

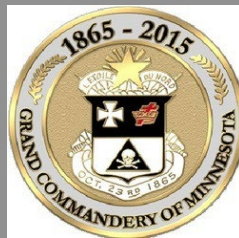


# Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Minnesota



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## 158th Grand Conclave Grand Commandery of Minnesota



SIR KNIGHT DAVID J. DUMONCEAUX, KCT  
RIGHT EMINENT GRAND COMMANDER OF MINNESOTA

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# Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Minnesota



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# Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Minnesota



To: Eminent Sir Knights, Grand Officers, and Sir Knights of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Minnesota

From SK David J Dumonceaux, Right Eminent Grand Commander

Report of Right Eminent Grand Commander 2022-2023

Sir Knights all:

Thank you for allowing me to serve as the Right Eminent Grand Commander for the Grand Commandery of MN for the past year. I pray that the trust you reposed in me was justified.

This year was a whirlwind. I was looking so forward to this year, and it went by way too fast. Many exciting, challenging, and gratifying things occurred during my tenure.

Thanks to the efforts of Eminent Sir Knight Jerry Zierdt and Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander Alan Makenzie, our tactics manual is complete and is ready for distribution. Your dedication and persistence to this project has produced a manuscript that is easy to follow and most of all correct. Great Job!!!

I was able to do some travelling during the year. My travel was limited by medical issues from August 2022 through March of 2023. I was still able to sneak in a few visitations.

- MN Grand Session, Alexandria, MN
- North Dakota Grand Session, Grand Forks ND
- Zion Commandery #2, MLPS Scottish Rite Center
- York Rite picnic, Maple Grove MN
- AMD Table Lodge, Corinthian Lodge
- Strategic Planning Session, Dumonceaux Residence, Clitherall MN
- Jobie Camp – Brainerd MN
- South Dakota Grand Session, Huron SD
- Fall Ingathering of Justice Tabernacle – HRAKPT, Owatonna
- Social Order of the Beauceant - Supreme Worthy President, Lake Harriet Lodge
- North Central Department Conference, Sioux Falls SD
- Palestine Commandery #14 Installation Underwood MN
- Zion Commander #2 Order of the Temple, MLPS Scottish Rite Center
- Cyrene Commandery – Christmas Observance, Owatonna MN
- Grand Commandery – Christmas Observance, Lost Spur Egan, MN
- Membership summit meeting – Calendar meeting, MLPS Scottish Rite Center
- Zion Commandery #2 Installation, MLPS Scottish Rite Center
- Royal Arch Festival, MLPS Scottish Rite Center



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- Cryptic Council Festival – MLPS Scottish Rite Center
- Commandery Festival – 5 Candidates – MLPS Scottish Rite Center
- Grand Commandery Easter Observance, Damascus Commandery #1, St. Paul MN
- MN Grand Session, Alexandria MN

I was unable to attend the Grand Sessions of Nebraska, Wisconsin, or Iowa.

Grand Officer and committee meetings were held at regular intervals. Some dates had to be shifted to accommodate other events that we were all involved in.

Several challenges arose during this year. The Dias Officers, Grand Recorder and Jurisprudence Committee Officers were immediately consulted and were in the loop every step of the way. I cannot say enough about these Sir Knights. They handled these challenges with decorum and professionalism.

The following General Orders and Dispensations were given by my hand.

1. General orders 1-115 were sent for dissemination to the constituent commanderies and Sir Knights and will not be listed here. They are available on the Grand Commandery website.
2. Dispensation was granted to the Membership Committee Chair to add participants to this committee as he deems necessary.
3. Dispensation was granted to Palestine Commandery #14 to move to their new Lodge building in Underwood. Charter to be moved as well.
4. Dispensation was granted for Minneapolis Mounted Commandery #23 to move their stated conclave to the Zuhrah Horseman's ranch.
5. Dispensation was granted to Duluth Commandery #18 to move their stated meeting from November 1<sup>st</sup> to November 18<sup>th</sup>, with proper notification to the Sir Knights.
6. Dispensation was granted to Zion Commandery #2 to start their stated Conclave at 6:30 instead of 7pm for the purpose of presenting the Order of the Red Cross and Malta with proper notification of the Sir Knights.
7. Dispensation was granted to Faribault Commandery #8 to move their stated conclave to Zion Commandery #2 on 10/24/2022 with proper notification of the Sir Knight and having their charter present.
8. Dispensation was granted to SK Clint Christensen to knight a knight of Malta, because he had to leave the Commandery Festival 15 minutes early.
9. Dispensation was granted to Faribault Commandery #8 to move their Stated Conclave of December 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022, to December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022. This is to avoid conflicts with Christmas celebrations and SK's being out of town for Christmas on the 26<sup>th</sup>. Proper notification will be given to the Sir Knights.
10. Dispensation was granted to Damascus Commandery #1 to move their stated Conclave from Feb 14<sup>th</sup> to Feb 28<sup>th</sup> with proper notification of the Sir Knights because of Valentines day.
11. Dispensation was granted on Feb 16<sup>th</sup> to Ivanhoe Commandery #31 to hold their election of officers outside of their normal timeframe. This was requested by SK Sean Gardiner PGC.



