025,	William G Bray Templar Board	Mooresville, Indiana
June 13, 2025,	Grand Chapter O.E.S. Informal Opening	Muncie, Indiana
June 17, 2025,	Grant County Templar Board	Gas City, Indiana
June 18, 2025,	Crawfordsville York Rite Stated Meeting	Crawfordsville, Indiana
June 21, 2025,	Summer Meeting, Officers Training	Crawfordsville, Indiana
June 21, 2025,	Crawfordsville Commandery Re-dedication	Crawfordsville, Indiana
June 26, 2025,	DeMolay Grand Conclave	Crawfordsville, Indiana
June 27, 2025,	Illustrious Order of the Red Cross	Crawfordsville, Indiana
July 10, 2025,	Rainbow Grand Session	Nashville, Indiana
July 24, 2025,	Order of Malta	Crawfordsville, Indiana
July 26, 2025,	Grand Commandery Summer Picnic	Plainfield, Indiana
August 1, 2025,	Elkhart Holyland Steak Fry	Bristol, Indiana
August 2, 2025,	Bloomington Commandery Re-dedication	Bloomington, Indiana
August 4, 2025,	Prather Commandery Reception	Indianapolis, Indiana
August 9, 2025,	Shelby Lodge Re-dedication	Shelbyville, Indiana
August 20, 2025,	Battalion 4 Reception	Crawfordsville, Indiana
August 21, 2025,	Grant County Inspection	Gas City, Indiana
August 23, 2025,	Vincennes/ Green Co. Ins & Reception	Vincennes, Indiana

August 25, 2025,	Richmond Reception	Richmond, Indiana
August 30, 2025,	Templar Ball	Indianapolis, Indiana
September 4, 2025,	50 Year Presentation, PGC Paul Friend	Angola, Indiana
September 5, 2025,	Order of the Temple	Crawfordsville, Indiana
September 7, 2025,	Indiana Masonic Home Festival	Franklin, Indiana
September 13, 2025,	William G Bray Commandery Inspection	Mooreville, Indiana
September 13, 2025,	Grand Master of Indiana Reception	Indianapolis, Indiana
September 16, 2025,	Grant County Reception	Gas City, Indiana
September 17, 2025,	Crawfordsville York Rite Stated Meeting	Crawfordsville, Indiana
September 19, 2025,	Order of the Temple	Crawfordsville, Indiana
September 20, 2025,	Battalion 4 Picnic	Crawfordsville, Indiana
September 21, 2025,	Grand Commandery Family Church Day	Beech Grove, Indiana
September 25, 2025,	Red Cross Greenfield Commandery	Greenfield, Indiana
September 26, 2025,	Red Cross Frankfort Commandery	Frankfort, Indiana
September 29, 2025,	Baldwin Commandery Reception	Fairland, Indiana
October 11, 2025,	Greenfield Inspection & Reception	Greenfield, Indiana
October 11, 2025,	Kokomo, Anderson, Noblesville Inspection	Kokomo, Indiana
October 15, 2025,	Crawfordsville York Rite Stated Meeting	Crawfordsville, Indiana
October 16, 2025,	Order of Malta Frankfort Commandery	Frankfort, Indiana
October 17, 2025,	Order of the Temple	Crawfordsville, Indiana
October 18, 2025,	Apollo & Angola Inspection & Reception	Angola, Indiana
October 20, 2025,	Richmond Commandery Inspection	Richmond, Indiana
October 25, 2025,	Fort Wayne Inspection & Reception	Fort Wayne, Indiana
October 25, 2025,	New Albany & Columbus Ins & Reception	New Albany, Indiana
October 28, 2025,	Social Order of Beauceant Supreme Visit	Greenfield, Indiana
October 31, 2025,	Order of the Temple w/ Levant	Crawfordsville, Indiana
November 1, 2025,	Bedford & Bloomington Ins & Reception	Bedford, Indiana
November 1, 2025,	William G Bray Special Reception	Mooreville, Indiana
November 8, 2025,	Battalion 1 Reception	Valparaiso, Indiana
November 11, 2025,	Compass Park Veterans Day Program	Franklin, Indiana
November 13, 2025,	William G Bray Reception & OT	Mooreville, Indiana
November 14, 2025,	Frankfort Order of the Temple	Frankfort, Indiana
November 15, 2025,	LaValette & Wright Ins & Reception	Evansville, Indiana
November 17, 2025,	Valparaiso Commandery Inspection	Valparaiso, Indiana
November 19, 2025,	Crawfordsville York Rite Stated Meeting	Crawfordsville, Indiana
November 20, 2025,	LaPorte Commandery Inspection	LaPorte, Indiana
November 22, 2025,	Raper Commandery Ins & Reception	Indianapolis, Indiana
November 22, 2025,	Noblesville, Kokomo, Anderson Reception	Noblesville, Indiana
December 6, 2025,	Grand Commandery Christmas Party	Crawfordsville, Indiana
December 11, 2025,	Terre Haute York Rite Visitation	Terre Haute, Indiana
December 13, 2025,	Apollo Commandery Templar Board	Auburn, Indiana
December 17, 2025,	Crawfordsville York Rite Stated Meeting	Crawfordsville, Indiana
December 18, 2025,	LaValette Commandery Christmas Program	Evansville, Indiana
December 22, 2025,	William G Bray awards night & Installation	Mooreville, Indiana
January 3, 2026,	Jobs Daughters Bethel 8 Installation	Fort Wayne, Indiana
January 10, 2026,	Grand Lodge Founders Day Program	Indianapolis, Indiana

January 15, 2026,	Frankfort Commandery Installation	Frankfort, Indiana
January 17, 2026,	Newby-Avery-Vaught Banquet	Muncie, Indiana
January 21, 2026,	Wright Commandery Awards & Installation	Huntingburg, Indiana
January 31, 2026,	Indiana Templar Academy North	Warsaw, Indiana
February 1, 2026,	York Rite Practice	Crawfordsville, Indiana
February 7, 2026,	Indiana Templar Academy South	Bedford, Indiana
February 11, 2026,	Columbus Commandery Visitation	Columbus, Indiana
February 12, 2026,	KT Honor Guard for PGC Barton	Greenfield, Indiana
February 14, 2026,	DeMolay Sweetheart Dance	Indianapolis, Indiana
February 15, 2026,	York Rite Practice	Crawfordsville, Indiana
February 18, 2026,	Crawfordsville York Rite Stated Meeting	Crawfordsville, Indiana
February 20, 2026,	Mark Master Degree	Crawfordsville, Indiana
February 21, 2026,	Indiana Templar Academy Central	Frankfort, Indiana
February 21, 2026,	Arch 4 & 5 Instructional	Crawfordsville, Indiana
March 1, 2026,	York Rite Practice	Crawfordsville, Indiana
March 14, 2026,	East Central Department Meeting	Fort Wayne, Indiana
March 15, 2026,	York Rite Practice	Crawfordsville, Indiana
March 16, 2026,	Anderson Commandery Visitation	Anderson, Indiana
March 18, 2026,	Crawfordsville York Rite Stated Meeting	Crawfordsville, Indiana
March 27, 2026,	Past Master & MEM Degrees	Crawfordsville, Indiana
March 28, 2026,	Super Excellent Master Degree	Mooresville, Indiana
April 10, 2026,	Grand Chapter Welcome Banquet	Nashville, Indiana
April 11, 2026,	Grand Chapter Annual Convocation	Nashville, Indiana
April 12, 2026,	Grand Council Casual Buffet Dinner	Indianapolis, Indiana
April 13, 2026,	Grand Council Annual Assembly	Indianapolis, Indiana
April 15, 2026,	Crawfordsville York Rite Stated Meeting	Crawfordsville, Indiana
April 16, 2026,	Greene County Visitation	Linton, Indiana
April 19, 2026,	York Rite Practice	Crawfordsville, Indiana
April 24, 2026,	Grand Commandery Conclave	Muncie, Indiana
April 25, 2026,	Grand Commandery Conclave	Muncie, Indiana

Out of State Visitations:

July 19, 2025,	Illinois Grand Commandery	Springfield, Illinois
August 16, 2025,	Michigan Grand Commandery	Bay City, Michigan
September 15, 2025,	Kentucky Grand Commandery	Lexington, Kentucky
December 1, 2025,	Detroit Commandery OT & Visitation	Detroit, Michigan
March 7, 2026,	Tri State Festival Commandery Day	Bryan, Ohio
April 1, 2026,	Easter Sunrise Trip	Washington D.C.

Other Masonic Events:

May 3, 2025,	Yeoman of York Preceptory #8	Frankfort, Indiana
May 4, 2025,	Banks of the Wabash YRSCNA dinner	Terre Haute, Indiana
May 10, 2025,	Masonic Order of Athelstan	Fort Wayne, Indiana
May 12, 2025,	Alamo Masonic Lodge #144	Alamo, Indiana
May 14, 2025,	Scottish Rite	Terre Haute, Indiana
May 15, 2025,	Crawfordsville Masonic Temple Foundation	Crawfordsville, Indiana

May 17, 2025,	Banks of the Wabash YRSCNA	Terre Haute, Indiana
May 24, 2025,	Red Cross of Constantine	Battle Ground, Indiana
May 26, 2025,	Montgomery County Shrine Club	Crawfordsville, Indiana
May 30, 2025,	Montgomery Council R & SM Degrees	Crawfordsville, Indiana
May 31, 2025,	Scottish Rite Officer Installation	Terre Haute, Indiana
June 7, 2025,	AMD Ingathering	Indianapolis, Indiana
June 9, 2025,	Alamo Masonic Lodge #144	Alamo, Indiana
July 14, 2025,	Alamo Masonic Lodge #144	Alamo, Indiana
August 2, 2025,	Oklahoma Masonic Indian Degree Team	Muncie, Indiana
August 5, 2025,	Alamo Masonic Lodge #144 EA Degree	Alamo, Indiana
August 8, 2025,	AMD, Thespian Council 464	Battle Ground, Indiana
August 11, 2025,	Alamo Masonic Lodge #144	Alamo, Indiana
August 13, 2025,	Scottish Rite	Terre Haute, Indiana
September 6, 2025,	Alamo Masonic Lodge #144 Breakfast	Alamo, Indiana
September 8, 2025,	Alamo Masonic Lodge #144	Alamo, Indiana
September 10, 2025,	Scottish Rite	Terre Haute, Indiana
September 12, 2025,	Crawfordsville Masonic Temple Foundation	Crawfordsville, Indiana
September 18, 2025,	Crawfordsville Masonic Temple Foundation	Crawfordsville, Indiana
October 8, 2025,	Scottish Rite	Terre Haute, Indiana
October 13, 2025,	Alamo Masonic Lodge #144	Alamo, Indiana
November 7, 2025,	Master Mason Degree	Cloverdale, Indiana
November 8, 2025,	Red Cross of Constantine	South Bend, Indiana
November 10, 2025,	Alamo Masonic Lodge #144	Alamo, Indiana
November 12, 2025,	Scottish Rite	Terre Haute, Indiana
November 24, 2025,	Knight York Cross of Honor	Franklin, Indiana
November 25, 2025,	Montgomery County Shrine Club	Crawfordsville, Indiana
December 8, 2025,	Alamo Masonic Lodge #144	Alamo, Indiana
December 10, 2025,	Scottish Rite	Terre Haute, Indiana
December 20, 2025,	Masonic Order of Athelstan	Fort Wayne, Indiana
December 27, 2025,	Feast of St John	Dayton, Indiana
December 30, 2025,	Actual Past Master Degree	Alamo, Indiana
January 9, 2026,	Master Mason Degree	Alamo, Indiana
January 12, 2026,	Alamo Masonic Lodge #144	Alamo, Indiana
January 14, 2026,	Scottish Rite	Terre Haute, Indiana
January 24, 2026,	Knight York Cross of Honor	Nashville, Indiana
January 29, 2026,	Master Mason Degree	Alamo, Indiana
February 5, 2026,	Outer Guard Widows Sons	Dayton, Indiana
February 9, 2026,	Alamo Masonic Lodge #144	Alamo, Indiana
February 19, 2026,	Crawfordsville Masonic Temple Foundation	Crawfordsville, Indiana
March 9, 2026,	Alamo Masonic Lodge #144	Alamo, Indiana
March 11, 2026,	Scottish Rite	Terre Haute, Indiana
March 19, 2026,	Crawfordsville Masonic Temple Foundation	Crawfordsville, Indiana
March 20, 2026,	AMD, Thespian Council 464	Battle Ground, Indiana
March 21, 2026,	Prather Knight Masons	Indianapolis, Indiana
March 22, 2026,	Banks of the Wabash YRSCNA Practice	Terre Haute, Indiana
March 28, 2026,	Canterbury Chapel, St Thomas of Acon	Indianapolis, Indiana

March 31, 2026,
April 8, 2026,

Montgomery County Shrine Club
Scottish Rite

Crawfordsville, Indiana
Terre Haute, Indiana

Philanthropies:

Holyland Pilgrimage – Indiana sent 1 minister from Angola. Coins were minted and sold to raise funds for the Holyland Pilgrimage, \$3,070.00 was raised.

Knights Templar Eye Foundation – The Knight Templar Ball raised \$3,990.00 to make Indiana Sir Knights Life Sponsors. On June 21, 2025, we were able to help present a Golden Chalice to a Sir Knight from Crawfordsville Commandery #25. On March 15, 2026, we were able to help present a Sword of Merit to the same Sir Knight from Crawfordsville Commandery #25. For the 58th Annual Voluntary Campaign, Indiana donated \$64,712.91. Indiana currently has 6 Commanderies that are 100% Life Sponsors.

Bulletins:

Bulletin #1 – 171st Conclave Digest
Bulletin #2 – Certificate of Merit
Bulletin #3 – Distinguished Service Award
Bulletin #4 – Knight Templar Cross of Honor
Bulletin #5 – Ritual Award Program
Bulletin #6 – Battalion Commander and DBC Visits
Bulletin #7 – Holyland Pilgrimage
Bulletin #8 – Special Deputy Huntington #35
Bulletin #9 – Passing of PGC Herbert Roach
Bulletin #10 – Deadline for Scholarship Applications
Bulletin #11 – Appointing Special Deputy Whisner
Bulletin #12 – Appointing Special Deputy Williams
Bulletin #13 – Passing of PGC John Stevens
Bulletin #14 – Passing of PGC Steven Barton
Bulletin #15 – Notice of 172nd Annual Conclave
Bulletin #16 – Fall Holyland Pilgrimage
Bulletin #17 – Grand Prelate's Easter Message

General Orders:

General Order #1 – Annual Inspection & Receptions of Constituent Commandery's
General Order #2 – Special Dispensations
General Order #3 – Mentoring New Members & Junior Officers
General Order #4 – Libations for Candidates under the Age of 21
General Order #5 – R Frank Williams Award
General Order #6 – Video Presentation

Dispensations:

Dispensation #1 – Lawrence V. Kaminsky Commandery of Research U.D.
Dispensation #2 – Levant Preceptory
Dispensation #3 – Valparaiso Commandery #28
Dispensation #4 – Elkhart Commandery #31 Move Charter

Dispensation #5 – Vincennes Commandery #20 Special Election
Dispensation #6 – Angola Commandery #45 Move Stated Conclave Date
Dispensation #7 – Raper Commandery #1 Move Charter for Levant Conferral
Dispensation #8 – Frankfort Commandery #29 Move Stated Conclave Date
Dispensation #9 – Kokomo Commandery #36 Move Charter
Dispensation #10 – Frankfort Commandery #29 Move Stated Conclave Date
Dispensation #11 – Conferring of Orders in Another Jurisdiction
Dispensation #12 – Vincennes #20 Installation of officers
Dispensation #13 – Crawfordsville Commandery #25 Move Charter

By-Laws:

I approved By-Laws changes for the following commanderies:

Noblesville Commandery #61	William G Bray Commandery #65
Anderson Commandery #32	Frankfort Commandery #29

Grand Representatives:

I am pleased to have appointed the following Sir Knights as representatives to the following commanderies:

Sir Knight Lawrence Myers – Alabama
Sir Knight Jon Carpenter – Delaware
Sir Knight Stephen Roberts – Italy
Sir Knight Dathan Reed – Kansas
Sir Knight Phillip Whisner – Kentucky
Sir Knight Mark Elder – Maine
Sir Knight Jordan McCracken – Maryland
Sir Knight Andrew Bowman – Massachusetts & Rhode Island
Sir Knight Jeffrey Prairie – Minnesota
Sir Knight Barry Clouser – Montana
Sir Knight Gary Paschke II – New Hampshire
Sir Knight Joseph Korschot – New Jersey
Sir Knight Vance Brewer – New Mexico
Sir Knight Dan Patterson – Oklahoma
Sir Knight Graig Huber – Oregon
Sir Knight Terry Bisping – Philippines
Sir Knight John Jones II – South Carolina
Sir Knight John Freeland – Tennessee
Sir Knight Scott Sacek – Texas
Sir Knight Mitch Rohrbaugh – Utah
Sir Knight Matthew McLaughlin – Virginia
Sir Knight Nathan Ratterman – Washington
Sir Knight William Short - Wisconsin

Goals:

All Commanderies to become 100% KTEF Life Sponsored
Each Battalion creates at least a Class D Drill Team
Increase membership by visiting and supporting Blue Lodge

Create an Exit Committee to study Sir Knights that are leaving due to NPD or Demits
Create a Templar Honor Guard committee
Continued training of battalion commanders and Deputy Battalion Commanders
Reaffirm expectations of being a Battalion Commander and a Grand Commandery Officer
Raise funds for the Holyland pilgrimage, KTEF or other worthy charity.
Promote and raise funds for the permanent fund, Newby-Avery-Vaught
Have 1 centralized summer picnic
Promote harmony and better communication through the other York Rite bodies
Assign a Mentor to appointed officers
Review By-laws of the Grand Commandery
Update Indiana Knights Templar Monitor
Review Officer handbooks and update as needed

Recommendations:

- 1 - I recommend that the Grand Commandery continue to support the youth groups of the Order of DeMolay, Rainbow Girls, and Job's Daughters. This support should be in the form of financial, visits, and participation with the local groups
- 2 – That the Membership Committee continue to work on recruitment and retention
- 3 – Continue to support Lawrence V Kaminsky Commandery of Research and promote Templar Education
- 4 – Continue the Ritual Competition Program to increase interest in Ritual
- 5 – Continue to promote the Drill Competition and continue to hold it at Conclave
- 6 – Continue to raise funds for the permanent fund, Newby-Avery-Vaught banquet and continue to keep it open to all Sir Knights and their families
- 7 – Continue to have Open Receptions to allow Ladies and Guest to attend
- 8 – Continue to provide information on various Commandery subjects through the Indiana Templar Academy or try a School of Instruction
- 9 – Continue to come up with new ways of preserving Templary
- 10 – Continue to train and mentor all elected and appointed officers
- 11 – Continue to raise funds for our philanthropies, Templar Ball, Golf Outing or other fundraising efforts
- 12 – Continue to support the Social Order of the Beauceant and invite them to Commandery functions

Conclusion:

What a fantastic year this has been! I have so much to be thankful for. Thanks to God, without his Grace and Mercy I probably wouldn't be here. Thanks to my amazing wife for all her support and for keeping all of you informed while I was in the hospital. Thanks to all the Sir Knights of this great state for your Love of Templary, for your dedication to your commandery and for the support you have shown me and my Lady.

As you can see from my travel log, my health issues did not slow me down much. Thank you to everyone who helped me get to an appointment or to a Lodge meeting. I still believe that to be a leader of Gods army you must endure his trials and tribulations.

Although my year is coming to an end, our work is not yet finished! On April 28, 2025, we started with a membership of 2,338 Sir Knights.

Knighted – 63
Affiliated – 65
Reinstated – 16
Total Gain – 144

Demit - 91
Suspended - 70
Deaths - 81
Total Loss – 242

Final membership count on March 6, 2026, was 2,240. It's no secret this has been an ongoing issue. We will continue to work toward improving membership. Unfortunately, we did have one Commandery merge this year. On a more positive note, we were able to rededicate 2 Commanderies. Crawfordsville Commandery celebrated their 150th year. Bloomington Commandery celebrated their 100th year. I also had the opportunity to assist in presenting to several Sir Knights their 50-year award of gold.

I was able to visit every Commandery during my term. During my visits I noticed that every Commandery is trying to do better. It takes time to rebuild. Continue to work with your neighboring Commanderies. Don't hesitate to ask your Grand Officers for help! That's what we are here for. Part of my job while visiting was to encourage and inspire each of you. The more impressive our Orders are the better the likelihood of a New Sir Knight returning. Once they return we must give them something to want to continue to return. I have a theory that the answer to this is mentoring that new Sir Knight. Maybe it's round table discussions, family nights, or education nights. Unfortunately, none of us have the answer or it wouldn't be a problem.

In conclusion, I would like to thank all of the Sir Knights of Indiana for having the confidence in me to serve as Grand Commander of the Knights Templar of Indiana this year. It has been an honor and a privilege to be able to serve you, and I will continue to serve in any way possible.

Courteously,
Joseph L. Sparks, KCT
Right Eminent Grand Commander

Following the Grand Commander's allocation, Jurisprudence then moved to accept the report and be placed in Divisions and References.

Executive Committee Report Annual Meeting

To the Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander, Past Grand Commanders, Grand Officers and Sir Knights all.

Your Executive committee currently has nothing to report.

Courteously,
Joseph Sparks, REGC, KCT, Chair
Dominic Hamblin, VEDGC, KCT
Jonathan McCracken, GG

Dathan Reed, GCG

Jurisprudence Committee Report

Right Eminent Grand Commander, Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander, Past Grand Commanders and Grand Commandery Officers:

The Committee on Jurisprudence has nothing to report at this time.

Courteously,

Michael Robbins, PGC, Chair

Past Grand Commanders

3-7-2026

Grand Recorder's 2026 Final Report

To REGC Joseph Sparks

Grand Commandery Officers, Past Grand Commanders, and Sir Knights All,

Subject: Grand Recorder's Grand Conclave Report.

All the Commanderies have paid their Re-Caps for the year of 2025.

I am happy to report that for the most part there are some very competent Recorders in the State of Indiana. I have received very few questions from them and the few that I have received were because of confusion on their part as to what to do. And a few have kindly pointed out more than a few mistakes that I have made in my posting. Thank you for your help. You know who you are.

I ask that the local Recorders be more timely in updating their records of the knighting, deaths demits and suspensions. This is because it allows the Sir Knights that are Topline Signers to receive their awards in a timely manner. It is also because, in the long range, by not reporting deaths, demits and suspensions, this will cost their Commanderies funds on their annual Re-Cap Statements by not removing those who for whatever reason have left.

The Recorders should also keep track of their 50-year members. This is because they should be recognized for their service and also the commandery is losing a dues paying member.

SYNOPSIS OF MEMBERSHIP

Here is an overview of the membership numbers since our last Grand Conclave:

While compiling the Re-Cap Statement for 2025, I discovered something worth highlighting. Between January 1, 2025, and December 31, 2025:

1. We began the year with 2,366 members
 - We ended the year with 2,258 members
 - Reflecting a 4.56% decrease
2. 10 Commanderies experienced membership decline
3. 5 saw growth—with one Commandery seeing growth solely due to the closure and consolidation of another Commandery
4. 3 held steady
5. 72 Knightings recorded from January through December

6. 67 Affiliations
7. 14 Reinstatements
8. 102 Demits
9. 73 Suspensions
10. 86 Deaths

As you can see from the above figures, if we can cut the Demits and Suspension in half we would have had a positive year for growth, However it is the same conversation we have been having for years. We must identify why members leave through demits or suspensions.

If possible, ask departing members about their reasons for leaving.

- Is it insufficient activity within the York Rite?
- Is it lack of support for new ideas?
- Are there too many meetings each week or month?
- Do they feel pressured to memorize ritual parts?
- Is the uniform cost prohibitive?
- Or are there are other factors?

There is a Commandery in northern Indiana that hosts round table discussions after completing the Orders, allowing members to reflect on and discuss their impression of the Orders and symbolism and what they received from them.

It appears that this approach has fostered growth and helped retain membership.

Use these insights to address underlying issues.

Respectfully submitted,
Lawrence J. Williams, KCT, PGC
Grand Recorder

Financial Reports

Profit and Loss - copy
Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Indiana
April 1, 2025-March 31, 2026

	TOTAL
Income	
4000 Contributed support	
4030 Individual Contributions to HL	38,742.00
Total for 4000 Contributed support	\$38,742.00
5000 Earned revenues	\$200.00
5200 Per Capita Assessments	48,006.75
5407 Postage on Rituals	515.32
5403 Rituals	325.83
5400 DGA, Income	450.00
5450 Grand Conclave Income	8,000.00
Total for 5000 Earned revenues	\$55,362.90
5650 Newby Avery Vlaught Banquet	8,000.00
Unapplied Cash Payment Income	1,000.00
Total for Income	\$98,044.90
Gross Profit	\$98,044.90
Expenses	
7200 Salaries & related expenses	414.80
7300 Non-Discretionary Accounts	
7320 Triennial Expense	\$750.00
7322 Officer Expenses	2,250.00
Total for 7320 Triennial Expense	\$3,000.00
Total for 7300 Non-Discretionary Accounts	\$3,000.00
7400 Discretionary Accounts	
7410 Officer Expenses	\$750.00
7412 Grand Recorder's Expense	325.27
7416 Grand Officer's Expense	3,000.00
Total for 7410 Officer Expenses	\$4,075.27
7500 Operating Expenses	\$250.00
7501 Operations	
7570 Insurance - Records Bond	1,147.00
Total for 7501 Operations	\$1,147.00
7601 Operating Supplies	
7620 Rituals and Tacties	2,000.04
7625 Uniform Supplies	11,824.52
Total for 7601 Operating Supplies	\$14,324.48
7650 Awards and Jewels	\$316.75
7700 Awards	
7710 Ribbons, Plaques, Trophies	600.00
Total for 7700 Awards	\$600.00
Total for 7650 Awards and Jewels	\$916.75
7900 Donations to other programs	-\$35.00
7970 Holy Land Pilgrimage Fund	343.73

Cash Basis: Monday, May 04, 2026 08:57 PM GMT-7

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Trustee's Report 2026

Right Eminent Grand Commander,
Officers of the Grand Commandery and Sir Knights of Indiana.

