



***THE
GRAND YORK RITE
OF NEBRASKA***

Proceedings of

THE GRAND COMMANDERY of KNIGHTS TEMPLAR

April 7, 2018

***held at
Kearney, Nebraska***

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**THE NEXT ANNUAL CONCLAVE WILL BE HELD AT THE
“RAMADA CONFERENCE CENTER”, COLUMBUS, NEBRASKA,
APRIL 6, 2019**

**OFFICERS OF THE GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
2015-2018**

Sir Knight Duane L. Vaught
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| <p>The Sixty-sixth Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment will be held in Indianapolis, IN August 19-22, 2018</p> |
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FRANK L. BORDEN, JR.
146TH RIGHT EMINENT GRAND COMMANDER



Frank was born Feb. 23, 1949 at Washington, Kansas. He graduated from Washington High School at Washington KS in 1967. Frank attended Kansas Wesleyan University at Salina, KS, graduating in 1971 with a Bachelor of Arts degree. He majored in Economics and Business Administration with a minor in History and Political Science. He now lives at Superior NE with his wife Sandy. Frank has two sons Jonathan and Eric.

Frank is a member of the Superior Masonic Lodge #121 A.F. & A.M. Tadmor Chapter #37, Damascus Council #14, Palmyra Commandery #27, in Superior, and the Eastern Star at Davenport NE. He has been the top officer of his local groups several times. He is a member of the K.Y.C.H. , Tehama Shrine at Hastings NE, and the Royal Order of Scotland.

In 1997 he received the Knights of the Secret Vault award from the Grand Council Royal and Select Masters in Nebraska.

He received the General Grand Council Cryptic Masons International award in 2015.

Masonic History

Superior Lodge No. 121. Raised in 1977. Served as master in 1981
Tadmor Chapter No. 37, R.A.M. Exalted in 1979 and served as High Priest in 1993.
Grand Master of the 1st Veil 2018-2019
Damascus Council No. 14 Cryptic masons. Greeted in 1979 and served as
Illustrious Master in 1994. Grand Steward 2018-2019
Palmayra Commandery No. 27, KT. Knighted in 1980 and served as Commander
in 1996. Grand Commander 2017-2018
Tahama Shrine, Hastings since 1983
Davenport Chapter No. 268, Order of the Eastern Star
Royal Order of Scotland

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE
ONE HUNDRED FORTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL CONCLAVE
KEARNEY, NEBRASKA - APRIL 7, 2018**

The Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Nebraska convened for the One Hundred Forty-seventh Annual Conclave at the Younes Convention Center, Kearney, Nebraska, on Saturday, April 7, 2018, at 8:00 A.M.

The officers of Mt. Calvary Commandery No. 1, Papillion opened a Commandery of Knights Templar in full form for the reception of the Right Eminent Grand Commander. Eminent Commander Jonathan Paz introduced, S.K. Frank L. Borden, R. E. Grand Commander and his Lady Sandy, who were escorted to the East and given command of the Grand Commandery. The remaining Grand Officers and their ladies were received and welcomed by the R.E. Grand Commander and took their respective stations.

GRAND COMMANDERY OFFICERS

- S.K. Frank L. Borden, Jr., 27.....R.E. Grand Commander
- S.K. Lucian Smith, 5..... V.E. Deputy Grand Commander
- S.K. Jeffrey M. Coleman, 1..... E. Grand Generalissimo
- S.K. Lavern J. Work, II, 5 E. Grand Captain General
- S.K. Anthony T. Johnson, 1 E. Grand Senior Warden
- S.K. Ed Raper, 7.....E. Grand Junior Warden
- S.K. Kenneth J. Bunnell, 1 E. Grand Prelate
- S.K. Bruce T. Anderson, 4 E. Grand Treasurer
- S.K. Dennis A. Newman, 1E. Grand Recorder
- S.K. Jonathan Paz, 1 E. Grand Standard Bearer
- S.K. Harry E. Waggener ,22..... E. Grand Sword Bearer
- S.K. Mervyn Moeller, 4..... E. Grand Warder
- S.K. Mason Ely, 27..... E. Grand Sentinel
- S.K. Joseph Charbonneau, 1..... E. Grand Tactics Supervisor

RECEPTION OF PAST GRAND COMMANDERS

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| S.K. Edgar A Bredemeier, 5 | 111 th | 1982 |
| S.K. Keith J. Herbster, 4 | 123 rd | 1994 |
| S.K. Jay H. Speck, KCT, 5 | Hon. | 1995 |
| S.K. James N. Karnegis, KCT, 1 | 128 th | 1999 |
| S.K. Jay H. Speck, KCT, 5 | 139 th | 2010 |
| S.K. John T. Parsons, 1 | 140 th | 2011 |
| S.K. Donald E. Rife 16 | 141 st | 2012 |
| S.K. James A. Clark, 4 & 7 | 142 nd | 2013 |
| S.K. James F. Brown, Jr., 4 | 143 rd | 2014 |
| S.K. Edward W. Nolte. 1 | 144 th | 2015 |
| S.K. Brett Bennett, 5 | 145 th | 2016 |
| S.K. Bruce Anderson, 4 | Hon. | 2017 |

The following Past R.E. Grand Commanders were unable to be present: Gail Axen, Marlin Palasek, Fred C. Way, Jr., Steven C. Smith, I., Mervin Titchen, Don Monnette, Fred Wyant, Edward I. Morrow, Robert Wunder, John F. Dale and Theodore Johnson.

RECEPTION OF DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Iowa

Sir Knight Steve G. Libby, R.E. Past Grand Commander
Sir Knight Dennis Boehmer, R.E. Past Grand Commander
Sir Knight Gene Hatfield, R.E. Past Grand Commander

Grand Commandery Knits Templar of Minnesota

Sir Knight Doug Pamp, V.E. Deputy Grand Commander

Grand Commandery Knights Templar of South Dakota

Sir Knight Ervin Alspaw, E. Grand Junior Warden
Sir Knight George Bauder, R.E. Past Grand Commander and Grand Recorder
Sir Knight Richard McBride, R.E. Past Grand Commander
Sir Knight Jon Gonsor, R.E. Grand Commander
Sir Knight Roger H. Hansen, E. Grand Captain General
Sir Knight Bruce Chrisman, E. Grand Senior Warden

Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Wisconsin

Sir Knight James Burton, R.E. Past Grand Commander

Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Wyoming

Sir Knight Harry L. Furrey, R.E. Grand Commander

Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Nebraska

Companion David A. Shaw, Most Excellent Grand High Priest

Grand Council Cryptic Masons in Nebraska

Companion Donald E. Rife, Most Illustrious Grand Master

Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the USA

Sir Knight James N. Karnegis, KCT, GCT Right Eminent Past North Central Department Commander Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the USA

Sir Knight Lon W. Kvasager, KCT, Right Eminent North Central Department Commander

Sir Knight Duane L. Vaught, M.E Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America

S.K. Duane brought greetings and outlined the goals of the Grand Encampment. He concluded by thanking the R.E. Grand Commander for the courtesies afforded him and his wife during his visit to Nebraska.

Grand Lodge Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Nebraska

Most Worshipful Brother John T. Parsons, Past Grand Master

Most Worshipful Brother James F. Brown, Jr., Past Grand Master

Right Worshipful Brother Ronald Stites, Grand Senior Warden

Right Worshipful Brother James A. Carlson, Grand Junior Warden

Right Worshipful Brother Stites brought greetings on behalf of the Grand Officers and all the masons in the jurisdiction of Nebraska. He spoke on the programs of the Grand Lodge and concluded by thanking the Grand York Rite of Nebraska for all the courtesies afforded him.

ADDRESS OF WELCOME

Sir Knight Frank Borden R.E. Grand Commander, welcomed Craig Link, Younes Convention Center, who gave a very warm welcome and thanked the R.E. Grand Commander for having this annual conclave at The Holiday Inn in Kearney. The M.E. Grand Commander responded, stating it was a pleasure to be here and thanked him for all the courtesies afforded to this Grand Commandery.

PRESENTATION OF BANNERS

Mt. Calvary Commandery No. 1, Papillion won the Evers Banner for the greatest number of Knighting's, with five (5) Knighting's.

The Banner for the greatest percentage of gain in 2017 was not presented.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

The Grand Commandery Prelate S.K. Ken Bunnell led the following Memorial Service.

Necrology Service 2017

Call To worship

Scripture: Psalm 95: 6-7; 124:8

Hymn: For All The Saints

Prayer

Scripture: Psalm 46:1-3, 10-11; 103:1-2, 13-18; Revelation 14:13

Meditation:

Sir Knight Ken Bunnell

E. Grand Prelate

Hymn: Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah and Be Thou My Vision

Closing Prayer and Benediction

The following are Companions and Sir Knights who have heard from their Lord:
“Well done, good and faithful servant. Enter now the joy of your Lord.”

