

PRELIMINARY PROCEEDINGS

of the

One Hundred Sixty-Fifth
Annual Conclave

of the

Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the
State of Missouri

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Grand Commandery of Missouri

165th Annual Conclave Schedule

(subject to modification as necessary)

Time	Thursday, June 11, 2026	Time	Thursday (cont)
8:00 am	Flag Presentation by Heroes of '76/Pledge/Anthem - Open to Ladies and Guests (Ballroom A) Opening Ceremonies of 165th 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 2025-2026 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 Heads of Missouri York Rite Bodies Reception of National Body Representatives 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 - Honor Commandery, Lewis & Clark, Growth, Drill, Grand Encampment, & KTEF 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	10:00 am	Formal Reconvening of the 165th Annual Conclave of Missouri Preliminary Report of the Credentials Committee Report of the Committee on the Address of the Grand Commander 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)
		10:45	Election of the 2026-2027 Grand Commandery Officers Report of the Election Committee Acceptance of the Grand Commandery Officers Elect Report of the 2026-2027 Grand Commander 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 the 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) 165th Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri Called from Labor
		3:45	Installation of the 2026-2027 Grand Commandery Officers, Open to All Pictures immediately following installation

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE GRAND COMMANDER 2025-2026

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 165th Annual Conclave.

To begin, I wish to thank all the Sir Knights for allowing me to serve this past year as your Grand Commander. Secondly, I wish to thank my line staff of officers for the support extended to me, especially in light of my family's concerns this past year.

Below and herein contained, you will find the complete report of the actions and activities of the Grand Commander during the 2025-2026 Templar Year.

Necrology

During the 2025-2026 reporting year, our Grand Commandery has had 51 Sir Knights lay down their swords and join their Master in Heaven. Among the 50 was one Past Grand Commander. Sir Knight Ronnie Edward Green, Right Eminent Past Grand Commander 2000-2010, who passed away on August 9, 2025. In addition, Sir Knight E. Allen Kohler, Honorary Right Eminent Past Grand Commander, passed away on May 14, 2026. Our memorial service will be led by Sir Knight Russell A. Bradshaw, Eminent Grand Prelate.

Memorial Service

As we all pause together to remember our departed/honored Sir Knights during this very special time, we now turn to the Book of Psalm 121: verses 1 through 8 (RSV) to hear the following poetic words for strength: "I lift up my eyes to the hills. From whence does my help come? My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth. He will not let your foot be moved, he who keeps you will not slumber. Behold, he who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep. The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade on your right hand. The sun shall not smite you by day, nor the moon by night. The Lord will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life. The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and for evermore." AMEN!

There are certain times in life when if we are all perfectly honest with ourselves and each other, we must admit we would rather not face the huge challenge of losing someone we care for and love. We all know when faced with the death of a loved one, a friend, a Brother, a Companion, or a Sir Knight the void left in our own lives seems like it will never be truly filled again.

We are all here now today at this time to come together and pay tribute to the men, Brothers, Companions, and Sir Knights who will be dearly missed by each of us. One of the many wonderful benefits of being a member of our beloved fraternity we all belong to under the umbrella of Freemasonry is we truly care for each other. When one of us or their family hurts, we all hurt! I truly believe our fraternity does indeed take good men and tries to make them better. We all relish, treasure, enjoy, and cultivate our relationships with each other to make the world a better place. Therefore, this makes it difficult and hard as we come to this time now to say goodbye to those we lost since the 2025 Grand York Rite Session held last year.

Almighty God, we vow to remember and never forget the lives of the 51 Sir Knights who departed this earth and are now abiding with you on high. We will make sure to take the time to read the names shown in our current proceedings and continue lifting their families up in prayer. Their lives were important and had meaning to us all and they will be sorely missed. We will reflect now together by mentioning the following names as received by the Missouri Grand York Rite Office in token of our tribute to all: Bayliff, Larry W.; Beck, Edward L.; Bland, Forrest Keith; Bottermuller, Charles A.; Busey, David L.; Craft, Columbus; Crites, John Enos; Damrell, Merritt Glenn; Dever, Casey Roy; Eaton, Zelwin B.; Edel, Charles B.; Erfurdt Jr., John L.; Ferrier, Craig Eugene; Gilstrap, William Everett; Girten, Charles William; Green, Ronnie Edward; Hardy, James D.; Hattaway, James T.; Heitmeyer, James C.; Helton, Russell Burnell; Herek, Thomas T.; Holmes, Thomas Everett; Jackson, William Everett; Jeffers, Michael William; Jones, David Wayne; Kachulis, Paul William; Koontz, George William; Leggans, James Ray; Leslie, James Nelson; Long, Robert William; Lynch, Robert E.; Malotte, Curtis E.; Mathis, Eddie H.; McMillian, Dale E.; Morgan, Harold E.; Morgan, James Clifton; Niewoehner, Carl Henry; Norris, Donald; Painter, David Harlen; Quigley, Rodney D.; Rayot, Charles E.; Ross, Robert W.; Sellers, Stephen Wentworth; Shearer, Steven Kent; Squires, John Patrick; Thompson, Michael Skelton; Vogel, Harry Wayne; Waggoner Sr., James Gilbert; Waite, Steve C.; Wisely, Richard Leroy; and Wunder, Dr. Gene Carroll.

After lifting a few of the Sir Knights mentioned here by name today and reviewing the complete list of all departed brothers in our proceedings too, we are reminded of our own mortality. The twenty-four-inch gauge gives us a perfect illustration which we must continue to use for dividing our own time wisely along life's future journey ahead. None of us will live forever on earth and it is only fitting and right that we pause on this special day to pay tribute to all our departed Sir Knights. Each one of them enriched the lives of us and especially their own individual "circles of life" where they resided. We will not forget, and we now release the souls of these Sir Knights over to the Almighty and Everlasting God of Heaven and Earth knowing He is the only one truly in control.

Right Eminent Grand Commander, will you please call the craft up and have them uncover for the benefit of prayer?

"Supreme Architect of the Universe, we come into your presence now with our eyes closed, heads bowed, and spirits focused realizing the many blessings you give to each one of us daily. Please know we are forever grateful to you for our own lives on earth and cannot fathom in our own minds how you in your infinite wisdom know us so well - every hair on our heads is accounted for by your all-seeing eye. Thank you, God!

At this time, we must confess our spirits are made low and sad due to the passing of the 51 Sir Knights, we will lift to you on this day. We ask you to please bless their families and all the Masonic Brethren who now must push on into the future without their physical impact anymore in life. We will not forget these special departed Brothers and vow to live out their legacies to all we meet. As MEC Kevin M. Ritter stressed to each of us this year, we will continue to 'BE KIND AND EXCELLENT TO EACH OTHER' to make the world a better place. We stood shoulder to shoulder with these men in our fraternity and were blessed in knowing them - each one.

We thank you, Lord and only ask your grace and mercy will continue to sustain us in all our days ahead. For your endless love provided each day, we are eternally grateful!" AMEN.

Credit should still be given to MEC Roy L. Gilkey for some of the phrases in this service as his words included from past sessions were too beautiful not to share once again. Thank you, MEC Roy!

Dispensations

For the 2025-2026 term, dispensations were granted to the following Commanderies for the reasons given.

July 11, 2025	Request from St. John's Commandery No. 20 to move the September conclave date so not to conflict with the Missouri Grand Lodge Annual Communication.
September 28, 2025	Request from St. John's Commandery No. 20 referencing a special election to fill the Senior Warden vacancy due to the member who demitted.
November 5, 2025	Request a change to Constantine Commandery No. 27 conclave meeting date to allow for consolidation meeting completion with St. John's Commandery No. 20, the conclave was scheduled to occur December 9, 2025.
November 19, 2025	Ascalon Commandery No. 16 request exemption for the December 3rd conclave date due to Region 5 York Rite holiday fest scheduled for December 1, 2025.
January 5, 2026	Oriental Commandery No. 35 request date change for their regularly scheduled conclave as it conflicted with a national holiday.
January 25, 2026	St. John's Commandery No. 20 request dispensation to cancel scheduled conclave due to icy weather conditions.
March 25, 2026	Ascalon Commandery No. 16 requested moving start time for their April 1st communication to 6:30 pm to permit for installation of officers and a following repast.

Administrative Authorizations

February 4, 2026	Prince of Peace Commandery No. 29 approved amended bylaws.
February 12, 2026	Ivanhoe Commandery No. 8 reviewed and re-approved amended bylaws, originally submitted January 5, 2023, and subsequently approved.

Visitations

Regrettably my ability to visit the constituent commanderies within the Missouri jurisdiction were cut short due to family concerns, however I was able to visit the below listed commanderies:

July 21, 2025	Rolla Commandery NO. 59 Rolla MO - I visited with Sir Knight Bobbie E. White, Past Grand Commander, for the purpose of presenting awards to Sir Knight James Ashby - this visitation also served as my official visit.
August 13, 2025	Ely Commandery No. 22 located in Kirksville, MO, for official visit.

- August 30, 2025 Rolla York Rite bodies - a memorial service was held for Sir Knight Ronnie E. Green, Past Grand Commander, in the Lodge Temple.
- September 17, 2025 St. Elmo Commandery No. 43 located in Bolivar, MO, for official visit.
- September 19, 2025 St. John's Commandery No. 20 located in Springfield, MO, for official visit.
- October 20, 2025 Prince of Peace Commandery No. 29 located in Jefferson City, MO, for official visit.
- October 21, 2025 Lebanon Commandery No. 33 located in Lebanon, MO, for official visit.
- November 17, 2025 Poplar Bluff Commandery No. 67 located in Poplar Bluff, MO, for official visit.
- December 6, 2025 Kirksville York Rite bodies located in Kirksville, MO, for Christmas Observance.

I had the opportunity to meet monthly with the elected and selected appointed Grand Officers in our monthly virtual meetings. I wish to thank this fine cadre of officers for the work they have done this past year, not only for those works within their area of responsibility, but also as they represented me at various functions and activities which I was unable to attend.

I wish to thank the Sir Knights of Missouri for their kindness, their hospitality, and their friendship not only for my term as Grand Commander, but for all the years I've had the opportunity to serve the York Rite bodies of Missouri.

Time Capsule

On September 19, 2025, I took the opportunity to visit the York Rite monument located in Branson, MO, and found it to be still in passable and good condition.

State of Missouri Templary and Recommendations

I have several items I wish to cover in closing:

The reduction in the number of Regional Conferences from seven locally to one statewide is a change that has been warmly embraced. Excellent discussion topics and training will be key to the continued success.

The Retention program I believe has helped our overall membership numbers, but there is only so much as a Commandery we are able to accomplish. If membership is lost in Lodge, Chapter, or Council there is little we can do to fix member loss short of looking for a work around for underlying issues with affiliation membership.

I thank SK Corey Huntsucker, our Grand Lecturer, and his team for their efforts to improve the tactics used with our ritual. As was sent to your Commandery Recorder you have had the opportunity to review the Ritual Committee's work firsthand and will be voting on those efforts later today.

To the office staff, Lady Debbie Hanson, officially Executive Assistant, but in reality the person instrumental in all that the Grand Commandery accomplishes, and Lady Tara Ornsbey who has graciously agreed to serve as Debbie's assistant and hopefully to fill her position in future years. Thank you for all you have done and in particular for the kindness you have demonstrated to Lady Claudette and me over the years.

Sir Knights Russell Hanson and Christopher Story, thank you for the accuracy and detail you provide for the maintenance of our funding and finances. Although the monthly spreadsheets can be daunting to the casual eye, they provide the information needed to make sound reasonable decisions.

Sir Knight Roger Fleer, thank you for tracking the administrative work, for your suggestions, and your recommendations.

Lewis and Clark Awards

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

- Region 1SK David Darrell Goring, Ely Commandery No. 22
- Region 2SK Budd Craig Gilfillen, Liberty Commandery No. 6
- Region 3SK Christopher Wayne Organ, Palestine Commandery No. 17
- Region 4SK David Elmo Perkins, Prince of Peace Commandery No. 29
- Region 5SK George M. Merkle, Ivanhoe Commandery No. 8
- Region 6SK Bryan Scott Edgar, Cape Girardeau Commandery No. 55
- Region 7ASK Barton Ross Cardetti, St John's Commandery No. 20
- Region 7BSK Mike Sisk, Neosho Commandery No. 57

Closing

As I begin this section with thanks to you the membership, the depth of my gratitude cannot begin to be expressed in words alone, so I close with these thoughts.

As the sun sets on this Templar year, my heart is filled with profound gratitude and humility. It seems like only yesterday I stood at the altar and took the vow to serve as your Grand Commander. As I returned the jewel of office, I was reminded that while titles are temporary, the bonds of this Valiant and Magnanimous Order are eternal. In the words of our current Grand High Priest, "be excellent to each other." We set out with a mission to strengthen our commanderies, not just in numbers, but in the depth of our ritual and sincerity of our charities.

I am proud to report that together we have supported Coyote Hills, ensuring that the gift of a good home is preserved for those in need.

I had the opportunity to visit some of our constituent commanderies. I witnessed first-hand the dedication of Sir Knights who keep our banners flying high. I sincerely apologize for not having had the opportunity to attend more commandery conclaves. You upheld the Christian virtues of hospitality and self-sacrifice that are the hallmarks of our ancient companions.

No Grand Commander stands alone. To my Grand Line officers, thank you for your counsel. To the Grand Recorder, Grand Treasurer team, and of course Debbie and Tara; your tireless work behind the scenes is the engine that keeps this Grand Commandery moving forward. To our Past Grand Commanders, I thank you for your sage advice - you have been the guardians of our traditions and the constant source of encouragement when the path seemed steep. Most importantly to my family,

especially my Lady Claudette, thank you for your patience and for sharing me with this Grand Commandery during these many years. Your support has been my personal strength.

We live in a world that often forgets the values of chivalry, honor, and faith. Our mission as Knights Templar is to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, and bind up the wounds of the afflicted - this is more relevant today than ever before.

As I pass the sword and the responsibilities of this office to Sir Knight Terry Coppotelli, I ask you give him the same loyalty and zeal you have shown me. He is a true Christian Knight and under his leadership, I am confident our order will continue to flourish. Sir Knights although I concluded my term earlier than I had anticipated I leave you with these words of the apostle: "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith." (2 Timothy 4:7, RSV) Let us never forget that we are not the lords of the earth but humble servants of the Grand Captain of our salvation. We will continue to March forward in faith and with faith in Jesus the Christ and peace and goodwill to all. I now return to the ranks, ready to serve as a Sir Knight once more. May the God of goodness and mercy continue to bless each and every one of you.

Fraternally submitted,
SK Ronald L. Skiles, Grand Commander

See Volume 3, Pages 57 and 58 for the Report of Address of the Grand Commander Committee.

REPORT OF THE GRAND COMMANDER

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

Sir Knights,

Effective April 7, 2026, I was installed as Grand Commander due to the resignation of the former Grand Commander, SK Ronald L. Skiles.

Succession

On April 5, 2026, our Grand Recorder, SK Roger D. Fleeer, informed me that the sitting Grand Commander, SK Ronald L. Skiles, had notified him of his resignation, effective that same day. While the resignation of a sitting Grand Commander may not be unprecedented in Missouri, it has not occurred in recent memory. The Grand Recorder and I consulted with Jurisprudence, and, under Grand Encampment Constitution, Statutes, Disciplinary Rules, Standing Resolutions, Ceremonies, Forms and Approved Decisions (CSD 2022 Edition), the Deputy Grand Commander is required to succeed immediately to the office of Grand Commander. Based upon the advice of Jurisprudence, it was determined that, to ensure the legitimacy of the succession, the vow of office should be administered in an Asylum. A special gathering at Ascalon Commandery No. 16 was therefore called expressly for that purpose. At 8:00 pm on April 7, 2026, I was installed as Grand Commander of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri for the remainder of the Templar year.

With my succession, we were immediately faced with the question of how best to address the vacancy created within the Grand Commandery line. Two options were available: I could appoint a pro tem Deputy Grand Commander, or I could appoint a pro tem Grand Warder.

After considerable research and discussion, I made the decision to advance the Grand Line and formally issued that decision. I believed that placing the current officers into their new stations would add stability to the line and allow them to begin the following year with practical experience in their respective roles.

This left the open position at the bottom of the line, Grand Warder, still to be addressed. The Grand Conclave was set to reconvene in a little more than two months, and at that Conclave the Grand Commandery has an established process for selecting the Grand Warder. I concluded that the best course was to appoint someone to serve only during the brief period preceding the Annual Conclave, after which the traditional process could proceed to select a permanent Grand Warder. I therefore asked SK Michael C. Rohman, Past Grand Commander, to serve pro tem until the June election, and he graciously agreed.

I wish to express my sincere thanks to the following:

SK Roger D. Fleeer, Past Grand Commander and Grand Recorder, for his guidance, for organizing an installation on very short notice, and for serving as my Installing Marshal.

SK K. Trent Moreland, Past Grand Commander, for serving as my Installing Commander, and for enlisting the assistance of his two sons, SK Blaine Moreland and SK Nathan Moreland, who honored me with the Arch of Steel.

All Sir Knights and guests who were in attendance.

SK Michael C. Rohman, Past Grand Commander, for once again assisting the Commandery in a time of need.

Most of all, I wish to thank SK Ronald L. Skiles and Lady Claudette. Your work and devotion to the craft over all these years have left a lasting mark on Masonry and Knights Templary. God bless.

Grand Master's Templar Crusade

As Director of Work for the Grand Master's Templar Crusade, scheduled for April 25, 2026, I participated in the following events:

April 9 - Conducted Grand Master's Templar Crusade practice.

April 12 - Conducted Grand Master's Templar Crusade practice.

April 13 - Prepared the asylum for the Grand Master's Templar Crusade, including lighting synchronization.

April 15 - Completed additional asylum and regalia preparation for the Grand Master's Templar Crusade.

April 24 - Conducted Grand Master's Templar Crusade practice.

On April 25, 2026, MWB and SK Emmett J. Bryson, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Missouri, was welcomed into the Ascalon Commandery No. 16 Asylum in Ellisville, Missouri. It was the highlight of my year. The venue was ideal, and the many months of work by the cast and crew resulted in one of the finest Knighting ceremonies I have ever witnessed. On that day, seventeen new Sir Knights were created.

I wish to extend my thanks to:

MWB Bryson for taking the time to honor us with his presence and for the message of Masonry and Templarism that he shared with all in attendance that day.

The cast and crew who traveled from across the state at their own expense for a single purpose: to present the Commandery in the best possible light and to deliver exceptional conferral work.

I would also note, with considerable pride, that every Grand Commandery line officer was present and participated.

Tax-Exempt Status

In my judgment, among the many challenges the Grand Commandery has faced over the years, the loss of our tax-exempt status ranks among the most serious. Few prior challenges carried the potential to jeopardize the continued operation of the fraternity. The legal fees, penalties, and fines that might have been imposed could have been financially devastating.

Like many others, I have been concerned about this issue for some time. Early in my term, I learned that SK Donald MacCormick and other Grand Officers were already working to restore our tax-exempt status. SK MacCormick enlisted the assistance of Lady April Dodd, whose experience in this area

proved invaluable. On May 2, 2026, he informed me that the Grand Commandery's tax-exempt status had been fully reinstated, retroactive to October 15, 2022, the date of revocation. As of that date, all three York Rite bodies are once again in good standing.