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12. Dispensation was granted to Home Commandery #5 for them to move their annual meeting from April to December.
13. Dispensation was granted to Palestine Commandery #14 to move it's stated conclave from April 13<sup>th</sup> to April 20<sup>th</sup>, with proper notice to the Sir Knights, because of a conflict with Grand Lodge attendance.

I wish to thank the officers and committee members of this Grand Commandery for their dedication, diligence, and willingness to go the extra mile in support of the Grand Commandery and constituent Commanderies of MN. I am proud of all of you.

To the Dias Officers, thank you for being my sounding board and for your candidness. You all hold a special place in my heart.

Sir Knights Brian and Joe, The Grand Records office is in good hands. Thank you for all the advice and Support. Your Awesome!!

Sir Knights, it has been my distinct honor to serve as your Grand Commander for this past year. The warm receptions and support were amazing. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

In His service.

Respectfully Submitted

*David J. Dumonceaux*

Sir Knight David J. Dumonceaux,  
*Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Minnesota*



# Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Minnesota



To: SK David Dumonceaux Right Eminent Grand Commander, Grand Officers, and Sir Knights of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Minnesota.

From: SK Alan Mackenzie

RE: Annual Report of the Deputy Grand Commander

It was my pleasure to serve the Sir Knights of Minnesota as Deputy Grand Commander this year. I was able to travel to many commanderies and visit with many Sir Knights. I believe Templary in Minnesota is alive and well. I attended all the meetings of the Grand Commandery either in person or by Zoom. I attended installations in Rochester, Minneapolis, Fergus Falls and Duluth. I attended both Job's camp and Grand Bethel and DeMolay Grand Conclave.

I attended the Grand Sessions of North and South Dakota, as well as the North Central Conference.

It was my privilege along with SK's David Dumonceaux and Jerry Zierdt to rewrite the tactics manual into what I believe is a much simpler and easy to follow format.

It was my honor to serve as committee chairman of, Finance and Budget, Investments, Ritual and Youth Activity.

I look forward to serving the Sir Knights of Minnesota in the future.

In His service.

Respectfully Submitted

Sir Knight Alan Mackenzie  
Deputy Grand Commander  
Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Minnesota.



# Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Minnesota



To: SK David J. Dumonceaux, Right Eminent Grand Commander, Grand Officers and Sir Knights of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Minnesota.

From: SK Jerry Zierdt

RE: Annual report of the Grand Generalissimo

It has been my Honor and privilege to serve as the Grand Generalissimo of the Grand Commandery of Minnesota for the 2022/2023 Commandery year. I have enjoyed representing our Grand Commandery at many asylums around Minnesota and the North Central Department. I have served on several committees, including the Charters and Dispensations Committee and the Knight Templar Eye Foundation Committee. I also had the great privilege of serving with REGC David Dumonceaux and VEGDC Alan McKenzie on a committee charged with the rewrite and revision of the Minnesota ritual manual. I am happy to report that this task has been completed and the files are available for all our subordinate commanderies to download and print in their preferred format.

Early in the year we assembled at the home of our Grand Commander for a planning session lead by our past Grand Commander, SK Brian DiMatteo. This allowed us to set our goals, not only for the current year but also for several years going forward.

I enjoyed a wonderful Grand Commandery Christmas observance in December hosted by Faribault Commandery #8 at the Lost Spur Event Center in Eagan as well as other observances hosted by individual commanderies. The continued tradition of special events to celebrate our Christian beliefs for Christmas, easter and Ascension is important to our Order.

I have had the privilege of visiting many of our commanderies during the year and both participating in and observing the rituals and performing of the orders. At one of these visits, I had the honor of presenting a one of our Sir Knights with his 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary certificate. Quite a significant accomplishment. It is my sincere wish that in the coming year our Sir Knights will once again return to their commanderies for the Fellowship and camaraderie of their Christian brothers.

Courteously

Sir Knight Jerry Zierdt  
Grand Generalissimo  
Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Minnesota.



# Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Minnesota



To: SK David J. Dumonceaux, Right Eminent Grand Commander, Grand Officers and Sir Knights of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Minnesota.

From: SK Marvin W. Schendel, KCT, EGCG

RE: Annual report of the <Grand Captain General>

It has been very enjoyable serving the Minnesota Grand Commandery, as the Grand Captain General this year.

I chaired the Awards and Honors Committee, and the Benevolence Fund Committee, and served on the Financial and Budget Committee, the Credentials Committee and the Triennial Committee.

I have been able to visit several Commanderies and several other jurisdictions in the North Central Department. It is always enjoyable meeting with other Sir Knights and sharing ideas. It is great that we are finally back to face to face meetings, zoom meetings have a place but it is always great to be face to face.

Again this year we had a successful one day to Commandery with 30+ new Sir Knights being knighted. It is good to see some of those new Sir Knight getting active in their Commanderies.

I am looking forward to serving the Sir Knights of Minnesota and being able to get out to more of our Commanderies in the upcoming Templar year, along with going to the North Central Department meeting in Sioux Falls.

I am also anxious to go to Salt Lake City for the Triennial next year and represent Minnesota.

In His Service

Sir Knight Marvin W. Schendel, KCT, EGCG  
OFFICE Captain General  
Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Minnesota.





## Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Minnesota



To: Sir Knight David Dumonceaux, Right Eminent Grand Commander, Grand Officers and Sir Knights of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Minnesota

From: Sir Knight Clinton J. Christensen, KTCH, Grand Junior Warden

RE: Year end report of the Grand Junior Warden for Templar Year 22-23

In addition to attending the Grand Officer meetings as expected, I was able to participate in many Orders and other Templar activities throughout the jurisdiction. I was also honored to serve as the Chairman of the Membership Committee which you can read about in the Membership Committee report.

The second weekend in September was the annual Renaissance Festival “Cars for Cash” which was well attended. My daughter and I volunteered for the whole day on Sunday. This is always a fun time and a great way to raise money for the Holy Land Pilgrimage Fund.

I was honored to have the opportunity to be the Master of Ceremonies at the first Grand Commandery Christmas Observance and Dinner at the Lost Spur. It was a fine evening and was well attended. Hopefully that can become an annual event.

I attended the Grand Lodge Membership Seminar on 25 MARCH which was well worth attending and had some great information. I was one of three Grand Commandery Officers in attendance. I hope that in the future, if this is a recurring event, that more of our officers will be in attendance.

I was able to visit a few Commanderies and both observe and assist in floor work and the conferral of Orders. We are doing good work in this jurisdiction and it appears that we are making forward progress in several areas..

I continue to serve as the Sergeant for the Honor Guard. While deployments were light this year, we were able to work on training tactics for both the Honor Guard members and the Grand Guards.

It has been an honor to serve this Grand Commandery as your Grand Junior Warden. I look forward to continuing to serve in the coming years.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sir Knight Clinton J. Christensen, KTCH  
Grand Junior Warden  
Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Minnesota.



## Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Minnesota



To: SK David J. Dumonceaux, Right Eminent Grand Commander, Grand Officers, and Sir Knights of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Minnesota.

From: SK Michael A Hilgert

RE: Annual report of the Grand Treasurer

It was my honor to be entrusted to take over the responsibility of the Grand Treasurer for the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Minnesota. This past year has been an extremely busy one for me. The conversion of the paper system to our new electronic accounting system has proven to ensure that our finances are accounted for - to the penny. I was able to include past years' records to ensure that if any discrepancies were found they could be properly resolved. Going forward, auditing will be simplified, and various financial reports will be able to be generated at will. The next step will be to get the Grand Recorder up to speed on the new system.

During this past year, I also served on the Investments and Financial and Budget committees.

It would be my privilege and honor to continue to serve the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Minnesota as it's Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year – with the approval of the Nominating committee and the Sir Knights present at the Annual Conclave.

Courteously

Sir Knight Michael A Hilgert  
Grand Treasurer  
Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Minnesota.



# Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Minnesota



## Grand Commandery of MN

### Annual Budget

2023-2024

#### Income

	Number	Amount	Total
Per Capita (Members)	883	\$25.00	\$22,075.00
Knighting Fees	25	\$50.00	\$1,250.00
Recorder / Treasurer Bond	13	\$40.00	\$520.00
Grand Encampment KTEF Assessment	317	\$1.00	\$317.00
Dividends / Interest Income	1	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
Fundraising	0	\$25.00	\$0.00
Withdrawal from General Account	1	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00

**Total Income** **\$31,662.00**

#### Expenditures

##### Grand Encampment

###### Per Capita

Grand Encampment Per Capita	883	\$9.00	\$7,947.00
Grand Encampment KTEF Per Capita	317	\$1.00	\$317.00

**Per Capita Sub-Total** **\$8,264.00**

###### Conferences / Triennial

North Central	5	\$300.00	\$1,500.00
Triennial Reserve	1	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00

**Conferences / Triennial Sub-Total** **\$3,500.00**

**Grand Encampment Sub-Total** **\$11,764.00**

#### Committee Expenses

Honor Guard	1	\$300.00	\$300.00
Membership	1	\$500.00	\$500.00
Fundraising	0	\$15.00	\$0.00
Youth Organizations - Demolay Swords	1	\$400.00	\$400.00

**Committee Expenses Sub-Total** **\$1,200.00**



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## Office

Rent / Storage	12	\$150.00	\$1,800.00
Equipment & Repairs	1	\$500.00	\$500.00
Postage	1	\$500.00	\$500.00
Printing / ink	2000	\$0.10	\$200.00
Software	0	\$249.00	\$0.00
Subscriptions	1	\$150.00	\$150.00
Legal fees / Audit	1	\$500.00	\$500.00
Miscellaneous Expenses	1	\$250.00	\$250.00
Website	1	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00
Insurance and Bonds	1	\$2,380.00	\$2,380.00

**Office Sub-Total** **\$7,480.00**

## Donations

Demolay Donation	1	\$500.00	\$500.00
Jobs Daughters Donation	1	\$500.00	\$500.00

**Donations Sub-Total** **\$1,000.00**

## Stipends / Contingency / Travel

Grand Commander Travel	1	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
VEDGC Travel	1	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Grand Recorder Travel	1	\$500.00	\$500.00
Grand Recorders Stipend 4800/1200	1	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00
Grand Treasurers Stipend 1000/250	1	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
Grand Officer Meeting	1	\$500.00	\$500.00
Grand Prelate Expenses	1	\$250.00	\$250.00

**Stipends/Contingency/Travel Sub-Total** **\$10,750.00**

## Grand Conclave

Proceedings printing	1	\$0.00	\$0.00
Preprint printing	1	\$0.00	\$0.00
Streamers	75	\$2.50	\$187.50
Expenses	1	\$800.00	\$800.00

**Grand Conclave Sub-Total** **\$987.50**

## Expenditures Total

**\$33,181.50**

## Total Net Gain - Loss

**-\$1,519.50**

Minnesota – 11501 Masonic Home Drive,  
Bloomington MN 55437



# Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Minnesota



To: SK David J. Dumonceaux, Right Eminent Grand Commander, Grand Officers and Sir Knights of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Minnesota.

