



# Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Minnesota



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Sir Knight Alan Mackenzie, KTCH, KCT

*Grand Commander, Grand Commander of Knights Templar of  
Minnesota*





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of Minnesota



*Reports of the Officers of the Grand Commandery of  
Knights Templar of Minnesota*



# Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Minnesota



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

From: SK Alan Mackenzie KTCH, KCT

RE: Report of the Grand Commander 2023-2024

It has been my honor and privilege to serve the Sir Knights of Minnesota for the past year. It has been a joy to visit and spend time with many of you in person. I have been able to travel to most of the Commandries during the year, the kindness, generosity, and enthusiasm of the Sir Knights of Minnesota is overwhelming, everywhere I visited there was good coffee, conversation, and sometimes pie.

The one day to Commandery remains one of the highlights of the year 26 Sir Knights where 31 Sir Knights were created and returned to their home commanderies ready to go to work. There are still some commanderies around the state that are struggling, I would like to commend the Sir Knights of Ivanhoe Commandery in trying to become functional again. Sir Knights Deputy Grand Commander Jerry Zierdt and Grand Senior Warden James Henderson for putting in hours of work helping in St. Peter.

While the festivals are great events. I would encourage the commanderies to try to do the Orders even if just the Red Cross as they are able.

The Beauceant and Buckler continue to be a great form of communication, this is possible due to the hard work of Sir Knights Scott Giannoni, Reverend Ryan Stout, and Eric Erfourth.

General Orders.

General Orders 1-13 were distributed to the constituent commanderies 22 July 2024, and will not be listed here.

Dispensations.

1. 7/21/23 Nazarene Commandery No.24 granted dispensation to move their stated conclave from 8/21/23 to 9/21/23 due to a scheduling conflict with many of their members.
2. 8/22/23 Nazarene Commandery No. 24 granted dispensation to change their meeting dates to September 18th (3rd Monday, December 18th (3rd Monday, March 18th, 2024 (3rd Monday, May 20th (3rd Monday, pending a permanent by-law change.
3. 10/26/23 Zion Commandery No. 2 granted dispensation to move their stated conclave from 12/25/23 (Christmas day to 12/18/23.
4. 12/14/23 Damascus Commandery No. 1 is granted dispensation (if the current commander has no objection, to have their elected officers in their new positions for their stated conclave on 1/9/24 their installation will be 1/12/24.
5. 1/23/24 Dispensation is granted to Faribault Commandery No. 8 to cancel their stated conclave on Memorial Day. Thank the Sir Knights for participating in the Memorial Day Service at Corinthian Cemetery.
6. 2/20/24 Dispensation is granted to Faribault Commandery No. 8 to cancel their stated conclave on Memorial Day.
7. 2/20/2024 Dispensation is granted to Faribault Commandery No. 8 to accept and read petitions at the same stated conclave on February 26. In accordance with section 68 of the constitution.



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8. 2/23/24 Dispensation is granted to Duluth Commandery No. 18 to accept and read petitions at the same stated conclave on March 5, 2024. In accordance with section 68 of the constitution.
9. Dispensation is granted to Zion Commandery No. 2 to accept and read petitions at the same stated conclave on February 26, 2024. In accordance with section 68 of the constitution.
10. 5/18/2024 Zion Commandery No. 2 is granted dispensation to cancel their stated conclave on Memorial Day.
11. 5/18/2024 Zion Commandery No. 2 is granted dispensation to change the date of their June conclave from the 24<sup>th</sup> to the 17<sup>th</sup> due to the proximity of G the Grand Conclave.

