

# FINAL PROCEEDINGS

of the

One Hundred Sixty-Fourth  
Annual Conclave

of the

Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the  
State of Missouri

held

June 14, 2025

Kansas City Marriott Country Club Plaza  
Kansas City, Missouri

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# Grand Commandery of Missouri

## 164th Annual Conclave Schedule

(subject to modification as necessary)

<b>Time</b>	<b>Friday, June 14, 2025</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Friday, June 14, 2025 (cont)</b>
8:00 am	Opening Ceremonies of 164th Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri and Reception of Distinguished Guests – Open to Ladies and Guests (Ballroom A) Roll Call of the 2024-2025 Grand Commandery Officers Formation of the Honor Guard Reception of the Regional Grand Commanders Reception of the Past Grand Commanders of Missouri Reception of the Out of State Grand Commandery Officers Reception of the Grand Encampment Officers Reception of the Grand Master of the Grand Encampment or Representative & brief remarks Reception of Grand Lodge Officers Reception of the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Missouri & brief remarks Presentation of Awards – Lewis & Clark, Honor Commandery Awards Summary Address of the Grand Commander Necrology: Part of the Grand Commander's Address Grand Chorister Presentation Dismissal of the Ladies and the Non-Member Guests		Report of the Jurisprudence Committee Report of the Finance Committee Report of the Grand Treasurer Report of the Grand Recorder Routine Business & Additional Committee Reports (as needed)
		10:30	Election of the 2025-2026 Grand Commandery Officers Report of the Election Committee Acceptance of the Grand Commandery Officers Elect Report of the Grand Commander-Elect with Appointments Report of the Committee on Time and Place Address of the Grand Master of the Grand Encampment or his Representative Address of Grand Master of Grand Lodge or his Representative
		11:45	Grand Commandery Called from Labor until 3:00 pm
		3:00 pm	Grand Commandery Resumes Labor – (concludes remaining business, if any) Presentation of Awards 163rd Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri Called from Labor
		3:45	Installation of the 2025-2026 Grand Commandery of Officers, Open to All Pictures immediately following installation in Union Hill
9:30 am	Formal Reconvening of the 164th Annual Conclave of Missouri Preliminary Report of the Credentials Committee Report of the Committee on the Address of the Grand Commander		



**Bobbie Edward White**  
**Grand Commander, 2024-2025**

### **BIOGRAPHY OF THE GRAND COMMANDER**

Sir Knight Bobbie Edward White was born on April 13, 1955, to T.H. White, Sr. and Bonnie Berrier White in Kansas City, Missouri. T.H. was in the service so the family moved around until he retired, and the family moved back to Bonnie's hometown of Grandview, Missouri. After graduating from Grandview Senior High in 1973, Bobbie attended Central Missouri State University in Warrensburg, Missouri where he was bitten by the Law Enforcement bug. After leaving college, he began a career that would span 43 years as a law enforcement officer. During that time, he retired twice. The first retirement was as a Captain for the KU Medical Center Police Department and the second time as a Sergeant for the Clay County, Missouri Sheriff's Office. During that time, he worked a second job due to his first wife's illness and served 18 years as a member of the Claycomo MO Police Department rising to the rank of Major, Deputy Chief.

On December 13, 1999, Bobbie met the woman who would turn out to be his life partner, Gloria Anne Rowe. On April 13, 2001 (which just happened to be both of their birthdays) they were married.

Bobbie had three real passions in his life: his family, his job, and Freemasonry. During his time in Freemasonry, he was proud to have been the Worshipful Master of three Lodges and served as District Deputy Grand Master for the 17th Masonic District for three years. He also served for several years on the Masonic Education Committee and the Mileage and Per Diem Committee. He held many positions in various appendant bodies including receiving the Knight's York Grand Cross of Honor and being coroneted a 33rd Degree Inspector General Honorary for the Scottish Rite and served as the Executive Secretary for the Valley of Saint Joseph. He serves as Grand Governor for Missouri for the York Rite Sovereign College of North America and was awarded the Order of the Purple Cross. He serves as Intendent General Missouri Northern for the United Grand Imperial Council of Knights of the Red Cross of Constantine and Appendant Orders for the United States of America and its Jurisdictions. He had the honor of being elected as Grand Director General of the Grand Preceptory Yeomen of York for Missouri. He was a member of many other appendant bodies and held leadership positions in most of them. He also had the distinct pleasure of serving as Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri.

## Masonic Resume

### Craft Lodge

#### **Pittsburg KS Lodge No. 187, Pittsburg, KS**

Initiated Entered Apprentice .....03/05/1981  
 Passed to Fellowcraft.....04/13/1981  
 Raised to Master Mason.....05/14/1981

#### **Albert Pike Lodge No. 219, Kansas City, MO**

Affiliated Dual Member .....09/1992  
 Master .....2001-2002  
 Demitted .....10/08/2012

#### **Platte City Lodge No. 504, Platte City, MO**

Affiliated by Transfer .....10/09/2012  
 Master .....2014-2015  
 Treasurer.....2015-2017  
 Secretary.....2017-2020  
 Merged with Fidelity Lodge No. 339.....10/2020

#### **Fidelity Lodge No. 339, Farley, MO**

Affiliated by Consolidation.....10/2020

#### **Rising Sun Lodge No. 13, Kansas City, MO**

Affiliated Dual Member .....03/2011  
 Masonic Home Rep.....09/2011-09/2012  
 Building Board .....10/2011-10/2012  
 Secretary.....09/2013-09/03/2022  
 Junior Deacon.....09/03/2022-09/02/2023  
 Senior Deacon .....09/02/2023-09/01/2024  
 Junior Warden .....09/01/2024-Present

#### **Barry Daylight Lodge No. 17, Kansas City, MO**

Charter Member.....03/21/2013  
 Secretary.....03/2013-09/2020  
 Junior Warden .....09/2020-09/12/2021  
 Senior Warden .....09/2021-09/21/2022  
 Master .....09/21/2022-09/20/2023

Treasurer .....	09/2025-Present
<b>Grand Lodge of Missouri</b>	
Secretary of the Year Award for 2020 .....	06/05/2021
Masonic Education Committee, 3 Years (MWB Hess) .....	09/23/2011-09/30/2014
Masonic Education Committee, 3 years (MWB Heywood) .....	09/30/2014- 09/23/2017
Mileage & Per Diem Committee (MWB Heywood) .....	09/30/2014
Mileage & Per Diem Committee (MWB Stewart) .....	09/24/2015
Mileage & Per Diem Committee (MWB Smith).....	09/23/2016
Mileage & Per Diem Committee (MWB Jones).....	09/23/2017
Mileage & Per Diem Committee (MWB Thomas) .....	09/23/2018
DDGM for the 17th Masonic District (MWB Ramsey).....	09/24/2012
DDGM for the 17th Masonic District (MWB Broyles) .....	09/23/2013
DDGM for the 17th Masonic District (MWB Heywood) .....	09/30/2014
<b>Scottish Rite of Freemasonry</b>	
<b>Valley of Kansas City, Kansas City, MO</b>	
Initiated as a 32nd Degree Scottish Rite Mason .....	09/26/1992
Demitted .....	10/2010
<b>Valley of St Joseph, St Joseph, MO</b>	
Affiliated by Transfer .....	10/2010
Venerable Master .....	01/14/2015-01/06/2016
Inducted as a 32nd Degree KCCH.....	10/2013
Treasurer .....	2012-03/20/2023
Executive Secretary .....	03/20/2023-Present
Coroneted as a 33rd Degree Inspector General Honorary .....	10/28/2023
<b>Shriners International</b>	
<b>Ararat Shrine, Kansas City, MO</b>	
Initiated as a Shrine Mason.....	09/26/1992
President Northland Shrine Club .....	2010, 2011, & 2012
Demitted .....	12/2013
<b>York Rite of Freemasonry</b>	
<b>Capitular Freemasonry</b>	
<b>Orient Chapter No. 102, Independence, MO</b>	
Exalted.....	10/28/1994
High Priest.....	1997-1998, 2012-2013, & 2015-2016
<b>Liberty Chapter No. 3, Liberty, MO</b>	
Affiliated Dual Member .....	11/01/2015
Treasurer .....	2015 - Present
<b>Order of High Priesthood of Missouri</b>	
Anointed.....	5/9/1998
Herald .....	06/2020 - 06/2021
Conductor.....	06/2021 - 06/2022
Chaplain .....	06/2022 - 06/2023
Vice President.....	06/2023 - 06/2024
President.....	06/08/24 - Present
<b>Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Missouri</b>	
Grand Sentinel (MEC Barrett) .....	2017-2018
<b>Cryptic Freemasonry</b>	
<b>Shekinah Council No. 24, Independence, MO</b>	
Greeted .....	10/29/1994

Master.....1997

**Liberty Council No. 50, Liberty, MO**

Affiliated Dual Member .....11/01/2015

Treasurer.....2015 - Present

**Order of the Silver Trowel of Missouri**

Received.....05/10/1998

**Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of Missouri**

Regional Deputy Grand Master, Region 3A (MIC Elsen).....2017-2018

Regional Deputy Grand Master, Region 3A (MIC Shoemaker) .....2018-2019

Regional Deputy Grand Master, Region 3A (MIC Fryer) .....2019-2020

Regional Deputy Grand Master, Region 3A (MIC Fryer) .....2020-2021

Regional Deputy Grand Master, Region 3A (MIC MacCormick).....2021-2022

Regional Deputy Grand Master, Region 3A (MIC Smith) .....2022-2023

Regional Deputy Grand Master, Region 2 (MIC Daniels).....2023-2024

**Chivalric Freemasonry**

**Oriental Commandery No. 35, Independence, MO**

Knighted.....10/29/1994

Commander .....1998

**Liberty Commandery No. 6, Liberty, MO**

Affiliated Dual Member .....11/01/2015

Treasurer.....2015 - Present

**Past Commanders Association of Missouri**

Received.....05/1999

**Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri**

Regional Grand Commander, Region 3 (SK Odom) .....2015-2016

Regional Grand Commander, Region 3 (SK Schlichter).....2016-2017

Regional Grand Commander, Region 3 (SK Moreland) .....2017-2018

**Drill Committee**

Drill Judge (SK Mansfield) .....2011-2012

Drill Judge (SK Woodfin, Jr.).....2012-2013

Drill Judge (SK Coots).....2013-2014

Drill Judge (SK Odom) .....2014-2015

Drill Judge (SK Schlichter).....2015-2016

Drill Judge (SK Moreland) .....2016-2017

Drill Judge (SK Fler).....2017-2018

Drill Judge (SK McLemore).....2018-2019

Drill Judge (SK Cooper) .....2020-2021

Drill Judge (SK Tripp, Jr.).....2021-2022

Drill Judge (SK Rohman).....2022-2023

Drill Judge (SK Sample) .....2023-2024

Grand Warder .....06/09/2018 - 08/01/2018

Grand Sword Bearer .....08/01/2018 - 06/07/2019

Grand Standard Bearer .....06/07/2019 - 06/13/2020

Grand Senior Warden .....06/13/2020 - 06/10/2022

Grand Captain General.....06/11/2021 - 06/10/2022

Grand Generalissimo.....06/10/22 - 06/01/2023

Grand Commander .....06/07/2024 - Present

**Allied Masonic Degrees**

**Santa Fe Council No. 417, Kansas City, MO**

Initiated .....	11/30/2004
Sovereign Master .....	05/2014 - 05/2015
Dimitted .....	11/30/2021
<b>Pony Express Council No. 350, St. Joseph, MO</b>	
Affiliated by Transfer .....	08/31/2021
<b>Grand Council of Allied Masonic Degrees of the United States of America</b>	
Order of the Scarlet Cord.....	02/11/2011
Masonic Order of the Bath .....	06/05/2024
<b>High Twelve</b>	
<b>Masonic Hi-12 Club No. 49, St Joseph, MO</b>	
Initiated .....	10/20/2020
Sergeant of Arms .....	10/18/2022 - 10/17/2023
2nd Vice President .....	10/17/2023 - 10/15/2024
1st Vice President.....	10/15/2024 - Present
<b>Holy Royal Arch Knights Templar Priests</b>	
<b>Our Lord's Tabernacle LIV, Buckner, MO</b>	
Ordained .....	12/09/2006
Registrar/Treasurer.....	12/12/2009 - 12/08/2018
Knight Commander .....	12/08/2018 - 12/14/2019
Register/Treasurer.....	12/14/2019 - Present
<b>Knight Masons of the United States of America</b>	
<b>Charlemagne Council No. 79, Buckner, MO</b>	
Knighted.....	03/30/2002
Excellent Chief .....	12/30/2017 - 12/2018
<b>Knights of the York Cross of Honour</b>	
<b>Missouri Priory No. 17, Jefferson City, MO</b>	
Knighted.....	06/21/2003
Knight of York Grand Cross of Honor with One Quadrant.....	07/20/2024
<b>Masonic Order of Athelstan</b>	
<b>Court of Discovery No. 80, Boonville, MO</b>	
Received .....	08/23/2014
<b>Missouri DeMolay</b>	
<b>St. Joseph Preceptory, Legion of Honor, St. Joseph, MO</b>	
DeMolay Legion of Honor, Honorary.....	02/02/2017
Sergeant at Arms .....	03/19/2024 - 03/19/2025
Chaplain .....	03/19/2025 - Present
<b>Red Cross of Constantine</b>	
<b>St. Joseph Conclave, St. Joseph, MO</b>	
Initiated .....	03/13/2005
Puissant Sovereign .....	2015
Recorder .....	12/13/2018 - Present
<b>United Grand Imperial Council, Red Cross of Constantine</b>	
Intendant General, Missouri Northern .....	08/24/2019 - Present
<b>Royal Order of Scotland</b>	
<b>Provincial Grand Lodge of the United States of America</b>	
Knighted.....	07/16/1994
<b>Societas Rosicruciana in Civitatibus Fœderatis</b>	
<b>Missouri College, Buckner, MO</b>	
Received .....	03/31/2005

**St. Thomas of Acon****Immanuel Chapel No. 10, Columbia, MO**

Received .....	08/19/2006
Treasurer .....	08/24/2013 - 08/22/2015
Worthy Master .....	08/25/2018 - 08/24/2019
Secretary .....	08/24/2019 - 08/27/2022

**Tall Cedars of Lebanon****Mark Twain Forest No. 202, Columbia, MO**

Initiated .....	09/25/2011
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**Harry S Truman Forest No. 212, Kansas City, MO**

Charter Member .....	02/17/2013
Dual Member .....	02/17/2013
Scribe .....	02/17/2013 - 12/2016
Grand Tall Cedar .....	11/2018 - 12/2019
Life Member .....	12/04/2022

**Tall Cedars of Lebanon International**

Supreme Aide to the Junior Deputy Supreme Tall Cedar .....	2020-2021
Supreme Aide to the Senior Deputy Supreme Tall Cedar .....	2021-2022
Supreme Aide to the Supreme Tall Cedar .....	2022-2023

**Yeomen of York****Columbia Preceptory, Columbia, MO**

Initiated .....	05/12/2012
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**Kansas City Preceptory, Kansas City, MO**

Charter Member .....	01/04/2020
Primus Director General .....	01/04/2020 - 03/2022

**Grand Preceptory, Yeomen of York of Missouri**

Grand Yeoman .....	01/09/2021 - 01/08/2022
Grand Guard .....	01/08/2022 - 01/07/2023
Grand Master of Ceremonies .....	01/07/2023 - 01/06/2024
Deputy Grand Director General .....	01/06/2024 - 01/04/2025
Grand Director General .....	01/04/2025 - Present

**York Rite College****Harry S Truman York Rite College No. 167, Buckner, MO**

Knighted .....	05/2002
Governor .....	05/25/2019 - 05/2020

**Edwin C. Carpenter York Rite College No. 181, St. Joseph, MO**

Affiliated Dual Member .....	01/23/2016
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**York Rite Sovereign College of North America**

Order of the Purple Cross .....	07/31/2021
Grand Governor of Missouri (Riggs) .....	08/06/2022 - 08/03/2024
Grand Governor of Missouri (Hildreth) .....	08/03/2024 - Present

## **ANNUAL REPORT OF THE GRAND COMMANDER 2024-2025**

*To the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri:*

Sir Knights, ladies and guests, on behalf of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar and all the Sir Knights of the State of Missouri, I welcome you to this, our 164th Annual Conclave.

Freemasonry is an amazing institution and has allowed me to meet and hold fellowship with some of the most wonderful people in the world. Had it not been for a little imp who thought I could make a decent Mason, I would not have taken the journey I have. Teddie Elbert Harrison, I still miss you and thank you for dragging me around the State and introducing me to some of the finest people I have ever met. There is no way I can ever express my gratitude to all of you for allowing me to serve you and this, our Grand Commandery, as Grand Commander.

To our out-of-state guests, thank you so much for giving us your time by visiting Missouri. We hope that your visit will be as much of a joy and pleasure for you as it is for all of us. Thank you so much for being with us.

To Sir Knight David Dixon Goodwin, GCT, Most Eminent Past Grand Master, and Sir Knight Robert Rolseth, KCT, Right Eminent Department Commander, thank you for your continued service to and support of Missouri Templary, and to me personally. I cannot thank you enough for allowing me to miss your Grand Session as Most Illustrious Grand Sovereign of Red Cross of Constantine so I could be elected and installed as Grand Commander. Please extend to Sir Knight David J. Kussman, GCT, Most Eminent Grand Master, our most sincere appreciation of him and his outstanding leadership of the Grand Encampment.

Below and herein contained, you will find the complete report of the actions and activities of the Grand Commander during the 2024-2025 Templar Year.

### **Necrology**

During the 2024-2025 reporting year, our Grand Commandery has had 71 Sir Knights lay down their swords and join their Master in Heaven. Among the 71 were two Past Grand Commanders. Sir Knight Charles Edward Cooper, Right Eminent Past Grand Commander 2020-2021, who passed away on March 8, 2025; and Sir Knight Robert William Schlichter, Right Eminent Past Grand Commander 2016-2017, who passed away on April 12, 2025. Although we will miss all our departed Sir Knights, I will personally miss Charlie and Bob as they were not only friends but mentors to me and many others. Let us pay our respect to our departed Sir Knights. Our memorial service will be led by Sir Knight Richard A. Riepe, Eminent Grand Prelate.

### **Memorial Service**

It is a custom among Knight's Templar to honor the service of our departed Sir Knights. We are gathered here in Christian sympathy, to pay our tribute of love and affection to the memory of the 71 Sir Knights who have recently gone before us.

All Sir Knights know that in the solemn ceremonies of our Christian order, we often have been reminded of the truth - that we are born to die. We bow our heads in sympathetic sorrow with those whose heart-ties have been broken. Let us, like the martyrs of old, proclaim with jubilation our triumphant faith. Christ's Resurrection is not a fantasy or a dream, it is a reality! It is at such a time as this that we should hear again the gracious words of comfort, consolation, and hope found in God's Sacred Word.

Lord, You alone have been our Dwelling Place in all generations. Before the mountains were brought forth, or even before You formed the earth or the world, even from Everlasting to Everlasting, You are God.

For we know that if our Earthly House of this Tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, a house not made with hands, Eternal in the heavens.

So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto Your Wisdom.

Our Lord Jesus Christ said, "Let not your hearts be troubled; you believe in God; believe also in Me. In My Father's House are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto Myself; that where I am, there you may be also." (John 14:1-3, NKJV) And, He said, "Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid. (John 14:27, NKJV)

Saint Paul testified, "Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?" (Romans 8: 35, NKJV) And, he said, "Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him that loved us. For I am persuaded that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature shall be able to separate us from the Love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord." (Romans 8: 37-39, KJV)

The Spirit itself bears witness with our spirit, that we are Children of God; and if children, then heirs, heirs of God, and joint heirs with Christ; if it be so, that we suffer with Him, may we also be glorified together. For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us. For we know that all things work together for good to them that love God and are called according to His purpose.

One of the more difficult tasks that we are called upon to do as Christian Knights, is to say farewell to a fallen comrade. We have stood shoulder to shoulder with them in our opening ceremonies, in our drill competitions, in our parades, and in Memorial services. But now, when we are ordered to "right dress," there is an opening - there is a gap - there is a missing Sir Knight. He was our "strong and steady." It was from him we took directions. It was to him we looked for guidance. He always had our right flank.

If only we had been smart enough to ask him more questions. If only we had spent more time listening to his guidance and instruction. If only we had inquired of him how to put into practice our Knightly obligations. They will be sorely missed!

The vast majority of these Sir Knights have left behind Widows and Families who need our comfort and support. May we never be wrapped up in the "tyranny of the urgent" that we forget the families of those who guided our paths to where we are today.

During your term of leadership, Right Eminent Grand Commander, we have suffered the loss of two Past Grand Commanders of the State of Missouri: Past Grand Commander, Sir Knight Charles E. Cooper, 2020-2021, and Past Grand Commander, Sir Knight Robert W. Schlichter, 2016-2017.

We miss their laughter and their leadership. We miss their guidance and instruction. We miss them greatly!

The Cross is the symbol of the Christian's hope and trust. It calls to mind Gethsemane and Golgotha, but as Christian Knights, we look at the Cross of Our Lord through the open Tomb. The resurrection of Jesus Christ gives us a triumphant Cross.

The Apostle Paul knew the Cross only from the resurrection side. If this inspired Apostle glorified in its truth, so ought we to rejoice in it as a conquering symbol, that death has been vanquished. May this hope, expressed by the Cross, have been the anchor to the soul of each of our fallen Sir Knights; the token to admit them to the Peace of Heaven, where the wicked cease from troubling and the weary are at rest.

To the mourning friends of these Sir Knights and their loved ones, who are most heart-stricken by the loss they have sustained, we tender our sincere sympathy. May your faith in our Heavenly Father bring you peace and hope. God looks down with infinite compassion upon these bereaved ones in their hour of desolation. The same Savior who wept over the grave of Lazarus at Bethany will wrap His boundless love around all those who put their trust in Him.

To our fallen Sir Knights we say farewell. May the sunshine of Heaven beam brightly upon you.

Right Eminent Grand Commander, will you please call the Sir Knights to attention that we may assume an attitude of Prayer.

Almighty God, our loving Heavenly Father, we humbly lift our hearts unto You. Remember in Your loving kindness and mercy these bereaved ones. Please be the comforting Father of all who mourn. Cause us to look above the scene of mortality to the life which lies in Your immortality. Lead us, by Your Grace and Spirit, to seek those things which make for our Everlasting Peace; fix our thoughts more devotedly on You, the only sure Refuge in time of need; and at last when our earthly pilgrimage shall have ended, "when the silver cord shall be loosed, and the golden bowl be broken," will You our Father, be indeed Immanuel - God With Us. May the lamp of Thy love dispel the gloom of the dark valley, and may we be enabled by our faith in Your Son to gain admission into the Blessed Temple above. Almighty God, Great Architect of the Universe, accept our prayers on behalf of your departed servants.

Hear us as we unite in the prayer of Our Lord:

Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in Earth, as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our

debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the Kingdom, and the Power, and the Glory, forever. Amen.

### Visitations

Sir Knights, unlike my predecessors SK Rohman and SK Sample who are Supermen, I was unable to visit every Commandery in the State, but everywhere I did travel, I was warmly welcomed and well fed. Everything is not perfect in our State, but our Sir Knights are trying hard and are showing their enthusiasm and love for our Craft.

Below you will find a complete listing of all the activities of the Grand Commander during the 2024-2025 Templar year.

June 2, 2024	Installed the Officers at Liberty Commandery No. 6 - Participated in the Installation of Officers for Liberty Chapter No. 4 and Liberty Council No. 50 - Liberty, MO
June 3, 2024	Attended Liberty Commandery No. 6 regular meeting - serve as Treasurer
June 5, 2024	Attended Mid-Year Yeomen of York meeting at Grand Session Attended the Statewide AMD meeting at Grand Session Attended the Masonic Order of the Bath at Grand Session
June 6, 2024	Attended the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons Session Attended the Order of the Silver Trowel Meeting
June 7, 2024	Attended the Grand Commandery of Missouri Session
June 8, 2024	Attended the Grand Royal Arch Chapter Session Attended the Order of Anointed High Priests Meeting
June 9, 2024	Attended Grand Session Church Services and Hotel Post Con Meeting
June 11, 2024	Valley of St Joseph Scottish Rite Workday - serve as Executive Secretary
June 16, 2024	Attended the International Order of Rainbow for Girls Annual Assembly
June 17, 2024	Attended Liberty Council and Chapter Meeting - serve as Treasurer both Bodies
June 19, 2024	Attended Barry Daylight Lodge No. 17 - serve as Treasurer
June 20, 2024	Attended the Missouri Job's Daughters Annual Assembly
June 22, 2024	Attended Edwin C Carpenter York Rite College No. 181 Stated Meeting Attended Pony Express Council No. 350 AMD Stated Meeting Worked the Rising Sun Lodge No. 13 Spaghetti Fundraiser
June 23, 2024	Attended the Grand Commandery Education/Honor Commandery Zoom Meeting
June 26, 2024	Valley of St Joseph Scottish Rite Workday
June 29, 2024	Attended the Harry S Truman York Rite College No. 167 Stated Meeting with Degree Work Attended the Charlemagne Council No, 79 Knight Masons Stated Meeting with Degree Work
July 1, 2024	Attended the Liberty Commandery No. 6 open meeting and Victory Dinner
July 3, 2024	Valley of St Joseph Scottish Rite Workday - serve as Executive Secretary
July 6, 2024	Participated in Degree Work at Rising Sun Lodge
July 11, 2024	Participated in Degree Work at Brotherhood Lodge
July 15, 2024	Attended the Liberty Chapter and Council Meetings
July 17, 2024	Attended Barry Daylight Lodge - serve as Treasurer
July 18, 2024	Valley of St Joseph Scottish Rite Workday - serve as Executive Secretary
July 20, 2024	Attended MO Priory No. 17 KYCH Meeting - Received KYGCH with one quadrant
July 23, 2024	Valley of St Joseph Scottish Rite Workday - serve as Executive Secretary
July 27, 2024	Attended the Grand Commander's Reception at Liberty Commandery No. 6
July 28, 2024	Attended the Grand Commandery Education/Honor Commandery Zoom Meeting Attended the Grand Commandery Officers Zoom Meeting

July 31 - August 4, 2024	Attended the York Rite Sovereign College of North America Annual Assembly in Louisville, KY - Represented MO as the Grand Governor
August 9 - 11, 2024	Attended the Red Cross of Constantine Annual State Assembly in Springfield, Representing MO as Intendent General MO Northern
August 15 - 22, 2024	Attended the Grand Encampment Grand Triennial in Salt Lake City, UT
August 24, 2024	Attended Edwin C Carpenter York Rite College #181 Stated Meeting Attended Pony Express Council #350 AMD Stated Meeting
August 25, 2024	Attended the Grand Commandery Education/Honor Commandery Zoom Meeting Attended the Grand Commandery Officers Zoom Meeting
August 26, 2024	Attended DeMolay Commandery No. 3 in Lexington, MO - Official Visit
August 27, 2024	Attended a planning Session for the upcoming UGIC Assembly in Kansas City
August 29, 2024	Attended the Kansas City Preceptory Yeomen of York Meeting in Liberty, MO
August 31, 2024	Attended the Harry S Truman York Rite College No. 167 Stated Meeting Attended the Charlemagne Council No. 79 Knight Masons Stated Meeting
September 1, 2024	Attended the Rising Sun Lodge No. 13 Installation of Officers - Installed as Junior Warden
September 4, 2024	Attended the St Joseph York Rite Bodies meetings
September 5, 2024	Attended the St Joseph Valley Four Bodies meeting
September 7, 2024	Attended the Region 7 Conference in Bolivar, MO Made Official Visit to the Time Capsule in Branson, MO Attended Matt Ruth's Reception in Neosho, MO
September 15 - 17, 2024	Attended the Missouri Grand Lodge Session
September 18, 2024	Attended Barry Daylight Lodge No. 17 - serve as Treasurer
September 19 - 22, 2024	Attended the South Central Department Conference in Tulsa, OK
September 28, 2024	Attended the Region 2 York Rite Conference in Lathrop, MO
October 2, 2024	Attended the St Joseph York Rite Bodies meetings
October 3, 2024	Attended the St Joseph Valley Four Bodies meeting
October 4 - 6, 2024	Attended the Region 6 Conference and Festival in Poplar Bluff, MO
October 7, 2024	Attended the Liberty Commandery No. 6 meeting
October 12, 2024	Attended the Athelstan meeting in Fayette, MO
October 15, 2024	Valley of St Joseph Scottish Rite Workday - serve as Executive Secretary
October 16, 2024	Attended Barry Daylight Lodge No. 17 - serve as Treasurer
October 17, 2024	Attended the St Joseph Conclave Red Cross of Constantine
October 21, 2024	Attended Liberty Council and Chapter Meeting - serve as Treasurer both Bodies
October 23, 2024	Attended Matt Ruth's Official visit to Shekinah Council
October 25 - 26, 2024	Participated in the Fall Reunion for the St Joseph Scottish Rite
October 27, 2024	Attended the Grand Commandery Education/Honor Commandery Zoom Meeting Attended the Grand Commandery Officers Zoom Meeting
October 30, 2024	Valley of St Joseph Scottish Rite Workday - serve as Executive Secretary
October 31, 2024	Attended the Kansas City Preceptory Yeomen of York Meeting in Liberty, MO
November 2, 2024	Attended the Scottish Rite Foundation Board meeting in Columbia, MO Attended the St. Chrysostom Meeting and Installation of Officers in Jefferson City, MO Installed the Officers of Springfield Preceptory Yeomen of York
November 3, 2024	DeMolay Legion of Honor Degree practice in St Joseph, MO
November 5, 2024	Valley of St Joseph Scottish Rite Workday - serve as Executive Secretary
November 6, 2024	Attended the St Joseph York Rite Bodies meetings
November 7, 2024	Attended the St Joseph Valley Four Bodies meeting
November 9, 2024	Attended the Region 3 York Rite Conference in Kansas City, MO
November 11, 2024	Represented the Grand Commandery at the OES Grand Chapter meeting in Springfield, MO
November 12, 2024	Valley of St Joseph Scottish Rite Workday - serve as Executive Secretary
November 16, 2024	Attended the Region 4 York Rite Conference in Jefferson City, MO