Grand Master's Breakfast

On May 3, 2026, I represented both the Grand Commandery and the Grand Lodge of Missouri at the Grand Master's Breakfast at Moolah Temple in Maryland Heights, Missouri. It was an excellent event and, in my view, set a new standard for future Grand Master's breakfasts. MWB Bryson's message centered on transforming the rough ashlar into the perfect ashlar. Because others may still have the opportunity to experience this presentation, I will not describe it in detail here. I will simply say that, before that morning, I had never literally seen workmen "labor in the quarry," and I can no longer say that.

Rolla Installation

Missouri is home to many outstanding Commanderies, and Rolla Commandery No. 59 is certainly among them. The fraternal bonds I experience there are always strong and evident. SK Alan Ward honored me by inviting me to install him as the Commander of Rolla Commandery No. 59 on May 4, 2026. I look forward to continuing to observe and support the work of these Sir Knights in the years ahead. The trip is unquestionably worthwhile. A very fun group of Sir Knights.

Grand Officers Training

On May 9, 2026, training for the incoming Grand Line Officers and Regional Grand Officers was held at Acacia-Twilight Lodge in Columbia, Missouri. SK Taz Meyer and SK Jim McManigle assembled an excellent program featuring outstanding speakers and training that was both engaging and highly relevant.

I would again note, with pride, that every Grand Commandery line officer was present and took part.

Condition of the Order and Recommendations

At present, I do not know whom you will choose as Grand Commander for 2026-2027. Whoever that may be, I respectfully offer the following thoughts and recommendations.

In my spare time, I often review past Proceedings of the Grand Commandery of Missouri, sometimes spanning many decades. Two patterns consistently stand out. First, and most plainly, our numbers have declined - membership, revenue, and the number of Commanderies - and that trend has continued since 1929. I believe each leader during that time did all he could to reverse it, yet the decline persisted. We must acknowledge that society has changed and that people are no longer drawn to fraternal organizations as they once were. For that reason, our efforts are better spent not on trying to change society, but on making the Commandery and Templar experience as strong as possible. If we do that well, our work will remain meaningful, and our fellowship will be stronger and more rewarding.

I also believe that, long before 1929, nearly every worthwhile idea for improving our fraternal experience had already been considered and shared with the membership. Where we most often fall

short is in the execution of those ideas. Many within the Grand Commandery possess the same passion and commitment to the Craft that existed in the early twentieth century. The key is to spread that passion throughout the fraternity. How is that done? By taking the work personally. Treat your Commandery as though it were your family, and treat each Templar with the same care and concern you would show your own son.

Approach the work and activities of your Commandery as though they will shape how you are remembered. With that in mind, I offer a few suggestions.

Activity vs. Achievement: Do Not Confuse the Two

One important goal should be to draw as many Sir Knights as possible to your conclave and to make it an event they would regret missing. Achieving that begins well before the meeting itself. A well-prepared trestle with plans, agendas, and useful information can build interest and encourage attendance. Open with as much ritual and structure as possible, involve everyone, and keep the meeting efficient and purposeful. Provide fellowship, a good meal, and time for personal interaction. When these things increase attendance, that is achievement.

By contrast, activity is doing something merely so it can be said to have been done. It is like "cleaning" a room by shoving everything under the bed. For example, if the only meeting reminder sent is a text on the morning of the conclave, it gives the impression, "If you have nothing better to do this evening, you might as well stop by." If the commander then convenes the commandery with minimal ritual, and once convened, turns to the recorder and asks, "What do we have this evening?" Then the meeting has not been properly prepared. And if, after everyone has rushed from work to the temple, they are told that no meal was prepared and that perhaps some cookies can be found in the cabinet, the result is not meaningful achievement, but mere activity.

More In-Person Business Meetings for Officers

During the pandemic, we were required to meet by Zoom. While virtual meetings remain useful for small groups handling specific administrative matters, larger groups benefit greatly from gathering in person from time to time. Communication is more natural, trust develops more quickly, and the resulting fellowship is stronger and more lasting.

It Is Your Commandery

When you walk through your house and see something out of place on the floor, you pick it up and throw it away; you do not complain that someone else should have done it. If the grass is too tall, you cut it; you do not wait for winter to solve the problem. The same principle applies to your Commandery. Take ownership. If you see a problem, step forward, accept responsibility, and offer both solutions and help in making things better.

Hold Your Officers Accountable

As I noted earlier, there are few truly new ideas in masonry. To give proper credit, much of what follows was stolen from SK Kevin Sample. Every Templar and Freemason who is installed stands before the Bible and takes an oath to fulfill the duties of his office. To neglect those duties is a

dereliction of responsibility and a moral failing. Too often, we see things left incomplete, bylaws ignored, and shortcuts taken simply because doing things properly requires more effort.

In flight school, there was a saying that rules and procedures had "been written in blood," meaning they were often created in response to serious failures. Their purpose was to prevent those failures from happening again. The same is true of our bylaws, they exist for a reason. Consider budgets and audits. Because we trust one another, we can become lax in conducting our due diligence. In every instance I have seen where a Commandery ran out of money - or worse, money went missing - it was because the budget or audit process had been shortened or neglected.

If one of your officers or members is cutting corners by selectively following the Laws and Regulations of the Grand Commandery, or your Commandery Bylaws, remind him, in the most tender manner, of those shortcomings. If he still refuses to correct them, do not simply walk away. Address the matter openly in your conclave and remain engaged until it is resolved.

Thank you.

Fraternally submitted,
SK Terry D. Coppotelli, Grand Commander

REPORT OF THE DEPUTY GRAND COMMANDER

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

Sir Knights,

At the 164th Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri, I was elected and installed as Deputy Grand Commander. Serving the Grand Commandery as an elected officer, while also serving the Grand Lodge of Missouri first as Junior Grand Steward and then as Junior Grand Deacon, left little time for rest. In total, I traveled more than 7,000 miles and attended more than 100 Masonic meetings. Notably, these were primarily regular or special tiled meetings of Masonic bodies and do not include administrative meetings, practices, dinners, and other events that required substantial time on the road in support of the Craft. For the sake of brevity, I have included only a few highlights in the chronology below.

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| July 19, 2025 | I represented the Grand Commander at the 2025 KYCH Investiture held in Jefferson City. Upon the conclusion of that meeting, I conducted an in-person meeting with the Grand Commandery line officers. While Zoom remains an effective platform for certain administrative matters, I believe the Grand Commandery should return to regular in-person meetings. We have lost some of the fellowship, personal connection, and team-building opportunities that such meetings uniquely provide. |
| August 29, 2025 | The Grand Commandery was called upon to conduct the Templar Funeral Service for SK Ronnie Green, Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Missouri. A large number of brethren and friends were present to pay their respects and support Lady Margie. I was especially moved by the number of Grand Commandery officers in attendance. On a personal level, it was an honor to perform this service for Ronnie. SK Green was the first person to speak with me about my future in the Grand Commandery, and I will always be grateful for his friendship, guidance, and encouragement. He is deeply missed. |
| September 5-6, 2025 | I represented the Grand Commander at the inaugural all-region York Rite Conference held in St. James, Missouri. Although I was not involved in planning the event, the organizers did an |

outstanding job. The conference was so well received that it may well become the model for future York Rite conferences. Traditional topics, including updates and plans for the year, were addressed; however, much of the material was fresh and provided an excellent forum for the camaraderie and fellowship we so greatly need.

- September 21-22, 2025 I represented the Grand Commander of Missouri at the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Missouri, held at the Sheraton Hotel at Crown Center in Kansas City, Missouri. At that same event, I was appointed and installed as Junior Grand Steward of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Missouri.
- January 30, 2026 I represented the Grand Commander at a Table Chapter in Lebanon, Missouri. The purpose of the event was to raise funds for the Royal Arch Research Assistance (RARA). Very Excellent Companion, and our Grand Warder, Mike Estright, served as Master of Ceremonies. The event was very well planned and executed flawlessly. Everyone enjoyed the evening, and more than \$3,100 was raised for RARA. As an additional point of pride, I was pleased to see most of the Grand Commandery line in attendance.
- March 7, 2026 I represented the Grand Commander at Grand Masters Chapter Day, conducted at Acacia-Twilight Lodge in Columbia, Missouri. Three of the Royal Arch degrees were conferred upon 18 candidates. It was an excellent presentation of the Royal Arch ritual.
- March 28, 2026 I represented the Grand Commander at Grand Masters Cryptic Day, conducted at Acacia-Twilight Lodge in Columbia, Missouri. All three degrees were conferred, and I was honored to have the opportunity to obligate more than 16 candidates in the Super Excellent Master degree.
- April 1, 2026 I served as the installing officer for the installation of officers at my home Commandery, Ascalon Commandery No. 16, in Ellisville, Missouri. Ascalon relocated to this temple during the COVID period, and the Commandery has now fully and firmly settled into its new home. I know that the new Commander, SK John Caraker, has worked diligently in service to the Commandery, and I have every confidence that he will continue that work with distinction.

Fraternally submitted,
SK Terry D. Coppotelli, Deputy Grand Commander

REPORT OF THE DEPUTY GRAND COMMANDER

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

Sir Knights,

Effective April 22, 2026, I was advanced to Deputy Grand Commander by SK Terry D. Coppotelli, Grand Commander, due to the resignation of the former Grand Commander, SK Ronald L. Skiles.

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

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| April 25, 2026 | Participated in Grand Master's Templar Crusade in Saint Louis (17 new Knights) |
| April 26, 2026 | Grand Commandery Zoom meeting |
| May 3, 2026 | Educational Foundation Zoom meeting |
| May 7, 2026 | Palestine KT 17 meeting |
| June 4, 2026 | Palestine KT 17 meeting |

Fraternally submitted,
SK Matthew L. Quesenberry, Deputy Grand Commander

REPORT OF THE GRAND GENERALISSIMO

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 26, 2025	Participated in the installation of Palestine KT 17
July 10, 2025	Participated in Palestine KT 17 Victory dinner
July 27, 2025	Grand Commandery Zoom meeting
July 29, 2025	Educational Foundation Zoom meeting
August 2, 2025	Grand Encampment Leadership Conference
September 1, 2025	South-Central Zoom meeting
September 4, 2025	Palestine KT 17 meeting
September 18-22, 2025	South Central Conference in Texas
October 2, 2025	Palestine KT 17 meeting
October 3, 2025	Oriental KT 35 meeting
October 5, 2025	Educational Foundation Zoom meeting
October 13, 2025	Attended Independence Lodge for recruitment presentation
October 20, 2025	Attended McDonald Lodge for recruitment presentation
November 6, 2025	Palestine KT 17 meeting
November 8, 2025	Assisted in conferring the Orders on 10 new Knights in Independence festival
November 23, 2025	Grand Commandery Zoom meeting
December 4, 2025	Palestine KT 17 Christmas dinner
December 5, 2025	Templar Christmas program at Oriental KT 35
January 25, 2026	Grand Commandery Zoom meeting
February 1, 2026	Educational Foundation Zoom meeting
February 5, 2026	Palestine KT 17 meeting
February 8, 2026	Palestine KT 17 drill practice
February 15, 2026	Palestine KT 17 drill practice
February 22, 2026	Palestine KT 17 drill practice
February 22, 2026	Grand Commandery Zoom meeting
March 5, 2026	Palestine KT 17 meeting
March 7, 2026	Palestine KT 17 drill practice
March 14, 2026	Palestine KT 17 drill practice
March 21, 2026	Drill competition in Columbia
March 22, 2026	Grand Commandery Zoom meeting
April 2, 2026	Palestine KT 17 meeting

In addition, I attended the 2025 Grand Session in Kansas City.

Fraternally submitted,

SK Matthew L. Quesenberry, Grand Generalissimo

REPORT OF THE GRAND GENERALISSIMO

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

Sir Knights,

Effective April 22, 2026, I was advanced to Grand Generalissimo by SK Terry D. Coppotelli, Grand Commander, due to the resignation of the former Grand Commander, SK Ronald L. Skiles.

Fraternally submitted,
SK Glenn B. Parker, Grand Generalissimo

REPORT OF THE GRAND CAPTAIN GENERAL

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

Sir Knights,

My activities for this year were attending the Grand Masters class held at the Masonic Center of St. Louis, located at 15977 Clayton road. At that time I participated in the conferral of the Order of Malta and the Order of the Temple. I also attended the Zoom meetings for the Grand Commandry on the 4th Sunday of the month.

Fraternally submitted,
SK Glenn B. Parker, Grand Captain General

REPORT OF THE GRAND CAPTAIN GENERAL

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

Sir Knights,

Effective April 22, 2026, I was advanced to Grand Captain General by SK Terry D. Coppotelli, Grand Commander, due to the resignation of the former Grand Commander, SK Ronald L. Skiles.

It is now a pleasure to serve SK Terry D. Coppotelli, Grand Commander, as Grand Captain General during the rest of the Year of our Lord 2025/2026; Year of our Order 907/908. The following is a report of my activities 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 the Eastern Star, and the Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine (Shriners International).

April 22, 2026 By Order of SK Terry D. Coppotelli, Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery, the Grand Commandery Advancing Line was advanced, and I was appointed to the office of Grand Captain General of the Grand Commandery

April 25, 2026 I attended and participated in the Grand Master's Templar Crusade at the Masonic Center of St. Louis, 15977 Clayton Rd., Ballwin, MO - my fellow Sir Knights from Ely KT 22 and I assisted with the conferral of the Order of Knight of St. Paul, or the Mediterranean Pass, and the Order of Malta - our Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Missouri, SK Emmett J. Bryson, was present and gave remarks - it was a joy to see the entire Grand Commandery Advancing Line present for the

April 26, 2026
 May 9, 2026

conferral of the Orders - thanks to SK Terry D. Coppotelli, Grand Commander, for organizing the event
 I attended the Grand Commandery Officers meeting online
 I plan to attend the Grand York Rite of Missouri Regional Officer Training at the Masonic Temple in Columbia, MO

Planned activities for the remainder of the year.

June 11, 2026

I plan to attend the Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri at the Marriott Airport Hotel in St. Louis, MO, as Lady Racheal and I attend the Annual Sessions of the Grand York Rite of Missouri

It is an honor to serve the Sir Knights of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri.

Fraternally submitted,
 SK Ashley W. Young, Grand Captain General

REPORT OF THE GRAND SENIOR WARDEN

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

Sir Knights,

It was a pleasure to serve SK Ronald L. Skiles, Junior Past Grand Commander, as Grand Senior Warden during the Year of our Lord 2025/2026; Year of our Order 907/908. The following is a report of my activities thus far this 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 the Eastern Star, and the Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine (Shriners International).

June 14, 2025

I was installed as Grand Senior Warden during the Installation of Officers of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri, at the Marriott Country Club Plaza Hotel in Kansas City, MO - Appropriately, it was also Flag Day

June 19, 2025

I attended a special conclave of Ely KT 22 at the Masonic Temple in Kirksville, MO

July 19, 2025

I attended a meeting led by SK Terry D. Coppotelli, Deputy Grand Commander, and our Grand Recorder, at the Masonic Temple in Jefferson City, MO

July 27, 2025

I attended and chaired the Grand Commandery Education Committee meeting online
 I attended the Grand Commandery Officers meeting online

August 14, 2025

I attended a special conclave of Ely KT 22 at the Masonic Temple in Kirksville, MO, where the commandery received SK Ronald L. Skiles, Grand Commander, for his official visit - the Grand Commander was joined by his wife, Lady Claudette Skiles

August 24, 2025

I attended the Statewide York Rite Leadership Conference Logistics meeting, on behalf of the Grand Commandery, online

September 5 - 6, 2025

I attended what I hope is the first annual Statewide York Rite Leadership Conference at St. James Winery in Saint James, MO - the Grand Commandery was well-represented by SK Terry D. Coppotelli, Deputy Grand Commander, and the majority of Grand Commandery Advancing Line Officers

September 22, 2025

I was installed as Senior Grand Steward of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Missouri during the Grand Lodge Installation of Officers at the Sheraton Hotel at Crown Center in Kansas City, MO

- September 28, 2025 I attended the Grand Commandery Officers meeting online
- October 26, 2025 I attended the Grand Commandery Officers meeting online
- November 23, 2025 I attended the Grand Commandery Officers meeting online
- December 6, 2025 I organized the fourteenth annual Kirksville Kiwanis Christmas Parade in Kirksville, MO, which I founded, and in which Ely KT 22 has marched nearly every year since its inception - unfortunately, this year's parade was postponed by one week due to a winter storm, and so attendance from the Sir Knights was low - the marching Sir Knights were led by SK Craig A. Nowell, Commander of Ely KT 22, who was joined by SK J. D. Determan, Grand Captain General of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Iowa - our Grand Commander, SK Ronald L. Skiles, was in attendance, but was unable to march due to his health - following the parade, SK Nowell served chili for the Masonic parade participants at the Masonic Temple in Kirksville, MO
- December 11, 2025 I attended the stated conclave of Ely KT 22 at the Masonic Temple in Kirksville, MO
- December 13, 2025 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 Jefferson City, MO, hosted by Prince of Peace KT 29 - in attendance from the Grand Commandery Advancing Line in addition to myself were: SK Ronald L. Skiles, Grand Commander; SK W. Stuart English, Grand Junior Warden; SK Jeffrey L. Knight, Grand Standard Bearer; and SK Michael J. Estright, Grand Warder
- January 11, 2026 I organized and attended the Joint Installation of Officers for Ely KT 22; Kirksville CO 44; and Caldwell CH 53 (the York Rite bodies of Kirksville, MO) at the Masonic Temple in Kirksville, MO - I was honored to install the officers of my home commandery, while VIC David D. Goring installed the officers of Kirksville Council in his capacity as R1 RDGM, and VEC Richard A. Taylor installed the officers of Caldwell Chapter in his capacity as Grand Master of the First Veil - special thanks to Companion and SK Christian M. Jessen, Grand Organist of the Grand Commandery, Grand Council, and Grand Chapter, for providing music during the three installations
- February 12, 2026 I attended the Past Presiding Officers Dinner for Ely KT 22; Kirksville CO 44; and Caldwell CH 53 (the York Rite bodies of Kirksville, MO) at the Masonic Temple in Kirksville, MO - I was honored to present a Past Commander jewel to SK David D. Goring, R1 RGC - following the presentation, I delivered closing remarks - congratulations to SK Craig A. Nowell, Commander of Ely Commandery, and SK Matthew N. Moore, Senior Warden of Ely Commandery, for organizing this event
- February 20 - 21, 2026 I organized and attended a York Rite Festival hosted by Ely KT 22; Kirksville CO 44; and Caldwell CH 53 (the York Rite of Kirksville, MO) - I was honored to confer on seven new Sir Knights the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross, and the Degree of Knight of St. Paul, or the Mediterranean Pass, and the Order of Malta, in short form, and then assist with the conferral of the Order of the Temple in full form. Ely Commandery was honored to welcome two Grand Officers from the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Iowa: SK J. D. Determan, Grand Captain General, and SK Bryan D. Bever, Grand Generalissimo - representing our Grand Commandery at the event were SK David D. Goring, R1 RGC; myself; SK Jeffrey L. Knight, Grand Standard Bearer; SK William J. King, Assistant Grand Lecturer (North); and SK Christian M. Jessen, Grand Organist, who provided music for the entire festival - we were also joined by two Past Grand Commanders of the Grand Commandery (both from Ely Commandery): SK Thomas C. Yunick (2003-2004) and SK Richard L. Mansfield (2012-2013)
- March 12, 2026 I attended the stated conclave of Ely KT 22 at the Masonic Temple in Kirksville, MO
- April 4, 2026 Following the Masonic Service Day in Columbia, MO (which was spent building beds for children in need with Sleep in Heavenly Peace), and while waiting for lunch at Shakespeares's Pizza - West, the officers of the Grand Commandery received the resignation of SK Ronald L. Skiles from the office of Grand Commander via email - this made SK Terry D. Coppotelli, Deputy Grand Commander, the acting Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery - SK Coppotelli and SK Emmet J. Bryson, Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Missouri, had not yet arrived for lunch -

upon their arrival, they were both received under an arch of steel, utilizing those utensils available to us at Shakespeare's Pizza - West

April 5, 2026 I attended the Ely KT 22 Easter Sunrise Service at the Masonic Temple in Kirksville, MO - I was honored to provide the invocation for the Service - this event not only commemorates the resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, but also serves to collect contributions to the Knights Templar Holy Land Pilgrimage program

It is an honor to serve the Sir Knights of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri.

