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Sir Knight Gerald E. Zierdt, KCT

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





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



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

From: SK Jerry Zierdt, KCT

RE: Annual Report of the Grand Commander

It has been my great Honor and Privilege to serve the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Minnesota and its Sir Knights as your Grand Commander for the 2024/2025 Commandery year. In that role, I have been greatly assisted by an excellent corps of officers, and I thank them most graciously. I need to extend a very special thanks to PGC SK Alan Mackenzie for stepping into the role of Grand Recorder and doing his best not to let me stray too far off course. I have enjoyed representing our Grand Commandery at many asylums around Minnesota and the North Central Department, as well as



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at several DeMolay and Jobs Daughters' events. I have continued to travel throughout the state, visiting most of our constituent Commanderies, in many cases more than once. The friendly greetings and warm hospitality extended by all is greatly appreciated. I have participated in several Commandery Orders with our constituent commanderies, their officer installations and other events.

While my journey through the officer line has not been without challenge and regrettable action, I am proud to have served. At the beginning of my term, I had laid out several goals and objectives for us to accomplish, and while all have been addressed, not all have been satisfactorily accomplished. However, I am happy to say that work will continue on the completion of some while others have been revised and will continue in a new format. We will continue to work with several of our struggling commanderies to keep them in the fold, whether through reinvigorating their members or through mergers and consolidation. However, I believe that one of our top priorities is the high percentage of demits and NPDs. Are we doing a thorough enough job of screening our applicants? Being a Companion of a Royal Arch Chapter or of a Cryptic Council should not automatically qualify one for our orders. We need to make sure that they are truly interested and willing to conform to our standards. I am also pleased to report that, through the efforts of Past Commanders, SK David Dumonceaux and SK Alan Mackenzie, our revised, revised, and revised tactics manual is available for downloading and printing.

Not all my travels have been strictly work related, but I have enjoyed traveling to several of our constituent Commanderies to participate in their Christmas and Easter observances, installation of officers and special events. The continued tradition of special events to celebrate our Christian beliefs for Christmas, Easter and Ascension is important to our Order.

We all know that we have here on earth only a temporary home and that sooner or later we must pass to our eternal home. We were reminded of that fact during this Commandery year with the passing of two of our Past Commanders. SK Forrest A. Miller, Grand Commander for the 2010/2011 fiscal year, passed at his winter home in Arizona. He was a member of St. Bernard Commandery #13 in Austin, Minnesota. Honorary Past Commander, SK Michael Powles passed on March 30, 2025. He was a

member of Zion Commandery #2 and was responsible for coordination of many of the activities of the Grand Commandery of Minnesota.

General Orders:

General Orders number 1-12 were issued on 5 July 2024.

General Order number 13 was issued on 6 December 2024.

General Order number 14 was issued on 2 February 2025.

Copies of the General Orders are not included in this submission but are available upon request from the Grand Recorder.

Dispensations Issued:



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07/15/2024: The Grand Honor Guard of the Grand Commandery of Minnesota is granted dispensation for variations of the Class A uniform as required for special events.

08/04/2024: Nazarene Commandery #24 is granted dispensation to move its regularly scheduled conclaves from the 5th Tuesday to the 3rd Monday for their 9/24, 12/24, 3/25 and 5/25 events.

28/09/2024: Mounted Commandery #23 is granted dispensation to move their regularly scheduled October conclave from their regular location to the site of the Zuhrah Horsemen Ranch.

20/11/2024: Faribault Commandery #8 is granted dispensation to move its regularly stated conclave of Monday, 12/23/2024 to Friday, 13/12/2024 in conjunction with their Christmas Observance.

20/11/2024: Zion Commandery #2 is granted dispensation to hold its Christmas Observance on their night of their regular stated conclave in contrast to General Order #13 due to arrangements made prior to issuance of said General Order which could not be altered.

20/02/2025: Faribault Commandery #8 is granted dispensation to hold a Special Conclave for the purpose of voting on candidates eligible to receive the Templar Orders at the Commandery Festival.

02/04/2025: Palestine Commandery #14 is granted dispensation to move its regularly scheduled conclave of Thursday, 10/04/2025 to Thursday, 03/04/2025 to avoid conflicting with Minnesota Grand Lodge Communication.

05/05/2025: Zion Commandery #2 is granted dispensation to move its regularly scheduled conclave of Monday, 05/26/2025 to Monday, 05/19/2025 to avoid conflicting with Memorial Day.

05/11/2025: Palestine Commandery #14 is granted dispensation to move its regularly scheduled of Wednesday, 08/05/2025 to Wednesday, 15/05/2025 due to conflicts in members calendars.

Travel/Visitations:

12/07/2024 – 14/07/2024: Fargo, North Dakota Grand Conclave.

10/09/2024: Damascus Commandery #1 stated Conclave.

11/09/2024: Mounted Commandery #23 stated conclave.

16/09/2024: Nazarene Commandery #24 stated conclave.

18/09/2024: Cyrene Commandery #9 stated conclave.

19/09/2024: Ivanhoe Commandery #31 stated conclave.

20/09/2024 – 22/09/2024: Huron, South Dakota Grand Conclave.

23/09/2024: Faribault Commandery #8 stated conclave.

01/10/2024: Duluth Commandery #18 stated conclave.

25/10/2024 – 26/10/2024: Sioux Falls, North Central Department Conference.

28/10/2024: Zion Commandery #2 stated conclave.

12/11/2025: Damascus Commandery #1 stated conclave.

23/11/2024: Acacia Lodge, flag presentation and installation.

01/12/2024: Faribault Commandery #8, Installation of Officers.

07/12/2024: Owatonna Commandery #9, Christmas Observance.

10/12/2024: Damascus Commandery #1, Christmas Observance.

13/12/2024: Faribault Commandery #8, Christmas Observance.

23/12/2024: Zion Commandery #2, Christmas Observance.

05/01/2025: Damascus Commandery #1, Installation of Officers.

12/01/2025: Farmington, Bethel #88 Installation of Officers.

15/01/2025: Cyrene Commandery #9 stated conclave.



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18/01/2025: Grand Lodge Festival
24/01/2025: Grand Commander's Dinner hosted by Faribault #8.
26/01/2025: Robbinsdale, Bethel #35 Installation of Officers.
01/02/2025: Minneapolis, Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons Festival.
22/02/2025: Grand Council of Cryptic Masons Festival.
29/03/2025: Eau Claire, Wis., Inspection and Order of the Temple.
09/04/2025: Mounted Commandery #23 stated conclave.
12/04/2025: Grand Communication of Minnesota.
08/05/2025: Duluth Commandery #18 stated conclave and Order of Malta.
13/05/2025: Damascus Commandery #1 stated conclave.
15/05/2025: Palestine Commandery #14 stated conclave.
16/05/2025 – 18/05/2025: Fargo, North Dakota Grand Conclave.
04/06/2025 – 06/06/2025: Cedar Falls, Grand Commandery of Iowa.
25/06/2025 – 28/06/2025: Grand Commandery of Minnesota.

In closing, I would like to thank the officers with whom I have had the pleasure to serve. I have enjoyed my travels and the many Sir Knights who have welcomed me into their asylums. A special thank you to SK Brian Dimatteo, PGC who gave me the opportunity to rejoin the grand line.

In His Name We Serve,

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

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To: Jerry Zierdt, Right Eminent Grand Commander, Grand Officers and Sir Knights of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Minnesota.

From: SK Marvin Schendel

RE: Annual report of the Deputy Grand Commander

Sir Knights, it has been my honor to serve you as your Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander this past year.

I was able to go to the Grand Encampment Conclave in Salt Lake City, it was a great experience, and I was able to meet up with many other Sir Knights from around the world. I was also able to attend our North Central Division conference in Sioux Falls.

I was 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. It is interesting to see how the other jurisdictions do their annual Conclaves, I was able to visit Nebraska, Iowa, and South Dakota, 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 will 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 need. 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 very good, Sir Knight Terry Christianson did a wonderful job, the Knighting of the new Sir Knights went very well, a couple of the Commanderies chose to

Re-Knight their new Knights at their own Commandery, where it would be more personal again this year. 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.