The Grand Commandery Permanent Fund balance as of March 31, 2026 was \$910,179.00 Up from March 31, 2025 of \$810,130.62

We have no further business to report at this time.

Respectfully submitted by:
Edward E. Fodrea, KCT PGC
Michael F., Robbins, KCT PGC
Phillip Whisner, KCT, KTCH, PGC
Lawrence J. Williams, Grand Recorder, PGC
Randy Darling, Grand Treasurer, KCT, PGC

Budget 2026 - 2027

GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF INDIANA

APPROVED Budget 2026-2027

	Account	Total
	2026 number	Budget \$11.20
R.E.C.E.P.T.S.		
Per Capita Dues - Indiv	2026 members	\$ 28,223.00
Per Capita Dues - Grand Secummary		\$ 20,322.00
Transfer from L.F. Membership Fund	5061.20	\$ 4,762.00
n. F. Exp. Foundation - Awareness		\$ 1,275.00
Initiation Fee		\$ 1,250.00
Don Per Capita - Awareness	4366	\$ 55,891.00
Unrecovered	4310	\$ -
Per Capita Fund / new/old/young/awareness	4069	\$ 4,000.00
Transfer from Permanent Fund	4400	\$ 17,000.00
OT & Payroll	4402	\$ 1,000.00
Grand Council - Banner income	4425	\$ 15,000.00
LT4	4428	\$ -
Membership	4439	\$ 200.00
Deputy Grand	4011	\$ -
Excess Surplus Exp	4010	\$ -
Transfer - Awareness	4429	\$ -
Income Total		\$ 94,071.00
DISBURSEMENTS		
NON-RECEIPTIONARY AND SPECIAL ACCOUNTS - T300		
Grand Secummary Per Capita		\$ 20,322.00
n. F. Exp. Foundation		\$ 1,275.00
Grand Secummary Per Capita - Don	T310	\$ 11,891.00
Refund of Per Capita	T315	\$ -
Donation	T320	\$ 2,000.00
Transfer from Fund Trust	T321	\$ 250.00
DISCRIPTIONARY	T400	17,500.00
Office Expenses	T410	\$ -
Grand Commander	T411	\$ 6,750.00
Grand Recorder	T412	\$ 5,000.00
Grand Recorder	T413	\$ 5,000.00
n. F. Secummary	T414	\$ 250.00
OT & Payroll	T415	\$ 1,500.00
Grand Office	T416	\$ 6,750.00
Grand Commander's Secretary	T417	\$ 500.00
Secretary	T418	\$ 250.00
Annual 20-year Purview	E149	\$ 50.00
Assessment Fund / Fund	T419	\$ 2,000.00
Funeral Expenses	T524	\$ 250.00
Travel & Welcome Expenses	T550	
Travel/Welcome - Grand Council Expenses	T551	\$ 250.00
Grand Council	T552	\$ 10,000.00
Grand Council - Banner		\$ 15,000.00
Proceedings - Advanced	E171	\$ 500.00
Proceedings - Annual	E172	\$ 2,000.00
Grand Council Commission/Board	T553	\$ -
Commission - Awards	T554	\$ 1,000.00
Transfer/Annual	T555	\$ -
Grand Council - Grand Recorder	T556	\$ 1,000.00
Checks	T557	\$ -
Education Expenses	T600	
Books & Supplies	T620	\$ 400.00
Uniforms	T625	\$ 500.00
OT & Payroll - Books & Supplies	T631	\$ 500.00
Books - Books & Supplies	T632	\$ 500.00
Annual 20-year Purview / Fund	T633	\$ 500.00
Books - Books, Supplies	T710	\$ 500.00
Membership Development / Publicity Expenses	T800	\$ 1,000.00
Youth Job's Database	T820	\$ 250.00
Youth Banner	T825	\$ 250.00
Youth Display	T830	\$ 250.00
Youth Display Board	T831	\$ -
LT4 Supplies	T832	\$ 500.00
Grand Recorder Office Expenses	E100	
Office Supplies	E110	\$ 750.00
Telephone	E120	\$ 500.00
Assessment - Grand Council	E121	\$ 25.00
Internet	E122	\$ 500.00
Grand Council - Secretary's Desk Help	E123	\$ 750.00
Computer Software	E124	\$ 750.00
Computer Hardware	E125	\$ 1,500.00
Office Equip Repair / Replace	E126	\$ -
Postage	E127	\$ 300.00
Shipping & Postage	E128	\$ 350.00
Office Phone & Console	E129	\$ 400.00
Red Box	E130	\$ 250.00
Other	E510	
Expense Total		\$ 95,911.00
Surplus / (Deficit)		\$ 162.00

Trustee's Report

Right Eminent Grand Commander, Officers of the Grand Commandery and Sir Knights of Indiana.

The Grand Commandery Permanent Fund balance as of March 31, 2025 was \$810,306.62. There was a transfer of \$24,000.00 to checking on November 1, 2024.

Respectfully submitted by:

Edward E. Fodrea, PGC

Michael F., Robbins, PGC

Don Olvey, PGC

Lawrence J. Williams, Grand Recorder, PGC

Robert J. Frazer, Grand Treasurer, PGC

Audit Report

Accountant's Compilation Report

To Management

Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Indiana



Management is responsible for the accompanying combined financial statements of Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Indiana (the "Company"), which comprise the balance sheet as of March 31, 2025, and the related combined statements of operations and cash flows for the year then ended (collectively referred to as the "financial statements") in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We have performed a compilation engagement in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services promulgated by the Accounting and Review Services Committee of the AICPA. We did not audit or review the financial statements nor were we required to perform any procedures to verify the accuracy or completeness of the information provided by management. We do not express an opinion, a conclusion nor provide any form of assurance on these financial statements.

Integrated Accounting Solutions Indianapolis,

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September 2nd, 2026

Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Indiana
Statement of Assets and Net Assets – Cash Basis
March 31, 2026

Assets

Cash and Cash Equivalents

Operating Account	\$88,208
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Holy Land Account	\$486
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Triennial Account	\$133
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Investments	\$936,830
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Total Assets	\$1,025,763
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Net Assets:

Net Assets without Donor Restrictions	\$1,025,763
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Total Net Assets	\$1,025,763
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Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Indiana
Statement of Revenue and Expense – Cash Basis
For the Year Ended March 31, 2026

Net Assets without Donor Restriction

Revenues and Other Support

Contributed Support	\$92,289
Unrealized Gain/(Loss) on Investment	\$99,393

Total Revenue and Support	\$191,682
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Expenses:

Program Expenses	\$64,539
Management and General Expenses	\$12,028

Total Expenses	\$76,567
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Change in Net Assets	\$115,210
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Net Assets at Beginning of Year	\$910,553
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Net Assets at End of Year	\$1,025,763
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**Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Indiana Notes to
Combined Financial Statements
March 31, 2025**

**NOTE 1 -SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING
POLICIES**

For the purposes of these statements, the organization considers all short-term debt securities purchased with a maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents.

Assets and liabilities and revenues and expenses are recognized on the cash basis of accounting. This differs from generally accepted accounting principles in the U.S. in that revenues are recorded when received rather than when earned and expenses are recorded when paid rather than when incurred.

Investments-the organization carries investments in marketable securities with readily determinable fair values and all investments in debt securities at their fair values in the statement of Assets and Net Assets - Cash Basis.

Unrealized gains and losses on investments are included in the accompanying Statement of Revenues and Expenses-Cash Basis.

Equipment is expensed when purchased, or if donated, a fair market value is expensed as of the date of the gift.

The organization reports gifts of cash and other assets as restricted support if they are received with donor stipulations that limit the use of the donation.

When a stipulation is not fulfilled, the organization returns the donation to the donor. Donor-restricted contributions whose restrictions are met in the same reporting period are reported as unrestricted support.

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

Restricted and Unrestricted Revenue -Contributions received are recorded as increases in unrestricted, temporarily restricted, or permanently restricted net assets, depending on the existence and/or nature of the donor restrictions.

The organization has evaluated subsequent events through September 2, 2026 the date which the financial statements were available to be issued.

Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Indiana Notes
to Combined Financial Statements
March 31, 2025

NOTE 2 - TAX STATUS

The organization has been determined by the Internal Revenue Service to be tax exempt under Section 501(c)(10) of the Internal Revenue Code and not determined to be a private foundation.

NOTE 3- FUNCTIONAL ALLOCATION OF EXPENSES

Detail of Program Expenses

Grand Officer Expenses	\$4,389.72
Per Capita Tax	\$24,154.75
Triennial Expense	\$3,000
Travel, Meetings & Conferences Expense	\$30,507
Supplies	\$5,405

Details of Management and General Expenses

Investment Management Fees	\$9,600
Office Expense	\$1,281
Insurance	\$1,147

Necrology Report
April 1, 2025 – March 31, 2026

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

It is with a heavy heart that I submit this report of our dearly departed sir knights. To their friends and relatives we tender our heartfelt sympathy and affirm our faith that He who tempers the wind to the shorn lamb looks down with the infinite compassion upon the widow and the fatherless in their hour of desolation; and that the same benevolent Savior who wept tears of sympathy over the grave at Bethany, will support and comfort all those who put their trust and faith in Him.

Commandery	Name	Birth	Passing
Raper #1	Larry D. Jefferson	11/27/1938	05/31/2025
	Terry L. Turner	11/22/1955	07/31/2025
Baldwin #2	Steven J. Barton	12/10/1944	01/30/2026

Fort Wayne #4	Max L. Poorman	07/12/1923	04/13/2025
	Thomas J. Smith	08/10/1960	01/01/1900
	Donald R. Rush	06/23/1936	03/20/2026
New Albany #5	Jerry Melton	05/04/1942	01/01/1900
	Jack L. Windell	03/17/1934	01/01/1900
Richmond #8	Thomas C. Francis	04/11/1938	12/07/2025
LaPorte #12	August K. Eckert	03/07/1956	06/24/2024
	Paul J. Erickson	09/16/1935	06/07/2025
	John E. Bauer	05/19/1936	10/17/2024
Columbus #14	David S. Graham	04/25/1947	04/12/2025
	Thomas D. Cook	06/30/1934	02/16/2025
	Harold Greene Jr.	08/08/1937	08/26/2023
	David V. Koss	09/04/1940	07/27/2025
	Paul M. Rynerson	02/01/1957	07/18/2022
	Samuel E. Shearer	07/14/1935	01/06/2021
	Gary Trowbridge	10/16/1953	03/08/2023
	Stephen W. Walters	03/19/1939	07/30/2023
	Charles W. Robbins	04/23/1937	08/05/2022
	Charles B. Roark	02/23/1947	06/11/2025
	Jesse C. James	05/15/1937	12/20/2024
	James R. Harrison	10/24/1941	01/26/2026
	William R. Riche	08/22/1949	12/08/2025
	Patrick L. Garrett	04/09/1947	10/15/2024
La Valette #15	Thomas D. West	09/25/1948	05/27/2025
	Robin R. Holder	11/08/1939	12/24/2024
	Timothy R. Hermes	07/23/1942	02/08/2026
Terre Haute #16	Harold W. Hopler	03/20/1940	05/04/2025
	Jack Thomas	05/29/1942	08/26/2025
	Marvin L. Williams	08/08/1936	10/15/2025
	Randy Porter	07/16/1946	02/14/2026
Apollo #19	Stephen J. Williams	03/01/1940	12/05/2025
	Thomas R. Smith	06/15/1961	02/08/2024
	Eldred Glass	07/18/1932	12/23/2025
Vincennes #20	Herbert G. Roach	02/04/1930	05/10/2025
	Philip C. Grounds	09/23/1951	03/23/2023
Grant County #21	Phillip W. Wood	08/13/1943	05/17/2025
	James A. Bozell	10/21/1949	07/30/2025
Crawfordsville #25	Michael S. Morrison	03/26/1944	09/24/2025
Valparaiso #28	James Dimitri	06/14/1929	04/11/2025

	John M. Webster	10/10/1933	01/12/2025
	William, I. Smiley, Sr.	08/25/1930	11/06/2023
	Jeffery J. Oesterle	06/14/1954	08/25/2025
	James C. Barnett	10/18/1939	04/05/2025
	Joseph L. Beverly, Sr.	02/27/1938	11/28/2025
	Gordan C. Hall	10/23/1949	03/18/2026
Frankfort #29	Russell M. Sheets	11/16/1927	07/29/2025
	Drew C. Godby	09/10/1989	08/09/2025
	Alan W. Kaufman	12/23/1941	08/01/2025
	Charles Jones	02/13/1925	06/08/2021
	Paul E. Anderson	04/01/1956	02/26/2025
	Veron L. Patchett	10/13/1946	12/07/2025
	Gary C. Steinhardt	09/13/1944	12/12/2025
	John V. Stevens	10/30/1940	09/19/2023
Elkhart #31	NONE REPORTED		
Anderson #32	Donald R. Phillippe	04/09/1933	06/01/2025
	Dale M. Adams	10/17/1956	07/08/2025
	Roger A. Glasby	08/24/1932	10/20/2024
	Janes E. Hummel	06/18/1931	05/03/2025
Kokomo #36	Alan W. Kaufman	12/23/1941	08/01/2025
	Merrill C. Quarles	05/27/1933	10/05/2021
	Charles L. Pennington	12/26/1940	07/29/2025
Greenfield #39	William T. Grover	02/12/1960	02/12/2016
	Scott A. Barton	02/21/1968	07/04/2025
	Robert E. Leonard	10/08/1929	08/15/2025
	David A. Hoover	03/30/1947	06/22/2025
	Steven J. Barton	12/10/1944	01/30/2026
	James C. Talbott	12/14/1924	09/02/2022
	James R. Wortman	09/29/1931	02/16/2026
Bedford #42	NONE REPORTED		
Angola #45	Ronald V. Sullins	09/02/1944	12/23/2025
Noblesville #61	David A. Metsker	12/16/1946	04/07/2025
	Neil B. McConnell	08/08/1938	08/12/2025
	Curtis D. Munden	03/07/1940	08/18/2025
Prather #62	Gregory L. McConaughy	10/25/1963	08/04/2025
	William B. Lacefield	10/10/1934	12/25/2024
Bloomington #63	Larry G. Huffman	10/07/1952	04/26/2025
	Verle A. Kersey Sr.	02/21/1954	03/15/2020
	Richard L. Sexton	11/02/1941	08/02/2024
	Phillip W. Hudson	03/15/1948	04/26/2025
	Jerome P. Murphy	07/17/1939	03/08/2026

Wright #64	Dennis M. Reed	06/15/1947	03/03/2026
Wm. G. Bray #65	David C. Willoughby	11/16/1940	05/20/2025
	Joseph L. Scott	09/27/1930	06/13/2025
Greene County #68	Jack Thomas	05/29/1942	08/26/2025
Lawrence Kaminski	Dale M. Adams	10/17/1956	07/08/2025
	David V. Koss	09/04/1940	07/27/2025
	Michael S. Morrison	03/26/1944	09/24/2025
	Steven J. Barton	12/10/1944	01/30/2026
	Randy Porter	07/16/1946	02/14/2026

Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live." John 11:25

Respectfully Submitted

John C. Jones II, MDiv., Grand Prelate
Randal Ellington, PGC, KCT, GPE
Dan Patterson, GPE



Obituary of John Vincent Stevens October 30, 1940 – September 18, 2023

John Vincent Stevens, age 82 of Indianapolis IN, passed away on Tuesday September 19th, 2023. He was born on October 30th, 1940, in Silver Lake IN to John B and Dorothy L Stevens.

Sir Knight John Stevens was raised as a Master Mason on March 10th, 1975, in Lodge #637 in Swansea, Indiana and served as Worshipful Master in 1982.

He received his York Rite Degrees and Orders in 1976 and served as High Priest at Kokomo Chapter #104 in 1981, Illustrious Master of Kokomo Council #60, in 1981 and Eminent Commander of Kokomo Commandery in 1980. Served as secretary/recorder for Kokomo York Rite 1982 through 1985. Received his Distinguished Service Award in

1982 and was commissioned as a Grand Representative to Arizona near the Grand Commandery of Indiana in 1986.

He was a member of the Past Commanders Association of Wisconsin, Ohio, Arizona, Indiana, and Illinois. Royal Order of Scotland, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite Valley of Indianapolis, Knight Masons and has received several honorary memberships in Indiana and have the jurisdiction. He has served as a member of Indiana priority #8 KYCH York Rite Sovereign College #133 where he was Charter Member. Sir Knight John served as Grand Commander in 1989. He also was a long time Grand Recorder for the Grand Commandery of Indiana,

He attended Taylor University and worked at Chrysler as a tool and die maker until his retirement. He and Rebecca Sue Parish were married on June 6th, 1961.

He is survived by his wife of 11 years Mary Jane Stevens, children Brenda R Evans, Michael B Stevens, Matthew Stephens, Bonnie M Joyner, Jason Stevens, and numerous grandchildren and great grandchildren.

John is preceded in death by his parents and first wife Rebecca and his son-in-law and William Evans.



**Obituary
of
Herbert G. Roach, PGC
February 4, 1930 – May 10, 2025**

Herbert G. Roach, 95, of Odon, IN passed away May 10, 2025. He was born in Vincennes, IN on February 4, 1930, to the late Raymond W. and Anna P. (Taylor) Roach. Herbert attended Lincoln High School and graduated in the 1948 class. He married the love of his life, Loretta Jones, on November 26, 1950, and they were blessed with 74 years together. Herbert proudly served his country in the United State Navy for 20 years. Herbert also worked as an Industrial Tech for Crane Naval Base for many years. He was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star, VFW, and was a Past Master of the Vincennes

Masonic Lodge #1. Herbert also is a Past Grand Commander, Indiana Knights Templar 1985/86, Knight of York Cross of Honor, an honorary Kentucky Colonel, and lifetime NRA member. In his early years he enjoyed traveling with his family, hunting, fishing, and spending time at the Vincennes Gun Club. Herbert was a Master Referee for the ATA in San Antonio and the NSSA for both skeet and trap shooting. In his later years, Herbert enjoyed genealogy, solving crossword puzzles, and reading. He will be deeply missed by all.

He is preceded in death by his parents Raymond and Anna Roach; granddaughter Bobbie Jo Jones; daughter in law Sherron Roach; siblings Raymond Roach Jr., Betty Lett, Donald Roach, Verda Robinson, and Alfred Roach.

Herbert is survived by his wife Loretta Roach; children Mike (Susie) Roach, Dale (Ramona) Roach, Debbie (Tim) Gunnoe; grandchildren Season (Kevin) Stalcup, Nathan (Crystal) Roach, Chad (Meredith) Roach, Sean (Katrina) Roach, Mandy (TJ) Price; 10 great-grandchildren; and several nieces, nephews, and friends.

Sir Kinght Roach's visitation was held Sunday, May 18, 2025, at Goodwin-Sievers. With the services of Eastern Star, Templar Memorial Service and Masonic Services. His burial was on Monday May 20, 2025 at Memorial Park immediately following Military Honors.

**Obituary
for
Steven Jack Barton**

December 10, 1944 – January 30, 2026



Steven Jack Barton, age 81, of Hancock County, passed away surrounded by the love of his family. Steve was a man known for steady leadership, quiet strength, and a lifelong commitment to caring for others—especially his family.

Steve was born in Indianapolis, Indiana on December 10, 1944, the eldest child of Branson C. “Bill” Barton and Doris Ruth (Poer) Barton. He grew up in Charlottesville, Indiana, where he learned early the values that would define his life: hard work, responsibility, and service to others. He graduated from Charlottesville High School in 1963.

Steve married Sherry Freeman in 1966, beginning a partnership that shaped the rest of his life. Together they built a family that became the center of Steve’s world. He was the proud father of Tammy, Scott, and Adam, and a devoted grandfather and great-grandfather to a growing family who brought him constant joy. To his grandchildren and great-grandchildren, he was lovingly known as “Pado.” Steve and Sherry created a home that was always open—a place of support, laughter, snacks in the drawer, and unconditional love.

From his early teen years through college, Steve worked alongside his father at Bill Barton and Sons Service Station in Charlottesville. Steve earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Chemistry and Biology from Ball State University in 1970. He spent his professional career with Eli Lilly and Company, beginning as a laboratory technician and later serving as an analytical chemist and senior systems analyst. Over 35 years, he became known for his integrity, problem-solving ability, and leadership, eventually traveling the world on a global laboratory chromatography project before retiring in 2002.

Leadership and service were defining parts of Steve’s life. He devoted decades to Freemasonry and York Rite, serving in numerous local, state, and national leadership roles. He served twice as Worshipful Master, led commandery drill teams for decades, and was elected Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Indiana. He later served three years as Department Commander for the East Central United States, overseeing multiple states. Steve was also appointed to the national Drill Regulations Committee of the Grand Encampment Knights Templar, serving multiple terms as Chairman, helping shape drill standards at the national level. While his titles and honors were many, Steve valued most the friendships, mentorship, and sense of purpose that came from serving something larger than himself.

After retirement, Steve poured his energy into family and community. He volunteered at Hancock Regional Hospital, worked with Eastern Hancock schools in lawn maintenance and as a bus aide, and took on what he jokingly called “30 years of catching up on housework.” He loved time on the water, sitting in boats across the Midwest—especially in Michigan—enjoying the quiet, the challenge of fishing, and the stories that came with it.

More than anything, Steve was a family man. He and Sherry provided a loving second home for their grandchildren and great-grandchildren—offering rides, babysitting, guidance, and a steady example of kindness and dependability. To his family, he wasn’t just Pado; he was a safe place, a helper, and a role model.

Steve was a man of faith and service. He and Sherry were longtime members of Charlottesville United Methodist Church, where Steve served in leadership roles, and later attended Wilkinson Church of Christ.

Steve was preceded in death by his wife, Sherry Barton; his parents, Bill and Doris Barton; his son, Scott Barton and his sister, Carol Ann.

He is survived by his children, Tammy (Chris) Stunda of Wilkinson and Adam (Julie) Barton of Markleville; brother, Tom (Janice) Barton of Knightstown, daughter-in-law, Jane Barton of Greenfield, his beloved grandchildren, Steven Stunda, Jordan (Jameson) Supan, Carly (Chandler) Guion, Tom (Callie) Barton, Kyle (Mackenzie) Barton, Maddy (Patrik) Seal, Jake (Haley) Barton and great-grandchildren, Marcella Stunda, Kaydence Supan, Luka Barton, Eden Seal, Gloriana Guion, Katherine Stunda, Lucy Supan, Tate Seal, Hudson Barton, Carmi Guion and one on the way. Also, his mother-in-law, Marcella Freeman; sisters-in-law, Rebecca (Candy) Freeman and Deborah (Kevin) Shipp; and many cousins, nieces, and nephews.

Knight Templar Eye Foundation Annual Report 2025-2026

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

I visited Grant County Commandery #21 on June 17th, 2025, where I gave a presentation on the Knights Templar Eye Foundation at the annual Templar Board.

August 20th, 2025, Sir Knight Duane Vaught, MEPGM presented a Golden Chalice to Sir Knight Irvan Boeglin at the Battalion 4 Reception. The Golden Chalice requires a \$10,000 donation to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation.

On August 30th, the REGC hosted a Knights Templar Ball and Fundraiser auction for the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. The goal was to raise funds to make all Knights of Indiana Life Members of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. The Fundraiser raised \$3990.00 enough money to make 133 Sir Knights life members. This was a great accomplishment for Indiana Knights Templar. Special thanks to all Sir Knights and Ladies that donated to make this a success.

March 14th, 2026, Sir Knight David Kussman, MEGM, presented a Sword of Merit to Sir Knight Irvan Boeglin at the East Central Department Conference. The Sword of Merit requires a \$25,000 donation to the Knights Templar Eye Foundation.

The 58th Annual Voluntary Campaign Final report, Indiana cumulative contribution was \$53,708.91. Indiana has 29 Commanderies and the top three are Crawfordville No. 25 with \$24,995.00, Greenfield No. 39 with \$6,885.00 and Wright No. 64 with \$2,800.00 in donations.

Courteously:

Jeffery W. Prairie GStdB

Battalion V Commander

KTEF Voluntary Campaign State Chair

Masonic Youth Final 2025-26 Report

To Sir Joseph Sparks, KCT, REGC, Grand Commandery Officers and Sir Knights of the Grand Commandery of Indiana All,

The Masonic Youth Groups of Indiana DeMolay, Job's Daughters and the Rainbow Girls all are all ready for their 2026 Sessions.