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| Curtis O. | Wood |
| Jeffrey D. | Jones |
| George | Finnell |
| Webb | McNally |
| William, J. | Reh, Jr. |
| Virgil E. | Irelan |
| Keith E. | Wheeler |
| Ellis | Sutton |
| C. Earl | Bucy, Jr. |
| Robert | Ray |
| William | Hasemeyer |
| Emmett | Scott |
| William | Meyer |
| Leland | Meisinger |
| Robert | Lowe |
| Earl | Veskerna |
| Loren | Mleynek |
| Herman | Hinzman |
| Lloyd | Swihart |
| Kenneth | Martin |

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR CROSS OF HONOR AWARD

The Knights Templar Cross of Honor was awarded to Sir Knights Billy Hale ,
Mt. Zion Commandery No. 5, Plattsmouth

**RECIPIENTS IN NEBRASKA OF THE GRAND ENCAMPMENT
KNIGHTS TEMPLAR CROSS OF HONOR**

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|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| *1966 Dean L. Robertson, 4 | *1991 Garvis E. Burrell, 9 |
| *1967 Curtis M. Maynard, 11 | *1992 Marion Reed, 5 |
| *1968 Millard C. Calhoun, 13 | *1993 A. Ralph Trester, 18 |
| *1969 DeVerne A. Engberg, 7 | *1994 J. Herb Price, 11 |
| *1970 Joseph Hoffman, 20 | *1995 Roscoe W. Bills, 18 |
| *1971 Lillard S. Jensen, 15 | *1996 Lester F. Webb, 16 |
| *1972 Clifford E. Sward, 26 | *1997 Marion H. Wiles, 5 |
| *1973 Clark H. Peters, 11 | 1998 Joseph H. Belden, 18 |
| *1974 Percy L. Erixon, 7 | 1999 Fred C. Way, Jr., 11 |
| *1975 Lyle T. Piper, 17 | 2000 Robert R. Cole, 5 |
| *1976 Reuben L. Coppon, 18 | 2001 Allen R. Millar, 16 |
| *1977 Rev. Carroll H. Prouty, 4 | *2002 Albert M. Donker, 22 |
| *1978 Thomas H. Blanchard, 15 | 2003 Roger W. Miner, 4 |
| 1979 Ralph M. Clark, 8 | *2004 Wm. Cecil Barker, 6 |
| *1980 John A. Moellar, 22 | 2005 Albert L. Chatfield, 4 |

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| *1981 Arnold H. Hahn, 9 | 2006 Merwyn B. Valentine, 11 |
| *1982 Thomas H. Blanchard, 15 | 2007 Gail L. Twining, 15 |
| *1983 Lester W. Bredemeyer, 21 | 2008 Ronald O. Clark, |
| *1984 Warren Pearson, 4 | 2009 Donald Grazier, 1 |
| *1985 Virgil M. Doudna, 11 | 2010 Robert L. Williams, 11 |
| *1986 Rex C. Watkins, 18 | 2011 Phillip Post, 5 |
| *1987 Warren E. Lawrence, 18 | 2012 Lawrence L. Morris, 11 |
| *1988 Maynard Range, 5 | 2013 James Gansmer, 5 |
| 1989 Joseph E. Manes, 7 | 2014 Hugh B. Nehls, 11 |
| *1990 Robert M. McDonald, 16 | 2015 David A. Portwood, 11 |
| | 2016 Anthony Johnson, 1 |
| | 2017 Billy Hale |

*Denotes Deceased

SPECIAL PHILANTHROPIC PRESENTATIONS

Knights Templar Eye Foundation checks were presented from:
Mt. Calvary No.1, St. John No. 16 and Mt. Nebo No. 11.

ONE HUNDRED FORTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL CONCLAVE OPENED

The R.E. Grand Commander declared the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Nebraska regularly convened and requested the Grand Recorder to read the report on Business and Rules.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND RULES

The Order of Business will be as shown in the printed program for the Conclave, or as may be revised by the Grand Commander. The committee further recommends:

1. The business meeting shall be conducted by “MASONIC TRADITION”, not by “Robert’s Rules of Order”.
2. The Grand Commander shall appoint a *Parliamentarian for the Annual Conclave*. The Parliamentarian shall advise the Grand Commander as to rules and procedures in conducting the business of the Conclave.
3. Committee Reports shall be given by the Chairman or designated member from the podium at the Grand Recorder’s table unless otherwise directed by the Grand Commander.
4. All Proposed Amendments must be submitted to the Grand Recorder in writing prior to the close of the Annual Conclave. If unanimous consent is denied, it shall lay over until the next Annual Conclave. One of the signers of any Amendment brought to the floor for discussion shall state the position of the

- signers prior to the ballot.
5. Dais Officers may speak from the East on any motion, resolution, committee report, or other matter. Members of the Grand Commandery may speak from the microphone near the Grand Recorder's desk. In order to obtain the floor, a member first must be recognized by the officer presiding, and then state his name and Commandery before addressing the Grand Commandery.
 6. No Companion shall speak more than twice on any motion or other matter unless permission is granted by the officer presiding. The order in which members shall be recognized to speak shall be determined by the officer presiding.
 7. Time limits for speaking on any item of business may be imposed if the officer presiding so announces.
 8. When the Grand Commandery is considering the decision and formal recommendations of the Grand Commander, the Grand Commander shall first announce his position. The Chairman of the Jurisprudence Committee then shall announce the position of that Committee. Discussion shall then be opened, with the Grand Commander permitted to speak, followed by members of the Grand Commandery.
 9. The method of voting on any item of business shall be determined by the Grand Commander or other officer presiding.
 10. Questions of procedure not provided for by the Statutes & Regulations of the Grand Commandery, or these rules, shall be determined by the Grand Commander.

Fraternally Submitted,

Dennis H. Newman, Grand Recorder

Grand Commandery K.T. of Nebraska

It was moved and seconded these rules be adopted. Motion carried.

The **R.E. Grand Commander** requested the Grand Recorder call the roll of constituent Commanderies and name *Sir Knight Jay Speck* as Parliamentarian. There were 10 Commanderies represented, Mt. Tabor No. 9, Bethlehem No. 17 and Gethsemane No. 21 were not present; this being a constitutional number present, the ballot was explained and the ballot box was declared opened. Sir Knights John Parsons, Don Rife and James Brown were appointed as tellers with Sir Knight Parsons serving as chairman.

RECEPTION OF GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

The Grand Recorder was asked to call the roll of Grand Representatives of the Grand Commanderies near the Grand Commandery of Nebraska. As their names were called, they were asked to stand in place and were given a hearty welcome.

The following Grand Representatives were absent: Jeff Wunder, Fred Wyant, Dave Norton, William Boon, Karl Rasmussen, Marlin Palasek, Steve Lyne, Gary Bunnell, Joe Belden, Charles Sohm, Phil Lyons, Alvin Benemerito, Arthur Stricker, Frederick C. Way, Jr., Chris Nigro, Steven C. Smith, I.

OFFICERS OF CONSTITUENT COMMANDERIES

Sir Knight Frank Borden, Right Eminent Grand Commander, invited all the Commanders, Generalissimos, Captain Generals and Recorders from the constituent commanderies that were present to the East so they could be recognized and given a hearty welcome.

GRAND COMMANDER'S ADDRESS

On April 7, 2017 I was honored to serve as your Grand Commander for this year. It has been a great year for me filled with many great experiences. I hope that I have served the Grand Commandery well, but that is not for me to judge.

My goal this year was to try and spark some hope among our weaker Commanderies. I visited their members by phone as well as made visits to their Commanderies or had a personal representative carry my message to them.

It has been a pleasure to work with David Shaw, Grand High Priest and Donald Rife, Illustrious Grand Master. Together I feel we have represented and advanced York Rite Masonry in Nebraska.

State of the Craft

The state of the craft throughout the state is very weak. I don't have the answer to this problem. However, on a closer look at the situation, it is clear that it goes back to very few new members in our Blue Lodges. We have to make Masonry visible in our communities. We need an active membership committee in Grand York Rite and the Grand Lodge working with the weak Blue Lodges to help them get new members. Above all, we need a positive attitude.

Grand Commander's visits:

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| April 15, 2017 | Mid America Easter Service in Kansas City |
| May 9, 2017 | Grand Session of the Order of the Easter Star |
| June 2, 2017 | Grand Commandery of Iowa |
| June 9, 2017 | Grand Commandery of Wisconsin |
| June 15, 2017 | Grand Bethel of Job's Daughters |
| June 23, 2017 | Grand Commandery of Minnesota |
| July 15, 2017 | Grand Conclave of DeMolay |
| August 4, 2017 | Official Visit to Mt. Calvary No. 1, Papillion |
| August 14, 2017 | 60-year pin presentation to S.K. Joseph Manes, Mt. Herman Commandery No. 7, Beatrice |
| August 20, 2017 | Official visit by personal representative, S.K. Dennis Newman, Grand Recorder, to Jordan Commandery No. 15, Tekamah |
| September 23, 2017 | Grand Commandery of South Dakota, represented by S.K. Cecil Smith |
| October 28, 2017 | North Central Conference |
| November 15, 2017 | Cornerstone at Grand Island Airport |
| January 9, 2018 | Joint Official visit to Mt. Nebo Commandery No. 11 and Palmyra Commandery No. 27 in Hastings |
| January 23, 2018 | Official visit to Mt. Herman Commandery No. 7, Beatrice |
| February 2, 2018 | Grand Lodge Annual Communication |
| February 5, 2018 | Official visit to Mt. Moriah Commandery No. 4, Lincoln |
| February 7, 2018 | Joint Official visit to Palestine Commandery No. 13 and Saint John Commandery No. 16 in North Platte |
| February 12, 2018 | Official visit by personal representative S.K. Cecil Smith, Deputy Grand Commander, to Mt. Zion Commandery No. 5, Plattsmouth |
| February 19, 2018 | Official visit by personal representative S.K. Harry Waggener, Grand Sword Bearer, to Melita Commandery No. 22, Chardon |

Dispensations granted:

Approved moving of the charter of Palmyra No. 27 to Hastings for joint visitation.
Approved moving the charter of Saint John No. 16 to North Platte for joint visitation.

Approved moving of the charter of Mt. Calvary No. 1 to Kearney for opening of Grand Commandery.

Recognitions:

I would like to extend a special welcome to S.K. Lon W. Kvasager, Right Eminent Department Commander, North Central Department and Sir Knight Duane L. Vaught, Most Eminent Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar. It is a pleasure to have you both with us today.

A big thank you to the Sir Knights from Mt. Calvary Commandery No. 1, Papillion, for the formal opening of the 145th Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Nebraska.

I would like to thank S.K. Dan Marr for an excellent job as editor of the Nebraska section of the Knight Templar magazine. I want to thank all of my Grand Officers for the work that they have done this year.