Sir Knight Marvin W. Schendel
Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander



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To: Sir Knight Jerry E. Zierdt, 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 Generalissimo

RE: Annual report of the Grand Generalissimo for Templar Year 2024-2025

In addition to attending the Grand Commandery Officer meetings, I had the opportunity to participate in several activities throughout the year. Some of the more notable events include the following:

In August, I was pleased to visit Salt Lake City for the Triennial Conclave of the Grand encampment of the United States. It was a wonderful experience to see the deliberations of our Order and to share the experience with such fine officers of our Grand Commandery. Several of us ended our stay with a tour of the Grand Lodge of Utah.

I attended the North Central Department Conference in Sioux Falls, SD. The weekend was packed with education and important updates from the Grand Encampment.

Faribault Commandery was honored to host for the 11th year, their Annual Christmas Observance Dinner and were honored to have the Grand High Priest, Grand Commander and Grand Master of Masons of MN in attendance.

Faribault Commandery also hosted a private dinner event to honor our Grand Commander. It was well attended, and it was a wonderful evening.

Unfortunately, I was unable to attend the One-Day to Commandery due to illness.

Lastly, I was happy to be the Chairman of the KTEF Committee as well as the Educational Foundation Committee. Both of these committees made large accomplishments. Those reports are included elsewhere.

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 Generalissimo
Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Minnesota. The



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To: Sir Knight Jerry E. Zierdt, Right Eminent Grand Commander, Grand Officers, and Sir Knights of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Minnesota

From: SK John E. Helcl II, Grand Captain General

RE: Report of the Grand Captain General for 2024-2025

Sir Knights All,

As Grand Captain General of the Grand Commandery of Minnesota, I submit this summarized report of activities of that Office for the Templar year of 2024-2025:

- Grand Encampment Activities and Duties:
 - Grand Encampment 69th Triennial Conclave- Salt Lake City, Utah.
 - I had the opportunity to attend the 69th Triennial of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar on behalf of the Sir Knights of Minnesota as a voting delegate, performing that sacred duty by directly representing the interests and concerns of our Sir Knights, whose opinions I had proactively collected prior to the Triennial Conclave.
 - Additionally, I was given the distinct honor and privilege to be appointed as the Grand Master's Banner Bearer and Aide-de-Camp for the 70th Triennial in service to Sir Knight David Kussman, Most Eminent Grand Master of the Grand Encampment.
 - North Central Department Conference
 - In October I attended the North Central Department Conference of the Grand Encampment and had the fortune and opportunity to meet and discuss the successes and conundrums of Templary with the other Grand Commanderies within the Department, as well as in-depth discussion of issues with some officers of the Grand Encampment.
 - Grand Master's Banner Bearer
 - In my duties as the grand master's Banner Bearer, I was present at the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar Easter Sunrise Service in Washington D.C., where I followed the color guard from the Grand Commandery of Virginia and led the Most Eminent Grand Master to the celebration.
 - As a note of personal pride, I was also accompanied in this effort by my son, DeMolay member Jack Helcl. Jack had the singular and unique experience of being the very first member of DeMolay to both march in with the Grand Master and carry the flag of the Order of DeMolay in the history of the Grand Encampment's Easter Sunrise Service.
- Legislative Activities:



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- Special Grand Commandery Legislative Session- On Saturday, February 15th, the Grand Commandery held a Special Conclave over Zoom for the review, discussion, vote, and acceptance of several amendments to our Grand Commandery Constitution. Both the planning of the event and the many amendments to be addressed were the efforts of both Sir Knight Clinton Christensen, Grand Generalissimo, and me. I am pleased to report that the logistics of holding the session, the session itself, and the many housekeeping amendments that were presented all went well and have contributed to the overall health of Templary in Minnesota
- I was also tasked by our Grand Commander with the crafting of an amendment from the floor for this Grand Session regarding life membership disbursements to Commanderies that are not adhering to annual reporting/returns requirements.
- I was asked to review Section 45(a) of the Grand Commandery's Constitution regarding attendance requirements of Grand Officers for all meetings called by the Grand Commander. Section 45 (a) states,

Section 45.

Section 45(a). A Grand Officer-attendance problem occurs if any of the following conditions exist regarding a Grand Commandery Officer's attendance to stated Grand Commandery meetings (attendance by Grand Commandery Officer(s) either in person, telephone, or by teleconference/video-conference is considered acceptable for the minimum requirements established within this policy):

- 1. The Grand Officer has three notified or unnotified absences in a row.*
- 2. The Grand Officer misses one third or more of the total number of Grand Commandery meetings within the year of their term of office.*

Due to ongoing concerns of absenteeism by one or more Grand Officers at required Grand Commandery meetings, as the Grand Captain General it was within the purview of the Office to conduct reviews of these concerns, and advise the Grand Commander and Deputy Grand Commander of my findings; more so as a multiple-year history of this issue has become more prevalent with some members of the Grand Commandery officer line. As the Grand York Rite bodies, in addition to the Grand Commandery, have had many instances of members holding Grand offices engaging in nonfeasance over the past 20 years that adversely impacted the overall health of the York Rite in Minnesota – up to, and including, some executive office holders within the Grand York Rite. Many of these instances could have been mitigated had members raised their concerns and leaders had the constancy to make tough decisions and best, if unpopular, calls to stem default voting practices based on the philosophy of “tradition prevailing.”

- Committee Activities:

- As Chair: The Honor Guard, the Uniform and Drill, and Awards & Honors committees, respectively.



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- Regarding the Uniform and Drill committee, in consultation with the Grand Commander, it was determined that these tasks and duties would be assimilated by the Grand Honor Guard committee.
- The activities of the committees for the Honor Guard and Awards & Honors can be found in the individual reports of those respective committees within the annual preprints.
- As committee member:
 - Financial and Budget: most activities were conducted during the monthly meetings of the Grand Commandery officer corps.
 - Membership: None to report, as the committee did not meet in the 2024-2025 Templar year.
 - Necrology: I have been assisting our Excellent Grand Prelate, SK James E Turner, Jr with the planning and program for the annual Grand York Rite Memorial Service, which will occur on Thursday, June 26, 2025.
- Additional actions and activities:
 - Hiawatha DeMolay
 - I have been made an accredited advisor for Minnesota DeMolay, and more specifically the Hiawatha Chapter. I hope to use this new status to build more robust connections between the young sirs of Minnesota DeMolay, and our own magnanimous Order.
 - Grand Master's Own and the Minnesota Grand Honor Guard:
 - I have been tasked by our Most Eminent Grand Master to lay out the groundwork, structure, and implement a new Grand encampment unit which will be known as "The Grand Master's Own," and which will become the Honor Guard to the *Office* of the Grand Master. As this will take some of my bandwidth, and does so at the same time I begin at Hamline University in their Master of the Study of Law program, I will be passing the command of the Grand Honor Guard to Sir Knight James Helms. More on that can be found in the 2024-2025 Grand Honor Guard report within these preprints.

My eternal thanks to all for once again being entrusted with the office of Grand Captain General by the Sir Knights of Minnesota. Being granted that trust has been an absolute honor, to which my only hope is that I have met the individual and collective expectations of my fellow Sir Knights. It is a continued privilege to be at the service of the Grand Commandery of Minnesota and our Sir Knights in one capacity or another for the past 12-plus years, and hope that I may continue to do so into the future.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sir Knight John E. Helcl II, KCT, GPE
Grand Captain General
Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Minnesota.



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To: SK Jerry Zierdt, 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 again my honor to be entrusted to manage the financial records for the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Minnesota.

This was a busy year. My focus was getting the Life Membership certificate records entered electronically to verify what funds should be allocated to each Commandery. The process involved entering 2203 certificate numbers based on the Commandery and recording how much that certificate was purchased for. This next year, if elected to continue as Grand Treasurer, I'll be matching the Sir Knight's name to each certificate to ensure that Sir Knight's Commandery is credited with the correct amount. I'll be working with our Grand Recorder to get these records entered in MMS. Once loaded into MMS, I'll be able to determine if the Sir Knight affiliated/transferred to a different Commandery and reallocate the funds if necessary.

During this past year, I also served on the Investments and on the Financial and Budget committees. We were able to successfully transfer the Benevolence Fund and Holy Land Pilgrimage Fund accounts to our account manager. The Education account was also migrated and will be fully migrated shortly.