### Travel,

1. 6/24/2023 Grand Conclave MN – Alexandria, MN
2. 7/8/2023 Grand Conclave ND – Fargo, ND
3. 7/25/2023 York Rite Picnic – Maple Grove, MN
4. 8/5/2023 DeMolay Conclave – St. Peter, MN
5. 8/23/2024 Minneapolis Mounted No. 23 – Minneapolis, MN
6. 9/23/2023 Grand Conclave SD – Huron, SD
7. 10/9/2023 Minneapolis Assembly #46 Social Order of the Beauceant – Minneapolis, MN
8. 10/28/2023 North Central Department Conference – Souix Falls, SD
9. 12/4/2023 KYCH – Minneapolis, MN
10. 11/11/2023 Good Samaritan Tabernacle 36 HRAKTP – Farmington, MN
11. 11/14/2023 Damascus 1 – Order of Malta- St. Paul, MN
12. 12/4/2023 Duluth 18 Christmas Observance – Duluth, MN
13. 12/14/2023 Palestine 14 Installation – Underwood, MN
14. 12/18/2023 Zion 2 Installation – Minneapolis, MN
15. 1/2/2024 Duluth 18 Installation – Duluth, MN
16. 1/12/2024 Damascus 1 Installation – St. Paul, MN
17. 2/3/2024 One Day to Chapter – Minneapolis, MN
18. 2/24/2024 One Day to Council – Minneapolis, MN
19. 3/16/2024 Zion 2 One Day to Commandery – Minneapolis, MN
20. 4/18/2024 Ivanhoe 31 – St Peter, MN
21. 4/22/2024 Fairbault 8 Ascension Service – Farmington, MN
22. 4/27/2024 City of Justice Tabernacle 67 HRAKTP– Owatonna, MN
23. 5/15/2024 Cyrene 9 – Owatonna, MN
24. 5/27/2024 Damascus 1 – Acacia Cemetery Memorial Day- Mendota Heights, MN
25. 6/17/2024 Zion 2 – Minneapolis, MN

Finally, my sincere thank you to the Sir Knights of Minnesota and the Grand Officers for their support. SK's Jerry Zierdt and David Dumonceax for their good council. The Jurisprudence Committee for always being a great resource. Sir Knight Don DeMars who appointed me to the line. I wish the Grand Commandery continued success in the future, and I will continue to serve as needed.



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In His service.

Respectfully Submitted

Sir Knight Alan Mackenzie KTCH, KCT  
Grand Commander  
Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Minnesota.



# Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Minnesota



To: SK Alan Mackenzie, 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 Deputy Grand Commander

It has been my Honor and privilege to serve the Grand Commandery of Minnesota and it's Sir Knights as the Deputy Grand Commander for the 2023/2024 Commandery year. I have enjoyed representing our Grand Commandery at many asylums around Minnesota and the North Central Department as well as the DeMolay Grand conclave and Grand Bethel. I have served on several committees, including the Board of Instructions, the Finance and Budget Committee and the Investment Committee. I am also pleased to announce, along with PGC David Dumonceaux and REGC Alan McKenzie, that for the second year in a row our revised and simplified tactics manual is available for downloading and printing.

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 traveling to several of our constituent Commanderies to participate in their Christmas and Easter observances. The continued tradition of special events to celebrate our Christian beliefs for Christmas, Easter and Ascension is important to our Order.

I have traveled to and worked with the Sir Knights of Ivanhoe Commandery in St Peter in our continuing quest to get them back among the active commanderies and bring their roster up to date. 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  
Deputy Grand Commander  
Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Minnesota.



# Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Minnesota



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

From: SK Marvin W. Schendel, KCT, EGG

Sir Knights it has been my honor to serve you as your Grand Generalissimo this past year.

I have been able to travel around the North Central Division representing Minnesota Grand Commandery. I have met with many old friends and made some new friends along the way. I have been able to touch base with most of the Commanderies in Minnesota, and those that I have missed I plan on attending soon.

During the upcoming year I plan to attend all the Commanderies in Minnesota in person. During my travels I plan to sit and discuss the needs of each and every Commandery in Minnesota. The Grand Officers are here to represent each and every Sir Knight, we can only do that if we are aware of what you want. If you need something or think that we need to change something let us know and we will work with you to try to make it happen.

This past year we saw some great events take place, the one day to commandery was good, and we saw a few things that need to be addressed, and one of those was the Knighting of the new Sir Knights, a couple of the Commanderies chose to Re-Knight their new Knights at a their own Commandery, where it would be more personal. Several other Sir Knights came forward to be Re-Knighted and renew their vow. Thank you, Sir Knight Joseph J. Anderson, Past Grand Commander for your idea, it was a great night at Zion.

Thank you for allowing me to serve you this past year and I am looking forward to being able to serve you all during the next Commandery year.

Courteously

Sir Knight Marvin W. Schendel, KCT, EGG  
Grand Generalissimo  
Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Minnesota.



# Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Minnesota



To: Sir Knight Alan Mackenzie, 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 Captain General

RE: Quarterly report of the Grand Captain General for Templar Year 23-24

In addition to attending the joint York Rite Officer meetings, I had the opportunity to participate in several activities throughout the year. Some of the more notable events included the following: I attended the S.O.O.B. luncheon with their Supreme President on 09 OCT. The event was entertaining as always and once again, the bottle auction did not disappoint.

I attended, for the first time, the North Central Department Conference in Sioux Falls, SD. The weekend was packed with education and important updates from the Grand Encampment. I had the pleasure of having a nice conversation with the Grand Generalissimo regarding possible improvements to our membership endeavors.

Sadly, while we attempted to host the Grand York Rite Holiday Observance Dinner to be hosted by Faribault Commander No. 8 but due to lack of ticket sales, we had to cancel the event.

Lastly, I attended the Zion Commandery One-Day to Knights Templar at the Scottish Rite Temple in March. The Orders were beautifully presented and we knighted many new Sir Knights into our ranks. This year has gone by extremely fast. I sincerely thank the Sir Knights of this jurisdiction for electing me to this office. It has been my pleasure to serve in this capacity for the past year and I look forward to continuing to do so for many years to come.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Sir Knight Clinton J. Christensen, KTCH  
Grand Captain General  
Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Minnesota.





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To: SK Alan Mackenzie, 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

As the Grand Treasurer, it was my honor to be entrusted to manage the financial records for the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Minnesota.

Using our new accounting software, I was able to identify Commandery's that had not paid their 2020-2021 annual assessments properly. As these assessments were in the past, it was decided that they would be forgiven. This forgiven debt shows up on our Profit and Loss statement as a "Bad Debt". The software also makes budgeting very easy, allowing our budget vs actual reports to be extremely accurate.

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

It would be my honor to continue to serve the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Minnesota as its 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.



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To: SK Alan Mackenzie, 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

RE: Annual report of the Grand Recorder

It is, once again, my pleasure to report as a member of the Grand Commandery this year as your Grand Recorder. I thank the Sir Knights of this Jurisdiction for the honor you have bestowed on me, and I hope to always acquit myself adequately and hold the trust that you repose in me.

During the past year, it has been a task of cleanup and new processes and trying out new things as your Grand Commandery officers have found. We had numerous Commanderies who did not remit their annual per capita previously, whether in full or in part. This causes a cash flow as our Grand Treasurer will likely tell you. We have been diligent in tracking and trying to run these down. It is important to know that, should a Commandery not pay their per-capita they are not in good standing.

This year we have had four resolutions presented. All of these have been reviewed by the Jurisprudence and Officers of the Grand Commandery.

I have also had the opportunity to work with our Grand Chapter and Grand Council in moving their membership over to the MMS system. This will make the lives of our Grand Recorders easier, allowing them to run reporting to see who is suspended or changes membership in one of the preceding bodies which is required for membership in our Order. In addition, it allows for a single "person" to be identified – something which can ease our communication. I would recommend that Commandery Recorders work with their Sir Knights to update their eMail addresses – this is something that will make communication far easier still.

Courteously

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



# Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Minnesota



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

From: SK James Henderson, KCT

RE: Annual report of the Grand Senior Warden

This year was extremely difficult for me with my leg injury, surgery and recovery, and I thank those of you who remembered me and contacted me. While my time was limited due to my physical issues, I performed the following as Grand Senior Warden

- Participated in all Honor Guard activities as Sergeant Major as my leg allowed
- Worked with the Sir Knights of St Peter to straighten out their finances, bylaws and continue their ability to meet
- Performed as part of the Grand Commandery at the Masonic Memorial Day ceremony at Acacia Cemetery.

I look forward to continuing to serve this Grand Commandery and all you Sir Knights in the coming years.

Courteously,

Sir Knight James Henderson, KCT  
Grand Senior Warden  
Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Minnesota.



# Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Minnesota



To: SK Alan MacKenzie, 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 Junior Warden

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 continue to be a member of and participate when available with the Grand Commandery Honor Guard.

I attended the Grand Lodge of Minnesota's Annual Communication as a representative of the Grand Commandery to help promote York Rite and Blue Lodge Fellowship as we are all one Masonic Family.

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 Junior Warden

Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Minnesota.



# Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Minnesota



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

From: SK John E. Helcl II, KCT

RE: Annual report of the Grand Standard Bearer

During this Templar Year, I have regularly attended Grand Commandery Meeting. In addition to the meetings attended, I regularly participated in the Honor Guard Activities as Commander, as well as the Jurisprudence Committee. While there were no other duties assigned to me in the past year, I represented the Commanderies and our Grand Commandery in these two important Committees.

Courteously,

Sir Knight John Helcl II, KCT  
Grand Sword Bearer  
Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Minnesota.



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

From: SK Scott Wood

RE: Annual report of the Grand Sword Bearer

No report submitted





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

From: SK Tony Heimer

RE: Annual report of the Grand Warder

No report submitted





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*Reports of the Committees of the Grand Commandery of  
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# Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Minnesota



To: SK Alan Mackenzie, 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 Board of Instructions

It has been my privilege to serve the Chairman for the Board of Instruction Committee for the 2023/2024 Commandery year. I have enjoyed traveling to many of the constituent Commanderies around Minnesota to observe their ritual and drill performance and to offer assistance and advise where I deemed appropriate. I am also pleased to report, along with PGC David Dumonceaux and REGC Alan McKenzie, that our revised and simplified tactics manual is again available for downloading and printing. I have also had the privilege of participating in presenting the Orders of the Commandery at several asylums and our annual festival.

In the future, it is my desire to retain the greater services of the Grand Honor Guard and our Grand Guards in visiting and assisting our constituent commanderies with their ritual and to continue encouraging full form openings and inspections.

Courteously

Sir Knight Jerry Zierdt  
Deputy Grand Commander  
Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Minnesota.



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To: SK Alan Mackenzie, Right Eminent Grand Commander, Grand Officers and Sir Knights of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Minnesota

From: SK Eric John Erfourth

RE: 4th Quarterly Report of the KT Education Committee

Greetings from our Committee members SK Daniel Sherry, SK R James Luchsinger, SK James McNeely, SK Ed Morse and Chairman SK Eric Erfourth.

It's been a very busy and rewarding year overall. I met in person with each committee member except SK McNeely in Connecticut. I have sent items that SK McNeely can consider sharing in Connecticut. SK Sherry and I conducted the last committee meeting on March 16<sup>th</sup>. We completed a presentation on WB Grand Master Dr. Benjamin Franklin for the Midwest Conference on Masonic Education, Friday May 3<sup>rd</sup> in Minnetonka. It is wonderful to have assisted Minnesota Grand Lodge. The interaction with our active Midwest LEO's was great, as was SK Terry Tilton's summary of the event and wonderful talk at the banquet.

Our newest member SK Ed Morse and I spoke recently following his successful quadruple heart bypass. [Thank God for the results of that!] In his new role supporting our team and the Beauseant and Buckler we discussed composing an article that compares historical pronunciations of common names appearing in the Bible, in RAM and Commandery resources from 1890 to present day to see if we can shed further light on agreeable pronunciations that we desire to hear presented correctly and repeatably time after time. Zion Commandery No. 2 discussed in Stated Meeting the potential to host a pronunciation education event. SK David Kampf supports said pronunciation event idea and exhibited genuine excitement with this special SK education event idea heard in Conclave. Thank you very much Grand Commander for approving this committee addition in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter of 2024. This joint pronunciation work is currently in queue.

I recommend the Commandery as a whole think about a special window that resides at our Masonic Home in Bloomington, in stowage. We should learn more of its origins. We should learn all there is to know about it. We should learn if there may be potential for us to refurbish or clean it. I shared this picture with SK Giannone in case he wants to share it in the B&B since it is a beautiful icon of our Home, of Templar making.

Additional artworks from a Professor Samuel Wells Williams Bible 1890 are planned for B&B articles later this year into the next. Sam was a world leading linguist of many ancient languages in addition to Chinese. He wrote an English pronunciation guide in the 1880's that is part of the work currently in project queue. When it comes to things I wish I did better and areas for improvement, I must confess feeling a little "writers block" after 5 years of serving this post. I don't think I was able to keep pace with B&B newsletter publishable's every month. Evidence suggests I am a stronger researcher than an article writer.