Fraternally submitted,
SK Ashley W. Young, Grand Senior Warden

REPORT OF THE GRAND SENIOR WARDEN

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

Sir Knights,

Effective April 22, 2026, I was advanced to Grand Senior Warden by SK Terry D. Coppotelli, Grand Commander, due to the resignation of the former Grand Commander, SK Ronald L. Skiles.

On April 25th, I attended the Grand Master's Templar Crusade in St. Louis. The new Sir Knights received some fantastic ritual work.

On May 9th, I attended the York Rite Training Session in Columbia. A lot of valuable information was dispersed.

On Memorial Day, I plan on representing the Commandery at the Chamois Memorial Day Service. Jerry Berry was the last Union Soldier buried in the Chamois Cemetery. Brother Berry was a Prince Hall Mason.

I look forward to Grand Session and serving the Commandery for the upcoming year!

Fraternally submitted,
SK W. Stuart English, Grand Senior Warden

REPORT OF THE GRAND JUNIOR WARDEN

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

Sir Knights,

It has been an honor to serve as your Grand Junior Warden this past year. Although my other Masonic duties have kept me busy most of the year, my plan is to put more emphasis on the Commandery in the coming years.

Grand Session was held in June where I was installed as Grand Junior Warden. I attended all the Commandery Zoom meetings as well as my home Commandery meetings.

On August 30th, it was my honor and privilege to attend and participate in the funeral of Sir Knight Ronnie Green, Past Grand Commander. His funeral was well attended by Sir Knights from all over the State.

On September 5th and 6th, I attended the York Rite Conference in St. James. I truly enjoyed this new format. Companions and Sir Knights from all Regions were able to share ideas and enjoy fellowship. I hope this new event will continue in the future.

On October 3rd and 4th, I attended the York Rite Festival in Poplar Bluff. On October 20th, I attended Prince of Peace Commandery where Sir Knight Ron Skiles, Grand Commander, made his Official Visit.

On November 17th, Sir Knight Bradshaw, R4 RGC, made his Official Visit to Prince of Peace.

On December 13th, I attended the Table Commandery for Regions 1 and 4, held in Jefferson City. It was well attended and everyone had a good time. On December 14th, I attended the Commandery Christmas Observance held in Peculiar. The service was led by Sir Knight Richard Riepe.

On March 21st, I attended the annual Drill Competition held in Columbia. It was good to see all the Sir Knights engaged in healthy competition.

Coming up is the Grand Master's Templar Crusade to be held in St. Louis. After that will be the York Rite Training Day in Columbia on May 9th. Grand Session will follow in June. I look forward to serving the Grand Commandery and hope I will be able to visit more Commanderies in the future.

Fraternally submitted,
SK W. Stuart English, Grand Junior Warden

REPORT OF THE GRAND JUNIOR WARDEN

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

Sir Knights,

Effective April 22, 2026, I was advanced to Grand Senior Warden by SK Terry D. Coppotelli, Grand Commander, due to the resignation of the former Grand Commander, SK Ronald L. Skiles.

During the few weeks I filled this position prior to the 2026 Grand York Rite Sessions, I attended the following events:

April 25, 2026	Attended the Grand Masters Templar Crusade held at the Masonic Center of St. Louis - I filled the role of Banner Guard in the Order of Malta, and Escort/Triangle Guard in the Order of the Temple
May 9, 2026	Attended the Grand York Rite Officers training at the Masonic Temple in Columbia, MO
June 4-6, 2026	It is my intention to attend and represent the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri at the annual Grand York Rite Session of Iowa to be held in Coralville, IA

It has been my honor to serve the Sir Knights of the Grand Commandery of Missouri and look forward to continue serving you in the coming year.

Fraternally submitted,
SK Jeffrey L. Knight, Grand Junior Warden

REPORT OF THE GRAND STANDARD BEARER

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

Sir Knights,

My second year in the Grand Commandery line was an exercise in extremes. At the 2025 Grand Commandery State Conclave, I was elected and installed as the Grand Standard Bearer. Things started off well and I was able to attend several state and regional events. Then came October and having to deal with my mother's health issues. This took up a lot of my time as I now have to transport her to all her Doctor appointments. I have to express a great debt of gratitude to my wife for accompanying me and assisting me in taking care of those issues.

Despite the challenges, 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:

June 11-15, 2025	Attended the Grand Sessions of all three York Rite bodies. Was elected and installed as the Grand Standard Bearer
August 30, 2025	Attended and participated in the Funeral Rites for PGC Ronnie Green in Rolla, MO
September 1, 2025	Attended South-Central Department Zoom meeting for finalizing issues for the upcoming South-Central District Conference
September 6, 2025	Attended the inaugural Missouri Grand York Rite Fall Conference held in the St James Winery - was inducted into the Ancient and Sacred Order of Stonecutters (Not a Masonic degree!) - a good time was had by all
September 19-20, 2025	Attended South-Central Departmental Conference held in League City, TX
December 13, 2025	Attended the Region 1 & 4 Table Commandery held at Jefferson Lodge, Jefferson City, MO
December 16, 2025	Attended the Neosho York Rite Christmas Celebration
December 17, 2025	Attended the Region 5 York Rite Christmas Celebration at the Masonic Center of St. Louis, MO
January 30, 2026	Attended the Table Chapter held at Lebanon, MO
April 17-18, 2026	Represented the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri at the Grand York Rite Assembly for the State of Idaho in Burley, ID

In all this, I also participated in my committee assignments with the Knight Templar Eye Foundation and the Examiners Committee.

I hope to be more active and attend more events across the state this year, and look forward to visiting more commanderies and meeting more of our members across the state.

Fraternally submitted,
SK Jeffrey L. Knight, Grand Standard Bearer

REPORT OF THE GRAND STANDARD BEARER

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

Sir Knights,

Effective April 22, 2026, I was advanced to Grand Standard Bearer by SK Terry D. Coppotelli, Grand Commander, due to the resignation of the former Grand Commander, SK Ronald L. Skiles.

Fraternally submitted,
SK Douglas C. Rose, Jr., Grand Standard Bearer

REPORT OF THE GRAND SWORD BEARER

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 Douglas C. Rose, Jr., Grand Sword Bearer

REPORT OF THE GRAND SWORD BEARER

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

Sir Knights,

Effective April 22, 2026, I was advanced to Grand Sword Bearer by SK Terry D. Coppotelli, Grand Commander, due to the resignation of the former Grand Commander, SK Ronald L. Skiles.

As our fraternal year neared its conclusion, our Grand Commander reached the difficult and solemn decision to resign his station. While this transition was unforeseen by the membership, it was a decision made with profound consideration for his personal well-being, the needs of his family, and the ultimate stability of the Grand Commandery. Consequently, SK Terry D. Coppotelli, Deputy Grand Commander, was installed to lead our order, facilitating the advancement of the elected line officers to ensure the continuity of our mission. In alignment with these leadership changes, I was advanced from the office of Warder to that of Sword Bearer. I immediately assumed the responsibilities of this station, striving to meet the high expectations of the office for the remainder of the term.

During this period, I conducted the following official visits:

April 25, 2026	Grand Master Crusade
May 4, 2026	Rolla Installation

This year has proven to be a period of significant growth and fulfilling service. I remain deeply committed to the work ahead and look forward to contributing actively to our Grand Commandery committees. It is my highest honor to serve the Sir Knights of this State and to represent this venerable institution with the dignity it deserves throughout my travels.

Fraternally submitted,
SK Michael J. Estright, Grand Standard Bearer

REPORT OF THE GRAND WARDER

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

Sir Knights,

It is with a profound sense of honor and humility that I present this report reflecting on my first year serving in the Grand Commandery Line. I want to extend my deepest gratitude to all of you for your vote of confidence in electing me to this esteemed position, and to the Sir Knights who have steadfastly offered their guidance and support along the way.

This inaugural year has been an invaluable foundational experience, dedicated to mastering the responsibilities of this office, actively engaging with my assigned region, and supporting both my home Commandery and our broader jurisdiction. I have taken great pride in fulfilling my duties, which included maintaining perfect attendance at all our monthly Grand Commandery leadership meetings. Throughout the York Rite year, it has been my distinct privilege to travel extensively visiting local Commanderies and participating in pivotal events to ensure our region was well-represented and supported.

Below is a record of my official travels and attendances over the past year:

July 21, 2025	Rolla Commandery
August 30, 2025	Ronnie Green Funeral
September 6, 2025	Regional Conference
September 17, 2025	Lebanon Commandery
October 4, 2025	Festival Poplar Bluff
October 21, 2025	Prince of Peace Commandery
November 17, 2025	Rolla Commandery
December 8, 2025	St. Graal Commandery
December 13, 2025	Table Commandery Region 1 & 4
December 15, 2025	Rolla Commandery
December 16, 2025	Lebanon Commandery
January 17, 2026	Rolla Commandery
January 19, 2026	Rolla Commandery
March 13-15, 2026	Arkansas Grand York Rite
March 16, 2026	Rolla Commandery
March 21, 2026	St. Graal Commandery
April 20, 2026	Rolla Commandery Easter Observance

A particular highlight of this year was the privilege of officially representing the Grand Commandery of Missouri at the Arkansas Grand Sessions in March 2026. This experience was deeply rewarding, and it profoundly reinforced my appreciation for the extraordinary dedication of the Sir Knights here in Missouri. The caliber of the Sir Knights within our Grand Commandery is exceptional, and your unwavering devotion to our Craft is evident in all that we do.

This has been an immensely fulfilling year of growth and service. I am energized by the work ahead and eagerly anticipate taking on active roles within our Grand Commandery committees to help propel our great organization forward. It remains my highest privilege to serve the Sir Knights of this State and to represent our honorable institution wherever my travels may take me.

Fraternally submitted,
SK Michael J. Estright, Grand Warder

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PRELIMINARY PROCEEDINGS

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St. Louis, Missouri

Volume 2 - REGIONAL GRAND COMMANDER AND OTHER GRAND OFFICER REPORTS



REPORT OF THE REGIONAL GRAND COMMANDER, REGION 1

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

Sir Knights,

It was a pleasure to serve SK Ronald L. Skiles, Junior Past Grand Commander, and to now serve SK Terry D. Coppotelli, Grand Commander, both during the Year of our Lord 2025/2026; Year of our Order 907/908. The following is a report of my activities thus far this year, and of those I have planned for the remainder of the year. This report excludes my activities in Ancient Craft, 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, and the Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine (Shriners International).

June 14, 2025	I was installed as Regional Grand Commander during the Installation of Officers of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri, at the Marriott Country Club Plaza Hotel in Kansas City, MO
June 19, 2025	I attended a special conclave of Ely KT 22 at the Masonic Temple in Kirksville, MO
July 27, 2025	I attended the Grand Commandery Officers Zoom meeting online
August 14, 2025	I attended a special conclave of Ely KT 22 at the Masonic Temple in Kirksville, MO, where the commandery received SK Ronald L. Skiles, Grand Commander, for his official visit - the Grand Commander was joined by his wife, Lady Claudette Skiles
August 24, 2025	I attended the Grand Commandery Officers Zoom meeting online
September 5-6, 2025	I attended the first Statewide York Rite Leadership Conference at St. James Winery in Saint James, MO
September 28, 2025	I attended the Grand Commandery Officers Zoom meeting online
October 26, 2025	I attended the Grand Commandery Officers Zoom meeting online
November 23, 2025	I attended the Grand Commandery Officers Zoom meeting online
December 28, 2025	I attended the Grand Commandery Officers Zoom meeting online
January 11, 2026	I attended the Joint Installation of Officers for Ely KT 22; Kirksville CO 44; and Caldwell CH 53 (the York Rite bodies of Kirksville, MO) at the Masonic Temple in Kirksville, MO - SK Ashley W. Young, Grand Senior Warden, installed the officers of Ely KT 22 - I was honored to install the officers of my home Council in my capacity as R1 RDGM, and VEC Richard A. Taylor, installed the officers of Caldwell Chapter in his capacity as Grand Master of the First Veil - special thanks to Companion & SK Christian M. Jessen, Grand Organist of the Grand Commandery, Grand Council, and Grand Chapter, for providing music during the three installations
January 25, 2026	I attended the Grand Commandery Officers Zoom meeting online
February 12, 2026	I attended the Past Presiding Officers' Dinner for Ely KT 22; Kirksville CO 44; and Caldwell CH 53 (the York Rite bodies of Kirksville, MO) at the Masonic Temple in Kirksville, MO - I was honored to receive my Past Commander jewel from SK Ashley W. Young, Grand Senior Warden
February 20, 2026	I participated in a York Rite Festival hosted by Ely KT 22; Kirksville CO 44; and Caldwell CH 53 (the York Rite bodies of Kirksville, MO) - Ely Commandery was honored to welcome two Grand Officers from the Grand Commandery of Iowa: SK J. D. Determan, Grand Captain General, and SK Bryan D. Bever, Grand Generalissimo - representing our Grand Commandery at the event were SK Ashley W. Young, Grand Senior Warden; SK Jeffrey L. Knight, Grand Standard Bearer; SK William J. King, Assistant Grand Lecturer (North); and SK Christian M. Jessen, Grand Organist, who provided music for the entire festival - we were also joined by two Past Grand Commanders of the Grand Commandery (both from Ely Commandery): SK Thomas C. Yunick (2003-2004) and SK Richard L. Mansfield (2012-2013)

February 22, 2026 I attended the Grand Commandery Officers Zoom meeting online
 March 5, 2026 I made my official visit to Excalibur KT 5 at the Masonic Temple in Hannibal, MO - I was accompanied by SK William J. King, Assistant Grand Lecturer (North)

March 12, 2026 I attended the stated conclave of Ely KT 22 at the Masonic Temple in Kirksville, MO
 March 21, 2026 As a member of the drill team representing Ely KT 22, I competed in the annual Drill Competition of the Grand Commandery of Missouri in Columbia, MO

March 22, 2026 I attended the Grand Commandery Officers Zoom meeting online
 April 5, 2026 I attended the Ely KT 22 Easter Sunrise Service at the Masonic Temple in Kirksville, MO - I was honored to provide a reading during the Service - this event not only commemorates the resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ but also serves to collect contributions to the Knights Templar Holy Land Pilgrimage program

April 25, 2026 I attended and participated in the Grand Master's Templar Crusade at the Masonic Center of St. Louis, 15977 Clayton Rd., Ballwin, MO - my fellow Sir Knights from Ely KT 22 and I assisted with the conferral of the Order of Knight of St. Paul, or the Mediterranean Pass, and the Order of Malta - our Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Missouri, SK Emmett J. Bryson, was present and gave remarks

April 26, 2026 I attended the Grand Commandery Officers Zoom meeting online

Planned activities for the remainder of the year.

May 24, 2026 I plan to attend the Grand Commandery Officers Zoom meeting online
 June 11, 2026 I plan to attend the Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri at the Marriott Airport Hotel in St. Louis, MO, as well as 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 for 2025-2026.

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 Region 2 Commanderies continue to actively participate in the Independence Festivals and the Grand Commanders Crusade.

Sir Knights within Region 2 performing ritual throughout the State, especially in Western Missouri, do so diligently. Leadership within Region 2 continue 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.

Per 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 am stepping away from the position of Regional Grand Commander of Region 2. I remain committed to continued support for the current and future leadership within each Commandery.

Conclusion:

It was an honor to represent 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.

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,

I am glad to report that Region 3 Commanderies have had a successful year. Each of them is working on the betterment of each of their respective Asylums.

The Fall Festival held at Independence included all Commandery Orders & Attributes. All Commanderies in Region 3 participated. Liberty Commandery assisted as well.

A Christmas Observance Vigil was held at Oriental, with assistance from Palestine & Kansas City.

It was my pleasure to: Assist in the Grand Master's Templar Crusade Orders held at the Masonic Center of St. Louis, participate in the monthly Grand Commander's Zoom calls, organize the Honor Guard for Grand Lodge for MEC Kevin Fuller, organize the Honor Guard for the Grand York Rite session 2026.

Palestine continued the tradition of fielding the only Class A Asylum Drill Team in the State.

Visitation of all Region 3 Commanderies: Kansas City (Kansas City is creating more education-oriented large meetings), Palestine (Palestine is working on opening with Class B drill and no books for opening & closing), Oriental (Oriental is working on growth).

As you have read, Region 3 is doing well and looking forward to next year and the new Commandery leadership direction.

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,

In the central portion of Missouri, the Grand Commandery of Missouri is represented well by three (3) separate Commanderies which primarily exist to help spread further light to our Masonic Brethren and Companions along the path of the York Rite of Freemasonry Orders. The wonderful Sir Knights who are members of St. Graal Commandery No. 12; Prince of Peace Commandery No. 29; and Rolla Commandery No. 59 all work together with each other to help bring the tenets of our beloved fraternity alive in their individual communities and the world abroad as well. They do a fantastic job!

I personally applaud each Sir Knight in the region for their untiring efforts to our craft and would also like to remind everyone no matter where you go in life to use your individual God given gifts to the best of your ability each day. Someone is always watching your actions so make sure you live your life in such a way that it will be a positive influence on others. It has been my honor to serve the Grand Commandery of Missouri in this capacity and the memories will stay with me forever! Thanks for giving me the opportunity to serve.

Please refer to the Grand Prelate section (below) for my travel/visitations made during the year.

Fraternally submitted,

SK Russell A. Bradshaw, 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,

As Regional Grand Commander of Region 6:

I conducted Official Visits to Poplar Bluff Commandery No. 67 on March 16 and Cape Girardeau Commandery No. 55 on April 7th.

Attended the Statewide Conference on September 6th and gave an update on the region.

Attended the Regional Officer Training for Grand York Rite Officers on May 9th.

Attended all Zoom meetings with the exception of one due to work obligations.

Region 6 had a very successful year for the Grand Commandery. On October 4th, we had a festival in Poplar Bluff, Knighting 17 new Knights.

Poplar Bluff Commandery No. 67 continues to grow stronger under the Leadership of SK Doug Rose. He has developed and implemented new systems in which the Commandery will be better enabled to communicate internally and coordinate better with other Commanderies. On November 17th, SK Ron Skiles, Grand Commander, made his official visit to Poplar Bluff Commandery No. 67. On March 16th, Poplar Bluff Commandery No. 67 hosted the Region 6 Easter Observance with dignitaries from the Grand Commandery, PHA, in attendance.