Please note: Over time, due to previous loss of principal of the Life Membership Fund account, \$59,467 was transferred from the General Fund to the Life Membership Fund to bring the Life Membership Fund back to the total amount that the Sir Knights originally purchased their certificates for.

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.

In his name I serve,

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



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

From: Alan Mackenzie, PGC, KTCH, KCT

RE: Annual report of the Grand Recorder

It is my honor to have been appointed as the Grand Recorder on January 1, 2025, to serve the remainder of SK Brian Dimatteo's term. I thank the Right Eminent Grand Commander and the Sir Knights of this Jurisdiction for the honor you have bestowed on me.

Shortly after taking over the position, we had our first ever Zoom special session for legislative amendments which ran well with a few glitches. This will cut down on the amount of time spent on legislation at the annual Conclave. I wish to thank SK Gardiner for his help putting this together. We still have three pieces of legislation left for the Conclave.

Below please find the membership and necrology reports for 2024.

Not reported in the reports is the loss of two past Grand Commanders SK's Forrest A. Miller (2009-2010) of St. Bernard Commandery 13 who passed away February 21, 2025, and SK Micheal C. Powles (HPGM 2022) of Zion Commandery No.2 who passed away March 31, 2025.

We started the 2024 Grand Commandery year with 832 Sir Knights and ended the year with 771 Knighted 30

Reinstated 9

Affiliated 3

Demit 32 (18 of which were plural members with Coeur de Lion and removed due to holding commandery status)

Suspended 23

Died 48

Part 1 Statistical	Active Members At Start	Knighted (+)	Demit (-)	Affiliate (+)	Suspend (-)	Reinstate (+)	Expel (-)	DelAdj (-)	Died (-)	AddAdj (+)	Active Members At-End
Minnesota	832	+30	-32	+3	-23	+9			-48		771
1 - Damascus	103	+4	-2						-4		101
2 - Zion	149	+8	-2	+1	-6	+1			-8		143
3 - Coeur De Lion	71		-18	+1		+5			-2		57
5 - Home	30	+1			-1				-3		27
8 - Faribault	41	+3	-1	+1	-2				-2		40
9 - Cyrene	40	+1	-3		-1						37
13 - St Bernard	10								-1		9
14 - Palestine	66	+3	-3		-4	+1			-4		59
18 - Duluth	83	+10	-1		-1	+1			-3		89
23 - Minneapolis Mounted	67								-5		62
24 - Nazarene	44		-1		-8				-4		31
27 - Fairmont	22								-2		20
28 - Marshall	11		-1			+1			-1		10
30 - Elkanah	14								-3		11
31 - Ivanhoe	81								-6		75



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Please keep these 59 Sir Knights that passed into that house not made by hands reported from 1 January, 2024 to 8 June, 2025 in your thoughts and prayers.

1 - Damascus

Kuhrmeyer, Carl A.	10/31/23
Rolfe, Robert Julian	05/15/24
Schrade, Leonard W.	10/18/24
Smith, Leonard C.	04/12/25
Sommerfeldt, Frank D.	01/20/24

2 - Zion

Bymark, Curtis Owen	12/20/24
Frandsen, Raymond Strand	08/19/24
Johnson, William Richard	04/20/12
McReavy, William Leo	12/23/24
McGinnis, Richard Stillwell	05/01/24
Norby, Vyrl Dean	08/26/24
Pletscher, Glenn Larry	12/04/24
Powles, Michael Christopher	03/30/25
Sandvig, William Evans	01/06/24
Sarich, Harry E.	10/17/23

3 - Coeur De Lion

Larson, Donus W.	06/01/24
Lease, Bruce L.	07/02/23
Siegfried, Daniel L.	11/09/22

5 - Home

Erickson, Herbert M.	03/22/24
Hubbard, William T.	03/14/24
Soderberg, Philip Gordon	11/16/24

8 - Faribault

Miller, Van	12/25/23
Walker, Paul F.	05/28/24

13 - St Bernard

Miller, Forrest A.	02/21/25
Worlein, John Ward	05/16/24

14 – Palestine

Berger, Lynden Jon	01/30/25
Magee III, Garrett W.	12/31/23
Mulder, Richard D.	02/14/22
Roers, Michael George	01/05/25

18 - Duluth

Hunger, Charles R.	06/02/24
John, Richard	02/25/24
Krog, Dale Lester	01/02/24
Schramm, Robert A.	07/27/24



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23 - Minneapolis Mounted

Benson, Kenneth Gustaf	07/19/23
Culbert, David E.	05/25/23
Neher, William Richard	01/15/25
Nelson, Ronald Lee	11/02/24
Ohland, Richard Martin	06/23/24
Pollock, Joseph William	03/21/23
Smith, Morton Wiley	11/29/24

24 - Nazarene

Dorn, Richard M.	12/25/24
Fransen, Gene Harry	12/23/21
Johnston, Kenneth E.	07/16/22
Kennedy, Keith A.	10/07/24
Lee, Rodney H.	10/25/22

27 - Fairmont

Fairchild, Charles E.	09/11/22
Reed, G. Wallis	01/06/23

28 - Marshall

Sorum, Curtis L.	03/15/24
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30 - Elkanah

Blaine, Clarence R.	09/03/24
Ness, Ernest E.	08/26/22
Swentkofske, Thomas C.	06/02/20

31 - Ivanhoe

Conklin, Dean R.	03/19/22
Derksen, DeWayne V	03/10/24
Hess, Donald D.	09/14/23
Niemann, Richard O.	08/10/24
Peters, Henry N.	10/15/23
Walker, Paul F.	05/28/24

Courteously

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



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

From: SK James Turner

RE: Annual report of the Grand Prelate

Highlights of my service to the Grand Commandery this past year:

In addition to serving as Grand Commandery as Grand Prelate, I continue to serve as Prelate for Damascus Commandery No.1. I've enjoyed regular attendance of Grand Commandry conclaves and Grand Officer's meetings I offer up prayers and devotion with lessons from the scripture readings wherever requested. I was privileged to give the benediction at the R.E. Grand Commander's reception. My trips included attending the North Central Department Conference in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. My duties also included prayer service at two Masonic funerals with Macalester Lodge #290 St. Paul.

I presided over Damascus Commandery Christmas observance, I attended both Faribault Commandery No 8 Christmas and Zion Commandery No 2's Christmas observance. It was my privilege to lead the Easter observance for Damascus Commandery. I attended the one day to Royal Arch Chapter. Gave the benediction at the one day to Commandry Conclave, both events were held @ Minneapolis Scottish Rite Temple. I led the presentation and service at the Ascension Day observance with Damascus Commandry last year in St. Paul. Currently I am collaborating with Minnesota's Grand Chapter and Grand Council Chaplains in preparation for the 2025 Grand Conclaves presentation of the public memorial service to be held in St Cloud this 28th day of June. I look forward to greeting the new members of Knight Crusaders of the Cross @ the York Rite Grand Session.

It has been my privilege to represent the Minnesota and Right Excellent Grand Commander Jerry Zierdt at many Masonic gatherings on behalf of the Grand Commandery.

Service to the Lord submitted,

Sir Knight J.E. Turner, Jr

Grand Prelate Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Minnesota



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To: SK Gerald Zierdt, 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 Senior Warden

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

I regularly attended and served my home Commandery, Duluth #18, 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 initiated and been part of many conversations as a representative of the Grand Commandery to help promote York Rite and Blue Lodge Fellowship as we are all one Masonic Family. While doing so asking questions about membership needs and what we can do to promote the fraternity and re-engage members who are no longer active in all aspects of Masonry.

I made many lodge visits during stated and special communications to help promote our Order and The York Rite in general. I was formally invited to attend Glen Avon #306 as a Grand Officer and discuss the importance of Christian Freemasonry and the Orders.

I have enjoyed serving this Grand Commandery and I am looking forward to continuing to serve the Sir Knights of Minnesota for many years to come.

Courteously,

Sir Knight Philip T. Bodle, PEC, KYCH
Grand Senior Warden
Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Minnesota.



Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Minnesota



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

From: SK Scott Wood, KCT, Grand Standard Bearer

RE: Annual report of the Grand Standard Bearer

Thank you for affording me the opportunity to serve the Sir Knights of Minnesota for another year. This year I attended the York Rite Picnic; Grand Officer meetings; the February Special Conclave; the One Day to Templary in March; and conclaves. Additionally, I had the privilege to serve as a member of the Awards and Honors Committee, Education Foundation & Scholarship Committee and 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, KCT
Grand Standard Bearer
Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Minnesota



Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Minnesota



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

From: SK Joel Porter

RE: Annual report of the Grand Sword Bearer

As a member of the Minnesota Grand Commandery, I congratulate MEGC Jerry Zierdt on a successful year.

As a member of the KTEF Committee I commend SK Clinton Christensen on his initiative to bring the Minnesota Grand Commandery to 100% participation in donating to the Knight Templar Eye Foundation with his Challenge Coin fundraiser and hope each member of the Grand Commandery proudly displays their coin.

The Patriotic and Civic Committee were not called upon this year, but the members remain available for those duties.

I am also grateful that the Grand Commandery was able to aid and assist a Worthy Sir Knight in their time of need and am happy to note that the Sir Knight continues to recover from his surgery and has resumed his professional career and participation in our fraternal organization.

In His Service,

Joel Porter
Grand Sword Bearer



Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Minnesota



To: SK Jerry Zierdt, 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

Sir Knights,

I've enjoyed this past year as your Grand Warder.

I organized and cooked for the annual MN York Rite picnic in Maple Grove in July.

The Christmas observance in Farmington was very well done and attended during my visit. It meant a lot to me to keep me in the Christmas spirit.

I was reenergized watching the newest Sir Knights go through the One Day to Commandery as Zion #2 hosted again while I sit in the East as Commander in Minneapolis.

Work has been very busy, and I plan on traveling more going forward.

In his faith,

Tony Heimer

MN Grand Commandery Warder



Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Minnesota



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

From: SK James Helms

RE: Annual report of the Grand Sentinel

During this Year, I have regularly attended Grand Commandery Meeting, except for the few that I was excused from.

I regularly attended and served my home Commandery, Duluth #18, assisting with all positions to ensure all duties necessary to open and close were performed and participated in all Orders conferred.

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 worked with other Sir Knights to educate on the commandery's mission and that of the York Rite.

I look forward to continuing to serve our Grand Commandery in any way possible thereby assisting all other Brothers, Companions, and Sir Knights in finding further light in Masonry and in Christian Duties. I look forward to serving the Sir Knights of Minnesota for many years to come.

Respectfully,

Sir Knight James Helms, GPE

Eminent Grand Sentinel

Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Minnesota.



Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Minnesota



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



Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Minnesota



To: Sir Knight Jerry E. Zierdt, 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 Generalissimo

Knights Templar Eye Foundation Committee Chair

RE: Annual report of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation Committee for Templar Year 2024-2025

In an effort to reach a state status of 100% Life Sponsorship, a KTEF challenge coin was designed and cast to sell as a fundraiser. There were 500 cast and were individually numbered. They were sold for \$20 per coin while select numbers representing constituent commanderies and lodges were in many cases sold for considerably more. Each Grand Commandery officer was tasked with selling a minimum of 15 coins.

I was amazed at the response from not only individuals from within our Grand Commandery line but the commitment from Sir Knights that were not obligated to sell any at all. Those Sir Knights, under no obligation collectively sold over 90 coins! Some of the officers that agreed to sell just 15 sold over 30 and some made generous donations in addition to the 15 sold. Of the original 500 coins, we have less than 10 remaining in stock to sell. We are auctioning off number 1 at the Grand Conclave.

I am honored to be able to inform the Sir Knights of Minnesota that we are now a 100% Life Sponsor State of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. A special thank you to Zion No. 2, Home No. 5, Faribault No. 8, Palestine No. 14, Duluth No. 18, and Fairmont No. 27 for becoming 100% within their commanderies without using the funds raised. Their commitment to this cause is exemplary.

Thank you to all of the Sir Knight that assisted in this endeavor and tolerating my endless push to sell coins during this year.



We did it Sir Knights!

Respectfully Submitted,

Sir Knight Clinton J. Christensen, KTCH
Knights Templar Eye Foundation Committee Chair
Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Minnesota.



Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Minnesota



To: Sir Knight Jerry E. Zierdt, 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 Generalissimo
Education Foundation and Scholarship Committee Chair

RE: Annual report of the Education Foundation and Scholarship Committee for Templar Year 2024-2025

The Education Foundation and Scholarship Committee brought back scholarships after many years of not granting them. For several years, the Education Fund that provides scholarships was inaccessible. Many thanks to Sir Knight Brian Dimatteo for working through the necessary steps to gain back the access that was needed.

I worked closely with Brother John Schwietz, CEO of MN Masonic Charities and after several discussions with him, this committee and the Grand Officers decided to sponsor two Selfless Scholar awards to deserving graduating seniors in addition to those given by MMC. These scholarships are \$5,000 each but with the help of the matching funds program through MMC, our cost is only \$2,500. If you are unaware of the "Selfless Scholar" scholarship, I strongly encourage you to investigate it. It is truly an unusual and impressive award. The Grand Commander and I were honored to participate in the MMC scholarship event at the MN Masonic Heritage Center on 21 May and were given the opportunity to present these scholarships and meet our recipients as well as the other students receiving other scholarships. It was an amazing experience. This was our first year in this program and it went wonderfully well. We look forward to next year and continuing this relationship and increasing our scholarship participation from two to at least four.

Thank you to the many Sir Knights that assisted in getting this scholarship up and running again.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sir Knight Clinton J. Christensen, KTCH
Education Foundation and Scholarship Committee Chair
Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Minnesota.



Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Minnesota



To: Sir Knight Jerry E. Zierdt, 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 Generalissimo Charters and Dispensations Committee Chair

RE: Annual report of the Charters and Dispensations Committee for Templar Year 2024-2025

There have been no requests from the Charters or Dispensations Committee for this Templar Year.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sir Knight Clinton J. Christensen, KTCH
Charters and Dispensations Committee Chair
Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Minnesota

Minnesota Grand Commandery of Knights Templar

Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual

June 2024 through May 2025

	Jun '24 - May 25	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense				
Income				
Commandery Assessments				
Grand Encampment Per Capita	8,909.74	7,650.00	1,259.74	116.47%
Grand Commandery Per Capita	15,986.38	13,600.00	2,386.38	117.55%
Knighting Fees	1,692.14	1,500.00	192.14	112.81%
Bond Premium	638.83	520.00	118.83	122.85%
KTEF Assesment	257.91	350.00	-92.09	73.69%
Total Commandery Assessments	27,485.00	23,620.00	3,865.00	116.36%
Donations Received				
Masonic Support				
Indiv Mason Contributions	25.00	0.00	25.00	100.0%
Appendent Body Contributions	100.00	400.00	-300.00	25.0%
Commandery Contibutions	40.00	0.00	40.00	100.0%
Total Masonic Support	165.00	400.00	-235.00	41.25%
Total Donations Received	165.00	400.00	-235.00	41.25%
Total Income	27,650.00	24,020.00	3,630.00	115.11%
Expense				
General/Administrative Expenses				
Grand Officer Expenses				
Right Eminent Grand Commander	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00	100.0%
VE Deputy Grand Commander	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00	100.0%
Eminent Grand Prelate	250.00	250.00	0.00	100.0%
Eminent Grand Recorder	500.00	500.00	0.00	100.0%
Eminent Grand Treasurer	500.00	500.00	0.00	100.0%
Misc Grand Officer Expenses	382.11	200.00	182.11	191.06%
Total Grand Officer Expenses	3,632.11	3,450.00	182.11	105.28%
Grand Officer Stipends				
Grand Recorder Stipend	4,000.00	4,800.00	-800.00	83.33%
Grand Treasurer Stipend	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00	100.0%
Total Grand Officer Stipends	5,000.00	5,800.00	-800.00	86.21%
Committee Expenses				
Grand Commandery Honor Gaurd	0.00	500.00	-500.00	0.0%
Total Committee Expenses	0.00	500.00	-500.00	0.0%
Office Expenses				
Office Equipment & Repairs	0.00	500.00	-500.00	0.0%
Office Rent & Storage	1,950.00	1,800.00	150.00	108.33%
Office Supplies	0.00	150.00	-150.00	0.0%
Postage & Delivery	0.00	500.00	-500.00	0.0%
Printing & Copying	0.00	200.00	-200.00	0.0%
Insurance and Bonds	0.00	2,800.00	-2,800.00	0.0%
Technology Expenses				