Finally, I want to thank my wife Sandy, for supporting me as Grand Commander this year.

Frank L. Borden, Jr.

Frank L. Borden, Jr.

Grand Commander of Nebraska (2017-2018)

It was moved and seconded that this report be received and referred to the proper committees. Motion carried.

REPORT OF GRAND RECORDER

I would like to thank everyone for the support I received during my first year as your Grand Recorder. I would like to thank Doc and Jeanne Karnegis, Bruce Anderson and Jay Speck for all their help and support in maintaining the records. As this is my first year as Grand Recorder I want to thank all the Grand Officers and all the companions throughout Nebraska for their patience and their support as I learn the job. I appreciate help and guidance that I have received.

I hereby submit my report for the year ending December 31, 2017.

The Grand Commandery issued a Multi-Year pin to the following Sir Knight during the year of 2016:

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| Donald Kay | Melita No. 22 | 2/22/1967 | 50 Yr. | 08/10/17 |
| Joseph Manes | Mt. Hermon No. 7 | 4/17/1957 | 60 Yr. | 08/14/17 |

GRAND COMMANDERY FINANCIAL REPORT

| | TOTAL | Proposed-2017 | Actual-2017 |
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| | Starting Balance | \$902.13 | \$290.65 |
| | Receipts | | |
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| 601 | Dues | \$15,000.00 | \$9,549.50 |
| 602 | Fees | \$500.00 | \$560.00 |
| 603 | Reinstatements | \$50.00 | \$20.00 |
| 604 | Bond Premium | \$215.20 | \$144.83 |
| 605 | Charities | \$1,200.00 | \$985.32 |
| 606 | Sale of Supplies | \$300.00 | \$55.50 |
| 607 | Interest | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| 608 | Annual Grand Session | \$5,200.00 | \$5,899.78 |
| 610 | Perpetual Life Membership | \$1,200.00 | \$4,113.76 |
| 612 | Investment Redemptions | \$0.00 | \$6,100.00 |
| 614 | Miscellaneous | \$0.00 | \$544.36 |
| | Total | \$23,665.20 | \$27,973.05 |
| | <i>Total plus starting balance</i> | \$24,567.33 | \$28,263.70 |
| | Disbursements | | |
| 651 | Grand Officers Expense | \$1,500.00 | \$1,500.00 |
| 652 | Annual Meeting Expense | \$4,500.00 | \$4,274.52 |
| 653 | Triennial | \$400.00 | \$0.00 |
| 654 | Grand Secretary Salary | \$4,688.00 | \$4,137.36 |
| 655 | Grand Secretary Travel | \$256.00 | \$24.96 |
| 656 | Treasurer Travel | \$150.00 | \$123.86 |
| 657 | Bond Premium & Fidelity | \$192.00 | \$439.68 |
| 658 | Transfers | \$0.00 | \$94.77 |
| 659 | Personal Property Insurance | \$832.00 | \$1,125.08 |
| 660 | Supplies for Resale | \$300.00 | \$170.00 |
| 661 | Office Supplies | \$300.00 | \$192.76 |
| 662 | Equipment Replacement | \$50.00 | \$89.43 |
| 663 | Postage | \$500.00 | \$412.68 |
| 664 | Rent | \$1,160.00 | \$947.20 |
| 665 | Telephone | \$250.00 | \$329.31 |
| 666 | Perpetual Life Membership | \$1,200.00 | \$3,253.83 |

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| 667 | General Grand Dues | \$8,000.00 | \$7,216.00 |
| 668 | Philanthropies | \$600.00 | \$680.32 |
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| 670 | Past Grand Officer Jewel | \$50.00 | \$0.00 |
| 671 | Youth | \$300.00 | \$288.00 |
| 672 | Memorials | \$20.00 | \$0.00 |
| 674 | Equipment Rental & Maintenance | \$700.00 | \$862.06 |
| 676 | Utilities | \$80.00 | \$197.34 |
| 678 | Workman's Comp. | \$112.00 | \$97.92 |
| 679 | Taxes (Fed/Unempl/State) | \$992.00 | \$939.96 |
| 680 | Miscellaneous | \$0.00 | \$410.56 |
| | Total | \$27,132.00 | \$27,807.60 |

**GRAND YORK RITE OF NEBRASKA
INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO – MORGAN STANLEY SMITH BARNEY**

**GRAND YORK RITE ENDOWMENT
Joint account of all three Grand York Rite Bodies**

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| Grand Chapter | \$57,856.39 | |
| Grand Council | \$51,427.90 | |
| Grand Commandery | | \$51,427.90 |
| Morgan Stanley Account Value Dec. 31, 2017..... | \$160,712.20 | |

YORK RITE PUBLIC RELATIONS FUND

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| Balance in Bank of the West Dec. 31, 2016..... | \$4,785.56 |
| RECEIPTS: | |
| Interest Earned | \$3.28 |
| Funds transferred..... | \$1419.00 |
| TOTAL RECEIPTS | \$1422.80 |
| DISBURSEMENTS: | |
| TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS | \$1603.00 |
| Balance in Bank of the West, Dec. 31, 2017..... | \$4,607.81 |

COMMANDERY RETURNS

All but one Commandry have submitted their reports and paid fees. Ten (10) Commanderies failed to Knight any new members this year as compared to fourteen (14) last year.

Number of Chartered Commanderies, December 31, 201613

| | |
|-------------------------|-----------|
| Number Knighted | 7 |
| Number Affiliated..... | 1 |
| Number Reinstated | 1 |
| TOTAL GAIN | 9 |
| Number Demitted | 0 |
| Number Died | 21 |
| Number Suspended..... | 42 |
| TOTAL LOSS | 63 |
| NET LOSS..... | 54 |

| | |
|---|-----|
| Number of Knights Templar in Nebraska, December 31, 2016 | 745 |
| Number of Knights Templar in Nebraska, December 31, 20167 | 661 |

Number of Chartered Commanderies, December 31, 201713

Fraternally,
Dennis Newman,
 E. Grand Recorder

BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Right Eminent Grand Commander and Sir Knights:

It is my pleasure to present the proposed budget for the calendar year 2017

| | | 2018 |
|-----|------------------|--------------------|
| | TOTAL | |
| | Starting Balance | -\$780.37 |
| | Receipts | |
| 601 | Dues | \$12,000.00 |
| 602 | Fees | \$500.00 |
| 603 | Reinstatements | \$50.00 |
| 604 | Bond Premium | \$215.20 |
| 605 | Charities | \$1,200.00 |
| 606 | Sale of Supplies | \$300.00 |
| 607 | Interest | \$0.00 |

| | | |
|-----|---|--------------------|
| 608 | Annual Grand Session | \$5,200.00 |
| 610 | Perpetual Life Membership | \$1,200.00 |
| 612 | Investment Redemptions | \$7,500.00 |
| 614 | Miscellaneous | \$0.00 |
| | Total | \$28,165.20 |
| | <u>Total plus starting balance</u> | \$27,384.83 |
| | Disbursements | |
| 651 | Grand Officers Expense | \$1,500.00 |
| 652 | Annual Meeting Expense | \$4,500.00 |
| 653 | Triennial | \$400.00 |
| 654 | Grand Secretary Salary | \$5,008.00 |
| 655 | Grand Secretary Travel | \$256.00 |
| 656 | Treasurer Travel | \$150.00 |
| 657 | Bond Premium & Fidelity | \$192.00 |
| 658 | Transfers | \$0.00 |
| 659 | Personal Property Insurance | \$832.00 |
| 660 | Supplies for Resale | \$300.00 |
| 661 | Office Supplies | \$300.00 |
| 662 | Equipment Replacement | \$50.00 |
| 663 | Postage | \$500.00 |
| 664 | Rent | \$1,160.00 |
| 665 | Telephone | \$250.00 |
| 666 | Perpetual Life Membership | \$1,200.00 |
| 667 | General Grand Dues | \$8,000.00 |
| 668 | Philanthropies | \$600.00 |
| 670 | Past Grand Officer Jewel | \$50.00 |
| 671 | Youth | \$300.00 |
| 672 | Memorials | \$20.00 |
| 674 | Equipment Rental & Maintenance | \$700.00 |
| 676 | Utilities | \$0.00 |
| 678 | Workman's Comp. | \$112.00 |
| 679 | Taxes (Fed/Unempl/State) | \$992.00 |
| 680 | Miscellaneous | \$0.00 |
| | Total | \$27,372.00 |
| | Receipts less Disbursements | \$12.83 |

Respectfully submitted,
Ronald D. Grass, Chairman

It was moved and seconded that this report be received and placed on file.
Motion carried.

CHARTERS AND DISPENSATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

Right Eminent Grand Commander, Officers and Sir Knights:

The Grand Commander issued no dispensations for new Commanderies, the only Commandery working under dispensation was Nazareth Commandery No. 100 UD.

Robert E. Wunder, Chairman

CODIFICATION OF THE LAW COMMITTEE

R.E. Grand Commander, Distinguished Guests, Officers & Sir Knights:

The Codification of Law Committee did not have anything to review.

Respectfully submitted,
Don R. Monnette, Chairman

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT

Your Committee on Credentials respectfully makes the following report to the Grand Conclave held in Kearney, Nebraska, on April 7, 2018.

12 Grand Officers were present

10 Past Grand Officers were present

All constituent bodies were represented except, Mt. Tabor No. 9, Bethlehem No. 18 and Gethsemane No. 21 Columbus.

19 Out of State Officers and Visitors

40 Ballots Issued

61 Registered

Respectfully submitted,
Carl Highman, Chairman

It was moved and seconded that this report be accepted. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE ON DECEASED TEMPLARS

2018 Report of the Eminent Grand Prelate

Right Eminent Grand Commander, Grand Officers, Past Grand Commanders, and all Sir Knights of Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Nebraska:

It is unfortunate that the annual report of the Grand Prelate is primarily concerned with the losses we have experienced since our last gathering. And so, I will try to express more than this, for the job of the Prelate is to remind us always that “God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore *we will not fear*” (Ps. 46:1) no matter what life brings our way.