Masonic Youth 2026 Sessions

Indiana DeMolay will hold their Conclave at July 9-12 at Marian University

Job's Daughters of Indiana will hold their Grand Bethel Session June 18th – 21st Franklin College

Rainbow for Girls in Indiana will hold their Grand Assembly July 9th – 11th at The Seasons in Nashville

Job's Daughters of Indiana Ms. Isabel Alger was elected as the Grand Bethel Honored Queen for 2025-26 year and has had a wonderful year with a featured events, August 16th Miss Zoey was elected Miss Indiana and Miss Jaelynn was elected Jr Miss Indiana for 2025-26, Bloomington Job's promoted Job's at a Farmers Market on August 30th, Bethel 27 held a Masons and OES Honor Night on September 2nd, Bethel 18UD of in Kentucky attended the Grand Chapter of Kentucky OES on September 7th, Attended the Grand Master's Reception, Attend the Masonic Home Festival on September 7th, Attending Indiana Grand Lodge Founders Day on January 10th, their All Day School of Instruction was held on January 17th at Southport Lodge, Attended the DeMolay Sweetheart Dance held on February 14th at the Scottish Rite, Multi State held on March 7&8 Initiation with Michigan, Annual Coronation Ball held on March 21st at Southport Lodge, their Grand Bethel Hike for Education April 11th with a visit to Indiana Beach on May 16th.

Indiana DeMolay 2025-2026 State Master Councilor Brother Jake M, of Fort Wayne was Installed at Wabash College as the 96th State Master Councilor on Saturday June 28th, 2025 for the 2025-2026 year. He has had an aggressive term plan and has kept Indiana in the upper Top 10 percentage of new membership in DeMolay International and has been First with the Chapters in the United States, A few featured events Attend the Masonic Home Festival on September 7th, Sports and Games Festival October 11th, DeMolay Honors Night in Indianapolis on November 1st, Dad Frank S. Land Memorial Luncheon and Honors Night in Ft Wayne November 8th, State Bowling Tournament and State Initiation in Ft Wayne, Jerry Burns Chapter held their Installation January 17th in Terre Haute, Annual Wayne Reid State Ritual Tournament held at the Scottish Rite along with the Sweetheart Dance held on February 14th, 2026 with an Knights Templar Honor Guard Commanded by Sir Knight Carson Smith and Escorted by Sir Knight Joseph Sparks, REGC, Heartland Ritual Tournament held in Dayton, OH on April 24-25.

The International Rainbow for Girls in Indiana Miss Amber was Installed as the Grand Worthy Advisor and she is from Friendship Assembly. Rainbow held their University on July 26th at the Rainbow Camp, On August 24th Indiana Rainbow represented the International Order of Rainbow for Girls at the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the Scottish Rite held in Indianapolis at their Annual Meeting. held their Grand Officer Workshop on September 6th at the Rainbow Camp and delivered 1.3 Million Pop Tabs to the Ronald McDonald House, Attend the Masonic Home Festival on September 7th , had a School of Instruction and Overnighter in Terre Haute for District 4 September 27th and 28th, Attended Nettie Ransford Day at the Masonic Home one November 9th, Held their

Grand Cross of Color Degree and a Grand Helper Holiday Party at the Rainbow Camp November 15th and 16th, Rainbow Attended the Indiana Grand Lodge Founders Day on January 10th Attended the DeMolay Sweetheart Dance held on February 14th at the Scottish Rite, Held their School of Instruction for District 5 on Feb 28th in Princeton, Rainbow University Watch Party at the HTC Lodge March 21st.

Attached you will see the Grand Commandery Youth Group Certificates that are available to present to any Active or Senior Member of any of Job's, Rainbow or DeMolay.

If your Commandery would like to do a Certificate presentation to one of the Youth Groups please contact the Grand Recorder, who will be able to provide you with a Certificate.

Thank you to Sir Knight Dominic Hamblen, VEDGC who has attended several of Fort Wayne Job's Daughters and DeMolay Events and supporting State Master Councilor Brother Jake M. who is from Fort Wayne. He has been a great supporter of our Masonic Youth with several visits!

Thank you also to all of the Sir Knights who have Formed the Lines, traveled to meetings, installations and other events of our Masonic Youth Groups. We hope you know how much it means to each of us that you show your support, but we hope you know how much more it means to the each of Masonic Youth that you are attending an event and maybe even letting them wear your Chapeau, put on chainmail, hold a sword and treating them like an equal and that you are there showing your support!

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, these Young Adults are our direct Life Line!

Respectfully Submitted in Christian Masonry,

Dad and Sir Knight Randal P. Ellington, KCT, GPE, PGC – Chairman
Dad and Sir Knight Dathan Reed, GCG
Pop and Sir Knight Lawrence Myers, GW

Holy Land Pilgrimage Final 2025-26 Report

To the Right Eminent Grand Commander Joseph Sparks, Grand Commandery Officers and Sir Knights of the Grand Commandery of Indiana,

The Holy Land Pilgrimage Ministry Program has sent one Minister who was paid for by Angola Commandery #45. The airfare was paid for by the Holy Land Pilgrimage Fund and was booked through the Grand Encampment.

We have received a \$4000.00 donation from Angola Commandery #45 to pay for their Minister, \$500.00 from Grant County Commandery #21 and a \$250.00 donation from Sir Knight James Isles of Valparaiso Commandery #28.

The 2027 Dates have been tentatively set for Ministers,
Group A, Monday, February 1 – Thursday, February 11, 2027
Group B, Monday, February 15 – Thursday, February 25, 2027

There is a “In the Footsteps of Jesus” a Pilgrim’s Journey for Sir Knights, Ladies, Friends and Guests in November 9th through the 19th 2026 and tentatively set for November 8th to 18th 2027. The Holy Land Pilgrimage Jewel Program has been recently sent out by our Grand Recorder to all Constituent Recorders and this is a wonderful program to promote for raising money for the Pilgrimage Program and it stays in Indiana and it being handled by Sir Knight Edward Fodrea, KCT, PGC who is has the jewels and bars.

Raper Commandery #1 at this time is the Only Commandery that has donated to the Holy Land Pilgrimage Fund for a Minister to be named in the future. These funds are held till a Minister Candidate has been selected.

Another fundraiser for the Holy Land Pilgrimage Fund is the Templar Crusader which is being published and provided at the Conclave. The net proceeds of the publishing of the Crusader each year goes into the Holy Land Pilgrimage Fund. Please think about putting in an ad next year. The Holy Land Pilgrimage Committee will continue to keep the Commandery’s of Indiana updated with information as it becomes available.

Respectfully submitted,

Randal P. Ellington, KCT, GPE, PGC - Holy Land Pilgrimage Chairman
Dan Patterson, GPE
Barry Clouser, GPE
William Short, KTCH, GPE
John Jones, II, GP
All Past Grand Prelates

BY-LAWS REPORT

2025-2026

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

The By-Laws committee consists of Dominic J. Hamblin, KCT, VEDGC-Chair, Jon McCracken, GG, and Lawrence Williams, KCT, PGC, GR. We have reviewed all incoming changes this year so far and have approved them to be passed on for the signatures of the Grand Commandery Officers so they could be made law in their

respective Commandery's.

There are three Commandery's in the State of Indiana that has requested changes. They are Noblesville Commandery #61, William G. Bray Commandery 65, and Anderson Commandery #32.

Noblesville Commandery previous by-laws stated that the Stated Conclaves shall be held jointly with Chapter and Council on the 4th Tuesday of each month at 7:30pm, except for the month of December when the body shall be dark. If the meeting date falls on a holiday, or the day before or the day after, then the meeting for that month shall be held on the 3rd Tuesday. The modification now reads as follows: Stated Conclaves shall be held jointly with Chapter and Council on the 4th Tuesday of each month at 7:00pm, except for the month of December when the body shall be dark. If the meeting date falls on a holiday, or the day before or the day after, then the meeting for that month shall be held on the 3rd Tuesday.

William G. Bray Commandery by-laws previously stated the Commandery would meet separately on the 2nd Thursday of the month, while the Chapter and Council would meet on the 2nd Monday of the month. The modification now reads: all of Mooresville York Rite bodies, which include William G. Bray Commandery, along with Chapter and Council will now meet on the 4th Monday of the month. Both Chapter and Council requested the same by-law change from their respective Grand Bodies and was approved as well. These changes were made to boost the attendance and to have one night a month for stated meetings. They will work on a rotating schedule every month on which body opens, and the other bodies will be declared open by their respective heads of the line. This allows each body to open 4 times each year.

Anderson Commandery previous by-laws stated that the initiation fee for any new incoming member would be \$75 each. To help boost membership the new by-law changes now state: each new incoming member will be charged a fee of \$45 for initiation. All the by-law changes were read in a stated meeting and held over for a vote until the next stated meeting. By which time they were all approved by the majority of members that were present during the meeting. All three of these changes were signed into law by the current officers of the Diaz of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Indiana.

Right Eminent Grand Commander this is my report from the By-Laws Committee for our Winter meeting of the 2025-2026 Templar year.
Courteously,

Dominic J. Hamblin, KCT, VEDGC-Chair
Jonathan McCracken, GG
Lawrence Williams, KCT, PGC, GR

Membership Committee Report

2025 – 2026

Right Eminent Grand Commander, Officers, and Sir Knights,

Appreciation for Battalion Commanders

I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to each and every Battalion Commander of this Grand Commandery. Your assistance throughout the past year has been greatly appreciated and has contributed significantly to our progress.

Social Media Presence and Promotion

This year, we have seen a notable increase in our activity on social media compared to previous years. This enhanced presence is helping us promote our fraternity more effectively and reach a wider audience.

Membership Numbers and Statistics

The membership numbers for the past year are as follows:

The Grand Lodge currently has 39,000 members, of which 27,000 are dues-paying.

The Grand Commandery has 2,258 dues-paying members, representing 7% of the total Grand Lodge membership as Knights Templars.

This year, the Grand Lodge of Indiana raised 569 Master Masons. In the same period, we knighted 73 new Sir Knights, reflecting a 12% increase.

Membership Changes and Losses

The year began with 2,366 members and concluded with 2,258 members. The breakdown of membership losses is as follows:

73 suspensions

86 deaths

103 demits

Focus for 2026

Our primary focus for 2026 will be to address membership retention—"closing the back door." We will begin with a renewed emphasis on mentoring, which includes education, coaching, and providing valuable support to our membership during meetings. It is essential to engage and nurture our members. When meetings are interesting and enriching, members are more likely to attend and maintain their membership.

Faternally,

Steven A. Dooley, Chairman of the committee.

Patriotic Activities Report

2025 - 2026

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

This is the 2025-2026 Patriotic Activities Report.

The Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander, Sir Knight Dominic Hamblin, KCT, presented his Flag Protocol powerpoint at Star Lodge #225 on Wednesday, 14 May 25.

Angola Commandery #45 performed the Flag Presentation at Star Lodge #225 on Wednesday, 14 May 25.

Baldwin Commandery # 2 presented the Flag, folded the Flag, and presented the POW/MIA ceremony at the Shelby County Memorial Service on Thursday, 22 May 25.

Wright Commandery #64 participated in a Memorial Day event at the War Memorial in French Lick, IN., on Monday, 26 May 25.

An Honor Guard for Past Grand Commander Ron Simpson's 70th Master Mason Anniversary at Greentown Masonic Lodge. Nine Sir Knights from around the state were in attendance.

Angola Commandery #45 09 Jun 25 made a flag presentation for the Pokagon Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution at their June meeting at the Fremont Library.

Fort Wayne Commandery #4 02 Jul 25 made a Flag Presentation for Waynedale Lodge #739 at their July Stated Meeting.

VEDGC Sir Knight Dominic Hamblin, KCT, performed the Flag Protocol Presentation on Wednesday, 30 Jul 25, at Pokagon Council #147, A.M.D. meeting at Ashley Masonic Lodge #614. Angola Commandery #45 posted the Colors and Sir Knight Jim Milleman gave the flag lecture.

Kokomo Commandery No. 36, assisted by Sir Knight George Ingles PGM, PGC, presented the flag to Austin Lodge No. 128 on 07 Aug 25

Four Sir Knights from Battalion III formed an honor guard at the request of Anderson Council for the memorial of Past Grand Illustrious Master Dale Adams.

VEDGC Sir Knight Dominic Hamblin KCT, performed the Flag Protocol Presentation on Tuesday, 26 Aug 25, at Bluffton Lodge #145

Bedford Commandery and New Albany Commandery did the Flag Presentation on Saturday, 20 Sep 25, at Bedford Lodge for their Rusty Nail Degree.

Grant County No. 21 presented the flag at the rededication of Blackford Lodge No. 106 in Hartford City on 20 Sep 25.

Bedford and New Albany Commanderies did the Flag Presentation on Saturday, 27 Sep 25 at Bedford for their outdoor degree.

11 Sir Knights participated at the Indiana Masonic Home Veteran's Day Program which also included placing a wreath at the Soldier's Monument on Veteran's Day, Tuesday, 11 Nov 25.

Noblesville Commandery No. 61 presented the flag at the installation of officers of Noblesville Masonic Lodge No. 57 on 05 Dec 25.

Angola Commandery did the Flag Presentation at the Feast of Saint John on 27 Dec 25, at Star Lodge No. 225.

Courteously,

Sir Knight John R. Freeland
Chairman of the Patriotic Activities Committee

Easter Trip Committee Annual Report

Your Committee on the Easter Sunrise trip is pleased to announce that the will proceed as planned with 22 Sir Knights & Ladies signed up. The schedule will be as follows.

Wednesday, April 1, 2026, 6:30 - Arrive at Hancock Lodge. 7:30 – Depart. 11:30 - Lunch on your own. 7:00 - Arrive at the hotel in Philadelphia. We are staying downtown within walking distance of many attractions and restaurants.

Thursday, April 2, 2026, 6:00 - Breakfast is available at the hotel on your own. 9:45 - Depart the hotel.

We will walk $\frac{1}{4}$ mile. 10:00 - Tour of the Philadelphia Masonic Temple. 11:30 - The rest of the day is yours to enjoy. We are staying downtown within walking distance of many attractions and restaurants.

Friday, April 3, 2026, 6:00 - Breakfast is available at the hotel on your own. 7:00 - Depart from the hotel. 11:00 - Arrive at Arlington National Cemetery. You will have a ticket to ride the tram. 12:15 - Wreath Laying Ceremony 1:00 - Lunch on your own. 2:30 - Arrive at the hotel in Arlington the rest of the afternoon on your own. 5:30 - Indiana State Dinner on your own If there are people interested. We can do a night tour of the monuments.

Saturday, April 4, 2026, 6:00 - Breakfast is available at the hotel on your own. You have the entire day on your own at any museum that you'd like to visit. The vans will take everyone downtown. You will have a ticket for the Hop On/Off bus that will take you to various places around the city. 6:00 - Grand Encampment Banquet - on your own, not included.

Sunday, April 5, 2026, 7:00 - Depart for the George Washington Masonic Memorial. 8:00 - Easter Sunrise Services. 9:15 - Depart to return to the hotel. We'll stop for brunch and dinner along the way on your own. 9:30 - Arrive at Hancock Lodge.

Courteously,
Joseph L Sparks, KCT, REGC
Joseph Korschot, Aide to the REGC
Mitchell Rohrbaugh, Aide to the REGC

Knight Templar Honor Guard Report 2025-26

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

The Honor Guard has been formed and conducted Templar Services and standing Honor Guard for Fallen Sir Knights of Indiana. The Honor Guard has conducted three Templar Funeral Services.

The first funeral service was conducted on May 2nd 2025, for Sir Knight Larry G. Huffman at the West & Parrish & Pedigo Funeral Home in Spencer, Indiana. There were 12 Sir Knights in attendance for the service.

The second funeral service was conducted on May 18th 2025, for Past Grand Commander Hebert G. Roach. at the Goodwin-Sievers Funeral Home in Vincennes, Indiana. There were 11 Sir Knights in attendance for the service.

The third funeral service was conducted on November 19th 2025, for Sir Knight Michael S. Morrison at the Hoskinson Funeral and Cremation Services in Crawfordsville, Indiana. There were 8 Sir Knights in attendance for the service.

The Honor Guard also formed the Lines for and presented an Arch of Steel for the following events.

Indiana Grand Conclave for the 172nd Right Eminent Grand Commander Joseph L. Sparks installation of Officers. April 26th, 2025.

Annual Communication for Most Worshipful Grand Master David G. Morgan on May 20th, 2025.

Jobs Daughter Annual Session for Grand Bethel Honor Queen Isabel A. on June 20th, 2025.

Installation of Bethel Honor Queen Rhoslyn Vasquez on July 2nd, 2025

Kokomo Commandery formed the lines for the Installation of the Worshipful Master of Howard Lodge #93. On December 20th, 2025.

Bethel #8 installation of Bethel Honor Queen Kenadie Bontemop on January 3rd, 2026.

Founders Day for Most Worshipful Grand Master Randolph Sieple on January 10th, 2026.

On February 10th, 2026, 27 Sir Knights stood in the Honor Guard for East Central Department Commander, Past Grand Command Steven Jack Barton at the Erlwein Mortuary & Crematory in Greenfield, Indiana. On February 11th, 2026, 19 Sir Knight formed Sir Knight Barton's final Arch of Steel at the McCray Cemetery in Wilkinson, Indiana.

Courteously,
Randy J. Darling, KCT, PGC, GT- Chair

Lawrence V. Kaminsky Commandery U.D. Report 2025 - 2026

02 Aug 25. Lawrence V. Kaminsky Commandery U.D. met at Bloomington Commandery #63, after their 100 year rededication. Sir Knight John R. Freeland was the speaker and gave a report on Lesser Known Crusader Orders covering the Knights of Saint Lazarus and the Order of the Dragon.

08 Nov 25, Lawrence V. Kaminsky U.D. met at Valparaiso Commandery before the Battalion 1 Reception. Sir Knight Carson C. Smith was the speaker and gave a report on the History of the Indianapolis Masonic Temple.

17 Jan 26, Lawrence V. Kaminsky Commandery U.D. met after the Winter Meeting in Muncie. Sir Knight John R. Freeland will be giving a report on Brother Cassius Marcellus Clay.

07 Feb 26, Lawrence V. Kaminsky U.D. met after the Indiana Templar academy in Bedford, IN. Grand Prelate, Sir Knight John Jones II gave a report on the Holy Saints John.

Courteously Submitted,

Sir Knight John R. Freeland
Grand Sword Bearer
Eminent Commander of Lawrence V. Kaminsky Commandery U

York Rite Coordination Committee Annual Report 2025 - 2026

To the Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander, Past Grand Commanders, Grand Officers and Sir Knights all.

Your committee on York Rite coordination is currently working with the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Jason Miller and the Most Illustrious Grand Master, Todd Carpenter. We are currently looking at ways to strengthen the relationship between the Grand York Rite bodies. We are looking at better ways of communication between the bodies and the craft. Our Most Excellent Grand High Priest theme for the year is York Rite Unity! Jason Miller had a coin made that represents each of the bodies and is selling them for \$20.00 each. The proceeds will be divided between each body's philanthropy. It will take time to get the bodies to work as York Rite. The Grand Chapter and the Grand Council had a joint Christmas Party on December 7th, 2025, at the Sahara Grotto.

Courteously,

Joseph Sparks, REGC, KCT, Chair
Dominic Hamblin, VEDGC, KCT
Jonathan McCracken, GG
Randy Darling, PGC, GT, KCT

Report of Ritual Competition Committee

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

We are excited that the Ritual Competition will be held once again at this year's Grand Conclave.

Competition Categories

- Junior Warden's Address
- Prelate's Address
- Sword Presentation
- Ode to the Skull
- Flag Lecture
- A portion of the Warder's part

Timing and Sign-Up

The Ritual Competition is scheduled for Friday, April 24 at 2:30 pm in the Hackley Reserve. Sir Knights were given multiple options to sign up including paper form, online link and QR code.

Information was sent out through multiple sources, unfortunately as of the submission of this report the number of Sir Knights who have signed up is low. This could be due to the competition being held on a weekday. Consideration should be given to possibly holding this event separate from Grand Conclave on a weekend where scheduling would allow greater participation.

Courteously,

Mark A. Elder, GJW
Jeffery Prairie, GStB
Andrew Bowman, GS

Ritual and Tactics Committee End of Year Report 2025 – 2026

To the Right Eminent Grand Commander Joseph Sparks, Grand Commandery Officers and Sir Knights of Indiana.

As of this report, we are looking into a few minor changes into the Templar Board Ritual.

Courteously,

Dathan L. Reed
Grand Captain General
Battalion II Commander
Ritual and Tactics Committee Chairman

Grand Commandery Educational Foundation Committee Report 2025 -2026

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

The members of this committee held its first meeting in the summer of 2025. At that meeting, we set the due date for applications to be submitted for March 15, 2026, and approved minor revisions to the application form.

The committee received communication from Grand Encampment in mid-February, reporting the status of the scholarship funds it holds in trust for our Grand Commandery. In 2025, we issued \$15,000 in scholarships, paid \$750 in brokerage fees, and earned just over \$10,500 in returns on our funds, bringing our beginning of 2026 balance to just under \$234,000.

The committee received a total of 13 scholarship applications. We met in late March via Teams Meeting to determine what awards we wanted to present. Partially based on the lower income we received in 2025, we decided to award 9 scholarships at \$1,500 each. The total awarded was \$13,500.

The members of the committee thank the Grand Commandery for the opportunity to serve in this role and look forward to continuing this work in future years, helping future generations pursue their educational goals.

Fraternally,
Sir Knight Phillip Whisner, PGC, KCT, KTCH, Chairman
Sir Knight Larry Williams, GR, PGC, KCT
Sir Knight Randy Darling, GT, PGC, KCT
Sir Knight Randal Ellington, GPE, PGC, KCT
Sir Knight Barry Clouser, GPE

Dispensations and Charter Committee Report

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

On May 2, 2025, Sir Knight Dathan Reed, Grand Captain General was appointed to oversee the consolidation of Huntington Commandery No. 35 with Apolo Commandery No. 19.

Huntington No. 35 consolidated with Apollo No. 19 and the members were transferred on July 8, 2025.

All assets of Huntington No. 35 were transferred to Apollo No. 19 at that time. This concludes the committee report at this time.

Fraternally,

George A. Ingles, Jr., PGC, KCT, for the committee

Donald Olvey, PGC, KCT

Grievance & Appeals

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

There were no issues brought to this Committee's attention.

George A. Ingles, Jr., PGC, KCT, for the committee

Leadership (ITA) Report 2025 - 2026

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

The following dates, locations, and times have been set for the ITA's for the 2025-2026 Templar year.

January 31st, 2026

Indiana Templar Academy North

Warsaw Masonic Lodge 10:00 A.M. start time

February 7th, 2026

Indiana Templar Academy South

Bedford Masonic Lodge 10:00 A.M. start time

February 21st, 2026

Indiana Templar Academy Central
Frankfort Masonic Lodge 10:00 A.M. start time

As in the past, first the VEDGC will discuss his plans for the upcoming year, then we will cover material for the academy. Some of the topics that will be discussed are the Flag Presentation, Prelate's escort, proper way to salute, and navigating the Grand Commandery website.

All Three ITA's were held on the above dates at the locations shown with an average of around 30 Sir Knights in attendance at each one. Thank you to each of the Commandery's that hosted an ITA this year and to all the Sir Knight's that attended.

Courteously,
Jon McCracken, GG – Chair
Dathan Reed, GCG
Scott Sacek, GSW

Long Range Planning 2025 - 2026

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

The Members of the long-range planning committee are committed to continuing to grow the Grand Commandery and Sir Knights of Indiana. We plan to continue all viable options to continue to grow our membership in the state. We also want to make sure the Templar Ball grows and gets stronger as we will use this as an outreach for membership. We will also continue to visit and assist in any way to all constituent Commandery's around the state. We will continue to make plans and keep the Grand Commandery abreast of our movements. But our focus is building and maintaining membership throughout the state.

Grand Commandery Law: Perhaps not Long Range but, for at least the last 5/10 years each Grand Commander has issued a General Order concerning "Libations." It's time to look at when to place it in Grand Commandery Law.

This from a member of this Committee: Communications: Great job Grand Recorder the Web site looks better than it has in years and a plan for the year is on the calendar. The State supplement for the Templar Magazine hasn't been used in several years. That really doesn't matter, as very few know or care about it after it was removed from the mailed magazine. Years ago, as a local union president, the state president said you need to put together a letter to the members what you are doing each month. I replied they don't need or care what I am doing. He replied, 'Even if you stopped for lunch and mentioned to someone about future negotiations, they need to know, "The Leader is working and thinking of you every day."'

How can we get the word to the general membership that the “Long Range Planning committee” [will be meeting July??/ and they are looking for input.] Make sure that input is also broadcast back to the general membership. Ok, not this committee but, some information because, as I send almost every little piece of information to the 60 plus members we have, not every Recorder does.

Courteously,

Dominic J. Hamblin, KCT, Chair
Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander
Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Indiana

Uniform Committee Report 2025-2026

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

I have perused the Grand Encampment and the Grand Commandery regulations for the Templar Apron which can be part of the Templar uniform. The regulations are clear.