Minnesota Grand Commandery of Knights Templar

Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual

June 2024 through May 2025

	Jun '24 - May 25	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
Computer Harware & Software	0.00	1,000.00	-1,000.00	0.0%
Internet/Meeting Access	0.00	500.00	-500.00	0.0%
Website Development/Maintenance	500.00	200.00	300.00	250.0%
Total Technology Expenses	500.00	1,700.00	-1,200.00	29.41%
Miscellaneous Office Epenses	0.00	150.00	-150.00	0.0%
Total Office Expenses	2,450.00	7,800.00	-5,350.00	31.41%
Outside Professional Services				
Accounting Fees	0.00	500.00	-500.00	0.0%
Total Outside Professional Services	0.00	500.00	-500.00	0.0%
Total General/Administrative Expenses	11,082.11	18,050.00	-6,967.89	61.4%
Grand Encampment Expenses				
Grand Encampment Per Capita	14,665.00	7,650.00	7,015.00	191.7%
KTEF Assessment	152.00	350.00	-198.00	43.43%
Total Grand Encampment Expenses	14,817.00	8,000.00	6,817.00	185.21%
Grand Conclave Expenses				
Grand Conclave York Rite Expens	1,732.34	800.00	932.34	216.54%
Campaign Streamers	0.00	120.00	-120.00	0.0%
Grand Conclave Preprint	0.00	150.00	-150.00	0.0%
Grand Conclave Proceeding Print	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
Total Grand Conclave Expenses	1,732.34	1,070.00	662.34	161.9%
Commandery Distributions				
Life Membership Fund	7,934.25	9,000.00	-1,065.75	88.16%
Total Commandery Distributions	7,934.25	9,000.00	-1,065.75	88.16%
Donations				
Education Scholarships	5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00	100.0%
Benevolence	3,100.00	0.00	3,100.00	100.0%
Holyland Pilgrimage	800.00	0.00	800.00	100.0%
KTEF Donation	0.00	400.00	-400.00	0.0%
Job's Daughters Donation	500.00	500.00	0.00	100.0%
DeMolay Donation	0.00	500.00	-500.00	0.0%
Total Donations	9,400.00	1,400.00	8,000.00	671.43%
Misc General Expenses				
Ritual Manuals	951.20	0.00	951.20	100.0%
Awards & Plaques	0.00	200.00	-200.00	0.0%
Dept Conferences & Events				
Festivals	300.00	0.00	300.00	100.0%
Observance Expenses	0.00	100.00	-100.00	0.0%
Triennial Expenses	6,000.00	6,000.00	0.00	100.0%
North Central Dept Conference	0.00	1,500.00	-1,500.00	0.0%
Total Dept Conferences & Events	6,300.00	7,600.00	-1,300.00	82.9%
Total Misc General Expenses	7,251.20	7,800.00	-548.80	92.96%
Total Expense	52,216.90	45,320.00	6,896.90	115.22%

Minnesota Grand Commandery of Knights Templar

Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual

June 2024 through May 2025

	Jun '24 - May 25	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
Net Ordinary Income	-24,566.90	-21,300.00	-3,266.90	115.34%
Other Income/Expense				
Other Income				
Misc Income				
Holding Commandery Income	1,416.33	0.00	1,416.33	100.0%
Fund Raising	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
Ritual Manuals	700.00	500.00	200.00	140.0%
LM Dist Delinquent Commandery	0.00	825.00	-825.00	0.0%
Life Memberships	2,700.00	0.00	2,700.00	100.0%
Life Membership Acct Management	1,101.50	0.00	1,101.50	100.0%
Event Dinners	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
Closed Commandery	227.31	0.00	227.31	100.0%
Past Commanders Assoc Jewels	961.00	0.00	961.00	100.0%
Total Misc Income	7,106.14	1,325.00	5,781.14	536.31%
Investment Taxable Income				
General Fund	7,006.76	12,000.00	-4,993.24	58.39%
Life Membership Fund	9,948.33	9,000.00	948.33	110.54%
Benevolence Fund	1,730.78	2,700.00	-969.22	64.1%
Holyland Pilgrimage Fund	860.61	3,600.00	-2,739.39	23.91%
Education Fund	4,481.89	0.00	4,481.89	100.0%
Total Investment Taxable Income	24,028.37	27,300.00	-3,271.63	88.02%
Total Other Income	31,134.51	28,625.00	2,509.51	108.77%
Other Expense				
Misc Expenses				
Holding Commandery Per Capita	1,470.00	0.00	1,470.00	100.0%
Rituals/Manuals	485.16	0.00	485.16	100.0%
Assessment Not Paid - Bad Debit	2,579.00	2,400.00	179.00	107.46%
Misc Expenses - Other	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
Total Misc Expenses	4,534.16	2,400.00	2,134.16	188.92%
Investment Expense				
Investment Account Management	7,095.68	4,800.00	2,295.68	147.83%
Total Investment Expense	7,095.68	4,800.00	2,295.68	147.83%
Ask My Accountant	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
Total Other Expense	11,629.84	7,200.00	4,429.84	161.53%
Net Other Income	19,504.67	21,425.00	-1,920.33	91.04%
Net Income	-5,062.23	125.00	-5,187.23	-4,049.78%

Minnesota Grand Commandery of Knights Templar

Profit & Loss Budget Overview

June 2025 through May 2026

	<u>Jun '25 - May 26</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
Commandery Assessments	
Grand Encampment Per Capita	6,993.00
Grand Commandery Per Capita	12,432.00
Knighting Fees	400.00
Bond Premium	520.00
KTEF Assesment	0.00
Total Commandery Assessments	<u>20,345.00</u>
Donations Received	
Masonic Support	
Indiv Mason Contributions	0.00
Appendent Body Contributions	0.00
Commandery Contibutions	0.00
Total Masonic Support	<u>0.00</u>
Total Donations Received	<u>0.00</u>
Total Income	20,345.00
Expense	
General/Administrative Expenses	
Grand Officer Expenses	
Right Eminent Grand Commander	2,000.00
VE Deputy Grand Commander	1,000.00
Eminent Grand Generalissimo	500.00
Eminent Grand Captain General	500.00
Eminent Grand Prelate	250.00
Eminent Grand Recorder	500.00
Eminent Grand Treasurer	500.00
Misc Grand Officer Expenses	400.00
Total Grand Officer Expenses	<u>5,650.00</u>
Grand Officer Stipends	
Grand Recorder Stipend	4,800.00
Grand Treasurer Stipend	1,000.00
Total Grand Officer Stipends	<u>5,800.00</u>
Committee Expenses	
Grand Commandery Honor Gaurd	300.00
Membership Committee	0.00
Fundraising Committee	0.00
Youth Organizations Committee	0.00
Total Committee Expenses	<u>300.00</u>
Office Expenses	
Office Equipment & Repairs	500.00
Office Rent & Storage	1,800.00

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June 2025 through May 2026

	Jun '25 - May 26
Office Supplies	150.00
Postage & Delivery	500.00
Printing & Copying	200.00
Insurance and Bonds	2,800.00
Technology Expenses	
Computer Harware & Software	1,000.00
Internet/Meeting Access	500.00
Website Development/Maintenance	500.00
Total Technology Expenses	2,000.00
Miscellaneous Office Epenses	200.00
Total Office Expenses	8,150.00
Outside Professional Services	
Accounting Fees	500.00
Total Outside Professional Services	500.00
Total General/Administrative Expenses	20,400.00
Grand Encampment Expenses	
Grand Encampment Per Capita	6,993.00
KTEF Assessment	0.00
Total Grand Encampment Expenses	6,993.00
Grand Conclave Expenses	
Grand Conclave York Rite Expens	1,700.00
Campaign Streamers	120.00
Grand Conclave Preprint	150.00
Grand Conclave Proceeding Print	0.00
Total Grand Conclave Expenses	1,970.00
Commandery Distributions	
Benevolence Fund	0.00
Life Membership Fund	8,500.00
Total Commandery Distributions	8,500.00
Donations	
Education Scholarships	5,000.00
Benevolence	0.00
Holyland Pilgrimage	4,800.00
KTEF Donation	0.00
Job's Daughters Donation	500.00
DeMolay Donation	500.00
Total Donations	10,800.00
Misc General Expenses	
Ritual Manuals	100.00
Awards & Plaques	250.00
Dept Conferences & Events	
Festivals	300.00