Cape Girardeau Commandery No. 55 was under the leadership of SK Chuck Ortiz. In continuing the educational program started the previous year, educational material was presented in every stated meeting with the exception of elections and installations. On December 2nd, Cape Girardeau Commandery No. 55 hosted the Region 6 Christmas Observance. Fifty-two (52) people were in attendance including members of the Symbolic Lodge, DeMolay, and Job's Daughters. Also attending were dignitaries from several Illinois Commanderies and from the Grand Commandery, PHA.

Three Sir Knights from Region 6 assisted with the conferring of the Chivalric Orders in St. Louis at the Grand Master's Crusade on April 25th.

In addition, efforts are being made and strategies developed to increase the involvement and education of those Sir Knights that haven't been able to participate regularly due to distance and other obligations.

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 Christopher A. Wehrenberg, 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,

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

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 GRAND PRELATE

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

Sir Knights,

At the beginning of Ecclesiastes 3: Verse 1 (RSV) we hear these profound words, "For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:"

As I reflect upon my tenure and time of being a member of the Grand Commandery of Missouri - Knights Templar "Grand Prelate team" - it has been an absolute honor and privilege for me to serve the Fraternity in this capacity! To be honest, it is quite difficult for me to express my true thoughts and feelings in this report right now. I was most humbled to be awarded the opportunity to serve as a Grand Prelate under the leadership of the following men during their individual years of leadership as Grand Commander: SK Michael C. Rohman, SK Kevin B. Sample, SK Bobbie G. White, and Ronald L. Skiles. Sir Knights, these men are some super people, and it was an absolute pleasure for me to work alongside them during their respective years. These four men do not look upon themselves as better or more important than anyone else. However, they are very dedicated to the true success of

our overall craft across the board in many appendant bodies as well to make a positive impact upon the Fraternity and world at large.

As I look at the current officers in the Grand Commandery of Missouri line we are in good hands for the future and those Sir Knights are some of the finest men around! God has indeed been good to the Missouri Knights Templar body. However, my opening scripture above relates to my own personal decision to state it is time for me to step aside from the Grand Prelate team now. For too long, I have placed some of my grandkid's events on the back burner to my Masonic obligations and before I know it that time horizon will be gone. I am not upset with anyone or disgruntled in any way. However, it is time for me to readjust my time for a while.

Thank you all from the bottom of my heart for affording me the distinct honor and privilege of serving on the Grand Prelate team the last four years! For the record, my heart is full! My Masonic Travel Visitations List for this year is shown below for review. God Bless each one of you.

June 11-15, 2025	Attended the 2025 Grand York Rite Session in Kansas City, MO
June 19, 2025	Boonslick Shrine Club meeting in Boonville, MO
June 23, 2025	Centralia CO 34 meeting in Columbia, MO
June 23, 2025	Cooper Lodge No. 36 meeting in Boonville, MO
June 28, 2025	Boonslick Shrine Club - Heritage Days in Boonville, MO
July 12, 2025	Court of Discovery No. 3, Masonic Order of Athelstan - Eminent Prior; Tipperary Council No. 62, Knight Masons - Priest; and Marquis De La Fayette Council No. 392, Allied Masonic Degrees - Senior Warden - all in Boonville, MO
July 14, 2025	Columbia CH 17/St. Graal KT 12 in Columbia, MO
July 17, 2025	Boonslick Shrine Club meeting in Boonville, MO
July 19, 2025	Red Cross of Constantine Degree Practice - 2nd Aide in Jefferson City, MO
	Missouri Priory No. 17, Knights of the York Cross of Honour meeting in Jefferson City, MO
July 20, 2025	Columbia York Rite Building Closets Cleaning Day in Columbia, MO
July 21, 2025	Attended Rolla KT 59 for the Official Reception Visit of SK Ronald L. Skiles, GC, in Rolla, MO
July 24, 2025	Sold Candied Pecans at Cooper County Fair for Boonslick Shrine Club, Boonville, MO
July 27, 2025	Attended On-Line Grand Commandery Zoom meeting
July 28, 2025	Centralia CO 34 meeting in Columbia, MO
August 2, 2025	Grand Lodge Officer Training - Grand Orator position in Columbia, MO
	Columbia Preceptory Yeomen of York; Heart of Missouri York Rite Sovereign College No. 188 meetings in Columbia, MO
August 6, 2025	Attended Boonville Masonic Temple Association Meeting in Boonville, MO
August 11, 2025	Columbia CH 17/St. Graal KT 12 in Columbia, MO
August 21, 2025	Boonslick Shrine Club meeting in Boonville, MO
August 23, 2025	Immanuel Chapel No. 10 - Saint Thomas of Acon - Herald, Columbia, MO
August 24, 2025	Attended On-Line Grand Commandery Zoom meeting
August 25, 2025	Centralia CO 34 meeting in Columbia, MO
September 6, 2025	Attended the Missouri Grand York Rite State Conference in St. James, MO
September 8, 2025	Columbia CH 17/St. Graal KT 12 in Columbia, MO
September 9, 2025	Cooper Lodge No. 36 - Lodge Officer's Installation - Served as Installing Chaplain in Boonville, MO
September 11, 2025	Wallace Lodge No. 456 - Lodge Officer's Installation in Bunceton, MO
September 15, 2025	Jefferson City York Rite Bodies Installation Ceremony - Served as Installing Officer in Jefferson City, MO

September 21-22, 2025 Attended the 203rd Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of AF & AM of the State of Missouri - Installed as Grand Orator in Kansas City, MO

September 23, 2025 Cooper Lodge No. 36 meeting in Boonville, M

September 28, 2025 Attended On-Line Grand Commandery Zoom meeting

October 9, 2025 Lodge by Candlelight at Arrow Rock No. 55 with RWB Jacob Thompson presenting on Brother Anthony O'Sullivan in Arrow Rock, MO

October 11, 2025 Court of Discovery No. 3, Masonic Order of Athelstan - Captain of Guards & Immediate Past Master; Tipperary Council No. 62, Knight Masons - Director of Ceremonies; and Marquis De La Fayette Council No. 392, Allied Masonic Degrees - Senior Warden - all in Boonville, MO

October 13, 2025 Columbia CH 17/St. Graal KT 12 - made my Regional Grand Commander Official Visit in Columbia, MO

October 14, 2025 Attended California Lodge No. 183 meeting with MWB Emmett J. Bryson as Grand Orator in California, MO

October 16, 2025 Boonslick Shrine Club meeting in Boonville, MO

October 20, 2025 Rolla KT 59 - made my Regional Grand Commander Official Visit in Rolla, MO

October 25, 2025 Attended King Hill Lodge No. 376 - 100-year Rededication Ceremony as part of the Grand Lodge of Missouri in St. Joseph, MO
Attended the Grand Masters Reception for MWB Emmett J. Bryson at Moila Shrine in St. Joseph, MO

October 26, 2025 Attended On-Line Grand Commandery Zoom meeting

October 27, 2025 Centralia CO 34 meeting in Columbia, MO

October 28, 2025 Cooper Lodge No. 36 meeting in Boonville, MO

November 1, 2025 Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests and Red Cross of Constantine meetings in Jefferson City, MO

November 8, 2025 Columbia Preceptory Yeomen of York - Master of Ceremonies; Heart of Missouri York Rite Sovereign College No. 188 - Chancellor in Columbia, MO

November 10, 2025 Columbia CH 17/St. Graal KT 12 in Columbia, MO

November 13, 2025 Jefferson Lodge No. 43 - 184th Anniversary Dinner in Jefferson City, MO

November 17, 2025 Prince of Peace KT 29 - made my Regional Grand Commander Official Visit in Jefferson City, MO

November 23, 2025 Attended On-Line Grand Commandery Zoom meeting

November 24, 2025 Attended Centralia CO 34 meeting - Past Master's Night - MIC Dennis W. Houck Official Visit, Columbia, MO

December 3, 2025 Attended Wallace Lodge No. 456 Christmas Dinner & 50 Year Pin Presentation for Brother Gary Harris on behalf of the Grand Lodge of Missouri in Bunceton, MO

December 8, 2025 Columbia CH 17/St. Graal KT 12 with Official Visit of MEC Kevin M. Ritter of the Grand Chapter of Missouri - served as Junior Warden in Mark Master & Past Master Chapter Degree work in Columbia, MO

December 13, 2025 Attended Region 1 and 4 Table Commandery serving as Prelate in Jefferson City, MO

December 19, 2025 Prepared and helped deliver widow fruit bags for Cooper Lodge No. 36 in Boonville, MO

December 21, 2025 Attended on-line Immanuel Chapel No. 10 - St. Thomas of ACON planning meeting

December 23, 2025 Cooper Lodge No. 36 meeting in Boonville, MO

January 7, 2026 Attended District 4 Masonic meeting in Fulton, MO

January 10, 2026 Attended Tipperary Council No. 62, Knight Masons and Marquis De LaFayette No. 392, Allied Masonic Degrees - installed as Sovereign Master in Boonville, MO

January 12, 2026 Attended Columbia CH 17 meeting in Columbia, MO

January 13, 2026 Cooper Lodge No. 36 meeting in Boonville, MO

January 16, 2026 Boonslick Shrine Club meeting/meal in Boonville, MO

January 17, 2026 Columbia York Rite Bodies Joint Installation of Officers - Installing Chaplain & Prelate in Columbia, MO

January 18, 2026 Attended on-line St. Thomas of Acon - Immanuel Chapel No. 10 Degree Ritual Practice

January 25, 2026 Attended On-Line Grand Commandery Zoom meeting
 January 27, 2026 Cooper Lodge No. 36 meeting in Boonville, MO
 January 31, 2026 Attended the Grand Master's Racoon Dinner gathering honoring MWB Emmett J. Bryson at Pleasant Hill Jewel Lodge No. 480 in Pleasant Hill, MO
 February 9, 2026 St. Graal KT 12 meeting with Asylum Drill practice afterwards in Columbia, MO
 February 10, 2026 Cooper Lodge No. 36 meeting in Boonville, MO
 February 19, 2026 Boonslick Shrine Club meeting in Boonville, MO
 February 22, 2026 Attended On-Line Grand Commandery Zoom meeting
 February 23, 2026 Centralia CO 34 meeting with Asylum Drill practice afterwards in Columbia, MO
 February 28, 2026 Immanuel Chapel No. 10 - Saint Thomas of Acon - 2nd Working Knight, in Columbia, MO
 March 7, 2026 Attended the Grand Master's Royal Arch Day in Jefferson City, MO honoring MWB Emmett J. Bryson of the Grand Lodge of Missouri and MEC Kevin M. Ritter of the Grand Chapter of Missouri
 March 9, 2026 Columbia CH 17 meeting followed by Asylum Drill Practice in Columbia, MO
 March 10, 2026 Cooper Lodge No. 36 meeting in Boonville, MO
 March 21, 2026 Participated in Grand Commandery of Missouri Knights Templar Class B Drill Competition - St Graal KT 12 - Prelate in Columbia, MO
 March 22, 2026 Attended On-Line Grand Commandery Zoom meeting
 March 23, 2026 Centralia CO 34 meeting in Columbia, MO
 March 28, 2026 Attended Grand Master's Cryptic Day honoring MWB Emmett J. Bryson of the Grand Lodge of Missouri and MIC Dennis W. Houck of the Grand Council of Missouri - served as Prompter in Columbia, MO
 April 4, 2026 Attended the Grand Lodge of Missouri Sponsored Bed Build as part of Masonic Service Day for Sleep in Heavenly Peace in Columbia, MO
 April 5, 2026 Attended Rolla KT 59 Easter Breakfast and church service providing the morning message entitled "A Quality of Life Like None Other" in Rolla, MO

Fraternal submitted,
 SK Russell A. Bradshaw, KYCH, KCT, Grand Prelate

MISSOURI GRAND YORK RITE NECROLOGY 2025-2026

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 18, 2025 and May 14, 2026 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.

Name	Departed	Affiliations
Bayliff, Larry W.	02-27-2025	CH15, CO25, KT20
Beck, Edward L.	10-29-2025	CH(38), CO(58), KT(27)
Bland, Forrest Keith	01-01-2023	CH43, CO49, KT17
Bottermuller, Charles A.	06-07-2025	CH2,34, CO32, KT29

Name	Departed	Affiliations
Burns, Michael D.	07-28-2025	CH34, CONA, KTNA
Busey, David L.	07-11-2025	CH14, CO9, KT4
Clawson, William Bland	11-13-2025	CH43, CO[38], KTNA
Craft, Columbus	11-19-2025	CH32, CO39, KT59
Crites, John Enos	01-02-2026	CH75, CO20, KT55
Damrell, Merritt Glenn	05-08-2017	CH3, CO50, KT6
Dever, Casey Roy	09-27-2025	CH3, CO50, KT6
Eaton, Zelwin B.	07-07-2025	CH53, CO44, KT22
Edel, Charles B.	03-09-2026	CH15, CO25, KT20
Erfurdt Jr., John L.	04-09-2026	CH25, CO48, KT16
Ferrier, Craig Eugene	10-06-2025	CH91, CO30, KT39
Fowler, Jesse Eugene	12-21-2022	CH93, CO34, KTNA
Gilstrap, William Everett	10-18-2025	CH52, CO46, KT57
Girten, Charles William	07-03-2025	CH43, CO[49], KT[17]
Green, Ronnie Edward	08-09-2025	CH78, CO48, KT8,16
Hardy, James D.	12-03-2025	CH91, CO30, KT39
Hattaway, James T.	01-08-2026	CH102, CO24, KT35
Heim, Gary G.	04-29-2025	CH93, CONA, KTNA
Heitmeyer, James C.	03-29-2026	CH10, CONA, KT3
Helton, Russell Burnell	07-19-2025	CH53, CO44, KT22
Herek, Thomas T.	09-05-2023	CH146, CO??, KT{OS}
Holmes, Thomas Everett	11-01-2025	CH43, CO49, KT17
Jackson, William Everett	12-05-2025	CH15, CO25, KT20
Jeffers, Michael William	03-03-2025	CH102, CO24, KT35
Jones, David Wayne	08-28-2025	CH61, CO41, KT31
Kachulis, Paul William	03-22-2025	CH53, CO44, KT22
Koontz, George William	08-12-2025	CH53, CO44, KT22

Name	Departed	Affiliations
Leggans, James Ray	06-06-2025	CH14, CO9, KT4
Leslie, James Nelson	10-13-2025	CH114, CO27, KT67
Logan, Thomas H.	06-11-2024	CH1, CO40, KTNA
Long, Robert William	04-25-2025	CH17, CO34, KT{OS}
Lynch, Robert E.	10-05-2025	CH14, CO9, KT4
Malotte, Curtis E	11-20-2025	CH14, CO9, KT4
Mathis, Eddie H.	08-06-2025	CH1, CO1, KT8
McMillian, Dale E.	08-24-2025	CH3, CO50, KT6
Morgan, Harold E.	11-28-2025	CH5, CO25, KT43
Morgan, James Clifton	12-25-2025	CH64, CO56, KT33
Niewoehner, Carl Henry	05-24-2023	CH17, CO34, KT12
Norris, Donald	02-26-2026	CH123, CO??, KT{OS}
O'Reilly, Charles	06-13-2025	CH123, CONA, KTNA
Painter, David Harlen	05-18-2025	CH32, CO39, KT59
Pierce, Norman Eddy	02-16-2025	CH17, CO34, KTNA
Quigley, Rodney D.	05-15-2025	CH14, CO9, KT4
Rayot, Charles E.	02-26-2026	CH146, CO??, KT[16]
Reed, James M.	03-04-2025	CH25, CONA, KTNA
Rogers, Jack	02-02-2026	CH43, CONA, KTNA
Roslowski, Michael Steven	07-25-2025	CH1, CONA, KTNA
Ross, Robert W.	06-06-2025	CH75, CO20, KT55
Sellers, Stephen Wentworth	09-30-2025	CH10, CO42, KT3
Shearer, Steven Kent	03-31-2022	CH17, CO34, KT12
Squires, John Patrick	12-13-2025	CH15, CO25, KT20
Stankey, Robert T.	07-27-2025	CH1, CO1, KTNA
Thompson, Michael Skelton	10-09-2025	CH14, CO9, KT4
Vogel, Harry Wayne	12-27-2025	CH14, CO9, KT4

Name	Departed	Affiliations
Waggoner Sr., James Gilbert	09-06-2025	CH102, CO24, KT35
Waite, Steve C.	10-12-2025	CH7, CO47, KT5
Warren, Douglas	09-05-2025	CH43, CONA, KTNA
White, Juan A.	01-30-2026	CH1, CO1, KTNA
Wisely, Richard Leroy	02-13-2026	CH12, CO49, KT17
Wunder, Dr. Gene Carroll	09-23-2025	CH53, CO44, KT22

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

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PRELIMINARY PROCEEDINGS

of the

One Hundred Sixty-Fifth
Annual Conclave

of the

Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the
State of Missouri

held

June 11, 2026

Marriott St. Louis Airport
St. Louis, Missouri

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Grand Commandery of Missouri

165th Annual Conclave Schedule

(subject to modification as necessary)

Time	Thursday, June 11, 2026	Time	Thursday (cont)
8:00 am	Flag Presentation by Heroes of '76/Pledge/Anthem - Open to Ladies and Guests (Ballroom A) Opening Ceremonies of 165th 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 2025-2026 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 Heads of Missouri York Rite Bodies Reception of National Body Representatives 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 - Honor Commandery, Lewis & Clark, Growth, Drill, Grand Encampment, & KTEF 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	10:00 am	Formal Reconvening of the 165th Annual Conclave of Missouri Preliminary Report of the Credentials Committee Report of the Committee on the Address of the Grand Commander 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) Election of the 2026-2027 Grand Commandery Officers Report of the Election Committee Acceptance of the Grand Commandery Officers Elect Report of the 2026-2027 Grand Commander 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 the Grand Lodge or his Representative Grand Commandery Called from Labor until 3:00 pm Grand Commandery Resumes Labor - (concludes remaining business, if any) 165th Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri Called from Labor Installation of the 2026-2027 Grand Commandery Officers, Open to All Pictures immediately following installation
		10:45	
		11:45	
		3:00 pm	
		3:45	

**Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Missouri
2025-2026**

Elected Officers

June 2025-April 2026

April 2026-May 2026

Grand Commander	Ronald L. Skiles	Terry D. Coppotelli
Deputy Grand Commander	Terry D. Coppotelli	Matthew L. Quesenberry
Grand Generalissimo	Matthew L. Quesenberry	Glenn B. Parker
Grand Captain General	Glenn B. Parker	Ashley W. Young
Grand Senior Warden.....	Ashley W. Young.....	W. Stuart English
Grand Junior Warden	W. Stuart English.....	Jeffrey L. Knight
Grand Treasurer	Russell S. Hanson, PGC.....	Russell S. Hanson, PGC
Grand Recorder	Roger D. Flear, PGC	Roger D. Flear, PGC
Grand Standard Bearer	Jeffrey L. Knight	Douglas C. Rose, Jr.
Grand Sword Bearer	Douglas C. Rose, Jr.	Michael J. Estright
Grand Warder.....	Michael J. Estright	Michael C. Rohman, PGC (pro-tem)

Appointed Officers

Christopher L. Story	Assistant Grand Treasurer
Kevin B. Sample, PGC	Grand Recorder Assistant
Russell S. Hanson, PGC	Grand Recorder Emeritus
Debbie L. Hanson	Executive Assistant to the Grand Recorder
Russell A. Bradshaw.....	Grand Prelate
John A. Welch	Assistant Grand Prelate - West
Jeffery Y. Militti	Assistant Grand Prelate - Central
James R. Fiete.....	Assistant Grand Prelate - East
Thomas D. Miller	Grand Sentinel
David C. Brown.....	Assistant Grand Sentinel & Inner Guard
J Purkape	Assistant Grand Sentinel & Inner Guard
Joseph S. Russell	Assistant Grand Sentinel & Inner Guard
Larry F. Walters	Assistant Grand Sentinel & Inner Guard
Bobbie E. White, PGC.....	Aide-De-Camp
Russell S. Hanson, PGC	Aide-De-Camp
Kevin B. Sample, PGC	Aide-De-Camp
Mark A. Bean.....	Aide-De-Camp
Russell S. Hanson, PGC	Grand Historian
Corey B. Huntsucker	Grand Lecturer
William J. King.....	Assistant Grand Lecturer (North)
Christopher L. Story	Assistant Grand Lecturer (South)

Terry D. CoppotelliAssistant Grand Lecturer (East)
 Budd C. GilfillenAssistant Grand Lecturer (West)
 Harold F. Coots, PGCAssistant Grand Lecturer (Central)
 Daniel R. Quesenberry, PGCGrand Chorister
 Christian M. JessenGrand Organist
 Larry F. WaltersGrand 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

Russell A. Bradshaw - Regional Grand Commander

Region 5: 8, 16

Michael S. Smith - Regional Grand Commander

Region 6: 55, 67

Christopher A. Wehrenberg - Regional Grand Commander

Region 7A: 20, 33, 43

Christopher L. Story - Regional Grand Commander

Region 7B: 15, 31, 39, 57

David R. Phillips - Regional Grand Commander

Standing Committees

Credentials

Phillip W. Engel, Chairman

Randy L. Presley

Steven F. Eberharter

Michael J. Estright

Kevin L. Swain

Templar Jurisprudence

Todd A. Schulze, Chairman

John C. Caraker

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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.