***"There are two ways to teach, by precept, by example." "Choose practicality over academic rigor." "Think of these things, whence you come, where are you going, and to whom you must account." –WB Ben Franklin***



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Courteously,  
Sir Knight Eric Erfourth, Grand Commandery Education Officer  
KT Education Committee Chairman, Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Minnesota



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*Due to size, all financial reports are attached to this  
PrePrint as separate files.*



# Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Minnesota



To: Sir Knight Alan MacKenzie, Right Eminent Grand Commander,  
Sir Knight Gerald Zierdt, 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 2023-2024

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 2023-2024:

- SK Helcl was again named Chair of the Civic and Patriotic Affairs and Uniform and Drill committees. 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 again be assimilated by the Grand Honor Guard committee and suspended until otherwise activated by the Grand Commander.
- With the assistance of Sir Knight Ed Gerweil, Grand Guard, legislative updates were drafted on the provisions for uniforms within the Grand Constitution to remove conflicting items and clean up wording and grammar. Changes have been submitted for consideration and vote at a future stated or special Conclave.

The Honor Guard conducted flag presentations for the following events: Flag presentation for the installation of officers of Dakota Lodge #7

Flag presentation for the Minnesota Job's Daughters' Grand Bethel Guardian Annual Assembly

- 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. The Honor Guard was called on to perform this task for our departed Sir Knight David Potter in August 2023, and Honorary Grand Captain General William Hubbard in June 2024.
- Members of the Honor Guard continue to aid and assist Commanderies in drill, ceremony, and uniform protocols. Additionally, the Honor Guard will respond to aid and assist Commanderies in meeting quorum for opening and conducting business. In April 2024, members of the Honor Guard were privileged to assist our Companions and Sir Knights in Saint Peter, and at the Acacia Memorial Park's Annual Memorial Day Observance for these purposes.
- The Honor Guard took on organizing and cleaning up the Grand York Rite office at the Minnesota Masonic Home on October 12, 2023.



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On March 16<sup>th</sup>, the Honor Guard met for business at the One-Day to Commandery event at the Minneapolis Scottish Rite temple, and we were pleased to receive two new members of the Honor Guard. With those additions, the full roster of the Honor Guard includes the following: John Helcl II, Captain (Damascus #1)

James Henderson Sr., Sergeant Major (Ivanhoe #31)

Clinton Christensen, Sergeant (Faribault #8)

Gerald Zierdt, Captain Emeritus (Faribault #8)

Scott Cummings (Faribault #8)

Michael Hilgert (Nazarene #24)

Joel Porter (Faribault #8)

Conrad Jackson (Damascus #1)

Phillip Bodle (Duluth #18)

Aaron Boltjes (Faribault #8)

James Helms (Duluth #18)

R. Sean Gardiner (Damascus #1)

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 our Sir Knights. It is our continued privilege to be at the ready for all Knights Templar, our families, and Freemasonry; and to be celebrating the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the creation of the Grand Honor Guard this October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024!

*Axios!*

Respectfully Submitted,

Sir Knight John E. Helcl II

Captain, Grand Honor Guard

Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Minnesota



# Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Minnesota



To: SK Alan Mackenzie, 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 Investment Committee

The activities of the Grand Commandery Investment Committee began immediately at the 2023 Annual Conclave in Alexandria. We assembled following the close of business and installation of officers for a discussion of our several investment policies and our strategies for the improvement of return on our accounts. We generally felt that while significant risk taking was not a responsible pursuit to follow, our current mostly conservative approach was detrimental to the future financial health of the organization. Changing our investment advisor from Wells Fargo Management group to Petros Wealth Management was discussed in great length which has produced improved results in our accounts.

In the future, it is our desire to retain the services of three Sir Knights with some knowledge of investing to serve as trustees and advisors to the Investment Committee.

Courteously

Sir Knight Jerry Zierdt  
Deputy Grand Commander  
Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Minnesota.





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

From: SK Sean Gardiner

RE: Annual report of the Jurisprudence Committee

The Jurisprudence committee thanks the Right Eminent Grand Commander for the opportunity to serve the Grand Commandery of Minnesota. It has been a pleasure working with the Grand Commander and his officers this year.

We have reviewed the Grand Commander's activities, dispensations and the actions of the Grand Commandery and find them in compliance with Masonic Rules and Regulations. We look forward to the session.