November 18, 2024	Attended Liberty Council and Chapter Meeting - serve as Treasurer both Bodies
November 19, 2024	Valley of St Joseph Scottish Rite Workday - serve as Executive Secretary
November 20, 2024	Attended Barry Daylight Lodge No. 17 - serve as Treasurer
November 21, 2024	Attended the St Joseph Conclave Red Cross of Constantine
November 23, 2024	Attended the Region 1 York Rite Conference in Shelbina, MO
November 24, 2024	Attended the Grand Commandery Officers Zoom Meeting
November 30, 2024	Attended the Harry S Truman York Rite College No. 167 Stated Meeting
	Attended the Charlemagne Council No. 79 Knight Masons Stated Meeting
December 2, 2024	Attended the Liberty Commandery No. 6 meeting
December 3, 2024	Valley of St Joseph Scottish Rite Workday - serve as Executive Secretary
December 5, 2024	Attended the St Joseph Valley Four Bodies meeting
December 7, 2024	Attended Rising Sun Lodge No. 13 - serve as Junior Warden
December 8, 2024	Attended the Region 3 Christmas Observance in Peculiar, MO
December 10, 2024	Valley of St Joseph Scottish Rite Workday - serve as Executive Secretary
December 14, 2024	Attended Our Lord's Tabernacle LIV HRAKTP meeting - serve as Registrar
	Attended Mary Conclave Red Cross of Constantine Installation of Officers and Christmas Program
December 16, 2024	Attended Liberty Council and Chapter Meeting - serve as Treasurer both Bodies
December 17, 2024	Attended the Neosho No. 57 Christmas Observance in Neosho, MO
December 18, 2024	Attended Barry Daylight Lodge No. 17 - serve as Treasurer
December 19, 2024	Installed the Officers of St Joseph Conclave Red Cross of Constantine at their Winter Family Gathering
December 20, 2024	Attended the York Rite Sovereign College of North America Grand Governor's Zoom meeting with the General Grand Governor
December 27, 2024	Valley of St Joseph Scottish Rite Workday - serve as Executive Secretary
January 2, 2025	Attended the St Joseph Valley Four Bodies meeting
January 4, 2025	Attended the Grand Preceptory Yeomen of York meeting in Jefferson City - Elected and Installed as Grand Director General
	Attended Rising Sun Lodge No. 13 - serve as Junior Warden
January 6, 2025	Attended the Liberty Commandery No. 6 meeting - serve as Treasurer
January 7, 2025	Valley of St Joseph Scottish Rite Workday - serve as Executive Secretary
January 12, 2025	Attended and participated in the Installation of Officers for the Kirksville York Rite Bodies
January 15, 2025	Attended Barry Daylight Lodge No. 17 - serve as Treasurer
January 16, 2025	Attended the St Joseph Conclave Red Cross of Constantine
January 20, 2025	Attended Liberty Council and Chapter Meeting - serve as Treasurer both Bodies
January 30, 2025	Attended the Kansas City Preceptory Yeomen of York Meeting in Liberty, MO
February 1, 2025	Attended the Columbia Preceptory Yeomen of York Meeting
	Attended the Heart of Missouri York Rite College meeting in Columbia, MO
February 3, 2025	Attended Liberty Council and Chapter Meeting - serve as Treasurer both Bodies
February 5, 2025	Valley of St Joseph Scottish Rite Workday - serve as Executive Secretary
February 6, 2025	Attended the St Joseph Valley Four Bodies meeting
February 11, 2025	Valley of St Joseph Scottish Rite Workday - serve as Executive Secretary
February 18, 2025	Valley of St Joseph Scottish Rite Workday - serve as Executive Secretary
February 22, 2025	Attended Immanuel Chapter No. 10 St. Thomas of Acon in Columbia, MO
February 23, 2025	Attended the Grand Commandery Officers Zoom Meeting
February 25, 2025	Valley of St Joseph Scottish Rite Workday - serve as Executive Secretary
March 1, 2025	Attended the Grand Masters Royal Arch Class in Jefferson City, MO
	Attended Rising Sun Lodge No. 13 - serve as Junior Warden
March 2, 2025	Attended the South-Central Department Commanders Zoom Meeting
March 3, 2025	Attended the Liberty Commandery No. 6 meeting - serve as Treasurer

March 4, 2025 Valley of St Joseph Scottish Rite Workday - serve as Executive Secretary  
 March 6, 2025 Attended the St Joseph Valley Four Bodies Meeting  
 March 13, 2025 Valley of St Joseph Scottish Rite Workday - serve as Executive Secretary  
 March 16, 2025 Attended and participated in the funeral services for SK Charles Cooper, PGC  
 March 17, 2025 Attended Liberty Council and Chapter Meeting - serve as Treasurer both Bodies  
 March 18, 2025 Attended the Zoom Planning Meeting for the UGIC Annual Assembly  
 March 19, 2025 Attended Barry Daylight Lodge No. 17 - serve as Treasurer  
 Attended the Annual Meeting for the St Joseph DeMolay Legion of Honor  
 March 20, 2025 Attended the St Joseph Conclave Red Cross of Constantine  
 March 22, 2025 Attended Edwin C Carpenter York Rite College No. 181 Stated Meeting  
 Attended Pony Express Council No. 350 AMD Stated Meeting  
 March 23, 2025 Attended the Grand Commandery Officers Zoom Meeting  
 March 25, 2025 Valley of St Joseph Scottish Rite Workday - serve as Executive Secretary  
 March 29, 2025 Represented the Grand Commandery at the True Kindred Supreme and State Installation of Officers  
 April 1, 2025 Valley of St Joseph Scottish Rite Workday - serve as Executive Secretary  
 April 3, 2025 Attended the St Joseph Valley Four Bodies meeting  
 April 5, 2025 Attended the Grand Master's Templar Crusade in Kansas City, MO  
 Attended Rising Sun Lodge No. 13 - serve as Junior Warden  
 April 7, 2025 Attended the Liberty Commandery NO. 6 meeting - serve as Treasurer  
 April 8, 2025 Valley of St Joseph Scottish Rite Workday - serve as Executive Secretary  
 April 10, 2025 Represented the Grand Commandery at the Grand Amaranth Assembly in Springfield, MO  
 April 15, 2025 Valley of St Joseph Scottish Rite Workday - serve as Executive Secretary  
 April 16, 2025 Attended Barry Daylight Lodge No. 17 - serve as Treasurer  
 April 17, 2025 Attended the St Joseph Conclave Red Cross of Constantine  
 April 18, 2025 Attended the Liberty York Rite Bodies Planning Session  
 April 19, 2025 Attended the Drill Competition - served as Judge No. 3  
 April 20, 2025 Attended the Grand Commandery Easter Observance in Peculiar, MO  
 April 21, 2025 Attended Liberty Council and Chapter Meeting - serve as Treasurer both Bodies  
 April 24, 2025 Valley of St Joseph Scottish Rite Workday - serve as Executive Secretary  
 April 27, 2025 Attended the Grand Commandery Officers Zoom Meeting  
 April 28, 2025 Attended the funeral for SK Robert Schlichter, PGC, in Moberly, MO  
 Attended the Region 2 Table Council in Lexington, MO  
 April 29, 2025 Valley of St Joseph Scottish Rite Workday - serve as Executive Secretary  
 May 1, 2025 Attended the St Joseph Valley Four Bodies Meeting  
 May 3, 2025 Attended the St. Chrysostom Red Cross of Constantine Meeting in Jefferson City, MO  
 Attended Rising Sun Lodge No. 13 - serve as Junior Warden  
 May 4, 2025 Attended the Masonic Funeral Service for Ill Bro Jack Vernon in Rockport  
 May 5, 2025 Attended the Liberty Commandery No. 6 Meeting with the first "Conclave by Candlelight"  
 May 6, 2025 Valley of St Joseph Scottish Rite Workday - serve as Executive Secretary  
 May 10, 2025 Attended the Mary Conclave Red Cross of Constantine Meeting  
 Attended the Columbia Preceptory Yeomen of York Meeting  
 Attended the Heart of Missouri York Rite College meeting in Columbia, MO  
 May 12, 2025 Official Visit to St Graal Commandery No. 12  
 May 13, 2025 Valley of St Joseph Scottish Rite Workday - serve as Executive Secretary  
 May 15, 2025 Attended St Joseph Conclave Red Cross of Constantine Mid-Year Meeting and Elections  
 May 17, 2025 Attended the 100th Anniversary Celebration of St. Christopher Conclave Red Cross of Constantine in Springfield, MO  
 May 19, 2025 Attended Liberty Council and Chapter Meeting - serve as Treasurer both Bodies  
 May 20, 2025 Attended the Grand Commandery Officers Zoom Meeting

May 21, 2025	Attended Barry Daylight Lodge No. 17 - serve as Treasurer
May 24, 2025	Attended Edwin C Carpenter York Rite College No. 181 Stated Meeting
	Attended Pony Express Council No. 350 AMD Stated Meeting
May 27, 2025	Valley of St Joseph Scottish Rite Workday - serve as Executive Secretary
May 29, 2025	Attended the Kansas City Preceptory Yeomen of York Meeting in Liberty, MO
May 31, 2025	Attended the Harry S Truman York Rite College No. 167 Stated Meeting
	Attended the Charlemagne Council No. 79 Knight Masons Stated Meeting
June 2, 2025	Attended and participated in the Installation of Officers for the Liberty York Rite Bodies
June 4 - 8, 2025	Attend and coordinate the UGIC Red Cross Of Constantine Annual Assembly in Kansas City, MO
June 11 - 15, 2025	Attend the Grand York Rite Session in Kansas City, MO

### Appointments

It was my pleasure to make the following appointments for the 2024-2025 Templar Year:

Kevin B. Sample, PGC.....Assistant Grand Recorder  
Richard A Riepe .....Grand Prelate  
James R. Fiete.....Assistant Grand Prelate - East  
Russell A. Bradshaw .....Assistant Grand Prelate - Central  
John A. Welch .....Assistant Grand Prelate - West  
Russell S. Hanson, PGC .....Grand Historian  
Michael E. Wheeler .....Grand Sentinel  
Larry F. Walters .....Assistant Grand Sentinel & Inner Guard  
Jessie D. Morrison.....Assistant Grand Sentinel & Inner Guard  
David C. Brown.....Assistant Grand Sentinel & Inner Guard  
J Purkapple .....Assistant Grand Sentinel & Inner Guard  
Joseph S. Russell .....Assistant Grand Sentinel & Inner Guard  
Budd C. Gilfillen .....Aide-De-Camp  
Derek W. Pope.....Aide-De-Camp  
Corey B. Huntsucker .....Grand Lecturer  
Charles E. Cooper, PGC .....Assistant Grand Lecturer (North)  
Christopher L. Story .....Assistant Grand Lecturer (South)  
Terry D. Coppotelli .....Assistant Grand Lecturer (East)  
William R. Jennens.....Assistant Grand Lecturer (West)  
Harold F. Coots, PGC .....Assistant Grand Lecturer (Central)  
Daniel R. Quesenberry, PGC.....Grand Chorister  
Christian M. Jessen .....Grand Organist  
Larry F. Walters .....Grand Photographer

The following Regional Grand Commanders were appointed:

- David D. Goring .....Regional Grand Commander, Region 1
- Lloyd G. Lyon .....Regional Grand Commander, Region 2
- William R. Jennens.....Regional Grand Commander, Region 3
- Michael J. Estright.....Regional Grand Commander, Region 4
- Michael S. Smith .....Regional Grand Commander, Region 5
- Dennis W. Houck .....Regional Grand Commander, Region 6
- Christopher L. Story .....Regional Grand Commander, Region 7A
- David R. Phillips.....Regional Grand Commander, Region 7B

I appointed the various committee members documented in these preliminary proceedings.

I cannot thank the Appointed Officers and committee members enough for their hard work this year. It was because of their efforts that I believe our Grand Commandery had a successful year.

**General Orders**

I did not feel the need to issue any General Orders this year.

**Official Representatives of Grand Commander**

- September 14, 2024 Appointed SK Matthew L. Quesenberry, Grand Captain General, to represent the Grand Commander at the York Rite Festival in Independence, MO
- October 11, 2024 Appointed SK Glenn B. Parker, Grand Senior Warden, to represent the Grand Commander at the Region 5 York Rite Conference
- January 18, 2025 Appointed SK Corey B. Huntsucker, Grand Lecturer, to represent the Grand Commander at the 4 Chaplains Dinner due to illness
- February 26, 2025 Appointed SK Kevin B. Sample, Past Grand Commander, to represent the Grand Commander at the Arkansas Grand Session
- March 6, 2025 Appointed SK Jeffrey L. Knight, Grand Warder, to represent the Grand Commander at the Idaho Grand Session
- April 17, 2025 Appointed SK Kevin B. Sample, Past Grand Commander, to represent the Grand Commander at the Kansas Grand Session
- April 24, 2025 Appointed SK Roger D. Fleeer, Past Grand Commander and Grand Recorder, to represent the Grand Commander at the Grand Masters Breakfast
- April 30, 2025 Appointed SK Roger D. Fleeer, Past Grand Commander and Grand Recorder, to represent the Grand Commander at the Grand DeMolay Session

**Decisions**

None

**Charters Arrested**

None

**Consolidations**

July 8, 2024

With the concurrence of the Templar Jurisprudence Committee that both Commanderies had complied with the requirements of Article VI Chartered Commanderies, Section 96. Consolidation, I approved the consolidation of DeSoto Commandery No. 56 under the Charter of Cape Girardeau Commandery No. 55.

### **Dispensations and Waivers**

June 11, 2024

Granted dispensation to Oriental Commandery No. 35 to change the date of their June conclave from June 7, 2024, to June 14, 2024, due to the Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery being held on June 7, 2024. Process was initiated on May 17, 2024.

July 29, 2024

Granted dispensation to Rolla Commandery No. 59 to cancel its regular stated conclave on September 16, 2024, due to the Grand Lodge Annual Communication. Granted dispensation to Rolla Commandery No. 59 to hold a special conclave on September 27, 2024, due to their inability to meet on September 16, 2024, for the purpose of reading and voting on the unapproved minutes from the last meeting; reading any outstanding correspondence; reading and voting on petitions; presenting committee reports; reading and voting on the Treasurer's report; reviewing old business; discussing new business; presenting and voting on bills and warrants; and talking about sick and distressed.

September 14, 2024

Granted dispensation to Ascension Commandery No. 39 to remove from their regular meeting location to a local restaurant for the purpose of an Open Installation of Officers pursuant to Article VII, Section 134.

September 19, 2024

Granted dispensation to DeMolay Commandery No. 3 for a one time move from their home Asylum to a location in Sedalia, MO, for their September 23, 2024, stated conclave to allow DeMolay members from the Sedalia/Knob Noster area to attend the meeting without having to travel a long distance to participate.

October 12, 2024

Granted dispensation to Oriental Commandery No. 35 to cancel its regular stated conclave on October 4, 2024, due to the Regional York Rite Festival. Granted dispensation to Oriental Commandery No. 35 to hold a special conclave on October 11, 2024, due to their inability to meet on October 4, 2024, for the purpose of reading and voting on the unapproved minutes from the last meeting; reading any outstanding correspondence; reading and voting on petitions; presenting committee reports; reading and voting on the Treasurer's report; reviewing old business; discussing new business; presenting and voting on bills and warrants; and talking about sick and distressed.

November 19, 2024

Granted dispensation to Ivanhoe Commandery No. 8 to move their meeting date (December 5, 2024) and location to participate in a Christmas

Observance with Ascalon Commandery No. 16 at 15977 Clayton Road, Clarkson Valley, MO on December 4, 2024.

March 6, 2025

Granted dispensation to Liberty Commandery No. 6 and neighboring Commanderies to participate in the Snake Saturday parade in North Kansas City, MO, on March 15, 2025, in full uniform pursuant to Article VI, section 87.

March 18, 2025

Granted dispensation to Oriental Commandery No. 35 pursuant to Section 76 to hold elections on April 4, 2025.

May 16, 2025

Granted a waiver to Prince of Peace Commandery No. 29 regarding their Annual Return as the return itself was in the Office on time, but their per capita check could not be written as their Treasurer was hospitalized. Granted a waiver to Ascalon Commandery No. 16 as their Annual Return was delayed due to issues with their Trust that caused a delay in their 990 filing, their paperwork was delayed, but had been mailed prior to the deadline. However, there was no guarantee when it would arrive at the Office. Due to the extenuating circumstances, I did not wish to penalize the membership of the two Commanderies for circumstances out of their control.

### **Holy Land Pilgrimage**

I was very pleased that this committee had selected and arranged for two ministers from Missouri to go to the Holy Land this year. However, due to circumstances the whole world is aware of, this year's trip had to be canceled again. Next year's trip is scheduled, and we truly hope it can be completed.

### **Grand Encampment Triennial**



Pictured left to right – SK Charles Cooper (PGC), SK Thomas Yunick (PGC), SK Richard Mansfield (PGC), SK Budd Gilfillen, SK Stanton Brown II, SK Kevin Sample (PGC), SK Bobbie White (GC), SK Derek Pope, SK Roger Flier (PGC), SK Jessie Morrison, SK William Snyder

On August 17, 2024, SK Budd Gilfillen, SK Derek Pope, SK Jessie Morrison, and I loaded up and headed to Salt Lake City, UT, for the Grand Encampment Triennial. This was a once in a lifetime trip for most of us and we truly enjoyed it. On Monday the 19th we met up with the other members of the Missouri delegation for the start of the Business session. We all enjoyed fellowship together with several of our Ladies at the State Dinner and met several new friends throughout the Session. On Wednesday the 21st we began the trip home, after the obligatory tourist stop at the Great Salt Lake. The trip provided us with many thoughts and ideas for the year ahead and again allowed us to deepen our friendship with discussions, questions, laughter, and ideas. I am grateful to the Missouri Grand Commandery that I was able to represent you there.

### Time Capsule

On September 8, 2024, your Grand Commander, along with SK Budd Gilfillen, Aide-de-Camp, SK Larry Walters, and SK Don Gilkerson in his role as Grand Principal Sojourner were able to visit and inspect the Grand York Rite of Missouri Time Capsule. It should be noted that the monument is in need of some general repairs and water sealant to protect it from further weather damage. As my compatriot MEC Michael Dodd stated, "I did notice that the silicone between each piece has deteriorated to the weather which is a minor repair. Then at the very top is a separation in the stone extending from the crest at the top across and running down at an angle to the other side approximately 18 inches down from the top. I feel that in time moisture will separate this and suggest that a monument company be



contacted about going out to clean and buff the entire monument reseal and inspect for recommended repair if deemed necessary." I refer this to the incoming Grand York Rite Officers.

### **Recommendations**

The following recommendations are to be referred to the Grand Commandery and its Officers for consideration, many of these were originally recommended by SK Sample (PGC) and continue to be of importance:

- (1) First and foremost, I continue the wise counsel of SK Kevin Sample, PGC, to reiterate the recommendations of SK Michael Rohman, PGC, for all Sir Knights to read and internalize the Constitution, Statutes, and Decisions of the Grand Encampment, along with the Laws and Regulations of the Grand Commandery of Missouri. This will save you much consternation down the road.
- (2) I also suggest that each constituent Commandery should ensure their Commandery Banner and Beauceant are in good repair and are displayed at every Commandery conclave. Additionally, teach the significance of the Beauceant and drill streamers. In keeping with this, the Attributes shall be presented at all conferrals of the Order of the Temple and not omitted for any reason. Additionally, that drill streamers shall not be discontinued for any reason, but awarded annually to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners in each class of drill depending on how many participants there are in each class.
- (3) Again, I reiterate what SK Kevin Sample, PGC, suggested that the Grand Commandery Finance committee consider establishing a budget line item to cover mandatory expenses of those in attendance for required meetings. Several Grand Commandery Officers have mandatory requirements to attend several Grand Encampment meetings, such as the South-Central Department Conference and the Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment.
- (4) I believe that the Grand Commandery should establish official positions for an Assistant Grand Treasurer and an Assistant Grand Recorder and start training our replacements in order to not have a single point of failure should something unforeseen happen and to prepare for the future.
- (5) I concur with my counterpart MIC Matthew Ruth that the Grand Recorder should appoint a committee to begin completing the Preliminary Proceedings as the Grand Recorder is very busy and we are a little behind in that process.
- (6) I suggest that the Incoming Grand Commander appoint a committee to look at our Leadership Training Fund and see if it is being appropriately used or if we need to make some changes, so it is of value to the Grand Commandery.

### **Lewis and Clark Awards**

One of the highest honors the Grand Commander has each year is designating those Sir Knights of Missouri who have distinguished themselves above and beyond the call of duty. There were multiple nominations and all very deserving. However, I am sticking to the original intent of the program, awarding only one per Region and only to non-Grand Commandery Officers. It is, therefore, my

privilege to present the Grand Commandery Lewis and Clark Award to each of the following Sir Knights:

Region 1 .....	None
Region 2 .....	<b>SK Derek Pope, Liberty 6</b>
Region 3 .....	<b>SK Connor Mac Cormick, Kansas City 10</b>
Region 4 .....	<b>SK James Ashby, Rolla 59</b>
Region 5 .....	<b>SK John Caraker, Ascalon 16</b>
Region 6 .....	<b>SK Douglas Rose, Jr., Poplar Bluff 67</b>
Region 7A .....	<b>SK Michael Spence, St. John's 20</b>
Region 7B .....	None

### **Closing Comments**

How do you sum up all your thoughts and feelings from the past year? I don't even know where to start. I am very grateful to you Sir Knights for allowing me the privilege to serve you as Grand Commander for this year. I have truly enjoyed my travels this year and have been warmly welcomed everywhere I went. The fellowship I shared with you Sir Knights and your Ladies was amazing and most enjoyable.

To SK Budd Gilfillen and SK Derek Pope, my Aides-de-Camp, I couldn't have done it without you. You two kept me straight, proved excellent counsel and made sure I was where I was supposed to be when I was supposed to be there. To SK Jessie Morrison and SK Mike Wheeler, thanks so much for all you do. Between you four we spent a lot of windshield time together and our friendship is even stronger for it.

To SK Larry Walters and SK Don Gilkerson, and the rest of you wonderful Knights in Liberty Commandry No. 6, I am so grateful to you for all you have done for me. When I made you all Honorary Aides, you took the message to heart and no matter what I needed you came through for me. I hope I did not embarrass you and maybe even made you a little proud.

To all my Appointed Officers and Committee Members, you are the unsung heroes of this Grand Commandery. Without you nothing would have been accomplished during this year. You answered my call for new ideas and action and have performed admirably. Thank You - Thank You - Thank You.

There are so many more I need to thank, but I can't list them all here. Some of them though I must mention. First, SK Teddie Harrison, who got me started in Missouri Freemasonry and got me started down the York Rite trail. Second, SK Rick Mansfield, PGC, who gave me my first job in the Grand Commandery as a Drill Judge. Third, SK Larry Odom, PGC, who was the first to allow me to serve as Regional Grand Commander. And, last but not least, SK Ronnie Green, PGC, who was the first to ask if I might be interested in the Grand Commandery line. To all of the Past Grand Commanders who have tutored me and worked with me to try and teach me some concept of what I should be doing, I say thank you. And, to SK Kevin Sample, PGC, SK Russell Hanson, PGC, and SK Roger Flear, PGC, who did their best to patiently guide me through this year so I didn't break anything or make a

complete fool out of myself, I say thank you. And, I can't forget to thank Ms. Debbie - we couldn't do it without you.

And, lastly, but most importantly, I must thank my lovely and wonderful wife, Lady Gloria Anne Rowe-White. She has stood by me for over 25 years. During this journey of mine in Freemasonry she has walked by my side, tended to my wounds, and cared for me in so many ways. She has cooked countless meals for Lodges, Chapters, Councils, and Commanderies. She has planned untold events and made my life worth living. Thank you my dear, I couldn't have done it without you.

Thank you all!

Fraternally submitted,  
SK Bobbie E. White, Grand Commander

**Motion to approve - seconded - Passed**

**See Page 106 in Volume 3 - Addendum for the Grand Commander's Summary.**

### **REPORT OF ADDRESS OF THE GRAND COMMANDER COMMITTEE**

*To the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri:*

Sir Knights,

The Committee on the Address of the Grand Commander has received the Address of the Grand Commander and finds the report to be in proper form, and believe it to be a true and accurate representation of all the actions and activities of the Grand Commander for the past year. We refer all decisions, dispensations, and general orders of the Grand Commander to the Committee on Templar Jurisprudence. We refer his list of recommendations and the requested repairs to the time capsule to the incoming Grand Commander and his Grand Officers.

The committee feels that Sir Knight Bobbie Edward White has fulfilled his duties and responsibilities as Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri with honor and distinction. We commend him on successfully completing his term of office by exhibiting true leadership wrapped in humility.

Having conferred with Templar Jurisprudence, the committee approves the address.

Fraternally submitted,  
SK, Kevin B. Sample, PGC, Chairman  
And In Memory of SK Charles E. Cooper, PGC

SK Michael C. Rohman, **PGC**

We move that the Grand Commander's Annual Report, as printed and distributed, subject to correction, be approved by the Sir Knights of this Grand Commandery.

**PASSED**

FAILED

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## **REPORT OF THE DEPUTY GRAND COMMANDER**

*To the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri:*

Sir Knights,

No report was available at the time of preparation of the Preliminary Proceedings.

Fraternally submitted,

SK Ronald L. Skiles, Deputy Grand Commander

## **REPORT OF THE GRAND GENERALISSIMO**

*To the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri:*

Sir Knights,

No report was available at the time of preparation of the Preliminary Proceedings.

Fraternally submitted,

SK Terry D. Coppotelli, Grand Generalissimo

## **REPORT OF THE GRAND CAPTAIN GENERAL**

*To the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri:*

Sir Knights,

Here is an accounting of my activities for the Grand Commandery in the last year.

June 23, 2024	Grand Commandery Zoom Meeting
July 27, 2024	Grand Commander's reception at Liberty
August 1, 2024	Meeting at Palestine 17
August 25, 2024	Grand Commandery Zoom Meeting
September 5, 2024	Meeting at Palestine 17
September 20-21, 2024	South Central meeting at Tulsa
September 23, 2024	Educational Foundation Zoom Meeting
September 28, 2024	Region 2 area meeting in Lathrop (In the month of September, I visited four lodges-Macdonald, Independence, Lees Summit, and Raytown to recruit for the Commandery - secured three petitions.)
October 3, 2024	Meeting at Palestine 17
October 4-5, 2024	Participated in a York Rite festival at Independence - nine new Sir Knights
November 7, 2024	Meeting at Palestine 17
November 9, 2024	Region 3 area meeting at Ivanhoe
November 23, 2024	Participated in the Honor Guard at the opening of Ararat Circus
November 24, 2024	Grand Commandery Zoom Meeting
December 5, 2024	Palestine Christmas social and dinner
February 2, 2025	York regional Zoom meeting with SK Robert Rolseth
February 6, 2025	Meeting at Palestine 17
February 23, 2025	Grand Commandery Zoom Meeting
March 6, 2025	Meeting at Palestine 17
March 16, 2025	Funeral for SK Charlie Cooper, PGC
March 27, 2025	Educational Foundation Zoom Meeting

April 3, 2025	Meeting at Palestine 17
April 5, 2025	Participated in the orders for the Grand Master's Templar Crusade at Oriental Commandery, 9th and Harrison, in Kansas City, MO - 19 new Sir Knights
April 7, 2025	Liberty Table Commandery
April 19, 2025	Participated in the Drill Competition in Columbia
April 27, 2025	Grand Commandery Zoom Meeting
April 28, 2025	Helped give the Funeral Service for SK Robert Schlichter, PGC, in Moberly
May 1, 2025	Meeting at Palestine 17
May 4, 2025	Grand Commandery Zoom Meeting
May 5, 2025	Liberty Commandery meeting and Education Committee presentation
May 6, 2025	Educational Foundation Zoom Meeting

Fraternally submitted,  
SK Matthew L. Quesenberry, Grand Captain General

### **REPORT OF THE GRAND SENIOR WARDEN**

*To the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri:*

Sir Knights,

No report was available at the time of preparation of the Preliminary Proceedings.

Fraternally submitted,  
SK Glenn B. Parker, Grand Senior Warden

### **REPORT OF THE GRAND JUNIOR WARDEN**

*To the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri:*

Sir Knights,

It is with deep regret that I find I must resign my position as a Grand Commandery Officer effective 01 June 2025.

As some of you know, I have been struggling with health issues for some time now and, although I am healing, I do not believe that I can properly perform my duties for the Grand Commandery.

I deeply appreciate the opportunity I have had to serve the Grand Commandery and will do my best to continue to support the Grand Commandery in all its efforts.

Fraternally submitted,  
SK Thomas E. Christine, Grand Junior Warden

### **REPORT OF THE GRAND PRELATE**

*To the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri:*

Sir Knights,

Here is an accounting of my activities for the Grand Commandery in the last year.

June 9, 2024	Attended the Sunday morning Worship service, at the Grand Session
	Attended the Grand Officers Breakfast and meeting

June 19, 2024	Attended Orient Chapter No. 102 - I presented the education for the evening
June 20, 2024	Attended Butler Lodge No. 254 for a 60-year service pin presentation to WB Jim Bartlett
June 26, 2024	Attended Kansas City Valley of Scottish Rite
June 29, 2024	Harry S. Truman York Rite Sovereign College in Buckner Charlemagne Council No. 79 Knight Masons
July 1, 2024	Master of the First Veil in Royal Arch degree at Wyoming Chapter No. 43 in Pleasant Hill, MO
July 5, 2024	Attended Oriental Commandery No. 35, KCMO
July 13, 2024	Mary Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine, Buckner, MO
July 16-17, 2024	Spent time with Robert Schlichter at University of Missouri Medical Center, Columbia, MO
July 17, 2024	Orient Chapter No. 102, KCMO - I presented the education for the evening
July 20, 2024	KYCH in Jefferson City, MO
July 24, 2024	Shekinah Council No. 24, KCMO
July 27, 2024	Reception for SK Bobbie E. White, Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Missouri, Liberty, MO
July 30, 2024	Santa Fe Council No. 417, AMD KCMO
August 2, 2024	Oriental Commandery No. 35, KCMO
August 5, 2024	Kansas City Royal Arch Chapter No. 28 and Kansas City Cryptic Council No. 45, KCMO
August 9, 2024	Reception for Stanton T. Brown, II, RCC in Springfield, MO
August 10, 2024	Annual meeting of the RCC of Missouri in Springfield, MO
August 21, 2024	Orient Chapter No. 102, KCMO - I presented the education for the evening
August 24, 2024	St. Thomas of Acon, Columbia, MO
August 29, 2024	Yeoman of York, in Liberty, MO
August 31, 2024	Harry S. Truman York Rite Sovereign College and Charlemagne Council No. 79 Knight Masons in Buckner, MO
September 7, 2024	Region 7, District A York Rite Conference in Bolivar, MO Reception for Most Illustrious Matthew Ruth, Grand Master of the Cryptic Council of Missouri held in Neosho, MO
September 15-17, 2024	Grand Lodge of Missouri
September 23, 2024	Master of the First Veil in Royal Arch degree at Wyoming Chapter No. 43 in Pleasant Hill, MO
October 3, 2024	Palestine Commandery No. 17 in Independence, MO
October 4-5, 2024	Region 3 York Rite Festival held in Independence, MO
October 7, 2024	Kansas City Royal Arch Chapter No. 28 and Kansas City Cryptic Council No. 45, KCMO
October 12, 2024	The Grand Court of the Masonic Order of Athelstan, Court of Discovery No. 80 held in Fayette, MO
October 29, 2024	Santa Fe Council No. 417, AMD KCMO
November 7, 2024	Palestine Commandery No. 17 in Independence, MO
November 9, 2024	Region 3 York Rite Conference, KCMO
November 20, 2024	Orient Chapter No. 102, KCMO - I presented the education for the evening.
December 2, 2024	Kansas City Royal Arch Chapter No. 28 and Kansas City Cryptic Council No. 45, KCMO
December 6, 2024	Oriental Commandery No. 35, KCMO
December 8, 2024	Held a Knights Templar Christmas observance at First Church of Peculiar - Fellowship meal followed
December 14, 2024	RCC Annual Assembly, Mary Conclave Installation, in Buckner, MO 12/16: Kansas City York Rite Christmas dinner at Taj Mahal, KCMO
January 6, 2025	Kansas City Royal Arch Chapter No. 28 and Kansas City Cryptic Council No. 45, KCMO
January 9, 2025	Independence Royal Arch No. 12
January 15, 2025	Orient Chapter No. 102, KCMO - I presented the education for the evening.
January 23, 2025	Independence Council No. 49 in Independence, MO
January 27, 2025	Kansas City York Rite Audit, KCMO
February 3, 2025	Kansas City Royal Arch Chapter No. 28 and Kansas City Cryptic Council No. 45, KCMO

February 6, 2025	Palestine Commandery No. 17 in Independence, MO
February 13, 2025	Independence Royal Arch No. 12
February 17, 2025	Kansas City Commandery No. 10, KCMO
February 27, 2025	Independence Council No. 49 in Independence, MO
March 1, 2025	Grand Master's Royal Arch Class in Jefferson City, MO
March 22, 2025	Participated in the Grand Master's Cryptic Council Day in Columbia, MO
March 27, 2025	Independence Council No. 49 in Independence, MO
March 29, 2025	Purple GALA for CMMRF in KCMO
March 31, 2025	King Solomon in Most Excellent Master degree at Wyoming Chapter No. 43 in Pleasant Hill, MO
April 3, 2025	Palestine Commandery No. 17 in Independence, MO
April 5, 2025	Participated in the Grand Master's Templar Crusade in KCMO
April 7, 2025	Kansas City Royal Arch Chapter No. 28 and Kansas City Cryptic Council No. 45, KCMO
April 10, 2025	Independence Royal Arch No. 12
April 12, 2025	The Grand Court of the Masonic Order of Athelstan, Court of Discovery No. 80 held in Boonville, MO
April 19, 2025	Drill Competition in Columbia, MO
April 20, 2025	Held Knight Templar Easter observance at First Church of Peculiar
April 28, 2025	Funeral service for Robert Schlichter in Moberly, MO
Fraternally submitted,	
SK Richard A. Riepe, Grand Prelate	

## **MISSOURI GRAND YORK RITE NECROLOGY 2024-2025**

*To the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri:*

Sir Knights,

Listed below is a roster of the Companions and Sir Knights reported between May 13, 2024 and May 18, 2025 in MMS as having passed away. This list is as comprehensive as we can provide and is presented as a memorial to our departed Brethren, Companions, and Sir Knights.