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June 2025 through May 2026

	<u>Jun '25 - May 26</u>
Observance Expenses	100.00
Triennial Expenses	2,000.00
North Central Dept Conference	1,500.00
Total Dept Conferences & Events	<u>3,900.00</u>
Total Misc General Expenses	<u>4,250.00</u>
Total Expense	<u>52,913.00</u>
Net Ordinary Income	<u>-32,568.00</u>
Other Income/Expense	
Other Income	
Misc Income	
Holding Commandery Income	1,480.00
Fund Raising	0.00
Ritual Manuals	500.00
Life Memberships	0.00
Life Membership Acct Management	1,102.00
Event Dinners	0.00
Total Misc Income	<u>3,082.00</u>
Investment Taxable Income	
General Fund	14,700.00
Life Membership Fund	9,600.00
Benevolence Fund	1,800.00
Holyland Pilgrimage Fund	4,800.00
Education Fund	5,000.00
Total Investment Taxable Income	<u>35,900.00</u>
Total Other Income	<u>38,982.00</u>
Other Expense	
Misc Expenses	
Holding Commandery Per Capita	1,470.00
Rituals/Manuals	0.00
Total Misc Expenses	<u>1,470.00</u>
Investment Expense	
Investment Account Management	4,800.00
Total Investment Expense	<u>4,800.00</u>
Total Other Expense	<u>6,270.00</u>
Net Other Income	<u>32,712.00</u>
Net Income	<u><u>144.00</u></u>

Minnesota Grand Commandery of Knights Templar

Profit & Loss

June 2024 through May 2025

Jun '24 - May 25

Ordinary Income/Expense

Income

Commandery Assessments

Grand Encampment Per Capita	8,909.74
Grand Commandery Per Capita	15,986.38
Knighting Fees	1,692.14
Bond Premium	638.83
KTEF Assesment	257.91

Total Commandery Assessments	27,485.00
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Donations Received

Masonic Support

Indiv Mason Contributions	25.00
Appendent Body Contributions	100.00
Commandery Contibutions	40.00

Total Masonic Support	165.00
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Total Donations Received	165.00
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Total Income	27,650.00
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Expense

General/Administrative Expenses

Grand Officer Expenses

Right Eminent Grand Commander	1,000.00
VE Deputy Grand Commander	1,000.00
Eminent Grand Prelate	250.00
Eminent Grand Recorder	500.00
Eminent Grand Treasurer	500.00
Misc Grand Officer Expenses	382.11

Total Grand Officer Expenses	3,632.11
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Grand Officer Stipends

Grand Recorder Stipend	4,000.00
Grand Treasurer Stipend	1,000.00

Total Grand Officer Stipends	5,000.00
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Office Expenses

Office Rent & Storage	1,950.00
Technology Expenses	
Website Development/Maintenance	500.00

Total Technology Expenses	500.00
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Total Office Expenses	2,450.00
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Total General/Administrative Expenses	11,082.11
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Grand Encampment Expenses

Grand Encampment Per Capita	14,665.00
KTEF Assessment	152.00

Total Grand Encampment Expenses	14,817.00
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Grand Conclave Expenses

Minnesota Grand Commandery of Knights Templar

Profit & Loss

June 2024 through May 2025

	Jun '24 - May 25
Grand Conclave York Rite Expens	1,732.34
Total Grand Conclave Expenses	1,732.34
Commandery Distributions	
Life Membership Fund	7,934.25
Total Commandery Distributions	7,934.25
Donations	
Education Scholarships	5,000.00
Benevolence	3,100.00
Holyland Pilgrimage	800.00
Job's Daughters Donation	500.00
Total Donations	9,400.00
Misc General Expenses	
Ritual Manuals	951.20
Dept Conferences & Events	
Festivals	300.00
Triennial Expenses	6,000.00
Total Dept Conferences & Events	6,300.00
Total Misc General Expenses	7,251.20
Total Expense	52,216.90
Net Ordinary Income	-24,566.90
Other Income/Expense	
Other Income	
Misc Income	
Holding Commandery Income	1,416.33
Ritual Manuals	700.00
Life Memberships	2,700.00
Life Membership Acct Management	1,101.50
Closed Commandery	227.31
Past Commanders Assoc Jewels	961.00
Total Misc Income	7,106.14
Investment Taxable Income	
General Fund	7,006.76
Life Membership Fund	9,948.33
Benevolence Fund	1,730.78
Holyland Pilgrimage Fund	860.61
Education Fund	4,481.89
Total Investment Taxable Income	24,028.37
Total Other Income	31,134.51
Other Expense	
Misc Expenses	
Holding Commandery Per Capita	1,470.00
Rituals/Manuals	485.16
Assessment Not Paid - Bad Debit	2,579.00

Minnesota Grand Commandery of Knights Templar

Profit & Loss

June 2024 through May 2025

	Jun '24 - May 25
Total Misc Expenses	4,534.16
Investment Expense	
Investment Account Management	7,095.68
Total Investment Expense	7,095.68
Total Other Expense	11,629.84
Net Other Income	19,504.67
Net Income	-5,062.23

Minnesota Grand Commandery of Knights Templar

Asset Sheet

As of May 31, 2025

ASSETS

Current Assets

Checking/Savings

Checking Account - Wells Fargo

Opening Balance on June 1, 2024	\$16,102.18
Closing Balance as of May31, 2025	\$25,504.58

Other Assets

Marketable Securities

General Fund

Opening Balance on June 1, 2024	\$227,793.56
Deposits	\$4,150.00
Cash Withdrawals	-\$63,617.00
Management Fee	-\$4,112.37
Taxable Income	\$7,006.76
Change in Asset Value	\$17,345.59
Closing Balance as of May31, 2025	\$181,559.78

Life Membership Fund

Opening Balance on June 1, 2024	\$171,220.48
Deposits	\$62,167.00
Cash Withdrawals	-\$9,035.77
Management Fee	-\$542.04
Taxable Income	\$9,948.33
Change in Asset Value	\$11,864.72
Closing Balance as of May31, 2025	\$235,674.39

Benevolence Fund

Opening Balance on June 1, 2024	\$55,951.68
Deposits	100
Cash Withdrawals	-3100
Management Fee	-589.55
Taxable Income	1730.78
Change in Asset Value	6235.37
Closing Balance as of May31, 2025	\$58,597.50

Holyland Pilgrimage Fund

Opening Balance on June 1, 2024	\$45,954.35
Deposits	\$40.00
Cash Withdrawals	-\$800.00
Management Fee	-\$225.65
Taxable Income	\$987.14
Change in Asset Value	\$3,618.01
Closing Balance as of May31, 2025	\$48,586.71

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Asset Sheet

As of May 31, 2025

Education Fund

Opening Balance on June 1, 2024	\$0.00
Deposits	\$200,000.00
Cash Withdrawals	-\$5,000.00
Management Fee	-\$624.57
Taxable Income	\$4,481.89
Change in Asset Value	-\$1,336.53
Closing Balance as of May31, 2025	\$193,038.90

Total Marketable Securities	\$717,457.28
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To: SK Jerry Zierdt, Right Eminent Grand Commander, Grand Officers, and Sir Knights of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Minnesota.

From: Alan Mackenzie 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 from the constituent commanderies per the constitutions. We have one commandery that as of the time of this report have not paid their 2025 per capita. Coeur de Lion Commandery became a holding commandery and is managed by the Grand Commandery.