Fraternally submitted,

SK Phillip W. Engel, Chairman

SK Randy L. Presley

SK Steven F. Eberharter

SK Michael J. Estright

SK Kevin L. Swain

REPORT OF TEMPLAR JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE

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

Sir Knights,

In March 2026, the Grand Recorder received written notification from Right Eminent Sir Knight Ronald Skiles of his intent to resign as Grand Commander as required by Art. II, section 26-Resignation, of the Laws and Regulations of the Grand Commandery of the State of Missouri. Very Eminent Sir Knight Terry D. Coppotelli, Deputy Grand Commander, assumed the duties of Grand Commander as provided for in Section 49 of the Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America and pursuant to Art. II, sec. 28 of the Laws and Regulations of the Grand Commandery of the State of Missouri. Installation of Terry D. Coppotelli was conducted at Ascalon Commandery No. 16 in St. Louis, MO., pursuant to Art. II, sec. 22.

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 Right Eminent Sir Knight Ronald L. Skiles. During his term of office, it is the opinion of Jurisprudence that Sir Knight Skiles complied with the statutory duties, responsibilities, and inherent powers of his office.

We further recognize and commend Sir Knight Terry D. Coppotelli for tackling the difficult task of completing the remaining portion of Sir Knight Skiles' term. Both Sir Knights Ronald L. Skiles and Terry D. Coppotelli should be commended for their specific interest and attention to the Craft during this past year.

The committee wishes to thank Sir Knight Skiles for the honor and privilege of being selected to serve this Grand Commandery during his time in office. Any recommendations he may offer, as well as those of Right Eminent Sir Knight Terry D. Coppotelli will be referred to the appropriate committees for review. We ask that all keep Sir Knight Skiles and his family in our prayers.

I move the adoption of this portion of the report.

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

Legislation for Action at the 2026 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:

ARTICLE XII - Endowment Fund

Section 229. Grand Commandery Endowed Membership.

E. Distribution. ~~The net income, minus per-capita, from such fund shall be distributed annually to the endowed Commanderies prior to January 1. This is provided that no income shall be distributed on any endowed membership until January 1, of the second (2nd) calendar year after such fee, paid in full, is deposited with the Grand Recorder. The Grand Commandery shall be entitled to no more of the net income from the endowed membership than the aforesaid per-capita (less Grand Encampment per-capita), or 50% of the net income (less Grand Encampment per-capita), whichever is less. (Amended 05/16/08, Repealed 06/11/26)~~

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:

The purpose of this amendment to is to clearly define, protect, and strengthen the long-term structure and distribution methodology of the Endowed Membership Fund of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri.

Fraternally submitted,
SK Donald MacCormick, PC, Kansas City 10
SK Russell S. Hanson, PC, St.Graal 12

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Item No. 2

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

ARTICLE XII - Endowment Fund

Section 229. Grand Commandery Endowed Membership.

J. Continued Income. ~~Following the death of an endowed member of a Missouri Commandery, 30% of the net income from that endowed membership shall be retained and added to the fund's principal to provide for growth of the fund. The remainder of the net income, minus per-capita (less Grand Encampment per-capita), shall be distributed to the endowed Commanderies. The Grand Commandery shall be entitled to no more of the remaining net income from the endowed membership than the aforesaid per capita (less Grand Encampment per-capita), or 50% of the remaining net income (less Grand Encampment per-capita), whichever is less. (Adopted 05/20/00, Amended 05/16/08, Repealed 06/11/26)~~

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:

The purpose of this amendment to is to clearly define, protect, and strengthen the long-term structure and distribution methodology of the Endowed Membership Fund of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri.

Fraternally submitted,
SK Donald MacCormick, PC, Kansas City 10
SK Russell S. Hanson, PC, St.Graal 12

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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:

ARTICLE XII - Endowment Fund**Section 229. Grand Commandery Endowed Membership.**

K. Distribution and Continued Income. The Grand Recorder shall annually remit to the recorders of participating constituent Commanderies, their prorated portion of the earnings of the Endowed Membership Fund minus per capita. This is provided that no earnings shall be distributed on any Endowed Membership until January 1 of the second (2nd) calendar year after such fee, paid in full, is deposited with the Grand Recorder.

The Endowed Membership Fund shall establish as the Base Principal those funds received by the Grand Recorder from constituent Commanderies for the purchase of an Endowed Membership. As new memberships are purchased the Base Principal will increase. At no time shall the fund draw down below this Base Principal.

Distribution of the Investment Growth in the fund shall follow these guidelines. The Investment Committee shall, as soon as practical after January 1 of each year, advise the Endowment Fund Committee the amount of gain or loss in the investments of Endowed Membership Fund. Any gains accrued will be distributed as follows. First, the current Per Capita will be paid for all living Endowed members by the Grand Commandery. Second, from the remaining funds, 30% will be retained in the Endowed Membership Fund to fortify the continued growth of the fund and becomes part of the Base Principal. Third, the remaining 70% will be distributed to the constituent Commanderies on a prorated bases for the total number of endowed members, living and deceased that are/were members of that Commandery.

(Adopted 06/11/26)

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:

The purpose of this amendment to is to clearly define, protect, and strengthen the long-term structure and distribution methodology of the Endowed Membership Fund of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri.

This proposal formally establishes the concept of a protected Base Principal, defined as all funds received from constituent Commanderies for the purchase of Endowed Memberships. The amendment clarifies that no earnings shall be distributed until after January 1 of the second calendar year following full payment of an Endowed Membership. The amendment ensures that this Base Principal shall continually increase as new Endowed Memberships are purchased and shall never be reduced. This safeguard preserves the perpetual nature of the Endowed Membership Program and protects the integrity of the funds entrusted to the Grand Commandery.

Additionally, this amendment provides a clear and orderly framework for the annual distribution of investment growth. It:

- Establishes the priority payment of current Per Capita for all living Endowed Members to the Grand Commandery.
- Retains thirty percent (30%) of remaining gains within the Endowed Membership Fund to strengthen and fortify its continued growth.
- Distributes the remaining seventy percent (70%) to constituent Commanderies on a prorated basis for all endowed members, living and deceased, affiliated with each Commandery.

Gains Calculation Example:

Commandery Endowment Gains:	\$50,000.00
Total Per Capita: \$38.60	
Number of living Endowed Members: 183	
Total Per Capita for living Endowed Members:	\$7,063.80 (\$38.60 x 183)
	===== (subtract)
Remainder:	\$42,936.20
30% of Remainder Retained for Fund Growth:	\$12,880.86
70% of Remainder for Distribution:	\$30,055.34

Distribution Calculation Example:

Total for Distribution: \$30,055.34
 Total Endowed Memberships: 323
 Distribution per member: \$30,055.34/323 = \$93.05

A Commandery with a total of 29 endowed members (living and deceased) would receive: 29 x \$93.05 = \$2,698.45

By clearly defining principal protection, distribution priorities, and proportional allocation methods, this amendment promotes financial transparency, stability, and responsible stewardship. It ensures the Endowed Membership Fund remains perpetual, equitable, and beneficial to both the Grand Commandery and its constituent Commanderies for generations to come.

Fraternally submitted,
 SK Donald MacCormick, PC, Kansas City 10
 SK Russell S. Hanson, PC, St.Graal 12

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Item No. 4

Proposal to Amend the Tactics and Manual of Asylum Ceremonies of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State Of Missouri.

The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri Tactics and Manual of Asylum Ceremonies (1966), Section X pages 62 - 66 addresses the Tactics for opening which may be used by constituent Commanderies of the Grand Commandery of Missouri when there are insufficient Knights present to form lines or when there are only nine Knights present. With the amendment of **Section 84. Quorum.** allowing opening of a Commandery business meeting using the Short-Form Opening in the current Grand Encampment Ritual (a.k.a. the page 98 - 99 opening), the Ritual Committee felt that the Tactics and Manual of Asylum Ceremonies needed to be updated to provide instruction for the five to eight Knight opening. Therefore, we propose to add a Section X.1 to the Tactics and Manual of Asylum Ceremonies designated pages 66a, 66b, 66c, etc. entitled ALTERNATE/SHORT FORM TACTICS FOR OPENING WHICH MAY BE USED BY CONSTITUENT COMMANDERIES OF THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF MISSOURI. This additional section will read as below.

Fraternally Submitted:

SK Corey B. Huntsucker, PC, Orient 35

SK Terry D. Coppotelli, PC, Ascalon 16

SK Christopher L. Story, PC, St. John's 20

SK Harold F. Coots, PC, Prince of Peace 29

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Section X.1 ALTERNATE/SHORT FORM TACTICS FOR OPENING WHICH MAY BE USED BY CONSTITUENT COMMANDERIES OF THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF MISSOURI

For use with the RITUAL OF THE GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, ISSUED 2019 pages 98 - 99, with additional reference pages 100 - 109.

Ritual Committee:

SK Corey B. Huntsucker, Chairman

SK Terry D. Coppotelli

SK William R. Jennens

SK Christopher L. Story

SK William King

SK Stuart English

SK Harold F. Coots, PGC

Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri

February 18, 2026

Preface:

In accordance with the **Laws and Regulations of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri, Section 84: Quorum**, the following Tactics **may** be used for Opening a Commandery when five to eight Sir Knights are present. These Tactics only provide for the (5) five key officers: Commander, Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Warder, and Sentinel. If a sixth Sir Knight is present, he will assume the office of prelate, otherwise any additional Sir Knights will remain on the sideline for the purpose of these Tactics. All movements and speaking parts shall be done as if

there are (9) nine Sir Knights or more present (Full Form). For the simplicity of the execution of these Tactics, they are to be performed without chapeaus or swords, and without kneeling. However, to build familiarity with the movements it is recommended to "go through the motions" in removal of chapeaus and sword manual in the parries.

The following tactics were extracted from the **Tactics and Manual of Asylum Ceremonies - The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri (1966)**, Section X pages 62 - 66, and amended to supplement the SHORT FORM ritual of the **Grand Encampment Ritual, 2019** pages 98-99, with references from pages 100-109 (example: some of the C.G. lines and manual in the FULL FORM have been reassigned to the E.Com. in the SHORT FORM) while maintaining the content, integrity and format of the established Tactics and Manual of Asylum Ceremonies of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri.

For any manual, movement or tactic not covered by the Tactics and Manual of Asylum Ceremonies, the **Manual of Knights Templar Tactics and Asylum Ceremonies of the Grand Encampment of the United States of America** and the **Drill Regulations of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America** were used as reference for uniformity and clarity.

It should be the aspiration of all Sir Knights and commanderies to elevate the performance of the Sir Knights to the standard of the ritual as opposed to diminishing the ritual to a lower standard. Keeping in mind that newly created Knights should at once be taught marching, drill and sword manual. Ease and grace can only be acquired by frequent exercise. Attention to minor details is essential in order to avoid the forming of awkward habits or taking incorrect positions." (Committee on Drill Regulations 1958-1968, 1978)

Any detailed explanation of the movements shall be instructed by the Grand Lecturer or Assistant Grand Lecturer(s) in accordance with the Master Ritual of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Missouri.

Always perform as much of the ritual as possible, do not diminish the ritual to accommodate less Sir Knights or Sir Knights unable to kneel. If the officer is present, he does his part. If he is not, move forward without his part.

A uniform is not required for the opening or closing of an asylum of Knights Templar. Having the Sir Knights present, and learning is preferred over expecting them to be outfitted with all uniforms, equipment, and decorations.

A copy is to be maintained by the Grand Recorder for reference

A. Preliminary

The Altar is attended to by the Prelate. The altar is placed in the Northeast corner of the asylum, out of the line of travel and set up as follows: the Bible is opened, the left sword goes on first, the right sword goes on second (on top of the Bible). Left hand sword diagonal from the bottom left-hand corner of the left page to the top right corner of the right-hand page, the right-hand sword goes on top of the left, diagonally from the bottom corner of the right-hand page to the top left corner of the left page. Then the cross goes on the right-hand page first (think this, we were Christians before we were Templars) then the square and compasses go on the left page (set up as for the Master Masons lodge). The tools and swords come off the Bible in exactly reverse order.

"The chairs or stations of the S.W. and the J.W. are placed a little west of a point midway between the station in the east and the stations in the west, no more than thirty (30) inches from the side lines. In purging and returning to their stations, the S.W. and the J.W. will march between their chairs or stations and the Tri. or the center of the Asy., close to the middle of their chairs." Adjust the chairs or stations or the Wardens, while maintaining an equilateral triangle, to the limits of the room.

When the hour has arrived for the opening of the commandery, the officers (Commander, Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Prelate (if present), Warder and Sentinel), should be in the asylum, but not at their stations.

E.Com.: (at his station and at attention) **Rit. Page 98, C1.1 & 1.2.**

B. Purging

E.Com.: **Rit. Page 98, C1.** (after H.S., E.Com. is seated) (E.Com. will return appropriate hand salutes while seated).

(S.W. rises, takes one step forward and (H.S.) (S.W. (H.S) (E.Com. (H.S.))

S.W.: (S.W. faces north) **S.K. J.W.** (J.W. rises, takes one step forward, faces S.K. S.W. or south and (H.S.)). **Asctn i a prst o t N a Ks. T.** (J.W., (H.S.), S.W. (H.S.)).

The wardens march to the East, about face, and proceed to the West, the S.W. examines those on the South, and the J.W. those on the North.

The wardens proceed to the West, and post beyond the station of the Std.Gd., face each other, and the J.W. reports:

J.W.: (H.S. and holds while reporting) **S.K. S.W., A l o t N a Ks. T.** S.W. (H.S.).

The wardens face the East, return to their stations and the S.W. salutes (H.S.) the E.Com., and reports (See instructions 26).

S.W.: (H.S.), **E.Com.;** **Rit Page 98, S.W. 1** E.Com. (H.S.)

Wardens are seated simultaneously.

E.Com.: **S.K. W.;** (W. rises, takes one step forward (H.S.)), **Rit. Page 98, C2.** W. (H.S.), (E.Com. (H.S.)). (W. goes to the rear of the Std.Gd.).

W.: **S.K. Sen.** (Sen. H.S.). **The E.Com. is abt t op [Standard] Com. No. [101] you will take your post and guard accordingly** or **A Com. of Kgts. Tem. is about to be opened, you will take your post and guard accordingly.** Sent. (H.S.) W. (H.S.) (See note after C2, rit.).

W.: (H.S.) **E.Com.;** **Rit. Page 98, W1.** E.Com. (H.S.)

There is no Reception of the Commander for these Tactics.

E.Com.: *rises*, and commands: **Prepare for Rehearsal; Officers, Forward, MARCH.** The E.Com. will march directly to his post at the head of the lines. The E.Com. post is three paces East of the center of the interval between the lines; (wardens move straight forward and halt about (70) seventy inches from each other). The J.W. will Constitute the First Division and the S.W. will constitute the Second Division. The words are then communicated. **Rit. Page 102 to COMMUNICATE ACROSS THE LINES.**

Note: When executing the P.W.W., P.P.W. and I.W. all movements will be done per the 2019 Grand Encampment Ritual; P.W.W. page 124. The P.P.W and I.W. pages 147 and 148, but without swords or kneeling. Still do the commands, sword movements, foot and hand placements and words. I.W. "advance the right foot about twenty-eight inches".

E.Com.: **Rit. Page 98, C3. Officers, Form, TRIANGLE.** Officers form Triangle together, as follows:

The W. moves forward one pace and halts, then left steps, one step (10 inches).

The Prel. (if present) moves forward and halts between the Wardens and faces about.

S.W. faces half left; and the J.W. faces half right.

The E. Com. moves forward one pace and halts.

When the Triangle is formed:

E.Com.: **Rit. Page 104, C6.**

At the command "kneel" all at the Triangle except the E.Com and the Warder, step back twenty-four inches with the left foot. The Prel. (if present) steps back with the officers.

If the Prel. is present, then **E.Com.:** **Excellent Prelate, lead our devotions.** E.Com. then kneels. If the Prel. is not present, then the E.Com leads the devotion (prayer as worded **Rit. Page 104, P1**).

E.Com.: **S.Kgts., RISE.**

The E.Com then directs:

E.Com.: **Together with the signs;** P.S. (done) G.S. (done). (In the format as described in the **Rit. Page 147, Para 2 through Page 148**).

All S.Kgts. in the Asy. give the signs and the W. faces half right, without command.

At the completion of the G.S. all face front without command.

E.Com.: 1. **About**, 2. **FACE**, 3. **Reduce Triangle**, 4. **Forward**, 5. **MARCH**.

All officers except the E.Com. and the Prel. Face about. At the third command "reduce triangle." The Prel., if present, takes a post to the left of the E.Com., heels in line, facing East. W. right steps, one step (10 inches).

At the command "Forward" the E.Com. faces about; at the Fifth command "MARCH" all officers move forward to their stations and halt, and at the command of the E.Com., face about.

E.Com.: 1. **About**, 2. **FACE. BE SEATED**.

E.Com.: remains standing while declaring the Commandery open **Rit. Page 98, C4 cont'd to Page 99**. The Prel. (if present) attends the altar without command and returns to his station.

W.: **Rit. Page 99, W1**. (See note after W2, rit.).

W.: **Rit. Page 99, W2**.

E.Com.: **Rit. Page 99, C1** (E.Com. is seated).