<b>Name</b>	<b>Departed</b>	<b>Affiliations</b>
Allison, John Marion	06-29-2024	CH102, CO24, KT35
Arnold, Bill L.	04-01-2024	CH61, CO41, KT31
Baldwin, Ronald O.	03-30-2023	CH14, CO9, KT4
Besheer, Norman Orville	12-23-2024	CH28, CO45, KT10
Boatwright, Jerry L.	06-08-2024	CH14, CO9, KT4
Bray, Glenn Longest	03-03-2025	CH102, CO24, KT35
Bridges, Wayne L.	09-04-2024	CH78, CO48, KT16
Briscoe, Robert Lloyd	01-23-2025	CH17, CO34, KT12

<b>Name</b>	<b>Departed</b>	<b>Affiliations</b>
Brumback, Richard D.	08-05-2024	CH38, CO25, KT[27]
Burkhart, Jerald W.	04-29-2025	CH38, CO25, KT20
Campbell, Dennis R.	08-14-2024	CH1, CO{55}, KT{14}
Clutter, Thomas H.	07-06-2024	CH38, CO25, KT20
Compton, Glenn Dean	08-19-2024	CH102, CONA, KT35
Cooper, Charles Edward	03-08-2025	CH53, CO44, KT22
Davis, Dennis Wilson	12-29-2024	CH14, CO9, KT4
Dixson, Elmer Berton	07-24-2024	CH99, CO59, KT72
Duckett, John M.	04-03-2023	CH75, CO20, KT55
Eckert, Claude Melvin	11-23-2024	CH2,14, CO9, KT4
Fishback, Bedford Malcom	08-27-2024	CH28, CO45, KT10
Foreman, Charles Lee	05-08-2025	CH99, CO59, KT72
Francis, Lee Lamar	12-31-2024	CH75, CO20, KT55
Frazier, Jay Jansen	02-03-2022	CH91, CO27, KT39
Frieden, Gary Allen	10-19-2024	CH56, CONA, KT15
Glasgow, Glen G.	09-10-2023	CH12, CO49, KT17
Gleason, Cole Douglas	01-02-2025	CH53, CO44, KT22
Greco, David E.	09-11-2021	CH78, CONA, KTNA
Happel, Maurice L.	06-20-2009	CH2, CONA, KTNA
Hodges, Robert Leon	08-20-2024	CH12, CONA, KTNA
Hollingsworth, Dennis A.	06-22-2024	CH99, CONA, KTNA
Hollingsworth, William Jewell	12-22-2024	CH14,99, CO9, KT4,72
Houseman, Robert Dean	03-29-2024	CH14, CO[45], KT[4]
Howerton, Steven Edward	06-28-2024	CH53, CO44, KT22
Huggins, Donald Lynn	01-13-2025	CH102, CO24, KT35
Hurt, Tedd L.	09-11-2024	CH12, CO49, KT17
Jones, Carl Donald	03-21-2025	CH53, CO44, KT22

<b>Name</b>	<b>Departed</b>	<b>Affiliations</b>
Kolar, Marion	01-05-2025	CH15, CO25, KT20
Kuntz, Richard K.	03-28-2025	CH14, CO9, KT4
Lane, George Ely	05-27-2024	CH7, CONA, KTNA
Lawson, Wayne A.	05-14-2023	CH91, CO27, KT39
Leftridge, Gary Lee	01-01-2000	CH43, CO[51], KT[70]
Libby, Hugh Leander	04-28-2024	CH28, CO45, KT10
Liebi, Arthur Dean	07-25-2024	CH34, CO32, KT29
Litchfield, Richard Lincoln	01-18-2019	CH2, CONA, KTNA
Lofgren, Evald Leo	08-02-2016	CH(284), CONA, KTNA
Long, Gweldon L.	09-18-2023	CH14, CONA, KT4
Mason, Alfred Lavern	04-26-2025	CH75, CO20, KT55
Maudlin, Lesslie Frank	08-04-2024	CH3, CO50, KT6
McDowell, Albert D.	10-28-2022	CH43, CONA, KTNA
McMillian, Orbon Dean	08-24-2024	CH3, CO50, KT6
McVey, Dennis Ray	05-13-2024	CH43, CO49, KT17
Mercer, James Hilton	05-13-2024	CH15, CO25, KT20
Miller, Edward A.	07-02-2024	CH14, CO9, KT4
Moody, Philip Henry	12-24-2023	CH28, CO45, KT10
Mordecai, Francis Lee	05-01-2024	CH17, CO34, KT12
Nelson, Dr. Rodney E.	09-18-2023	CH14, CO9, KT4
Nelson, Franz Edward	09-16-2024	CH14, CO9, KT4
New, Michael D.	07-13-2024	CH14, CO9, KT4
Newman Jr., Lawrence Areon	03-19-2025	CH53, CO44, KT22
Nutter, Allen W.	03-12-2025	CH64, CO56, KT33
Pierce, Ted Edward	04-19-2025	CH14, CO9, KT4
Ragan, William David	01-30-2025	CH53, CO44, KT22
Reed Jr., Harry Clarence	12-20-2024	CH25, CO40, KT8

<b>Name</b>	<b>Departed</b>	<b>Affiliations</b>
Schlichter, Robert William	04-12-2025	CH2,3,99, CO50, KT6
Schnare, Stephen L.	11-21-2023	CH12, CO49, KT17
Schnelle, David Paul	09-02-2024	CH15, CO25, KT20
Stewart, Alfred J.	08-04-2024	CH43, CO49, KT17
Sykes, Larry Lee	12-21-2024	CH53, CO44, KT22
Tacke, Melvin L.	03-16-2023	CH[43], CO49, KT17
Vanmeter Sr., William Bryant	08-06-2024	CH102, CO24, KT35
Vernon, Jackie Allen	04-30-2025	CH14, CO9, KT4
Wade, Victor Hayden	02-10-2025	CH34, CO32, KT29
Webb, Harold Dean	07-03-2021	CH14, CO9, KT4
Weldy, Jerry M.	08-20-2024	CH61, CO41, KT31
West, Dale Clifton	03-22-2024	CH53, CO44, KT22
Whitman, Harry Paul	05-30-2024	CH1, CONA, KTNA
Widener, George Harry	10-15-2023	CH32, CO39, KT59
Winburn, Richard C.	09-25-2024	CH14, CO9, KT4
Wood, Bobby Dean	06-27-2024	CH15, CO25, KT20
Wright, Franklin Delano	09-02-2024	CH25, CONA, KTNA
Yancey, John R.	08-01-2020	CH14, CO9, KT4
Yarbrough, Kenneth R.	10-10-2023	CH78, CO[48], KT[16]

Fraternally submitted,  
SK Russell S. Hanson, PGC, Grand Recorder Emeritus

## **REPORT OF THE GRAND STANDARD BEARER**

*To the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri:*

Sir Knights,

It has been a pleasure to serve SK Bobbie E. White, Right Eminent Grand Commander, and the Sir Knights of our jurisdiction as Grand Standard Bearer during the Year of our Lord 2024-2025; Year of our Order 906-907. The following is a report of my activities thus far this year, and of those I have planned for the remainder of the year. For the sake of brevity, this report excludes my activities in Ancient Craft (with one exception), Capitular, and Cryptic Freemasonry, the several appendant bodies

of the American or York Rite of Freemasonry, the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, Southern Jurisdiction, the Order of Eastern Star, and the Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine (Shriners International).

- June 7, 2024 I was installed as Grand Standard Bearer during the Installation of Officers of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri, at the University Plaza Hotel in Springfield, MO
- June 13, 2024 I attended the stated conclave of Ely Commandery No. 22 at the Masonic Temple in Kirksville, MO
- June 23, 2024 I organized and attended the Grand Commandery Education Committee Meeting online - my first as Chairman
- July 27, 2024 I attended the Official Reception for S.K. Bobbie E. While, Right Eminent Grand Commander, hosted by Liberty Commandery No. 6, at the Masonic Temple in downtown Liberty, MO
- July 28, 2024 I attended and Chaired the Grand Commandery Education Committee Meeting online  
I attended the Grand Commandery Officers Meeting online
- August 11, 2024 I attended the Grand York Rite of Missouri's Publications Committee Meeting online
- August 25, 2024 I attended and Chaired the Grand Commandery Education Committee Meeting online  
I attended the Grand Commandery Officers Meeting online  
I attended the Grand Commandery Finance & Accounts Committee Meeting online
- August 31, 2024 I attended the rededication of the Masonic cornerstone of the Putnam County Courthouse in Unionville, MO - Ely Commandery No. 22, under the direction of SK David D. Goring, Commander, provided an Honor Guard for Most Worshipful Brother, Companion, and Sir Knight Charles F. Wiegert, now Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge, as he led the ceremony - while I was not a part of the Honor Guard, the ceremony was unique in that it involved four current and five past Grand Commandery officers: SK Jeffrey L. Knight, Prelate and Past Commander of Ely Commandery and Grand Warder of the Grand Commandery; SK W. Stuart English, Grand Sword Bearer of the Grand Commandery; myself; SK Terry D. Coppotelli, Grand Generalissimo of the Grand Commandery and Senior Grand Marshal (now Junior Grand Steward) of the Grand Lodge; SK David D. Powell, Generalissimo and Past Commander of Ely Commandery and Past Grand Prelate of the Grand Commandery; SK William J. King, Recorder and Past Commander of Ely Commandery and Past Grand Aid-de-Camp of the Grand Commandery; SK Loren D. Lloyd, Past Commander of Ely Commandery and Past Inner Guard of the Grand Commandery; SK Richard L. Mansfield, Guard and Past Commander of Ely Commandery and Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery; and SK Thomas C. Yunick, Guard and Past Commander of Ely Commandery and Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery
- September 7, 2024 I attended the Region Seven Conference of the Grand York Rite of Missouri at the Masonic Temple in Bolivar, MO  
I attended the Official Reception for SK Matthew D. Ruth, Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of Missouri, hosted by Neosho Council No. 46, at the Municipal Auditorium in Neosho, MO
- September 8, 2024 I attended the Grand York Rite of Missouri's Publications Committee Meeting online
- September 16, 2024 I served in the Honor Guard for the public opening of the 202nd Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Missouri - the Honor Guard escorted Most Worshipful Brother, Companion, and Sir Knight Charles F. Wiegert, now Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Missouri - the Honor Guard was led by SK Michael J. Estright, Regional Grand Commander for Region 4 of the Grand Commandery
- September 17, 2024 I was installed as Senior Grand Marshal during the Installation of Officers of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Missouri at the St. Charles Convention Center in St. Charles, MO

- September 29, 2024 I attended and Chaired the Grand Commandery Education Committee Meeting online, during which our committee finalized a draft of the updated Honor Commandery Award Form
- October 5, 2024 I attended the York Rite Festival hosted by the York Rite bodies of Independence, at the Masonic Temple in Independence, MO, and witnessed the conferral of the Degree of Knight of St. Paul, or the Mediterranean Pass, and the Order of Malta
- October 27, 2024 I attended and Chaired the Grand Commandery Education Committee Meeting online  
I attended the Grand Commandery Officers Meeting online
- November 10, 2024 I attended the Grand York Rite of Missouri's Publications Committee Meeting online
- November 16, 2024 I attended the Region Four Conference of the Grand York Rite of Missouri at the Masonic Temple in Jefferson City, MO
- November 23, 2024 I attended the Region One Conference of the Grand York Rite of Missouri at the Masonic Temple in Shelbina, MO
- November 24, 2024 I attended the Grand Commandery Officers Meeting online
- November 30, 2024 I assisted in organizing Ely Commandery No. 22 participation in the thirteenth annual Kirksville Kiwanis Christmas Parade in Kirksville, MO - the marching Sir Knights were led by SK David D. Goring, Commander of Ely Commandery and Regional Grand Commander for Region One of the Grand Commandery - SK Goring was joined by: SKs Richard L. Mansfield, PGC; SK Charles E. Cooper, PGC and Assistant Grand Lecturer - North; SK W. Stuart English, Grand Sword Bearer of the Grand Commandery; SK Jeffrey L. Knight, Grand Warder of the Grand Commandery; SK William J. King, Past Regional Grand Commander for Region One of the Grand Commandery; and SK Jacob A. Dunn, Senior Warden of Ascalon Commandery No. 16 - following the parade, Lady Racheal and I enjoyed fellowship with the Sir Knights and their families at Maxwell's in Downtown Kirksville
- December 12, 2024 I attended the Regional Grand Commander's official visit to Ely Commandery No. 22 at the Masonic Temple in Kirksville, MO
- December 14, 2024 Lady Racheal and I attended the Table Commandery for Regions One and Four of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri at the Masonic Temple in Kirksville, MO, and hosted by Ely Commandery No. 22 under the leadership of SK David D. Goring, Commander and Regional Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery - thanks to all the Sir Knights who attended, including SK Ronald L. Skiles, Deputy Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery
- January 2, 2025 I attended a special conclave of Ely Commandery No. 22 at the Masonic Temple in Kirksville, MO
- January 12, 2025 I organized and attended the Joint Installation of Officers for Ely Commandery No. 22, Kirksville Council No. 44, and Caldwell Chapter No. 53 (the York Rite bodies of Kirksville, MO) at the Masonic Temple in Kirksville, MO - the officers were honored to be installed by SK Bobbie E. White, Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery; SK Matthew D. Ruth, Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council; and SK Michael L. Dodd, Most Excellent Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter
- January 18, 2025 For my birthday, Lady Racheal and I attended the Chaplains Recognition Dinner and Four Chaplains Memorial organized by Oriental Commandery No. 35 at the Ivanhoe Masonic Temple in Kansas City, MO - SK Terry D. Coppotelli, Grand Generalissimo of the Grand Commandery, represented our Grand Commander - thanks to SK Corey B. Huntsucker, Grand Lecturer of the Grand Commandery, for organizing this event
- January 28, 2025 I attended the Joint Installation of Officers for Malta Commandery No. 72, Shelby Council No. 59, and Shelbina Chapter No. 99 (the York Rite bodies of Shelbina, MO) at the Masonic Temple in Shelbina, MO - I was honored to serve as Installing Commander for the Installation of Officers for Malta Commandery and Installing Master for the Installation of Officers for Shelby Council - assisting with the Installation of Officers for Malta Commandery were SK Jeffrey L. Knight, Grand Warder of the Grand Commandery, and SK Craig A. Nowell, the newly-installed Commander of Ely Commandery No. 22 - thanks to SK Michael L. Dodd, Most Excellent Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter, for the invitation

- February 13, 2025 I attended the Past Presiding Officers' Dinner for Ely Commandery No. 22, Kirksville Council No. 44, and Caldwell Chapter No. 53 (the York Rite bodies of Kirksville, MO) at the Masonic Temple in Kirksville, MO - the Past Presiding Officers were recognized with Past Presiding Officer jewels during the event by SK Craig A. Nowell, Commander of Ely Commandery, and SK Matthew N. Moore, Sentinel of Ely Commandery - following the presentation, I was honored to deliver some closing remarks - congratulations to Sir Knights Nowell and Moore for organizing this event
- February 23, 2025 I attended the Grand Commandery Officers Meeting online
- March 2, 2025 I attended the South Central Department Conference Virtual Meeting online
- March 13, 2025 I attended the stated conclave of Ely Commandery No. 22 at the Masonic Temple in Kirksville, MO - the Sir Knights assembled in conclave mourned the loss of SK Charles E. Cooper, Past Commander of Ely Commandery, Assistant Grand Lecturer - North, and Right Eminent Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery, 2020 - 2021, who had passed during the late afternoon of March 8th
- March 16, 2025 Lady Racheal and I attended the Masonic, Templar, and funeral services for SK Charles E. Cooper, Past Commander of Ely Commandery, Assistant Grand Lecturer - North, and Right Eminent Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery, 2020 - 2021 - I was honored to stand vigil at his casket with my fellow Sir Knights as part of a rotating Honor Guard and participate in both the Masonic and Templar services - special thanks to SK Bobbie E. White, Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery, and to the Advancing Line of our Grand Commandery, for attending in person, or in spirit, and assisting with the Templar service - thanks also to SK Rev. Christian M. Jessen, Grand Organist of the Grand Commandery, for leading the funeral service - SK Cooper was more than a dear friend - he was my father in Chivalric Freemasonry and his passing leaves a hole in our hearts and in the heart of our Commandery - please continue to keep his daughter, Lady Stephanie Cooper, and his widow, Lady Janet Cooper, in your prayers
- March 23, 2025 I attended the Grand Commandery Officers Meeting online
- April 4, 2025 I attended the stated conclave of Oriental Commandery No. 35 at the Masonic Temple, 903 Harrison, Kansas City, MO
- April 5, 2025 I attended and participated in the Grand Master's Templar Crusade at the Masonic Temple, 903 Harrison, Kansas City, MO - my fellow Sir Knights from Ely Commandery No. 22 and I assisted with the conferral of the Degree of Knight of St. Paul, or the Mediterranean Pass, and the Order of Malta - our Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge and my Masonic father in the Grand Lodge, Companion Kevin M. Fuller, received the chivalric orders and became a valiant and magnanimous Knight of the Temple during this event - this made the event even more special for me personally - thanks to SK Corey B. Huntsucker, Grand Lecturer of the Grand Commandery, for organizing the Crusade, and to all the Sir Knights who helped make it a success
- April 13, 2025 I attended and Chaired the Grand Commandery Education Committee Meeting online, during which we finalized the details for our inaugural "Conclave by Candlelight" educational presentation
- April 19, 2025 I attended the Grand Commandery Drill Competition held in Columbia, MO, where I participated in the competition as a member of the Ely Commandery No. 22 Drill Team
- April 20, 2025 Lady Racheal and I attended the Ely Commandery No. 22 Easter Sunrise Service at the Masonic Temple in Kirksville, MO - this event also serves to collect contributions to the Knights Templar Holy Land Pilgrimage program
- April 27, 2025 I attended the Grand Commandery Officers Meeting online  
I attended the Missouri Grand York Rite Statewide Conference Planning Meeting online  
Planned activities for the remainder of the year.
- May 5, 2025 I plan to attend and deliver opening remarks for the inaugural "Conclave by Candlelight" educational presentation at the stated conclave of Liberty Commandery No. 6 at the Masonic Temple, Liberty, MO - I worked to develop this program through the Grand Commandery

	Education Committee - the program seeks to replicate - within the commandery asylum - the incredible success of SK Jacob W. Thompson's "Lodges by Candlelight," which have brought a wide range of educational topics back to our craft lodges, while also promoting ritual proficiency - I deeply appreciate the support that SK Bobbie E. White, Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery, has shown for this new effort
May 16 - 17, 2025	I plan to attend a York Rite Festival hosted by Ely Commandery No. 22, Kirksville Council No. 44, and Caldwell Chapter No. 53 (the York Rite of Kirksville, MO)
May 24, 2025	I plan to attend the Grand York Rite of Missouri Regional Officer Training at the Masonic Temple in Columbia, MO
May 25, 2025	I plan to attend the Grand Commandery Officers Meeting online (meeting was changed to May 20, 2025)
June 14, 2025	I plan to attend the Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri at the Kansas City Marriott Country Club Plaza in Kansas City, MO, as Lady Racheal and I attend the Annual Sessions of the Grand York Rite of Missouri

Again, it is an honor to serve my fellow Sir Knights.

Fraternally submitted,  
SK Ashley W. Young, Grand Standard Bearer

## **REPORT OF THE GRAND SWORD BEARER**

*To the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri:*

Sir Knights, it has been an honor to serve the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri as your Grand Sword Bearer for the 2024-2025 York Rite Year.

June 11, 2024	I started the year off by attending my local lodge, California No. 183
June 17, 2024	I attended Prince of Peace Commandery No 29 where I serve as Commander
June 23, 2024	I participated in a Grand Commandery Education ZOOM Meeting
June 25, 2024	I attended California Lodge No. 183
June 26, 2024	I attended Columbia Valley of the Scottish Rite
June 27, 2024	I traveled to Iberia Lodge and assisted with a 3rd Degree
June 29, 2024	I travelled to Kirksville and assisted with the Most Excellent Master Degree and the Royal Arch Degree
July 13, 2024	I attended Knight Masons and Allied Masonic Degrees Meetings
July 16, 2024	I attended Hickory Hill Lodge Installation of Officers
July 17, 2024	I presided over a Masonic Funeral in Jefferson City - afterward I assisted Jefferson Lodge with a Ritual Practice
July 20, 2024	KYCH met followed by The Red Cross of Constantine
July 22, 2024	I was examined for my Royal Arch Proficiency Cards Parts One and Four
July 27, 2024	I attended the Grand Commander's Reception in Liberty and was examined for my Cryptic Council Proficiency Card Part One renewal
August 1, 2024	I presided over a Masonic Funeral in Prairie Home
August 9-10, 2024	I attended the Red Cross Of Constantine Annual Conclave in Springfield
August 20, 2024	I attended Hickory Hill Lodge
August 22, 2024	I assisted with a 1st Degree in Iberia
August 23, 2024	I assisted with a 1st Degree in Chamois
August 24, 2024	I attended the St. Thomas of Acon Meeting
August 25, 2024	I attended the Grand Commandery Officers and the Grand Commandery Education Committee ZOOM Meetings
August 26, 2024	I assisted with the Royal Master Degree at Centralia Council

August 28, 2024	I assisted with the 16th Degree at Columbia Valley
August 31, 2024	I travelled to Unionville and assisted with the Cornerstone Ceremony at the Courthouse
September 7, 2024	I attended the York Rite Conference in Bolivar
September 8, 2024	I assisted with the Installation of Officers at Jefferson Lodge
September 9, 2024	I attended Columbia Chapter and St. Graal Commandery
September 10, 2024	I attended California Lodge
September 14-17, 2024	I attended the Grand Lodge of Missouri's Annual Communication
September 18, 2024	I assisted with a 1st Degree at Arlington Lodge
September 23, 2024	I assisted with the Select Master Degree at Centralia Council
September 24, 2024	I attended Lodge at California No. 183
September 25, 2024	I attended the Feast of Tishri at Columbia Valley
September 28, 2024	I attended the York Rite Conference at Lathrop
September 29, 2024	I participated in a Grand Commandery Education ZOOM call
September 30, 2024	I assisted with two 2nd Degrees in Iberia
October 4-5, 2024	I assisted with the York Rite Festival in Independence
October 7, 2024	I attended Jefferson City Chapter and Ezra Council
October 8, 2024	I attended California Lodge
October 12, 2024	I attended Athelstan, Knight Masons, and AMD
October 15, 2024	I attended Fayette Howard Lodge
October 17, 2024	I assisted with a 1st Degree at Jefferson Lodge
October 21, 2024	I attended Prince of Peace Commandery
October 22, 2024	I attended California Lodge
October 26, 2024	I attended the York Rite Conference at Webster Groves
October 27, 2024	We had a Grand Commandery Education ZOOM Meeting
October 28, 2024	I attended Versailles Lodge
October 30, 2024	I attended Columbia Valley
November 2, 2024	I attended Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests and Red Cross of Constantine
November 4, 2024	I attended Jefferson City Chapter and Ezra Council
November 5, 2024	I attended Hickory Hill Lodge
November 7, 2024	I made my official visit to Mokane Lodge as DDGL
November 9, 2024	I attended Yeoman of York and York Rite College
November 12, 2024	I attended California Lodge
November 14, 2024	I attended Jefferson Lodge's Anniversary Dinner
November 16, 2024	I attended the York Rite Conference in Jefferson City
November 18, 2024	I attended Prince of Peace Commandery
November 19, 2024	I attended Hickory Hill Lodge
November 21, 2024	I made my official visit to Jefferson Lodge
November 23, 2024	I attended the York Rite Conference at Shelbina
November 24, 2024	We had Grand Commandery Officer and Grand Commandery Education ZOOM Meetings
November 25, 2024	I attended Lodge in Versailles
November 26, 2024	I attended California Lodge
November 30, 2024	I participated with Ely Commandery at the Kirksville Christmas Parade
December 2, 2024	I attended Jefferson City Chapter and Ezra Council
December 3, 2024	I assisted Hickory Hill Lodge with a 1st Degree practice
December 4, 2024	I attended Columbia Valley
December 5, 2024	I assisted Jefferson Lodge with two 2nd Degrees
December 8, 2024	I attended the annual Commandery Christmas Observance in Peculiar
December 9, 2024	I assisted Rolla Lodge with two 1st Degrees
December 10, 2024	I attended California Lodge

December 14, 2024 I attended the Grand Lecturer's School of Instruction and then on to Kirksville for a Table Commandery

December 15, 2024 I sat in on a Grand Council ZOOM Meeting

December 16, 2024 I attended Prince of Peace Commandery

December 17, 2024 I assisted Arlington Lodge with a 1st Degree

December 19, 2024 I assisted Jefferson Lodge with a 2nd Degree

December 20, 2024 I made my official visit to Chamois Lodge

January 2, 2025 I assisted Jefferson Lodge with a 1st Degree

January 4, 2025 I attended Yeoman of York

January 14, 2025 I attended California Lodge

January 16, 2025 I assisted Jefferson Lodge with a 2nd Degree

January 19, 2025 I sat in on a Grand Council ZOOM Meeting

January 20, 2025 I attended Prince of Peace Commandery

January 23, 2025 I assisted Wallace Lodge with a 1st Degree

January 25, 2025 I attended the Burns Supper at Columbia Valley

January 27, 2025 I made my Official Visit to Centralia Council as RDGL

January 28, 2025 I attended California Lodge

January 30, 2025 I assisted Jefferson Lodge with a 3rd Degree Practice

February 1, 2025 I attended Yeoman of York and York Rite College

February 2, 2025 I sat in a South Central ZOOM meeting

February 3, 2025 I attended Jefferson City Chapter and Ezra Council

February 6, 2025 I assisted Jefferson Lodge with a 3rd Degree

February 13, 2025 I assisted Jefferson Lodge with a 3rd Degree

February 15, 2025 I attended the Grand Lecturer's Royal Arch School of Instruction in Columbia

February 17, 2025 I attended a Masonic Funeral and Prince of Peace Commandery

February 20, 2025 I assisted Jefferson Lodge with a 3rd Degree

February 22, 2025 I attended St. Thomas of Acon

February 23, 2025 I sat in on a Grand Commandery ZOOM Meeting

February 24, 2025 I attended Versailles Lodge

February 25, 2025 I made my official visit to California Lodge as DDGL

February 26, 2025 I attended Columbia Valley

February 27, 2025 I assisted Jefferson Lodge with a 3rd Degree

March 1, 2025 I participated in the Grand Master's Royal Arch Class

March 3, 2025 I attended Jefferson City Chapter and Ezra Council

March 11, 2025 I attended California Lodge

March 13, 2025 I attended a Table Lodge in Jefferson City

March 16, 2025 I assisted with the Commandery Funeral Service for SK Charlie Cooper

March 17, 2025 I attended Prince of Peace Commandery

March 18, 2025 I made my official visit to Hickory Hill Lodge as DDGL

March 22, 2025 I participated in the Grand Master's Cryptic Day in Columbia

March 23, 2025 I sat in on Grand Commandery ZOOM Meeting

March 24, 2025 I made my official visit to Versailles Lodge as DDGL

March 25, 2025 I attended California Lodge

March 26, 2025 I attended Columbia Valley

March 28, 2025 I assisted California Lodge with the annual Cemetery cleanup

April 3, 2025 I assisted Jefferson Lodge with a 2nd Degree

April 5, 2025 I participated in the Grand Master's Templar Crusade in Kansas City

April 7, 2025 I attended Jefferson City Chapter and Ezra Council

April 8, 2025 I attended California Lodge

April 12, 2025 I attended Athelstan, Knight Masons, and AMD

April 13, 2025 I sat in on a Grand Commandery Education Committee ZOOM meeting  
 April 14, 2025 I travelled to the University of Central Missouri and assisted Columbia Valley in handing out Rite Care Scholarships  
 April 16, 2025 I assisted Chamois Lodge with a 1st Degree Practice  
 April 19, 2025 I participated in the annual Grand Commandery Drill Competition  
 April 21, 2025 I attended Prince of Peace Commandery  
 April 22, 2025 I attended California Lodge  
 April 26, 2025 I assisted Chamois Lodge with a 1st Degree  
 April 27, 2025 I attended the Grand Master's Consecration Breakfast in St. Louis

My plans for the rest of the year include attending SK Schlichter's Funeral, the inaugural Conclave by Candlelight, and all of my regular meetings. I look forward to serving the Grand Commandery next year!

Fraternally submitted,  
 SK W. Stuart English, Grand Sword Bearer

## **REPORT OF THE GRAND WARDER**

*To the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri:*

Sir Knights,

With this being the first year in the Grand Commandery line, most of the year has been a learning experience for me - learning what events are optional and which are mandatory as well as visiting the region that was assigned to me. The first events that were mandatory were the monthly Grand Commandery Zoom meetings held on the last Sunday of every month. I was able to attend all the scheduled Zoom meetings with the exception of those that were canceled on 22 Sep 2024, 22 Dec 2024, and 25 Jan 2025.