Psalm 124: 8 declares “our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.”

As York Rite Masons we turn to God for our strength at all times, and, especially when we experience the loss of those whom we have known and loved.

At the writing of this report, as of January 10, 2018, and since we last gathered in Grand Session twenty of our Sir Knights have died. Sadly, by the time of the gathering of our Grand York Rite Session in April, there may be more names added to this list. We know this is a part of our creation; a part of life, but it leaves us feeling the loss and with voids in our lives and our relationships. The writer of Isaiah, however, gives us this hope: “Do not fear, for I am with you, do not be afraid, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my victorious right hand.” (Isa. 41:10)

We take comfort and find strength in the promises that this life is but a precursor to eternal glory, and we are filled with hope for all those who have passed from this life to the next. The Psalmist also wrote: “As a father has compassion for his children, so the Lord has compassion for those who fear God. As a mother comforts her child, so I will comfort you, says the Lord. (Ps, 103:13; Isa 66:13)

In the New Testament we hear the declaration: “blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.” (Matthew 5:4) And so we all reach out to all who have lost friends and loved ones and brothers this past year with our fraternal love and affection, that are reinforced by the promises of God. We know they have heard these words “well done, good and faithful servant...enter now the joy of your Lord.”

I further believe, beyond a shadow of a doubt, that these Companions and Sir Knights are safe in God's loving care forever, and so, my brothers and friends, are we. Thanks be to God who gives us this victory!

This is the joyful task of the Prelate, to remind us of God's love, and care, for us at all times, and in all circumstances, now and forever.

| Death Date | Last Name | First Name | Commandery |
|------------|-----------|-------------|------------|
| 01/30/17 | Wood | Curtis O. | 1 |
| 02/06/17 | Jones | Jeffrey D. | 9 |
| 02/13/17 | Finnell | George | 13 |
| 02/18/17 | McNally | Webb | 100 |
| 03/09/17 | Reh, Jr. | William, J. | 1 |
| 05/09/17 | Irelan | Virgil E. | 22 |
| 06/01/17 | Wheeler | Keith E. | 5 |
| 06/12/17 | Sutton | Ellis | 16 |
| 06/30/17 | Bucy, Jr. | C. Earl | 15 |
| 08/26/17 | Hasemeyer | William | 27 |
| 09/11/17 | Scott | Emmett | 11 |
| 9/23/2017 | Meyer | William | 11 |
| 09/25/17 | Meisinger | Leland | 5 |
| 10/20/2017 | Lowe | Robert | 13 |
| 10/24/2017 | Veskerna | Earl | 21 |
| 10/24/2017 | Mleynek | Loren | 1 |
| 12/22/2017 | Swihart | Lloyd | 27 |
| 12/29/2017 | Martin | Kenneth | 16 |

Respectfully submitted,
Sir Knight Kenneth J. Bunnell,
 Eminent Grand Prelate

DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

R.E. Grand Commander, Officers and Sir Knights all:

It has been a distinct pleasure to serve on this committee along with S.K. John Parsons. It is a great pleasure to renew acquaintances with old friends and companions from other Grand York Rite jurisdictions, as well as meeting new visiting companions. We also have the pleasure of welcoming other distinguished Masonic visitors from Nebraska, including Grand Lodge officers, representatives from the Shrine Centers and Scottish Rite Valleys across the state, ladies from the Order of the Eastern Star and Social Order of the Beauceant, and from Masonic your groups.

At our last Grand Session we had 22 guests in attendance. We hope to see another good crowd at our upcoming session April.

Respectfully submitted,
John T. Parsons, KCT, Chairman

DOINGS OF GRAND OFFICERS COMMITTEE REPORT

Right Eminent Grand Commander, Grand Officers and Sir Knights:

The Committee on Doings of the Grand Officers recommend the portions of the Right Eminent Grand Commander's address, dispensations, By-Law changes, and recommendations be referred to the Jurisprudence Committee. The Doings of the Grand Officers Committee approves the remainder of his address and commends him for a fine job of representing the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Nebraska.

The Committee on Doings of the Grand Officers recommends that this Report of the Right Eminent Grand Recorder be sent to the Budget and Finance Committee. The Doings of the Grand Officers Committee commends him for a job well done and for the efforts and benefits to the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Nebraska.

Brett R. Bennett
Chairman

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE COMMITTEE REPORT

We had no one apply this year. There were some security concerns early in the year also.

Submitted by,
Sir Knight Kenneth J. Bunnell, Jr.
Eminent Grand Prelate

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Right Eminent Grand Commander, Grand Officers, and all Sir Knights of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Nebraska:

The annual audit of the Knights Templar Educational Foundation has been completed and forwarded to the Educational Foundation of the Grand Encampment for acceptance. A copy of the audit report and all records pertaining to the operation

of the Knights Templar Educational Foundation in Nebraska are on file in the office of the Grand Recorder. No irregularities were reported in the audit.

At the current time we have one loan outstanding which is currently being repaid. The fund currently has approximately \$18,000 available to support new loan requests. As of the date of this report, the Educational Foundation committee has not received any new loan applications for our consideration or approval. The lack of participation in the loan program may be partly due to a general lack of understanding of the program's eligibility requirements and application procedures. The following details are included in an effort to encourage our members to publicize the availability of the loans within their local Commanderies.

The Knights Templar Educational Foundation Committee considers all applications for loans, without regard to age, race, religion, National Origin, gender or of Masonic ties or affiliations. These loans provide financial assistance to students who meet the required qualifications which are: currently enrolled in an accredited college or university with a class ranking of Junior or Senior. Loans may also be granted for Vocational, professional training, advanced degree or post graduate work with the approval of the Education Committee. Applicants may request loans for amounts up to \$3,000. These loans become "due" when the student graduates and they are expected to establish a repayment plan at that time. The outstanding loans accrue interest at the rate of five percent per annum after graduation.

Since there are sufficient funds in the Knights Templar Educational Foundation in Nebraska to grant additional loans I encourage all Knights Templars to publicize the availability of these funds to qualified individuals. Detailed loan applications and instructions can be obtained from the Grand Recorder.

I thank the committee members for their support and the Grand Commander for permitting me to serve as Chairman of this Committee.

Respectfully submitted,
Gary Bunnell, Chairman

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

The following is the membership report for the 2017/2018 year. We had positive steps this past year but overall our membership declined. We initiated 7 new Knights in 2017. Only 3 out of 14 Commanderies Knighted new brothers. At the time of this writing in February, there is planning taking place to follow up the Chapter Festival this past fall with Council degrees and Commandery orders this

spring in western NE. This is no small task but is required to maintain the momentum started in 2015 and 2016. Also, Thank You to Mr. Calvary Commandery #1 and participants from other Commanderies who participated and led the orders that took place in Papillion. You are carrying the flag for Commandery in Nebraska and it is greatly appreciated.

One area that we must improve is membership retention. This past year we lost 42 Sir Knights to suspension. This tells me that we as a whole are not making Commandery of value to our members. We have to provide value to our meetings, establish and retain relationships with our members and provide a positive experience that instills a sense of belonging. This not only applies to Commandery but also to the YR bodies to include Freemasonry.

We had several Sir Knights who participated in the leadership conference held in Sioux Falls, SD at the North Central Department meeting this past year. Congratulations to those who participated and we look forward to you putting those skills to use here in the near future.

As Sir Knights it is nothing but helpful if we are active participants in our Blue Lodge and in our communities. As Grand Commander Frank has suggested, wear your Masonic ballcap and your Masonic shirt when out and about. As he conveyed the story about when he was helping give out free water at a fair that a person mentioned that they didn't know the town had an active lodge. People are not going to have interest in an organization that they don't know about. So, get the word out about Freemasonry and follow up with York Rite.

As I have said in past reports, I would encourage you to be positive. Templary is a noble and worthy institution. Knight Templars are active in their Lodges, lead the effort to cure blindness, impart noble ideas and truths, and provide a fraternal bond second to none. Attitude, whether negative or positive, is contagious-- choose to be positive! Our individual attitudes have a direct impact on our ability to recruit new York Rite members and influence our existing members. Sir Knights I encourage you to keep working, do not give up, Templary needs you. We are part of an organization worth fighting for.

Respectfully Submitted:

Lucian Cecil Smith

Membership Chairman

PATRIOTIC ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE REPORT

Commandery Patriotic Committee Report 2017-2018

According to the Grand Commandery By-Laws, the Committee on Patriotic Activities shall assist the Chartered Commanderies in developing programs to foster and supervise patriotic and good citizenship activities as recommended by the Patriotic Activities Committee of the Grand Encampment.

Patriotic activities for the Grand and Constituent Commanderies of Nebraska can take several forms for 2017-18 or any year. Commanderies at their normal Conclaves, present the Colors and Pledge Allegiance to the flag at their monthly (hopefully) or quarterly (again hopefully) Conclaves. In addition, Commanderies can provide Color Guards for all Masonic Bodies for their annual Installation of Officers. Mt. Calvary Commandery #1 routinely does this for the Joint Social Order of the Beauceant and Commandery Installation Ceremonies each December and Lodge installations in January, as well as for Eastern Star and Job's Daughters when asked. Outside of the immediate Masonic Bodies, Knights Templar often provides an escort detail for the Grand Master at Cornerstone Ceremonies. These also generally include the presentation of the Colors.

Outside of these activities for Masonry, what can Knights Templar in uniform from the various Constituent Commanderies do to demonstrate patriotism?