References

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Key to Tactics

1. Due to some manual and motions being executed at the same time, the directions listed in this tactic do not reflect the order of execution.
2. The dash "---" represents a pause to allow the officer or Sir Knights being addressed to respond and/or prepare for the command of execution.
3. Italicized words are preparatory commands.
4. CAPITALIZED words are the command of execution. Should be given loud and forceful.
5. Drill movement or motion in parenthesis is to be executed without command.
6. C1 = Commander's First Part in ritual, C2,3,4,5. Same with S.W.1, W1,2,3, or paragraphs 1 - 9, in either [bracketed lines, sentences, and paragraphs] are not counted.
7. Officers not equipped with swords will hand salute. Officers without chapeaus will mimic the movements.
8. When the junior officer is addressed, there is no verbal response, only H.S. (Section III, 10).

Fraternally submitted,

SK Todd A. Schulze-Chairman

SK John C. Caraker

SK William G. Snyder

SK Russell S. Hanson, PGC

SK Thomas C. Yunick, PGC

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

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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 WebEx meetings held by the Grand Commandery Officers during the fiscal year. The committee is satisfied that the Grand

Recorder’s office and Grand Treasurer are doing an exceptional job handling the monies and maintaining the financial records of the Grand Commandery.

I would direct your attention to last year’s report of this committee, the reports of the Grand Treasurer, and the report of the Investment Committee regarding investments and investment strategies, accounting practices, and business/operating decisions. All residual general fund monies have been transferred into long-term investments as directed.

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.

2025-2026 INTERIM RECAPITULATION

The Committee on Finance and Accounts submits the recapitulation of the 2025-2026 Budget vs. the report of income and expenses provided by the Grand Treasurer as of April 30, 2026.

Income	Budgeted	Recapitulation
Per Capita, Membership & Knighting Fee	\$ 35,451.80	\$ 42,391.40
Per Capita, Endowed Membership	\$ -	\$ -
General Fund Interest Income	\$ -	\$ -
Grand Session, Meal Income	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 2,464.50
Miscellaneous	\$ 300.00	\$ 2,002.55
Total	\$ 42,751.80	\$ 46,858.45
Expenses	Budgeted	Recapitulation
Grand Commander Stipend	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
Grand Treasurer Stipend	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -
Grand Recorder Stipend	\$ 2,800.00	\$ -

Clerical Assistant Salary	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 4,283.94
Employment Taxes	\$ 800.00	\$ 1,364.68
Bonding Insurance	\$ 100.00	\$ 200.00
Financial Review Committee	\$ 100.00	\$ -
Drill Committee	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 388.50
Office Expenses	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,447.40
Printing Services	\$ 700.00	\$ -
Office Shared Expenses	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 1,500.00
Storage Shared Expenses	\$ 360.00	\$ 900.00
Grand Encampment Per Capita	\$ 12,100.00	\$ 12,532.00
Annual Conclave (estimated)	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 8,000.00
Grand Officer Expenses	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 280.69
Past Grand Commander Regalia	\$ -	\$ 2,258.00
Triennial Fund	\$ 220.00	\$ 1,620.25
Youth Organizations	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
Emerging Leaders Fund	\$ 88.00	\$ 191.70
Web Master	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 300.00	\$ 600.00
Total	\$ 46,418.00	\$ 44,317.16
Total Income	\$ 42,751.80	\$ 46,858.45
Total Expenses	\$ 46,418.00	\$ 44,317.16
Balance	\$ (3,666.20)	\$ 2,541.29

I move the adoption of this portion of the report.

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2026-2027 BUDGET

The Committee on Finance and Accounts and Grand Commandery Officers met on April 26, 2026, and approved the following proposed budget for the 2026-2027 Templar year. The committee hereby submits this proposed working budget for your consideration and approval.

Income	
Per Capita, Membership & Knighting Fee	\$ 33,228.90
Per Capita, Endowed Membership	\$ -
General Fund Interest Income	\$ 8,700.00
Grand Session, Meal Income	\$ 7,000.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 300.00
Total	\$ 49,228.90
Expenses	
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	\$ 1,400.00
Bonding Insurance	\$ 100.00
Financial Review Committee	\$ 100.00
Drill Committee	\$ 1,300.00
Office Expenses	\$ 5,500.00
Printing Services	\$ 700.00
Office Shared Expenses	\$ 1,800.00
Storage Shared Expenses	\$ 900.00
Grand Encampment Per Capita	\$ 11,500.00
Annual Conclave (estimated)	\$ 9,000.00
Grand Officer Expenses	\$ 1,000.00
Past Grand Commander Regalia	\$ 300.00
Triennial Fund	\$ 777.00

Youth Organizations	\$ 1,500.00
Emerging Leaders Fund	\$ 77.70
Web Master	\$ 250.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 300.00
Total	\$ 49,104.70
Total Income	\$ 49,228.90
Total Expenses	\$ 49,104.70
Balance	\$ 124.20

I move the adoption of this portion of the report.

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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 Terry D. Coppotelli

SK Matthew L. Quesenberry

SK Michael C. Rohman, PGC

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 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 Terry D. Coppotelli, Chairman

SK Harold F, Coots, PGC

SK Richard L. Mansfield, PGC

SK Michael C. Rohman, PGC

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. We 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 to the incoming Grand Commander and his Grand Officers.

The committee feels that Sir Knight Ronald L. Skiles 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, Bobbie E. White, PGC, Chairman

SK Michael C. Rohman

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.

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REPORT OF HOSPITALER COMMITTEE

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

Sir Knights,

The Hospitaler Committee is pleased to report that a message from the office of the Grand Commander, the Hospitaler Committee, and the Grand Prelate was released prior to Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter. The Grand Encampment released messages prior to Christmas and Easter.

Reports of a special Christmas Observance were filed with this committee by the following Commanderies: Ivanhoe 8, Kansas City 10, Ascalon 16, St Johns 20, and Rolla 59.

Reports of an Easter Observance were filed with this committee by the following Commanderies: Liberty 6, Ivanhoe 8, and Ascalon 16.

The committee believes other Commanderies may have participated in observances, but did not file a report with the Hospitaler Committee.

We would also like to thank SK Ashley Young, SK Ron Skiles, SK Terry Coppotelli, and SK Jeff Knight for their contributions to the messages from the Committee.

The Committee wishes to thank all the Sir Knights for their observances of the important days in our religion and faith. May they continue in their service to Our Lord.

Fraternally submitted,

SK Terry D. Coppotelli, Chairman

SK Matthew L. Quesenberry

SK Glenn B. Parker

SK Ashley W. Young

SK W. Stuart English

SK Michael C. Rohman, PGC

REPORT OF TRIENNIAL COMMITTEE

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

Sir Knights,

After the rate increases for attendees that was passed last year, no action was taken by the committee this year.

Fraternally submitted,

SK Matthew L. Quesenberry, Chairman

SK Michael C. Rohman, PGC

SK Richard L. Mansfield, PGC

REPORT OF TIME & PLACE COMMITTEE

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

Sir Knights,

The committee has determined that the Grand York Rite Session for 2027 will be held at the University Plaza Hotel, 333 S John Q Hammons Pkwy, Springfield, Missouri, 65806, on June 9, 2027 through June 13, 2027, with the 166th Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery reconvening on Friday, June 11, 2027.

Note that the 2027 Drill Competition Event will be held on Saturday, April 10, 2027, in Columbia, Missouri.

Fraternally submitted,

SK Terry D. Coppotelli, Chairman

SK Donald MacCormick

SK Kevin M. Ritter

SK Roger D. Fleeer, PGC

SK Dennis W. Houck

SK Russell S. Hanson, PGC

REPORT OF INVESTMENTS COMMITTEE

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

Sir Knights,

I am pleased to report that all Grand Commandery surplus funds have now been transferred to the Investment Committee and invested according to the Committee's direction. Special thanks to the Grand Treasurer and the Junior Past Right Eminent Grand Commander for completing this long-awaited effort. The fiscal year closes at the end of May; at that time, we will set the invested-dollar benchmark so we can provide regular updates on performance.

Beyond the amounts invested before the Committee began its work, the remaining surplus funds have been added to the Capitol Group funds, primarily the Investment Company of America (ICA). ICA has operated for more than 80 years and targets long-term growth and income. Since 1934, it has averaged a 12.3% return. CAUTION: returns will vary, and market declines are expected. A bear market (a 20% drop) has occurred about every four years on average, most recently in 2022.

Several steps could improve how we manage surplus funds going forward. First, the Grand Commandery Finance and Accounts Committee should set a consistent schedule for moving

investment earnings to the operating account. Over time, this amount should become predictable. Maintaining an adequate operating cash balance will also reduce the risk of having to sell investments during a market downturn.

Another option is to place the Commandery operating funds in a Capitol Group Money Market Account instead of the Jefferson Bank Money Market Account. Although housed at an investment firm, the fund holds the same types of securities that support a traditional money market account but typically pays a higher rate. While no bylaw prohibits this move, the Commandery has been hesitant to proceed.

Finally, we should consider revising the Grand Commandery Bylaws to clarify the Grand Treasurer's responsibilities related to investments. Withdrawals from the investment account should be made only by the Grand Treasurer. However, given the speed and volatility of the markets, the Investment Committee should be able to communicate directly with the advisor and, when necessary, execute trades without waiting on the Grand Treasurer.

A second approach is to make better use of a non-bank financial advisor (FA). Working through our current bank FA is inefficient due to FINRA requirements, Jefferson Bank regulations, and our bylaw constraints.

A non-bank FA could be granted the discretion to manage the portfolio within our overall goals and guidelines, expanding the options available to us. While American Funds do not charge a commission on new purchases, their ongoing annual expenses (12b-1 fees) are often higher than some alternatives.

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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REPORT OF SOUTH-CENTRAL DEPARTMENT COMMITTEE

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

Sir Knights,

This standing committee is new and has not been appointed.

Fraternally submitted,

SK Roger D. Fleer, PGC

PRELIMINARY REPORT OF THE GRAND TREASURER
Financial Statement for June 1, 2025 through March 31, 2026

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

Sir Knights,

While our third year as your Grand Treasurer has been very busy, I am very pleased to have Companion and Sir Knight Christopher L. Story, our Assistant Grand Treasurer, on the Office Team. Christopher is rapidly learning the job of Grand Treasurer and is actively contributing to the management of the workload. 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 2025 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 2025 has been filed and the deposit made.

The IRS 941 Employer's Quarterly Federal Tax Return form for the first calendar quarter of 2026 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 2025 have been filed and all contributions, if any, made using the DES web portal. The unemployment insurance report for the first calendar quarter of 2026 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 2025 has been filed and the withholding tax, additions, interest, and processing fee made using the DOR web portal.

The 2025 W-2 Wage and Tax Statement for Lady Hanson and the 2025 W-3 Transmittal of Wage and Tax Statements were filed and accepted by the IRS.

Grand Commandery IRS Tax Status

During the period of June 2025 through March 2026, Sir Knight Donald MacCormick (with permission from Sir Knight Roger D. Fleeer, Grand Recorder, Grand Commandery of Missouri) worked with Lady April Dodd to complete and submit an IRS Form 1024 (Application for Recognition of Exemption Under Section 501(a) or Section 521 of the Internal Revenue Code) for the Grand Commandery of Missouri. The form had to be filed electronically using the Pay.gov Federal web site. On March 15, 2026, Lady Dodd filed the completed Grand Commandery IRS form 1024 and payed the \$600.00 user

fee payment with her personal credit card. Lady Dodd was reimbursed by the Grand Commandery General Fund with Check Number 9062 in the amount of \$600.00 dated March 31, 2026. On May 2, 2026, SK MacCormick received a letter from the IRS Dated April 15, 2026, stating that the IRS had determined that the Grand Commandery was exempt from federal income tax under Internal Revenue Code (IRC) Section 501(c)(10). The letter further stated that the IRS had reinstated the Grand Commandery exemption for the period October 15, 2022, to the effective date of the letter under IRC Section 501(c)(8). The next step in the process for maintaining the exemption will be to file IRS form 990 (Return of Organization Exempt from Income Tax) or IRS form 990-EZ (Short Form Return of Organization Exempt from Income Tax) returns for the fiscal years since the reinstatement date of October 15, 2022. The future maintenance of the exemption will be to file an IRS form 990 or IRS form 990-EZ for each fiscal year.

The Grand York Rite of Missouri IRS Form 990-N (e-Postcard) for the tax year ending March 31, 2026, 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, 2025, 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 2025 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

The recovery effort of outstanding checks that began in 2024 is expected to continue through the next fiscal year. As of the writing of this report, \$100.00 of stale HLPF checks have been recovered over the past year with \$2,749.45 stale HLPF checks currently listed as outstanding. Unfortunately, no stale KTEF checks have been recovered over the past year with \$296.05 stale KTEF checks currently listed as outstanding. A total of \$1,648.51 of stale Supply Fund checks have been recovered over the past year. There are five stale Supply Funds checks totaling \$1,923 listed as unrecoverable. There are six stale Supply Fund checks totaling \$793.82 currently listed as outstanding. A total of \$1,573.00 of stale General Fund checks have been recovered over the past year. There are two General Fund Checks totaling \$194.00 listed as unrecoverable. There are fifteen General Fund checks totaling \$11,248.28 currently listed as outstanding.

Here is an accounting of the outstanding General Fund and Supply Fund checks in hand awaiting resolution: July 2022 General Fund, 10 checks, \$1,927.00; March 2023 General Fund, 17 checks, \$9,321.28; July 2022 Supply Fund, 2 checks, \$110.00; November 2022 Supply Fund, 3 checks, \$83.82; and January 2023, 1 check, \$600.00. This represents a total of \$12,042.10.

There may 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.

Status of Liquid Bank Accounts

On August 7, 2025, with permission from the Grand Commander and the Finance Chairman, I withdrew the Grand Commandery Leadership Fund money from Hawthorn Bank (HB) account 1734 in the amount of \$1,614.89 (without fee) in Cashier's Check 208466. The HB account was then closed. On August 7, 2025, I opened the new Grand Commandery Leadership Fund account 4915 with Jefferson Bank (JB) and deposited the HB check into the new Leadership Fund account.

On August 7, 2025, with permission from the Grand Commander and the Finance Chairman, I withdrew the Grand Commandery Triennial Fund money from First Mid Bank & Trust (FMB) account 5577 in the amount of \$133.52 (without fee) in Cashier's Check 624214. The FMB account was then closed. On August 7, 2025, I opened the new Grand Commandery Triennial Fund account 4931 with Jefferson Bank (JB) and deposited the FMB check into the new Triennial Fund account.

On February 19, 2026, with permission from the Grand Commander and the Finance Chairman, I withdrew the Grand Commandery Supply Fund money from Mid America Bank (MAB) account 2969 in the amount of \$16,792.62 (without fee) in Cashier's Check 007288. The MAB account was then closed. On February 26, 2026, I opened the new Grand Commandery Supply Fund account 5658 with Jefferson Bank (JB) and deposited the MAB check into the new Supply Fund account.

The above actions were part of the move to consolidate all Grand Commandery accounts in a single banking system under the Central Bank (JB is part of the Central Bank system) in anticipation of the future change in the Office of the Grand Treasurer.

On August 7, 2025, with authorization by Sir Knight Roger D. Fler, Secretary/Treasurer of the Grand Commandery Educational Foundation, under the direction of the Educational Foundation members, I withdrew the Grand Commandery Educational Foundation money from Mid America Bank (MAB) account 2721 in the amount of \$245,545.14 (without fee) in Cashier's Check 006608. The MAB account was then closed. On August 7, 2025, the MAB check was deposited in the Jefferson Bank (JB) Grand Commandery Educational Foundation Holding account.

On February 19, 2026, with authorization by Sir Knight Roger D. Fler, Secretary/Treasurer of the Grand Commandery Educational Foundation, under the direction of the Educational Foundation members, I withdrew the Grand Commandery Educational Foundation money from First Mid Bank & Trust (FMB) account 4065 in the amount of \$242,580.52 (without fee) in Cashier's Check 697821. The FMB account was then closed. On February 26, 2026, the FMB check was deposited in the Jefferson Bank (JB) Grand Commandery Educational Foundation Holding account.

Long-Term Investment of Funds

An 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).

On February 20, 2026, the Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Missouri received a letter dated February 19, 2026, from the Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Missouri officially notifying him that the orderly transfer of Grand Commandery money out of the Grand Chapter's Capital Group (CG1) account was thereby enforceably required. It was further stated that the transfer of Grand Commandery money could be accomplished without any transfer fees.

On February 20, 2026, the Grand Commander informed me by letter dated February 19, 2026, that I was thereby authorized to facilitate moving the shares of ABALX (a.k.a. American Balanced - Am Bal) mutual fund and AMECX (a.k.a. American Income - Am Inc) mutual fund attributed to the Grand Commandery of Missouri Educational Foundation from the Grand Chapter's Capital Group 1 (CG1) account to the Grand Commandery Educational Foundation's Capital Group (CG3) account as soon as possible.

On February 19, 2026, I met briefly with Mr. Russ Bell, Vice President, Financial Advisor, LPL (our Investment Banker) concerning the plan to move certain shares out of the CG1 (9778) account to the CG3 (5101) account. On February 26, 2026, I met with Mr. Bell to work on completing the necessary paperwork for the planned transfer. On March 2, 2026, all Grand Commandery Educational Foundation shares were transferred from the Grand Chapter's CG1 account to the Grand Commandery Educational Foundation's Capitol Group (CG3) account by Mr. Bell.

The Capital Group 2 (CG2) account contains only Grand Commandery money. The CG2 account is tied to the Jefferson Bank (JB) Grand Commandery General Fund Holding account (JB GrKT GF Hold) for ACH transfers. All purchases are facilitated by Mr. Bell. The purchase limit for CG2 investments 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 3 (CG3) account contains only Grand Commandery Educational Foundation money. The CG3 account is tied to the Jefferson Bank (JB) Grand Commandery Educational Foundation Holding account (JB GrKT EdF Hold) for ACH transfers. All purchases are facilitated by Mr. Bell. The purchase limit for CG3 investments 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.

On January 26, 2026, I sent an email to Sir Knight Terry D. Coppotelli, Investment Chairman, with a recommendation to move \$132,000.00 of Endowed Membership money from the Grand Commandery's Jefferson Bank (JB) Endowed Membership Holding account (JB GrKT EMF Hold) to the Investment Company of America (Am Inv) in the Grand Commandery's Capital Group 2 (CG2) account. On March 5, 2026, I received authorization from SK Coppotelli to make the investment. On March 24, 2026, \$132,000.00 was transferred from the JB GrKT EMF Hold account to the JB GrKT GF Hold account. On March 24, 2026, \$100,000.00 of Am Inv shares were purchased by Mr. Bell in the Grand Commandery's CG2 account. On March 25, 2026, \$32,000.00 of Am Inv shares were purchased by Mr. Bell in the Grand Commandery's CG2 account.

Grand Treasurer's Office

Your Grand Treasurer and Assistant Grand Treasurer continue to work diligently to bring transparency to the office. We attended the Grand Commandery Grand Officer Zoom meetings. During those meetings, we provided requested financial review briefings to the Grand Officers and answered questions that the Grand Officers asked concerning the finances of the Grand Commandery.