During the course of the York Rite year, I was able to attend many events and visit some of the Commandery's in my region of responsibility. Following is a list of the events I was able to attend:

July 27, 2024	Liberty Commandery No. 6 - Official reception for SK Bobbie White, Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Missouri
August 31, 2024	Led Honor Guard for the Rededication of the Putnam County Courthouse Cornerstone by the Grand Lodge of Missouri
September 7, 2024	Attended Region 7 York Rite Regional Conference held at St. Elmo Commandery No. 43 in Bolivar, MO - followed by the reception of Ill Grand Master Matt Ruth in Neosho
September 15-16, 2024	Attended Grand Lodge sessions in St. Charles, MO - provided the Honor Guard at opening ceremonies
September 20-21, 2024	Attended South Central Departmental Conference in Tulsa, OK - attended Leadership 402 class
October 26, 2024	Attended Region 5 York Rite Regional Conference in Webster Groves, MO
November 23, 2024	Attended Region 1 York Rite Regional Conference in Shelbina, MO
November 30, 2024	Marched with Ely Commandery No. 22 in the Kirksville Kiwanis Christmas Parade
December 2, 2024	Attended Liberty Commandery No. 6 Christmas program - was asked to give a toast to all Sir Knights where so ever dispersed
December 10, 2024	Visited the Masonic Time Capsule in Branson, MO
December 14, 2024	Attended Ely Commandery No. 22 Open Table Commandery
December 17, 2024	Attended Lebanon Commandery No. 33 Christmas Celebration

December 18, 2024	Attended St. Elmo Commandery No. 43 Christmas Celebration and presented the toast to the Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar
December 19, 2024	Attended Jasper Commandery No. 31 Christmas Celebration - presented the Region 7B Lewis and Clark Award to SK Chad Wagoner
January 28, 2025	Attended the joint officer installation for the Shelbina York Rite Bodies - performed the duties of Installing Marshall
February 2, 2025	Attended South Central Department Zoom meeting
March 1, 2025	Attended Grand Master's Chapter Day
March 16, 2025	Coordinated Honor Guard for SK Charles E. Cooper, PGC, funeral - also participated in the Templar Service
March 22, 2025	Attended Grand Master's Cryptic Day
April 4, 2025	Attended stated Communication of Oriental Commandery No. 35 - filled Warders position and assisted in final preparation before Grand Commander's Crusade
April 5, 2025	Attended Grand Commander's Crusade - took position of the 4th Banner Guard in the Order of Malta

I had intended to represent the Grand Commandery of Missouri in Idaho in April 2025 at their Grand Sessions. Unfortunately, I ended up battling bronchitis and had to cancel that trip. I do intend to go out next year to represent the Sir Knights of Missouri. Prior to the Missouri Grand York Rite Sessions, I am planning on attending the Region 4 Joint Installation of officers in Rolla on 5 May 2025. I am also planning on attending the stated meeting of St. Graal Commandery No. 12 on 12 May 2025 for the official visit by SK Bobbie White, Grand Commander.

This has been an interesting and learning year. My plan is to expand my visitations to Commanderies I have not been able to get to yet. I am also looking forward to participating in some Grand Commandery committees and helping our organization move forward. I look forward to being able to serve all Sir Knights in the State and represent our organization wherever I may be able to attend.

Fraternally submitted,  
SK Jeffrey L. Knight, Grand Warder

## **REPORT OF THE REGIONAL GRAND COMMANDER, REGION 1**

*To the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri:*

Sir Knights,

It has been a pleasure to serve Sir Knight Bobbie E. White, Right Eminent Grand Commander, and the Sir Knights of Region One of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri as Regional Grand Commander during the Year of our Lord 2024-2025; Year of the Order 906-907. The following is a report on my activities thus far this year, and of those I have planned for the remainder of the year. My report excludes my activities in the other bodies of the American or York Rite of Freemasonry (i.e. the lodge, chapter, and council) and other appendant bodies.

June 7, 2024	I was installed as Regional Grand Commander during the One Hundred Sixty-Third Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri, at the University Plaza Hotel in Springfield, MO
August 24, 2024	I attended the Kirksville York Rite Family Picnic held at 1000 Hills State Park, Kirksville, MO
August 31, 2024	As Commander of Ely Commandery No. 22, I directed the Honor Guard for MWB, Companion, and Sir Knight Charles F. Wiegert, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge as he and the other

- Grand Lodge Officers rededicated the Masonic Cornerstone of the Putnam County Courthouse in Unionville, MO
- September 28, 2024 I attended the Region Two York Rite Conference of the Grand York Rite of Missouri at the Masonic Temple in Lathrop, MO
- November 16, 2024 I attended the Region Four York Rite Conference of the Grand York Rite of Missouri at the Masonic Temple in Jefferson City, MO
- November 23, 2024 I attended and presented at the Region One York Rite Conference of the Grand York Rite of Missouri in my capacity as Regional Grand Commander for Region One of the Grand Commandery at the Masonic Temple in Shelbina, MO
- November 30, 2024 As Commander of Ely Commandery No. 22, I led the Sir Knights present as we marched in the thirteenth annual Kirksville Kiwanis Club Christmas Parade in downtown, Kirksville, MO
- December 5, 2024 I made my official visit to Excalibur Commandery No. 5 at the Masonic Temple in Hannibal, MO
- December 12, 2024 I made my official visit to Ely Commandery No. 22 at the Masonic Temple in Kirksville, MO
- December 14, 2024 As Commander of Ely Commandery No. 22, I presided over the annual Table Commandery for Regions One and Four of the Grand Commandery to raise funds for the Knights Templar Eye Foundation at the Masonic Temple in Kirksville, MO - over \$1,700.00 was raised for the KTEF
- January 12, 2025 I attended, and assisted with, the Joint Installation of Officers for Caldwell Chapter No. 53, Kirksville Council No. 44, and Ely Commandery No. 22 (the York Rite bodies of Kirksville, MO) at the Masonic Temple in Kirksville, MO - the officers were honored to be installed by MEC Michael L. Dodd, Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter, MIC Matthew D. Ruth, Grand Master of the Grand Council and Sir Knight Bobbie E. White, Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery
- April 5, 2025 I attended the Grand Master's Templar Crusade at the Masonic Temple at 903 Harrison in Kansas City, MO - I was honored to be able to participate with other Sir Knights of Ely Commandery No. 22 as we served as Banner Guards during the conferral of the Order of Knight of St. Paul (or Mediterranean Pass) and the Order of Malta - one companion from Region One was made a Knight of the valiant and magnanimous Order of the Temple during the event
- April 19, 2025 As a member of the drill team representing Ely Commandery No. 22, I competed in the annual Drill Competition of the Grand Commandery
- April 20, 2025 I attended and participated in the annual Easter Sunrise Service hosted by the Sir Knights of Ely Commandery No. 22 at the Masonic Temple in Kirksville, MO, where \$350.00 was raised for the Knights Templar Holy Land Pilgrimage
- Planned activities for the remainder of the year:
- May 24, 2025 I plan to attend the Grand York Rite of Missouri Regional Officer Training at the Masonic Temple in Columbia, MO
- June 14, 2025 I plan to attend the Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri at the Kansas City Marriott Country Club Plaza in Kansas City, MO - I plan to attend the entire Annual Sessions of the Grand York Rite of Missouri

I am very proud of the work being done by the Sir Knights of Region One in the areas of community involvement and participation with local charities, membership recruitment, and fundraising efforts for our two charities: the Knights Templar Eye Foundation and the Knights Templar Holy Land Pilgrimage.

Again, it has been an honor and privilege to serve the Sir Knights of Region One.

Fraternally submitted,  
SK David D. Goring, Regional Grand Commander, Region 1

## **REPORT OF THE REGIONAL GRAND COMMANDER, REGION 2**

*To the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri:*

Sir Knights,

I am pleased to present this report for Region 2 of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri.

### **Introduction**

This report summarizes the activities and conditions of Region 2 consisting of Lexington, Liberty, and St. Joseph Commanderies and surrounding areas for the current reporting period. Region 2 has experienced continued, moderate membership growth and active participation in Grand Commandery events.

### **Membership and Participation**

Members of the Region 2 Commanderies continue to actively participate in the Independence Festivals and the Grand Commander's Crusade in April 2025 where approximately 30 new Sir Knights were Knighted.

Region 2's Regional Conference, in Lathrop, was attended well with Sir Knights from all over the State. A strong effort is being made to keep York Rite information before the Symbolic Lodges.

Sir Knights within Region 2 diligently perform ritual throughout the State, especially in Western Missouri. Leadership within Region 2 continues to explore strategies to recruit and engage members. We continue to believe our efforts indicate a positive trend among newer members, demonstrating a willingness to actively participate in Commandery activities. Officer lines remain strong across all three Asylums.

### **Regional Activities and Initiatives**

Region 2 is blessed to have received and continue to receive wisdom, guidance, and mentorship from a strong Grand Commandery line.

Grand Commandery Laws and Regulations, official visits, and inspections were conducted as soon as possible after the close of the last Grand Conclave. These visits facilitated the dissemination of the Grand Commander's message and provided an opportunity for continued fellowship.

Discussions outlining expectations, required materials, and contact information preceded these visits. Prior to each Conclave, briefings were held with Leadership to address concerns and answer questions related to the visit and general Templary matters.

Discussions focused on topics outlined in the Inspection Reports and individual Commandery issues. The hospitality and support provided by the Commanders and their Staffs at each Asylum were exemplary.

### **Challenges and Opportunities**

While the region enjoys a dedicated core of Fraters and Sir Knights committed to the Order, York Rite Masonry, and the Fraternity, addressing declining attendance remains a key priority.

Positive growth continues to be a challenge as an aging membership competes with new Sir Knights. Exploring innovative strategies to engage members remains a priority with all.

### **Future Plans**

I remain committed to continued visitation and supporting the current and future leadership within each Commandery.

### **Conclusion**

It was an honor to represent SK Bobbie White, Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Missouri, and to serve this esteemed body. I am grateful for the opportunity to contribute to the Order and this Grand Jurisdiction. This report is respectfully submitted for your review.

Fraternally submitted,  
SK Lloyd G. Lyon, Regional Grand Commander, Region 2

## **REPORT OF THE REGIONAL GRAND COMMANDER, REGION 3**

*To the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri:*

Sir Knights,

Thank you, SK White, for believing in my abilities and selecting me as Regional Grand Commander for Region 3. Thank you also for your assistance and guidance.

Below you will find a list of my activities for this past year as Regional Grand Commander for Region 3 and Assistant Regional Lecturer - West. I am looking forward to further development and additional opportunities in the coming years.

June 16, 2024	Color Guard at the "Taps at the Tower" participation in the color guard event
July 27, 2024	Attended Grand Commander's reception
August 2, 2024	Oriental Commandery No.35 attended meeting "Didache education meeting"
September 5, 2024	Official Visit Palestine Commandery No. 17
September 28, 2024	Attended Region 2 Conference
October 4-5, 2024	Independence York Rite Festival - participation in all three bodies degree work
October 14, 2024	Prep meeting with Chapter, Council, and Commandery Regional officers for Region 3 Conference
October 21, 2024	Follow up Region 3 Conference planning meeting
November 9, 2024	Coordinated Region 3 Conference and presented the Commandry portion of the conference
November 16, 2024	Attended Region 4 Conference
December 3, 2024	Retention Committee meeting with follow up emailed documentation
December 6, 2024	Official Visit Oriental Commandry No. 35
March 17, 2025	Official visit of Kansas City Commandery No. 10
April 5, 2025	Attended and participated in the Grand Commander's Templar Crusade
January 5-April 13, 2025	Drill competition training for Palestine Commandery No. 17 Class A Drill Team

Attended Monthly Zoom Calls discussing the events of the Grand Commandery throughout the year.

Fraternally submitted,  
SK William R. Jennens, Regional Grand Commander, Region 3

## **REPORT OF THE REGIONAL GRAND COMMANDER, REGION 4**

*To the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri:*

Sir Knights,

### **Introduction**

This report summarizes the activities and condition of Region 4 (Columbia, Jefferson City, and Rolla areas) for the current reporting period. Region 4 has experienced continued membership growth and active participation in Grand Commandery events.

### **Membership and Participation**

Region 4 participated in two Order conferrals during this period, Poplar Bluff Commandery No. 67 in October 2024 and the Grand Masters Crusade in April 2025, resulting in approximately 30 new Sir Knights (Statewide). Region 4 was also well-represented at the Region 7 Conference in Bolivar, the Region 6 Conference in Poplar Bluff, and the Region 4 Conference in Jefferson City. Growth is primarily attributed to the dedicated efforts of Sir Knights within each Commandery who actively present the York Rite Bodies to the Symbolic Lodges. While attendance and participation remain a challenge mirroring trends across Freemasonry, our Sir Knights continue to perform rituals diligently and explore strategies to engage members in an increasingly digitally focused society. Initial assessments indicate a positive trend among newer members, demonstrating a willingness to actively participate in Commandery activities. Officer lines remain strong across all three Asylums.

### **Regional Activities and Initiatives**

Region 4 benefits from the wisdom and guidance of several current and past Grand Commandery Officers residing within its borders. Their mentorship and example are invaluable to all Sir Knights. Following Section 224 of the Grand Commandery Laws and Regulations, official visits and inspections were conducted shortly after the close of the last Grand Session. These visits facilitated the dissemination of the Grand Commander's message and provided an opportunity for introductions. A memorandum outlining expectations, required materials, and contact information preceded these visits. Prior to each Conclave, briefings were held with Commandery Officers to address concerns and answer questions related to the visit and general Templary matters. Discussions focused on topics outlined in the Inspection Reports and individual Commandery issues. Addressing the Sir Knights at-large, I emphasized the importance of fostering strong leadership, building a vibrant community, pursuing excellence, and developing engaging programs to attract both current and prospective members. The hospitality and support provided by the Commanders and their Staffs at each Asylum were exemplary.

### **Challenges and Opportunities**

While the region enjoys a dedicated core of Fraters and Sir Knights committed to the Order, York Rite Masonry, and the Fraternity, addressing declining attendance remains a key priority. Exploring

innovative strategies to engage members, particularly in light of societal shifts toward virtual interaction, is crucial.

### **Future Plans**

While my initial goal of two visits per Commandery has been challenging due to scheduling constraints, I remain committed to continued visitation and supporting the current and future leadership within each Commandery.

### **Conclusion**

It was an honor to represent SK Bobbie White, Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Missouri, and to serve this esteemed body. I hold deep respect for our mission, traditions, and the Sir Knights who comprise the Grand Commandery. I am grateful for the opportunity to contribute to the Order and this Grand Jurisdiction. This report is respectfully submitted for your review.

Fraternally submitted,  
SK Michael J. Estright, Regional Grand Commander, Region 4

## **REPORT OF THE REGIONAL GRAND COMMANDER, REGION 5**

*To the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri:*

Sir Knights,

No report was available at the time of preparation of the Preliminary Proceedings.

Fraternally submitted,  
SK Michael S. Smith, Regional Grand Commander, Region 5

## **REPORT OF THE REGIONAL GRAND COMMANDER, REGION 6**

*To the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri:*

Sir Knights,

Region 6 had a very successful year for the Grand Commandery. In October, we had a festival in Poplar Bluff, Knighting 17 new Knights. Poplar Bluff continues to grow stronger under the Leadership of SK Doug Rose. He has developed and implemented new education programs.

Cape Girardeau has continued to develop under the Leadership of SK Chris Whrenberg. He also developed an outstanding education program. It is also the first time we have participated in the State conclave in Kansas City.

Region 6 continues to increase its membership and improve its ritual. We have a working relationship with Region 4. It's been an honor to serve as the RGC of this region.

Fraternally submitted,  
SK Dennis W. Houck, Regional Grand Commander, Region 6

## **REPORT OF THE REGIONAL GRAND COMMANDER, REGION 7A**

*To the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri:*

Sir Knights,

York Rite Masonry is strong in Southwest Missouri. Our joint Region 7A and 7B annual conference was well attended by the Grand Commander and many Sir Knights of 7A. I was received during official visits to Lebanon No. 33, St Elmo No. 43, and St John's No. 20. Unfortunately, Constantine No. 27 was unable to open during my scheduled visitation to them on November 7, 2024. Constantine Commandery has been struggling with membership participation and has not been able to open as a body for some time. Lebanon Commandery is very active in the Lebanon and SW Missouri communities through the Symbolic Lodges and Shriners International (Laclede County Shrine Club). St Elmo is an active Commandery working on building their membership. They frequently visit St John's Commandery in Springfield, MO. The York Rite bodies located in Springfield and Bolivar regularly assist each other with degree work. Both St. John's and St. Elmo have discussed forming a Drill Team; however, have not had much success with participation from the membership. All 7A Commanderies and their officers have been encouraged to attend the statewide Drill Competition each year to observe the performance of other Commanderies in order to gain confidence in the ability to do the work.

It has been my extreme honor to have served the Sir Knights of Region 7A as their Regional Grand Commander this year.

### **Visitations**

July 28, 2024	Grand Commandery Zoom Meeting
August 25, 2024	Grand Commandery Zoom Meeting
September 7, 2024	Region 7A/7B York Rite Conference, Bolivar MO
September 23, 2024	RGC Official Visit to St John's No. 20, Springfield MO
October 15, 2024	RGC Official Visit to Lebanon No. 33, Lebanon MO
October 27, 2024	Grand Commandery Zoom Meeting
November 7, 2024	RGC Official Visit to Constantine No. 27, Greenfield MO
November 20, 2024	RGC Official Visit to St Elmo No. 43, Bolivar MO
November 24, 2024	Grand Commandery Zoom Meeting
December 17, 2024	Grand Warder Visit to Lebanon, No. 33, Lebanon MO
December 18, 2024	Grand Warder Visit to St Elmo No. 43, Bolivar MO
February 23, 2025	Grand Commandery Zoom Meeting
March 23, 2025	Grand Commandery Zoom Meeting
April 27, 2025	Grand Commandery Zoom Meeting

Fraternally submitted,

SK Christopher L. Story, Regional Grand Commander, Region 7A

## **REPORT OF THE REGIONAL GRAND COMMANDER, REGION 7B**

*To the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri:*

Sir Knights,

No report was available at the time of preparation of the Preliminary Proceedings.

Fraternally submitted,  
SK David R. Phillips, Regional Grand Commander, Region 7B

## **REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT GRAND PRELATE - CENTRAL**

*To the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri:*

Sir Knights,

It has been my sincere honor and privilege to have had the opportunity to serve this past year as both: the Grand Chaplain of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Missouri and as the Assistant Grand Prelate - Central of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Missouri.

I am human like each one of you but will always attempt to emulate the wonderful teachings and character traits displayed by our ultimate example - Our Lord and Savior - Jesus Christ! Thank you all so much for the opportunity to play a small role in helping make our fraternal bonds stronger and more meaningful for each member.

My travel summary for the craft for this past year is shown below. Everywhere I was able to travel and attend the various functions noted, it was a distinct pleasure for me to rub shoulders with each of you as Brothers, Companions, and Sir Knights in each gathering. Thanks for affording me the opportunity to serve! God Bless each one of you!

June 5-9, 2024	Grand York Rite Session in Springfield, MO
June 22, 2024	Boonslick Shrine Club - Heritage Days Celebration in Boonville, MO
June 24, 2024	Centralia Council No. 34 meeting in Columbia, MO
July 8, 2024	Columbia Chapter No. 17 and St. Graal Commandery No. 12 in Columbia, MO
July 10, 2024	Lodge Building Association Meeting in Columbia, MO
July 13, 2024	Court of Discovery No. 80, Masonic Order of Athelstan - Junior Warden; Tipperary Council No. 62, Knight Masons - Sentinel; and Marquis De La Fayette Council No. 392, Allied Masonic Degrees - Senior Warden - All in Fayette, MO
July 20, 2024	Missouri Priory No. 17, Knights of the York Cross of Honour - Prelate, in Jefferson City, MO
July 22, 2024	Centralia Council No. 34 meeting in Columbia, MO
July 28, 2024	Attended On-Line Grand Commandery Zoom Meeting
August 3, 2024	Attended and worked the Celebration of Life Service for Dorothy Marshall at Cooper Lodge No. 36 in Boonville, MO
August 5, 2024	Triune Chapter No. 93 in Montgomery City, MO for VEC Michael Estright and MEC Michael Dodd's Official Visits
August 10, 2024	Attended the Official Reception for the Grand High Priest in Shelbina, MO
August 12, 2024	Columbia Chapter No. 17 and St Graal Commandery No. 12 in Columbia, MO
August 15, 2024	Boonslick Shrine Club meeting in Boonville, MO
August 17, 2024	Columbia Preceptory Yeomen of York; Heart of Missouri York Rite College No. 188, Columbia, MO
August 24, 2024	Immanuel Chapel No. 10 - Saint Thomas of Acon - Deputy Marshal in Columbia, MO
August 25, 2024	Attended On-Line Grand Commandery Zoom Meeting
August 26, 2024	Centralia Council No. 34 - Cherub in Royal Master Degree, Columbia, MO
September 9, 2024	Columbia Chapter No. 17 and St. Graal Commandery No. 12 in Columbia, MO
September 10, 2024	Cooper Lodge No. 36 - Lodge Officer's Installation - Installing Chaplain, Boonville, MO
September 19, 2024	Boonslick Shrine Club meeting in Boonville, MO

September 23, 2024	Centralia Council No. 34 - Hiram King of Tyre in the Select Master Degree, Columbia, MO
September 24, 2024	Cooper Lodge No. 36 meeting in Boonville, MO
October 8, 2024	Cooper Lodge No. 36 meeting in Boonville, MO
October 12, 2024	Court of Discovery No. 80, Masonic Order of Athelstan - Immediate Past Master/Historical Lecture; Tipperary Council No. 62, Knight Masons - Priest; and Marquis De La Fayette Council No. 392, Allied Masonic Degrees - Senior Warden - All in Fayette, MO
October 14, 2024	Columbia Chapter No.17 and St Graal Commandery No.12 in Columbia, MO
October 17, 2024	Boonslick Shrine Club meeting in Boonville, MO
October 22, 2024	Cooper Lodge No. 36 meeting in Boonville, MO
October 27, 2024	Attended On-Line Grand Commandery Zoom Meeting
October 28, 2024	Centralia Council No. 34 meeting in Columbia, MO
November 2, 2024	Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests - 4th Pillar in degree work; and Red Cross of Constantine meetings in Jefferson City, MO
November 9, 2024	Columbia Preceptory Yeomen of York; Heart of Missouri York Rite College No. 188 - Lord Archbishop of England - Second Section, Columbia, MO
November 11, 2024	Columbia Chapter No.17 and St Graal Commandery No.12 in Columbia, MO
November 12, 2024	Cooper Lodge No. 36 meeting in Boonville, MO
November 17, 2024	Sold candied pecans at Warm Springs Ranch for Boonslick Shrine Club, Boonville, MO
November 22, 2024	Boonslick Shrine Club took all local 5th grade classes to the Ararat Shrine Circus in Blue Springs, MO and worked the event too
November 24, 2024	Attended On-Line Grand Commandery Zoom Meeting
November 25, 2024	Attended Centralia Council No. 34 meeting - Past Master's Night - MIC Matthew D. Ruth's Official Visit, Columbia, MO
November 26, 2024	Cooper Lodge No. 36 meeting in Boonville, MO
November 29, 2024	Sold candied pecans at Warm Springs Ranch for Boonslick Shrine Club, Boonville, MO
December 6, 2024	Sold candied pecans at Warm Springs Ranch for Boonslick Shrine Club, Boonville, MO
December 9, 2024	Columbia Chapter No.17 and St Graal Commandery No.12 in Columbia, MO
December 13, 2024	Sold candied pecans at Warm Springs Ranch for Boonslick Shrine Club, Boonville, MO
December 19, 2024	Sold candied pecans at Warm Springs Ranch for Boonslick Shrine Club, Boonville, MO
December 21, 2024	Prepared and helped deliver "Widow Fruit Bags" for Cooper Lodge No. 36, Boonville, MO
December 27, 2024	Sold candied pecans at Warm Springs Ranch for Boonslick Shrine Club, Boonville, MO
January 14, 2025	Cooper Lodge No. 36 meeting in Boonville, MO
January 16, 2025	Boonslick Shrine Club meeting in Boonville, MO
January 27, 2025	Centralia Council No. 34 meeting - 2025 Officer's Installation - Steward, Columbia, MO
January 28, 2025	Cooper Lodge No. 36 meeting in Boonville, MO
February 1, 2025	Columbia Preceptory Yeomen of York; Heart of Missouri York Rite College No. 188, Columbia, MO
February 10, 2025	Columbia Chapter No.17 - MEC Michael L. Dodd's Official Visit and St Graal Commandery No.12 in Columbia, MO
February 22, 2025	Immanuel Chapel No. 10 - Saint Thomas of Acon - Herald in Columbia, MO
February 23, 2025	Attended On-Line Grand Commandery Zoom Meeting
February 24, 2025	Class B Commandery Drill Practice with St Graal Commandery No. 12 followed by the Centralia Council No. 34 Assembly meeting in Columbia, MO
February 25, 2025	Cooper Lodge No. 36 meeting in Boonville, MO
March 1, 2025	Attended the Grand Master's Royal Arch Day in Jefferson City, MO - Served as Chaplain for the opening & closing portions of the day
March 10, 2025	Columbia Chapter No.17 and St Graal Commandery No.12 followed by Class B Commandery Drill Practice in Columbia, MO
March 11, 2025	Cooper Lodge No. 36 meeting in Boonville, MO

March 16, 2025 Attended Funeral events for REPGC Charles E. Cooper - served as Prelate during the Knights Templar Service and part of Honor Guard in Kirksville, MO

March 20, 2025 Boonslick Shrine Club meeting in Boonville, MO

March 22, 2025 Attended Grand Master's Cryptic Day - served as Prompter and on the set up crew in Columbia, MO

March 23, 2025 Attended On-Line Grand Commandery Zoom Meeting

March 24, 2025 Class B Commandery Drill Practice with St Graal Commandery No. 12 followed by the Centralia Council No. 34 Assembly meeting in Columbia, MO

April 8, 2025 Cooper Lodge No. 36 meeting in Boonville, MO

April 12, 2025 Court of Discovery No. 80, Masonic Order of Athelstan - Junior Warden; Tipperary Council No. 62, Knight Masons - Priest; and Marquis De La Fayette Council No. 392, Allied Masonic Degrees - Senior Warden - all in Boonville, MO

April 14, 2025 Columbia Chapter No.17 and St Graal Commandery No.12 followed by Class B Commandery Drill Practice in Columbia, MO

Fraternally submitted,  
SK Russell A. Bradshaw, Assistant Grand Prelate - Central

**See Page 107 in Volume 3 - Addendum for additional Grand Officer reports.**

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# FINAL PROCEEDINGS

of the

One Hundred Sixty-Fourth  
Annual Conclave

of the

Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the  
State of Missouri

held

June 14, 2025

Kansas City Marriott Country Club Plaza  
Kansas City, Missouri

**Volume 2 - Updated**



# Grand Commandery of Missouri

## 164th Annual Conclave Schedule

(subject to modification as necessary)

<b>Time</b>	<b>Friday, June 14, 2025</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Friday, June 14, 2025 (cont)</b>
8:00 am	Opening Ceremonies of 164th Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri and Reception of Distinguished Guests – Open to Ladies and Guests (Ballroom A) Roll Call of the 2024-2025 Grand Commandery Officers Formation of the Honor Guard Reception of the Regional Grand Commanders Reception of the Past Grand Commanders of Missouri Reception of the Out of State Grand Commandery Officers Reception of the Grand Encampment Officers Reception of the Grand Master of the Grand Encampment or Representative & brief remarks Reception of Grand Lodge Officers Reception of the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Missouri & brief remarks Presentation of Awards – Lewis & Clark, Honor Commandery Awards Summary Address of the Grand Commander Necrology: Part of the Grand Commander's Address Grand Chorister Presentation Dismissal of the Ladies and the Non-Member Guests		Report of the Jurisprudence Committee Report of the Finance Committee Report of the Grand Treasurer Report of the Grand Recorder Routine Business & Additional Committee Reports (as needed)
		10:30	Election of the 2025-2026 Grand Commandery Officers Report of the Election Committee Acceptance of the Grand Commandery Officers Elect Report of the Grand Commander-Elect with Appointments Report of the Committee on Time and Place Address of the Grand Master of the Grand Encampment or his Representative Address of Grand Master of Grand Lodge or his Representative
		11:45	Grand Commandery Called from Labor until 3:00 pm
		3:00 pm	Grand Commandery Resumes Labor – (concludes remaining business, if any) Presentation of Awards 163rd Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri Called from Labor
		3:45	Installation of the 2025-2026 Grand Commandery of Officers, Open to All Pictures immediately following installation in Union Hill
9:30 am	Formal Reconvening of the 164th Annual Conclave of Missouri Preliminary Report of the Credentials Committee Report of the Committee on the Address of the Grand Commander		

## **Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Missouri 2024-2025**

### **Elected and Appointed Officers**

Bobbie E. White.....Grand Commander  
 Ronald L. Skiles .....Deputy Grand Commander  
 Terry D. Coppotelli .....Grand Generalissimo  
 Matthew L. Quesenberry .....Grand Captain General  
 Glenn B. Parker .....Grand Senior Warden  
 Thomas E. Christine .....Grand Junior Warden (Resigned)  
 Michael C. Rohman, PGC .....Grand Junior Warden, pro tem  
 Russell S. Hanson, PGC .....Grand Treasurer  
 Roger D. Fleer, PGC .....Grand Recorder  
 Kevin B. Sample, PGC .....Assistant Grand Recorder  
 Debbie L. Hanson .....Executive Assistant to the Grand Recorder  
 Russell S. Hanson, PGC .....Grand Recorder Emeritus  
 Richard A. Riepe .....Grand Prelate  
 John A. Welch .....Assistant Grand Prelate - West  
 Russell A. Bradshaw.....Assistant Grand Prelate - Central  
 James R. Fiete.....Assistant Grand Prelate - East  
 Ashley W. Young .....Grand Standard Bearer  
 W. Stuart English.....Grand Sword Bearer  
 Jeffrey L. Knight .....Grand Warder  
 Michael E. Wheeler .....Grand Sentinel  
 David C. Brown.....Assistant Grand Sentinel & Inner Guard  
 Jessie D. Morrison.....Assistant Grand Sentinel & Inner Guard  
 J Purkapple .....Assistant Grand Sentinel & Inner Guard  
 Joseph S. Russell .....Assistant Grand Sentinel & Inner Guard  
 Larry F. Walters .....Assistant Grand Sentinel & Inner Guard  
 Budd C. Gilfillen .....Aide-De-Camp  
 Derek W. Pope.....Aide-De-Camp  
 Russell S. Hanson, PGC .....Grand Historian  
 Corey B. Huntsucker .....Grand Lecturer  
 Charles E. Cooper, PGC (deceased) ...Assistant Grand Lecturer (North)  
 Christopher L. Story .....Assistant Grand Lecturer (South)  
 Terry D. Coppotelli .....Assistant Grand Lecturer (East)  
 William R. Jennens.....Assistant Grand Lecturer (West)  
 Harold F. Coots, PGC.....Assistant Grand Lecturer (Central)