From: SK Brian K. Dimatteo, PGC, KTCH, KCT, Grand Recorder

RE: Annual report of the Grand Recorder

It has been, indeed, my honor to serve in this, my third year as Grand Recorder. While it was a jumpstart in my first year, I feel that I have now gotten the hang of the office. I have found that if you spend 10 – 15 minutes per day, you can get everything done that needs to get done. Of course, this changes a bit when you hit the time for Annual Returns and the Annual Session, but again, organization is key for this role.

I have had the honor to travel quite a bit over the course of the past year, not only to our further jurisdictions, but among our own Commanderies in Minnesota. In addition to these travels, I have had the ability to work with our Grand Officers again as the facilitator of our Strategic Planning sessions. I hope that we continue to perform these events annually and quarterly as we set our goals for the current quarter, year and look forward to reimagining our own Grand Commandery and Grand Encampment.

I was able to attend all but the Nebraska sessions of our sister Grand Commanderies in the North Central Department, as well as attending the North Central Department conference. These events are all great ways for us to get out and renew our friendships and get ideas from other jurisdictions. I also was able to attend the Easter Observance in Virginia this year – something that you should plan on attending at least once in your lifetime. It is an amazing event.

In addition to the normal report, it is my duty to report on the Attendance of Officers at Meetings. The following information is presented to the Sir Knights of the Grand Commandery:



# Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Minnesota



	Annual Meeting	July Officer's Meeting	August Officer's Meeting	September Officer's Meeting	October Officer's Meeting	North Central Department Convention	November Officer's Meeting	December Officer's Meeting	January Officer's Meeting	February Officer's Meeting	March Officer's Meeting	April Officer's Meeting	May Officer's Meeting	EXCUSED	ABSENT
SK Dumonceaux, REGC	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	0	0
SK Mackenzie, VESGC	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	P	1	0
SK Zierdt, EGG	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	0	0
SK Schendel, EGCG	P	P	E	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	2	0
SK Moss, EGSW	A	E	A	P	P		P	P	P	E	E	E	E	5	2
SK Christensen, EGJW	P	P	P	P	P		P	P	P	P	P	P	P	0	0
SK Stout, EGP	E	E	E	P	P		P	P	E	P	E	E	P	6	0
SK Hilgert, EGT	A	P	P	P	P		P	P	P	P	P	P	P	0	1
SK Seitz, AEGT	A	P	P	P	P		P	P	A	P	A	P	E	1	3
SK Dimatteo, EGR	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	P	P	1	0
SK Anderson, AEGR	P	E	E	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	2	0
SK Henderson ESWb	P	E	E	P	P		P	P	P	P	P	P	P	2	0
SK Bodle, EGSTB	P	P	P	P	P		P	P	E	P	P	P	P	1	0
SK Wood, EGW	P	P	A	P	P		P	P	E	P	E	E	P	3	1
SK Jackson, EGS	P	E	A	P	P		P	P	A	P	A	A	P	1	4
SK NAME EGSGuards															
SK Erforth, EGCEO	P	P	P	P	P		P	P	P	P	P	P	P	0	0
SK Giacherio, EGGuard	P	P	P	P	P		P	P	P	P	P	P	P	0	0
SK Heimer, Gguard	P	E	P	P	P		P	P	P	P	P	P	P	1	0
SK Gerwill, Gguard	P	P	P	P	P		P	P	P	P	P	E	E	2	0
SK Boltjes Gguard	A	P	P	P	P		P	P	P	P	P	P	E	1	1
SK Giannone, Gguard	P	P	P	P	P		P	P	P	P	P	P	E	1	0

It has been my honor to service this Grand Commandery and it's officers in this past year.



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Courteously

Brian K. Dimatteo, PGC, KTCH, KCT  
Grand Recorder  
Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Minnesota.



# Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Minnesota



**To: SK David J. Dumonceaux, Right Eminent Grand Commander, Grand Officers and Sir Knights of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Minnesota.**

From: SK Philip T. Bodle

RE: Annual report of the Grand Sword Bearer

During this Templar Year, I have regularly attended Grand Commandery Meeting, except the few that I was excused from due to work or medical reasons.

I regularly attended and served my home Commandery, assisting with Installation of Officers and performing the Orders.

I attended and participated in the One Day to Commandery this year.

I visited Zion Commandery and assisted with the Order of the Temple Degree.

I made many lodge visits during stated and special communications to help promote our Order and The York Rite in general, I have enjoyed serving this Grand Commandery and I am looking forward to continuing to serve the Sir Knights of Minnesota.

Courteously

**Sir Knight Philip T. Bodle, KYCH**

*Grand Sword Bearer*

*Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Minnesota*





# Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Minnesota



To: SK David J. Dumonceaux, Right Eminent Grand Commander, Grand Officers and Sir Knights of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Minnesota.