At a Stated Conclave the Commandery must vote to adopt the Templar Apron. That is the only requirement to wear it.

The whole Commandery is not required to wear it. There is no rule that if one person doesn't wear it no one can wear it. There is no rule that the Commandery must buy everyone aprons. There is no rule that everyone must buy their own.

I hope this clears up any questions or concerns that people have had concerning the Templar Apron.

As for the Pershing Cap. The regulations do not require a vote, a knight knighted in a Chapeau may continue to wear it and/or adopt the Pershing Cap. As to if it is required or not for those knighted after Apr 2018, I will leave that for others to decide. The writer of the regulation intended it to be required for all new knights after Apr 2018 with no choice, most Sir Knights understood the regulation to be a personal choice.

Courteously,

Sir Knight John R. Freeland
Grand Sword Bearer
Battalion Commander of Battalion IV

Lanyard Cord Program Grand Conclave 2026

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

I am happy to report that as of the date of this report, March 22, 2026, we have had 70 new Knighting's. There were 17 new top line singers and 9 new membership cords awarded.

4– White

4 – Silver

1 – Red

The awarding of cords to those Sir Knights that are entitled to wear them is based upon the timely and accurate input of information into “Masonic Membership Solutions” data base from the local recorders. If they do not record information of the Knighting's and Topline signers into the system, there is no way that the cords can be given out in a timely manner.

Courteously,
Randy J. Darling- PGC, KCT, GT

Triennial Report 2025 - 2026

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

The 70th Triennial is to be held August 10th to 18th, 2027 in Burbank, CA. There is no information available yet on the Grand Encampment website as to details of the hotel or registration. Below is an estimate of the cost per person to attend the 2027 Triennial based on 2024 cost where noted and current cost. Those attending the 69th Triennial were reimbursed for \$1,000.00. The Triennial committee would recommend that this amount be increased for the upcoming Triennial.

Hotel 5 nights @ \$200.00 night	\$1,000.00
Registration for Grand Encampment sessions (based on 2024 cost)	\$355.00
Airplane ticket round trip	\$310.00
Baggage (based on 2024 cost)	\$70.00
Parking at Indianapolis airport (based on 2024 cost)	\$54.00
Meals	\$340.00
Mileage to Indianapolis airport	\$150.00
Total cost per person	\$2,279.00

Courteously,

Jon McCracken, GG – Chair

Dathan Reed, GCG

Scott Sacek, GSW

Election of Officers

At 10:35 the Right Eminent Grand Commander Sparks called for the election of Officer,

Sir Knight Dominic Hamblin was nominated by Edward Fodrea, KCT, PGC for the office of Grand Commander. Sir Knight Hamblin's nomination was seconded by Sir Knight Paul Friend, KCT, PGC.

There was a call for any other nomination (3 times) there being no other nominations, jurisprudence moved that the nominations be closed and that he be elected by acclamation. Motion was seconded and PASSED

Jurisprudence then moved that the line of officers be moved up one position and to retain the Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder in their positions, barring any other nominations. Motion was seconded and passed. The Grand Commander then called for any other nominations (3 times). There being no other nominations, the officers were moved up one position, and the Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder retained their offices.

The Grand Commander then called for nominations for the Office of Grand Junior Warden. Sir Knight John Freeland was nominated by Randy Darling, KCT, PGC GT and seconded by Sir Knight Randal Ellington, GPE, KCT, PGC. The Grand Commander then called for any other nominations (3 times) there being no other nominations the nomination were closed and Sir Knight Freeland was elected by acclamation.

The Grand Commander then called for nominations for the office of a 3-year trustee. Sir Knight Michael Robbins, KCT, PGC was nominated by Edward Fodrea, and seconded by Sir Knight George Ingles, Jr, KCT, PGC. The Grand Commander then called for any other nominations (3 times). There being no other nominations, the nominations were closed and Sir Knight Robbins was elected by acclamation.

Election of Officers of the Grand Commandery

2026 - 2027

The following Officers were Elected

Dominic Hamblin, KCT – Right Eminent Grand Commander

Jon McCracken, KCT – Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander

Dathan Reed, KCT – Eminent Grand Generalissimo

Scott Sacek – Eminent Grand Captain General

Mark Elder – Eminent Grand Senior Warden

John Freeland – Eminent Grand Junior Warden

Randy Darling, PGC, KCT – Eminent Grand Treasurer
Lawrence Williams, PGC, KCT – Eminent Grand Recorder
Michael Robbins, PGC, KCT – Elected as 3-year Trustee

Appointment to the Grand Line & Other Offices

Benton Davis – Eminent Grand Prelate
Lawrence (Rocky) Myers – Eminent Grand Standard Bearer
Andrew Bowman – Eminent Grand Sword Bearer
Jordan McCracken – Eminent Grand Warder
John C. Jones, II, GPE - Eminent Grand Sentinel
Matthew Doss – Eminent Grand Marshall
Bruce Scott – Grand Photographer
Barry Clouser, GPE – Grand Organist
Michael F. Robbins, PGC, KCT – Grand Inspector General
Joe Barker – Aide to the REGC
Dan Patterson, KTCH, GPE – Aide to the REGC
Chrisitopher Prentice - Aide to the REGC
Lucas Pacukovski – Webmaster

Inspector General's Report 2025 - 2026

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

Every Commandery in Indiana has complied with General Order #1 and have completed
their respective Inspections and Receptions in a timely manner.

Courteously,

Michael Robbins, PGC, GIG
Phillip Whisner, PGC, DGIG
Bill Short, GPE, DGIG
3-7-2026

Awards
Grand Commandery & Grand Encampment
2025 - 2026

Star Recorder

- Robert Hendrix – Wright Commandery #64

J. Rufus Hinshaw Award

- New Albany #5 – 10.26% Increase

Grand Commander's Award

- Valparaiso #28 – 13 Knightings

Activity Awards (Ribbons)

- **Battalion #1**
 - Blue Ribbon – Valparaiso #28 – 9705 Points
 - Red Ribbon – La Porte #12 – 6220 Points
- **Battalion #2**
 - Blue Ribbon – Angola #45 – 6829 Points
 - Red Ribbon – Fort Wayne #4 – 57827 Points
- **Battalion #3**
 - Blue Ribbon – Grant County #21 – 7015 Points
 - Red Ribbon – Anderson #32 – 5950 Points
- **Battalion #4**
 - Blue Ribbon – Crawfordsville #25 -8325 Points
 - Red Ribbon – Frankfort #29 – 4898 Points
- **Battalion #5**
 - Blue Ribbon – Greenfield #39 – 6509 Points
 - Red Ribbon – Prather #62 – 4686 Points
- **Battalion #6**
 - Blue Ribbon – Baldwin #2 – 1251 Points
 - Red Ribbon – Raper #1 – 6380 Points

- **Battalion #7**
 - Blue Ribbon – Bedford #42 – 8595 Points
 - Red Ribbon – Columbus #14 – 4900 Points
- **Battalion #8**
 - Blue Ribbon – LaVette #15 – 3747 Points
 - Red Ribbon – Wright #64 – 3112 Points

Grand Commandery Guidon

- Valparaiso #28 – Ritual Score 515

Battalion Guidons

- **Battalion #1** – Valparaiso #28 – Ritual Score 515
- **Battalion #2** – Fort Wayne #4 - Ritual Score 443
- **Battalion #3** – Grant County #21 – Ritual Score 498
- **Battalion #4** – Crawfordsville #25 – Ritual Score 461
- **Battalion #5** – Greenfield #39 – Ritual Score 506
- **Battalion #6** – Richmond #8 – Ritual Score 457
- **Battalion #7** – Bedford #40 – Ritual Score – 498
- **Battalion #8** – Greene County #68 – Ritual Score 375

Eminent Commander Certificate of Merit

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| ● Earl Hopkins | ● Issac R. Williams |
| ● Matthew McLaughlin | ● Russell Sthrome |
| ● Michael Arford | ● Jon Carpenter |
| ● Timothy Lawson | ● Michael Anderson |
| ● David E. Lee | ● Konstantino Tsimerakis |
| ● Christopher Prentice | ● Wayne Patmore |

Knight Templar Cross of Honor

- Christopher Steel

Knight Commander of the Temple

- Dathan Reed
- Jon McCracken

Companion of the Temple

- Tracy Sparks

Website Annual Report (March 2026)

Website Overview

The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar currently operates its online presence through two domains: **indianaknightstemplar.org** and **indianaknightstemplar.com**. As a non-commercial body, the .org domain functions as the primary platform, with all core services and resources connected to it. At present, no Grand Commandery offices use dedicated email accounts, and file management is handled through a single FTP account, primarily used for uploading large or bulk files.

Regarding website activity for 2025 - 2026, we've observed a **drop in visits, unique visitors, and clicks**.

Summary by Month										
Month	Daily Avg				Monthly Totals					
	Hits	Files	Pages	Visits	Sites	KBytes	Visits	Pages	Files	Hits
Mar 2026	4689	3669	2129	776	15305	19042483	18643	51108	88066	112549
Feb 2026	3937	3151	1469	703	15046	27507011	19697	41153	88247	110237
Jan 2026	2005	1337	820	426	10668	22469321	13216	25444	41470	62159
Dec 2025	1698	1138	750	464	10749	13922280	14389	23274	35293	52662
Nov 2025	2052	1300	896	517	11409	17962795	15522	26889	39017	61576
Oct 2025	3861	2325	1883	609	12472	18787223	18884	58390	72083	119706
Sep 2025	5728	2969	3166	689	13775	20157605	20686	95008	89071	171857
Aug 2025	5091	2655	2669	722	15057	22289238	22412	82765	82324	157845
Jul 2025	5794	2793	2797	724	13636	15654162	22461	86708	86599	179644
Jun 2025	14178	3172	4818	749	11923	15193125	22488	144555	95185	425364
May 2025	9467	2897	3714	669	13926	15819701	20756	115158	89822	293490
Apr 2025	7424	2938	3273	619	11109	16105799	18590	98196	88147	222731
Totals						224910743	227744	848648	895324	1969820

The website has seen a decline in use over the past few years, largely due to a lack of current content and the cessation of daily updates on commandery and Grand Commandery activities. While there's some inconsistent activity on the Grand Commandery's Facebook page, relying exclusively on it is limiting our organization's outreach and preventing the wider public from accessing vital information.

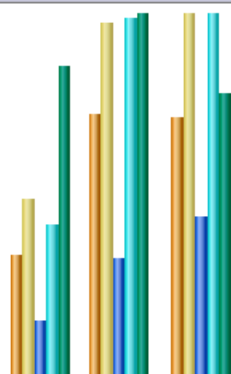
Website Modernization and Security

The Grand Commandery's website was recently updated on a new platform which will enable us to maintain it without any major upgrades for at least several years in the future.

Hosting

The hosting is on one of my servers which reside under Inmotionhosting. This company provides a wide range of tools for maintaining and developing websites as well as a strong security protection and I am using their services for many years and for hosting of a number of professional websites.

Monthly history



Jan 2026 Feb 2026 **Mar 2026** Apr 2026 May 2026 Jun 2026 Jul 2026 Aug 2026 Sep 2026 Oct 2026 Nov 2026 Dec 2026

Month	Unique visitors	Number of visits	Pages	Hits	Bandwidth
Jan 2026	3,057	4,514	11,034	30,396	10.81 GB
Feb 2026	6,669	9,053	23,590	72,735	12.69 GB
Mar 2026	6,629	9,262	32,246	73,586	9.90 GB
Apr 2026	0	0	0	0	0
May 2026	0	0	0	0	0
Jun 2026	0	0	0	0	0
Jul 2026	0	0	0	0	0
Aug 2026	0	0	0	0	0
Sep 2026	0	0	0	0	0
Oct 2026	0	0	0	0	0
Nov 2026	0	0	0	0	0
Dec 2026	0	0	0	0	0
Total	16,355	22,829	66,870	176,717	33.40 GB

Geographic and Search Performance

Our website traffic is overwhelmingly domestic, with **over 95% of visitors originating from within the United States**. We're also seeing nearly **1,000 hits generated directly from Google searches**, indicating a solid organic search presence.

Device and Operating System Usage

When examining how visitors access our website, desktop computers continue to lead as the primary device. Among operating systems, Windows accounts for the largest share at 43%, followed by macOS at 20% and Linux at 14.6%. Mobile usage, while lower, remains meaningful—iOS devices (iPhones) make up 6.4% of traffic, with Android at 4.5%. Overall, this indicates that although mobile access is steadily increasing, a significant portion of our audience still relies on traditional desktop and laptop computers to interact with the Grand Commandery's website.

Operating Systems (Top 10)		Pages	Percent	Hits	Percent
	Windows	13,841	42.9 %	28,566	38.6 %
	Macintosh	6,479	20 %	11,175	15.1 %
	Linux	4,728	14.6 %	5,627	7.6 %
	Unknown	3,257	10.1 %	10,726	14.5 %
	IOS	2,076	6.4 %	8,732	11.8 %
	Android	1,459	4.5 %	8,020	10.8 %
	Unknown Unix system	393	1.2 %	934	1.2 %
	BSD	11	0 %	12	0 %
	OS/2	1	0 %	82	0.1 %
	Symbian OS	1	0 %	1	0 %

Digital Presence in 2026: Why a Dedicated Website Is No Longer Optional

Organizations like the Grand Commandery are tasked with preserving tradition while engaging an increasingly digital and diverse audience. While platforms like Facebook remain useful for communication, relying on them alone in 2026 is a strategic limitation. A dedicated website is no longer just an enhancement—it is a foundational necessity. Here's why:

1. Ownership vs. Dependency: Building on Solid Ground

Social Media (Leased Space):

Operating solely on Facebook means building your presence on infrastructure you don't control. In 2026, this comes with even greater unpredictability:

- **Algorithm Volatility:** Visibility is governed by constantly evolving algorithms. Even loyal followers may never see your content without paid promotion.

- Platform Policies: Content moderation, account restrictions, or policy changes can affect your presence overnight.
- Limited Identity Expression: Branding is confined within Facebook’s templates, restricting how fully you can convey your identity.
- Data Limitations: Audience data remains largely in the hands of the platform, not the organization.

Website (Owned Asset):

A dedicated website is digital property—fully controlled and fully customizable:

- Complete Autonomy: Design, structure, messaging, and functionality are entirely in your hands.
- Consistency & Stability: Your content remains accessible regardless of third-party changes.
- Structured Content: From archives to membership resources, everything can be organized intuitively and permanently.

2. Expanding Reach Beyond the Social Media Bubble

Social Media Constraints:

Not everyone uses Facebook—and even among users, not everyone treats it as a source for official or meaningful information.

- Entire demographics remain underrepresented or absent.
- Content is designed for scrolling, not deep engagement or research.

Website Advantages:

- Search Visibility: A well-optimized website ensures discoverability through search engines, where people actively seek information.
- Intent-Based Access: Visitors arrive with purpose—whether to learn, join, or connect.
- Public Accessibility: No login, no barriers—just open access to anyone interested.

A website meets people where they are searching, not just where they are scrolling.

3. Credibility in a Digital-First World

In 2026, a professional website is a baseline expectation—not a luxury.

- Trust & Legitimacy: A well-maintained site signals permanence, seriousness, and transparency.
- Authoritative Source: It becomes the official repository for accurate information—history, leadership, documents, and events.
- Professional Communication: Formal announcements and institutional messaging carry more weight on a dedicated platform than on social media feeds.

Without a website, even well-established organizations risk appearing informal or inaccessible.

4. Preserving Legacy and Institutional Memory

The Problem with Social Feeds:

Social media is designed for immediacy, not preservation. Content quickly disappears into the timeline.

The Role of a Website:

- Permanent Archive: Events, milestones, publications, and historical records can be systematically preserved.
- Organized Access: Information remains searchable, structured, and meaningful over time.
- Legacy Building: Future members and researchers gain a clear, documented narrative of the organization's journey.

5. The Strategic Balance

Facebook still has value—it excels at:

- Quick updates
- Community interaction
- Event promotion

But it should serve as a **gateway**, not the destination.

A modern strategy looks like this:

- Social media attracts attention
- Your website captures and retains it

Conclusion

In 2026, a website is not just a communication tool—it is the digital foundation of an organization's identity, credibility, and growth.

For the Grand Commandery, a dedicated website ensures:

- A professional and enduring public presence
- Accessibility to all audiences—not just social media users
- Full control over messaging, branding, and data
- A lasting archive of its work, history, and values

Relying solely on Facebook limits visibility, reach, and long-term impact. It creates a closed loop rather than an open door.

A website, by contrast, ensures the organization is not just present—but truly established in the digital world.

Prepared by

Lucas Pacukovski, KT

Proposed Law Changes
26-01 PROPOSED AMENDMENT
LAWS OF THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF
INDIANA

Current Statute

CHAPEAU

SECTION 940: For Sir Knights, the chapeau shall be black regulation style for Knights Templar. There shall be placed on the left side of the chapeau a rosette of silk velvet and silk ribbon, with an embroidered silver bullion or Mylar passion cross, with or without rays. The color of the filling of the cross shall be red. The chapeau to be trimmed with two black plumes and one duplex white top plume, to extend three inches beyond the rear peak of the chapeau and to be not less than six and three-quarters inches in width. For Commanders and Past Commanders, the same except that on the rosette there shall be an embroidered raised gold bullion or gold Mylar passion cross with rays. The color of the filling of the cross shall be red. There shall be gold slashing one and one-half inches in width on both sides, front and back and gold tassel or front peak. For Grand and Past Grand Officers, the same as for Commanders except that the rosette shall be an embroidered gold bullion or gold Mylar Templar cross with filling color of red or purple appropriate to rank.

In lieu of the chapeau, the Grand Commandery of Indiana adopts a military Pershing style black dress cap.

A military Pershing style black dress cap shall be of the following description:

For Past Grand Commanders: military Pershing style dress cap with black top, black band, and black visor with one row of gold oak leaves and acorns, purple Templar Cross 2 ¼ inches square, fixed to the front of the black band and a gold chin strap attached with gold buttons.

For Grand Commander: Same as above except red Templar Cross.

For Grand Commandery officers: Same as above except plain black visor.

For Commanders and Past Commanders: Same as above except with a 1 3/8 x 2-inch red Passion Cross trimmed in gold with rays.

For all other Sir Knights: Same as above except using a red Passion Cross trimmed in silver with a silver chin strap attached with silver buttons.

Those Knights who wish to continue use the traditional head covering may do so and are not required to purchase the new style of head covering. (4/28/2018)

Change to read:

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The Grand Commandery of Indiana adopts a military Pershing style black dress cap, which may be worn in lieu of the chapeau.

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The decision to wear either a chapeau or the military style Pershing cap shall be made by each Knight and not dictated by any Commandery in the state of Indiana.

Reasoning for change

“In lieu” means “instead of” or “in place of” (sources: Cornell Law School Legal Information Institute, Merriam-Webster Dictionary). The use of the phrase “in lieu of” in the current statute indicates that all Knights in the state of Indiana shall wear the Pershing cap instead of a chapeau. The proposed changes clarifies that Knights may choose to wear either a chapeau or a Pershing cap.

Submitted by:

Phil Whisner, PGC, KCT, KTCH

This proposed change was properly made, seconded and approved vote of those present.

Proposed Law Change to the Education Foundation Committee

As Written

EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION COMMITTEE

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.

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. *(April 2022)*

Proposed Changes

EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION COMMITTEE

SECTION 780: The Educational Foundation Committee shall consist of five members, each serving a five-year term, with one term expiring annually. One member shall be appointed each year at the Annual Grand Conclave by the incoming Grand Commander. The Grand Commander may appoint members to fill unexpired terms and may remove a member for cause but shall not serve as a member of the Committee.

The Committee shall administer the affairs of the Educational Foundation in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Grand Encampment Educational Foundation and under the direction of the Grand Commandery. The Committee shall review scholarship applications from eligible students attending an Indiana-accredited college, university, or trade school and shall request the appropriate distribution of funds from the Grand Encampment.

Eligible applicants shall be children, stepchildren, grandchildren, or step-grandchildren of an Active Indiana Knight Templar. Applications shall be made available online and must be submitted to the Committee Secretary no later than March 1 each year. The Committee Chair shall report all Committee actions annually to the Grand Conclave. The report shall include the number of scholarships awarded and the amount of the scholarship.

The Committee will also make an annual report on the status of our portion of the funds that are held by the Grand Encampment Investment Account. The report shall include starting and ending balances and any income/loss derived for the year, less expenses or fees to maintain the account.

The committee will not request more than 95% of the income for scholarships. The balance of income not used will be put into the permanent portion of the Scholarship Fund for the growth of the funds to offset inflation and to pay the maintenance fees of the account.

The rationale for the above changes to clear up some of the verbiage and to see that the fund not only maintains its current status but that it continues to grow for future generations.

Respectfully Submitted

Lawrence J. Williams, KCT, PGC
Grand Recorder

Since this was a re-wright of Section 780: it was necessary to have 2/3 of the votes to approve the changes. The total vote was 38 to approve and 35 against. This Resolution will be held over until next year.

BATTALION COMMANDER REPORTS

Battalion 1 Report 2025 - 2026

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

Status of Battalion #1 Commanderies:

The Battalion consists of Laporte #12, Valparaiso #28, Elkhart #31. I have met with each of my constituent commanderies multiple times within this battalion to address the specific issues affecting them. I maintain an open line of communication with all commanders and recorders, ensuring that any concerns or updates are promptly shared and addressed. This ongoing dialogue helps foster a collaborative and efficient working environment within the battalion. The Battalion performed the Open 10 man Reception at Valparaiso Asylum. It was well attended by all members of the Battalion and Grand Officers.

Laporte #12

This commandery is in excellent shape, and I have always been impressed with their capabilities. They are able to perform every role in all Orders. Leadership keeps new

members on track and the continuing support of long term members creates a deep pool of knowledge. Their inspection scores are a testament to their high level of commitment.

Valparaiso #28

This commandery is also in great shape. Their members are dedicated and knowledgeable. They hold practice for their orders every Monday, and it shows in both their work and their inspection scores. They have exhibited some of the best-in-class traits, making them exemplary models for others. Recently, they completed 13 individual Orders of the Temple, showcasing their commitment and proficiency.

Elkhart #31

This commandery had a rocky 4th quarter. Their Dias Officers after the summer of being Dark seem to give up. This caused disruption, However, the New Leadership within this commandery is solid, and their commitment to hard work ensures they will continue to grow. I always look forward to visiting them and seeing their progress.

Summary/Remarks:

On the note of Out of State visits. One of the greatest part of the fraternity is the meeting of like-minded guys. I enjoy comradery between states. I am impressed with the other states by them being able to take care of business in just a few days of all 3 bodies. Now, for the dislike, unfortunately depending on the venue the food has been very good or very bad which creates bonding moments with other states by ordering pizza.

Battalion I is in great shape, and we are looking forward to the new year and the opportunity to bring on new Sir Knights. As the new calendar year begins, they start their rotations, beginning with Chapter.

Courteously,

Scott A. Sacek
Grand Senior Warden
Battalion I Commander

Battalion 2 Report 2025 - 2026

To the Right Eminent Grand Commander Joseph Sparks, Grand Commandery Officers and Sir Knights of Indiana. I was humbled and honored to serve as your Grand Captain General this year. Battalion II consists of the following Commanderies: Ft. Wayne # 4, Apollo # 19 and Angola # 45.

I am very pleased to say that Battalion II has had a good year. This past year, I have seen great improvements in every Commandery. Although there are still a few spots where

improvements are needed, they keep their heads up and drive on to get those fixed. Keep up the wonderful things you are doing Sir Knights.

To the Eminent Commanders and Records of the 3 Commanderies in Battalion II. I would like to say thank you from the bottom of my heart for all the efforts that you continue to make every day to make Indiana Knights Templar better. My DBC's SK Chales Brindle and SK Mike Arford, thank you for dedication and strong desire to improve the Craft and being part of this amazing adventure together.

Ft. Wayne # 4 continues to build; they have started a Drill Team and have been doing outstanding work on flag presentations throughout the local Blue Lodges around the Ft. Wayne area they have also presented the colors at a Ft. Wayne Komets Hockey Game, and have a traveling Mark Master Team. The officer line is still growing due to most of them still being new. Keep up the great work, I look forward to seeing where you go next.

Apollo # 19 is continuing its efforts on membership and growth as a Commandery. They have had Huntington # 35 merged with them back in July 2025 and have been very helpful with their members coming into the fold. The officer line is a treasure trove of knowledge. I encourage all the Sir Knights to strive for more light. I look forward to your continued efforts and growth. As of this report, Apollo # 19 is starting to build their own Drill Team.

Angola # 45 continues their great efforts with flag presentations throughout the community and engage in community events, this gets them out and strengthens their ties with them. They do their own degree work, and it shows the pride and dedication of their members. Congratulations on all your hard work.

Overall, it seems to be a challenge to get members engaged in Templary again. We will continue our efforts and do our best to keep this going in the right direction.

Courteously,

Dathan L. Reed
Grand Captain General
Battalion II Commander

Battalion 3 Report 2025 - 2026

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

Battalion III - Grant #21, Anderson #32, Kokomo #36 and Noblesville #61.