- March or ride on a float/trailer in a community parade for Memorial Day, Independence Day or Veterans' Day.
- Place U.S. flags on the graves of veterans on Memorial Day.
- Place U.S. flags on community thoroughfares for Independence Day.
- Visit Veterans in community nursing homes to show respect for their service and supporting our freedom
- Support police and fire departments with an annual breakfast to support their service
- Learn the History of the Pledge of Allegiance and give it to community groups in September, when the Pledge to the Flag was published in 1892, or in October, when it was first said by 12 million school children, or on Flag Day when it was added to the U.S. Flag Code—Did you know it was written by a Mason?
- Become a flag expert and advise Masonic groups on how to properly display the flag at various functions.
- Learn the flag retirement ceremony and provide proper respect for well-used and tattered flags that have reached the end of their useful life for your community.

- As a Commandery, see that the facility where you meet, generally a Masonic Lodge, always has a proper flag on display. This means purchasing and installing a flag pole and light, if necessary, and ensuring the flag is always in good condition.

V/R

Edward W. Nolte, PGC

Chairman

Patriotic Committee

PERPETUAL LIFE MEMBERSHIP (PLM) COMMITTEE REPORT

Right Eminent Grand Commander, Grand Officers, and Companions:

The PLM Committee is charged with investing the funds generated by the purchase of perpetual life memberships by members of the three bodies that compose the Grand York Rite of Nebraska. The Committee consists of nine members. Three of whom are elected by the Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, three elected by the Grand Council, Cryptic Masons, and three elected by the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar. Currently, the funds are invested through the Garlock Group of RBC Wealth Management. Quarterly Reports are reviewed and an annual meeting is held to review the investment portfolio and make necessary changes. The PLM Committee presents the results of investment decisions made during the 2017 year in the accompanying tables.

***PERPETUAL LIFE MEMBERSHIP FUND ACCOUNT SUMMARY FOR
2017***

| | |
|---|----------------------|
| Total Grand York Rite Contributions to Fund Prior to Year 2016 | \$ 223,565.51 |
| ADD: Total Grand York Rite Contributions to Fund during Year 2017 | <u>3,080.00</u> |
| Withdrawals for 2017 Distribution | <u>6,706.97</u> |
| Total Grand York Rite Contributions to Fund since Inception | <u>\$ 215,062.46</u> |
| | |
| Total PLM Fund Value as of December 31, 2017 | \$ 257,950.35 |
| Total PLM Fund Value as of January 1, 2017 | \$ 223,565.51 |
| Increase in Fund Value During Year 2017 | <u>\$ 34,384.84</u> |

Percentage increase in Fund Value During Year 2017

15.38%

DISTRIBUTION OF PLM INVESTMENT INCOME GENERATED IN YEAR 2017

| <u>GRAND YORK RITE BODY</u> | <u>AMOUNT</u> | <u>PERCENTAGE</u> |
|--|--------------------|-------------------|
| Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of Nebraska ¹ | \$ 2,974.68 | 38.44% |
| Grand Council, Cryptic Masons of Nebraska ² | \$ 2,048.38 | 26.47% |
| Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Nebraska ³ | <u>\$ 2,715.44</u> | 35.09% |
| Total Distributions | <u>\$ 7,738.50</u> | |

NOTES:

¹ Two new PLM purchased during 2017.

² One new PLM's purchased during 2017.

³ Two new PLM purchased during 2017.

TOTAL NUMBER OF PLM'S BY GRAND YORK RITE BODY AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2017

| <u>GRAND YORK RITE BODY</u> | <u>NUMBER</u> | <u>NUMBER</u> | <u>TOTAL</u> | <u>PERCENTAGE</u> |
|---|---------------|---------------|---------------|-------------------|
| | <u>LIVING</u> | <u>DEAD</u> | <u>NUMBER</u> | <u>DEAD</u> |
| Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of Nebraska | 151 | 493 | 644 | 74.55% |
| Grand Council, Cryptic Masons of Nebraska | 126 | 386 | 512 | 75.39% |
| Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Nebraska | <u>122</u> | <u>367</u> | <u>489</u> | 75.05% |
| Total Members | <u>399</u> | <u>1246</u> | <u>1642</u> | |

HISTORICAL ANNUAL DISTRIBUTIONS & END-OF-YEAR FUND VALUES

| <u>YEAR</u> | <u>DISTRIBUTION</u> | | <u>FUND</u> | |
|-------------|---------------------|----|--------------|--|
| | <u>AMOUNT</u> | | <u>VALUE</u> | |
| 2007 | \$ 5,347.65 | \$ | 122,643.84 | |
| 2008 | \$ 5,066.21 | \$ | 104,796.40 | |
| 2009 | \$ 4,665.70 | \$ | 123,256.89 | |
| 2010 | \$ 4,535.42 | \$ | 134,582.38 | |
| 2011 | \$ 4,340.84 | \$ | 139,095.01 | |
| 2012 | \$ 3,935.30 | \$ | 153,345.18 | |

| | | | | |
|------|----|----------|----|------------|
| 2013 | \$ | 6,637.88 | \$ | 187,794.23 |
| 2014 | \$ | 4,688.33 | \$ | 199,842.96 |
| 2015 | \$ | 5,000.00 | \$ | 193,918.88 |
| 2016 | \$ | 6,706.97 | \$ | 223,565.51 |
| 2017 | \$ | 7,738.50 | \$ | 257,950.35 |

PLM COMMITTEE ACTION ITEMS AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2016

At the 2015 meeting of the Perpetual Life Membership Committee, the following distribution policy was adopted:

The annual distribution of PLM funds to Chapters of Royal Arch Masons, Councils of Cryptic Masons, and Commanderies of Knights Templar in Nebraska is a target rate of three (3) percent of the PLM ending account value as of December 31 of each calendar year. The target rate could be adjusted annually (either positively or negatively) based on the PLM fund’s annual return and a decision of the committee. RBC Wealth Management should maintain approximately \$7,000 in cash at the end of each calendar year to allow for the annual distribution.

There were no changes in the distribution policy at the 2017 meeting for the PLM Committee. The fund performed well again this year. Consequently, the PLM Committee voted to continue the 3% payout, resulting in a distribution of \$7,738.50 to the bodies comprising the Grand York Rite of Nebraska. Buzz Garlock, our Financial Advisor, suggested we continue to rebalance the portfolio with more of it being in fixed income positions. The rise in the stock funds left us at 12% in fixed income funds, and last year the PLM Committee agreed on a target of 25%. The PLM Committee voted to move \$25,000 from the S & P stock fund into the two bond funds after two good years of performance, so we view this decision as taking some of our profit out our stock funds into bonds.

The December 31, 2017 asset allocation mix for the PLM fund is as follows:

| | | | |
|----|------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------|
| | RBC Bank Deposit Program | \$ 9,009.91 | |
| 4% | Cash and money market | 665.56 | 0% |
| | US equities | 134,923.72 | 52% |
| | International equities | 55,153.93 | 21% |
| | Fixed income | <u>58,197.23</u> | <u>23%</u> |
| | Current account value | <u>\$ 257,950.35</u> | <u>100%</u> |

The asset details for investments other than the RBC Bank Deposit Program and Cash and money markets are as follows:

US Equities

- Growth Fund Amer Inc Cl C (GFAIX) \$20,379.65
- Spdr S&P Dividend ETF (SDY) \$21,258.00
- Washington Mut Invs Fd Inc Cl C (WSHCX) \$93,286.07

Current US Equities Value **\$134,923.72**

International Equities

- Capital World Growth & Income Fund Class A (CWGIX) \$ 6,244.11
- Capital World Growth & Income Fund Inc CL C (CWGCX) \$15,433.95
- Euro Pac Growth Fund CL C (AEPCX) \$ 6,485.44
- Euro-Pacific Growth FD CL A (AEPGX) \$26,990.43

Current International Equities Value **\$55,153.93**

Fixed Income

- Loomis Sales FDS II \$24,632.26
- Loomis Sayles Investment (LSIIX) \$16,888.11
- Metropolitan West FDS Total Return BD FD CL I (MWTIX) \$16,676.86

Current Fixed Income Value **\$58,197.23**

Respectfully Submitted,

Chairman: James F. Brown, Jr.

Chapter Members: Edward W. Nolte, Reginald S. Kuhn, and Michael E. Jones

Council Members: James F. Brown, Jr., Walter W. Johnson, and Anthony T. Johnson

Commandery Members: Donald E. Rife, James A. Carlton, and Fred Way, Jr.

Ex-Officio: Dennis A. Newman and Bruce T. Anderson

PUBLICITY COMMITTEE REPORT

Right Eminent Grand Commander, Grand Officers, Past Grand Commanders, and all Sir Knights of Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Nebraska:

Articles telling of the doings and events of our local Commanderies and our Grand Commandery are published in the *Nebraska Supplement* of the Knights Templar magazine on a monthly basis.

Local Commanderies are encouraged to share their news with all our brother Sir Knights around the state of Nebraska by submitting articles to the editor of the Nebraska Supplement. The email address is included in the header of the Nebraska Supplement.

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Marr, Chairman

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EYE FOUNDATION COMMITTEE

As of January 25, 2018 the Grand Commandery of Nebraska has donated a total of \$4,935.00 to the Grand Encampment's 50th Eye Foundation drive. All but one commandery had donated. It looks like we will have a 100% participation this year as this is only fiscal week 19.

Sir Knights, please continue your support to the Eye Foundation, and if possible, increase your level of giving.

The Grand Recorder has a complete list of donations from each Grand Encampment and each commandery in Nebraska available, so you may obtain a copy if you desire.

Frank L. Borden, Jr.

Chairman

JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Right Eminent Grand Commander, R.E. Grand Captain General, R.E. Department Commander, Most Eminent Grand Master, Sir Knights All:

We met on April 6, 2018 and considered the address. The beginning restated the goals of the Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery year and requires no action of the Jurisprudence Committee or this Grand Commandery. It was his opinion.

The section titled State of the Craft requires no action of the Jurisprudence Committee or this Grand Commandery. I was his opinion.