The duties of the Assistant Grand Treasurer during this past fiscal year were monthly reconciliation of the financial spreadsheets, processing of deposit records, and recovery of outstanding check money. The Grand Treasurer and the Assistant Grand Treasurer plan to continue expanding the duties of the Assistant Grand Treasurer during the next fiscal year.

During the 2023-2024 fiscal year, the Grand Treasurer's Office received thirteen banker boxes of historical paper records from the office of the previous Grand Treasurer. The task of reviewing the mountain of documents is daunting and may require years to complete, but remains a goal of the Office.

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, 2026

Deposit Account

COMMERCIAL TRUST COMPANY (CTC)

MGYR Deposit Account = \$33,140.08

Balance May 31, 2025 = \$28,369.88

Receipts June 1, 2025 - March 31, 2026 = \$11,867.20

Transfers June 1, 2025 - March 31, 2026 = \$7,097.00

Checking Account

JEFFERSON BANK (JB)

MGYR General Fund Account (GF) = \$5,850.00

Balance May 31, 2025 = \$248.37

Receipts June 1, 2025 - March 31, 2026 = \$40,309.07

Expenditures June 1, 2025 - March 31, 2026 = \$34,707.44

Status of Grand Commandery Liquid Account - March 31, 2026

Deposit Account

COMMERCIAL TRUST COMPANY (CTC)

GrKT Deposit Account = \$24,026.34

Balance May 31, 2025 = \$2,269.20

Receipts June 1, 2025 - March 31, 2026 = \$60,398.60

Transfers June 1, 2025 - March 31, 2026 = \$38,641.46

Status of Grand Commandery General Fund Liquid Accounts - March 31, 2026

Checking Accounts

JEFFERSON BANK (JB)

GrKT General Fund Operating Account (GF Op) = \$60,996.11

Balance May 31, 2025 = \$81,827.07

Receipts June 1, 2025 - March 31, 2026 = \$19,809.22

Expenditures June 1, 2025 - March 31, 2026 = \$40,640.18

GrKT General Fund Holding Account (GF Hold) = \$1,544.04

Balance May 31, 2025 = \$1,518.39

Receipts June 1, 2025 - March 31, 2026 = \$132,025.65

Expenditures June 1, 2025 - March 31, 2026 = \$132,000.00

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Total of GrKT General Fund Liquid Assets = \$62,540.15

Total Balance May 31, 2025 = \$83,345.46

Total Receipts June 1, 2025 - March 31, 2026 = \$151,834.87

Total Expenditures June 1, 2025 - March 31, 2026 = \$172,640.18

Status of Grand Commandery General Fund Long-Term Accounts - March 31, 2026

JEFFERSON BANK (JB)

Capital Group 2 (CG2)

Grand Commandery American Balanced (Am Bal) Contents

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

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

Value of GrKT Am Bal Mutual Fund on March 31, 2026 = \$52,885.66

Contains 67.72% GrKT General Fund = \$35,814.17

Grand Commandery Income Fund of America (Am Inc) Contents

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

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

Value of GrKT Am Inc Mutual Fund on March 31, 2026 = \$50,841.03

Contains 67.65% GrKT General Fund = \$34,393.96

Grand Commandery Investment Company of America (Am Inv) Contents

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

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

Value of Am Inv Mutual Fund on March 31, 2026 = \$507,880.98

Contains 50.16% GrKT General Fund = \$254,753.10

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Total Value of GrKT General Fund Long-Term Assets = \$324,961.23

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Total of All GrKT General Fund Assets = \$387,501.38

Status of Grand Commandery Supply Fund Liquid Account - March 31, 2026

Checking Account

MID AMERICA BANK (MAB)

MAB GrKT Supply Fund Account (SF) = \$-0-

Balance May 31, 2025 = \$18,450.62

Receipts June 1, 2025 - March 31, 2026 = \$2,055.39

Expenditures June 1, 2025 - March 31, 2026 = \$20,506.01

Checking Account

JEFFERSON BANK (JB)

JB GrKT Supply Fund Account (SF) = \$16,872.62

Balance May 31, 2025 = \$-0-

Receipts June 1, 2025 - March 31, 2026 = \$16,881.65

Expenditures June 1, 2025 - March 31, 2026 = \$9.03

Status of Grand Commandery Charity KTEF Fund Liquid Accounts - March 31, 2026

Checking Account

CENTRAL BANK (CB)

GrKT KTEF Charity Fund Account (CF) = \$158,261.10

Balance May 31, 2025 = \$158,200.35

Receipts June 1, 2025 - March 31, 2026 = \$3,783.20

Donations June 1, 2025 - March 31, 2026 = \$3,722.45

Status of Grand Commandery Charity Endowment Fund Liquid Accounts - March 31, 2026

Checking Accounts

JEFFERSON BANK (JB)

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

Balance May 31, 2025 = \$356.00

Receipts June 1, 2025 - March 31, 2026 = \$-0-

Expenditures June 1, 2025 - March 31, 2026 = \$-0-

GrKT Charity Endowment Fund Holding Account (CEF Hold) = \$1,038.56

Balance May 31, 2025 = \$1,038.56

Receipts June 1, 2025 - March 31, 2026 = \$-0-

Expenditures June 1, 2025 - March 31, 2026 = \$-0-

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Total of GrKT Charity Endowment Fund Liquid Assets = \$1,394.56

Total Balance May 31, 2025 = \$1,394.56

Total Receipts June 1, 2025 - March 31, 2026 = \$-0-

Total Expenditures June 1, 2025 - March 31, 2026 = -0-

Status of Grand Commandery Charity Endowment Fund Long-Term Accounts - March 31, 2026

JEFFERSON BANK (JB)

Capital Group 2 (CG2)

Grand Commandery Investment Company of America (Am Inv) Contents

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

Value of GrKT Am Inv Mutual Fund on March 31, 2026 = \$507,880.98

Contains 2.82% GrKT Charity Endowment Fund = \$14,322.24

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Total of All GrKT Charity Endowment Fund Assets = \$15,716.80

Status of Grand Commandery Holy Land Pilgrimage Fund Liquid Accounts - March 31, 2026

Checking Accounts

JEFFERSON BANK (JB)

GrKT Holy Land Pilgrimage Fund Operating Account (HLPF Op) = \$10,112.72

Balance May 31, 2025 = \$11,833.86

Receipts June 1, 2025 - March 31, 2026 = \$257.73

Expenditures June 1, 2025 - March 31, 2026 = \$1,978.87

GrKT Holy Land Pilgrimage Fund Holding Account (HLPF Hold) = \$4,284.51

Balance May 31, 2025 = \$1,379.61

Receipts June 1, 2025 - March 31, 2026 = \$2,904.90

Expenditures June 1, 2025 - March 31, 2026 = \$-0-

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Total of GrKT Holy Land Pilgrimage Fund Liquid Assets = \$14,397.23

Total Balance May 31, 2025 = \$13,213.47

Total Receipts June 1, 2025 - March 31, 2026 = \$3,162.63

Total Expenditures June 1, 2025 - March 31, 2026 = \$-0-

Status of Grand Commandery Holy Land Pilgrimage Fund Long-Term Accounts - March 31, 2026

JEFFERSON BANK (JB)

Capital Group 2 (CG2)

Grand Commandery Investment Company of America (Am Inv) Contents

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

Value of GrKT Am Inv Mutual Fund on March 31, 2026 = \$507,880.98

Contains 18.42% GrKT Holy Land Pilgrimage Fund = \$93,551.68

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Total of All GrKT Holy Land Pilgrimage Fund Assets = \$107,948.91

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Total of All GrKT Charity Fund Assets = \$281,926.81

Status of Grand Commandery Endowed Membership Fund Liquid Accounts - March 31, 2026

Checking Accounts

JEFFERSON BANK (JB)

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

Balance May 31, 2025 = \$2,050.00

Receipts June 1, 2025 - March 31, 2026 = \$-0-

Expenditures June 1, 2025 - March 31, 2026 = \$-0-

GrKT Endowed Membership Fund Holding Account (EMF Hold) = \$12,167.01

Balance May 31, 2025 = \$130,667.01

Receipts June 1, 2025 - March 31, 2026 = \$13,500.00

Expenditures June 1, 2025 - March 31, 2026 = \$132,000.00

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Total Expenditures June 1, 2025 - March 31, 2026 = \$132,000.00

Status of Grand Commandery Endowed Membership Fund Long-Term Accounts - March 31, 2026

JEFFERSON BANK (JB)

Capital Group 2 (CG2)

Grand Commandery American Balanced (Am Bal) Contents

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

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

Value of Am Bal Mutual Fund on March 31, 2026 = \$52,885.66

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

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Total Value of GrKT Endowed Membership Fund Long-Term Assets = \$178,772.52

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Total of All GrKT Endowed Membership Fund Assets = \$192,989.53

Status of Grand Commandery Leadership Fund Liquid Account - March 31, 2026

Checking Account

HAWTHORN BANK (HB)

GrKT Leadership Fund Account (LF) = \$-0-

Balance May 31, 2025 = \$1,614.89

Receipts June 1, 2025 - March 31, 2026 = \$-0-

Expenditures June 1, 2025 - March 31, 2026 = \$1,614.89

Checking Account

JEFFERSON BANK (JB)

GrKT Leadership Fund Account (LF) = \$1,711.29

Balance May 31, 2025 = \$-0-

Receipts June 1, 2025 - March 31, 2026 = \$1,711.29

Expenditures June 1, 2025 - March 31, 2026 = \$-0-

Status of Grand Commandery Triennial Fund Liquid Account - March 31, 2026

Checking Account

FIRST MID BANK (FMB)

GrKT Triennial Fund Account (TF) = \$-0-

Balance May 31, 2025 = \$133.52

Receipts June 1, 2025 - March 31, 2026 = \$-0-

Expenditures June 1, 2025 - March 31, 2026 = \$133.52

Checking Account

JEFFERSON BANK (JB)

GrKT Triennial Fund Account (TF) = \$460.77

Balance May 31, 2025 = \$-0-

Receipts June 1, 2025 - March 31, 2026 = \$460.77

Expenditures June 1, 2025 - March 31, 2026 = \$-0-

Status of Grand Commandery Educational Foundation Fund Liquid Accounts - March 31, 2026

Checking Accounts

JEFFERSON BANK (JB)

GrKT Educational Foundation Fund Operating Account (EdF Op) = \$14,195.41

Balance May 31, 2025 = \$14,682.42

Receipts June 1, 2025 - March 31, 2026 = \$236,110.70

Expenditures June 1, 2025 - March 31, 2026 = \$236,597.71

GrKT Educational Foundation Fund Holding Account (EdF Hold) = \$681,605.04

Balance May 31, 2025 = \$423,927.45

Receipts June 1, 2025 - March 31, 2026 = \$493,677.59

Expenditures June 1, 2025 - March 31, 2026 = \$236,000.00

Checking Account

FIRST MID BANK (FMB)

GrKT Educational Foundation Fund Account (EdF FMB) = \$-0-

Balance May 31, 2025 = \$242,417.09

Receipts June 1, 2025 - March 31, 2026 = \$163.43

Expenditures June 1, 2025 - March 31, 2026 = \$242,580.52

Checking Account

MID AMERICA BANK (MAB)

GrKT Educational Foundation Fund Account (EdF MAB) = \$-0-

Balance May 31, 2025 = \$245,545.14

Receipts June 1, 2025 - March 31, 2026 = \$-0-

Expenditures June 1, 2025 - March 31, 2026 = \$245,545.14

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Total of GrKT Educational Foundation Fund Liquid Assets = \$695,800.45

Total Balance May 31, 2025 = \$926,572.10

Total Receipts June 1, 2025 - March 31, 2026 = \$729,951.72

Total Expenditures June 1, 2025 - March 31, 2026 = \$960,723.37

Status of Grand Commandery Educational Foundation Fund Short-Term Accounts - March 31, 2026

CHARLES SCHWAB

Value of GrKT Educational Foundation Fund on March 31, 2025 = \$200,154.06

Value of GrKT Educational Foundation Fund on March 31, 2026 = \$205,667.03

EDWARD JONES

Value of GrKT Educational Foundation Fund on March 31, 2025 = \$-0-

Value of GrKT Educational Foundation Fund on March 31, 2026 = \$204,253.41

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Total Value of GrKT Educational Foundation Fund Shot-Term Assets = \$409,920.44

Status of Grand Commandery Educational Foundation Fund Long-Term Accounts - March 31, 2026

JEFFERSON BANK (JB)

Capital Group 3 (CG3)

Grand Commandery Educational Foundation Fund American Balanced (Am Bal) Contents

Value of GrKT Educational Foundation Fund Am Bal Mutual Funds on March 31, 2025 = \$115,923.68

Value of GrKT Educational Foundation Fund Am Bal Mutual Funds on March 31, 2026 = \$218,422.48

Grand Commandery Educational Foundation Fund Bond Fund of America (Am Bnd) Contents

Value of GrKT Educational Foundation Fund Am Bnd Mutual Funds on March 31, 2025 = \$9,773.61

Value of GrKT Educational Foundation Fund Am Bnd Mutual Funds on March 31, 2026 = \$10,164.75

Grand Commandery Educational Foundation Fund Income Fund of America (Am Inc) Contents

Value of GrKT Educational Foundation Fund Am Inc Mutual Funds on March 31, 2025 = \$119,752.24

Value of GrKT Educational Foundation Fund Am Inc Mutual Funds on March 31, 2026 = \$298,006.40

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Total Value of GrKT Educational Foundation Fund Long-Term Assets = \$526,593.63

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Total of All GrKT Educational Foundation Fund Assets = \$1,632,314.52

Grand Total of GrKT Assets - March 31, 2026 = \$905,488.74

Grand Total of GrKT Educational Foundation Assets - March 31, 2026 = \$1,623,314.52

Grand Total of all Grand Commandery Assets - March 31, 2026 = \$2,537,803.26

Summary of Grand Commandery Long-Term Account - March 31, 2026

JEFFERSON BANK (JB)

Capital Group 2 (CG2)

Value of CG2 Mutual Funds on March 31, 2026 = \$611,607.67

 Contains American Balanced Mutual Fund = \$52,885.66

 Contains Income Fund of America Mutual Fund = \$50,841.03

 Contains Investment Company of America Mutual Fund = \$507,880.98

CG2 American Balanced (Am Bal) Contents

Value of Am Bal Mutual Fund on March 31, 2026 = \$52,885.66

 Contains 67.72% General Fund = \$35,814.17

 Contains 32.28% Endowed Membership Fund = \$17,071.49

CG2 Income Fund of America (Am Inc) Contents

Value of Am Inc Mutual Fund on March 31, 2026 = \$50,841.03
 Contains 67.65% General Fund = \$34,393.96
 Contains 32.35% Endowed Membership Fund = \$16,447.07

CG2 Investment Company of America (Am Inv) Contents

Value of Am Inv Mutual Fund on March 31, 2026 = \$507,880.98
 Contains 50.16% General Fund = \$254,753.10
 Contains 2.82% Charity Endowment Fund = \$14,322.24
 Contains 18.42% Holy Land Pilgrimage Fund = \$93,551.68
 Contains 28.60% Endowed Membership Fund = \$145,253.96

Summary of Grand Commandery Educational Foundation Long-Term Accounts - March 31, 2026

JEFFERSON BANK (JB)

Capital Group 3 (CG3)

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Fraternally submitted,
 SK Russell S. Hanson, PGC, KGC, Grand Treasurer, Assistant to the Secretary/Treasurer, Educational Foundation
 Sir Knight Christopher L. Story, Assistant Grand Treasurer

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

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**REPORT OF GRAND RECORDER'S OFFICE
 2026 Summary Report**

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

Sir Knights,

This year closes out the 5th year in my station as your Grand Recorder. I thank you one and all for the confidence you have shown by electing and reelecting me over these past years. This office would not function correctly if not for Lady Debbie Hanson, our Executive Assistant, and Sir Knight Russell Hanson, PGC, Grand Recorder Emeritus and your current Grand Treasurer. As with all well-run

organizations, transition plans for personnel are an important part of the organization to permit continued operations; to this end, Lady Tara Ornesby has graciously agreed to work with Debbie as her assistant for this future transition. Your Grand Recorder's office continues to work with the Grand Chapter Secretary and Grand Council Recorder's office ably staffed by Companion and Sir Knight Donald MacCormick. I also wish to express my appreciation to SK Kevin Sample, PGC, for his guidance, friendship and work assistance with special projects in the Grand Recorder's office. I am most fortunate to be part of this dynamic Grand York Rite administration team. As a part of an orderly transition, I will begin looking for a replacement for myself. The time frame is not set and presuming that, in your estimation, I continue to merit your support; I am looking at a three- year cycle, or four-year cycle at the most, to effectuate this change.

As to the mechanics of the Grand Commandery as reported through MMS 15 May 2026, we have 1,267 Sir Knights on the membership rolls. Our membership continues to decline, however, we are beginning to see a leveling of losses. There is nothing we can do when a member passes on to their final reward, but the membership retention legislation and programming that was passed several years ago seems to be helping to curb our manageable losses. Just a reminder, every Commandery is required to have a functioning Membership Retention committee. This committee is not the responsibility of your Recorder, but rather an assist to the Commander and Commandery. The specific information referring to retention of membership and its process is found in the Documents section of Missouri York Rite website.

Currently your Grand Commandery is comprised of 23 constituent Commanderies. Constantine Commandery No. 27 located in Greenfield, MO was merged with St John's Commandery No. 20 domiciled in Springfield, MO as of 10 December 2025. The closure of any York Rite body is an unfortunate occurrence and may be due to any number of circumstances. Your Grand Commandery does not have the ability necessarily to stop these occurrences, but we do have officers and members willing to work with struggling bodies to help them find a workable solution. From the Grand bodies the immediate support personnel will be your Chapter DDGHP, Council RDGM, and your Commandery RGC; these Companions and Sir Knights are but one resource available to you. If your Commandery is struggling, please avail yourselves of the resources the Grand Commandery is able to provide.

Per our Laws and Regulations, Section 236, and as a part of the Honor Commandery Award, Section D3, there is a requirement for our constituent Commanderies to log into the MMS system. As of the May reconciliation the following Commanderies have signed in every month for the 2025-2026 term: Huge DePayens 4, Kansas City 10, St Graal 12, Ascalon 16, St John's 20, Lebanon 33, St Elmo 43, Neosho 57, and Malta 72. Thank you to these Commandery Recorders for their diligence.

This term ushered in a significant change for the Regional Conferences as there was a single statewide meeting in lieu of the seven regional meetings as had been the custom of the past. This conference was held in St. James, MO on the first weekend in September of 2025 with very good results. This format freed up six Saturdays that would normally be used for regional meetings. It is my hope that the information at these statewide meetings will find its way into the commanderies and that the regional officers continue to conduct their business within their areas with the promptitude and diligence of the past.

As to my personal activities throughout this year, I had the privilege to participate in the Region 6 conferral held in the Fall of 2025 in Poplar Bluff, MO. This conferral pulled exceptional ritualists from the southeast and central part of the state to confer the Orders on the candidate Sir Knights. The Commanderies supplying the ritualists were from Poplar Bluff 67, Cape Girardeau 55, Rolla 59, Ascalon 16, and Ivanhoe 8. The Grand Masters Templar Crusade was held in St. Louis, MO on the 25th of April 2026 at Ascalon Commandery. When the day was done 17 new Sir Knights were created and exceptional ritualists from around the state provided a memorable experience for these gentlemen. While conferral festivals appear to be the current process, I would suggest it is important to the health of our Commanderies and to the impression upon the candidate's minds if conferral work is conducted in house as much as possible.