Being appointed Battalion Commander nine months ago. I have taken every possible opportunity to visit each Commandery and assist them in whatever they needed. It has given me the opportunity to learn to know many of the Sir Knights and to work closely with the commanders and recorders. Each Commandery has had their ups and downs but over all the results have been positive.

Grant County Commandery - Still continues to demonstrate strength and conduct their own degree work and orders. As of August they added two more Sir Knights. They have conducted flag presentations including a rededication of Blackford lodge. They are starting the new yearly cycle of the York Rite journey.

Anderson Commandery has strengthened their membership and gained one new Sir Knight at the conferral of the Temple order in October. They have visited blue lodges and conferred the mark master degree. They formed the lines for the Anderson Job's daughters installation in July. As well as an honor guard for Past Grand Illustrious Master Dale Adam

Kokomo Commandery has strengthened their numbers by conferring the Order of the Temple on two new Sir Knights and receiving a transfer/reinstatement from a former Sir Knights. They have assisted in a mark master and performed one flag presentation, as well as forming an escort for Kokomo blue lodge installation.

Noblesville Commandery has had a few setbacks over the past few months. As such most of their attention has been focused on Chapter. I have been informed that they have passed their review with Grand Chapter. They started out strong with three candidates, but none were able to finish due to moving or schooling obligations. Their plan is to finish the two remaining candidates in the spring Tri state classes. They are also waiting on information to come from California for a transfer member. They did a flag presentation at the Noblesville blue lodge installation.

Anderson, Kokomo and Noblesville still are trying to grow their membership. It is a slow process. I do see them having to work together for the upcoming year.

On each Commandery visit I have spoken about drill competition. Set a sign up sheet complete with links to grand encampment information at sign-in tables. Unfortunately only two members of the four commanderies have shown interest to date. I will keep pushing in hopes of mustering future interest.

I am looking forward to working with the Commanderies of Battalion III in the upcoming year. And stepping in to support in whatever role they need.

Fraternally submitted,
Andrew Bowman BC #III

Battalion 4 Report

2025 - 2026

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

Battalion IV consists of Terre Haute No. 16, Crawfordsville No. 25 and Frankfort No. 29

Terre Haute is continuing to do well. While they will be teaming with Crawfordsville this year for their Reception, they are going alone on their inspection. This shows growth in the Commandery and increased participation. I am sure they will continue to improve.

Crawfordsville Commandery continues to be the leader of the Battalion. They will be doing a joint reception with Terre Haute and their own inspection. The Commandery continues to grow, and help other Commanderies with their Orders.

Frankfort Commandery is still making great strides and appears to be bringing their Commandery back. They are doing a reception on their own and their own inspection. The new Knights they brought in last year are hungry and most eager to participate.

Courteously,

Sir Knight John R. Freeland
Grand Sword Bearer

Battalion 5 Report

2025-2026

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

Battalion Five is made of Greenfield Commandery #39, Prather Commandery #62 and William G. Bray Commandery #65

Greenfield Commandery #39

This Commandery has Knighted 3 new knights this year and is proud to have been there for their Order of Malta and Order of Temple. All Inspections were completed in the timely manner as required by the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Indiana. They were inspected on the Order of Malta. I have visited this Commandery several times. They are an enthusiastic group of men, that meet regularly for meetings and special events like their Pizza Boothe at their County Fair. They are very ready to bring new members into the organization and support the Grand Commandery of Indiana. I feel this is a strong Commandery and able to perform orders without help.

Calvin Prather Commandery #62

This Commandery has Knighted 11 Knights this year and is proud to have been there for the Order of Red Cross, Order of Malta and Order of Temple. All inspections were completed in a timely manner as required by the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Indiana. They were Inspected on the Order of Malta. I visited this Commandery when they opened on Commandery. This enthusiastic group of men, they host twice a year an all-day Classes to ensure that not only to bring Knights to their Commandery as well as any York Rite that needs to get individuals through their Chapter, Council degrees and Knights. This Commandery schedules many events for their members throughout the year to make their membership very strong. This is a strong Commandery.

William G. Bray Commandery #65

This Commandery has Knighted 6 Knights, one affiliated and one reinstated this year. All inspections were completed in a timely manner as required by the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Indiana. This Commandery was inspected on the Order of Red Cross. They needed a lot of help but were able to perform. I am planning on meeting with this commandery meeting next year to assist as much as they will allow for their future inspections. This Commandery is Struggling but putting forth the need to put on orders for Membership.

I would like to give special thanks to SK Vance Brewer and SK Joseph Hedges for being my DBC this year and big thanks to SK Joseph Sparks VEDGC for assisting me this year.

Courteously:

Jeffery W. Prairie GsB
Battalion V Commander

Battalion 6 Report 2025 - 2026

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

I am pleased to submit the following report on the activities of Battalion VI.

Raper Commandery No. 1:

Raper Commandery successfully created two new Sir Knights during its official annual inspection this year. Several members remain candidates, and their completion of the Orders is pending due to scheduling conflicts.

The Order of the Temple exemplified for the new Sir Knights (two from Raper and one from Greenfield Commandery) was executed with commendable solemnity and precision. However, as Raper Commandery was the subject of the annual inspection, many of the essential officer roles were filled by visiting Sir Knights from other Commanderies. This regrettably resulted in a lower overall Officer Proficiency rating score.

The Officers of Raper Commandery are strongly encouraged to work diligently toward self-sufficiency in executing the majority of their ritualistic work to improve future inspection ratings.

Raper Commandery maintained its tradition of strong commitment to the Grand Commandery, being actively and visibly involved in Grand Conclave activities. This participation included fielding a team in the Drill Team Competition and individual Sir Knights participating in the Ritual Competition. Raper Drill Team has been practicing for the drill team competition at the Grand Conclave on April 25, 2026.

I extend a sincere thank you to Eminent Commander Earl Hopkins for his dedicated service and leadership to Raper Commandery throughout 2025. I would also like to congratulate Sir Knight Paul Ney on his election and installation as the Eminent Commander of Raper Commandery No. 1.

Baldwin Commandery No. 2:

Baldwin Commandery is commended for demonstrating exceptional vitality, achieving an increase in the number of Sir Knights for the second consecutive year. The Commandery continues to focus on growth, and I am pleased to note they have members beginning their York Rite journey in 2026.

Baldwin Commandery maintained a high level of engagement with the Grand Commandery, evidenced by their active participation in the Annual Conclave, including fielding a Drill Team and having members compete in the Ritual Competition. The Commandery also earned a high score on its Annual Activity Report. At the time of the submission of this report Baldwin was practicing weekly for the upcoming drill team competition at Grand Conclave on April 25, 2026.

The Commandery was formally inspected while conferring the Order of the Temple with several candidates participating. Following the inspection, Baldwin Commandery members formally recognized specific areas for improvement in the execution of their

Orders. They have proactively addressed these needs in a Stated Conclave and established a plan to enhance ritual proficiency and improve inspection scores in the next year. I look forward with confidence to the advancements they will achieve.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks to Eminent Commander Matthew McLaughlin for his dedicated service and leadership to Baldwin Commandery throughout the 2025 Fraternal Year. I would like to congratulate Sir Knight Scott Pike on his election and installation as Eminent Commander of Baldwin Commandery No. 2.

Richmond Commandery No. 8:

Under the sustained leadership of Eminent Commander Dennis Rigsby, Richmond Commandery continues to exhibit strong performance in two key areas: maintaining excellent meeting attendance and actively pursuing new membership recruitment.

Despite these efforts, the declining level of Blue Lodge activity within their jurisdictional area continues to pose a significant challenge to membership pipelines. The Commandery remains dedicated and steadfast in its vitality efforts to attract new members.

Richmond Commandery deserves special commendation for having a member participate in the Ritual Competition at Grand Conclave last year, marking the first time in recent memory. We strongly encourage additional Sir Knights from Richmond Commandery to register for this valuable competition in future years.

Richmond Commandery was scheduled to confer the Order of the Temple for a new candidate during its annual inspection. Although the candidate regrettably had to cancel at the last minute, the Commandery proceeded without difficulty using an exemplar.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks to Eminent Commander Dennis Rigsby for his dedicated service and leadership to Richmond Commandery for the past several years. I would like to congratulate Sir Knight Charles Thackrey on his election and installation as Eminent Commander of Richmond Commandery No. 8.

In conclusion my observation is that all Commanderies demonstrated a basic knowledge of ritual and tactics, however there is room for improvement in seamlessly integrating the two. Consistent practice and refinement will enhance the overall performance of each Commandery.

Out of State Commandery Visitations

As Grand Junior Warden, I was required to attend a minimum of two Annual Conclaves within the East Central Department. I am pleased to report that I exceeded this

requirement by attending three of the Department's out-of-state Conclaves: Illinois, Michigan, and Kentucky.

My wife accompanied me to both the Illinois and Michigan Conclaves, where we had the honor of attending their respective Annual Banquets. I traveled to Kentucky and focused primarily on observing the official proceedings of the Annual Meeting.

In every jurisdiction, we were extended a truly warm and fraternal welcome by the resident Sir Knights. It was particularly interesting to observe the methods by which our Grand Commanderies conduct their Annual Conclaves, noting both the similarities and the differences in procedures.

I strongly recommend that any Sir Knight with the ability and opportunity to travel consider attending an out-of-state Conclave, as it offers invaluable insight into the broader organization.

Unfortunately, due to unforeseen work and personal conflicts, I was unable to attend the Annual Conclave of Ohio. It is my sincere goal to make this visitation a priority next year.

I extend my sincere gratitude to Deputy Battalion Commander Brian Hooten, Past Commander of Greenfield Commandery No. 39, and Deputy Battalion Commander Nathan Ratterman, Past Commander of Baldwin Commandery No. 2 for their invaluable support and contributions throughout the year.

Courteously,

Mark A. Elder
Grand Junior Warden
Battalion VI Commander

Battalion 7 Report 2025 - 2026

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

Status of Battalion #7 Commanderies:

The Battalion consists of New Albany #5, Columbus #14, Bedford 42 and Bloomington #63. I have met with each of my constituent commanderies multiple times within this battalion to assist and inform in communications from Grand Commandery. This open communication with all commanders and recorders has enhanced our relationships and instilled in them that I, as a representative of Grand Commandery, am here to help in their efforts to grow in Knights as well as knowledge of our orders. The Battalion performed

the Open 10-man Reception at their inspections and was well attended by members of the Battalion and Grand Officers.

New Albany #5

This commandery has shown good growth and I expect them to continue to become more active in the coming year. They are improving in performing the roles of the Orders. Leadership continues to grow its new members that will be evident in future inspection scores.

Columbus #14

This commandery is also growing and had good leadership under the direction of their commander. Their members are enthusiastic about learning the roles of the Orders and have shown an interest in learning drills. They have a day dedicated to practicing floorwork and ritual but have not had good participation. With the new membership, they should show good improvement in tactics and ritual work when performing the orders.

Bedford #42

This commandery is the strongest of the four commanderies. Very strong leadership and mentorship among the past and present Grand Commandery Officers within their membership. Their presentation of the Orders is among the best with them being performed by memory. Lectures are spot on and a new Knight goes away knowing that what they have seen is amazing.

Bloomington #63

This commandery has shown growth as well. With the new members and renewed enthusiasm, they will continue to develop their knowledge of tactics and knowledge of the Orders. Good participation in conclaves and IPA will only make them stronger.

Summary/Remarks:

On the note of an Out of State visit. I was able to visit one of the two states that I was planning to attend, and it was interesting how their Grand Conclave is conducted.

Battalion VII is in good shape and sees a renewed life in the new year as well as opportunities in bringing on new Sir Knights. As I become more experienced in my roles and understanding, I am looking forward to much more growth and knowledge with all Battalions.

Courteously,

Lawrence D. Myers (Rocky)
Grand Warder
Battalion VII Commander

Battalion 8 Report 2025 - 2026

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

LaValette # 15 They have held several practices this year to prepare for their inspection with Wright Commandery which was held on November 15th. These practices were well attended by both commanderies. They used their rituals a lot during their inspection but have improved dramatically on their tactics in the past several years. They are moving in the right direction. They have continued to ask a lot of questions and have wanted feedback from their inspection scores, which to me shows a desire to improve. They held their annual Christmas program on December 18th 2025 which was very nice and well attended. Their average attendance at their stated conclaves is still holding strong, with their meals before each stated contributing to this. Currently there are 2 candidates going through their York Rite.

Vincennes # 20 Their attendance is still holding. To my knowledge they have been able to open every month this year. Their long-time recorder has recently resigned, and I have worked with their new recorder on preparing his paperwork for their inspection and answered several questions that he had. He seems to be taking over very well. They hosted their inspection with Greene County on August 23rd. Almost all used their ritual for the order and struggled with the tactics quite a lot. They need to set some time aside to practice throughout the year. This would help them, and I believe they would not feel rushed when it comes time for inspection. Overall, they are doing good and have a very dedicated and helpful group that continues to move forward. They currently have 2 candidates going through the Chapter and Council degrees and took 2 candidates to participate in Lavalette and Wright's inspection.

Wright # 64 They participated in their joint inspection with LaValette with their members doing some of the more demanding parts. They have also participated in practices with LaValette this year. Some of their members' work has been done from memory with very little use of the ritual, while others are still using their rituals some. They are improving on the tactics as well. The practices are definitely helping. A big improvement from the past. Their attendance has been good at their stated conclaves, and they always serve a meal beforehand. They had one candidate at their inspection and currently have none waiting on degrees or orders.

Greene County # 68 They participated in their joint inspection with Vincennes on August 23rd with their members taking several of the parts. Their attendance at their stated conclaves is still low, but steady. They have some very good ritualists, and they travel around Battalions 7 and 8 to help out where they are needed. Most of the officers do not need the ritual to open / close and they understand the tactics very well. They currently have 3 candidates going through the Chapter and Council degrees.

Overall, the Battalion is going in the right direction. None of the Commanderies in the battalion can perform the orders without help from the other commanderies. They have been working together by helping each other perform the Orders and the other York Rite degrees to get their candidates ready for their next step. They have also supported each other by visiting the stated conclaves and special activities put on throughout the year. The attendance issues seem to be over as all of the commanderies have been able to open. All of them have been showing improvement in performing the tactics and are genuinely interested in improving their York Rite bodies.

Battalion 8 held their Battalion meeting before the ITA held in Bedford on February 7, 2026.

Courteously,
Jon McCracken, GG
Battalion VIII Commander

UNFINISHED BUSINESS 2025-2026

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

The committee for Unfinished Business has nothing to report currently.

Courteously,

Dominic J. Hamblin, KCT, Chair
Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander
Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Indiana

Remarks by East Central Department Commandery Sir Knight Jay Kennedy

Good morning, Sir. Knights. I don't want to take a ton of your time, but I would like to remind you of a commitment that you're right in this Grand Commander has put on you for this year. Coming up, you're going to bubble? Yes. No. 4% membership growth is what you've committed to now.

I have a different calculation for membership than many others. My calculation takes into account only the things we control.

There are four or sorry 5 categories. We can control. The main one is Knighting. In terms of growth,

The second is affiliations.

The third is, reinstatements.

Affiliations are pretty much cancelled out by the demits and suspensions, right? We've seen that this year.

There are two categories of losses you can control. These are demitting and suspension, but we can do nothing about deaths. Doesn't mean you shouldn't try.

Try obviously, but as you're gaining your membership. To focus on trying to replace those services you have no control over. That suspensions in the midst you have control.

That's what comes down to the experience of the Sir Knights. Each and every time they walk into a door. Command their time. Command through functions.

And so we placed a lot of focus on Knightings. They placed a lot of focus on getting the ritual right. Making sure those candidates are getting an awesome experience and they realize the value of information.

When they come in the door. Place an equal amount of emphasis and effort and attention on ensuring that those Sir Knights get a great experience while they are members of commandery. The orders are beautiful. The order in and of itself is much more.

The family that gets built for the relationships that exist, what I've been very privileged to experience every time we come to Indiana is amazing. The Sir Knight should see that and experience that every single time. Don't just focus on the experience of getting them right in, focus on the experience of bringing us tonight and you will drive those numbers down. The little reason to come back.

As department commander, I stay in existence only to support you in your efforts at the local commander level. Despite what you think, this is not simpler.

Command happens at the local level within your, within your, your asylums, within your chapters and councils and the managers in each. Together and being. That's where Templary

happens.

I'm here to support you to make sure that is the best it can be in when it can.
And so, to all of us. Tonight's here to the officers. If there is anything else that I can do to support you in that effort, please feel free to reach out to me. I'm here to support you.

On that, Right Eminent Grand Commander Sparks again, congratulations to you. I look forward to celebrating with you once you do finally retire.

Thank you for all the hospitality, Sir. Knights, thank you very much for your time.

Remarks by the Very Eminent Deputy Grand Master Sir Knight Jeffery Bolstad

Thank you. So nice. Please be seated.

Good morning. Grace, you wish your mercy and peace from the great captain of our Salvation protocol. Having been established, I bring you greetings concerning David, Kusman. Most Eminent Grand Master of Knights Templar of the USA.

I'm going to be asking you a very important question, which requires a very truthful, important, enthusiastic answer.

And the question is, "How do you do?"

The correct answer is to enthusiastically respond. "Fantastic". OK, let's practice. Right? How are you doing? OK.

Great Year of Indiana Grand Commandery

So nice to attract attractive people, you have to be attractive because you attract who you are and what you are.

John Maxwell says you can't have a leadership position of 6. Expect to attract 7-8 to 9. Best you attract 5 so we attract who we are and not what we want.

The supplies to those in our Masonic fraternity who are spouting off about quality versus quantity as well. Who says we can't have both?

Who determines what a quality member is? I've noticed the guys pounding this theory always consider themselves to be equal.

If we are truly in the business of making good men better, it won't be long before that average man is a quality member. Now, sometimes when we want a new Member to retain one, we go to work on them with the real key is to go to work on yourself and your commander and become attractive.

Call it self-leadership. so, let's look at. The things that we already have that you can use to make

your commandery attractive, we are a sovereign Christian entity.
Very exclusive designation, by the way. We have a great ritual order, the temple order Malta. I've seen most of them out there that I know about and nothing compares to those two.

Like a temporary foundation, we're doing those things. No one else cures pediatric eye diseases. We get those young scientists from the Bush leagues to the big leagues. And then they solve pediatric eye diseases.

Holy Land pilgrimage. Nobody else does that. Churches don't even send their pastors there. Temporary education courses are incredible. They're getting better every year; the certified Templar chaplain program has been very popular. We're over 600 people in that program and no other entity has anything like it.

Our leadership program speaks for itself. Fortune 500 world class Stuff, Drill knight, Temple, honor guard, no other Masonic body can impress like the Templars, and it's not hard to do. You need three guys.

Every constituent commander has three guys.
But at the next triennium we'll have an instructional on our website that shows you just how to do it. And Grandmaster Kusman reminded me that we also have the Knight Templar funeral service.

Most impressive service. In the world, if you haven't seen.
What other entity, Masonic or not, Masonic gives you that many tools in the toolbox to be attractive to membership?

All of this takes disciplined leadership to inspire sternites to make it happen. Remember, the leaders aren't made in a day they develop with daily discipline. It takes time. You can win in a few days, but if you grow an oak tree, it takes years. Please appreciate it.

The process. Yes.

Let me emphasize how important this is for the Masonic fraternity.
I've said it over and over again. We don't have a membership problem. We have a leadership problem. The Reverend Martin Luther King reminds us that everybody can be great at leading because everybody can serve.

The guys in the community who are already great leaders aren't reaching our goal to join, so you must develop yourself into a leader with following, find a way to see.
The leading part will naturally become part of serving is love made visible and our world is a better place because of you serving others each and every day. That's the sort of thing that attracts others to Christian chivalry, Freemasons to attract those attractive members, you have to be attractive.

Another way in which we influence each other at each other every single day is by our presence, so be fully present, show up, and engage in the lives of other people, particularly those who

aren't able to participate in commandery activities for whatever reason, make sure they know you care. That's the real magic.

Silver bullet for retention relationships. It will retain the power of showing up when you don't feel like it cannot be overstated. Anyone can show up when they're motivated, when conditions are perfect, when they feel inspired. That's not disciplined. That's just following your feelings. Discipline is showing up on the hard days, the days when you're tired, the days when you're discouraged, doubting yourself. The days when no one would blame you for quitting. Those are the days that define you. Those are the days that separate winners from wishers.

Because in those days when you show up anyway, when. You do the work. Despite how you feel. You're making your deposit in your character account that compounds like interest in the bank account. You're teaching yourself that you can be trusted, that you're a man who finishes what he starts, and there's a beautiful part: eventually showing up becomes who you are, not just what you.

Does it become your identity? Studies show that 3/4 of what makes you a leader for following is not what you do, but who you are. You become the man who others look at and think you know. If he could do that, maybe I could do that too.

That's when you've crossed over from wish to winner.

Not when you've achieved some external goal, but when consistency becomes your character. So, what is command reading in your time? The game known as the Place where community leaders are made? Do you think that might enhance our attractiveness?

Will that help to increase our membership? It's up to you. Be a student of leadership. You get good with practice and there's no other place in society that gives you more opportunities to practice leadership than freebase.

Our problem is that very few guys do the hard work. The discipline, if you will, of self-leadership. It's a process and it's the way you go about doing things.

It's a standard, it's an expectation. Temporary is a high standard, a high expectation. It's accountability, it's discipline, commitment, toughness, work ethic, pride.

Greatness comes from what you consistently do. Every single day it's one to be great versus wanting to be normal and normal kind of equals average and average is OK.

Average isn't bad, it's just not great. And greatness requires something different. To be great, you have to have special focus. Special commitment, special preparation and discipline, and the ability to. Say no to some things.

It requires you to be willing to do more, it means bringing a mindset of excellence to everything you do. It starts with being intentional. And that's the mindset of temporary focus and execution over excuses.

The heart of leadership is serving others, and self-leadership comes first. If you don't leave yourself well, you will never be a leader worth following. Everything you need to know you already know because really all it is is just doing the right thing.

Treat people the way you want to be treated. Easy to do. It's also easy not to do.
To worry about leading, just serve.

They Zigler said. You can get everything in life you want if you help other people get what they want. When I heard saying say that it. Changed my life.

So that's what I do. I remind people about stuff that they learned a long time ago. It's the right thing to do, to have patience and self-control with the people. It's the right thing to do, to be kind. It's the right thing to listen to. It's the right thing to be humble. The right thing, to be respectful, and that's all leadership is. Just doing the right thing.

Leaders inspire people to follow them. They inspire people to go in the direction they're going in order to inspire those people that you're charged. You have to know why and by why. I mean, what's your purpose? What's your cause? What is your belief?

Why does your organization exist? Why do you want to be Grand Commander? Why do you want to be invited to the plethora of appendant bodies? That we have. Just to pay more dues. I belong to my share. Don't get me wrong, but I never campaigned to give an invitation and maybe I should have. I would tell the table for KYC, H for nearly 20 years before I was ever invited. I was already a past friend, Commander and past Grand High Priest.
Not abiding tonight. Temper priest until after I was at the department commander.
I found the nine guys in front of me that joined. I knighted them all.
Keep in mind this is in Montana, not exactly on hot bed formation, but Jesus himself said that you're never a prophet in your hometown.

Remember that leading is hard. It is thankless. It is lonely. Sometimes you get fired, sometimes you get in trouble. Sometimes you lose your job, and the next guy will get all the credit. It's all true and the courage to do the right thing in the face of that overwhelming pressure. Only the best leaders have that kind of courage, only the best.

Always remembered that God has a plan to plant you in that field where you bloom to his glory. It's thy will be done. Not my will.

25 years ago, I was two years away from becoming populated by Algeria, Algeria shrine and the current Pope date. At the time fired.

On the same day I was selected by our SG IG to be his personal representative, even though it wasn't yet a 33rd degree. Fast forward a few years and I was the odds-on favorite to replace him. Retiring SG IG he groomed me for that job, recommended me for that role.

The Sovereign Grand Commander selected someone who hadn't even been involved in Scottish Rite at all. Hardly so much so that he had never even held the office, or even signed a petition for

membership, and was not really popular with the brothers in the valley. But let me tell you if those things had not happened. I wouldn't be standing before you today. Sometimes, no matter what you do, there are those who are going to come for you and you need to have courage.

Good leadership requires you to be brutally honest with yourself. If you're chasing another title, you won't develop the respect you need to be a leader worth following. That takes time, developing relationships, developing trust, developing respect. It's a daily discipline and doing all those little things that no one sees. Making the calls, working on yourself, doing things to inspire others. Then when you get to the place where you are in charge, you will have earned the influence necessary to be successful and the leader worth following.

But you cannot shortcut that process. I feel a little bit like Forrest Gump. I kind of just fall into the position of leadership. I've never had a desire to be the presiding officer in anything. I only possess a desire to serve. And I do it to the very best of my ability. I work my tail off for hours every single day to be better today than I was yesterday. You do that and the movers and shakers will be coming after you to serve in greater capacities. The key is to be your best. When it seems like it doesn't really matter. Those small disciplines are easy to do, but also easy not and every day it doesn't seem to make any difference whether you do the simple things or not. But over time it makes all the difference in the world.

People don't buy into what you do. They buy into why you do it. They don't buy into what you do. They buy into who you are. But if you don't know why you do what you do and people respond to why you do what you do, then how will you ever inspire someone to want to be a part of what it is that you do? And if you talk about what you believe, you will attract those who believe what?