Daniel R. Quesenberry, PGC.....Grand Chorister  
 Christian M. Jessen .....Grand Organist  
 Larry F. Walters .....Grand Photographer

**Regional Grand Commanders**

Region 1: 5, 22, 72  
 David D. Goring - Regional Grand Commander  
 Region 2: 3, 4, 6  
 Lloyd G. Lyon - Regional Grand Commander  
 Region 3: 10, 17, 35  
 William R. Jennens - Regional Grand Commander  
 Region 4: 12, 29, 59  
 Michael J. Estright - Regional Grand Commander  
 Region 5: 8, 16  
 Michael S. Smith - Regional Grand Commander  
 Region 6: 55, 67  
 Dennis W. Houck - Regional Grand Commander  
 Region 7A: 20, 27, 33, 43  
 Christopher L. Story - Regional Grand Commander  
 Region 7B: 15, 31, 39, 57  
 David R. Phillips - Regional Grand Commander

**Standing Committees**

Address of the Grand Commander  
 Kevin B. Sample, PGC, Chairman                      Charles E. Cooper, PGC (deceased)  
 Michael C. Rohman, PGC

Credentials  
 Phillip W. Engel, Chairman                              Randy L. Presley  
 Steven F. Eberharter                                      Michael J. Estright  
 Kevin L. Swain

Finance and Accounts  
 Kevin B. Sample, PGC, Chairman                      Ronald L. Skiles  
 Terry D. Coppotelli                                      Matthew L. Quesenberry  
 Roger D. Fleeer, PGC                                      Russell S. Hanson, PGC

Hospitaler  
 Ronald L. Skiles, Chairman                              Terry D. Coppotelli  
 Matthew L. Quesenberry                              W. Stuart English  
 Michael C. Rohman, PGC

## Investments

Terry D. Coppotelli, Chairman  
Kevin B. Sample, PGC

Kirby R. Cundiff  
Thomas C. Yunick, PGC

## Returns of Commanderies

Ronald L. Skiles, Chairman  
Richard L. Mansfield, PGC

Harold F. Coots, PGC  
Michael C. Rohman, PGC

## Templar Jurisprudence

Todd A. Schulze, Chairman  
John C. Caraker  
Thomas C. Yunick, PGC

William G. Snyder  
Russell S. Hanson, PGC

## Time and Place

Ronald L. Skiles, Chairman  
Donald MacCormick  
Roger D. Fler, PGC

Dennis W. Houck  
Kevin M. Ritter  
Russell S. Hanson, PGC

## Triennial

Matthew L. Quesenberry, Chairman  
Richard L. Mansfield, PGC

Charles E. Cooper, PGC (deceased)

### Special Committees

## Annual Conclave

Bobbie E. White, Chairman  
Roger D. Fler, PGC

Glenn B. Parker  
Russell S. Hanson, PGC

## Drill Competition Event

Russell S. Hanson, PGC, Chairman  
Charles E. Cooper, PGC (deceased)  
Joseph S. Russell, Original Judge No. 2 = Michael C. Rohman, PGC, Substitute Judge No. 2  
Corey B. Huntsucker, Original, Judge No. 3 = Bobbie E. White, Substitute Judge No. 3  
Terry D. Coppotelli, Judge No. 4

Kevin B. Sample, PGC  
Roger D. Fler, PGC, Judge No. 1  
Michael C. Rohman, PGC, Original Judge No. 5 = Donald E. Gilkerson, Substitute Judge No. 5

## Education (Honor Commandery Award)

Ashley W. Young, Chairman  
W. Stuart English  
Christopher L. Story

Budd C. Gilfillen  
Jessie D. Morrison

## Educational Foundation

Thomas C. Yunick, PGC, Chairman (2023-2028)

Todd A. Schulze (2020-2025)

Matthew L. Quesenberry (2021-2026)

Michael S. Smith (2022-2027)

Steven D. Bright (2024-2029)

Roger D. Fler, PGC, Secretary/Treasurer, non-voting (Russell S. Hanson, PGC, Assistant)

## Endowed Membership

Harold F. Coots, PGC, Chairman  
Russell S. Hanson, PGC

Roger D. Flear, PGC

## Examiner

Terry D. Coppotelli, Chairman  
Ronald L. Skiles  
Russell S. Hanson, PGC  
Richard L. Mansfield, PGC

Thomas E. Christine  
Ashley W. Young  
Roger D. Flear, PGC

## Grand Commander's Advisory Council

Thomas C. Yunick, PGC, Chairman  
Harold F. Coots, PGC  
Russell S. Hanson, PGC  
Daniel R. Quesenberry, PGC  
Kevin B. Sample, PGC

Charles E. Cooper, PGC (deceased)  
Roger D. Flear, PGC  
Richard L. Mansfield, PGC  
Michael C. Rohman, PGC  
James L. Woodfin, Jr., PGC

## Grand Master's Templar Crusade

Corey B. Huntsucker, Chairman  
Richard A. Riepe  
Roger D. Flear, PGC  
Regional Grand Commanders

W. Stuart English  
Harold F. Coots, PGC  
Daniel R. Quesenberry, PGC  
Assistant Grand Lecturers

## Holy Land Pilgrimage

Dale R. Roller, Chairman  
Glenn B. Parker  
Daniel R. Quesenberry, PGC

Russell A. Bradshaw  
John A. Welch

## Knights Templar Eye Foundation

Russell S. Hanson, PGC, Chairman  
Corey B. Huntsucker

Michael J. Estright  
Michael C. Rohman, PGC

## Laws &amp; Regulations Review

Thomas C. Yunick, PGC, Chairman  
W. Stuart English

Budd C. Gilfillen  
Russell S. Hanson, PGC

## Membership Recruitment and Retention

Corey B. Huntsucker, Chairman  
Budd C. Gilfillen  
Kevin B. Sample, PGC

Michael L. Dodd  
Matthew D. Ruth  
Regional Grand Commanders

## Publications

W. Larry Wilson, Chairman  
Matthew D. Ruth  
Jacob W. Thompson  
Kevin B. Sample, PGC

Ashley W. Young  
Steven F. Eberharter  
Michael S. Smith  
Roger D. Flear, PGC

Michael L. Dodd  
Adam M. Iwanow  
Donald MacCormick  
Russell S. Hanson, PGC

## Regional York Rite Conferences

Matthew L. Quesenberry, Chairman  
 Kevin M. Ritter  
 Assistant Grand Lecturers

Taz A. Meyer  
 Regional Grand Commanders

## Ritual

Corey B. Huntsucker, Chairman  
 Russell S. Hanson, PGC

W. Stuart English  
 Assistant Grand Lecturers

## Social Media/Internet

Donald MacCormick, Chairman  
 Gregory J. Walker

David C. Brown

## Youth Activities

Adam M. Iwanow, Chairman  
 Michael S. Smith  
 W. Larry Wilson

T. Jeffrey Bodenstein  
 Larry F. Walters

## Missouri Past Commanders Association

David R. Phillips, Secretary/Treasurer

### **Living Past Grand Commanders**

E. Allen Kohler, Honorary (1995)  
 Rocky E. Weaver (2000-2001)  
 Thomas C. Yunick (2003-2004)  
 Kevin B. Sample, Honorary (2006)  
 Frederick A. Troxel, Jr. (2007-2008)  
 J. Joseph Hayes (2008-2009)  
 Ronnie E. Green (2009-2010)  
 Russell S. Hanson (2010-2011)  
 Daniel R. Quesenberry (2011-2012)  
 Richard L. Mansfield (2012-2013)  
 James L. Woodfin, Jr. (2013-2014)  
 Harold F. Coots (2014-2015)  
 K. Trent Moreland (2017-2018)  
 Roger D. Fleer (2018-2019)  
 Clark A. McLemore (2019-2020)  
 Michael C. Rohman (2022-2023)  
 Kevin B. Sample (2023-2024)

**See Page 108 in Volume 3 - Addendum for 164th Annual Conclave information.**

### REPORT OF CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

To the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri:

Sir Knights,

This report is presented immediately prior to the beginning of business.

See Page 110 in Volume 3  
- Addendum for the  
Preliminary Report

Fraternally submitted,

SK Phillip W. Engel, Chairman

SK Michael J. Estright

SK Randy L. Presley

SK Kevin L. Swain

SK Steven F. Eberharter

### REPORT OF TEMPLAR JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE

To the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri:

Sir Knights,

The Templar Jurisprudence committee has reviewed the General Orders issued, Dispensations granted, and the By-laws changes approved for constituent Commanderies and all other relevant matters pertaining to the business of the Craft acted upon by the Grand Commander. In our opinion, the Grand Commander has complied with the statutory duties, responsibilities, and inherent powers of his office. Our Grand Commander is to be commended for his specific interest and attention to the Craft during this past year.

The committee thanks the Grand Commander for the honor and privilege of being selected to serve this Grand Commandery during his year. His recommendations will be referred to the appropriate committees for review and we express the hope for his continued successes in the years ahead.

Our congratulations to Sir Knight Bobbie E. White, Right Eminent Grand Commander, for an outstanding and successful year. In our estimation, you have performed your duties and responsibilities in an exemplary manner.

I move the adoption of this portion of the report.

PASSED

FAILED

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WITHDRAWN

In the proposed legislation that follows, deletions appear in ~~strike through~~, additions appear underlined.

Legislation for Action at the 2025 Grand Commandery Annual Conclave.

#### Item No. 1

Proposal to amend the **Laws And Regulations** of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri to read as follows:

The following proposal shall consist of multiple proposals to multiple sections to be considered collectively.

#### Part 1

**ARTICLE III, Committees, Section 36. Duties of Standing Committees.**

**G. The Triennial Committee** shall consist of two Past Grand Commanders and a Grand Officer who in due course will be eligible to attend the next triennial conclave as a representative of this Grand Commandery, to be appointed at the annual conclave following the triennial conclave of the Grand Encampment of the United States and who shall serve for three years. The committee shall have charge of hotel reservations, entertainments entertainment and arrangements for the Grand Commandery at the Grand Encampment and shall submit an itemized report of receipts and expenditures. (Amended 6/14/2025)

**Part 2****ARTICLE XV, Miscellaneous, Section 205. Triennial Fund.**

There shall be appropriated annually ~~twenty-five cents~~ one dollar (\$1.00) per member for each Sir Knight on the rolls of the Grand Commandery on the 31st day of December of the preceding year, to be set apart as a Triennial Fund. The Grand Commander, Deputy Grand Commander, Grand Generalissimo, Grand Captain General, Grand Recorder, Past Grand Commanders and all Missouri Grand Commandery Registered Delegates in attendance who are entitled to vote at the Triennial Conclave shall be eligible to receive money reimbursement from this fund, for all expenses deemed appropriate by the Triennial Committee. Appropriate expenses considered shall be limited to Registration Fees, Lodging during the Triennial Conclave only, and meals provided as part of the Triennial Conclave. Travel and any other expenses will not be considered to be appropriate. The amount of payment reimbursement is to be determined by the Triennial Committee from the amount of money on hand.

The Committee of Finance and Accounts shall include in its appropriations at each annual conclave the sum so set apart as provided in the preceding paragraph to the credit of the Triennial Fund. (Amended 05/19/06, 06/10/16, 6/14/2025)

**STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:**

The current Triennial Fund assessment of twenty-five cents does not come close to covering even the registration fee for the Triennial Conclave. The Grand Commandery of Missouri should be responsible for reasonable reimbursement to those officers required by Grand Encampment to attend the Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment in accordance with Section 67 of the Grand Encampment Constitution, Statutes, and Decisions. The Grand Commandery of Missouri should not require Missouri Sir Knights to attend Grand Encampment Triennial Conclaves without providing at least some reimbursement for expenses incurred and the current allotment is woefully insufficient.

Fraternally submitted,

SK Thomas C. Yunick, PC, Ely Commandery No. 22

SK Kevin B. Sample, PC, Poplar Bluff Commandery No. 67

SK W. Stuart English, PC, Prince of Peace Commandery No. 29

**PASSED**

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WITHDRAWN

**Item No. 2**

**NOTE:** Should **Item No. 1, Part 2**, regarding **Section 205. Triennial Fund**, raising the Triennial Fund annual contribution per Sir Knight fail, the following proposal, consisting of multiple proposals to multiple sections is to be considered collectively as they are all interrelated. Should **Item No. 1, Part 2**, regarding **Section 205. Triennial Fund**, pass, this proposal shall be withdrawn.

Proposal to amend the **Laws And Regulations** of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri to read as follows:

**Part 1****ARTICLE III, Committees, Section 35. Accountability for Funds.**

**A.** Every committee or officer of the Grand Commandery charged with the expenditure of any funds appropriated by the Grand Commandery, shall make a full and complete report of the appropriation, and amount expended, and the balance, if any, remaining in the hands of the officer or committee, shall be turned back to the Grand Recorder and by him lapsed into the general fund. No appropriation shall be continued beyond the current year except by reappropriation. ~~The Triennial Fund shall be exempted from this provision and any unexpended funds shall be returned to the Triennial Endowment Fund.~~ (Amended 5/19/81, 5/16/06, 5/15/09, 6/14/2025)

**Part 2****ARTICLE III, Committees, Section 36. Duties of Standing Committees.**

**G. The Triennial Committee** shall consist of two Past Grand Commanders and a Grand Officer who in due course will be eligible to attend the next triennial conclave as a representative of this Grand Commandery, to be appointed at the annual conclave following the triennial conclave of the Grand Encampment of the United States and who shall serve for three years. The committee shall have charge of hotel reservations, entertainments entertainment and arrangements for the Grand Commandery at the Grand Encampment and shall submit an itemized report of receipts and expenditures. The Grand Commander, Deputy Grand Commander, Grand Generalissimo, Grand Captain General, Grand Recorder, Past Grand Commanders and all Missouri Grand Commandery Registered Delegates in attendance who are entitled to vote at the Triennial Conclave shall be eligible to receive reimbursement from the Grand Commandery for all expenses deemed appropriate by the Grand Commander. The Grand Commandery of Missouri shall be responsible for reimbursement of appropriate expenses incurred by Grand Commandery Officers in attendance at the Triennial Conclave, as determined by the Committee. Appropriate expenses considered shall be limited to Registration Fees, Lodging during the Triennial Conclave only, and meals provided as part of the Triennial Conclave. Travel and any other expenses will not be considered to be appropriate.

The Committee of Finance and Accounts shall include in its appropriations at each annual conclave preceding the Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment a sum as provided for in this section for such Triennial Conclave expenses. (Amended 6/14/2025)

**Part 3**

**ARTICLE XV, Miscellaneous, Section 205. Triennial Fund.**

~~There shall be appropriated annually twenty-five cents per member for each Sir Knight on the rolls of the Grand Commandery on the 31st day of December of the preceding year, to be set apart as a Triennial Fund. The Grand Commander, Deputy Grand Commander, Grand Generalissimo, Grand Captain General, Grand Recorder, Past Grand Commanders and all Missouri Grand Commandery Registered Delegates in attendance shall be eligible to receive money from this fund, the amount of payment to be determined by the Triennial Committee from the amount of money on hand.~~

~~The Committee of Finance and Accounts shall include in its appropriations at each annual conclave the sum so set apart as provided in the preceding paragraph to the credit of the Triennial Fund. (Amended 05/19/06, 06/10/16, Repealed 6/14/2025)~~

**Part 4****ARTICLE XV, Miscellaneous, Section 206. The Triennial Fund.**

~~This fund shall be a permanent fund and shall be reported separately in each report by the Grand Recorder and Grand Treasurer. It is expressly provided, however, that no Triennial Committee shall expend at any Triennial Conclave, an amount greater than that accruing in the fund during the Triennial period for which the committee is appointed, without first being authorized (by the Grand Commandery) at an annual conclave, to make the additional expenditure. (Repealed 6/14/2025)~~

**STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:**

These collective legislative changes are necessary to reimburse those officers required by Grand Encampment to attend the Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment in accordance with Section 67 of the Grand Encampment Constitution and Statutes. The Grand Commandery of Missouri should not require Missouri Sir Knights to attend Grand Encampment Triennial Conclaves without providing at least reasonable reimbursement for expenses incurred.

Fraternally submitted,

SK Thomas C. Yunick, PC, Ely Commandery No. 22

SK Kevin B. Sample, PC, Poplar Bluff Commandery No. 67

SK W. Stuart English, PC, Prince of Peace Commandery No. 29

PASSED

FAILED

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WITHDRAWN

**Item No. 3**

Proposal to amend the **Laws And Regulations** of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri to read as follows:

The following proposal consists of multiple proposals to multiple sections to be considered collectively as they are all interrelated.

**Part 1**

Add a new Standing South-Central Department Conference Committee.

**ARTICLE III, Committees, Section 34. Committees.**

**A.** The following standing committees, except the Templar Jurisprudence Committee and the Finance and Accounts Committee, and the Investment Committee; shall consist of three or more members each. The Templar Jurisprudence Committee, the Finance and Accounts Committee, and the Investments Committee; each shall consist of five or more members. One member of the Finance and Accounts Committee shall be the Deputy Grand Commander who will serve during the term of his office. (Amended 06/10/16, 06/01/23)

1. Credentials.
2. Templar Jurisprudence.
3. Finance and Accounts.
4. Returns of Commanderies.
5. Report on Grand Commander's Address.
6. Hospitaler.
7. Triennial.
8. Time and Place of Annual Conclave.
9. Investment. (Adopted 06/01/23)
10. South-Central Department Conference. (Adopted 6/14/2025)

**Part 2**

Move **Section 34, Paragraph D.** to new **Section 36, Paragraph I.** as **Section 36** outlines the duties of committees.

**ARTICLE III, Committees, Section 34. Committees.**

~~**D.** Investment Committee consisting of five or more members, one of whom shall be the Chairman of the Finance and Accounts Committee, two of whom shall be appointed by the Grand Commander, with the stipulation that the members so appointed shall possess a background in financial matters, and two or more others appointed by the Grand Commander. The duties of this Committee shall be the control and management of the surplus funds and others as made available of this Grand Commandery in such a way as, in its judgment, is prudent and adheres to sound business principles while balancing the total return in accordance with the specific Commandery fund needs. moved to Section 36, Paragraph I (Amended 06/01/23, 06/07/24, 06/14/25)~~

**ARTICLE III, Committees, Section 36. Duties of Standing Committees.**

**I. Investment Committee** consisting of five or more members, one of whom shall be the Chairman of the Finance and Accounts Committee, two of whom shall be appointed by the Grand Commander, with the stipulation that the members so appointed shall possess a background in financial matters, and two or more others appointed by the Grand Commander. The duties of this Committee shall be the control and management of the surplus funds and others as made available of this Grand

Commandery in such a way as, in its judgment, is prudent and adheres to sound business principles while balancing the total return in accordance with the specific Commandery fund needs. (Adopted 06/14/25)

### Part 3

Add a new **Section 36, Paragraph J.**

#### **ARTICLE III, Committees, Section 36. Duties of Standing Committees.**

**J. The South-Central Department Conference Committee** shall consist of two advancing Grand Line Officers and one Past Grand Commander, all of whom shall serve for three years on a rotating basis. In accordance with [Grand Encampment 2022 CSD, ANNUAL CONFERENCES, Section 114½(b), Decision] "2015, No. 13, Goodwin," attendance at annual Department Conferences is mandatory for the Grand Commander, Deputy Grand Commander, Grand Generalissimo, Grand Captain General and Grand Recorder. Additionally, all other Grand Commandery advancing line officers are "expected" to be in attendance unless excused by the Grand Commander. The Grand Commandery of Missouri shall be responsible for reimbursement of appropriate expenses incurred by Grand Commandery Officers in attendance at the South-Central Department Conference, as determined by the Committee. The amount of reimbursement is to be determined by the South-Central Department Conference Committee from the amount of money allocated in the annual budget for this purpose. The committee shall submit an itemized report of receipts and expenditures in an annual report to the Grand Commandery. Appropriate expenses considered shall be limited to Registration Fees, Lodging during the Department Conference only, and meals provided as part of the Department Conference. Travel and any other expenses will not be considered to be appropriate.

The Committee of Finance and Accounts shall include in its appropriations at each annual conclave a sum so set apart as provided in the preceding paragraph for reimbursement to said conference attendees. (Adopted 06/14/25)

#### **STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:**

These collective legislative changes are necessary to reimburse those officers required by Grand Encampment and the Grand Commander to attend the South-Central Department Conference in accordance with Grand Master Decision. The Grand Commandery of Missouri should not require Missouri Sir Knights to attend South-Central Department Conference without providing at least reasonable reimbursement for expenses incurred.

Fraternally submitted,

SK Thomas C. Yunick, PC, Ely Commandery No. 22

SK Kevin B. Sample, PC, Poplar Bluff Commandery No. 67

SK W. Stuart English, PC, Prince of Peace Commandery No. 29

**PASSED**

FAILED

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#### **Item No. 4**

Resolution from the floor. **(See Page 112 in Volume 3 - Addendum for the full text.)**

**PASSED**

FAILED

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WITHDRAWN

Fraternally submitted,  
SK Todd A. Schulze-Chairman  
SK Russell S. Hanson, PGC

SK William G. Snyder  
SK Thomas C. Yunick, PGC

SK John C. Caraker

I move the adoption and approval of the entire report of the committee.

**PASSED**

FAILED

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**REPORT OF FINANCE AND ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE**

*To the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri:*

Sir Knights,

The Finance and Accounts Committee participated in several financial review Zoom meetings held by the Grand Commandery Officers during the fiscal year. The Grand Treasurer’s office provided instructions on how the General Fund financial records on the Grand York Rite DropBox cloud storage system were kept. The committee is satisfied that the Grand Recorder’s office and the Grand Treasurer are doing an exceptional job handling the monies and maintaining the financial records of the Grand Commandery.

Of critical importance, through the efforts of the Grand Treasurer, we are now fully aware of all monies in all accounts and the Grand Treasurer is actively working with the Investment Committee, with the approval of the Finance and Accounts Committee and the Grand Commander, to move excess funds into real long-term investments which are managed by the new Investment Committee. A business decision was made this year regarding investment accounts that feed the general fund annually, that we will NOT forecast earnings from year to year to use as general fund income as may be deemed more traditional in the development of annual budgets. However, instead, earnings from those investment accounts such as the General Fund Investment Account and the Endowed Membership Investment Account will be calculated in April of each year to determine real earnings from the previous reporting period and those earnings, being real earned income, will be used as income items for the following year’s budget. For example, the earnings from the General Fund Investment Account from April 2025 through March 2026 will be used for the 2026-2027 budget.

As those earnings and calculations are not available for this year’s budget, they have been left blank at \$0.00. However, please understand that this in no case means that we are not earning money in those investment accounts, we are simply not able at this time to determine the earnings from the previous reporting period with such accuracy as is needed and should be expected from the membership, and, we needed to develop a starting point following the movement of those excess funds into new or revised investment accounts during this past year. This starting point, or what we have termed “base” amounts, have been determined this past year and we are starting from there. The same can be said for the Endowed Membership Investment Account, which will be more proactively engaged during the next reporting year. Even though the proposed budget below shows a deficit, we anticipate it will be closer to zero at the end of the year.

For the edification of the Grand Commandery Officers and all concerned, regarding recapitulation, an annual recapitulation of the budgeted income and expenses from the previous year must be reported. This has not been accomplished in quite some time due to lack of information and clarity. Now that we have a clear understanding of all income and expenses through the efforts of the Grand Treasurer, this reporting is provided below. Understand, the very detailed reports of the Grand Treasurer clearly define all monies coming and going through his hands, some of those being general fund related, and some not. For the purpose of recapitulation, we are only looking at how our income and expenses played out with regard to the approved budget. It should be clearly noted that while very minor variances in spending may be overlooked, no officer or committee has the authority to grossly overspend the approved budget without approval of both the Finance and Accounts Committee and the Grand Commander, and such modification provided to the Grand Recorder and Grand Treasurer. As the finances of the Grand Commandery are reviewed monthly with the Grand Treasurer, it is incumbent on all involved to ensure we do not get in such a case without going through a process to "amend" the budget throughout the year, which would then need to be ratified by this Grand Commandery at its Annual Conclave.

Additionally, should an interim recapitulation report be provided, as indicated below through April 9, 2025, it is incumbent upon this committee to submit an annual recapitulation for the entire reporting period at the next annual assembly.

### **2024-2025 INTERIM RECAPITULATION**

The Committee on Finance and Accounts submits the recapitulation of the 2024-2025 Budget vs. the report of income and expenses provided by the Grand Treasurer as of April 9, 2025.

<b>Income</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Report</b>
Per Capita, Membership & Knighting Fee	\$ 36,430.40	\$ 34,633.20
Per Capita, Endowed Membership	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
General Fund Interest Income	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Grand Session, Meal Income	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,708.43
Miscellaneous	\$ 300.00	\$ 1,168.24
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 42,730.40</b>	<b>\$ 42,509.87</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Report</b>
Grand Commander Stipend	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 2,250.00
Grand Treasurer Stipend	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 0.00
Grand Recorder Stipend	\$ 2,800.00	\$ 0.00
Clerical Assistant Salary	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 4,712.32
Employment Taxes	\$ 800.00	\$ 1,725.73

Bonding Insurance	\$ 100.00	\$ 200.00
Financial Review Committee	\$ 100.00	\$ 0.00
Drill Committee	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 0.00
Office Expenses	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 4,355.36
Printing Services	\$ 700.00	\$ 446.37
Office Shared Expenses	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 1,650.00
Storage Shared Expenses	\$ 360.00	\$ 360.00
Grand Encampment Per Capita	\$ 12,100.00	\$ 12,884.00
Annual Conclave	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 12,184.48
Grand Officer Expenses	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 584.89
Past Grand Commander Regalia	\$ 0.00	\$ 206.50
Supply Fund Contribution	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Triennial Fund	\$ 220.00	\$ 0.00
Youth Organizations	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 500.00
Emerging Leaders Fund	\$ 88.00	\$ 0.00
Web Master	\$ 250.00	\$ 0.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 300.00	\$ 2,190.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 46,418.00</b>	<b>\$ 44,249.65</b>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 42,730.40</b>	<b>\$ 42,509.87</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 46,418.00</b>	<b>\$ 44,249.65</b>
<b>Balance</b>	<b>\$ (3,687.60)</b>	<b>\$ (1,739.78)</b>

I move the adoption of this portion of the report.

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### 2025-2026 BUDGET

The Committee on Finance and Accounts and Grand Commandery Officers met on April 27, 2025, and approved the following proposed budget for the 2025-2026 Templar year. The committee hereby submits this proposed working budget for your consideration and approval.

<b>Income</b>	
Per Capita, Membership & Knighting Fee	\$ 35,451.80
Per Capita, Endowed Membership	\$ 0.00
General Fund Interest Income	\$ 0.00
Grand Session, Meal Income	\$ 7,000.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 300.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 42,751.80</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	
Grand Commander Stipend	\$ 3,000.00
Grand Treasurer Stipend	\$ 1,000.00
Grand Recorder Stipend	\$ 2,600.00
Clerical Assistant Salary	\$ 6,000.00
Employment Taxes	\$ 600.00
Bonding Insurance	\$ 100.00
Financial Review Committee	\$ 100.00
Drill Committee	\$ 1,300.00
Office Expenses	\$ 5,000.00
Printing Services	\$ 700.00
Office Shared Expenses	\$ 1,800.00
Storage Shared Expenses	\$ 360.00
Grand Encampment Per Capita	\$ 11,800.00
Annual Conclave	\$ 9,000.00
Grand Officer Expenses	\$ 1,000.00
Past Grand Commander Regalia	\$ 300.00
Supply Fund Contribution	\$ 0.00
Triennial Fund	\$ 208.00
Youth Organizations	\$ 1,500.00
Emerging Leaders Fund	\$ 83.00

Web Master	\$	250.00
Miscellaneous	\$	300.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>47,001.00</b>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>42,509.87</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>44,249.65</b>
<b>Balance</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>(1,739.78)</b>

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The committee wishes to thank the Grand Treasurer for his detailed reporting and monthly updates.

Fraternally submitted,

SK Kevin B. Sample, PGC, Chairman SK Ron L. Skiles

SK Terry D. Coppotelli

SK Matthew L. Quesenberry

SK Roger D. Fler, PGC

SK Russell S. Hanson, PGC

I move the adoption and approval of the entire report of the committee.

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**REPORT OF INVESTMENTS COMMITTEE  
Preliminary/Final Reports Analysis**

*To the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri:*

Sir Knights,

A true financial picture of the Grand York Rite of Missouri’s fiscal state is now available. In March of 2025 surplus funds were passed to the Investment Committee for action. In consultation with the Finance and Accounts committee, these funds were bundled as one (while tracking their pro rata apportionment) and placed into the Capitol Groups Investment Company of America Mutual fund. This mutual fund has existed for over 80 years and seeks to provide long-term growth of capital and income with a focus on future income over high current yield. We now have a clear picture of how funds are managed. Commingling has ceased and funds are now segregated. Funds are now allocated to the Chapter, Council, and Commandery, and ready for each body to begin their individual management and governance. Reporting is taking place, and checks are being deposited in a reasonable time frame.

Looking forward, the Investment Committee will further examine opportunities for a more individualized approach for each Grand Commandery fund need.

Fraternally submitted,  
SK Terry Coppotelli, Chairman  
SK Thomas C. Yunick, PGC

SK Kirby R. Cundiff

SK Kevin B. Sample, PGC

I move the adoption and approval of the report of the committee.

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## **PRELIMINARY REPORT OF THE GRAND TREASURER Financial Statement for June 1, 2024 through March 31, 2025**

*To the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri:*

Sir Knights,

Our second year as your Grand Treasurer has been very busy. However, we still have more work to do in this next year in order to resolve the remaining issues.

### **Grand Commandery Clerical Assistant**

Lady Debbie Hanson continues to be payed quarterly which aligns with the demands of reporting our Employee to the State and Federal Governments as well as making the requisite deposits/contributions.

The IRS 941 Employer's Quarterly Federal Tax Return forms for the four quarters of calendar year 2024 have been filed and all deposits made for Social Security, Medicare, and Federal Withholding Tax using the EFTPS portal. Included in those deposits were both the Employee and Employer monetary portions. In addition, the IRS 940 Employer's Annual Federal Unemployment (FUTA) Tax Return form for calendar year 2024 has been filed and the deposit made.

The IRS 941 Employer's Quarterly Federal Tax Return form for the first calendar quarter of 2025 has been filed and the deposit made for Social Security, Medicare, and Federal Withholding Tax using the EFTPS portal. Included in that deposit was both the Employee and Employer monetary portions.

The Missouri Division of Employment Security (DES) quarterly unemployment insurance reports for the four quarters of calendar year 2024 have been filed and all contributions, if any, made using the DES web portal. The unemployment insurance report for the first calendar quarter of 2025 has been filed and the contributions, if any, made using the DES web portal.

The Missouri Department of Revenue's (DOR) MO-941 Employer's Return of Income Taxes Withheld for calendar year 2024 has been filed and the withholding tax, additions, interest, and processing fee made using the DOR web portal.