In addition to daily and weekly activities, I participated in the monthly scheduled virtual Grand Officer meetings, the virtual meetings for the York Rite Beacon, and quarterly virtual Knight Templar Educational Foundation meetings. As to out-of-state activities, other than several virtual meetings with members of the South-Central Department I did attend the physical Department Conference held in the greater Houston metro area. In addition to myself you were ably represented by Sir Knights Quesenberry, Parker, Knight, and others; attendance exemptions were granted to SK Skiles and Coppotelli by the Grand Master. This year's Department Conference will be held in North Little Rock, Arkansas - September 18th and 19th.

One of the additional responsibilities I have is as a non-voting member of the Knight Templar Educational Committee where I currently serve as the Secretary and SK Hanson serves as the assistant to me and the guy who directly handles the Foundation's finances. This past year the Educational Foundation provided scholarship assistance to 10 deserving young ladies and gentlemen. While we have many laudable objectives in Templary, the opportunity to help develop talent and careers are goals we should all take a measure of personal privilege, a sense of pride in our results.

I appreciate the opportunity you have afforded me to serve our Grand Commandery these past years and I hope to merit your approval in continuing to do so. In closing I thank each of you for your friendship and confidence, I look forward to serving you.

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

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

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PRELIMINARY PROCEEDINGS

of the

One Hundred Sixty-Fifth
Annual Conclave

of the

Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the
State of Missouri

held

June 11, 2026

Marriott St. Louis Airport
St. Louis, Missouri

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REPORT OF ANNUAL CONCLAVE 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 Roger D. Fleer, PGC SK

Russell S. Hanson, 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.

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.

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.

Here are the Commanderies that participated.

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

Non-Competing 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. Flear, PGC
- Judge 2 - SK Harold C. Coots, PGC.....(Substitute for Bobbie E. White
- Judge 3 - SK Michael J. Estright.....(Substitute for Corey B. Huntsucker)
- Judge 4 - SK Bobbie E. White, PGC.....(Substitute for Terry D. Coppotelli)
- Judge 5 - SK Corey B. Huntsucker.....(Substitute for Michael C. Rohman)

The committee formed at 8:00 am. SK Ronald L. Skiles, 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. 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 12:30 pm to review the Judging sheets and score the Drill Teams. The results of the 2026 Drill Competition will be announced Thursday during the 2026 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 very successful. We are looking forward to more Drill Teams joining us for the 2027 Drill Competition Event scheduled for Saturday, April 10, 2027 in Columbia.

Fraternally submitted,

SK Harold C. Coots, PGC, Chairman	SK Russell S. Hanson, PGC	SK Kevin B. Sample, PGC
SK Roger D. Flear, PGC	Bobbie E. White, PGC	SK Michael C. Rohman, PGC
SK Terry D. Coppotelli	SK Corey B. Huntsucker	

REPORT OF EDUCATION COMMITTEE

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

Sir Knights,

It was a pleasure to serve SK Ronald L. Skiles, Junior Right Eminent Past Grand Commander, and to now serve SK Terry D. Coppotelli, Right Eminent Grand Commander, as Chairman of the Education Committee. The following report outlines the Education Committee’s activities during the Year of our Lord 2025/2026, Year of our Order 907/908.

Honor Commandery Award

The Grand Commandery’s Education Committee was again charged with revising the Grand Commandery’s Honor Commandery Award Form for this chivalric year. In light of the discontinuation of Regional Conclaves, the Committee recommended that 5 points be awarded per Sir Knight - with a 100-point maximum - for attending the new Statewide York Rite Conference, either in-person or online. There was general consensus that no further changes were recommended at this time. This change was approved by our then Right Eminent Grand Commander, SK Skiles.

With the updated Honor Commandery Award Form in place, the Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander received the completed forms, which were then reviewed, and the Education Committee recommended the following commanderies receive the award:

- **Honor Commandery Award**

- Ivanhoe 8 - SK Walter Lawrence Wilson, Commander
- Kansas City 10 - SK Tristan Joseph Opperman, Commander
- St. Graal 12 - SK Thomas David Miller, Commander
- Jasper 31 - SK Bradley Kyle Williams, Jr., Commander
- Oriental 35 - SK Steven Douglas Bright, Commander
- St. Elmo 43 - SK Donald Glenn Bell, Commander
- Cape Girardeau 55 - SK Charles James Ortiz, Sr., Commander

- **Honor Commandery Award with Distinction**

- Liberty 6 - SK Derek Wayne Pope, Commander
- Ascalon 16 - -SK Tommy Glenn Cupples, Jr., Commander
- Palestine 17 - SK Christopher Wayne Organ, Commander
- St. John's 20 - SK Barton Ross Cardetti, Commander
- Ely 22 - SK Craig Arnold Nowell, Commander
- Prince of Peace 29 - SK John Allen Rehmer, Commander
- Neosho 57 - SK Jonathan Martin Turner, Commander
- Rolla 59 - SK Johnnie Eugene Bryant, Commander
- Poplar Bluff 67 - SK Louis Dale Cash, Commander

Congratulations to the Sir Knights in the above-named commanderies for their hard work during this chivalric year.

Conclaves by Candlelight

Unfortunately, there has not been a "Conclave by Candlelight" educational program held since the inaugural event on May 5, 2025, during the regularly stated conclave of Liberty Commandery No. 6. The inaugural event was an excellent evening of Templar education and was well-received. The Grand Commandery Education Committee continues to encourage your commandery to host a "Conclave by Candlelight" for further light in chivalric Freemasonry. If interested, please contact Ashley Young via email at ashleywyong@mac.com.

Fraternally submitted,

SK Ashley W. Young, Chairman
SK Budd C. Gilfillen

SK W. Stuart English
SK Christopher L. Story

SK Douglas C. Rose, Jr.

REPORT OF EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION COMMITTEE
Summary Report
2025 - 2026

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

SK Matthew L. Quesenberry (2021-2026)

SK Michael S. Smith (2022-2027)

SK Steven D. Bright (2024-2029)

SK Todd A. Schluze (2025-2030)

SK Roger D. Fler, PGC, Secretary/Treasurer

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

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 twenty-eight members during the 2025-2026 Grand Commandery year. A total of \$14,000.00 was received from those twenty-eight new Endowed members. The Grand Commandery Endowed Membership database contains a total of 324 members of which 202 are listed as living.

On January 26, 2026, the Grand Treasurer sent an email to Sir Knight Terry D. Coppotelli, Investment Chairman, with a recommendation to move \$132,000.00 of Endowed Membership money from the Grand Commandery's Jefferson Bank (JB) Endowed Membership Holding account (JB GrKT EMF Hold) to the Investment Company of America (Am Inv) in the Grand Commandery's Capital Group 2 (CG2) account. On March 5, 2026, I received authorization from SK Coppotelli to make the investment. On March 24, 2026, \$132,000.00 was transferred from the JB GrKT EMF Hold account to the JB GrKT GF Hold account.

On March 24, 2026, with the approval from Sir Knight Terry D. Coppotelli, Investment Chairman, \$100,000.00 of Investment Company of America (Am Inv) shares were purchased by Mr. Russ Bell, Vice President, Financial Advisor, LPL (our Investment Banker) in the Grand Commandery's CG2 account. On March 25, 2026, \$32,000.00 of Am Inv shares were purchased by Mr. Bell in the Grand Commandery's CG2 account.

Financially, the Grand Commandery (GrKT) Endowed Membership Fund (EMF) has the following money.

Status of Grand Commandery Endowed Membership Fund Liquid Accounts - March 31, 2026

Checking Accounts

JEFFERSON BANK (JB)

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Capital Group 2 (CG2)

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Fraternally submitted,

SK Harold F. Coots, PGC, Chairman

SK Roger D. Fleer, PGC

SK Russell S. Hanson, PGC

REPORT OF EXAMINER COMMITTEE

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

Sir Knights,

The Examiner Committee is pleased to report that one of the most significant changes in the process of the Grand Commandery financial administration this year was establishing the position of Assistant Grand Treasurer. Given the many "assistant" roles across the Grand Commandery, it is surprising the Grand Treasurer has not had one until now. The work and scope of the Grand Treasurers' role is vast and very labor intensive. This new position will make the job of Grand Treasurer more manageable and provide coverage when the Grand Treasurer is unavailable. Most importantly, it helps to ensure continuity during transition should there be planned or unexpected turnover in the Grand Treasurer.

Commandery accounting practices are regularly reviewed with the line officers, and questions are welcomed and encouraged. As noted again this year, line officers should receive the finance and account reports before these calls. The officers do not need Dropbox access or account numbers, but they do need the reports in advance, so they have time to review them and come prepared with informed questions.

The Grand Treasurer and Assistant Grand Treasurer deserve tremendous credit for what they have accomplished this year. The volume of work and detail they reviewed, organized, and consolidated into usable information is impressive. Especially noteworthy was the effort to replace "stale checks" from prior years - an unenviable task completed with professionalism and care. Accounts and funds for all three bodies are now properly segregated. Investment funds are associated with their respective Grand York Rite body, and each Grand body may adopt the investment strategy that best fits its needs. All investment decisions are documented electronically, creating a clear record of each trade order and when it was placed.

One of the Grand Commandery's greatest challenges has been the loss of its tax-exempt status - an issue we believe posed a serious threat to the future of the Missouri Grand York Rite. This year, the Grand Recorder, Grand Secretary, and Grand Treasurer worked together to regain our not for profit status. For the first time in many years, we are now compliant with IRS requirements, and our tax-exempt status has been restored. I am especially grateful for the assistance of Past Grand High Priest Dodds' wife, April; without her help, this could not have been accomplished.

Fraternally submitted,

SK Terry D. Coppotelli, Chairman

SK Matthew L. Quesenberry

SK Glenn B. Parker

SK Ashley W. Young

SK W. Stuart English

SK Roger D. Fleer, 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,

There has been very little input to the Committee from committee members or the Sir Knight of the Commandries. A rumor or two was passed, as well as bits and pieces of general information to the Grand Commander. In general, most discussion were over the conduct of Commandery business and between the individuals involved. Overall, peace and harmony prevailed.

Fraternally submitted,

SK Thomas C. Yunick, PGC, Chairman

SK Bobbie E. White, PGC

SK Russell S. Hanson, PGC

SK Daniel R. Quesenberry, PGC

SK Harold F. Coots, PGC

SK Richard L. Mansfield, PGC

SK James L. Woodfin, Jr., PGC

SK Roger D. Fleer, PGC

SK Michael C. Rohman, PGC

REPORT OF GRAND MASTER'S TEMPLAR CRUSADE COMMITTEE

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

Sir Knights,

Please see SK Terry D. Coppotelli's Report of the Grand Commander, Section on Grand Master's Templar Crusade for details on the committee's work.

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. Fleer, 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 Holy Land Pilgrimage Committee presents the following update from the Knights Templar Holy Land Pilgrimage Programs.

Knights Templar Holy Land Pilgrimage May 2026 Update

Without a doubt, it's a wild world right now. Taking into account the uncertainty of situations in the Middle East we are moving ahead with the plans for the **February 2027 Knights Templar Holy Land Pilgrimage for Christian Ministers**. We are making this decision so that pilgrim ministers will not miss an opportunity to have this life changing and ministry enhancing experience in a timely manner. We had a meeting and reorganized our finances. Moving the money from a low Interest CD to a more aggressive Portfolio should raise our returns.

Ours is an ongoing program. We will automatically reschedule for the corresponding time window in the following calendar year should situations make it necessary or advantageous to reconsider.

With that in mind, we are accepting registrations from State Committees of Knights Templar for the February 2027 Knights Templar Holy Land Pilgrimage. We will be filling the second travel group first: February 15 - 25, 2027. Once that group has over 30 participants we will consider adding the first travel slot: February 1 - 11, 2027.

With added airline costs and fees and other increased expenses, the 2027 registration fee per pilgrim minister will be \$5,000.00. As in the past, any money that has not yet left our hands is fully refundable. Once we have made payments it is up to the travel company rules and/or travel insurance requirements (which we include in the package price) and the pilgrim minister will need to file the claim.

On another front, due to continued uncertainty and timeline requirements, the IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF JESUS PILGRIMAGE (open to anyone) for the fall has been rescheduled to November 8 - 18, 2027.

Follow on the website (www.kthlp.com) as more details become available.

It's been a good year and we are looking forward to better times.

Fraternally submitted,

SK Dale R. Roller, Chairman

SK John A. Welch

SK Russell A. Bradshaw

SK Daniel R. Quesenberry, PGC

SK Glenn B. Parker

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 2025 Second Quarter (April-June) mailing included checks totaling \$2,131.00.

The 2025 Third Quarter (July-September) mailing included checks totaling \$1,091.45.

The 2025 Fourth Quarter (October-December) mailing included checks totaling \$500.00.

The 2026 First Quarter (January-March) mailing included checks totaling \$2,777.90.

The total of all donations mailed to the KTEF by the Grand Commandery is \$6,500.35.

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 J. Estright

SK Corey B. Huntsucker

SK Michael C. Rohman, PGC

REPORT OF LAWS & REGULATIONS REVIEW COMMITTEE

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

Sir Knights,

To the best of my knowledge, this committee was not tasked to do anything so the committee has nothing to report at this time. Should the committee be continued in the future, we would respectfully request direction.

Fraternally submitted,

SK Kevin B. Sample, PGC, Chairman

SK Michael C. Rohman, PGC

SK Harold. F. Coots, PGC

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.

However, SK Ronald L. Skiles, Grand Commander, had this comment. "The Retention program I believe has helped our overall membership numbers, but there is only so much as a Commandery we are able to accomplish. If membership is lost in Lodge, Chapter, or Council there is little we can do to fix member loss short of looking for a work around for underlying issues with affiliation membership."

Fraternally submitted,

SK Corey B. Huntsucker, Chairman

SK Michael L. Dodd

SK Budd C. Gilfillen

SK Matthew D. Ruth

SK Kevin B. Sample, PGC

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 SK Ronald L. Skiles, Grand Commander 2025-2026, for his successful year and continuing programs. Additionally, we would like to thank the craft for the opportunity to continue to serve you this year. As we continue the Beacon Magazine for the Grand York Rite of Missouri, the feedback has been favorable from you, our Missouri craft and Freemasons worldwide. As this return is made, we have various ideas that will appear in future issues. So, keep your eyes open for those changes.

Your magazine continues to bring in various 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.

Your enthusiasm and support for this venture has ensured that your magazine will remain a monthly publication for years to come. Thank you 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 to:

<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/>.

Fraternally submitted,

SK W. Larry Wilson, Chairman

SK Donald MacCormick

SK Kevin B. Sample, PGC

SK Steven F. Eberharter

SK Matthew D. Ruth

SK Roger D. Fleer, PGC

SK Lloyd G. Lyon

SK Jacob W. Thompson

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,

Although I was unable to attend the statewide conference in St. James this year, I had generally positive reports of the event from some of those who did attend. Because of that, and because my experience with the old system of area meetings seemed to produce limited benefit (very few new faces - usually just the old guard - preaching to the choir), I think the new state wide format should be given a longer trial. It absolutely MUST be kept in a central location in the state.

Fraternally submitted,

SK Matthew L. Quesenberry, Chairman

SK Taz A Meyer

Assistant Grand Lecturers

SK Kevin M. Ritter

Regional Grand Commanders

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.

However, SK Ronald L. Skiles, Grand Commander, had this comment. "I thank SK Corey Huntsucker, our Grand Lecturer, and his team for their efforts to improve the tactics used with our ritual. As was sent to your Commandery Recorder you have had the opportunity to review the Ritual Committee's work firsthand and will be voting on those efforts later today."

Fraternally submitted,

SK Corey B. Huntsucker, Chairman

Assistant Grand Lecturers

SK W. Stuart English

SK Russell S. Hanson, PGC

REPORT OF SOCIAL MEDIA/INTERNET COMMITTEE

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

Sir Knights,

Companions and Sir Knights, the website continued to grow with additional content, educational material, and past proceedings. There is a host of informational and educational resources available for all three bodies and there is certainly something for everyone.

Mailing Lists

We encourage everyone to subscribe to the Grand York mailing lists so that timely event notices and updates can be shared with all. In the coming year we will be upgrading our subscriptions to provide additional interactive communication with all our members. The subscription link can be found at: <https://moyorkrite.org/join-the-mailing-list/>.

Events Calender

The Events Calendar is open to everyone to post their events of import - Official Visits by Grand Officers, Degree work dates, Festival, Fundraisers, state level events, Scottish Rite Reunion, Shrine Investiture - all are moderated and posted in less than 24 hours.

Documents Library

I would direct everyone to the very useful forms, documents, past proceedings, officer visitation forms, award histories, all 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.

Education Pages

Each body has education resources containing a host of great materials. We continue to expand its content and options. Again, if there is something you would like to see hosted - please let us know.

Social Media

We continue to regularly post current and upcoming event information. We continue to encourage regional officers, and all Chapters, Councils, and Commanderies to send in, or share, event information, pictures of new Companions and Sir Knights as well as pictures of Degree and Orders Teams, and charitable events to share with everyone.

Electronic Forms

We shall continue to add interactive online forms to make the filing of reports and submissions easier and faster. We will continue to increase our ability to move away from paper forms to electronic communications and will shortly add the ability to generate New Member Certificates online that can then be downloaded and printed by Secretaries and Recorders.

Online Store

We continue to improve the online store and are working on simplify shipping costs for everyone.

Fraternally submitted,

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.

2025-2026 Masonic Youth Convention, Grand Assembly & Grand Session

- Missouri DeMolay's 2026 Annual Convention was held in Cape Girardeau on the campus of Southeast Missouri State University Friday, May 22 - Monday, May 25.
- Missouri Rainbow's 2026 Grand Assembly was held on Friday, May 29 - Monday, June 1 at the Chateau on the Lake Resort Spa & Convention Center in Branson, Missouri.
- Missouri Job's Daughters 2025 Grand Session was convened on Wednesday, June 26 - Sunday, June 29 at the Capitol Plaza Hotel in Jefferson City, Missouri.

Companions and Sir Knights, during the respective Masonic Youth Annual and Grand Sessions, your leaders, MEC Kevin M. Ritter - Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Missouri; MIC Dennis W. Houck - Grand Master of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of Missouri, and Sir Knight Terry D. Coppotelli - Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of the State of Missouri, represented you and the Grand York Rite in exemplary fashion.

Presentation of the 2025 - 2026 Grand York Rite Youth Awards

The presiding officers of the Grand York Rite of Missouri have the privilege of presenting one Missouri Masonic Youth within each of the three youth organizations with its respective and coveted Youth Award. Recipients of the Grand York Rite of Missouri Youth Awards must complete an extensive application, receive endorsement from their respective Advisory Councils, and demonstrate exceptionalism in their fraternal, sororal, community, and academic endeavors.

The 2025 - 2026 designees and recipients of the Grand Commander's Youth Award are the following distinguished Masonic Youth:

- Missouri DeMolay (2026): Aidan Dodson - Mid Rivers Chapter Order of DeMolay
- Missouri Rainbow (2026): Arael Willie - St. Charles Assembly No. 13
- Missouri Jobs Daughters International (2025): Teagan Moore - Bethel No. 7

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.

Fraternally submitted,

SK Adam M. Iwanow, Chairman

SK Michael S. Smith

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