It has nothing to do with how smart you are or how talented you are. Or being the superstar of your team because there's only a few superstars, but we can all, every one of us be the one that uplifts the team. We can all lead by serving and inspiring our teammates.

Best leaders understand that they're only as good as the people around them. I love the team that we've assembled for the 71st try. Indian the most exciting thing in my mind is that without a doubt the weakest guy on our team is me.

Listen to me now. The most important rule you can follow is to surround yourself with excellence. You can do everything else, right. But if you're surrounded by the wrong people, if your environment is pulling you down instead of lifting you up, you're going to struggle. Maybe even fail. The truth is you become like the people you spend the most time with.

I want you to think about the five people that you spend the most time thinking about: their attitudes, their habits, their dreams, their work ethics, their standards. Now look at yourself. I'll bet you the average of those five people and that is not incidence excellence, is contagious.

So is the young, so is negativity, so is laziness. You see the success I've attained in my life has always come about because I surrounded myself with people who are more talented than me.

The only talent I really have myself is being able to recognize it in others and then I inspire them to play a part on the team and in that process, I'm developing them into inspiring leaders themselves. So, if you want to learn leadership.

Here's my advice. Become a student. Invest time every day reading about it, watching videos, and listening to podcasts. It's the consistency, the daily routine, the discipline when nobody is watching.

If I look in the mirror, I don't see the leader. I see servant. And I pray every morning that the Holy Spirit will fill my heart with the grace to serve you.

Particularly in your leadership journey. There are leaders and there are those who lead leaders, hold positions upon authority. But those who lead inspire us, and we follow those who lead, not because we have to, but because we want to.

Always been working on your leadership level. Evaluate yourself. Honestly. The higher your level of leadership, the higher the quality of members that you will attract to your team, Remember, it's not about you. It's about those. you serve.

One last story. There was a former Under Secretary of Defense who was invited to give a speech at a large conference of about 1000 people. He's standing on this stage with his cup of coffee in his Styrofoam cup. He took a sip of the coffee and smiled, and he looked down at the coffee. And then he kind of went off script and he said, "You know, last year I spoke at this exact same conference. Last year I was still the under secretary. And when I spoke here last year, they could be here business class. When I arrived at the airport, there's somebody waiting for me to take me to the hotel. They took me to my hotel. They already checked me in. They just took me right up to my room. And the next morning I came downstairs and there was someone waiting in the lobby to greet him. They drove me to this same venue and handed me a cup of coffee, in a beautiful ceramic cup.

And he says now I'm no longer the Under Secretary. I flew coach, I took a taxi to my hotel, checked myself in. I came down from the lobby this morning, took another taxi to this venue, and when I asked someone, "Do you have any coffee?", he pointed to the coffee machine in the corner and poured myself a cup of coffee right into this Styrofoam.

And he says the lesson is the Ceramic Cup was never meant for me. It was meant for the position I deserve a Styrofoam. Remember this, Sir Knights, as you gain fame as you gain fortune as you gain musicians and you are, the people will treat you better. They will hold doors open for you. They will get you a cup of coffee without you even asking for it. Remember that none of that stuff is for you. That stuff is meant for the position that you hold.

It is meant for the level that you've achieved for their leader's success, whatever you want to call it, but you will always deserve the Styrofoam.

Remember that lesson of humility and gratitude you can accept all the free stuff. You can accept all the perks. Absolutely. You can enjoy it. Just be grateful for them and know that they're not for

you.

Technical reasons are for those who want to inspire others and servants who are Lord and savior, or for those who want to be inspired.

And I can say without a doubt here in Muncie, IN you, Sir, Knights inspire me. Remember that word. How are you doing? We can do better than that.

**Remarks by Steven Bates
Senior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of Indiana
Representing Grand Master Randolph L. Seipel**

I think I'm probably the last one to speak. You may be seated. I may be the last one, between you. and lunch. A lot of hungry Knight Templars are out there.

First of all, I bring greetings from Randolph Seipel, the Grand Master of Masons in Indiana. He extends his apologies for not being here today. I am the lackey filling in for him.

I would offer from him congratulations to the Right. Eminent Grand Commander Joseph Sparks on a great year, for his time as Grand Commander for the Templar year of 2025/26th and all things that were accomplished.

I would like to offer congratulations to my all-good friends from my home lodge, Wayne Dale, 739, Fort Wayne Indiana. And to the new Right Eminent Grand Command Domnic Hamblin

Yeah.

Again, it's a great day here to be here in Muncie with the Grand Commandery of Indiana. You guys offer an important role, and as we heard from the previous speeches, obviously a lot of leaders come out of this organization and help all of us to look well in our public and the entire in in the state of Indiana, especially with Knights Templars, You're out there visible with some of the drill teams and participating in some of the parades. So again, it's a great honor to be here. Thank you very much and have a very nice lunch.

Following the remarks, Conclave was called to recess until the Installation of the Officers for the Templar year of 2026/27.

GENERAL ORDERS



GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF INDIANA

General Order No. 1 Sparks

April 27, 2025

Annual Inspections and Receptions of Constituent Commandery(s)

Sir Knights of Indiana:

In pursuant to the provisions of Section 851 and 852 of the Laws of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Indiana, it is hereby ordered that the Constituent Commanderies of the Jurisdiction be inspected.

All Commanderies will be Inspected on the Short Form Opening with Rehearsal of Duties. The Inspection on an Order will be held on the Stated Conclave of the Commandery, unless prior permission has been given by the Grand Commander or the Grand Inspector General to hold the Inspection or Opening on a separate date.

If a cancelation or date modification happens for any reason, a written request to the Grand Commander and the Grand Inspector General must be received at least two weeks prior to the Original Inspection Date. This written request must be received with a reason from the Eminent Commander of the Host Commandery and must include a new date with a two-to-three-week advanced notice that will require approval of the Grand Commander and the Grand Inspector General before it is rescheduled. (We all have schedules to work with, please plan for the date you set.) In case of an Emergency, we will follow the Next Sir Knight Up Philosophy, so you should think of re-casting prior to the Cancellation or Change of Date of the Inspection or Order

1. The Battalion Commander shall inspect each Commandery within his Battalion with the following exceptions:
 - The Grand Inspector General or a Deputy Grand Inspector General will be required to inspect the designated primary Commandery of each elected Grand Commandery Officer, excluding the Commandery of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder unless an additional Grand Officer(s) are members of that Commandery.
 - A fellow Grand Line Officer/Battalion Commander will inspect the designated primary Commandery of each appointed Grand Officer if it is within the Battalion of the latter. Only the Grand Commander may authorize other exceptions or substitutions.
 - Deputy Battalion Commander(s) are suggested to assist in the grading of the Inspections and the Inspection of the Books and Records.

2. Each Inspecting Officer will send a “Notice of Inspection” courtesy letter (email or mailed) to the Eminent Commander and Recorder at least 30 days prior to the Inspection if the letter is mailed, then an email copy is also to be sent to the Eminent Commander and Recorder and Cc’d to the Grand Inspector General and the Deputy Grand Commander. This letter is found on the Grand Commandery Website and will confirm the date, time, and location of the Inspection with the Inspecting Officer’s time of arrival and will also include a copy of the blank reports to be filled out by the Recorder prior to the inspection. The requested completed reports will be provided to the Inspecting Officer upon his arrival (Activities Sheet, Recorder’s Questionnaire, cast list for the Order, Cast list for the Opening)
3. The records Inspected will be detailed on the Recorder’s Questionnaire will include but not limited to:
 - A report on the membership efforts.
 - Examination of the Recorder’s and Treasurer’s books, records, and accounts.
 - Examination of the paraphernalia and property of the Commandery.
 - Activity sheet.
 - Current 990-N Filed Tax Form.
 - Current copy of the By-laws dated by the Grand Commandery.
4. No Inspection will be deemed complete until the Inspecting Officer has reviewed all books and financial records of both the Recorder and Treasurer. If they are not presented at the Inspection, it shall be the duty of the responsible Officer (Treasurer or Recorder) to deliver the needed items to be inspected to the Inspecting Officer by or at the next stated Conclave of that Commandery or upon an agreeable date prior to the end of the Inspection Year. If further time is needed it may be granted but only with approval of the Grand Commander. Failure to comply may cause the Commandery to be placed on probation until the obligation has been fulfilled.

*** The Battalion Commander will leave the Inspection or Reception with ALL paperwork pertaining to the Inspection or Reception.**

5. Each Inspection will start promptly on the date(s) and time(s) mutually agreed upon with the respective Inspecting Officer.
6. The Inspection will be on the conferral of the Illustrious Order of Red Cross, Order of Malta, or the Order of the Temple in Full Form. All Inspections must be completed by December 6, 2025.

*** All Commanderies should do their best to have a candidate for the Inspection if possible. If there is not going to be a candidate, the Battalion Commander should advise the Inspecting Officer and the Grand Commander in advance of the**

Inspection.

7. It is preferred that the regularly elected and appointed officers of the Commandery fill their respective stations during the Opening for the Rehearsal of Duties, Reception and Order conferral. If necessary, officers and members may assume other stations, particularly during the Order. Commanderies are encouraged to collaborate with each other to provide any needed assistance. If an actual candidate is present, the quality of the work is of prime importance.
8. Inspections may consist of up to two (2) Commanderies participating together for an Official Inspection with a minimum of 6 Members of Each Commandery present. If less than 6 members are present from a Commandery a percentage of the points may be awarded (subject to review by the Battalion Commander and the Grand Commander). Failure of any Commandery to participate in an inspection may result in Suspension.
9. The Inspection will consist of the following: Inspection of Order and Opening can be done separately.
 - Short Form Opening with Rehearsal of Duties
 - One of the Following Order's, Illustrious Order of Red Cross, Order of Malta, or Order of the Temple in Full Form
 - Flag Presentation
 - Closing
10. The Battalion Commander shall complete and forward his inspection report (Tally Sheet Landscape) of each Commandery to the Right Eminent Grand Commander, Grand Inspector General, the Deputy Grand Commander, as well as the Eminent Commander and the Recorder of the inspected Commandery within fourteen (14) days following the completion of the inspection. All other required paperwork will be kept by the Battalion Commander and made immediately available upon request. A full report of the Inspections may be discussed at the winter meeting and appropriate recognition will be made at the Annual Conclave.
11. The Battalion Guidon will be awarded to the Commandery in each Battalion who has the highest ritualistic score. The ritualistic score shall be the combined score of the Short Form Opening with Rehearsal of Duties, one of the following Order's (Illustrious Order of Red Cross, the Order of Malta, or the Order of the Temple), Flag Presentation and Closing. All Commanderies will be graded according to the forms and procedures adopted for that purpose.

12. The Commandery with the highest Activity Score in each Battalion, will receive a blue ribbon and the second place highest Activity score in each Battalion will receive a red ribbon, presented at the Grand Commandery Session. The Commandery with the highest activity score in the state will receive the Grand Commandery Guidon for the coming year.
13. A Commandery(s) using an exemplar in place of an actual candidate will confer the Order as if they had an actual candidate and scored as such by the Inspecting Officer. (Hermits and Guards may be limited to one of each)

Instructional

An Instructional may be held in lieu of an Inspection on the Order of the Temple when the Inspecting Officer, with the concurrence of the Grand Inspector General and approval of the Grand Commander deems that change to be in the best interests of the Commandery(s).

- The Commandery(s) that is conducting an Instructional, will be given a ZERO score on the Inspection Tally Worksheet.

Inspection Scoring

- If a Sir Knight is participating in his first Order or Opening and he has been Knighted within 1 year of said Opening or Order and is using a Ritual, he will not be penalized on the Inspection Sheet.
- Scores will be equally given to the Commandery(s) participating in the Order based on the number of members participating in the Order (If less than 6 members are present from a Commandery a percentage of the points may be awarded). The inspection of the Order may occur any time after June 1, 2025, and prior December 6, 2025.
- If 5 members are present 50% of the ritualistic score may be given, if 4 members are present 40% of the ritualistic score may be given, if 3 are members present 30% of the ritualistic score may be given, if 2 are members present 20% of the ritualistic score may be given, if 1 member is present 10% of the ritualistic score may be given,
- Inspection scores will be separated by officer ranking only. All members or officers of the participating Inspected Commandery(s) will receive an officer score of 1-20.

Reception of the Eminent Commander

Each Battalion will hold a Public Opening for the Reception of the Eminent Commanders. Commanderies will use either the Ten Man or Twelve Man Open Reception in accordance with

the most recent official interpretation of the Ritual and official Indiana Asylum Tactics (Revised 4/29/2022) as posted on the Grand Commandery website. The reception should include the Presentation of the United States Flag. (If less than 6 members are present from a Commandery at a Battalion reception a percentage of the points may be awarded Any Commandery may choose to hold their own Reception. Points for the reception will be awarded on the Activity Sheet.

A Uniform Inspection of each Sir Knight will take place during the Inspection of the Lines portion of the reception. One point for each deficiency will be deducted and added to the Activity Worksheet. (If a Sir Knight belongs to two or more Commandery(s) being Inspected, points will be dispersed to only one Commandery at the Sir Knights request).

Instructions following the Inspection of the Order or Reception, prior to Closing

Upon completion of each Inspection and prior to Closing, the Eminent Commander shall give his remarks first, followed by the Inspecting Officer. The Grand Commander, if present, will follow with his remarks. Whenever he is not present, the Inspecting Officer, acting as the Grand Commander's Official Representative, shall be accorded all the honors and courtesies due him as such. If the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Indiana is present, he will speak after the Grand Commander; otherwise, the Grand Commander is the final speaker.

Thank You all the Sir Knights of Indiana for your dedication to Templary!

This Order shall be read in all Constituent Commanderies at their first Stated Conclave after its receipt and be made a part of the minutes.

Given under my hand and seal this 27th day of April, A.D. 2025 A.O. 907.

Courteously & fraternally,



Joseph L. Sparks, KCT
Right Eminent Grand Commander

ATTESTED:

Lawrence J. Williams, KCT, PG
Grand Recorder





GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF INDIANA

General Order No. 2 Sparks

April 27, 2025

Special Dispensations

Sir Knights of Indiana where so ever dispersed:

By Order of the Grand Commander, the following information is hereby disseminated:

ITEM NO. 1, Dispensation is hereby granted to all Constituent Commanderies to appear in uniform at any and all Patriotic Activities, such as, (but not limited to) Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, and Veterans Day.

ITEM NO. 2, Dispensation is hereby granted to all Constituent Commanderies to move their Charter and to appear in uniform at any time to portray the Orders of Templary or to assist in any ceremonies at the Indiana Masonic Home at Compass Park with their approval.

ITEM NO. 3, Constituent Recorders are hereby requested, prior to requesting a Dispensation for any purpose, to first read the following Sections of the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Encampment, Knights Templar 214, 215, 48(f)3, 177, 76, 145, and 48(f)1.

ITEM NO. 4, Constituent Commanderies are strongly urged to recite the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag prior to the opening of each Stated and Called Conclaves.

ITEM NO. 5, A Constituent Commandery is not required to obtain special permission in order to meet and conduct business jointly with Chapter and/or Council. Such authority is found in Section 65(c) of the Laws of the Grand Encampment.

This Order shall be read in all Constituent Commanderies at their first Stated Conclave after its receipt and be made a part of the minutes.

Given under my hand and seal this 27th day of April, A.D. 2025 A.O. 907.

Fraternally Yours in His Name,

Joseph L. Sparks, KCT
Right Eminent Grand Commander

ATTESTED:

Lawrence J. Williams, KCT, PGC
Grand Recorder





GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF INDIANA

General Order No. 3 Sparks

April 27, 2025

Mentoring New Members and Junior Officers

Sir Knights of Indiana where so ever dispersed:

Maintaining interest in new Sir Knights and preparing Junior Officers for future leadership are important issues in the life of any Commandery. An active mentoring program can achieve these goals, and the following program is directed for implementation and monitoring by each Commandery.

- Upon Knighting, each Sir Knight should be assigned a Mentor whose responsibility will be to assist the new Sir Knight to remain an active member by inviting him to all functions personally, helping him become involved in the Commandery to the extent that the new Sir Knight is able, and answering all questions that he and his family pose.
- The Recorder is responsible for providing a "New Member Packet" to the new Sir Knight containing information about the Commandery and Templary. This may include a calendar, newsletter, Commandery history, philanthropies, and information on Conclaves, activities, and officers.
- Each new officer in the line will also be assigned a mentor, preferably a Past Commander or Dais Officer, to provide guidance and encouragement to the new officer and to instruct and answer questions he will have as he advances.
- The officer's mentor shall make certain that the new officer has the proper ritual, tactics, officer's handbook bylaws, and other information he needs to succeed. The mentor shall assist the new officer in preparing his uniform and equipment and assist him with proficiency in protocols and practices.

The Recorder will record the name of the mentors in the Notes Section in MMS and the Generalissimo will be assigned to administer and monitor the mentorship program and to oversee the development of new Sir Knights and officers. I have requested the Battalion Commanders and Deputies to assist you, the Eminent Commander, in implementing the program.

This Order shall be read in all Constituent Commanderies at their first Stated Conclave after its receipt and be made a part of the minutes.

Given under my hand and seal this 27th day of April, A.D. 2025 A.O. 907.

Fraternally Yours in His Name,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joseph L. Sparks".

Joseph L. Sparks, KCT

ATTESTED:

Lawrence J. Williams, KCT, PGC



Right Eminent Grand Commander

Grand Recorder



GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF INDIANA

General Order No. 4 Sparks

April 27, 2025

Libations for Candidates under the Age of 21

Sir Knights of Indiana where so ever dispersed:

During the Order of the Temple, any candidate who is under 21 years of age **Must** only receive non-alcoholic libations.

This Order shall be read in all Constituent Commanderies at their first Stated Conclave after its receipt and be made a part of the minutes.

Given under my hand and seal this 27th day of April, A.D. 2025 A.O. 907.

Fraternally Yours in His Name,

Joseph L. Sparks, KCT
Right Eminent Grand Commander

ATTESTED:

Lawrence J. Williams, KCT, PGC
Grand Recorder





GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF INDIANA

General Order No. 5 Sparks

April 27, 2025

R. Frank Williams Award Program

Sir Knights of Indiana where so ever dispersed:

Sir Knight R. Frank Williams, KCT, PGC, HPDC and GPE who passed July 2, 2014, was instrumental in the National Holy Land Pilgrimage Program for over 25 years. He was the spearhead in getting Indiana involved in this great work.

Therefore, an award, being established in 2015 and will be continued in his honor. This Indiana Award will be given to the Commandery that contributes the most money to the Holy Land Pilgrimage Fund each year. Whether you pay the full price of a minister to go to the Holy Land or just donate money to help send a minister, everything that is donated from your Commandery will count toward your Commandery's annual donation. The year will run from January 1st to December 31st of each year. Nominations of ministers to go to the Holy Land may be submitted to the Holy Land Committee, who will then select the minister to go based upon the funds available. Your Commandery may pay and select a minister of your choice by paying the complete cost of the trip.

The R. Frank Williams Award, a traveling trophy, will be presented at the Grand Conclave the following year for that Commandery to display for the year. A plaque will be placed on the award with your Commandery's name and year in which the award was presented.

It is the goal of the Grand Commandery of Indiana that sufficient funds each year are raised through the R. Frank Williams Award to send at least one minister to the Holy Land. The Grand Commandery is asking that each Commandery in the State of Indiana set a goal to donate at least \$100.00 to the Holy Land fund each year. Those Commandries that donate at \$100.00 or more will receive a certificate showing the amount of their donation. With the continued funding, we will be able to meet our goal of sending at least one minister to the Holy Land from the State of Indiana each year.

This Order shall be read in all Constituent Commanderies at their first Stated Conclave after its receipt and be made a part of the minutes.

Given under my hand and seal this 27th day of April, A.D. 2025 A.O. 907.

Fraternally Yours in His Name,

Joseph L. Sparks, KCT
Right Eminent Grand Commander

ATTESTED:

Lawrence J. Williams, KCT, PGC
Grand Recorder



BULLETINS



GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF INDIANA

Bulletin No. 1 Sparks

May 8, 2025

171st Conclave Digest

The 171st Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Indiana, was held at the Horizon Convention Center in Muncie Indiana on April 26, 2025. The Knights of Baldwin Commandery #2, the Commandery of the Right Eminent Grand Commander, served as hosts for the Conclave.

On Saturday morning, the Sir Knights of Baldwin Commandery #2 opened their Commandery. The lines were formed, under the direction of Nathan Ratterman. Sir Knight Randy Joe Darling, KCT was received by Baldwin Commandery. The Grand Commander then introduced his officers listed below:

V.E.D.G.C.	SK Joseph Sparks, KCT
Grand Generalissimo	SK Dominic Hamblin, KCT
Grand Captain General	SK Jonathan McCracken
Grand Treasurer	SK Robert Frazer, PGC, KCT
Grand Recorder	SK Lawrence Williams, PGC, KCT
Grand Prelate	SK William Short, KCT, KTCH
Gand Senior Warden	SK Dathan Reed
Grand Junior Warden	SK Scott Sacek
Grand Standard Bearer	SK Mark Elder
Grand Sword Bearer	SK Jeffery W. Prairie
Grand Warder	SK John Freeland
Grand Sentinel	SK Lawrence Myers
Grand Marshall	SK Matthew McLaughlin
Grand Organist	SK Berry Clouser, GPE

The Distinguished Guest were received as follows under the direction of Sir Knight Michael Robbins, PGC, KCT.

The **Past Grand Commanders of Indiana** were then received and introduced.

Ronald D. Simpson, PGC, KCT
George A. Ingles, PGC, PGM, KCT
Jackie Wallace, PGC, KCT
Phillip Whisner, PGC, KCT
Randal P. Ellington, PGC, GPE, KCT

Officers of the Grand Chapter:

Jason Miller, MEGHP
Timothy R. Brinkmeyer, REGK
Greg Huber, REGS
Brain Lewis, GPS
Roy Wiseman, GRAC
Joseph Pask GM 3rd Veil
Andrew D. Odle Gr. Lecturer
Russ Sthrome, Royal Arch Deputy
Joseph H. Villarreal, PMEGHP

Officers of the Cryptic Masons of Indiana

Todd Carpenter, MIGM
W. Keith Stiner, DGM
Frank E. Capler, Jr. RIGPCW
David Ulrick PMIGM, GR
Michael Doxsee, RIGCG
Stephen Roberts, Arch 5 Officer
S. Kent Holaday, Arch 4 Officer
Larry Gardner, II. Master
Phillip Sroud, Arch 8 Officer
James Davis, PMIGM
Michael Stoner, PMIGM

Yeoman of York

Michael C. Anderson, PGDG

Junior Officers of Grand Lodge

Steven Bates, Junior Grand Warden of Indiana

Junior Officers of Other Jursidications:

Alfred Johnson KGC, Grand Recorder – Ohio
Timothy O. Ralston, KCT, GSW – Ohio
Adam Wygant Deputy Grand Commander – Michigan
James D. Rutherford, KCT, Grand Generalissimo – Michigan
Michael Hick, Grand Captain General – Michigan
Dan Mayville, Senior Warden – Michigan

David Heise, Grand Junior Warden – Michigan
Tim Monroe, PC Jackson – Michigan
James R. Bradtke, Battalion Commander – Michigan

Grand Commanders from Other Jurisdictions

Korlon Kilpatrick MEGC – James W. Moss Prince Hall Grand
Commandery of Indiana

Rick Sears REGC – Kentucky
Dale A. Exline, REGC – Ohio
Jamie A. Emery, REGC, KTCH, Illinois

Grand Encampment Officers

Duane Vaught, MEPGM of the Grand Encampment, REPGC of Indiana,
PMWGM of Indiana. He is also the Personal Representative of David
Kussman, Most Eminent Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of
Knights Templar, USA and the Inspecting Officer

Grand Lodge of Indiana

David Morgan, Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of
Indiana

After the introductions the Grand Commander thanked the captain of the escort
and the Knights for forming the lines. A hardy thank-you was given from those
present. He then ordered the Captain General to dismiss the lines.

He then asked for a preliminary report from the Credentials Committee and a
quorum was present.

A welcome address was given by Matthew McLaughlin, Commander of
Baldwin Commandery #2 and a response was given by the VEDGC Joseph
Sparks.

The Grand Commander called for the reading of the minutes form 170th
Conclave. A motion was made that the minutes be approved as printed and
distributed.

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

Grand Commander then presented his Allocution. The jurisprudence
committee moved to accept the report and be placed in Divisions and
References.

Grand Recorder's Report

April 1, 2025

Right Eminent Grand Commander Randy Darling
Grand Commandery Officers
Past Grand Commanders
Sir Knights All,

I am but a short time in this position. With the resignation of Sir Knight Edward Fodrea, PGC, KCT, from this position and my recent appointment in the past month, I have a little bit of catching up as what has happened this past Templar year.

Let me start by saying that we had some good news:

- 108 Knightings
- 116 Affiliations
- 8 Reinstatements
- Total Gains of 232 Sir Knights

Now there is some bad news:

- Demits 156
- Suspensions 45
- Deaths 70
- Total Loss of 271 Sir Knights

Unfortunately, this past year there were two Consolidations. Elbert H. Gary #57 consolidated with Valparaiso #28 and Greencastle #11 consolidated with Terre Haute #16. We now have 29 working Commanderies.