The 2024 W-2 Wage and Tax Statement for Lady Hanson and the 2024 W-3 Transmittal of Wage and Tax Statements were filed and accepted by the IRS.

### **Grand Commandery IRS Tax Status**

The IRS tax exempt status of the Grand Commandery remains unresolved. I have recommended that the Finance and Accounts Committee work on finding an outside agency to assist with the resolution of the issue.

The Grand York Rite of Missouri IRS Form 990-N (e-Postcard) for the tax year ending March 31, 2025, was successfully filed and accepted by the IRS. In addition, the Grand Commandery Educational Foundation IRS Form 990-N (e-Postcard) for the tax year ending December 31, 2024, was successfully filed and accepted by the IRS.

### **Grand Commandery Missouri Certificate of Incorporation**

The Grand Commandery has a Certificate of Incorporation with the Missouri Office of the Secretary of State, with Articles, in all respects, comply with the requirements of Missouri Nonprofit Corporation Law. In addition, the Missouri Grand York Rite has a Certificate of Incorporation with the Missouri Office of the Secretary of State, with Articles, in all respects, comply with the requirements of Missouri Nonprofit Corporation Law. Also, the Grand Commandery Educational Foundation has a Certificate of Incorporation with the Missouri Office of the Secretary of State, with Articles, in all respects, comply with the requirements of Missouri Nonprofit Corporation Law. These certificates are required in order to establish business bank accounts in Missouri.

I filed the 2024 Annual Registration Reports for a Domestic Nonprofit Corporation for the Grand Commandery, the Missouri Grand York Rite, and the Grand Commandery Educational Foundation, and paid the required registration and processing fees. The reports were accepted by the Missouri Secretary of State's Office.

### **Recovery of Outstanding Check Money**

One issue that was discovered after becoming the Grand Treasurer was a large number of checks that were not deposited by the previous Grand Treasurer from May 2022 through March 2023.

As Chapters, Councils, and Commanderies, as well as individuals, have contacted me concerning outstanding checks I have worked with them to obtain replacement checks for their outstanding checks.

In August 2024, Kevin B. Sample volunteered to assist with the recovery of outstanding checks. Kevin was asked to work on the recovery of outstanding Endowed Membership checks (a total of \$13,532.00). There were seventeen outstanding checks across all three Grand Bodies. Between August 2024 and January 2025, all outstanding Endowed Membership checks were replaced and deposited.

In October 2024, I began working on outstanding checks received during May 2022 (a total of \$1,210.00). I began with eight outstanding checks. One outstanding check had already been replaced but the replacement check had not been connected with the corresponding outstanding check. One outstanding check was confirmed as still valid and had been successfully deposited. Two outstanding checks were replaced and the replacement checks were deposited. Of the remaining four outstanding checks, I was able to contact two of the issuers. Only one issuer agreed to send a replacement check, but I have yet to receive the replacement check. The outstanding checks of the two issuers

that could not be contacted and the one issuer that I did contact, but did not agree to send a replacement check, are unrecoverable (a total of the \$397.00).

In January 2025, Christopher L. Story volunteered to assist with the recovery of outstanding checks. Christopher was asked to work on the recovery of outstanding RARA donation checks (a total of 1,161.50). There were seven outstanding checks. Between January 2025 and the date of this report, four outstanding RARA donation checks have been replaced and we are watching for the replacement checks for the remaining two outstanding checks.

In March 2025, Christopher was asked to work on the recovery of outstanding CMMRF donation checks (a total of \$333.75). There were three outstanding checks. Between March 2025 and the date of this report, one outstanding CMMRF donation check has been replaced and we are watching for the replacement checks for the remaining two outstanding checks.

Here is an accounting of the outstanding checks that I have in hand awaiting resolution: July 2022 Charity Fund, 5 checks, \$310.50; July 2022 General Fund, 21 checks, \$3,414.00; July 2022 Supply Fund, 8 checks, \$1,145.00; November 2022 Charity Fund, 1 check, \$160.00; November 2022 Supply Fund, 8 checks, \$1,738.49; January 2023 Charity Fund, 2 checks, 1,200.00; January Supply Fund, 7 checks, \$1,363.34; March 2023 Charity Fund, 2 checks, \$1,573.75; March General Fund, 19 checks, \$9,600.34; and March 2023 Supply Fund, 2 checks, 118.50. This represents a total of \$20,623.92.

There may, in fact, be more outstanding checks that were not physically recovered, that will be discovered when the records of the period of June 2022 through March 2023 are reviewed.

Recovery of outstanding checks will continue during the next fiscal year.

### **Long-Term Investment of Funds**

One issue that carried over from last year was the investment of certain investable monies in long-term investment instruments.

The investable funds across the Grand Bodies are: Jefferson Bank General Fund Hold accounts (JB GrCH GF Hold, JB GrCO GF Hold, & JB GrKT GF Hold), Jefferson Bank Foundation Fund/Charity Endowment Fund Hold accounts (JB GrCH FF Hold, JB GrCO CEF Hold, & JB GrKT CEF Hold), and Jefferson Bank Endowed Membership Fund Hold accounts (JB GrCH EMF Hold, JB GrCO EMF Hold, & JB GrKT EMF Hold).

The investable select funds are: Jefferson Bank GrCH Palmyra Fund Hold account (JB GrCH PF Hold), Jefferson Bank GrKT Holy Land Pilgrimage Fund Hold account (JB GrKT HLPF Hold), and Jefferson Bank GrKT Educational Foundation Fund Hold account (JB GrKT EdF Hold).

After significant work by the Finance and Accounts Committees and the Investment Committees, the status of investable monies was determined and an investment plan developed. It was decided that new Capital Group investments would go into the Investment Company of America (AIVSX, aka Am Inv) mutual fund. The purchase limit for Am Inv is \$100,000.00 per day. In addition, the investment level across the Grand Bodies is sufficient that all purchases can be made at Net Asset Value (NAV) so there are no fees.

The Capital Group 1 account (CG1) is a commingled account containing Grand Chapter money, Grand Council money, and Grand Commandery Educational Foundation money. The CG1 account is tied to the Jefferson Bank Grand Chapter General Fund Operating checking account (JB GrCH GF Op) for ACH transfers.

The Capital Group 2 account (CG2) is a Grand Commandery only account. The CG2 account is tied to the Jefferson Bank Grand Commandery General Fund Holding account (JB GrKT GF Hold) for ACH transfers.

The Capital Group 3 account (CG3) is a Grand Commandery Educational Foundation only account. I have not determined what Jefferson Bank Grand Commandery account is tied to the CG3 account for ACH transfers.

In March 2025, I was given approval by the Grand Chapter Investment Committee to invest \$74,722.00 of JB GrCH GF Hold account money in Am Inv funds under the CG1 account. The earmarked money was transferred from the JB GrCH GF Hold account to the JB GrCH GF Op account.

In March 2025, I was given approval by the Grand Council Investment Committee to invest \$175,778.00 of JB GrCO GF Hold account money in Am Inv funds under the CG1 account. The earmarked money was transferred from the JB GrCO GF Hold account to the JB GrCH GF Op account.

During the period of March 18th through March 24th, the earmarked GrCH and GrCO monies in the JB GrCH GF Op account were invested by purchasing shares in the Am Inv Fund under the CG1 account through our Jefferson Bank Financial Advisor.

In March 2025, I was given approval by the Grand Commandery Investment Committee to invest \$231,474.00 of JB GrKT GF Hold account money in Am Inv funds under the CG2 account.

During the period of March 25th through March 27th, the earmarked GrKT money was invested by purchasing shares in the Am Inv Fund under the CG2 account through our Jefferson Bank Financial Advisor.

In April 2025, I was given approval by the Grand Chapter Investment Committee to invest \$149,329.00 of JB GrCH FF Hold account money in Am Inv funds under the CG1 account. In May 2025, the earmarked money was transferred from the JB GrCH FF Hold account to the JB GrCH GF Op account.

In April 2025, I was given approval by the Grand Council Investment Committee to invest \$35,086.00 of JB GrCO CEF Hold account money in Am Inv funds under the CG1 account. In May 2025, the earmarked money was transferred from the JB GrCH CEF Hold account to the JB GrCH GF Op account.

During the period of May 5th through May 6th, the earmarked GrCH and GrCO monies in the JB GrCH GF Op account were invested by purchasing shares in the Am Inv Fund under the CG1 account through our Jefferson Bank Financial Advisor.

In May 2025, I was given approval by the Grand Commandery Investment Committee to invest \$12,995.00 of JB GrKT CEF Hold account money in Am Inv funds under the CG2 account. The

earmarked money was transferred from the JB GrKT CEF Hold account to the JB GrKT GF Hold account.

In May 2025, I was given approval by the Grand Commandery Investment Committee to invest \$85,013.00 of JB GrKT HLPF Hold account money in Am Inv funds under the CG2 account. The earmarked money was transferred from the JB GrKT HLPF Hold account to the JB GrKT GF Hold account.

In May 2025, the earmarked GrKT CEF and GrKT HLPF monies in the JB GrKT GF Hold account were invested by purchasing shares in the Am Inv Fund under the CG2 account through our Jefferson Bank Financial Advisor.

### **Grand Treasurer's Office**

Your Grand Treasurer has worked diligently to bring transparency to the office. I attended all of the Grand Commandery Grand Officer Zoom meetings. During those meetings, I provided requested financial review briefings to the Grand Officers and answered questions that the Grand Officers asked concerning the finances of the Grand Commandery.

During this year, I completed the goal of redeeming all Grand Commandery Certificates of Deposit (CD) when each CD matured as specified by the Finance and Accounts Committee and the Investment Committee.

Last year, the Grand Treasurer's Office received thirteen banker boxes of historical paper records from the office of the previous Grand Treasurer. As I commented last year, the task of reviewing the mountain of documents is daunting. However, with the significant help of Roger Fleer, the contents of the boxes have been reviewed once thus far.

As the Assistant to the Secretary/Treasurer of the Grand Commandery Educational Foundation, I attended many of the Foundation Zoom meetings. During those meetings, I provided financial information and answered questions from the Foundation members.

### **Financial Summary of the Grand Commandery**

#### **Status of Grand York Rite Liquid Accounts - March 31, 2025**

##### **Deposit Account**

###### COMMERCIAL TRUST COMPANY (CTC)

MGYR Deposit Account = \$2,061.09

Balance May 31, 2024 = \$1,765.00

Receipts June 1, 2024 - March 31, 2025 = \$29,433.25

Transfers June 1, 2024 - March 31, 2025 = \$29,137.16

##### **Checking Account**

###### JEFFERSON BANK (JB)

MGYR General Fund Checking Account (GF) = \$5,755.74

Balance May 31, 2024 = \$545.12

Receipts June 1, 2024 - March 31, 2025 = \$41,531.28

Expenditures June 1, 2024 - March 31, 2025 = \$36,320.66

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**Status of Grand Commandery Liquid Account - March 31, 2025**

**Deposit Account**

COMMERCIAL TRUST COMPANY (CTC)

GrKT Deposit Account = \$30,301.90

Balance May 31, 2024 = \$594.45

Receipts June 1, 2024 - March 31, 2025 = \$46,894.21

Transfers June 1, 2024 - March 31, 2025 = \$17,186.76

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**Status of Grand Commandery General Fund Liquid Accounts - March 31, 2025**

**Checking Accounts**

JEFFERSON BANK (JB)

GrKT General Fund Operating Checking Account (GF Op) = \$60,289.64

Balance May 31, 2024 = \$57,103.10

Receipts June 1, 2024 - March 31, 2025 = \$67,642.53

Expenditures June 1, 2024 - March 31, 2025 = \$64,455.99

GrKT General Fund Business Money Market Holding Account (GF Hold) = \$1,510.63

Balance May 31, 2024 = \$174,648.55

Receipts June 1, 2024 - March 31, 2025 = \$84,916.61

Expenditures June 1, 2024 - March 31, 2025 = \$258,054.53

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Total of GrKT GF Liquid Assets - Checking = \$61,800.27

Total Balance May 31, 2024 = \$231,751.65

Total Receipts June 1, 2024 - March 31, 2025 = \$152,559.14

Total Expenditures June 1, 2024 - March 31, 2025 = \$322,510.52

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**Status of Grand Commandery General Fund Short-Term Accounts**

JEFFERSON BANK (JB)

Value of GrKT GF JB CD3 on May 31, 2024 = \$26,924.25

Redeemed November 2024 for \$26,987.35

Value of GrKT GF JB CD3 on March 31, 2025 = \$-0-

FIRST MID BANK (FMB)

Value of GrKT GF FMB CD4 on May 31, 2024 = \$56,764.00

Redeemed December 2024 for \$56,897.28

Value of GrKT GF FMB CD4 on March 31, 2025 = \$-0-

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**Status of Grand Commandery General Fund Long-Term Accounts**

JEFFERSON BANK (JB)

**Capital Group 2 (CG2)**

**Grand Commandery Am Bal Contents**

Value of Am Bal Mutual Fund on March 31, 2024 = \$41,698.56

Contains 67.72% GrKT General Fund = \$28,238.26

Value of Am Bal Mutual Fund on March 31, 2025 = \$45,044.40

Contains 67.72% GrCH General Fund = \$30,504.07

**Grand Commandery Am Inc Contents**

Value of Am Inc Mutual Fund on March 31, 2024 = \$39,516.67

Contains 67.65% GrKT General Fund = \$26,733.03

Value of Am Inc Mutual Fund on March 31, 2025 = \$43,946.56

Contains 67.65% GrCH General Fund = \$29,729.85

**Grand Commandery Am Inv Contents**

Value of Am Inv Mutual Fund on March 31, 2025 = \$225,482.00

Contains 100% GrKT General Fund = \$225,482.00

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Total Value of GrKT GF Long-Term Assets on March 31, 2024 = \$54,971.29

Total Value of GrKT GF Long-Term Assets on March 31, 2025 = \$285,715.92

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Total of All GrKT GF Assets as of May 31, 2024 = \$370,411.19

Total of All GrKT GF Assets as of March 31, 2025 = \$347,516.19

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**Status of Grand Commandery Supply Fund Liquid Account - March 31, 2025**

**Checking Account**

MID AMERICA BANK (MAB)

GrKT Supply Fund Account (SF) = \$16,855.62

Balance May 31, 2024 = \$16,892.65

Receipts June 1, 2024 - March 31, 2025 = \$3,549.34

Expenditures June 1, 2024 - March 31, 2025 = \$3,586.37

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**Status of Grand Commandery Charity Fund Liquid Accounts - March 31, 2025**

**Checking Accounts**

CENTRAL BANK (CB)

GrKT KTEF Charity Fund Account (CF) = \$156,206.80

Balance May 31, 2024 = \$142,338.60

Receipts June 1, 2024 - March 31, 2025 = \$18,839.81

Donations June 1, 2024 - March 31, 2025 = \$4,971.61

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**Status of Grand Commandery Charity Fund Short-Term Accounts (KTEF)**

HAWTHORN BANK (HB)

Value of GrKT KTEF HB CD6 on May 31, 2024 = \$13,019.01

Redeemed July 2024 for \$13,088.16

Value of GrKT KTEF HB CD6 on March 31, 2025 = \$-0-

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**Status of Grand Commandery Charity Fund Liquid Accounts (continued) - March 31, 2025**

**Checking Accounts**

JEFFERSON BANK (JB)

GrKT Charity Endowment Fund Operating Checking Account (CEF Op) = \$356.00

Balance May 31, 2024 = \$356.00

Receipts June 1, 2024 - March 31, 2025 = \$-0-

Expenditures June 1, 2024 - March 31, 2025 = \$-0-

GrKT Charity Endowment Fund Holding Checking Account (CEF Hold) = \$13,995.56

Balance May 31, 2024 = \$13,920.56

Receipts June 1, 2024 - March 31, 2025 = \$75.00

Expenditures June 1, 2024 - March 31, 2025 = \$-0-

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Total of GrKT CEF Liquid Assets - Checking = \$14,351.56

Total Balance May 31, 2024 = \$14,276.56

Total Receipts June 1, 2024 - March 31, 2025 = \$75.00

Total Expenditures June 1, 2024 - March 31, 2025 = -0-

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GrKT Holy Land Pilgrimage Fund Operating Checking Account (HLPF Op) = \$1,813.51

Balance May 31, 2024 = \$1,662.07

Receipts June 1, 2024 - March 31, 2025 = \$151.44

Expenditures June 1, 2024 - March 31, 2025 = \$-0-

GrKT Holy Land Pilgrimage Fund Holding Checking Account (HLPF Hold) = \$96,013.51

Balance May 31, 2024 = \$76,514.94

Receipts June 1, 2024 - March 31, 2025 = \$19,498.57

Expenditures June 1, 2024 - March 31, 2025 = \$-0-

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Total of GrKT HLPF Liquid Assets - Checking = \$97,827.02

Total Balance May 31, 2024 = \$78,177.01

Total Receipts June 1, 2024 - March 31, 2025 = \$19,650.01

Total Expenditures June 1, 2024 - March 31, 2025 = \$-0-

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**Status of Grand Commandery Charity Fund Short-Term Accounts (HLPF)**

FIRST MID BANK (FMB)

Value of GrKT HLPF FMB CD1 on May 31, 2024 = \$19,149.26

Redeemed August 2024 for \$19,169.21

Value of GrKT HLPF FMB CD1 on March 31, 2025 = \$-0-

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Total of All GrKT Charity Fund Assets as of May 31, 2024 = \$266,960.44

Total of All GrKT Charity Fund Assets as of March 31, 2025 = \$268,385.38

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**Status of Grand Commandery Endowed Membership Fund Liquid Accounts - March 31, 2025**

**Checking Accounts**

JEFFERSON BANK (JB)

GrKT Endowed Membership Fund Operating Checking Account (EMF Op) = \$2,050.00

Balance May 31, 2024 = \$2,050.00

Receipts June 1, 2024 - March 31, 2025 = \$-0-

Expenditures June 1, 2024 - March 31, 2025 = \$-0-

GrKT Endowed Membership Fund Holding Checking Account (EMF Hold) = \$129,667.01

Balance May 31, 2024 = \$94,586.48

Receipts June 1, 2024 - March 31, 2025 = \$35,080.53

Expenditures June 1, 2024 - March 31, 2025 = \$-0-

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Total of GrKT EMF Liquid Assets - Checking = \$131,717.01

Total Balance May 31, 2024 = \$96,636.48

Total Receipts June 1, 2024 - March 31, 2025 = \$35,080.53

Total Expenditures June 1, 2024 - March 31, 2025 = \$-0-

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**Status of Grand Commandery Endowed Membership Fund Short-Term Account**

FIRST MID BANK (FMB)

Value of GrKT EMF FMB CD3 on May 31, 2024 = \$26,518.26

Redeemed December 2024 for \$26,580.53

Value of GrKT EMF FMB CD3 on March 31, 2025 = \$-0-

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**Status of Grand Commandery Endowed Membership Fund Long-Term Accounts**

JEFFERSON BANK (JB)

**Capital Group 2 (CG2)**

**Grand Commandery Am Bal Contents**

Value of Am Bal Mutual Fund on March 31, 2024 = \$41,698.56

Contains 32.28% GrKT Endowed Membership Fund = \$13,460.30

Value of Am Bal Mutual Fund on March 31, 2025 = \$45,044.40

Contains 32.28% GrCH Endowed Membership Fund = \$14,540.33

**Grand Commandery Am Inc Contents**

Value of Am Inc Mutual Fund on March 31, 2024 = \$39,516.67

Contains 32.35% GrKT Endowed Membership Fund = \$12,783.64

Value of Am Inc Mutual Fund on March 31, 2025 = \$43,946.56

Contains 32.35% GrCH Endowed Membership Fund = \$14,216.71

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Total Value of GrKT EMF Long-Term Assets on March 31, 2024 = \$26,243.94

Total Value of GrKT EMF Long-Term Assets on March 31, 2025 = \$28,757.04  
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Total of All GrKT EMF Assets as of May 31, 2024 = \$149,398.68

Total of All GrKT EMF Assets as of March 31, 2025 = \$160,474.05

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**Status of Grand Commandery Leadership Fund Liquid Account - March 31, 2025**

**Checking Account**

HAWTHORN BANK (HB)

GrKT Leadership Fund Checking Account = \$1,614.89

Balance May 31, 2024 = \$1,609.89

Receipts June 1, 2024 - March 31, 2025 = \$5.00

Expenditures June 1, 2024 - March 31, 2025 = \$-0-

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**Status of Grand Commandery Triennial Fund Liquid Account - March 31, 2025**

**Checking Account**

FIRST MID BANK (FMB)

GrKT Triennial Fund Checking Account = \$133.52

Balance May 31, 2024 = \$769.65

Receipts June 1, 2024 - March 31, 2025 = \$-0-

Expenditures June 1, 2024 - March 31, 2025 = \$636.13

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**Status of Grand Commandery Educational Foundation Fund Liquid Accounts - March 31, 2025**

**Checking Accounts**

JEFFERSON BANK (JB)

GrKT Educational Foundation Operating Checking Account (Op) = \$114,662.00

Balance May 31, 2024 = \$4,504.08

Receipts June 1, 2024 - March 31, 2025 = \$232,921.57

Expenditures June 1, 2024 - March 31, 2025 = \$122,763.65

GrKT Educational Foundation Business Money Market Holding Account (Hold) = \$522,837.24

Balance May 31, 2024 = \$425,141.63

Receipts June 1, 2024 - March 31, 2025 = \$111,695.61

Expenditures June 1, 2024 - March 31, 2025 = \$14,000.00

FIRST MID BANK (FMB)

GrKT Educational Foundation Business Money Market Account (FMB) = \$242,377.25

Balance May 31, 2024 = \$47,428.69

Receipts June 1, 2024 - March 31, 2025 = \$194,948.56

Expenditures June 1, 2024 - March 31, 2025 = \$-0-

MID AMERICA BANK (MAB)

GrKT Educational Foundation Checking Account (MAB) = \$245,545.14

Balance May 31, 2024 = \$25.00

Receipts June 1, 2024 - March 31, 2025 = \$245,520.17

Expenditures June 1, 2024 - March 31, 2025 = \$0.03

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Total of GrKT EdF Liquid Assets - Checking = \$1,125,421.63

Total Balance May 31, 2024 = \$477,099.40

Total Receipts June 1, 2024 - March 31, 2025 = \$785,085.91

Total Expenditures June 1, 2024 - March 31, 2025 = \$136,763.68

**Status of Grand Commandery Educational Foundation Fund Short-Term Accounts**

JEFFERSON BANK (JB)

Value of GrKT EdF JB CD on May 31, 2024 = \$110,776.48

Redeemed November 2024 for \$111,068.47

Value of GrKT EdF JB CD on March 31, 2025 = \$-0-

MID AMERICA BANK (MAB)

Value of GrKT EdF MAB CD on May 31, 2024 = \$243,062.43

Redeemed September 2024 for \$245,420.14

Value of GrKT EdF MAB CD on March 31, 2025 = \$-0-

FIRST MID BANK (FMB)

Value of GrKT EdF FMB CD on May 31, 2024 = \$194,393.85

Redeemed December 2024 for \$194,852.41

Value of GrKT EdF FMB CD on March 31, 2025 = \$-0-

HAWTHORN BANK (HB)

Value of GrKT EdF HB CD on May 31, 2024 = \$107,264.66

Redeemed December 2024 for \$107,828.23

Value of GrKT EdF HB CD on March 31, 2025 = \$-0-

**Status of Grand Commandery Educational Foundation Fund Long-Term Accounts**

JEFFERSON BANK (JB)

**Capital Group 1 (CG1)**

**Grand Commandery Educational Foundation Am Bal Contents**

Value of GrKT EdF Am Bal Mutual Fund on March 31, 2024 = \$64,905.69

Value of GrKT EdF Am Bal Mutual Fund on March 31, 2025 = \$70,113.65

**Grand Commandery Educational Foundation Am Inc Contents**

Value of GrKT EdF Am Inc Mutual Fund on March 31, 2024 = \$123,947.36

Value of GrKT EdF Am Inc Mutual Fund on March 31, 2025 = \$137,842.11

Total of CG1 GrKT EdF Assets on March 31, 2024 = \$188,853.05

Total of CG1 GrKT EdF Assets on March 31, 2025 = \$207,955.76

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**Capital Group 3 (CG3)**

Value of CG3 Mutual Funds on March 31, 2024 = \$224,319.79

Value of CG3 Mutual Funds on March 31, 2025 = \$245,449.53

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Total of All GrKT EdF Assets as of May 31, 2024 = \$1,545,769.66

Total of All GrKT EdF Assets as of March 31, 2025 = \$1,578,826.92

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**Status of Long-Term Accounts**

JEFFERSON BANK (JB)

**Capital Group 1 (CG1)**

Value of CG1 Mutual Funds on March 31, 2024 = \$631,821.36

    Contains American Balanced Mutual Fund = \$296,102.60

    Contains Income Fund of America Mutual Fund = \$335,718.76

Value of CG1 Mutual Funds on March 31, 2025 = \$938,888.55

    Contains American Balanced Mutual Fund = \$319,861.54

    Contains Income Fund of America Mutual Fund = \$373,353.50

    Contains Investment Company of America Mutual Fund = \$245,673.51

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**CG1 American Balanced Fund (Am Bal)**

Value of Am Bal Mutual Fund on March 31, 2024 = \$296,102.60

    Contains 53.47% GrCH Funds = \$158,326.06

    Contains 24.61% GrCO Funds = \$72,870.85

    Contains 21.92% GrKT EdF Funds = \$64,905.69

Value of Am Bal Mutual Fund on March 31, 2025 = \$319,861.54

    Contains 53.47% GrCH Funds = \$171,029.97

    Contains 24.61% GrCO Funds = \$78,717.92

    Contains 21.92% GrKT EdF Funds = \$70,113.65

**Grand Chapter Am Bal Contents**

Value of GrCH Am Bal Mutual Fund on March 31, 2024 = \$158,326.06

Contains 71.76% GrCH General Fund = \$113,614.78

Contains 28.24% GrCH Endowed Membership Fund = \$44,711.28

Value of GrCH Am Bal Mutual Fund on March 31, 2025 = \$171,029.97

Contains 71.76% GrCH General Fund = \$122,731.11

Contains 28.24% GrCH Endowed Membership Fund = \$48,298.86

**Grand Council Am Bal Contents**

Value of GrCO Am Bal Mutual Fund on March 31, 2024 = \$72,870.85

Contains 47.72% GrCO General Fund = \$34,773.97

Contains 52.28% GrCO Charity Endowment Fund = \$38,096.88

Value of GrCO Am Bal Mutual Fund on March 31, 2025 = \$78,717.92

Contains 47.72% GrCO General Fund = \$37,564.19

Contains 52.28% GrCO Charity Endowment Fund = \$41,153.73

**Grand Commandery Educational Foundation Am Bal Contents**

Value of GrKT EdF Am Bal Mutual Fund on March 31, 2024 = \$64,905.69

Value of GrKT EdF Am Bal Mutual Fund on March 31, 2025 = \$70,113.65

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**CG1 Income Fund of America (Am Inc)**

Value of Am Inc Mutual Fund on March 31, 2024 = \$335,718.76

Contains 29.88% GrCH Funds = \$100,312.77

Contains 33.20% GrCO Funds = \$111,458.63

Contains 36.92% GrKT EdF Funds = \$123,947.36

Value of Am Inc Mutual Fund on March 31, 2025 = \$373,353.50

Contains 29.88% GrCH Funds = \$111,558.03

Contains 33.20% GrCO Funds = \$123,953.36

Contains 36.92% GrKT EdF Funds = \$137,842.11

**Grand Chapter Am Inc Contents**

Value of GrCH Am Inc Mutual Fund on March 31, 2024 = \$100,312.77

Contains 6.38% GrCH General Fund = \$6,399.95

Contains 89.82% GrCH Endowed Membership Fund = \$90,100.93

Contains 3.80% GrCH Palmyra Fund = \$3,811.89

Value of GrCH Am Inc Mutual Fund on March 31, 2025 = \$111,558.03

Contains 6.38% GrCH General Fund = \$7,117.40

Contains 89.82% GrCH Endowed Membership Fund = \$100,201.42

Contains 3.80% GrCH Palmyra Fund = \$4,239.21

### **Grand Council Am Inc Contents**

Value of GrCO Am Inc Mutual Fund on March 31, 2024 = \$111,458.63

Contains 7.69% GrCO General Fund = \$8,571.17

Contains 92.31% GrCO Endowed Membership Fund = \$102,887.46

Value of GrCO Am Inc Mutual Fund on March 31, 2025 = \$123,953.36

Contains 7.69% GrCO General Fund = \$9,532.01

Contains 92.31% GrCO Endowed Membership Fund = \$114,421.35

### **Grand Commandery Educational Foundation Am Inc Contents**

Value of GrKT EdF Am Inc Mutual Fund on March 31, 2024 = \$123,947.36

Value of GrKT EdF Am Inc Mutual Fund on March 31, 2025 = \$137,842.11

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### **CG1 Investment Company of America (Am Inv)**

Value of Am Inv Mutual Fund on March 31, 2024 = \$-0-

Value of Am Inv Mutual Fund on March 31, 2025 = \$245,673.51

Contains 29.83% GrCH Funds = \$73,284.41

Contains 70.17% GrCO Funds = \$172,389.10

Contains 0% GrKT EdF Funds = \$-0-

### **Grand Chapter Am Inv Contents**

Value of GrCH Am Inv Mutual Fund on March 31, 2025 = \$73,284.41

Contains 100% GrCH General Fund = **\$73,284.41**

### **Grand Council Am Inv Contents**

Value of GrCO Am Inv Mutual Fund on March 31, 2025 = \$172,389.10

Contains 100% GrCO General Fund = \$172,389.10

### **Grand Commandery Educational Foundation Am Inv Contents**

Value of GrKT EdF Am Inv Mutual Fund on March 31, 2025 = \$-0-

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**Status of Long-Term Accounts**

JEFFERSON BANK (JB)

**Capital Group 2 (CG2)**

Value of CG2 Mutual Funds on March 31, 2024 = \$81,215.23

Contains American Balanced Mutual Fund = \$41,698.56

Contains Income Fund of America Mutual Fund = \$39,516.67

Value of CG2 Mutual Funds on March 31, 2025 = \$314,472.96

Contains American Balanced Mutual Fund = \$45,044.40

Contains Income Fund of America Mutual Fund = \$43,946.56

Contains Investment Company of America Mutual Fund = \$225,482.00

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**Grand Commandery Am Bal Contents**

Value of Am Bal Mutual Fund on March 31, 2024 = \$41,698.56

Contains 67.72% GrKT General Fund = \$28,238.26

Contains 32.28% GrKT Endowed Membership Fund = \$13,460.30

Value of Am Bal Mutual Fund on March 31, 2025 = \$45,044.40

Contains 67.72% GrCH General Fund = \$30,504.07

Contains 32.28% GrCH Endowed Membership Fund = \$14,540.33

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**Grand Commandery Am Inc Contents**

Value of Am Inc Mutual Fund on March 31, 2024 = \$39,516.67

Contains 67.65% GrKT General Fund = \$26,733.03

Contains 32.35% GrKT Endowed Membership Fund = \$12,783.64

Value of Am Inc Mutual Fund on March 31, 2025 = \$43,946.56

Contains 67.65% GrCH General Fund = \$29,729.85

Contains 32.35% GrCH Endowed Membership Fund = \$14,216.71

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**Grand Commandery Am Inv Contents**

Value of Am Inv Mutual Fund on March 31, 2025 = \$225,482.00

Contains 100% GrKT General Fund = \$225,482.00

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**Status of Long-Term Accounts**

JEFFERSON BANK (JB)

**Capital Group 3 (CG3)**

Value of CG3 Mutual Funds on March 31, 2024 = \$224,319.79

Value of American Balanced Mutual Fund on March 31, 2024 = \$107,313.00

Value of Bond Fund of America Mutual Fund on March 31, 2024 = \$9,325.79

Value of Income Fund of America Mutual Fund on March 31, 2024 = \$107,681.00

Value of CG3 Mutual Funds on March 31, 2025 = \$245,449.53

Value of American Balanced Mutual Fund on March 31, 2025 = \$115,923.68

Value of Bond Fund of America Mutual Fund on March 31, 2025 = \$9,773.61

Value of Income Fund of America Mutual Fund on March 31, 2025 = \$119,752.24

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Total of All GrKT Long-Term Assets as of March 31, 2024 = \$494,388.07

Total of All GrKT Long-Term Assets as of March 31, 2025 = \$767,878.25

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**Grand Total of GrKT Assets = \$825,281.55**

**Grand Total of GrKT Educational Foundation Assets = \$1,578,826.92**

**Grand Total of all Grand Commandery Assets = \$2,404,108.47**

**For Final Report  
see 2024-2025  
Grand  
Commandery Final  
Financial Report on  
moyorkrite.org,  
Documents,  
Financial Reports**

Fraternally submitted,

SK Russell S. Hanson, PGC, KGC, Grand Treasurer

SK Russell S. Hanson, PGC, KGC, Assistant to the Secretary/Treasurer, Educational Foundation

I move the adoption and approval of the report of the Grand Treasurer.