The section titled Grand Commander's visits requires no action of the Jurisprudence Committee or this Grand Commandery. This is a list of visitations.

The section titled Dispensations granted: The Committee on Jurisprudence concludes that the actions of the Grand Commander, with respect to special dispensations granted, was within the authority given him by the Statutes and Regulations of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Nebraska.

The section titled Recognition and appreciation consists of opinions of the Grand Commander and as such requires no action by the Jurisprudence Committee.

It was moved and seconded to approve the Jurisprudence Committee's report in its entirety. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Brett R. Bennett, Chairman

REVIEW OF TEMPLAR PROCEEDINGS

No Report.

GRAND TACTICS COMMITTEE REPORT

Right Eminent Grand Commander, Grand officers, Past Grand Commanders, and Sir Knights:

I did not have as much opportunity to travel in the last year as I had hoped. I want to thank the members of the Tactics committee for helping me do the job. It could not be done without you.

The following Commanderies have been certified, please come up when your commandery is called:

| | | |
|-------------|----|--|
| Mt. Calvary | 1 | Opening and Closing, Receiving Grand Officer, Conferring of Orders |
| Mt. Moriah | 4 | Opening and Closing, Receiving Grand Officer |
| Mt. Zion | 5 | Opening and Closing, Receiving Grand Officer |
| Mt Nebo | 11 | Opening and Closing, Receiving Grand Officer |
| Palestine | 13 | Opening and Closing, Receiving Grand Officer |
| Jordan | 15 | Receiving Grand Officer |
| St. John | 16 | Receiving Grand Officer |
| Palmyra | 27 | Opening and Closing, Receiving Grand Officer |

Ritual proficiency being an important aspect of my job, we do have work to do. We need to build our confidence, we need to practice. To do that, of course, we need candidates. Seek them out, Sir Knights, for there are young men hungry for knowledge and light. There are young men strong in their faith, good men in good communities. We simply need to be ready. I see and hear of improvement and that is good.

Finally, I want to keep it short this year, and simply reiterate the sentiment that Right Eminent Frank, and that it is advised that we form a tactical alliance with our Blue Lodges. Find out how we can get involved and be present in their activities. Be present as York Rite Masons, sir knights and they will define us by what we do.

Again, Sir Knight, Brett, Right Eminent Grand Commander, it has been a pleasure.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph Charbonneau

Grand Tactics Supervisor

TRIENNIAL COMMITTEE REPORT

No report at this time.

Fraternally Submitted:

John T. Parsons, Chairman

YORK RITE COOPERATION REPORT

R.E. Grand Commander, distinguished guests, Officers & Sir Knights:

The York Rite Cooperation Committee has participated in several events this year. The Grand Commandery of Nebraska participated in corner stones with the Grand Lodge of Nebraska. At one of those ceremonies we had a large turnout of people watching and taking pictures. We have visited various lodges and promoted the Nebraska York Rite during the year. We also attended the Eastern Star meetings as well as installations. The committee continues to look for opportunities to strengthen our ties with the Nebraska Masonic Family.

Fraternally submitted,

S.K. Frank Borden

Chairman

ELECTION OF GRAND OFFICERS

Sir Knight John Parsons, Chairman of the Tellers Committee, reported to the R.E. Grand Commander that the ballots were counted and the following declared elected:

S.K. Lucian C. Smith, 5R.E. Grand Commander
S.K. Jeffrey M. Coleman, 1 V.E. Deputy Grand Commander
S.K. LaVern Work, II, 5..... E. Grand Generalissimo
S.K. Anthony T. Johnson, 1 E. Grand Captain General
S.K. Bruce T. Anderson, 4 E. Grand Treasurer
S.K. Dennis A. Newman, 1E. Grand Recorder

The following officers were appointed:

S.K. Edward Raper, 7 E. Grand Senior Warden
S.K. Steven R. Barchus, 1E. Grand Junior Warden
S.K. Kenneth J. Bunnell, 1 E. Grand Prelate

S.K. Mervyn L. Moller, 4..... E. Grand Standard Bearer
 S.K. Harry E. Waggener, 22 E. Grand Sword Bearer
 S.K. Thomas M. Michaelson, 4 E. Grand Warder
 S.K. Ed Birmingham, 5 E. Grand Sentinel
 S.K. Joseph Charbonneau, 1.....E. Grand Tactics Officer
E. Grand Musician

It was moved and seconded that this report be accepted and the ballots be destroyed. Motion carried.

HONORARY MEMBERS

It was moved by Sir Knight Dennis Newman and seconded that visiting Sir Knights from other jurisdictions, be made Honorary Members of this Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Nebraska (who are not already members), motion carried.

TIME & PLACE OF ANNUAL CONCLAVE

The 2019 Grand Session will be at the Riverside Hotel and Conference Center in Columbus, Nebraska April 4-6.

Bids for 2020-2024 Grand Sessions were read and discussed. It was voted to have the Grand York Rite Sessions at the Younes Conference Center in Kearney for these years.

INSTALLATION OF GRAND COMMANDERY OFFICERS

Sir Knight Frank Borden welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming to the open installation of this Grand Commandery.

The following Sir Knights were introduced as the Installing Officers for the afternoon:

S.K. Jay H. Speck, KCT, REPGC..... Installing Officer
 S.K. Keith J. Herbster, KCT, REPGCInstalling Marshal
 S.K. Brett Bennett, REPGC.....Installing Prelate
 S.K.Edward W. Nolte, REPGC..... Installing Recorder
 Jennifer Grass.....Installing Musician

Sir Knight Speck instructed the Installing Recorder to read the list of Sir Knights elected and appointed to serve this Grand Commandery. The Installing Marshal escorted them into the Asylum and presented them for installation. The Installing Officer asked the Installing Prelate to approach the altar for the purpose of prayer.

Sir Knight Speck gave the oath of office to the Sir Knights elected and chosen and the Installing Marshal conducted them to their stations. The Installing Officer

directed the Installing Marshal to proclaim the Officers of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Nebraska duly installed for the ensuing year.

The newly installed R.E. Grand Commander thanked his installing officers for an excellent job. He introduced his lady Nicole and asked his officers to introduce their ladies.

In closing, the R.E. Grand Commander thanked everyone for coming.

Attest:

I hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a full, true and complete record of the proceedings of the One Hundred Forty-Seventh Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Nebraska, held at the "Holiday Inn and Conference Center, Kearney, April 7, 2018.

WITNESS MY HAND and seal of the GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF NEBRASKA, this 19th day of June 2017.

Dennis Newman, E. Grand Recorder

PAST COMMANDERS' BANQUET

Saturday evening, April 7, 2018, the 81st Annual Banquet and Business meeting of the Association of Past Commanders' was held at the "Younes Conference Center", Kearney, Nebraska. Following the invocation a delicious dinner was served to 43 Sir Knights and Ladies in attendance. **S.K. Jonathan Paz** President, the Master of Ceremonies.

Sir Paz called on the secretary to read the minutes and financial report for the Association. It was moved and seconded that we dispense with the reading of the minutes. Motion carried. The financial report was read and approved.

PAST COMMANDERS' ASSOCIATION FINANCIAL REPORT

Balance on Hand April 7, 2018.....\$1,111.28

The nominating committee nominated the following Sir Knights to serve as officers for the ensuing year: **Sir Knight Ed Raper**, President, **Sir Knight Steven Barchus**, Vice President, and **Sir Knight Dennis Newman**, Secretary-Treasurer. It was moved and seconded that the nominations be closed and that a unanimous ballot be cast for these officers. Motion carried.

There being no further business, this Past Commanders' Association was adjourned.

Dennis Newman

Secretary-Treasurer

GRAND COMMANDERY COMMITTEES - 2017-2018

- BUDGET & FINANCE:** John T. Parsons, 1, Chairman; Jay H. Speck, KCT 5; Ronald D. Grass, 33.
- CHARTERS & DISPENSATIONS:** Steven C. Smith, I., 1, Chairman; Jeffrey Colman, 1, Donald E. Rife, 16.
- CODIFICATION OF LAW:** Don R. Monnette,, 5 Chairman; Keith Herbster, 4 KCT, Jay Speck, 5 KCT.
- CREDENTIALS:** Frank Smuthny, 11 Chairman, ; David Shaw, 1, Carl Highman, 1
- DECEASED TEMPLARS:** Kenneth J. Bunnell, 1, Chairman; Joseph P. Charbonneau, 1, John Lippert, 21.
- DISTINGUISHED GUESTS:** Jay H. Speck, KCT, 5, Chairman; John Parsons, 1 Edgar Bredemeier, 5
- DOINGS OF GRAND OFFICERS:** Frank Borden, 27 Chairman; David Shaw, 1, Don Rife, 16
- HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE:** Frank Borden, 27 Chairman; Kenneth Bunnell, 1 Joseph Charbonneau, 1
- JURISPRUDENCE:** Brett Bennett, 5, Chairman; & all Past R.E. Grand Commanders.
- K.T. EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION:** Gary W. Bunnell, Chairman; Steven R. Barchus, 1, Jeffrey M. Coleman,1
- K.T. EYE FOUNDATION:** Frank Borden, 27, Chairman; Denis Newman, 1 Lavern Work, 5
- MEMBERSHIP:** Lucian C. Smith, 5, Chairman; Dennis A. Newman, 1, Bill Stone, 1
- PATRIOTIC ACTIVITIES:** Edward Nolte, 1 Chairman; James R. Avant, 1, Anthony T. Johnson,1 Daniel J. Marr, 1
- PERPETUAL LIFE MEMBERSHIP:** Donald E. Rife, 16, Chairman,; James A. Carlton, 1, Frederick C. Way, Jr.,11
- PUBLICITY:** Dan Marr, 1 Chairman, 4 Jonathan L. Paz, 1 Dennis Newman, 1
- REVIEW OF TEMPLAR PROCEEDINGS:** Edward Nolte, 1 Chairman; Bruce T. Anderson, 4, Michael E. Jones, 21
- TACTICS:** Joseph Charbonneau, 1, Chairman; Anthony T. Johnson, 1, Harry E. Waggener, 27.
- TRIENNIAL:** John T. Parsons, 1, Chairman; James N. Karnegis, 1, Steven C. Smith, I, 1
- YORK RITE COOPERATION:** Brett R. Bennett, Chairman; Anthony Johnson, 1 Carl Plants, 4