As stated, we have 29 Commanderies. The largest has Prather 195 members. The Huntington smallest has 33 members.

The average age is 66 years old

Average Age - Parameters: Indiana, Knights Templar

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Commandery	Active		Avg. Age	18-29		30-39		40-49		50-59		60-69		70-79		80-89		90-99		100+		Totals	
	No	DOB		#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Indiana	10	2332	66	32	1.4	113	4.8	283	12.1	405	17.4	435	18.7	559	24.0	400	17.2	99	4.2	6	0.3	2332	100.0
1 - Raper	0	42	65.1	0	0.0	2	4.8	7	16.7	6	14.3	7	16.7	12	28.6	8	19.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	42	1.8
2 - Baldwin	3	78	63.2	1	1.3	7	9.0	8	10.3	24	30.8	11	14.1	9	11.5	15	19.2	3	3.8	0	0.0	78	3.3
4 - Fort Wayne	0	120	65.5	2	1.7	3	2.5	15	12.5	26	21.7	22	18.3	32	26.7	14	11.7	4	3.3	2	1.7	120	5.1
5 - New Albany	0	79	64.2	1	1.3	3	3.8	12	15.2	17	21.5	16	20.3	18	22.8	8	10.1	4	5.1	0	0.0	79	3.4
8 - Richmond	0	54	70.4	0	0.0	1	1.9	5	9.3	5	9.3	11	20.4	17	31.5	13	24.1	2	3.7	0	0.0	54	2.3
12 - La Porte	0	98	64.4	1	1.0	3	3.1	10	10.2	27	27.6	18	18.4	25	25.5	13	13.3	1	1.0	0	0.0	98	4.2
14 - Columbus	0	115	73.5	0	0.0	0	0.0	9	7.8	10	8.7	22	19.1	32	27.8	34	29.6	8	7.0	0	0.0	115	4.9
15 - LaValette	0	96	66.9	2	2.1	6	6.3	9	9.4	11	11.5	16	16.7	33	34.4	18	18.8	0	0.0	1	1.0	96	4.1
16 - Terre Haute	0	106	67.4	1	0.9	3	2.8	14	13.2	17	16.0	15	14.2	35	33.0	17	16.0	4	3.8	0	0.0	106	4.5
19 - Apollo	1	45	64.4	0	0.0	5	11.1	6	13.3	5	11.1	9	20.0	12	26.7	7	15.6	1	2.2	0	0.0	45	1.9
20 - Vincennes	0	56	68.7	1	1.8	3	5.4	6	10.7	7	12.5	9	16.1	14	25.0	11	19.6	4	7.1	1	1.8	56	2.4
21 - Grant County	0	65	66.4	0	0.0	2	3.1	10	15.4	8	12.3	16	24.6	17	26.2	11	16.9	1	1.5	0	0.0	65	2.8
25 - Crawfordsville	0	48	60.9	1	2.1	2	4.2	10	20.8	9	18.8	12	25.0	7	14.6	7	14.6	0	0.0	0	0.0	48	2.1
28 - Valparaiso	0	194	63.3	5	2.6	9	4.6	32	16.5	38	19.6	31	16.0	48	24.7	23	11.9	8	4.1	0	0.0	194	8.3
29 - Frankfort	2	114	70.3	0	0.0	2	1.8	10	8.8	21	18.4	19	16.7	27	23.7	27	23.7	7	6.1	1	0.9	114	4.9
31 - Elkhart	0	55	63.7	2	3.6	6	10.9	5	9.1	9	16.4	8	14.5	13	23.6	10	18.2	2	3.6	0	0.0	55	2.4
32 - Anderson	2	79	74.3	0	0.0	3	3.8	3	3.8	13	16.5	5	6.3	20	25.3	26	32.9	9	11.4	0	0.0	79	3.4
35 - Huntington	0	33	68.2	2	6.1	1	3.0	1	3.0	5	15.2	8	24.2	8	24.2	4	12.1	4	12.1	0	0.0	33	1.4
36 - Kokomo	0	46	72.2	0	0.0	0	0.0	5	10.9	6	13.0	8	17.4	11	23.9	10	21.7	6	13.0	0	0.0	46	2.0
39 - Greenfield	1	159	70.1	1	0.6	9	5.7	8	5.0	23	14.5	32	20.1	37	23.3	37	23.3	11	6.9	1	0.6	159	6.8
42 - Bedford	0	75	56.1	3	4.0	8	10.7	18	24.0	20	26.7	8	10.7	10	13.3	7	9.3	1	1.3	0	0.0	75	3.2
45 - Angola	0	59	66.2	1	1.7	3	5.1	6	10.2	8	13.6	13	22.0	16	27.1	9	15.3	3	5.1	0	0.0	59	2.5
61 - Noblesville	0	39	63.2	2	5.1	3	7.7	6	15.4	5	12.8	10	25.6	5	12.8	5	12.8	3	7.7	0	0.0	39	1.7
62 - Prather	0	195	58.7	1	0.5	18	9.2	45	23.1	38	19.5	39	20.0	37	19.0	13	6.7	4	2.1	0	0.0	195	8.4
63 - Bloomington	1	75	71	1	1.3	3	4.0	4	5.3	5	6.7	19	25.3	19	25.3	19	25.3	5	6.7	0	0.0	75	3.2
64 - Wright	0	39	62.6	2	5.1	2	5.1	5	12.8	5	12.8	11	28.2	9	23.1	5	12.8	0	0.0	0	0.0	39	1.7
65 - William G. Bray	0	70	70.3	1	1.4	2	2.9	2	2.9	9	12.9	17	24.3	18	25.7	17	24.3	4	5.7	0	0.0	70	3.0
68 - Greene County	0	34	65	0	0.0	2	5.9	0	0.0	11	32.4	9	26.5	7	20.6	5	14.7	0	0.0	0	0.0	34	1.5
500 - Lawrence V. Kaminsky	0	64	60.7	1	1.6	2	3.1	12	18.8	17	26.6	14	21.9	11	17.2	7	10.9	0	0.0	0	0.0	64	2.7
Total	10	2332	66	32	1.4	113	4.8	283	12.1	405	17.4	435	18.7	559	24.0	400	17.2	99	4.2	6	0.3	2332	100.0

Yellow highlight is the Commandery with the youngest average age, the blue is the Commandery with the oldest average age.

For breakdown of Membership by Commandery see below:

Annual Statistical Report - Start: 4/1/2024 End: 3/31/2025

Grand Encampment of Knights Templar

Grand Commandery of Indiana

Stationed at Chesterton, IN

Total Working Commanderies =
29

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

Total number members on last return = 2,381

Total number KNIGHTED =
108

Total number AFFILIATED =
116

Total number REINSTATED =
8

Total number ADD ADJUSTMENT =
0

Total Gain (+) 232

Total number DEMITTED =
156

Total number SUSPENDED =
45

Total number DECEASED =
70

Total number EXPELLED =

	<u>0</u>
Total number DELETE ADJUSTMENT =	<u>0</u>
Total Loss (-)	<u>271</u>
Net Gain (Net Loss) =	<u>(39)</u>
Total number of members (including Dual and Plural)	= <u>2,342</u>

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EYE FOUNDATION

Living/Active Life Sponsors =	<u>886</u>
Living/Active Associate Patrons =	<u>15</u>
Living/Active Patrons =	<u>8</u>
Total Deductions	<u>909</u>

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

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

Annual Report Detail Only

Period Start: 04/01/2024

End: 03/31/2025

All activity is based on the modified date (when updated) that falls within requested date range											Modified Date
Part 1 Statistical	Active Members At Start	Knighted (+)	Demit (-)	Affiliate (+)	Suspend (-)	Reinstated (+)	Expel (-)	DeAdj (-)	Died (-)	AddAdj (+)	Active Members At-End
Knights Templar	2,381	+108	-156	+116	-45	+8			-70		2,342
Indiana	2,381	+108	-156	+116	-45	+8			-70		2,342
1 - Raper	46		-2						-2		42
2 - Baldwin	77	+6	-3	+3	-2	+1			-1		81
4 - Fort Wayne	116	+7	-3	+2	-2	+2			-2		120
5 - New Albany	82	+3	-2	+1	-2				-3		79
8 - Richmond	58				-1				-3		54
12 - La Porte	99	+4	-3	+2					-4		96
14 - Columbus	117			+1					-3		115
15 - LaValette	98	+3	-1						-4		96
16 - Terre Haute	82	+3	-3	+25					-1		106
19 - Apollo	47								-1		46
20 - Vincennes	56										56
21 - Grant County	50	+16	-1	+1	-1						65
25 - Crawfordsville	46	+4				+1			-3		48
28 - Valparaiso	134	+14	-6	+63	-8	+1			-4		194
29 - Frankfort	118	+3		+1					-6		116
31 - Elkhart	55	+3	-4	+1							55
32 - Anderson	84	+7	-3	+1	-4				-4		81
35 - Huntington	36				-1				-2		33
36 - Kokomo	47								-1		46
39 - Greenfield	163	+1	-2	+3	-1				-4		160
42 - Bedford	70	+6	-1	+1		+1			-2		75
45 - Angola	59	+2	-2								59
61 - Noblesville	37	+2	-1	+1							39
62 - Prather	221	+11	-17	+1	-18				-3		196
63 - Bloomington	86	+3	-4		-2	+1			-8		76
64 - Wright	38	+2	-1								39
65 - William G. Bray	74	+8	-7		-3	+1			-3		70
68 - Greene County	36								-2		34
500 - Lawrence V. Kaminsky	56			+9					-1		64
{ 11 - Greencastle}	30		-28						-2		0
{ 57 - Elbert H. Gary}	63		-62						-1		0

The green highlights are straight up increases from Knightings and Affiliations. If Valparaiso and Terre Haute had not had the consolidations, they would have each had a net loss for the year.

As you can see, we were within 39 Sir Knights of breaking even for the year. We had 7 Commandries that had an increase in membership. These are all encouraging signs. We just need to find a way of stopping the Demits and Suspension.

As you can see our Demits are over twice that of deaths. We cannot do anything about deaths, but we can do something about Demits.

Why are most Sir Knights Demitting? That is a good question, I think in most cases it is a lack of activities from the local York Rite Bodies. Why should they devote their time in something when we do not do anything to hold their interest.

The Bodies of the York Rite have some very great philanthropic causes. These should be addressed by the local bodies. We are encouraged to hold Table Chapters, Table Councils and Templar Boards. These are great opportunities to raise awareness of these great works.

At the same time, we should be doing more family activities. Go to ball games or an amusement park. Do SOME THING.

Two new things for this Office. Starting this year 2025, we will be no longer remitting dues owed to the Grand Commandery, except for 50 Year Members. If a local Commandery remits the dues of a Sir Knight, you will still owe his dues to the Grand Commandery. This is in part because we, the Grand Commandery, still pays those dues to the Grand Encampment. As a result, the Grand Commandery loses twice. Once when we do not receive the dues from the local Commandery and second time when we have to pay the Grand Encampment for that same Sir Knight.

The second new thing will be the Star Recorder of the Year. In the past it was the Grand Recorder who would be choosing who would be winning this award, starting next year, if you feel that your Recorder is worthy of this award, you will need to submit a form to this office as to why you feel he is the BEST Recorder in the State. This form will be on the website.

I am looking forward to working with each and every one of you. Please give me a little time to get my feet under me, and I will do my best to serve you.

Fraternally,
Lawrence J. Williams, PGC, KCT
Grand Recorder

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04/22/25

Accrual Basis

Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Indiana

Profit & Loss

May 1, 2024 through April 22, 2025

Ordinary Income/Expense		May 1, '24 - Apr 22, 25
Income		
5000 - Earned revenues		
5408 - Rituals		
5409 ' DSA Income		
Total 5000 ' Earned revenues		
5212 ' per capita 2023		
5213 - PER CAPITA 2024		
5425 ' GRAND COMMANDER JEWEL 5441 ' Permanent Fund Transfer 5461 ' 2025 conclave meal		
5480 ' Newby Avery Vaught Banquet 54981 ' Holy Land		
Total Income		
Gross Profit		
Expense		
IOOS - 2024/2025FY		
7300 - Non-Discretionary Accounts		
7310 ' Per Capita Tax		
7320 ' Triennial Expense		
Total 7300 - Non-Discretionary Accounts		
7400 - Discretionary Accounts		
7410 ' Officer Expenses		
741 1 - Grand Commander's Expense 7412 - Grand Recorder's Expense 7415 ' G.I.G. Expense		
7416 - Grand Officer's Expense		
7410 - Officer Expenses - Other		
Total 7410 - Officer Expenses		
7500 - Operating Expenses		
7501 - Operations		
7510 ' Audit		
7550 - Travel & Meeting Expense		
7552 - Grand Conclave Expense 7581 ' Drill Bars		
7555 - Newby Avery		
Total 7550 - Travel & Meeting Expense		
7570 ' Insurance - Recorders Bond		
Total 7501 ' Operations		
7601 ' Operating Supplies		
7620 . Rituals and Tactics		
7625 - Uniform Supplies		
Total 7601 - Operating Supplies		
7650 ' Awards and Jewels		
8100 - Grand Recorder Office		
81 38 - Postage		
Total 8100 - Grand Recorder Office		
Total 7500 - Operating Expenses		
Total 7400 ' Discretionary Accounts		
1,030.48		
850.00		
1,880.48		
1.696.50		
37,675.50		
21,991.00		
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26,942.00

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6,550.66
2,732.50
39,859.96

2,025.00

19,393.06
574.00
7,834.34
27,801.40

1,147.00
30,973.40

99.73
340.90
440.63

4,916.50

25.29
25.29
36,355.82
76,215.78

May 1, '24 - Apr 22, 25

6,331.50
25,373.65
74,954.83
4,225.00
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79,179.83
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Accrual Basis

Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Indiana

Profit & Loss

May 1, 2024 through April 22, 2025

7660 - Awards and Jewels DSA Total Expense

Net Ordinary Income

Other Income/Expense

Other Income

5460 - conclave 2025

Total Other Income

Net Other Income

Net Income

Trustee's Report:

On March 31, 2025, the Permanent Fund had a balance of \$810,306.62. There was a transfer of \$24,000.00 to checking on November 1, 2024.

Charters & Dispensations:

1. Reported the Elbert H. Gary Commandery #57 consolidated with Valparaiso Commandery #28.
2. Greencastle Commandery #11 consolidated with Terre Haute Commandery #16

Holyland Pilgrimage: Will start again in 2026

Necrology: There was a total of 70 deaths in the Templar year of April 1, 2024, to March 31, 2025

Education Foundation: There were 10 applications and were granted. Each scholarship was in the amount of \$1,500.00.

Elections: The Credentials Committee reported that all Commanderies were represented by at least one delegate. Following this report the elections were held with the following results:

Joseph Sparks KCT – Grand Commander
Dominic Hamblin KCT – Deputy Grand Commander
Jonathan McCracken – Grand Generalissimo
Dathen Reed – Grand Captain General
Randy Darling KCT– Grand Treasurer
Lawrence Williams, KCT, PGC – Grand Recorder
Scott Sacek – Grand Senior Warder
Mark Elder – Grand Junior Warder
Phillip Whisner, KCT, KTCH, PGC, - 3-Year Trustee

Legislation Introduced: The proposed legislation was for a change to Section 780 of Indiana Laws. This section covers the “Education Foundation”. The part changed has to do with when applications are due for the committee to consider. The current way it reads to that the applications are due by March 1st. This was changed to be mailed to the Committee Secretary **on or before a date determined by the committee each year.**

This legislation **was passed** by the members present.

By-Laws: There were By-Laws changes to the following Commanderies

Prather #62

Anderson #32

Bedford #42

Elkhart #31

Raper #1

Baldwin #2

Crawfordsville #25

LaPorte #12

After reviewing the By-Laws all changes were approved

Star Recorder of the Year:

Bruce Bush of Valparaiso Commandery #28

J. Rufus Hinshaw Award Highest % Increase: – Grant County

Grand Commanders Award Highest Number of Knightings: Grant County

Activities Awards (Ribbons) 2024:

The two highest scoring in each Battalion on the activities score sheet will also be recognized by a ribbon that may be attached to the Commandery Beauceant.

Battalion #1 Valparaiso #28 – Blue
LaPorte #12 – Red

Battalion #2 Angola #45 – Blue
Apollo #19 – Red

Battalion #3 Grant County #21 – Blue
Kokomo #31 – Red

Battalion #4 Crawfordsville #25 – Blue
Terre Haute #16 – Red

Battalion #5 Prather #62 – Blue
Greenfield #39 – Red

Battalion #6 Baldwin #2 – Blue
Raper #1 – Red

Battalion #7 Bedford #42 – Blue
Bloomington #63 – Red

Battalion #8 La Valette #15 – Blue
Greene County – Red

Grand Commandery Guidon Highest Ritual Score:

Valparaiso #28 – 503 points

Battalion Guidons:

Battalion #1 – Valparaiso – 503 points
Battalion #2 – Angola – 467 points
Battalion #3 – Grant County – 488 points
Battalion #4 – Crawfordsville – 492 points
Battalion #5 – Greenfield – 485 points
Battalion #6 – Raper – 434 points
Battalion #7 – Bedford – 458 points
Battalion #8 – Greene County – 347 points

Eminent Commander Certificate of Merit 2024:

Nathan Ratterman	Baldwin #2
Jeffery Woodward	Fort Wayne #4
Joseph Pask	LaPorte #12
Rodney McGilvery	Apollo #19
Matthew Doss	Huntington #35
Jay Minick	Angola #45

Knight Commander of the Temple – 2025

Randy Joe Darling – Baldwin #2
Dominic Hamblin – Fort Wayne #4
Joseph Sparks – Crawfordsville #25
David Morgan – LaValette #15

Knight Templar Cross of Honor – 2025

Dan Patterson, GPE – Fort Wayne #4

Companion of the Temple

Lady Penny Darling

Ritual Awards:

Flag Presentation – Carson Smith
Sword Presentation – Chirstopher Steel
Ode to the Skull – Christopher Steel
Prelate's Address – Jay Kenndey
Junior Warden's Address – John Freeland

Installation of Officers:

The business of the 171st Annual Grand Conclave having been complete the new officers were installed by Michael F, Robbins, KCT, PGC, Installing Marshal - Phillip Whisner, KCT, KTCH, PGC, Installing Recorder - George Ingles, KCT, PGC, PWM, Installing Prelate – Randal Ellington, KCT, GPE, PGC

Devine Service:

Sir Knight William Short lead the Devine Services with the message given by Rev. Christine Fodrea. \$500.00 was raised for the Holyland Pilgrimage by the Sir Knights present.

Time and Place:

Location of the 172nd Grand Conclave will be in Muncie, IN at the Horizon Center on April 25 & 26, 2026

Battalion Structure:

- Battalion #1
 - Scott Sacek – Battalion Commander
 - Dion Diakis – DBC
 - Ron Ross – DBC
 - Jon Carpenter – DBC
 - LaPorte Commandery #12
 - Valparaiso Commandery #28
 - Elkhart Commandery #31
- Battalion #2
 - Dathen Reed – Battalion Commander
 - Charles Brindle – DBC
 - Michael Arford - DBC
 - Fort Wayne #4
 - Apollo #19
 - Huntington #35
 - Angola #45
- Battalion #3
 - Andrew Bowman – Battalion Commander
 - Robert Kendall – DBC
 - Paul Jarboe – DBC
 - Barry Clouser – DBC
 - Grant County #21
 - Anderson #32
 - Kokomo #36
 - Noblesville #61
- Battalion #4
 - John Freeland – Battalion Commander
 - Gary Paschk, II – DBC

- Ian Shaw – DBC
 - Matthew McLaughlin – DBC
 - Terre Haute #16
 - Crawfordsville #25
 - Frankfort #29
- Battalion #5
 - Jeffery Prairie – Battalion Commander
 - Vance Brewer – DBC
 - Joseph Hedges – DBC
 - Scott Pike – DBC
 - Greenfield #39
 - Prather #62
 - Wm. G. Bray #65
- Battalion #6
 - Mark Elder – Battalion Commander
 - Brian Hooten – DBC
 - Nathan Ratterman - DBC
 - Raper #1
 - Baldwin #2
 - Richmond #8
- Battalion #7
 - Lawrence (Rocky) Myers – Battalion Commander
 - Richard Milligan – DBC
 - Jordan McCracken – DBC
 - New Albany #5
 - Columbus #14
 - Bedford #42
 - Bloomington #63
- Battalion #8
 - Jonathan McCracken – Battalion Commander
 - Shelby Olvey – DBC
 - Robert Hendrix – DBC
 - Lavalette #15

- Vincennes #20
- Wright #64
- Greene County #68



GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF INDIANA Committee's 2025 - 2026

APPEALS & GRIEVANCES

Steve Barton, PGC, PDC, KCT- Chair
Lawrence Williams, PGC, KCT, GR
Paul Friend, PGC, KCT
George Ingles, PGC, KCT
Duane Vaught, MEPGM, PGC, GCT

BY-LAWS

Dominic Hamblin, VEDGC, KCT, - Chair
Jonathan McCracken, GG
Lawrence Williams, PGC, KCT, GR

COMPETITIVE DRILL

William Short, KTCH- Chair
Randy Darling, PGC, KCT
Steve Barton, PGC, PDC, KCT
David Miller
Jan Henline

CREDENTIALS

Mark Elder, GJW- Chair
Brian Hooten, DBC
Nathan Ratterman, DBC
Jeffery Prairie, GStB
Vance Brewer, DBC
Joseph Hedges, DBC

DISPENSATIONS & CHARTERS

Steve Barton, PGC, PDC, KCT- Chair
Don Olvey, PGC, KCT
George Ingles, PGC, KCT

EASTER SUNRISE TRIP

Joseph Sparks, REGC, KCT- Chair
Joseph Korschot, AIDE to the REGC
Mitchell Rohrbaugh, AIDE to the REGC

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Joseph Sparks, REGC, KCT- Chair
All Elected Grand Officers

EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

Phillip Whisner, PGC, KCT, KTCH - 3 year - Chair
Randal Ellington, PGC, KCT, GPE - 4 year
Lawrence Williams, PGC, KCT, GR - 2 year
Barry Clouser, GPE - 1 year
Randy Darling, PGC, KCT, GT - 5 year

FINANCE/BUDGET

Edward Fodera, PGC, KCT - Chair
Lawrence Williams, PGC, KCT, GR
Randy Darling, PGC, KCT, GT

GRAND INSPECTOR GENERAL

Michael Robbins, PGC, KCT- Chair
Phillip Whisner, PGC, KCT, KTCH - DGIG
William Short, GPE, KTCH - DGIG

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE

Randal Ellington, PGC, KCT, GPE - 4 year - Chair
Dan Patterson, GPE - 1 year
John Jones II, GP - 5 year
William Short, GPE, KTCH - 2 year
Barry Clouser, GPE - 3 year
All Past Grand Prelate's

JURISPRUDENCE

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

KNIGHT TEMPLAR HONOR GUARD

Randy Darling, PGC, KCT, GT - Chair
Nathan Ratterman, DBC
John Freeland, GSwB
William Short, KTCH, GPE
Gary Paschke II - DBC
Dathan Reed - GCG
Ian Shaw

LANYARD CORD PROGRAM

Randy Darling, PGC, KCT, GT - Chair



GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF INDIANA Committee's 2025 - 2026

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EC: John Freeland, GSwB
G: Nathan Ratterman, DBC
CG: Randy Darling, PGC, KCT, GT
R: Joseph Sparks, REGC, KCT

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Phillip Whisner, PGC, KCT, KTCH - 2 Year Appt
Randy Darling, PGC, KCT - 3 Year Appointment
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Randy Darling, PGC, KCT - 5 year
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Given under my hand and seal this 8th day of May, A. D. 2025, A. O 907.

Fraternally Yours in His Name,

Joseph L. Sparks
Right Eminent Grand Command

ATTESTED:

Lawrence J. Williams, KCT, PGC





GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF INDIANA

Bulletin No. 2 Sparks

April 27, 2025

Eminent Commander's Certificate of Merit Award

In order to honor the Eminent Commanders of Indiana who have completed a full term in 2025 and who have demonstrated that they are effective leaders will be eligible to receive a Certificate of Merit based upon the following criteria at the 2026 Grand Conclave.

- An Officer mentoring program is functioning in the Commandery.
- The Commandery had the required number of Sir Knights at their Inspection.
- The Commandery was represented at the 2025 Grand Conclave by Required Sir Knights or their Proxy's.
- The Commandery has knighted at least 1 candidate in the 2025/2026 Templar Year.
- The Commandery has accumulated at least 750 activity points on the Activities Sheet.

All Battalion Commanders will recommend the eligible Eminent Commanders in their Battalion's at the Winter Meeting of the Grand Comandery in January 2026.

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Given under my hand and seal this 27th day of April, A.D. 2025 A.O. 907.