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**REPORT OF GRAND RECORDER'S OFFICE  
2025 Summary Report**

*To the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri:*

Sir Knights,

To begin, I wish to thank the membership of the Grand Commandery of Missouri for the faith and support I have received this past year. The Grand York Rite office, consisting of Lady Debbie Hanson, SK Russell Hanson (PGC), SK Kevin Sample (PGC), and SK Donald McCormick, has been successful this past year due to the excellent working relationship between all parties.

The one constant in this job is change. The Grand Commandery recognized a net loss of membership from 2024 to 2025; however, the rate of loss has slowed. The membership now stands at slightly more than 1,300 Sir Knights dispersed throughout the State. We still maintain a constituent unit membership of 24 Commanderies. Some are in better operating condition than others. Through the efforts of the immediate Past Grand Commanders and the current Grand Commander, improvements continue to be made for the Commanderies to succeed.

Your Grand Commander made several decisions that proved to increase organizational participation within the Grand Commandery. With input from the Grand Lecturer and Assistant Grand Lecturers, a Class D Drill program was developed and made available. Although there were no Class D Drill Teams in competition this year there are several Commanderies that are committed to enter teams next year. Additionally, Sir Knight White requested all Commanderies to actively participate in the Honor Commandery Award program for deserved recognition of the work they are performing. As a result there were 16 Commanderies submitting HCA applications for consideration. With the assistance of the Education Committee an additional category of the HCA was added, this is the Honor Commandery Award with Distinction.

As to my activities over the past year, in addition to daily, weekly, and monthly administrative activities, I had the opportunity to represent the Grand Commandery at a number of functions. In August of 2024, ten Sir Knights and I represented the Grand Commandery of Missouri at the Grand Encampment Triennial held in Salt Lake City, Utah. The delegation comprised of the current Grand Commander, 5 Past Grand Commanders, 2 proxies, and three Sir Knights at large. Among the matters discussed was the affirmation of the actions taken at the Grand Encampment called Special Conclave in Fort Wayne, Indiana, in 2022. The actions were approved. Elected Grand Encampment Officers for this next triennium are Sir Knight David Kussman - Grand Master, Sir Knight Jeffrey Bolstad - Deputy Grand Master, Sir Knight Jack Harper - Grand Generalissimo, Sir Knight James McGee - Grand Captain General, Sir Knight David Studley - Grand Treasurer, and Sir Knight Lawrence Tucker - Grand Recorder. Sir Knight Robert Rolseth was appointed to serve as the South-Central Department Commander.

I was present at all seven Regional Conferences. The conferences this year were designed to answer needs for specific activities within each Region. Because of this, the structure of the conferences were fluid and varied. Overall, the Regional Grand Commanders worked well with their counterparts in the Grand Chapter and the Grand Council. There will be a major shift regarding Regional Conferences this fall. There will be only one conference held in St. James, MO, on the first Friday/Saturday in September of 2025.

Conferral festivals continue to be the means of creating new members. I was present at the Region 6 conferrals last fall. The cast comprised of members from 4 Commanderies. Their work was outstanding. The Grand Master's Knight Templar Crusade conferral was held again in the Kansas City

area at Oriental Commandery No. 35. Exceptional ritualists from across the State portrayed the conferrals in full form. The candidates had the opportunity to not only see and participate in great ritual, but the setting at the 903 Harrison added a deep sense of history and tradition to the proceedings.

In other activities for the year for me, I was a part of a contingent of Grand Commandery Officers present for the installation of Lady Tara Ornsbey and Lady Tina Woolsey into the Grand and Supreme Conclaves of the True Kindred.

I had the opportunity to represent the Grand Commandery and Sir Knight White at the Annual Convention of the Missouri DeMolay over the Memorial Day weekend.

This past year we paid our final farewells to Sir Knight Charles E. Cooper, Right Eminent Past Grand Commander, 2020-2021, and Most Excellent Companion and Sir Knight Robert W. Schlichter, Past Grand High Priest, 1998-1999, and Right Eminent Past Grand Commander, 2016-2017. These two gentlemen left a huge footprint in Missouri Masonry, in general, and the Grand Commandery in particular. It was my honor to attend and participate in their Templar Services.

Administratively, there were 10 Grand Commandery Officer virtual meetings for the year, 3 South-Central Department virtual meetings thus far, 5 Knight Templar Educational Foundation virtual meetings, several York Rite Beacon virtual meetings, and planning meetings for this and next year's annual sessions. There are a lot of activities not seen by our rank-and-file members. Within the York Rite there are gentlemen that contribute far more hours in these meetings due to their positions. I would specifically call out SK MacCormack, SK Hanson (PGC), and SK Sample (PGC) for their commitment. There were several in person meetings of the office staff throughout the year. These were held in Columbia, MO.

I serve as the Secretary/Treasurer for the Knight Templar Educational Foundation (GrKT EdF). I spent at or about 18 hours combing through past Grand Commandery records collecting financial information related to GrKT EdF. This data is located at the Office in Fayette and will eventually be scanned and stored within the Dropbox system. In addition to the virtual meetings and information diving, I processed 10 applications for GrKT EdF scholarships for students. Letters of approval have been sent to the successful recipients. Once I receive their school finance office information, then checks will be cut and forwarded on their behalf to the institution of their choosing. This year we have our first student scholar attending Missouri State Technical College. The GrKT EdF, chaired by Sir Knight Thomas Yunick (PGC), has made several changes as to how GrKT EdF funds are maintained and managed. We have opened several outside brokerage accounts. This was done with the intent of securing and improving better interest yields for the GrKT EdF money. There is a plan to make the GrKT EdF more active and responsive to student access.

This past year our Office staff spent time previewing this location, the Marriott Country Club Plaza, for this annual session. We also previewed three hotel locations last fall in St Louis for the 2026 annual sessions. The contract for 2026 is inked and processed. The 2027 and 2028 annual sessions are scheduled for Springfield, MO, at the University Plaza Hotel.

In closing I would like to acknowledge the people that work diligently behind the scenes to make your annual sessions productive, entertaining, and pleasurable. The Ladies that make us look good from the planning phase through execution - Lady Tina Woolsey, Lady Tara Ornsbey, and your GYR administrative guru Lady Debbie Hanson - we are better for your counsel and work. I wish to thank SK Donald MacCormack for all he has done. His skill, planning, and technology capabilities have come to my aid many times over the years. I wish to thank SK Russell Hanson (PGC) for his friendship, wise counsel, and dogged determination. Although his demeanor is that of a fine watch builder, his store of information and willingness to keep me informed is one of the reasons my tenure has been successful. To SK Kevin Sample (PGC), thank you, Sir, for your drive, motivation, and leadership - we are a better organization for your input and support. Finally, my sincerest debt of gratitude to you, the members of this Grand Commandery. Without your continued support and participation, we are nothing. It has been my honor to serve as your Grand Recorder.

Fraternally submitted,  
SK Roger D. Fler, PGC, Grand Recorder

See Page 112 in Volume 3 - Addendum for  
Commandery Growth Awards

I move the adoption and approval of the report of the Grand Recorder.

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### **REPORT OF HOSPITALER COMMITTEE**

*To the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri:*

Sir Knights,

No report was available at the time of preparation of the Preliminary Proceedings.

Fraternally submitted,

SK Ronald L. Skiles, Chairman

SK Matthew L. Quesenberry

SK Glenn B. Parker

SK W. Stuart English

SK Michael C. Rohman, PGC

### **REPORT OF RETURNS OF COMMANDERIES COMMITTEE**

*To the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri:*

Sir Knights,

No report was available at the time of preparation of the Preliminary Proceedings.

Fraternally submitted,

SK Ronald L. Skiles, Chairman

SK Harold F. Coots, PGC

SK Richard L. Mansfield, PGC

SK Michael C. Rohman, PGC

### **REPORT OF TIME & PLACE COMMITTEE**

*To the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri:*

Sir Knights,

Your Committee on Time and Place reports that the One-Hundred-Sixty-Fifth Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri will be held on Thursday, June 11, 2026, at the Marriott St. Louis Airport, St. Louis, Missouri.

Note that the 2026 Drill Competition Event will be held on Saturday, April 11, 2026, in Columbia, Missouri.

Fraternally submitted,

SK Ronald L. Skiles, Chairman

SK Donald MacCormick

SK Kevin M. Ritter

SK Roger D. Fler, PGC

SK Dennis W. Houck

SK Russell S. Hanson, PGC

### **REPORT OF TRIENNIAL COMMITTEE**

*To the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri:*

Sir Knights,

The triennial committee took no action this year apart from submitting legislation to increase the percentage of the yearly assessment for the triennial meeting. That legislation was withdrawn in deference to another piece of legislation that would accomplish that goal.

Fraternally submitted,

SK Matthew L. Quesenberry, Chairman

SK Richard L. Mansfield, PGC

SK Charles E. Cooper, PGC (deceased)

### **REPORT OF ANNUAL CONCLAVE COMMITTEE**

*To the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri:*

Sir Knights,

The Committee on the Annual Conclave has met numerous times throughout the year, along with the Grand Secretary/Recorder of the Grand Chapter/Grand Council, the Grand High Priest, the Grand Master, and Ladies Debbie Hanson, Tara Ornsbey, and Tina Woolsey. We believe we have an outstanding session planned and we welcome and thank all in attendance. If there is anything we can do for you during your stay, please feel free to reach out to any of us. I personally thank all involved for your continued dedication to the Grand York Rite of Missouri and especially the Grand Commandery.

Fraternally submitted,

SK Bobbie E. White, Chairman

SK Russell S. Hanson, PGC

SK Glenn B. Parker

SK Roger D. Fler, PGC

### **REPORT OF DRILL COMPETITION COMMITTEE**

*To the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri:*

Sir Knights,

The Grand Commandery Drill Competition Committee is pleased to report that seven Constituent Commanderies participated in the 2025 Drill Competition Event held on Saturday, April 19, 2025, in Columbia, MO, at the Columbia Masonic Complex.

We were very pleased to introduce the Class D Drill Team which consists of a total of 5 Sir Knights (5 Officers). The Class D Drill Teams use a Drill Competition tactic based on a limited subset of a portion of the full form opening without lines. The Class D Drill Teams use hand salutes only.

All Commanderies were allowed to register and participate in the Drill Competition Event in any single Class (Class A, Class B, Class C, or Class D) as a competing class or non-competing class drill team regardless of any previous participation. A competing class consists of two or more Drill Teams in that class. A non-competing class consists of only one Drill Team in that class (except for Class D).

Certificates of Participation were awarded to each registered Commandery that participated in the Drill Competition Event. First Place, Second Place, and Third Place Certificates of Placement will be awarded to the top three Drill Teams in each competing class.

For a competing class; blue First Place drill bars, red Second Place drill bars, white Third Place drill bars, and brass drill bars will be awarded. For a non-competing class, yellow drill bars will be awarded. For all Class D Teams, purple drill bars will be awarded.

Initially, we had nine Commanderies registered. However, due to circumstances associated with participation issues, a Class B Drill Team and our only Class D Drill Team had to withdraw from the competition.

Here is the list of Commanderies that participated.

**See Page 113 in Volume 3 - Addendum for 2025 Drill Competition Awards**

#### **Competing Commanderies:**

- Liberty Commandery No. 6 - Class B
- St. Graal Commandery No. 12 - Class B
- Ascalon Commandery No. 16 - Class B
- Ely Commandery No. 22 - Class B
- Rolla Commandery No. 59 - Class B

#### **Exhibition Commanderies:**

- Prince of Peace Commandery N. 29 - Class C
- Palestine Commandery No. 17 - Class A

Here are the names of the Drill Judges.

- Judge 1 – SK Roger D. Fleeer, PGC
- Judge 2 – SK Michael C. Rohman, PGC (substituting for SK Joseph S. Russell)
- Judge 3 – SK Bobbie E. White (substituting for SK Corey B. Huntsucker)
- Judge 4 – SK Terry D. Coppotelli
- Judge 5 – SK Donald E. Gilkerson (substituting for SK Michael C. Rohman, PGC)

The day began at 7:00 am with opening of the York Rite Building and Scottish Rite Building followed by setup in each building. The York Rite Office set up in the York Rite Building Library, the practice room was set up in the Lodge Hall, and the food concessions were set up in the York Rite Building Dining Room. Coffee and donuts were enjoyed by the committee and the early attendees. The Scottish Rite Main Room was set up for the Drill Competition and the Scottish Rite Conference Room was set up for receiving Drill Entry forms.

The committee formed at 8:00 am. SK Bobbie E. White, Grand Commander, kicked off the event at 8:30 am. The Drill Teams performed between 9:15 am and 11:45 am. The Grand Commander presented each Drill Team with a Certificate of Recognition. All of the teams looked very good, but the Class A performance of Palestine Commandery No. 17 was impressive. We are sure that the many spectators who came to watch the teams perform enjoyed the Event.

The committee met at 1:00 pm to review the Judging sheets and score the Drill Teams. The results of the 2025 Drill Competition will be announced Saturday during the 2025 Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Missouri.

The committee thanks all of the Commanderies that floored a Drill Team this year. The Event was a resounding success. We are looking forward to more Drill Teams joining us for the 2026 Drill Competition Event scheduled for Saturday, April 11, 2026 in Columbia.

Fraternally submitted,

SK Russell S. Hanson, PGC, Chairman

SK Charles E. Cooper, PGC (deceased)

SK Michael C. Rohman, PGC

SK Donald E. Gilkerson

SK Bobbie E. White

SK Corey B. Huntsucker

SK Kevin B. Sample, PGC

SK Roger D. Fler, PGC

SK Terry D. Coppotelli

SK Joseph S. Russell

## **REPORT OF EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

*To the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri:*

Sir Knights,

It has been a pleasure to serve SK Bobbie E. White, Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri, as Chairman of the Education Committee. The Education Committee of the Grand Commandery has had a productive year. The following report outlines the Committee's activities during the Year of our Lord 2024-2025, Year of our Order 906-907.

### **Educational Articles**

Members of the Grand Commandery's Education Committee produced a total of four articles for the Missouri York Rite Beacon - the online publication of the Grand Commandery, the Grand Council, and the Grand Chapter. While our goal was to produce one article per month, we averaged one per quarter. Given the very large amount of material included in the Missouri York Rite Beacon each month, the Committee believes this is appropriate.

### **Honor Commandery Award**

The Grand Commandery's Education Committee was charged with revising and improving the Grand Commandery's Honor Commandery Award Form for this chivalric year. The Committee worked diligently to do so.

The first revisions, and perhaps most obvious, were to create four new sections - or categories - containing the various tasks or goals for which the applicant Commandery may earn points. These sections are as follows: **A.** Grand Commandery, **B.** Obligations of Knighthood, **C.** Ritual, **D.** Home Commandery.

Appropriately for the Education Committee, it is now possible to earn points toward the Honor Commandery Award for the presentation of chivalric education during a stated or special conclave. This addition to the Honor Commandery Award Form dovetails into the next section of this Committee Report.

Lastly, at the request of our Right Eminent Grand Commander, and with the agreement of the Education Committee, an Honor Commandery Award with Distinction was added for those Commanderies which earn over 1,000 points during the chivalric year. The Committee intends to monitor the specific number of points required to earn this award to ensure that it truly delineates those Commanderies that are excelling in Masonic Templary.

The Education Committee received the following Honor Commandery Award application forms from sixteen Commanderies:

- DeMolay 3 – SK Richard Townsend, Commander
- Hugh De Payens 4 – SK Douglas Reece, Commander
- Excalibur 5 – SK Kyle Schneider, Commander
- Liberty 6 – SK Larry Fred Walters, Commander
- Kansas City 10 – SK Connor Duncan Mac Cormick, Commander
- St Graal 12 – SK Russell A. Bradshaw, Commander
- Ascalon 16 – SK Joey Conley, Commander
- Palestine 17 – SK Christopher Wayne Organ, Commander
- St. John's 20 – SK James Horace Arnold, Commander
- Ely 22 – SK David Darrell Goring, Commander
- Lebanon 33 – SK Jackie Wayne Wells, Commander
- Oriental 35 – SK Steven D. Bright, Commander
- St. Elmo 43 – SK Jeff Boyce, Commander
- Cape **Girardeau** 55 – SK Christopher Allen Wehrenberg, Commander
- Rolla 59 – SK Gary R. Woodruff, Commander
- Poplar Bluff 67 – SK Douglas Chester Rose, Jr., Commander

These Commanderies submitted their applications in good form and in a timely manner. All sixteen of the Commanderies were found to have met the requirements. On behalf of the committee, I wish to

express our appreciation to these sixteen Commanderies for their participation in the Honor Commandery Award program.

### **Conclaves by Candlelight**

On Monday, May 5, 2025, the Grand Commandery's Education Committee held its inaugural "Conclave by Candlelight" educational presentation during the regularly stated conclave of Liberty Commandery No. 6 at the Liberty Masonic Temple, 10 East Franklin Street, Liberty, MO.

Following the opening of Liberty Commandery, and a robust business meeting, an educational presentation was delivered by SK Budd C. Gilfillen, Eminent Aide-de-Camp for the Grand Commandery, titled "Three Tales of Darius: History, Apocrypha, and Ritual." Introductory remarks were given by myself, SK Ashley W. Young, Eminent Grand Standard Bearer and Chairman of the Education Committee. The evening concluded with remarks from our Right Eminent Grand Commander, SK Bobbie E. White. The inaugural "Conclave by Candlelight" coincided with Liberty Commandery's final stated conclave during SK White's tenure as our Grand Commander.

The Grand Commandery Education Committee would like to thank those Sir Knights who attended the inaugural "Conclave by Candlelight," and especially SK Larry F. Walters, Eminent Commander of Liberty Commandery, and his officers, for hosting this event. Thank you also to SK Jacob W. Thompson, Past Regional Grand Commander for Region Five of the Grand Commandery, whose "Lodges by Candlelight" across the jurisdiction have taken Masonic education to all corners of our State and inspired the creation of this program. Last, but certainly not least, appreciation is due our Right Eminent Grand Commander, SK White, who has heartily supported the creation and execution of this program during his term.

If your Commandery is interested in hosting a "Conclave by Candlelight" for further light in chivalric Freemasonry, please contact me via email at [ashleywyong@mac.com](mailto:ashleywyong@mac.com).

### **Charter Retirement Ceremony**

Finally, the Grand Commandery's Education Committee was charged with drafting a Charter Retirement Ceremony in the unfortunate event that a conclave of Sir Knights votes to consolidate or close their Commandery. An initial draft was created by SK Gilfillen, which was reviewed and edited by the Committee members, with assistance from our Grand Recorder, SK Roger D. Fleer, Right Eminent Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery, 2018-2019. This draft has since been finalized and the Committee anticipates it will be published on the "Grand York Rite of Missouri" website.

Fraternally submitted,

SK Ashley W. Young, Chairman  
SK Jessie D. Morrison

SK W. Stuart English  
SK Christopher L. Story

SK Budd C. Gilfillen

## **REPORT OF EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION COMMITTEE**

### **Summary Report**

**June 12, 2024 Through April 10, 2025**

*To the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri:*

Sir Knights,

Your Educational Foundation has been active throughout the year. This summary will cover major highlights and provide general information as to the state of the Education Foundation.

Sir Knight Bobbie E. White, Right Eminent Grand Commander, appointed Sir Knight Steven Douglas Bright, Past Commander, Oriental Commandery No. 35, to serve a five-year term on the Educational Foundation. The Educational Foundation met on the 12th of June 2024 at 12 Noon: Voting Foundation members in attendance were Sir Knights Todd A. Schulze, Chairman 2025, Gregory J. Walker 2024, Matthew L. Quesenberry 2026, Michael S. Smith 2027, and Thomas C. Yunick 2028. The non-voting members in attendance were outgoing Treasurer for the Foundation, Sir Knight Russell S. Hanson, PGC, and incoming Secretary/Treasurer, Sir Knight Roger D. Fleeer, PGC. Sir Knight Hanson will serve as Assistant to the Secretary/Treasurer for the 2024-2025 Grand Commandery year. At the conclusion of business, Committee Member Sir Knight Yunick voiced that he would stand for the position of Chairman for the 2024-2025 Grand Commandery year. A voice vote was taken, and Sir Knight Yunick was elected Chairman for the 2024-2025 Grand Commandery year.

It was decided that the Educational Foundation would attempt to have a Zoom meeting quarterly over the course of the 2024-2025 year That has not worked out as planned as it has been difficult to gather a voting quorum on a specific date and time. However, we have met three times through April 2025 and mostly discussed finances.

With the advice/consent of the Finance Committee, we agreed to set up a Money Market account with Charles Schwab Brokerage Firm in St. Louis, Missouri. The fund will be managed with a fee of 0.05%. The Committee agreed to the sum of \$200,000.00. This account is the "Seed Money" mentioned below.

Several years back, a sum of approximately \$178,000.00 was returned to Missouri by the Grand Encampment. The money was from annual donations of Missouri Sir Knights of the 1920's and 1930's. A "Restricted Use" amount of \$200,000.00 is invested with only the annual interest available for scholarship and budget expenses.

It is also of historical note that most of the money in the Educational Foundation account was a gift in 2019 from the "Dorothy Bush Estate" with a sum of \$830,609.08. This was followed with an additional sum of \$80,000.00 that is presumed to ALSO come from the Bush estate. To date, no restrictions have been found on the use of the money, except it was donated to the Educational Foundation for use as Scholarships.

At the stated 2024 June meeting fourteen (14) scholarship applications were given a final review and Seven (7) were selected for \$2,000.00 each. Their names and college attended are reflected on the "Recipients" page of the 2024 Annual Grand Encampment Report. All applicants were notified of the status of their application.

It has been a challenge to compile financial records that accurately reflect the year end status of the individual accounts. Our heartfelt thanks go to Sir Knight Russell Hanson, PGC, and Sir Knight Harold

Coots, PGC, for the Yeomen labor involved in sorting out the money. Progress has been made and the closing statements of the year 2025 should easily reflect the status of each of the current accounts. In addition to the Schwab Money Market account, a Schwab Brokerage account is also open, awaiting any transfer of funds, if desired. It is the recommendation of Chairman Yunick, that brokerage funds be mixed into a minimum of three funds with a separate checking account. Three brokerage funds should provide protection if one fails and give a wide range of investment opportunities.

A second brokerage account has been established with the Edward Jones Firm in Kirksville, Missouri. Sir Knights Kirby Cundiff, Ashley Young, and Michael Rohman are the assigned Trustees. The Edward Jones accounts will have a money market account available should we choose to utilize it. On March 27, 2025, the Committee directed the Secretary/Treasurer to transfer the sum of \$200,000.00 to the Edward Jones brokerage account.

Awaiting a review of the investments by the Committee and Financial Advisors, there are three (3) separate brokerage funds currently in use in Jefferson City. They will remain in place, past June 2025 until their investment structure and performance is reviewed by the Trusted Advisors, Investment Committee, and the Educational Foundation Committee unless advised to move them sooner.

As the 2024-2025 Chairman, it has been my goal to organize the Educational Foundation in a business manner with total transparency of assets and transactions available to all Missouri Sir Knights. I foresee structural changes that should improve money management and make the Foundation Scholarship Program visible to Missouri High Schools, Colleges, and Universities. The Committee is designing a "Point" grading system to evaluate the scholarship applications. It will continue to be a work in progress as the Committee gains skill in evaluating annual scholarship applications. There is currently a April 15th deadline for the receipt of applications. Several Sir Knights have questioned why the application is not open the entire year. A portion of that answer is that the Committee is, by current common agreement, limited to the use of gains in the investment portfolio, and that eighty percent (80%) of the gains may be used for scholarships. The remaining twenty percent (20%) may be utilized to pay Foundation expenses, and the remainder returned to the investment portfolio. The Committee's determination of the availability of funds for use each year is at twelve (12) Noon, on the stated date of the Annual Grand Commandery of Missouri Grand Session.

Be assured that the Educational Foundation money is as secure as today's brokerage markets can make it. There will be ups and downs but in the long term the accounts should continue to generate income. Each account requires two signatures to withdraw funds. Several of our younger Sir Knights (not of the Committee) have been tasked with the responsibility of controlling and managing the investment funds. As a last check and balance, your Grand Commander has the final word on any issue.

The Educational Foundation needs the use of a "Drop Box" where all written and financial communications are stored and available to be recalled by the Committee, or at a minimum, a "Read Only" by the Chair and Vice-Chair. Finance records and the e-mail system correspondence need to be in the archives. Older records can be invaluable when determining a path forward or where something went astray.

If you are seeking additional information on how the Educational Foundation is to be governed and regulated, please direct your attention to the Grand Encampment, "The Knights Templar Education Foundation Rules", Revised 12-31-2020. They are available online.

Thank you, Sir Knight Schulze, for your five years of service with the Educational Foundation. It has been a lot to add to your already deep involvement in so many aspects of our York Rite Bodies.

I thank the Committee for their service. I do understand that the learning curve and flow of information have been tasking to understand. We are many steps ahead of where we were when appointed. To me, it has been and continues to be a challenge. An additional "Thank You" to all the Sir Knights whose ears I have used in discussions of the methods to use in evaluating and awarding scholarships and to grow and protect the Educational Foundation assets. I have never purposely intended to offend any Sir Knight with repeated attempts to obtain information. The learning curve has been high for me, and I admit to frustrations, on seemed different viewpoints on the access to information, and agreement or understanding of the Committee's view of long-term goals and requirements. Progress has been made, and the Committee is looking forward to awarding several Scholarships this 2025-2026 Grand Commandery year.

An exact, Financial Statement of Educational Foundation Assets, is not available at this date for the 2024-2025 Templar Year. The records continue to be reviewed and updated as they become available. By Grand Encampment Regulation, the Educational Foundations finances, are based on a January 1st to December 31st basis. The Committee will have obtained all necessary documentation to report accurately at the 2025-2026 Grand Session. It was reported to the Grand Encampment that 2024 Investment Income was \$59,948.10.

Fraternally submitted,

SK Thomas C. Yunick, PGC, Chairman (2023-2028)

Knight Templar Education Foundation, Division of Missouri

SK Todd A. Schluze (2020-2025)

SK Matthew L. Quesenberry (2021-2026)

SK Michael S. Smith (2022-2027)

SK Steven D. Bright (2024-2029)

SK Roger D. Fleer, PGC, Secretary/Treasurer

SK Russell S. Hanson, PGC, Assistant to the Secretary/Treasurer

SK Kirby Cundiff, Trusted Advisor and Fund control, Appointed

SK Terry D. Coppotelli, Trusted Advisor, Appointed

SK Kevin B. Sample, PGC, Trusted Advisor, Appointed

SK Michael C. Rohman, Trusted Advisor, Appointed

## **REPORT OF ENDOWED MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE**

*To the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri:*

Sir Knights,

The number of Grand Commandery Endowed Memberships increased by twelve members during the 2024-2025 Grand Commandery year. A total of \$6,000.00 was received from those twelve new Endowed members. The Grand Commandery Endowed Membership database contains a total of 296 members of which 180 are listed as living.

Financially, the Grand Commandery (GrKT) Endowed Membership Fund (EMF) has the following money.

### **Status of Grand Commandery Endowed Membership Fund Liquid Accounts - March 31, 2025**

#### **Checking Accounts**

##### JEFFERSON BANK (JB)

GrKT Endowed Membership Fund Operating Checking Account (EMF Op) = \$2,050.00

Balance May 31, 2024 = \$2,050.00

Receipts June 1, 2024 - March 31, 2025 = \$-0-

Expenditures June 1, 2024 - March 31, 2025 = \$-0-

GrKT Endowed Membership Fund Holding Checking Account (EMF Hold) = \$129,667.01

Balance May 31, 2024 = \$94,586.48

Receipts June 1, 2024 - March 31, 2025 = \$35,080.53

Expenditures June 1, 2024 - March 31, 2025 = \$-0-

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Total of GrKT EMF Liquid Assets - Checking = \$131,717.01

Total Balance May 31, 2024 = \$96,636.48

Total Receipts June 1, 2024 - March 31, 2025 = \$35,080.53

Total Expenditures June 1, 2024 - March 31, 2025 = \$-0-

### **Status of Grand Commandery Endowed Membership Fund Short-Term Account**

##### FIRST MID BANK (FMB)

Value of GrKT EMF FMB CD3 on May 31, 2024 = \$26,518.26

Redeemed December 2024 for \$26,580.53

Value of GrKT EMF FMB CD3 on March 31, 2025 = \$-0-

### **Status of Grand Commandery Endowed Membership Fund Long-Term Accounts**

##### JEFFERSON BANK (JB)

**Capital Group 2 (CG2)**

**Grand Commandery Am Bal Contents**

Value of Am Bal Mutual Fund on March 31, 2024 = \$41,698.56

Contains 32.28% GrKT Endowed Membership Fund = \$13,460.30

Value of Am Bal Mutual Fund on March 31, 2025 = \$45,044.40

Contains 32.28% GrCH Endowed Membership Fund = \$14,540.33

**Grand Commandery Am Inc Contents**

Value of Am Inc Mutual Fund on March 31, 2024 = \$39,516.67

Contains 32.35% GrKT Endowed Membership Fund = \$12,783.64

Value of Am Inc Mutual Fund on March 31, 2025 = \$43,946.56

Contains 32.35% GrCH Endowed Membership Fund = \$14,216.71

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Total Value of GrKT EMF Long-Term Assets on March 31, 2024 = \$26,243.94

Total Value of GrKT EMF Long-Term Assets on March 31, 2025 = \$28,757.04

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Total of All GrKT EMF Assets as of May 31, 2024 = \$149,398.68

Total of All GrKT EMF Assets as of March 31, 2025 = \$160,474.05

Fraternally submitted,

SK Harold F. Coots, PGC, Chairman

SK Roger D. Flear, PGC

SK Russell S. Hanson, PGC

**REPORT OF EXAMINER COMMITTEE**

*To the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri:*

Sir Knights,

In this Grand Commandery year, our financial records and files are finally in a place where we feel comfortable. Our funds have been accounted for and allocated to their proper place. This made accounting and budget forecasts much more transparent and easier to comprehend. The issue with the timely deposit of checks has been corrected, and proper procedures are being followed to continue this process. It is recommended that now these processes are in place, they be captured with written standard operating procedures so when an inevitable change occurs, we will not be starting from scratch.