From: SK Scott Wood, Grand Warder

RE: Annual report of the Grand Warder

Thank you for affording me the opportunity to serve the Sir Knights of Minnesota for another year. This year I have attended Grand Officer meetings and participated on the Membership committee.

I look forward to the upcoming year and continuing my service to the Sir Knights of Minnesota.

Courteously,

Sir Knight Scott F. Wood  
Grand Warder  
Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Minnesota



# Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Minnesota



To: SK David J. Dumonceaux, Right Eminent Grand Commander, Grand Officers and Sir Knights of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Minnesota

From: SK Eric Erfourth

RE: 4<sup>th</sup> quarterly report of the KT Education Committee

Greetings from SK James McNeely, SK Daniel Sherry, SK R James Luchsinger, SK Eric Erfourth. Q4 KT Education Committee meeting was hosted virtually by SK Eric Erfourth May 20<sup>th</sup> 2023. In attendance were SK Eric Erfourth and SK Daniel Sherry.

The Officers of this Committee are amazing. When they miss a meeting, it's because they're committed 'all around' and are lifting up the *Craft* elsewhere. I'm proud of these Sir Knights & lucky to learn from them.

Q4 Committee Meeting covered upcoming material in-process for the Beauceant & Buckler.

- Analysis of the "Chinon Parchment"

Dated 17–20 August 1308 at Chinon, France

The text details the:

- Denunciations
- Requests by the accused of absolution
- Granting of absolution by the agents of the pope.

All this was always in the presence of witnesses.

Part of the pardon language given to de Molay thusly reads:

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chinon\\_Parchment](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chinon_Parchment)



*"After this, we concluded to extend the mercy of pardons for these acts to Brother Jacques de Molay, the Grandmaster of the said Order, who in the form and manner described above had denounced in our presence the described and any other heresy, and swore in person on the Lord's Holy Gospel, and humbly asked for the mercy of pardon [from excommunication], restoring him to unity with the Church and reinstating him to the communion of the faithful and the sacraments of the Church."*

It appears final acceptance of the language and the corresponding measures may have been subject to consent of the King to enact.

A potential olive branch as this certainly bears mention in annual report, as it may also turn out to be worthy of due consideration, whereby we may stand to learn more about 'who' actually articulated the levers of demise. If this document stands true, then we learned more about the 1<sup>st</sup> twelve months of de Molay's seven-year captivity.

Courteously,

Sir Knight Eric Erfourth, Grand Commandery Education Officer

KT Education Committee Chairman, Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Minnesota



# Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Minnesota



To: SK David J. Dumonceaux, Right Eminent Grand Commander, Grand Officers and Sir Knights of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Minnesota.

From: SK Jerry Zierdt

RE: Annual Report Charters and Dispensations

There were no requests for Charters or other action required during this 2022/2023 Commandery year.

In His Service

Respectfully Submitted,

Sir Knight Jerry Zierdt  
Grand Generalissimo  
Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Minnesota.



# Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Minnesota



To: SK David Dumonceaux, Right Eminent Grand Commander,  
SK Alan MacKenzie, Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander,  
Grand Officers of the Grand Commandery of Minnesota,  
Sir Knights of Minnesota all

From: SK John E. Helcl, II, Captain of the Grand Honor Guard

RE: Grand Honor Guard Committee annual report for the Templar year of 2021-2022

Sir Knights All,

As Captain of the Grand Honor Guard of the Grand Commandery of Minnesota I submit this summarized report of activities of the Grand Honor Guard for 2022-2023:

- SK Helcl was named Chair of the Civic and Patriotic Affairs committee and the Uniform and Drill committee. In consultation with the Grand Commander, it was determined that the tasks and duties of these two committees were duplicitous with the Honor Guard, and would be assimilated by the Grand Honor Guard committee and suspended until otherwise activated by the Grand Commander.
- The Honor Guard conducted flag presentations for the following events:
  - Unizar Lodge's 4<sup>th</sup> of July/Veterans Appreciation lodge event on July 11, 2022
  - Star of the North, AMD Table Council event on July 30, 2022
  - The Grand Commandery of Minnesota's Christmas Observance on December 17, 2022
  - Celebration for the presentation of the Hiram Award to S.K. Joel Porter on February 17, 2023
- The Grand Honor Guard's first responsibility and duty is to attend to the Sir Knights who have been called home by our Father, and aid and assist their families. While the Honor Guard is always at the ready to respond to the call for casket guard, ramp guard, and other funerary duties; we are also quite thankful when these duties are not required. Our services were rarely required or requested in this area during this Commandery year.
- Members of the Honor Guard continue to aid and assist Commanderies in the areas of drill, ceremony, and uniform protocols. Additionally, Honor Guard will respond to aid and assist Commanderies to meet quorum to opening and conduct business. In February, members of the Honor Guard were privileged to assist our Companions and Sir Knights in Saint Peter for this purpose.
- In addition to our continuing training, Sir Knight James Henderson spearheaded several sessions for the Grand Guards to train sword skill, floorwork, and execution of spoken and non-verbal commands used in the performance and review of Commandery Inspections.



# Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Minnesota



On behalf of all the members of the Grand Honor Guard, I wish to thank all the Sir Knights of Minnesota for the continued opportunity to serve the Grand Commandery of Minnesota and all her Sir Knights. It is our continued privilege to be at the ready for all Knights Templar, our families, and Freemasonry.

*Axios!*

Respectfully Submitted,

Sir Knight John E. Helcl, II  
Captain, Grand Honor Guard  
Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Minnesota.



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To: SK David Dumonceaux Right Eminent Grand Commander, Grand Officers, and Sir Knights of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Minnesota.

From: SK Alan Mackenzie

RE: Annual Report of the Board for Instruction

The board for instruction through the efforts of the honor guard and SK Jim Henderson supplied training to the Grand Guards in tactics. The Tactics Manual of the Grand Commandery of Minnesota was simplified and distributed this year. Thanks to the SK's of each commandery who stepped up as tactics directors this year.

In His service.

Respectfully Submitted

Sir Knight Alan Mackenzie  
Deputy Grand Commander  
Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Minnesota.



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From: SK Alan Mackenzie

RE: Annual Report of the Investment Committee

The investment committee met on a regular basis during the last Templar year. I appreciate the help of all members of the committee especially Sir Knights Michael Hilgert our Grand Treasurer and David Seitz David Seitz our Assistant Grand Treasurer whose input is invaluable. We continue to review the investment policies for all accounts on a regular basis. These will be adjusted as needed. We are also looking for a manager for the investment in the future. For specific numbers of each account please refer to the report of the Grand Treasurer. We are also searching for three knights to become trustees.

In His service.

Respectfully Submitted

Sir Knight Alan Mackenzie  
Deputy Grand Commander  
Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Minnesota.



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To: SK David Dumonceaux, Right Eminent Grand Commander,  
SK Alan MacKenzie, Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander,  
Grand Officers of the Grand Commandery of Minnesota,  
Sir Knights of Minnesota all

From: SK John E. Helcl, II- Chairman of the Grand Commandery Committee on Jurisprudence

RE: Committee on Jurisprudence annual report for the Templar year of 2022-2023

Sir Knights All,

On behalf of Sir Knights Sean Gardiner and Todd Jovonovich, I submit the summarized activities of the Committee on Jurisprudence for 2022-2023 were as follows:

- In late August, the Committee on Jurisprudence was tasked with review of the General Orders of the Right Eminent Grand Commander to confirm compliance with Templar law, which was affirmed.
- On August 24, 2022, the Chair was asked to review and comment on the application of Section 45 governing Grand Officer Adherence to Duties, specifically regarding Grand Officer attendance.
- On September 22, 2022, the Chair was tasked with ascertaining the legality, practicality, and procedure to establish a constitutional committee of elected trustees. The Chair conferred with Grand Encampment's Committee on Jurisprudence, as summarized,

*The interplay between sections 43 (GC Officers) and 48(b) (Powers of the Grand Commander). You are correct that section 43 prohibits a Grand Commandery from having any constitutional officers others than those enumerated in this section.*

*Section 48(b), however, grants the Grand Commander power to appoint all Committees not made elective, and to fill all vacancies, such appointees to serve during his pleasure or until their successors have been elected or appointed an installed. This clearly implies that elected committeemen are permissible. In effect, viewing the proposed trustees as elected committeemen and not as constitutional officers.*

*Many Grand Commanderies have elected trustees to manage their various funds and I applaud REGC David for contemplating this step. One scenario, as you mentioned, would be to have three trustees with staggered terms so one is elected every year thus providing continuity and institutional memory among the trustees. This could be*





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*established by having the first trustees serve one, two, and three year terms and then three years thereafter. You would also want to specify which funds the trustees are responsible for managing, e.g. Educational, Holy Land Pilgrimage, Life Membership, Endowment or Reserve, Triennial, etc.*

- On October 16, 2022, the Committee was asked to review if a constituent Commandery must submit a bylaws change to Jurisprudence for review if the only change was to its annual calendar year to bring the constituent Commandery in accordance with the change made to the Grand Commandery Constitution in June 2022. It was ruled that due the change of the Grand Commandery calendar, unchanged constituent Commandery calendars became irregular. However, due to the nature of their recognition by the Grand Commandery, the bylaws changes of the calendar are germane and an action taken to remain in constitutional compliance with the Grand Commandery. Such action is granted/grandfathered to ensure compliance with Grand Commandery of Minnesota, and constituent bylaws regarding this issue may be changed and immediately adopted without further delay.
- On November 19, 2022, the Committee ruled on a question regarding the usage of funds from the Benevolence Committee for the payment of per capita to the Grand Encampment caused generally by shortfalls from the life membership fund and members in arrears. As it was not an individual member that required relief, nor applied for such, it was ruled that such use of the Benevolence Committee funds would violate the MNGCKT Constitution.
- Additionally in November 2022, the Chair assisted Faribault Commandery with review of proposed changes of their bylaws to ensure compliance with the Constitutions of the Grand Commandery of Minnesota and the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar, USA.
- On February 15, 2023, the Chair completed tasking for the reorganization of the Constitution, Laws, Rules, and Regulations of the Grand Commandery of Minnesota. The changes made to the document were all housekeeping measures, recategorization, and addition of a statute-style numerical system for all items enshrined in our formation document. As changes were germane without impacting, adding, altering, or removing any components of the Constitution, those changes may be implemented at will by the Grand Commandery in the future.
- On February 17, 2023, due to a potential conflict of interest the Chair recused himself from the Committee on Jurisprudence regarding a matter that had come before the Grand Commandery. Sir Knight Sean Gardiner was appointed Chair *pro tem*, with Sir Knight Joel Porter joining the Committee for the duration of the proceedings of the event in question. The concern had passed without the Grand Commandery having to take any official action(s), and the Committee on Jurisprudence was not called on to adjudicate any questions arising from the matter. Sir



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Knight Helcl was reinstated as Chair of the Committee, and Sir Knight Porter dismissed from the Committee in good standing.