Fraternally Yours in His Name,

Joseph L Sparks
Right Eminent Grand Commander

ATTESTED:

Lawrence J. Williams, KCT, PGC
Grand Recorder





GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF INDIANA

Bulletin No. 3 Sparks

April 27, 2025

Distinguished Service Award for Sir Knights and Friends of the Commandery

In 1977, The Grand Commandery of Indiana established an award known as the “Distinguished Service Award.” This award may be presented by the Right Eminent Grand Commander upon the recommendation of the Commander and dais officers of the Constituent Commandery to a Sir Knight who has given outstanding, loyal and devoted service to the Commandery. A lady or non-member may also receive this award as a “DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD FOR FRIENDS.”

Each Indiana Commandery may nominate two (2) Sir Knights and/or (2) “Friends” per year upon the recommendation of its three dais officers. Nominations are made using the enclosed forms.

The cost of the

jewel, certificate and any engraving is borne by the Commandery nominating the individual and a check accompanying the nomination form will be sent to the Grand Recorder. The Grand Commandery furnishes a certificate. Full details of the award can be found in Permanent Resolution No. 3, Section 920 (a) of the Indiana Grand Laws. Further questions may be addressed to the Grand Commander or Grand Recorder.

Each Commander is urged to take advantage of this opportunity to recognize outstanding service to Templary on a local basis. We have many Sir Knights who attend meetings, give a helping hand, do the little things in conferring the Orders, or support the activities of the officers year after year. Any Sir Knight is eligible and there are no restrictions other than he is in good standing.

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Given under my hand and seal this 27th day of April, A.D. 2025 A.O. 907.

Fraternally Yours in His Name,

Joseph L Sparks
Right Eminent Grand Commander

ATTESTED:

Lawrence J. Williams, KCT, PGC
Grand Recorder





GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF INDIANA

Bulletin No. 4 Spark

April 27, 2025

Knights Templar Cross of Honor

In accordance with the provisions of Section 237 (b) of the Statutes of the Grand Encampment, Knights Templar, USA, a meritorious award known as the Knights Templar Cross of Honor may be conferred by the Grand Master upon a deserving Sir Knight (or Knights, depending on Grand Commandery membership counts) of each Grand Commandery once each year.

Each Constituent Commandery of Indiana is invited to submit a nomination for the award. It is to be noted that this award is to be made only for exceptional and meritorious service rendered to the Order of Knights Templar far beyond the call of duty, and beyond the service usually expected of an Officer or Member. No Elected Grand Commandery or Grand Encampment Officer, past or present, is eligible to receive the award. This honor is for the Sir Knight of your Commandery who you consider has been, or is, outstanding in his Chivalric labors.

1. Should your Commandery desire to make a nomination for this award, you will use the following procedure.
2. Pass a resolution in your Commandery, naming the Sir Knight to be nominated.
3. Sent the Completed nomination form to the Right Eminent Grand Commander for approval.

Read the instructions on the reverse side of the form. Fill it out and forward it directly to Sir Knight Joseph L Sparks, REGC, 564 Gettysburg, Coatesville, IN 46121.

The nomination form must be in the hands of the Grand Commander prior to February 1, 2026. Incomplete forms and those received after this date will not be considered. Your Commandery should reconsider those Sir Knights who have been nominated previously but who have never received the award.

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Given under my hand and seal this 27th day of April, A.D. 2025 A.O. 907.

Fraternally Yours in His Name,



Joseph L Sparks
Right Eminent Grand Commander

ATTESTED:

Lawrence J. Williams, KCT, PGC
Grand Recorder



"KNIGHTS TEMPLAR CROSS OF HONOR" RULES AND REGULATIONS

- (1) In accordance with the provisions of Section 237 (b) of the Statutes of the Grand Encampment, as amended at the 50th Triennial Conclave, the meritorious Award known as the **KNIGHTS TEMPLAR CROSS OF HONOR**, shall be conferred by the Grand Master on behalf of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar to deserving Sir Knights of Constituent and Subordinate Commanderies upon certain conditions hereinafter set forth.
- (2) The KNIGHTS TEMPLAR CROSS OF HONOR shall be awarded "only for exceptional and meritorious service rendered to the Order, far beyond the call of duty, and beyond the service usually expected of an officer or member." In deciding upon the award, precedents shall be entirely ignored, and each case shall be decided upon its own unusual merits. No posthumous award shall be made, and no present or past elected Grand Officer of a Grand Commandery shall be eligible for the award.
- (3) Only one nomination may be made from a Grand Commandery membership of 5,000 or less, plus one additional nomination may be made by a Grand Commandery for each additional 5,000 of its members, or major fraction thereof, during any one year. Only one nomination may be made from the total of the Subordinate Commanderies during one year.
- (4) The procedure to be followed for making nominations for this Award shall be as follows:
 - a. Any Constituent Commandery desiring to make a nomination shall first adopt a formal resolution, setting forth the full name of its nominee, and the nature of the meritorious service upon which such nomination is based.
 - b. The Commander of such Constituent Commandery shall thereupon cause to be filled-in a nomination form to be supplied by the Grand Recorder of his Grand Commandery, giving the date, full name of the nominee, address, and Templar rank, name of his Commandery and a statement of the nature of the meritorious service upon.
 - c. Such Nomination Form shall be signed by the Commander of such Constituent Commandery and shall be forwarded by him to the Grand Commander of his jurisdiction for consideration.
 - d. Such Grand Commander shall consider nominations made Constituent Commanderies of his Grand Commandery upon Nomination Forms and shall select only one nominee (more where qualified) in anyone year; upon making such selection, the Grand Commander shall affix his written approval to such Nomination Form and shall thereupon send the name to the Grand Master.
 - e. Any Subordinate Commandery desiring to make a nomination for this Award shall follow the same procedure as is set forth above for Constituent Commanderies, except that such Subordinate

Commandery desiring to make a nomination, shall forward the Nomination Form to be supplied by the Grand Recorder of the Grand Encampment, and the same shall bear the written approval of the Commander of such Subordinate Commandery before being sent by to the Grand Master.

(5) The **KNIGHTS TEMPLAR CROSS OF HONOR** medal shall consist of a round, gold-finished medal, the outer circle of which shall bear the words "KNIGHTS TEMPLAR CROSS OF HONOR," showing through in black enamel, and in the center shall appear the Patriarchal Cross of the Grand Encampment in purple enamel. Such medal shall be suspended from a gold-finished bar by two small chain links on either side; upon the face of the bar shall be engraved the name of the Sir Knight who shall be the recipient thereof. The KNIGHTS TEMPLAR CROSS OF HONOR Medal may be worn upon the uniform by the recipient upon all occasions.

(6) A suitable Certificate of Award, issued by the Grand Encampment, signed by the Grand Master and the Grand Recorder, and bearing the seal of the Grand Encampment thereon, shall accompany the medal. The Certificate shall contain a summary of the Citation upon which such Award is based.

(7) It shall be the responsibility of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar to provide the medals, the Certificates of Award for the KNIGHTS TEMPLAR CROSS OF HONOR, without any cost to the recipient or to his Constituent or Grand Commandery, or his Subordinate Commandery. Presentation of the KNIGHTS TEMPLAR CROSS OF HONOR Medals, Certificates shall be made at an appropriate ceremony by Grand Commanderies and Subordinate Commanderies, and a report thereof sent by the respective Recorder to the Grand Recorder of the Grand Encampment within thirty days thereafter.

NOMINATION FOR THE AWARD "KNIGHTS TEMPLAR CROSS OF HONOR"

_____ Commandery No. ____ Knights Templar of
Indiana Stationed at _____, Indiana this ____ day
of _____ in the year of _____ adopted a motion to nominate the
following Sir Knight, one of its own members to be awarded the "Knights
Templar Cross of Honor" for the Templar Year _____.

Full name:

(First) (Middle) (Last)

Address:

(Street Address) (City) (State) (Zip Code)

Highest templar rank: _____

The following facts are submitted as a justification of his nomination:

Adopted this _____ day of _____, 20____ by Sir Knight
_____ Eminent Commander of
_____ Commandery No. _____.

Adopted this _____ day of _____, 20____ by Sir Knight
_____ Right Eminent Grand Commander,
Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Indiana.

Adopted this _____ day of _____, 20____ by Sir Knight
_____ Most Eminent Grand Master, Knights
Templar of the United States of America.

Important: Please follow instructions for filling in the form for the Nomination of the Award for the Knights Templar Cross of Honor and the criterion for its awarding is found in Section 237(b) of the Grand Encampment Constitution, Statutes, Disciplinary Rules, Standing Resolutions, Ceremonies, Forms and Approved Decisions which are on the back of this page.

Must be in the hands of the Grand Encampment Office at least 2 Months prior to presentation.



GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF INDIANA

Bulletin No. 5 Sparks
April 27, 2025

Ritual Award Program

The Ritual Awards Program has been revised and is currently on the Grand Commandery website. The scoring system has been altered slightly.

At the Grand Conclave in April 2025, if a Sir Knight competes in the Prelate's Address, Junior Warden's Address, or Ode to the Skull at the Ritual Competition Program and gives a Credible Performance the Sir Knight will be able to add those points toward the Ritual Awards Program score sheet.

The Ritual Award Bar is approved for Standard Class "A" Uniform wear. Please read the attached form for information regarding the program.

This Bulletin shall be read at the first Stated Conclave of each Constituent Commandery following its receipt and be made a part of the minutes.

Given under my hand and seal this 27th day of April, A.D. 2025 A.O. 907.

Fraternally Yours in His Name,

Joseph L Sparks
Right Eminent Grand Commander

ATTESTED:

Lawrence J. Williams, KCT, PGC
Grand Recorder



Order of the Red Cross	
Sovereign Master	120
Prince Chancellor	30
Prince Master of the Palace	30
Master of Cavalry	30
Master of Infantry	100
Excellent High Priest	70
Master of Finance	5
Master of Dispatches	5
Warder	35
Jewish Guard	5
Persian Guard	15
Vow	45
Sash	10
Sword	10
Means of Recognition	30
Banner of the Order	20
Historical Lecture	90

Jewish Council	
Jerimiah	15
Isiah	15
Haggai	15
Hosea	15
Obadiah	15
Amos	

Mediterranean Pass	
Prior	60
Chaplain	5
Marshall	15
Captain of the Outpost	15

Order of Malta	
Prior	170
Lieutenant Commander	5
Captain General	5
Chaplain	5
Marshall	75
Captain of the Outpost	15
Birth Banner	30
Life Banner	30
Death Banner	30
Resurrection Banner	30
Ascension Banner	30
Table in the West	50
St. John Banner	20
Malta Banner	5

Order of the Temple	
Commander	205
Generalissimo	15
Captain General	50
Senior Warden	55
Junior Warden	90
Prelate	160
Standard Bearer	5
Sword Bearer	10
Warder	40
Hermit	15
Prelate's Escort	15
Guards	10
Ode to the Skull	25
Sword	25
Baldric	10
Spur	5
Chapeau	10
Remaining Attributes	45
Banners	20
Flag Lecture	25
Explanatory Lecture	80

Procedure to submit form for award:

Review the list of parts and lectures. Initial the points by the parts that you have given from Memory twice during the Orders. Add-up the total points.

Enter the total number of points here:

PLEASE PRINT:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State/Zip: _____

Telephone: _____

E-Mail: _____

Commandery Name & # _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Indiana Ritual Award Program

As a way of increasing the interest and participation in the ritual work at the local level, the Grand Commandery of the State of Indiana has instituted a “**Ritual Award Program.**”

The program is based on the three Orders conferred in the Commandery. The award is a Bar that is able to be worn Uniform in accordance to the Uniform Regulations. Each Ritual part must have been performed at least two (2) times for credit. All work is to be done from memory and in full form unless preformed at a Ritual Tournament. You are expected to do a creditable job in the part you are exemplifying. This implies not just memorization but also correct tactics, vocal emphasis, gestures, etc. appropriate to the part.

Credit for previous exemplifications will be accepted on your honor as a Knight Templar.

There are four levels of proficiency for the Program:

Level 1: Pilgrim – 150 points



Level 2: Warrior – 400 points



Level 3: Knight – 800 points



Level 4: Commander – 1,200 points
Same bar as Knight with a diamond chip in the center



THE CHALLENGE

As a Knight Templar, you are challenged to select and perform from the various parts and lectures from the rituals of the three Orders that make up the Commandery. This provides you with an opportunity to play an active role within your Commandery. By taking part in this program, you will be making YOURSELF a dedicated Ritualist and your Commandery stronger. This Program is a Honor System and is a Voluntary, Self-Recognition Program where you are Awarded Ritual Bars based upon your own merits and participation in this program.

On the reverse side of this form are the point values for the different parts. Please keep a personal record of the point value for the parts you have done that way you have an arcuate point total to achieve the next level for your records. Once you have the accumulated the necessary number of points to receive a Ritual Bar for the appropriate Level, you may purchase the it directly from The Masters Craft.

If you have any questions or concerns you may contact the Grand Recorder for further information.



GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF INDIANA

Bulletin No. 6 Sparks

April 27, 2025

Battalion Commander and Deputy Battalion Commander Visits

It is the expectation that each Battalion Commander will provide support to the Commandery's for which they are responsible for, by visiting those Commandery's on a regular basis. If available, it is now permissible for Battalion Commanders to attend the meetings of their respective Commandery's virtually (via Zoom, Webex, etc.) if the officers of the Visiting Commandery are agreeable and have the capability to do so. Whatever platform or technology that is chosen to allow the Battalion Commander to attend virtually, it must be secure in order to prevent attendance by any unauthorized participants.

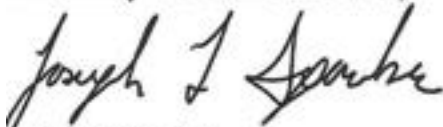
Battalion Commanders are still expected to be in-person with their respective Commanderies and DBC's are encouraged to attend the following events:

- Receptions within your Battalion and also attend other Receptions when available.
- Inspections within your Battalion and also attend other Inspections when available.
- Inspection of the books and records of the Commandery's in your Battalion.
- Be present at Templar Orders and York Rite Classes within your Battalions and outside of your Battalion when available.
- A Visitation Report is to be filled out and sent to the VEDGC within 7 days of your visit.
- If a DBC Makes a Visit without the Battalion Commander present, he will be required to file a report with his Battalion Commander so he may include that in his reports.
- DBC's are encouraged to assist the Battalion Commanders and take part in the grading of the inspections and the inspection of the books and records.
- Be present at Grand Commandery Functions when required or requested such as Grand Conclave, East Central Department Meeting, Summer and Winter Meetings etc.)

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Given under my hand and seal this 27th day of April, A.D. 2025 A.O. 907.

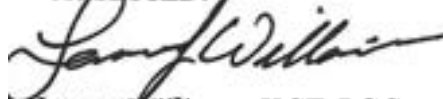
Fraternally Yours in His Name,



Joseph L Sparks

Right Eminent Grand Commander

ATTESTED:



Lawrence Williams, KCT, PGC

Grand Recorder



DISPENSATIONS



GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF INDIANA

Dispensation No. 1 Sparks

2025

April 27,

Special Dispensation Lawrence V. Kaminsky Commandery of Research U.D.

Sir Knights of Indiana where so ever dispersed:

By the Order of the Grand Commander, the following information is hereby disseminated.

Dispensation is hereby granted to the Lawrence V. Kaminsky Commandery of Research U.D. to operate in accordance with Section 48C of the Constitution of the Grand Encampment of the United States of America and is authorized to continue Under Dispensation until the close of the 2026 Grand Conclave. Lawrence V. Kaminsky Commandery of Research U.D. shall continue in accordance with the Rules of Chapter VII of the Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America.

Lawrence V. Kaminsky Commandery of Research U.D. will be required to hold at least 4 "Stated Conclaves" must consist of at least 2 in person and 2 virtual Conclaves.

I am appointing the following officers of this Commandery of Research: Sir Knight John Freeland as Eminent Commander, Sir Knight Shamus Driver as Generalissimo, Sir Knight, Nathan Ratterman as Captain General and Sir Knight Joseph Sparks as Treasurer/Recorder.

All Dues Notices, Records and Minutes and archival records of the presentations are the responsibility of the Recorder, with the Presentations made available to all the Sir Knights of Indiana.

This Dispensation 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 27th day of April, A.D. 2025 A.O. 907.

Fraternally Yours in His Name,

ATTESTED:

Lawrence Williams



Joseph L. Sparks, KCT
Right Eminent Grand Commander

Lawrence J. Williams, KCT, PGC
Grand Recorder



GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF INDIANA

**Dispensation No. 2 Sparks
2025**

April 27,

Special Dispensation Levant Preceptory

Sir Knights of Indiana where so ever dispersed:

By order of the Grand Commander, the following information is hereby disseminated.

Dispensation is hereby granted to Levant Preceptory to operate as a “Craft Club” under the Charter of Raper Commandery #1.

This Preceptory shall also conform to Section 260 of the Constitution of the Grand Encampment of the United States of America and use as its official uniform, ceremonial robes conforming to and consistent with the historical traditions and practices of Templary.

I am appointing the following officers of this Preceptory: SK Mitchell Rohrbaugh as Eminent Commander, SK John Freeland as Generalissimo, SK Shamus Driver as Captain General and SK Carson Smith as the Director of Work.

These Appointments may be removed, and New Appointments made at the discretion of the Grand Commander, without notice.

This Dispensation 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 27th day of April, A.D. 2025 A.O. 907.

Fraternally Yours in His Name,

ATTESTED:

Lawrence Williams



Joseph L. Sparks, KCT
Right Eminent Grand Commander

Lawrence J. Williams, KCT, PGC
Grand Recorder



**GRAND COMMANDERY
KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF
INDIANA**

Dispensation No. 3 Sparks

April 27, 2025

**Special Dispensation
Valparaiso Commandery No.28**

Sir Knights of Indiana where so ever dispersed:

By order of the Grand Commander, the following information is hereby disseminated.

This Preceptory shall also conform to Section 260 of the Constitution of the Grand Encampment of the United States of America and use as its official uniform, ceremonial robes conforming to and consistent with the historical traditions and practices of Templary.

This Dispensation 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 27th day of April, A.D. 2025 A.O. 907.

Fraternally Yours in His Name,

Joseph L. Sparks, KCT
Grand Commander



Lawrence Williams

Lawrence J. Williams KCT, PGC
Grand Recorder



**GRAND COMMANDERY
KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF
INDIANA**

**Dispensation No. 4 Sparks
July 24, 2025**

**Dispensation to Move Charter
Elkhart Commandery No.31**

Sir Knights of Indiana where so ever dispersed:

Due to issues with the mechanicals (air conditioning) at Kane Lodge, Industrial Parkway, Elkhart, IN, that do not have immediate resolutions and prevent a normal course of business of the Commandery, it is our request to temporarily move our Charter and stated meeting location to George Washington Lodge, 105 W. Vistula, Bristol, IN for a period of 3 months beginning August 5, 2025, or until the mechanicals at Kane are resolved, whichever is earliest. The meeting time and date stay the same (7pm, first Tuesday)

This request for Dispensation to move their Charter is hereby grant as presented above.

This Dispensation 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 24th day of July, A.D. 2025 A.O. 907.

Fraternally Yours in His Name,

Joseph L. Sparks, KCT
Right Eminent Grand Commander

ATTESTED

Lawrence J. Willimas

Lawrence J. Williams, KCT, PGC
Grand Recorder





**GRAND COMMANDERY
KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF
INDIANA**

Dispensation No. 5 Sparks

August 13, 2025

**Special Election
For
Recorder & Captain General**

Sir Knights of Indiana where so ever dispersed:

Due to the resignation of the Recorder of Vincennes Commandery, I am giving Vincennes Commandery #20 permission to hold a Special Election for the office of Recorder and if needed the Captain General, at their Stated Conclave in August/

This request for Dispensation to have the Special Election is hereby grant as presented above.

This Dispensation 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 13th day of August, A.D. 2025 A.O. 907.

Fraternally Yours in His Name,

Attested

Lawrence J. Williams

Joseph L. Sparks, KCT
Right Eminent Grand Commander

Lawrence J. Williams KCT, PGC,
Grand Recorder





**GRAND COMMANDERY
KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF
INDIANA**

Dispensation No. 6 Sparks

August 13, 2025

Move of Stated Conclave Date

Sir Knights of Indiana where so ever dispersed:

Angola Commandery #45 has requested to move their Stated Conclave date from January 1, 2026, to January 8, 2026.

This request for Dispensation to move their Conclave date is hereby grant as presented above.

This Dispensation 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 13th day of August, A.D. 2025 A.O. 907.

Fraternally Yours in His Name,

ATTESTED



Lawrence J. Williams

Joseph L. Sparks, KCT
Right Eminent Grand Commander

Lawrence J. Williams, KCT, PGC
, Grand Recorder



GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF INDIANA

**Dispensation No. 7 Sparks
October 27, 2025**

Dispensation to Move Charter Levant Preceptory

Sir Knights of Indiana where so ever dispersed:

By order of the Grand Commander, the following information is hereby disseminated.

Dispensation is hereby granted to Raper Commandery No.1 to move their charter for the purpose of conferring the Order of the Temple at Crawfordsville Commandery No.25 on October 31, 2025. Levant Preceptory is a craft club that is to operate under the charter of Raper Commandery No.1.

This Dispensation 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 27th day of October, A.D. 2025 A.O. 907.

Fraternally Yours in His Name,

Joseph L. Sparks, KCT
Right Eminent Grand Commander

ATTESTED:

Lawrence J. Williams, KCT, PGC
Grand Recorder





GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF INDIANA

**Dispensation No. 8 Sparks
November 28, 2025**

Move of Stated Conclave Date

Sir Knights of Indiana where so ever dispersed:

By order of the Grand Commander, the following information is hereby disseminated.

Dispensation is hereby granted to Frankfort Commandery #29 to move their meeting date from Thursday, December 25th, 2025, to Thursday, December 18th, 2025. I hereby grant permission to hold election of officers on Thursday, December 18th, 2025.

This Dispensation 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 28th day of November, A.D. 2025 A.O. 907.

Fraternally Yours in His Name,

Joseph L. Sparks, KCT
Right Eminent Grand Commander

ATTESTED:

Lawrence J. Williams, KCT, PGC
Grand Recorder





GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF INDIANA

**Dispensation No. 9 Sparks
December 1, 2025**

Kokomo Commandery to Move of Charter

Sir Knights of Indiana where so ever dispersed:

By order of the Grand Commander, the following information is hereby disseminated.

Dispensation is hereby granted to Kokomo Commandery #36 to move their Charter to Austin Lodge #128 on December 8, 2025 for their Stated Conclave because of boiler problems at Howard County Masonic Temple.

This Dispensation 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 1st day of December A.D. 2025 A.O. 907.

Fraternally Yours in His Name,

Joseph L. Sparks, KCT
Right Eminent Grand Commander

ATTESTED:

Lawrence J. Williams, KCT, PGC
Grand Recorder





GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF INDIANA

Dispensation No. 10 Sparks
February 11, 2026

Frankfort Commandery to Meeting Dates

Sir Knights of Indiana where so ever dispersed:

By order of the Grand Commander, the following information is hereby disseminated.

Frankfort Commandery #29 will be submitting the following By-Laws changes:

1. Stated assembly shall be held on the third Thursday evening of each month with the following exceptions.
2. The assembly will be dark in the months of July and August.
3. The assembly will be held on the fourth Thursday due to a holiday or inclement weather unless there is a conflict with the fourth Thursday in which case the assembly will be cancelled due to a lack of a quorum.

Dispensation is hereby granted to Frankfort Commandery #29 to move their Stated Monthly Conclaves as stated above until the By-Laws changed is approved. If the change is not approved the dates will revert to the original dates and times of their old By-Laws.

This Dispensation 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 11th day of February A.D. 2026 A.O. 908.

Fraternally Yours in His Name,

Joseph L. Sparks, KCT
Right Eminent Grand Commander

ATTESTED:

Lawrence J. Williams, KCT, PGC
Grand Recorder





GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF INDIANA

Dispensation No. 11 Sparks

February 19, 2026

Special Dispensation – Conferring of Orders in another Jurisdiction

In keeping with the desire of this Grand Commandery to assist and participate in other Jurisdictions, thereby exemplifying the Templary in its finest.

This Dispensation is granted to permit candidates from Indiana to have courtesy Orders conferred at the Tri-State Festival in Bryan Ohio on March 7, 2026.

This Dispensation 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 19th day of February A.D. 2026 A.O. 908.

Fraternally Yours in His Name,

Joseph L. Sparks, KCT
Right Eminent Grand Commander

ATTESTED:

Lawrence J. Williams, KCT, PGC
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GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF INDIANA

Dispensation No. 12 Sparks

March 10, 2026

Installation of Officers

Permission is hereby granted to Vincennes Commandry #20 to install their officers at their next Stated Conclave on March 16, 2026.

This Dispensation 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 10th day of March A.D. 2026 A.O. 908.

Fraternally Yours in His Name,

Joseph L. Sparks, KCT
Right Eminent Grand Commander

ATTESTED:

Lawrence J. Williams, KCT, PGC
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GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF INDIANA

Dispensation No. 13 Sparks

April 15, 2026

Permission to Move Charter

Permission is hereby granted to Crawfordsville Commandry #25 to move their Charter in order to Open the Grand Conclave on April 25, 2026.

This Dispensation 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 15th day of April, 2026 A.D., 908 A. O.

Fraternally Yours in His Name,

Joseph L. Sparks, KCT
Right Eminent Grand Commander

ATTESTED:

Lawrence J. Williams, KCT, PGC
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