Commandery	2025 Assessment	2025 Payment	Date Rcd	Date Sent	Difference
1 - Damascus	\$ 2,825.00	\$ 2,825.00	4/14/2025	4/15/2025	\$ -
2 - Zion	\$ 4,015.00	\$ 4,015.00	2/1/2025	2/2/2025	\$ -
3 - Coeur De Lion	\$ 1,470.00	\$ 1,470.00	5/15/2025	3/1/2025	\$ -
5 - Home	\$ 765.00	\$ 765.00	2/28/2025	3/1/2025	\$ -
8 - Faribault	\$ 1,190.00	\$ 1,190.00	2/8/2025	2/10/2025	\$ -
9 - Cyrene	\$ 1,046.00	\$ 1,046.00	2/7/2025	2/7/2025	\$ -
13 - St Bernard	\$ 265.00	\$ 265.00	3/15/2025	3/17/2025	\$ -
14 - Palestine	\$ 1,665.00	\$ 1,665.00	2/26/2025	3/1/2025	\$ -
18 - Duluth	\$ 2,765.00	\$ 2,765.00	1/20/2025	1/20/2025	\$ -
23 - Minneapolis Mounted	\$ 1,617.00	\$ 1,617.00	3/15/2025	3/17/2025	\$ -
24 - Nazarene	\$ 797.00	\$ 797.00	3/15/2025	direct depd	\$ -
27 - Fairmont	\$ 542.00				\$ (542.00)
28 - Marshall	\$ 290.00	\$ 290.00	6/16/2025	6/16/2025	\$ -
30 - Elkanah	\$ 398.00	\$ 398.00	6/5/2025	6/9/2025	\$ -
31 - Ivanhoe	\$ 1,933.00	\$ 1,957.00	6/11/2025	6/11/2025	\$ 24.00
					\$ -
	\$ 21,583.00	Owing			\$ (518.00)
	\$ 21,065.00				

Respectfully submitted,

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



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To: Sir Knight Jerry E. Zierdt, Right Eminent Grand Commander, Grand Officers and Sir Knights of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Minnesota

From: Sir Knight Richard Kachman, PGC, KTC

RE: 2025 Year End Report Holy Land Pilgrimage

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

Due to the war in Israel, the Grand Commandery of Minnesota has not been able to send any Ministers to the Holy Land. We have had a Minister in a holding pattern since 2023. While he would like to visit Holy Land, his situation has changed. He was re-assigned to another Church in Papillion, Nebraska. The Grand Commandery of Minnesota has elected to send him to the Holy Land and pay any additional fees. I have left messages with the Grand Commandery of Nebraska to make some contact with him but have yet to receive any response as of the writing of this report.

Meanwhile the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States reached an agreement with Gate 1 Travel Agency in the middle of April 2025 to send (2) groups of 30+ people for the 2026 Holy Land Pilgrimage. The dates are as follows: Group A: February 9 – 19, and Group B: February 23 – March 5, 2026, on a first come, first served bases. Due mostly due to the cost of airfare there is an additional cost of \$800.00 plus the domestic flight, whatever that may be.

I have all the information in hand except for the authorization from the Grand Commandery and once I have that, I will Priority Mail it to the Grand Encampment.

Respectfully Submitted:

S. K. Richard C Kachman, P.G.C.
Committee Chairman



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

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

RE: Report of the Honor Guard and the Committee on Uniform and Drill for the 2024-2025 Grand Commandery

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 named the Uniform and Drill committee. In consultation with the Grand Commander, it was determined that these tasks and duties would be assimilated by the Grand Honor Guard committee; and that the committees would be suspended until otherwise activated by the Grand Commander.

The Honor Guard engaged in the following duties at the 69th Grand Encampment Triennial – Salt Lake City. Members of the Honor Guard formed the reception lines and performed presentation of the Colors for the opening of the 69th Triennial, led by the Captain of the Honor Guard.

The Honor Guard conducted flag presentations for the following events:

Corinthian Lodge Installation – December 1st, 2024

Initially, the GCHG was requested for the presentation of the Colors for the Installation of Officers of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota. However, after discussions with our now Grand Master, MWB Robert S. Davis, it was determined that the agenda and sequence of events that day would have led to a conflict with other Masonic organizations and with proper flag code and etiquette, and the deployment request was cancelled by mutual agreement.

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 requested to perform casket guard for the December 8th, 2024, funeral of Past Grand Master Phillip Soderberg, but as that official request was received by the Honor Guard less than five days prior, we were not able to mobilize enough members to perform that duty adequately in that short period.



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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.

On March 15th, the Honor Guard met for business at the One-Day to Commandery event at the Minneapolis Scottish Rite temple.

Finally, the mantle of Captain of the Honor Guard is being passed on. The Honor Guard were individually asked for their input on who should be our next Captain, as I am stepping back for a time due to expanding academic and Templar responsibilities. Upon conclusions of these discussions, Sir Knight James Helms was chosen for presentation to the Deputy Grand Commander as the Honor Guard's preferred choice for Captain beginning June 25, 2025. The Deputy Grand Commander agreed, and Sir Knight Helms has given preliminary acceptance to become the Captain (tradition prevailing). With that change, the full roster of the Honor Guard will be as follows:

James Helms, Captain (Duluth #18)
James Henderson Sr., Sergeant Major (Ivanhoe #31/Faribault #8)
John E. Helcl II, Capt. Emer., Sergeant (Damascus #1/Faribault #8)
Gerald Zierdt, Capt. Emer. (Damascus #1/Faribault #8)
Clinton J. Christensen (Faribault #8)
Scott Cummings (Faribault #8)
Michael Hilgert (Zion #2/Nazarene #24)
Joel Porter (Faribault #8)
Conrad Jackson (Damascus #1)
Phillip Bodle (Duluth #18)
Aaron Boltjes (Faribault #8)
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.

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 Jerry Zierdt, 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
David Dumonceaux
Ed Gerwill

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



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From: SK Philip T. Bodle

RE: 2025 Benevolence Committee Report

During this Templar Year, the Benevolence Committee has only been called upon once.

We received a request for assistance for a Sir Knight in need by Faribault Commandery #8

The committee met and discussed the request, voting unanimously to approve the request, which was promptly sent to the Grand Commander and Grand Recorder so we could assist our fellow Sir Knight.

Courteously,

Sir Knight Philip T. Bodle, PEC, KYCH
Benevolence Committee Chairman
Grand Senior Warden
Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Minnesota.



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

From: SK Philip T. Bodle

RE: 2025 Membership Committee Report

During this Templar Year, the Membership Committee did not formally meet, however many discussions about membership had taken place between members, Sir Knights and Brother Masons.

Discussions were had on not only how to gain new Sir Knights but how to retain those we have currently. Many talks were held about what members are looking to see, hear, learn that would be beneficial to Sir Knights, new and old. Ideas presented on Templar education, Historical education, fellowship, drill and ceremony, and Christian Masonic education.

From all the discussions that I've had throughout this past year, I can only recommend that going forward we should work with the Grand Chapter, Grand Council and the Grand Lodge of MN jointly. To promote Freemasonry in general, to serve our brothers, Companions and Sir Knights, to assist our communities and all those less fortunate. By working together, we can continue to exist, continue to grow, and continue to promote the values we all believe in.

Without the Blue Lodge, none of the appendant bodies exist, with Masonic Unity we all thrive!

Courteously,

Sir Knight Philip T. Bodle, PEC, KYCH
Membership Committee Chairman
Grand Senior Warden
Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Minnesota.



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

From: SK John Helcl

RE: 2024-2025 report of the Committee on Awards and Honors

As of June 1, 2025, documentation received by Commanderies or Sir Knights regarding any Grand Commandery-granted awards were as follows:

- Faribault Commandery submitted the requisite documentation for the Ralph Kirk Award for small commanderies on December 17, 2024, with all documentation and reporting in good form
- Zion Commandery submitted the requisite documentation for the Ralph Kirk Award for large commanderies on January 1, 2025, with all documentation and reporting in good form

Due to receiving only these two instances of filed reports for Grand Commandery-granted award which did not compete with each other, the committee was not called to order, as there was no discussion required. It is hereby determined that Faribault Commandery #8 be hereby granted the Ralph Kirk award for small Commanderies, and Zion Commandery #2 be hereby granted the Ralph Kirk award for large Commanderies.

I therefore declare this committee's work for the 2024-2025 Grand Commandery year hereby concluded until the start of the ensuing Grand Commandery year in June 2025.

Courteously submitted,

Sir Knight John E. Helcl II, KCT
Grand Captain General
Chair, Committee on Awards and Honors
Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Minnesota.



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*Resolutions for action during the 160th Conclave of the
Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Minnesota*



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PROPOSED LEGISLATIVE CHANGES

LEGISLATION TO BE CHANGED:

<input checked="checked" type="checkbox"/>	Constitution	<input type="checkbox"/>	Statutes	<input type="checkbox"/>	Rules
Section 47					
Fiscal Year					

ARTICLE/SECTION

NUMBER

ARTICLE/SECTION NAME

1. CURRENT WORDING OF SECTION TO BE CHANGED:

FISCAL YEAR

Section 47.