| ROLL OF NEBRASKA COMMANDERIES | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------|----|--------------|-------------|--------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Name | No | Town | County | Meetings | Created | Chartered |
| Mt. Calvary | 1 | Omaha | Douglas | 1 st Fri. | July 24, 1865 | Sept. 6, 1865 |
| Mt. Moriah | 4 | Lincoln | Lancaster | 1 st Mon.* | Feb. 17, 1871 | Sept. 22, 1871 |
| Mt. Zion | 5 | Plattsmouth | Cass | 2 nd Mon. | Jan. 5, 1872 | Nov. 12, 1873 |
| Mt. Hermon | 7 | Beatrice | Gage | 4 th Tues. | Feb. 17, 1874 | Jan. 6, 1875 |
| Mt. Tabor | 9 | Fremont | Dodge | 2 nd Wed. | Oct. 16, 1879 | Apr. 7, 1880 |
| Mt. Nebo | 11 | Hastings | Adams | 2 nd Tues. | Feb. 22, 1881 | Apr. 27, 1881 |
| Palestine | 13 | North Platte | Lincoln | 1 st Thurs. | July 21, 1882 | Apr. 4, 1883 |
| Jordan | 15 | Tekamah | Burt | 3 rd Mon. | Feb. 21, 1885 | Apr. 14, 1885 |
| Saint John | 16 | McCook | Red Willow | 2 nd Thurs. | June 10, 1886 | Apr. 19, 1887 |
| Bethlehem | 18 | Gering | Scottsbluff | 3 rd Thurs.* | Dec. 20, 1887 | Apr. 10, 1888 |
| Gethsemane | 21 | Columbus | Platte | 3 rd Thurs.** | March 11, 1889 | Apr. 15, 1890 |
| Melita | 22 | Chadron | Dawes | 1 st Tues.*** | July 19, 1889 | Apr. 15, 1890 |
| Palmyra | 27 | Superior | Nuckolls | 2 nd Mon. | Apr. 13, 1908 | Apr. 23, 1909 |

*Except Holidays, 2nd Monday and Thursday

**Except when a National Holiday, Grand Lodge Communications or Grand York Rite Bodies Annual Convocation meet, at which time stated Conclave will be held on the following Friday of the month.

***When New Year's Day or the Fourth of July fall on the first Tuesday of the month, the meeting shall be held on the third Tuesday.

| EXTINCT COMMANDERIES | | |
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| Name | Location | Date of Becoming Extinct |
| *Jerusalem, No. 24 | Bloomfield - Damascus, No. 20 | October 30, 1941 |
| *Cyrene, No. 14 | Red Cloud - Mt. Nebo, No. 11 | October 31, 1944 |
| *Mt. Elias, No. 19 | Holdrege - St. John, No. 16 | September 2, 1972 |
| *Mt. Horeb, No. 10 | Tecumseh - Mt. Hermon, No. 7 | January, 1973 |
| *Temple, No. 30 | Sidney - Bunah, No. 26 | February 18, 1978 |
| Mt. Ararat, No. 23 | St. Paul | October 10, 1983 |
| *Bunah, No. 26 | Alliance - Bethlehem, No. 18 | January 1, 1986 |
| *Mt. Olivet, No. 2 | Nebraska City - Mt. Carmel, #3 | August 18, 1988 |
| *Mt. Carmel No. 3 | Auburn - Mt. Zion No. 5 | June 30, 1996 |
| *Mt. Sinai No. 8 | Falls City - Mt. Zion No. 5 | October 31, 2002 |
| *Mt. Hebron No. 12 | Kearney - Mt. Nebo No. 11 | July 31, 2003 |
| *Shiloh No. 25 | Broken Bow - | January 1, 2005 |
| **Bethel No. 28 | Palestine No. 13 | April 6, 2010 |
| Damascus No. 20 | Palestine No. 100 UD Norfolk | September 12, 2016 |

*Consolidated

| CONSTITUENT COMMANDERIES AND OFFICERS 2018 | | | | | |
|---|------------|--------------|------------------|---|--------------|
| NAME | NO. | TOWN | COMMANDER | RECORDER | PHONE |
| Mt. Calvary | 1 | Papillion | Jonathan Paz | A. Carl Highman 104 Matthies Dr. Papillion, 68049-2708 | 402-592-1820 |
| Mt. Moriah | 4 | Lincoln | Joe Huskey | Thomas Michaelson 901 Starview Ln. Lincoln 68512-2528 | 402-423-1984 |
| Mt. Zion | 5 | Plattsmouth | Heath Davenport | Brett R. Bennett 1219 James St. Plattsmouth, 68048-2432 | 402-296-6224 |
| Mt. Hermon | 7 | Beatrice | Ed Raper | Ed Raper 437 7 th St. Pawnee City, NE 68420 | 402-826-2574 |
| Mt. Tabor | 9 | Fremont | Richard Oweston | Karl Rassmussen, IV 350 E. 23 rd St. Fremont, NE 68025 | 402-727-4108 |
| Mt. Nebo | 11 | Hastings | Michael Anderson | Robert L. Williams 1000 N Showboat Blvd., Hastings, NE 68901-8423 | 402-463-8533 |
| Palestine | 13 | North Platte | Walter Johnson | Walter Johnson 16600 N. Johnson Rd. North Platte, NE 69101 | 308-530-3686 |
| Jordan | 15 | Tekamah | Terry Schroeder | Randall L. Hart 412 South 12 th Street Tekamah, NE 68061 | 402-374-1278 |
| St. John | 16 | McCook | Greg A. Wolford | Phillip Lyons 1007 East 1 st St. McCook, NE 69001-2617 | 308-345-2189 |
| Bethlehem | 18 | Scottsbluff | Ed Morava | Joe Belden P.O. Box 24 Kimball, 69145-0024 | 308-241-0600 |
| Gethsemane | 21 | Columbus | Rex Rehmer | John H. Lippert 3205 40 th St., Columbus, NE 68601 | 402-563-3852 |
| Melita | 22 | Chadron | Dale E. Berndt | Bryan P. Burrows, 4876 Road 400 Hay Springs, 69347-4210 | 308-638-7588 |
| Palmyra | 27 | Superior | Mason F. Ely | A. Gary Keeling 1050 N. Park St., Superior 68978-2206 | 402-879-5467 |

**PAST GRAND COMMANDERS
PERMANENT MEMBERS OF THE GRAND COMMANDERY
KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF NEBRASKA**

| | | |
|---|-------------------|------|
| Edgar A. Bredemeier, KCT, 3, 71883 645 th Ave., Stella 68442 | 111 th | 1982 |
| Gail Axen, 20, P.O. Box 123, Stanton 68779-0123 | 119 th | 1990 |
| Don R. Monnette, 3, RFD 2, Box 45, Humboldt 68376-9418 | 121 st | 1992 |
| Keith J. Herbster, KCT, 4, 1201 Mocking Bird Lane, Lincoln 68512-2352 | 123 rd | 1994 |
| Jay H. Speck, KCT, 5, 606 Chicago Ave., Plattsmouth 68048-2061 | Hon. | 1995 |
| James N. Karnegis, 1, 20975 Bonanza Blvd., Elkhorn 68022-1838 | 128 th | 1999 |

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| Fred O. Wyant, KCT, 17, 316 Nebraska Ave. York k68467-3662 | 129 th | 2000 |
| Marlin D. Palasek, KCT, 4, 4859 S. 96 th Plaza, #5, Omaha 68127-2235 | 131 st | 2002 |
| Edward I. Morrow, 15, 1419 "I" Street, Tekamah 68061-1230 | 132 nd | 2003 |
| Robert E. Wunder, 4, 1820 NW 44th, Lincoln 68528 | 133 rd | 2004 |
| Fred C. Way, Jr., 11, P.O. Box 11, Trumbull 68980-0011 | 134 th | 2005 |
| Steven C. Smith, I, KCT, 1, 205 Heavenly Dr., Omaha, 68154-2135 | 136 th | 2007 |
| Mervin Titchen, 13, 1603 West 3 rd , North Platte, 69101 | 137 th | 2008 |
| Theodore J. Johnson, 4, 2800 Woods Blvd. #411, Lincoln, 68502-5834 | 138 th | 2009 |
| Jay H. Speck, 3, KCT, 606 Chicago Ave., Plattsmouth, 68048-2061 | 139 th | 2010 |
| John T. Parsons, 1 KCT, 1512 Beechwood Avenue, Papillion, 68133-2506 | 140 th | 2011 |
| Don R. Rife, 35405 US Hwy 34, Stratton, 69043-5107 | 141 st | 2012 |
| James A. Clark, 302 No. Ash, DeWitt, 68341-6022 | 142 rd | 2013 |
| James F. Brown, Jr., P.O. Box 2089, Red Lodge, MT 59068-2089 | 143 rd | 2014 |
| Edward W. Nolte, 4702 Windcrest Dr, Papillion, NE 68133 | 144 th | 2015 |
| Brett Bennett, 1219 James St., Plattsmouth, NE 68048 | 45 th | 2016 |