Fraternally submitted by the Jurisprudence Committee  
Sean Gardiner  
John E. Helcl, II  
Joel Porter



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

From: SK Marvin W. Schendel, KCT, EGG

RE: 5-31-2024 report of the <GRAND GENERALISSIMO>

RE: Annual report of the KTEF

Using MMS now and it has great information.

Due to the hard work of Clint Christensen Faribault Commandery is now at 100% Life Sponsors, Zion is over 100% and working on getting to 200%, Fairmont and Marshall are trying to get 100% and are very close. With the help of all the Recorders we can improve our percentages. The goal is to get all

Damascus, Zion, Home, Faribault, and Ivanhoe Commanderies will be receiving Seals for achieving \$10.00 or more per member.

Marshall will be getting a plaque for getting to \$10.00 per member for the first time.

Coeur De Lion, Palestine, Duluth, Nazarene, and Fairmont Commanderies we be receiving Certificates for achieving \$5.00 to \$9.99 per member.

Minnesota's numbers on the 56<sup>th</sup> Annual Voluntary Campaign Final Report are:

Cumulative total \$32,953.60 and a total dollar rank of 18, Active members as of 5-15-2024 we have 831, our Active member per capita average is \$39.66, and our per capita rank is 11.

Great work, Sir Knights, lets work together to get to the 100% Life Sponsors.

Courteously

Sir Knight Marvin W. Schendel, KCT, EGG

OFFICE Grand Generalissimo

Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Minnesota.



# Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Minnesota



To: SK Alan Mackenzie, 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

RE: Annual report of the Returns Committee

It is the duty of the Grand Recorder to collect Grand Commandery and Grand Encampment assessments / per-capitas as per the constitutions. This job can be quite challenging as not all of our Grand Recorders accept eMail communications, which increases our cost of collections and slows things down sometimes. In addition, as stated in my Officer Report, we have had challenges collecting the assessments from certain commanderies. These have caused cash flow issues with our other payables. It is my desire that next year we will present legislation which will make payment of the per-capita a requirement of good standing, and should a Commandery not be in good standing as a result, they will not be entitled to voting privileges in our Conclaves. This is the way that Grand Encampment works if our Grand Commandery has not paid.

We have not received full remittance from previous years for Couer de Lion Commandery #3. Other Commanderies have caught up on missing 2022 – 2023 Assessments. Current status is listed below. The difference for Fairbault Commandery #8 is due to previous overpayment.

Commandery	2024 Assessment	2024 Payment	Date Rcd	Difference
1 - Damascus	\$ 2,678.00	\$ 2,678.00	6/13/2024	\$ -
2 - Zion	\$ 4,215.00	\$ 4,215.00	4/1/2024	\$ -
3 - Coeur De Lion	\$ 1,830.00			\$ (1,830.00)
5 - Home	\$ 883.00	\$ 883.00	5/14/2024	\$ -
8 - Faribault	\$ 1,273.00	\$ 1,223.00	6/21/2024	\$ (50.00)
9 - Cyrene	\$ 1,074.00	\$ 1,074.00	4/1/2024	\$ -
13 - St Bernard	\$ 292.00	\$ 292.00	5/1/2024	\$ -
14 - Palestine	\$ 1,738.00	\$ 1,738.00	4/1/2024	\$ -
18 - Duluth	\$ 2,192.00	\$ 2,192.00	5/1/2024	\$ -
23 - Minneapolis Mounted	\$ 1,744.00	\$ 1,744.00	5/21/2024	\$ -
24 - Nazarene	\$ 1,213.00	\$ 1,213.00	5/1/2023	\$ -
27 - Fairmont	\$ 592.00			\$ (592.00)
28 - Marshall	\$ 317.00			\$ (317.00)
30 - Elkanah	\$ 398.00	\$ 398.00	4/1/2024	\$ -
31 - Ivanhoe	\$ 2,085.00	\$ 2,085.00	6/20/2024	\$ -
				\$ -
Total Due	\$ 22,524.00	Owing		\$ (2,789.00)



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Amount paid                   \$                   19,735.00

Courteously

Sir Knight Brian K. Dimatteo, PGC, KTCH, KCT  
Grand Recorder  
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## *Resolutions for action during the 159<sup>th</sup> Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Minnesota*

Due to size and formatting, Resolutions are attached as separate files