The Jurisprudence Committee was not called upon further by the Grand Commander to meet to adjudicate any questions regarding any legislative, judicial and executive functions of the Grand Commandery and the constituent Commanderies and on the prerogatives, powers and duties of the officers and members thereof during this Commandery year.

Nothing to report further from the Committee.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sir Knight John E. Helcl, II  
Chair, Committee on Jurisprudence  
Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Minnesota.



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To: SK David J. Dumonceaux, Right Eminent Grand Commander, Grand Officers and Sir Knights of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Minnesota.

From: SK Jerry Zierdt

RE: Annual Committee Report for the Knights Templar Eye Foundation

As of this report, the 55<sup>th</sup> Annual Voluntary Campaign is wrapping up. Minnesota currently ranks 15<sup>th</sup> in total contributions nationally. Grand Officers on their visits to our constituent commanderies are requested to remind our Sir Knights of the importance of this exceptionally important organization and urge participation the Life Sponsor and Life Patron programs. Participation in the Life Sponsor program continues to be only \$30.00. Several of our commanderies have already achieved the distinction of having 100% participation and several others are closing in on that goal.

In His Service

Respectfully Submitted,

Sir Knight Jerry Zierdt  
Grand Generalissimo  
Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Minnesota.



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Body: **Minnesota, Knights Templar** Campaign: **55th** Fiscal Week: **34**

NOTE: All contributions postmarked on or before May 15th are credited and closing reports are based on membership as of May 15th posted within the MMS database. Following the close of any campaign reports from the system may change because of membership adjustments and Commanderies merging into others. Therefore the numbers represented on these reports after a campaign has officially closed will not change the final results because official results are only based on MMS database reports as of May 15th of that year.

	Contributions Only - used for awards						Contributions + Trusts + Wills				
	Total for Week: 34	Count	Cumulative Total	Rank	Active Members as of: 5/15/2023	Active Member Per Capita Average	Rank	Total for Week: 34	Count	Cumulative Total	Rank
Minnesota	\$401.30	222	\$30,673.47		882	\$34.78		\$401.30	222	\$30,673.47	
Grand Commandery	\$0.00	2	\$127.00			\$34.63		\$0.00	2	\$127.00	
Coeur De Lion No. 3	\$0.00	8	\$790.00	7	79	\$10.00	7	\$0.00	8	\$790.00	7
Cyrene No. 9	\$0.00	4	\$210.00	10	50	\$4.20	11	\$0.00	4	\$210.00	10
Damascus No. 1	\$0.00	46	\$7,332.94	2	109	\$67.27	3	\$0.00	46	\$7,332.94	2
Duluth No. 18	\$60.00	20	\$970.00	6	86	\$11.28	6	\$60.00	20	\$970.00	6
Elkanah No. 30	\$0.00	0	\$0.00		15	\$0.00		\$0.00	0	\$0.00	
Fairmont No. 27	\$0.00	3	\$90.00	13	24	\$3.75	12	\$0.00	3	\$90.00	13
Faribault No. 8	\$0.00	41	\$12,780.00	1	41	\$311.71	1	\$0.00	41	\$12,780.00	1
Home No. 5	\$0.00	5	\$200.00	11	33	\$6.06	8	\$0.00	5	\$200.00	11
Ivanhoe No. 31	\$200.00	11	\$1,010.00	5	85	\$11.88	5	\$200.00	11	\$1,010.00	5
Marshall No. 28	\$0.00	5	\$2,550.00	4	11	\$231.82	2	\$0.00	5	\$2,550.00	4
Minneapolis Mounted No. 23	\$0.00	5	\$405.00	8	67	\$6.04	9	\$0.00	5	\$405.00	8
Nazarene No. 24	\$0.00	3	\$160.00	12	43	\$3.72	13	\$0.00	3	\$160.00	12
Palestine No. 14	\$0.00	15	\$357.00	9	69	\$5.17	10	\$0.00	15	\$357.00	9
St Bernard No. 13	\$0.00	0	\$0.00		11	\$0.00		\$0.00	0	\$0.00	
Zion No. 2	\$141.30	54	\$3,691.53	3	159	\$23.22	4	\$141.30	54	\$3,691.53	3