It is recommended that moving forward there be annual or semi-annual meetings conducted to review our finance and practices. To facilitate and maximize the effectiveness of these meetings, documents, spreadsheets, etc. must be distributed ahead of time with directions on what to review and what to be prepared to discuss. An agenda should also be provided ahead of time.

Another suggestion, and this goes for all the York Rite, is the resumption of some in person, face to face meetings. With the onset of COVID, these were abandoned, and everything moved to Zoom. This is completely understandable, and Zoom is an excellent option for most of what we do. But as many are now discovering, there is also much that is missed. While Zoom calls can be effective, communication of ideas and information is much more of a challenge.

Fraternally submitted,

SK Terry D. Coppotelli, Chairman

SK Ronald L. Skiles

SK Thomas E. Christine

SK Ashley W. Young

SK Richard L. Mansfield, PGC

SK Roger D. Flear, PGC

SK Russell S. Hanson, PGC

## **REPORT OF GRAND COMMANDER'S ADVISORY COUNCIL**

*To the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri:*

Sir Knights,

We are pleased to report that in the 2024-2025 Grand Commandery year, the Committee passed on several rumors, opinions, suggestion, and "sage" advice to SK Bobby E. White, Grand Commander.

Our advice was passed to the Grand Commander anonymously. Please know that, if you choose, you will remain anonymous in the future when you bend the ear of a Past Grand Commander, or a Regional Officer. Your input matters, as this is your Grand Commandery. Remember the portion of an old verse, that reads, "For want of a nail the shoe was lost, for want of a shoe the horse was lost, for want of a horse the battle was lost." Your opinion is the "Nail" and it may seem small, but small is never insignificant.

At times the input was too late for action or consideration in the current year and was passed on to the Advancing Line Officers. Personally, I feel that all the upward information was well received. The biggest grumbling received was the Drill Competition Date, the cost of the Hotel Rooms for the Grand Session, followed by rumors about the current Line Officers. There were several questions, suggestions, opinions concerning Grand Commandery Finances, scheduling of Regional Conferences, Dress Codes, and lack of available dates for Commandery Festivals . Please continue to pass on your comments, suggestions and opinions. They may be acted upon in a not so distant future. Never say "No." Give the membership and Line Officers the reasons why it needs to be!

Fraternally submitted,

SK Thomas C. Yunick, PGC, Chairman

SK Harold F. Coots, PGC

SK Roger D. Flear, PGC

SK Russell S. Hanson, PGC

SK Richard L. Mansfield, PGC

SK Daniel R. Quesenberry, PGC

SK Michael C. Rohman, PGC

SK Kevin B. Sample, PGC

SK James L. Woodfin, Jr, PGC

SK Charles E. Cooper, PGC (deceased)

## **REPORT OF GRAND MASTER'S TEMPLAR CRUSADE COMMITTEE**

*To the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri:*

Sir Knights,

No report was available at the time of preparation of the Preliminary Proceedings.

Fraternally submitted,

SK Corey B. Huntsucker, Chairman

SK W. Stuart English

SK Daniel R. Quesenberry, PGC

Assistant Grand Lecturers

SK Richard A. Riepe

SK Roger D. Fleeer, PGC

SK Harold F. Coots, PGC

Regional Grand Commanders

## **REPORT OF HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE COMMITTEE**

*To the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri:*

Sir Knights,

The 2025 trip was started too late to make the February departure. Both of our men have been notified and will advance to the 2026 trip without changing anything currently. We pray for the country and the region that it would be safe to visit the Holy Land. I have forms for any minister that would want to submit to begin working on a trip for 2027 from Missouri.

We had a meeting and reorganized our finances. Moving the money from a low Interest CD to a more aggressive Portfolio which should raise our return.

It's been a good year and we are looking forward to better times.

Fraternally submitted,

SK Dale R. Roller, Chairman

SK Glenn B. Parker

SK Russell A. Bradshaw

SK Daniel R. Quesenberry, PGC

SK John A. Welch

## **REPORT OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EYE FOUNDATION COMMITTEE**

*To the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri:*

Sir Knights,

I am pleased to report that the Grand Commandery of Missouri is continuing to forward, on a calendar quarterly basis, the Knights Templar Eye Foundation (KTEF) donations from our Commanderies and members as well as other sources to The Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., PO Box 271118, Flower Mound, TX, 75027-1118.

The 2024 Second Quarter (April-June) mailing included checks totaling \$747.05.

The 2024 Third Quarter (July-September) mailing included checks totaling \$3,077.95.

The 2024 Fourth Quarter (October-December) mailing included checks totaling \$1,146.61.

The 2025 First Quarter (January-March) mailing included checks totaling \$481.55.

The total of all donations mailed to the KTEF by the Grand Commandery is \$5,453.16.

There are still issues to work out with respect to the status of past KTEF donations, but progress is being made to address the situation.

Fraternally submitted,  
SK Russell S. Hanson, PGC, Chairman  
SK Michael C. Rohman, PGC

See Page 114 in Volume 3 - Addendum for  
2024 - 2025 KTEF Awards

SK Michael J. Estright

SK Corey B. Huntsucker

## **REPORT OF LAWS & REGULATIONS REVIEW COMMITTEE**

*To the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri:*

Sir Knights,

Your committee is pleased to report that you will have the opportunity to vote on legislation that will affect the ability of your Grand Officers to represent your Missouri Grand Commandery at Triennials as required by Grand Encampment. Currently each Missouri Sir Knight is taxed twenty-five cents that is included in the Per-Capita payment. The legislation, if passed, will increase the amount to one dollar. As our numbers have decreased so has the funding.

The Triennial Registration Fee alone is over \$300.00. The qualified Grand Commandery Officers attending the 2024 Triennial at Salt Lake City each received \$79.52.

The South-Central Conference also has a Registration Fee in addition to travel expenses and lodging. Five of your Grand Commandery Officers are required to attend. Currently, there is no financial assistance available.

Additional legislation was submitted but did not meet the time and format requirements. In the 2025-2026 Grand Commandery year you may see resubmission of those proposals.

The committee appreciated your e-mails and other communication regarding legislation. You have been involved. Please do not consider this year's "No" as a final decision. Rewrite and resubmit your proposals.

Fraternally submitted,  
SK Thomas C. Yunick, PGC, Chairman  
SK W. Stuart English

SK Budd C. Gilfillen

SK Russell S. Hanson, PGC

## **REPORT OF MEMBERSHIP RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION COMMITTEE**

*To the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri:*

Sir Knights,

No report was available at the time of preparation of the Preliminary Proceedings.

Fraternally submitted,  
SK Corey B. Huntsucker, Chairman  
SK Matthew D. Ruth

SK Michael L. Dodd  
SK Kevin B. Sample, PGC

SK Budd C. Gilfillen  
Regional Grand Commanders

## **REPORT OF PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE**

*To the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri:*

Sir Knights,

Your Publication Committee would like to thank Sir Knight Bobbie E. White, Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri, 2024-2025, for his successful year and programs. Additionally, we would like to thank the craft for the opportunity to serve you this year. As our venture into the Beacon Magazine continues for the Grand York Rite of Missouri, it has come with favorable results from the Missouri craft and Freemasons worldwide. Just as a reminder, the Beacon Magazine began its publication right after our 2023 Grand Session and has continued to improve in its appearance and functionality over the past couple of years. We now have added hyperlinks to this publication. So, when you drag your mouse or finger over certain parts of the magazine, and click on those sections, you will be directed to additional information, via the internet. As this report is made, we have other ideas that will be appearing in future issues of your magazine. So, keep your eyes open on future issues.

Your magazine continues to bring in numerous authors, present a wide variety of articles, and has attempted to promote not only our Masonic Youth groups, but that of the different Masonic Bodies throughout the State of Missouri. From the support of our Grand Officers we have been able to add to the magazine the latest news and scholarship information available about the Royal Arch, Cryptic Masons, and the Knights Templar, along with the Allied Masonic Degrees and other appendant Masonic groups.

I am proud to say that the original concept of a quarterly publication has been discarded for a monthly publication. This is due to your interest, support, and wonderful articles that you have been sending this office. Your enthusiasm and support have ensured that your magazine will remain a monthly publication for years to come. Thank you my Brethren, Companions, and Sir Knights for your continued support and enthusiasm in your magazine. If anyone wishes to submit any articles and/or information to future issues, that material may be uploaded at:

<https://moyorkrite.org/missouri-york-rite-beacon-news-submission-form/>

Additionally, all past issues of this publication may be found on our website at:

<https://moyorkrite.org/york-rite-beacon-publications/>

We now respectfully submit this report for your review and consideration.

Fraternally submitted,

SK W. Larry Wilson, Chairman

SK Ashley W. Young

SK Michael S. Smith

SK Donald MacCormick

SK Michael L. Dodd

SK Steven F. Eberharter

SK Jacob W. Thompson

SK Roger D. Fleer, PGC

SK Matthew D. Ruth

SK Adam M. Iwanow

SK Kevin B. Sample, PGC

SK Russell S. Hanson, PGC

## **REPORT OF REGIONAL YORK RITE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE**

*To the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri:*

Sir Knights,

Each region successfully held a conference in which useful presentations were given. Things did not always go without a hitch. When a presenter did not show up at the Region 3 conference, Sir Knight

Jennings did a heroic job of filling in. I am beginning to seriously wonder how relevant these conferences are as most of the attendees are the old guard and it is the new Sir Knights who really need to attend them.

Fraternally submitted,

SK Matthew L. Quesenberry, Chairman

SK Taz A Meyer

SK Kevin M. Ritter

Regional Grand Commanders

Assistant Grand Lecturers

## **REPORT OF RITUAL COMMITTEE**

*To the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri:*

Sir Knights,

No report was available at the time of preparation of the Preliminary Proceedings.

Fraternally submitted,

SK Corey B. Huntsucker, Chairman

SK Terry D. Coppotelli

SK Russell S. Hanson, PGC

Assistant Grand Lecturers

## **REPORT OF SOCIAL MEDIA/INTERNET COMMITTEE**

*To the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri:*

Sir Knights,

Companions, the website as a communications tool and document sharing system continued to be stable this year. We did change hosting plans to provide for additional security and backups and switched to a newer, more flexible and lower-cost calendaring system.

We continue to add content such as Past Grand Officers, Information on Palmyra Chapter No. 2, updated information on our supported charities, added digital versions of Past Proceedings (and many more still to be scanned), built out Chapter, Council, and Commandery Education pages with downloadable books, and educational material, and added interactive maps to find local York Rite Bodies.

We encourage everyone to subscribe to the Grand York mailing lists so that timely event notices and updates can be shared with all. The subscription link can be found at:

<https://moyorkrite.org/join-the-mailing-list/>

The Events Calendar is open to everyone to post their events of import, Official Visits by Grand Officers, and especially degree work, all of which will be moderated and if approved by the committee members, posted usually in less than 24 hours. We will be adding a feature this year to allow RSVP's to specific events, and the ability for members to edit and correct the events they have posted.

I would direct everyone to the very useful forms and documents located in the Document Library. If you find something missing, let us know and we will bring it up to date and post it for everyone's use.

Our social media platform continues to grow in reach and content. We continue to encourage all Commanderies to send event information, pictures of newly dubbed Sir Knights and Order Teams, and events to share with everyone.

We continue to add interactive online forms to make the filing of reports, Honor Commandery Awards, Communications, Event requests, and Missouri Beacon submissions. We will continue to increase our ability to move away from paper forms to electronic communications. We are actively looking to add to the team and are searching for a new webmaster with skills in WordPress, Design, and Communication. If you are interested in helping, please reach out to the Sir Knight Donald MacCormick.

Fraternally submitted,

SK Donald MacCormick, Chairman

SK David C. Brown

SK Gregory J. Walker

## **REPORT OF YOUTH ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE**

*To the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri:*

Sir Knights,

This is an exciting time for the Missouri Grand York Rite and our Missouri Masonic Youth. The energy and excitement surrounding the desire to bring the Missouri Masonic Youth groups and the Missouri Grand York Rite bodies closer together is unparalleled.

### **2024-2025 Masonic Youth Convention, Grand Assembly & Grand Session**

- Missouri DeMolay's 2025 Annual Convention was held in Cape Girardeau on the campus of Southeast Missouri State University Friday, May 23 - Monday, May 26.
- Missouri Rainbow's 2025 Grand Assembly was held on Friday, May 30 - Monday, June 2 at the Holiday Inn Executive Center in Columbia.
- Missouri Job's Daughters 2024 Grand Session was convened on Wednesday, June 19 - Sunday, June 23 at the Capitol Plaza Hotel in Jefferson City.

Companions and Sir Knights, during the respective Masonic Youth Annual and Grand Sessions, your leaders, MEC Michael L. Dodd, Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Missouri; MIC Matthew D. Ruth, Grand Master of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of Missouri and Sir Knight Bobbie E. White, Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of the State of Missouri represented you and the Grand York Rite in exemplary fashion.

### **The Grand York Rite is paving the way for the future of our Masonic Youth**

One of the big questions presented to this Committee by your Grand York Rite leaders was, "How can we increase our presence and exposure within our Masonic Youth Groups?" As a result, this Committee has been coordinating actively and directly with the Masonic Youth Groups and with the Grand York Rite leaders concerning opportunities for organizational unique awards, presentations, programs, sponsorships, etc. We are excited about the future of the mutual relationship between the Grand York Rite and our Masonic Youth. As the Committee continues to meet and additional

conversations are coordinated, the Committee will be presenting opportunities to the Grand York Rite and Masonic Youth leaders.

Fraternally submitted,

SK Adam M. Iwanow, Chairman

SK T. Jeffrey Bodenstein

SK Michael S. Smith

SK Larry F. Walters

SK W. Larry Wilson

# FINAL PROCEEDINGS

of the

One Hundred Sixty-Fourth  
Annual Conclave

of the

Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the  
State of Missouri

held

June 14, 2025

Kansas City Marriott Country Club Plaza  
Kansas City, Missouri

## **Volume 3 - Addendum**



The following information was received after the 2025 Preliminary Proceeding had been finalized, approved, and printed.

**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE GRAND COMMANDER  
2024-2025  
Summary  
Highlights**

I was told my summation should hit the highlights of my year. I'm not sure how to pick what should be considered a highlight as this year has been a fantastic journey from start to finish.

One true highlight of my year has been the privilege to stand beside two of the Finest Masons in Missouri. Matt, Mike, and I were not originally scheduled to serve this year together. We had been elected at different times and were talking to different people about what our year would be like and Fate (or God, I think they are one and the same) decided something different and decided we should be together. We went from Brothers and acquaintances to Brothers and true friends. SK and MEC Michael Dodd you are the Energizer Bunny of Freemasonry. I am always amazed at your passion and drive to accomplish wonderful goals for our fraternity. SK and MIC Matthew Ruth I continue to be amazed at your ability to plan, to dream, and to see a vision of where we need to go. I cannot thank you enough for allowing me to tag along on this journey with you. Even though we are in this together you two have taken the concept of "if it is to be it is up to me" and shown us how it works in real life. I will never forget you two.

**Grand Encampment Triennial**

See Pages 19 and 20 in Volume 1 for the complete text.

**Time Capsule**

See Pages 20 and 21 in Volume 1 for the complete text.

**Grand Master's Templar Crusade**

On April 5, 2025, Oriental Commandery No. 35 sponsored the Grand Master's Templar Crusade at the historic Masonic Temple at 903 Harrison, Kansas City, MO. Throughout the day attendees were able to observe some excellent ritual provided by Sir Knights from across the State. The fellowship was superb, and I was truly honored to be able to Knight MWB Kevin M. Fuller, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M., who was a member of the class. It was a shining day for the Grand Commandery.

**Recommendations**

See Page 21 in Volume 1 for the complete text

**Closing Comments**

See Pages 22 and 23 in Volume 1 for the complete text.

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### **REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT GRAND PRELATE - EAST**

*To the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri:*

Sir Knights,

It has been my sincere honor and privilege to have had the opportunity to serve this past year as the Assistant Grand Prelate - East of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Missouri.

June 5-9, 2024	Grand York Rite State Meeting
July 7, 2024	Grand Commander's Meeting at Liberty Lodge
August 14, 2024	Sent a letter to all Area 5 Commandery Secretaries - Introduction
September 6 & 7, 2024	Missouri Grand Lodge
October 19, 2024	Scottish Rite Reunion (Prayer - meal)
October 27, 2024	Grand Commander Zoom Meeting
December 6, 2024	Red Cross of Constantine (Prayer & Benediction)
January 20, 2025	Area 5 Holiday Party at Webster Groves Lodge No. 84 (Prayer)
April 5, 2025	Commandery Degrees at Kansas City Masonic Temple (Prayer)
April 13, 2025	Ascalon Commandery No. 16 Palm Sunday Service (Prelate)
April 19, 2025	Scottish Rite Reunion
April 27, 2025	Grand Master's Breakfast at Moolah Shrine
April 28, 2025	Funeral Moberly, MO
June 1, 2025	Oriental - Rabboni Chapter No. 78 Degree Work (Prayer)

Fraternally submitted,

SK James R. Fiete, Assistant Grand Prelate - East

The following information was collected during the 164th Annual Conclave on June 14, 2025.

### **Welcoming Comments**

The Grand Commander made brief remarks at 8:00 am.

### **Reconvening Tactics**

The Grand Commandery Officers performed the reconvening tactics at 8:10 am.

### **Roll Call of Grand Commandery Officers**

The following Sir Knights reported as present:

SK Bobbie Edward White .....Right Eminent Grand Commander  
 SK Ronald Lee Skiles .....Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander  
 SK Terry Dean Coppotelli .....Eminent Grand Generalissimo, Assistant Grand Lecturer (East)  
 SK Matthew Lee Quesenberry .....Eminent Grand Captain General  
 SK Glen Berry Parker .....Eminent Grand Senior Warden  
 SK Thomas Edward Christine .....Eminent Grand Junior Warden  
 SK Russell Scott Hanson, PGC.....Eminent Grand Treasurer, Grand Recorder Emeritus, Grand  
 Historian  
 SK Roger Daniel Fleer, PGC.....Eminent Grand Recorder  
 SK Richard Allen Riepe .....Eminent Grand Prelate  
 SK John A. Welsh.....Assistant Grand Prelate- West  
 SK Russell A. Bradshaw .....Assistant Grand Prelate- Central  
 SK James R. Fiete .....Assistant Grand Prelate- East  
 SK Ashley William Young .....Eminent Grand Standard Bearer  
 SK William Stewart English .....Eminent Grand Sword Bearer  
 SK Jeffrey Lee Knight .....Eminent Grand Warder  
 SK Michael Eugene Wheeler .....Eminent Grand Sentinel  
 SK David C. Brown.....Assistant Grand Sentinel  
 SK Jesse D. Morrison.....Assistant Grand Sentinel  
 SK J. Purkale .....Assistant Grand Sentinel  
 SK Joseph S. Russell .....Assistant Grand Sentinel  
 SK Larry F. Walters.....Assistant Grand Sentinel, Grand Photographer  
 SK Budd C. Gilfillen .....Aide de Camp  
 SK Derek W. Pope .....Aide de Camp  
 SK Christopher L. Story .....Assistant Grand Lecturer (South)  
 SK William R. Jennings.....Assistant Grand Lecturer (West)  
 SK Daniel R. Quesenberry, PGC.....Grand Chorister  
 SK Christian M. Jessen .....Grand Organist

The following Sir Knights were excused:

SK Cory B. Huntsucker .....Grand Lecturer  
 SK Harold F. Coots, PGC .....Assistant Grand Lecturer (Central)

**Reception of Missouri Past Grand Commanders**

The following Past Grand Commanders new present:

- SK Thomas C. Yunick .....2003 - 2004
- SK Russell S Hanson .....2010 - 2011
- SK Daniel R Queenberry .....2011 - 2012
- SK Roger D Fleeer .....2018 - 2019
- SK Kevin B Sample.....2023 - 2024 (Honorary 2006)

**Reception of Other Jurisdiction Grand or Past Grand Commanders**

The following Grand or Past Grand Commanders were present:

- SK Frederick R. Kemp.....Right Eminent Grand Commander of Kansas
- SK Byron E. Hams.....Right Eminent Past Grand Commander of the United Grand  
Commandery of Missouri Prince Hall Affiliate
- SK William Leonard.....Right Eminent Past Grand Commander of Kansas
- SK Rusty Ludlam.....Right Eminent Past Grand Commander of Florida
- SK H. Wayne Rector.....Right Eminent Past Grand Commander of Kansas
- SK Wayne Rollf.....Right Eminent Past Grand Commander of Kansas
- SK Reed B. Fanning.....Right Eminent Past Grand Commander of Utah

**Reception of Other Jurisdiction Grand Commandery Officers**

The following Grand Commandery Officers were present:

- SK Gary Benjamin Strout.....Eminent Grand Captain General of Kansas
- SK Michael A. Watts .....Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander of Louisiana

**Reception of Grand Encampment Appointees**

- SK Russell S. Hanson, PGC .....Knight Templar Eye Foundation representative for Missouri
- SK Roger D. Fleeer, PGC.....Deputy to the College of Honors for the State of Missouri

**Reception of the South Central Department Commander**

- SK Robert Richard Rolseth.....Right Eminent Past Grand Commander Oklahoma and Right  
Eminent South Central Department Commander

**Reception of the Representative of the Grand Master of the Grand Encampment**

- SK David Dixon Goodwin .....Right Eminent Past Grand Commander of New York, Past Most  
Eminent Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, and  
Representative of SK David Joseph Kussman, Most Eminent  
Grand Master of the Grand Encampment

**Reception of Missouri Grand Lodge Officers**

- SK Terry Dean Coppotelli.....Junior Grand Steward of the Grand Lodge of Missouri
- SK Ashley William Young .....Senior Grand Marshall of the Grand Lodge of Missouri
- SK Donald MacCormick .....Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of Missouri

SK Todd Schulze .....Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of Missouri  
SK Jacob William Thompson .....Grand Historian of the Grand Lodge of Missouri

**Reception of Grand Lodge Past Grand Masters**

SK Stanton Brown, II .....Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Missouri

**Reception of the Representative of the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Missouri**

SK Ashley William Young .....Representative of SK and MWB Kevin Michael Fuller, Grand  
Master of the Grand Lodge of Missouri

**Reconvening of the 164th Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Missouri**

The Grand Commandery was called to order in due and proper form at 10:20 am.

**Preliminary Report of the Credentials Committee**

A constitutional number is present.

All Commanderies are represented except Excalibar Commandery No. 5.

Total number of voting delegates is 118.

**Report of Election of Grand Commandery Officers**

Election results:

78 Total Ballots

8 Spoiled and 14 Scattered

9 To advance the line, elect Estright as Grand Sword Bearer, and elect Rose as Grand Warder.

47 To advance the line, elect Rose as Grand Sword Bearer, and elect Estright as Grand Warder.

We have an election.

**2025-2026 Grand Commandery Officers**

SK Ronald Lee Skiles .....Grand Commander  
SK Terry Dean Coppotelli .....Deputy Grand Commander  
SK Matthew Lee Quesenberry .....Grand Generalissimo  
SK Glenn Barry Parker .....Grand Captain General  
SK Ashley William Young .....Grand Senior Warden  
SK William Stuart English .....Grand Junior Warden  
SK Jeffrey Lee Knight .....Grand Standard Bearer  
SK Douglas Chester Rose, Jr. ....Grand Sword Bearer  
SK Michael Joseph Estright .....Grand Warder  
SK Russell Scott Hanson .....Grand Treasurer  
SK Roger Daniel Fleer .....Grand Recorder

**Other Business**

It was moved and seconded to destroy the 2024 ballots - motion passed

It was moved and seconded to accept the balance of the reports in the preliminary proceedings subject to review and correction - motion passed

**Calling from Labor**

The Grand Commandery was called from labor at 11:57 am.

**Resume Labor**

It was determined that the Grand Commandery had no unfinished business and therefore did not resume labor at 3:00 pm.

**Installation of Grand Officers**

The Grand Commandery installed the 2025-2026 Grand Officers at 3:45 pm.

Installing Grand Commander .....SK Kevin Brian Sample, PGC

Installing Grand Marshal.....SK Roger Daniel Fleer, PGC

Installing Grand Prelate.....SK Russell Scott Hanson, PGC

The following additional Report information was presented during the 164th Annual Conclave on June 14, 2025.

## **REPORT OF TEMPLAR JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE Addendum**

### **Item No. 4**

Resolution from the floor as follows:

#### **Resolution Regarding Honorary Past Grand Commander:**

**Whereas** the Sir Knight whose name appears below has served this Grand Commandery with integrity, distinction and honor, and

**Whereas** this Sir Knight has dedicated a goodly portion of his personal time and life to this grand body, and

**Whereas** this Sir Knight has served the Grand Commandery of Missouri as a Grand Officer since June 2021.

**Whereas** this Sir Knight has been challenged by several significant health issues severely limiting his mobility, and

**Whereas** this Sir Knight would have, in all probability, attained the rank of Grand Commander in 2030,

**Now, Therefore Be It Resolved**, in accordance with Section 237A of the Constitution and Statutes of the Grand Encampment of Knight Templar of the United States of America, we wish to confer the title of Honorary Past Grand Commander upon Sir Knight Thomas E. Christine. This action is contingent upon the approval of Sir Knight David J. Kussman, Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America.

Respectfully Submitted,

Russell S. Hanson, PGC

Roger D . Fleeer, PGC

Charles A . Cooper, PGC

Kevin B . Sample, PGC

To all concerned,

After fully reviewing this request, I am pleased to concur with the recommendation and approve the action plan.

SK David J. Kussman, GCT, Grand Master, Grand Encampment Knights Templar, USA

## **REPORT OF GRAND RECORDER'S OFFICE Addendum**

The Growth Awards are presented to the Commanderies who have the most growth in the 2024 reporting year. We are very pleased with the success of the following Commanderies:

**1% to 5%**

O'Sullivan Commandery No. 15

Start: 24      Gain: 1      End: 25      4% Increase

**6% to 10%**

Prince of Peace Commandery No. 29

Start: 57      Gain: 4      End: 61      7% Increase

St. Elmo Commandery No. 43

Start: 20      Gain: 2      End: 22      10% Increase

**11% and Up**

Rolla Commandery No. 59

Start: 75      Gain: 8      End: 83      11% Increase

Poplar Bluff Commandery No. 67

Start: 20      Gain: 9      End: 29      45% Increase

**Most**

Cape Girardeau Commandery No. 55

Start: 45      Gain: 41      End: 86      91% Increase

## **REPORT OF DRILL COMPETITION COMMITTEE Addendum**

We had two Commanderies that floored non-competing Drill Teams.

Exhibiting the Class C drill tactics earning Yellow Bars with a score of 88.9 is Prince of Peace Commandery No 29.

Exhibiting the Class A drill tactics earning Yellow Bars with a score of 96.1 is Palestine Commandery No. 17.

**Class B Rankings:**

We had five Commanderies competing in the Class B drill tactics.

Coming in at Fifth Place in Class B Competition earning Brass Bars with a score of 94.0 is Ascalon Commandery No. 16.

Coming in at Fourth Place in Class B Competition earning Brass Bars with a score of 94.5 is Ely Commandery No. 22.

Coming in at Third Place in Class B Competition earning White Bars with a score of 96.1 is St. Graal Commandery No. 12.

Coming in at Second Place in Class B Competition earning Red Bars with a score of 97.8 is Liberty Commandery No. 6.

Taking First Place in Class B Competition for the 2025 Drill Competition Event earning Blue Bars with a score of 98.7 is Rolla Commandery No. 59.

## **REPORT OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EYE FOUNDATION COMMITTEE Addendum**

### **2024-2025 Knight of Siloam Jewels:**

When a Sir Knight donates \$500.00 or more to the KTEF, then he can contact the KTEF Representative to request a Knight of Siloam Jewel from the Grand Commandery of Missouri. The KTEF Rep checks with MMS to verify that the Knight's donation level is \$500.00 or more. If the donation level is confirmed, then he schedules the presentation of a Knight of Siloam Jewel at the next Annual Conclave.

A request was received and was verified for SK William Robbins Jennens who is receiving his Knight of Siloam Jewel.

### **2024-2025 KTEF Awards:**

During the 57th Annual Voluntary Campaign, the Grand Commandery of Missouri contributed a Cumulative Total of \$26,042.04 earning us a rank of 28 out of 56 Jurisdictions. We have a several Commanderies that are receiving awards from the KTEF for their outstanding levels of contribution.

The following Commanderies achieved a donation rate in the range of \$5.00 to \$9.99 per member and are receiving Appreciation Certificates.

Ranked 14th in the Grand Commandery of Missouri with a rate of \$5.00 per member is Ascalon Commandery No. 16.

Ranked 13th in the Grand Commandery of Missouri with a rate of \$5.52 per member is Ely Commandery No. 22.

Ranked 12th in the Grand Commandery of Missouri with a rate of \$6.25 per member is Excalibar Commandery No. 5.

The following Commanderies achieved a donation rate of \$10.00 or more per member and are receiving Seals for their KTEF Plaques.

Ranked 11th in the Grand Commandery of Missouri with a rate of \$10.76 per member is Rolla Commandery No. 59.

Ranked 10th in the Grand Commandery of Missouri with a rate of \$16.47 per member is St. John's Commandery No. 20.

Ranked 9th in the Grand Commandery of Missouri with a rate of \$20.17 per member is Lebanon Commandery No. 33.

Ranked 8th in the Grand Commandery of Missouri with a rate of \$21.62 per member is St. Graal Commandery No. 12.

Ranked 7th in the Grand Commandery of Missouri with a rate of \$24.06 per member is O'Sullivan Commandery No. 15.

Ranked 6th in the Grand Commandery of Missouri with a rate of \$27.93 per member is Poplar Bluff Commandery No. 67.

Ranked 5th in the Grand Commandery of Missouri with a rate of \$44.68 per member is Palestine Commandery No. 17.

Ranked 4th in the Grand Commandery of Missouri with a rate of \$47.05 per member is Prince of Peace Commandery No. 29.

Ranked 3rd in the Grand Commandery of Missouri with a rate of \$49.32 per member is Jasper Commandery No. 31.

Ranked 2nd in the Grand Commandery of Missouri with a rate of \$69.84 per member is Liberty Commandery No. 6.

Finally, ranked 1st during the 57th Annual Voluntary Campaign in the Grand Commandery of Missouri with an exceptional rate of \$116.41 per member, and for the third year in a row, is Ivanhoe Commandery No. 8.

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