The fiscal year of the Grand Commandery shall be from January 1 through December 31 inclusive, and all financial and statistical reports shall conform thereto.

2. CURRENT WORDING WITH DELETIONS (Line out deletions):

FISCAL YEAR

Section 47.

The fiscal year of the Grand Commandery shall be from ~~January~~ 1 through ~~December~~ 31 inclusive, and all financial and statistical reports shall conform thereto.

3. CURRENT WORDING WITH ADDITIONS (Underline additions):

FISCAL YEAR

Section 47.

The fiscal year of the Grand Commandery shall be from June 1 through May 31 inclusive, and all financial and statistical reports shall conform thereto.

4. ENTIRE PARAGRAPH AS INTENDED TO READ IN THE CODE OF LAWS:

(Not necessary if entire paragraph is new and has been stated in 3, above.)

FISCAL YEAR

Section 47.

The fiscal year of the Grand Commandery shall be from June 1 through May 31 inclusive, and all financial and statistical reports shall conform thereto.



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5. RATIONALE (Why the author thinks the proposed change is needed):

Return of code to the standardized practice that has been in use since the preceding amendment was ratified.

PROPOSERS - PRINTED NAMES, SIGNATURE, OFFICE, and COMMANDERY NUMBERS of submitting members.

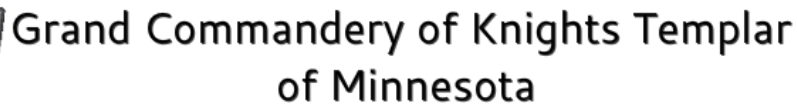
John E. Helcl II Grand Capt. General GCKTMN
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FORMAT FOR PROPOSED LEGISLATIVE CHANGES

Date Received:

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SECTION 108

Whatever the current membership data system in use authorized
by the Grand York Rite Bodies

Section 1. Current membership data system.

The authorized membership data system authorized by the Grand York Rite Bodies will be the official digital repository of all membership records of the Grand Commandery of Minnesota.

Section 2. Use of Data/Content.

Anyone granted access will agree that the use of the data is only as intended by the membership data system. Each individual granted access to data holds a position of trust and must preserve the security and confidentiality of the information he/she uses or accesses. Users are required to abide by all applicable Federal and State guidelines and Masonic policies regarding confidentiality of data. Any individual with authorized access to data must not divulge this information outside except for approved Masonic business. You may not use or export or re-export any content or any copy or adaptation of such content, in violation of any applicable laws or regulations, including without limitation United States export laws and regulations.

Section 3. Users Must:

- A. Access data solely in order to perform his/her responsibilities.
- B. Not seek personal benefit or permit others to benefit personally or professionally from any data.
- C. Not permit unauthorized use of any information.
- D. Not enter, change, delete or add data to any record outside of the scope of his/her responsibilities.
- E. Not include or cause to be included in any record or report, a false, inaccurate or misleading entry known to the user as such.
- F. Not alter or delete or cause to be altered or deleted from any records, report or information system, a true and correct entry.
- G. Not release data other than what is required in completion of his/her responsibilities.
- H. Not exhibit or divulge the contents of any record or system information to any person unless it is necessary for the completion of their responsibilities.

Section 4. Your Login and Password.

- A. To protect the account information of our users, you are assigned a unique user name. These unique identifiers are disclosed only to you. You are responsible for maintaining the confidentiality of your account and password and for restricting access to your computer, and you agree to and accept sole responsibility for any and all activities that occur under your account or password. You agree to notify the Grand Recorder immediately of any unauthorized use of your account or password, or any other breach of security. However, you may be held liable for losses incurred to the system or any other user of or visitor to



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the site due to someone else using your user login and password.

Section 5. Commander Responsibilities:

- A. Shall ensure the utilization of the membership data system to manage all membership records of the Commandery in a timely manner.
- B. If necessary: May designate one Information Technology (IT) Representative to assist with managing a Commandery's membership records and will comply with the Recorder responsibilities in Section 6.
- C. Shall notify the Grand Recorder immediately of any changes to the office of Recorder or IT Representative in order that old accounts may be deactivated, and new accounts established.

Section 6. Commandery Recorder Responsibilities:

- A. Shall take and be familiar with any training offered by the membership data system Administrators and the Grand Recorder's office in order to be able to utilize all aspects of the system.
- B. Shall be responsible for maintaining all commandery membership records in MMS, making necessary changes within 30 days of their occurrence.
- C. Shall annually, within 30 days of the installation of officers, update the list of officers of the Commandery.
- D. Recorder's and IT Representatives shall log in to membership data system no less than monthly to maintain access credentials and to make any approved membership changes.
- E. Shall submit to the Grand Recorder a list of all remissions for the reporting year by December 31 each year. Remissions shall include member's full name and type of remission, i.e., Health/Other, or 50-Year Member. Failure to submit remissions list to Grand Recorder by the due date will negate any credits for remissions in the Annual Return calculations for the reporting year.

Section 7. Grand Recorder Responsibilities:

- A. Shall manage and monitor all user accounts, coordinating with System Administrators for all activations and deactivations in a timely manner.
- B. Shall annually, within 30 days of the installation of officers, update the list of grand officers of the Grand Commandery.
- C. Shall report to the Grand Commander any deficiencies in utilization of membership data system by any Commandery.
- D. Shall run an Annual Statistical Report for each Commandery immediately following the close of the reporting year.
- E. Shall generate a bill for each Commandery based on the Annual Statistical Report of each Commandery, and which shall include all applicable credits and debits, in accordance with the duties and times as written in the Grand Commandery Regulations.
- F. Shall not allow any prior year corrections in a billing cycle due to the failure of any Commandery Recorder or IT Representative to manage and maintain their membership



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records.

PROPOSERS - PRINTED NAMES, SIGNATURE, OFFICE and CHAPTER/COUNCIL/COMMANDERY NUMBERS of submitting members.

Joseph J. Anderson

PGC, Recorder

Zion #2



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PROPOSED LEGISLATIVE CHANGES

LEGISLATION TO BE CHANGED: X Constitution Statutes Rules ARTICLE/SECTION NUMBER Section

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ARTICLE/SECTION NAME

1. CURRENT WORDING OF SECTION TO BE CHANGED:

Section 46. The revenue of the Grand Commandery of Minnesota shall be derived as follows:

For each dispensation for a new Commandery \$100.00

For each Knight Templar created in this Jurisdiction..... \$50.00

For annual dues for each member in good standing in the Constituent Commanderies, except those knighted during the year plus the current Grand Encampment per capita
\$16.00

A Commandery may from time to time, by a majority vote, remit the dues of a member either before or after such member shall have been stricken from the rolls for nonpayment of such dues, who for any reason is financially unable to pay them. The Commandery, however, shall be liable for and must pay to the Grand Commandery the annual dues or per capita tax of all members on its rolls, provided however, that when any Constituent Commandery shall have remitted the dues for any year of a member on account of financial inability to pay said dues, or per capita tax, the Grand Commandery shall cancel or remit, the annual dues or per capita tax of said member for that year payable to it by said Commandery, except that portion which is payable to the Grand Encampment by the Grand Commandery.

2. CURRENT WORDING WITH DELETIONS (Line out deletions): NONE

3. CURRENT WORDING WITH ADDITIONS (Underline additions):

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In addition to the above income, constituent commanderies shall pay to the Grand Commandery, the current Life Sponsorship fee for each newly created Sir Knight as well as each new affiliated Sir Knight.

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4. ENTIRE PARAGRAPH AS INTENDED TO READ IN THE CODE OF LAWS:

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5. RATIONALE (Why the author thinks the proposed change is needed):



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The goal has been for some time to get our jurisdiction to 100% KTEF Life Sponsorship which we are well on the way to fulfilling. The only way to keep the GCMN at 100% is to require all new and affiliating Sir Knights to contribute \$30 for those Sir Knights on their annual assessment.

6. PROPOSERS - PRINTED NAMES, SIGNATURE, OFFICE, and COMMANDERY NUMBERS of submitting members.

Clinton J. Christensen Grand Generalissimo Faribault Commandery No. 8

Printed Name Signature Office/Grand Office Commandery No.

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