## LS/P/AP/GC/GM - Percentage Report

Report As of 05/18/2023 Minnesota - Knights Templar

Record Count: 15

	Active Members	Life Sponsor ONLY	Patron ONLY	Associate Patron ONLY	GCC ONLY	GMC ONLY	Unique Exemptions LS+P +AP
York Rite	882	556 63.0%	21 2.4%	48 5.4%	18 2.0%	29 3.3%	567 64.3%
Knights Templar	882	556 63.0%	21 2.4%	48 5.4%	18 2.0%	29 3.3%	567 64.3%
Minnesota	882	556 63.0%	21 2.4%	48 5.4%	18 2.0%	29 3.3%	567 64.3%
1 - Damascus	109	40 36.7%	3 2.8%	14 12.8%	4 3.7%	8 7.3%	47 43.1%
2 - Zion	159	159 100.0%	1 0.6%	8 5.0%	4 2.5%	6 3.8%	159 100.0%
3 - Coeur De Lion	79	57 72.2%	0 0.0%	1 1.3%	1 1.3%	1 1.3%	57 72.2%
5 - Home	33	8 24.2%	2 6.1%	0 0.0%	1 3.0%	0 0.0%	9 27.3%
8 - Faribault	41	33 80.5%	4 9.8%	3 7.3%	3 7.3%	4 9.8%	33 80.5%
9 - Cyrene	50	7 14.0%	1 2.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	1 2.0%	7 14.0%
13 - St Bernard	11	8 72.7%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	8 72.7%
14 - Palestine	69	30 43.5%	1 1.4%	4 5.8%	0 0.0%	1 1.4%	31 44.9%
18 - Duluth	86	57 66.3%	1 1.2%	2 2.3%	1 1.2%	4 4.7%	57 66.3%
23 - Minneapolis Mounted	67	36 53.7%	1 1.5%	4 6.0%	2 3.0%	2 3.0%	37 55.2%
24 - Nazarene	43	20 46.5%	2 4.7%	3 7.0%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	21 48.8%
27 - Fairmont	24	22 91.7%	1 4.2%	1 4.2%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	22 91.7%
28 - Marshall	11	9 81.8%	2 18.2%	2 18.2%	1 9.1%	1 9.1%	9 81.8%
30 - Elkanah	15	7 46.7%	0 0.0%	1 6.7%	0 0.0%	0 0.0%	7 46.7%
31 - Ivanhoe	85	63 74.1%	2 2.4%	5 5.9%	1 1.2%	1 1.2%	63 74.1%



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To: Sir Knight David Dumonceaux, Right Eminent Grand Commander, Grand Officers and Sir Knights of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Minnesota

From: Sir Knight Clinton J. Christensen, KTCH, Membership Committee Chairman

RE: Year end report of the Membership Committee for Templar Year 2023

The Membership Committee started strong this year. We have met several times and began early working on several items. We divided the Commanderies between the Committee members giving us all three to work with. We then began discovering who the Constituent Commandery Membership Chairmen were so that they could be our direct contact. Our intention was to make clear that while the committee cannot directly recruit new Sir Knights to their Commanderies, we can provide the support in “marketing materials” that they can use to do so. We discussed visiting Lodges to make presentations. We also attempted to obtain Templar tri-fold brochures from Grand Encampment.

While we were ambitious to get these several tasks completed, we were overly optimistic on the speed at which this Templar machine runs. Presentation materials were not as easily obtainable as we had hoped, Commanderies were slow to appoint their Membership Chairman, and we are still waiting on responses for pamphlets and trifolds for Templar presentations.

We discovered that the member information in the MMS system used to manage our membership is often incorrect. We need to encourage our Recorders to verify that the information currently in the system as well as new information for the future is updated regularly.

Two of us from the Committee attended the Grand Lodge Membership Summit in March. There were excellent presentations and helpful information for all Masonic bodies to utilize and take away.

Recruiting from the last York Rite Body is difficult if we have no Membership Committee at the Grand Chapter or Grand Council level. We have discussed the necessity of having a Membership Committee at both of those levels if we wish to recruit new Masons to become, ultimately, Knights Templar. We simply can't do the recruiting for the whole of the York Rite at the Grand Commandery level.

If we want the York Rite in Minnesota to succeed, we need to start working as one cohesive unit from a membership perspective.

I wish to thank the members of this Committee and to the Sir Knights of this jurisdiction for their commitment and support.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sir Knight Clinton J. Christensen, KTCH  
Membership Committee Chairman



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To: SK David Dumonceaux Right Eminent Grand Commander, Grand Officers, and Sir Knights of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Minnesota.

From: SK Alan Mackenzie

RE: Annual Report Ritual

It was my pleasure to serve as the Chairman of the Ritual Committee for 2022-2023. The tactics manual for Minnesota has been revised, simplified, and distributed. Thanks to the hard work of the Sir Knights who participated in this. Templar Ritual books are ordered from the Grand Encampment and will be distributed where needed when possible. All commanderies are encouraged to select a ritual leader and continue to work on ritual and tactics.

In His service.

Respectfully Submitted

Sir Knight Alan Mackenzie  
Deputy Grand Commander  
Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Minnesota.



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From: SK Alan Mackenzie

RE: Annual Report Report of the Youth Activities Committee

It has been a pleasure to serve as the chairman of the Youth Activities Committee for the 2022-2023 year. The Grand Commandery of MN supports the youth of Minnesota by giving annual donations to both Job's daughters and DeMolay, DeMolay is also supported by the presentation of the Bengtson Sword to a DeMolay Chapter and individual swords to brothers for membership. The Grand Commandery had a presence at Job's camp and Grand Bethel, and at the Minnesota DeMolay Conclave

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Respectfully Submitted

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Deputy Grand Commander  
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