**PAST GRAND COMMANDERS
WHO HAVE ENTERED HIS PRESENCE**

| Name | Date of Death | Years Served |
|----------------------|----------------|-----------------------|
| Harry P. Deuel, 1 | Nov. 23, 1914 | 1 st 1871 |
| Robert W. Furnas, 3 | 1-Jun-05 | 2 nd 1872 |
| Orasmus H. Irish, 2 | Jan. 27, 1883 | 3 rd 1873 |
| Rolland H. Oakley, 4 | Feb. 2, 1904 | 4 th 1875 |
| Charles F. Catlin, 1 | Oct. 26, 1928 | 5 th 1876 |
| James W. Moore, 2 | Aug. 2, 1901 | 6 th 1877 |
| Daniel H. Wheeler, 5 | Nov. 27, 1912 | 7 th 1878 |
| George H. Thummel, 6 | Feb. 5, 1932 | 8 th 1879 |
| Joseph K. Marley, 4 | April 15, 1897 | 9 th 1880 |
| Eben K. Long, 1 | 27-Jun-22 | 10 th 1881 |
| Francis E. White, 5 | 11-Jun-45 | 11 th 1882 |
| Samual G. Owen, 4 | March 8, 1892 | 12 th 1883 |
| Thomas Sewell, 4 | March 1, 1898 | 13 th 1884 |

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| Allen B. Smith, 8 | 23-Jul-12 | 14 th | 1885 |
| Edwin F. Warren, 2 | 9-Jul-23 | 15 th | 1886 |
| Edgar S. Dudley, 4 | Jan. 9, 1911 | 16 th | 1887 |
| John J. Wemple, 11 | 28-May-43 | 17 th | 1888 |
| Henry Gibbons, 12 | Aug. 22, 1923 | 18 th | 1889 |
| Lewis M. Keene, 9 | Feb. 23, 1925 | 19 th | 1890 |
| Louis H. Korty, 1 | 17-May-21 | 20 th | 1891 |
| Edgar C. Salisbury, 7 | Jan. 24, 1923 | 21 st | 1892 |
| William R. Bowen, 1 | May 6, 1899 | 22 nd | 1893 |
| James A. Tulleys, 14 | Jan. 21, 1901 | 23 rd | 1894 |
| Charles B. Finch, 12 | Apr. 2, 1926 | 24 th | 1895 |
| Richard P. R. Miller, 4 | Feb. 14, 1900 | 25 th | 1896 |
| Edwin C. Webster, 11 | Aug. 18, 1929 | 26 th | 1897 |
| Wilton K. Williams, 17 | Jan. 8, 1919 | 27 th | 1898 |
| George W. Lininger, 1 | 8-Jun-07 | 28 th | 1899 |
| Thomas K. Rees, 16 | Mar. 29, 1923 | 29 th | 1900 |
| Samuel P. Davidson, 10 | Dec. 8, 1928 | 30 th | 1901 |
| Frank E. Bullard, 13 | Jan. 31, 1933 | 31 st | 1902 |
| Fred W. Vaughn, 9 | 1-May-30 | 32 nd | 1903 |
| William J. Turner, 4 | Nov. 16, 1928 | 33 rd | 1904 |
| Carroll D. Evans, Sr., 21 | Aug. 12, 1938 | 34 th | 1905 |
| John W. Hughes, 18 | Mar. 10, 1935 | 35 th | 1906 |
| Ellias W. Bethtol, 19 | Aug. 9, 1929 | 36 th | 1907 |
| James W. Maynard, 1 | 28-Jun-28 | 37 th | 1908 |
| Robert McConaughey, 17 | Dec. 18, 1923 | 38 th | 1909 |
| Noah M. Ryan, 7 | Oct. 16, 1954 | 39 th | 1910 |
| Gustave Anderson, 1 | Oct. 2, 1911 | 40 th | 1911 |
| James Tyler, 4 | Nov. 1, 1919 | 41 st | 1912 |
| Frederick J. Schaufelberger, 11 | Nov. 20, 1947 | 42 nd | 1913 |
| Will A. Needham, 24 | 14-Jun-59 | 43 rd | 1914 |
| George Willetts, 16 | Jan. 8, 1940 | 44 th | 1915 |
| Frank H. Young, 13 | Dec. 24, 1917 | 45 th | 1916 |
| Claude Watson, 2 | Nov. 16, 1917 | 46 th | 1917 |
| Wyman S. Clapp, 12 | 7-Jun-31 | 47 th | 1918 |
| John A. Harmon, 10 | Dec. 29, 1922 | 48 th | 1919 |
| Edward C. Jackson, 15 | Feb. 21, 1928 | 49 th | 1920 |
| John W. Mitchell, 27 | Aug. 27, 1921 | 50 th | 1921 |
| Arthur C. Stem, 22 | 6-Jul-32 | 51 st | 1922 |

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| Jesse D. Whitmore, 6 | Mar. 11, 1946 | 52 nd | 1923 |
| Charles H. Green, 9 | Feb. 23, 1932 | 53 rd | 1924 |
| Herbert A. Senter, 1 | 23-May-42 | 54 th | 1925 |
| James M. Robertson, 5 | Sept. 10, 1934 | 55 th | 1926 |
| George T. Sprecher, 20 | Nov. 23, 1942 | 56 th | 1927 |
| Francis A. Mitchell, 11 | Mar. 28, 1949 | 57 th | 1928 |
| Salmon H. Burrows, 12 | Sept. 21, 1938 | 58 th | 1929 |
| J. Harvey Mettlen, 24 | 11-Jul-30 | 59 th | 1930 |
| Charles H. Marley, 1 | Dec. 29, 1962 | 60 th | 1931 |
| William B. Wanner, 8 | 13-Jun-75 | 61 st | 1932 |
| Carroll D. Evens, Jr., 21 | Sept. 2, 1954 | 62 nd | 1933 |
| John T. Dysart, 1 | Jan. 1, 1945 | 63 rd | 1934 |
| Lewis E. Smith, 28 | 10-Jul-65 | 64 th | 1935 |
| Edward E. Carr, 13 | Sept. 16, 1959 | 65 th | 1936 |
| Clarence O. Dawson, 15 | Jan. 13, 1950 | 66 th | 1937 |
| Andrew Cosh, 6 | 26-Jun-78 | 67 th | 1938 |
| William T. Albrecht, 4 | Feb. 14, 1970 | 68 th | 1939 |
| Arthur J. Denney, 29 | Aug. 20, 1972 | 69 th | 1940 |
| William A. Robertson, 5 | 3-Jul-44 | 70 th | 1941 |
| Fred B. Dale, 1 | 9-May-43 | 71 st | 1942 |
| Clarence O. Wilson, 11 | 15-Mar-50 | 72 nd | 1943 |
| Fred C. Malony, 3 | Dec. 2, 1954 | 73 rd | 1944 |
| Theodore J. Kerr, 13 | Sept. 8, 1954 | 74 th | 1945 |
| Malcolm N. Holm, 1 | Jan. 8, 1966 | 75 th | 1946 |
| Otto E. Bullis, 20 | Sept. 2, 1954 | 76 th | 1947 |
| John J. Wilson, 4 | Feb. 23, 1987 | 77 th | 1948 |
| Arthur W. Mellville, 25 | Nov. 14, 1957 | 78 th | 1949 |
| William F. Evers, 5 | Jan. 27, 1964 | 79 th | 1950 |
| George K.A. Leschinsky, 6 | Aug. 2, 1982 | 80 th | 1951 |
| Thomas D. Thomas, 21 | Dec. 7, 1961 | 81 st | 1952 |
| George O. Sizemore, 13 | Aug. 6, 1969 | 82 nd | 1953 |
| Charles O. Showalter, 1 | 5-Jun-84 | 83 rd | 1954 |
| Guy L. Raber, 18 | 17-Jun-80 | 84 th | 1955 |
| John G. Morris, 16 | 3-Apr-58 | 85 th | 1956 |
| Donald A. Keys, 4 | Feb. 15, 1989 | 86 th | 1957 |
| William U. Hansen, KCT, 11 | 3-Mar-96 | 87 th | 1958 |
| Edward F. Wehrbein, KCT, 5 | 5-Mar-98 | 88 th | 1959 |
| C. Harold Edwards, 3 | 12-Mar-89 | 89 th | 1960 |

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| Herbert T. White, 1 | Oct. 12, 1975 | 90 th | 1961 |
| Edward M. Knight, 26 | 3-Mar-83 | 91 st | 1962 |
| Ralph R. Carleton, 1 | Jan. 22, 1981 | 92 nd | 1963 |
| H. Hassel Taylor, 1 | 26-Jun-82 | 93 rd | 1964 |
| Wayne W. Reese, 4 | 9-Jun-90 | 94 th | 1965 |
| Louis V. Sylvester, 15 | Dec. 4, 1997 | 95 th | 1966 |
| Charles F. Adams, 6 | 17-Apr-80 | 96 th | 1967 |
| Carl R. Greisen, 13 | 28-Jun-95 | Honorary | 1967 |
| Eugene S. Whitney, 7 | Jan. 12, 1975 | 97 th | 1968 |
| Lester R. Kister, 8 | Aug. 2, 1975 | 98 th | 1969 |
| Peter C. Burt, 1 | 7-Apr-98 | 99 th | 1970 |
| Ehm J. Sorensen, 26 | Sept. 17, 1984 | 100 th | 1971 |
| Raymond R. Klingner, 16 | Feb. 10, 1989 | 101 st | 1972 |
| Harold H. Thom, 1 | 14-Jun-74 | Honorary | 1973 |
| Kenneth R. Cain, 1 | 20-Aug-98 | 102 nd | 1973 |
| Norval Stewart, KCT, 4 | 29-Oct-11 | 103 rd | 1974 |
| Omar L. Gottula | Nov. 14, 2004 | 104 th | 1975 |
| Raymond A. Lancaster, KCT, 5 | 7-Feb-10 | 105 th | 1976 |
| Donald W. Larkins, 29 | 23-Jun-88 | 106 th | 1977 |
| George I. Griffiths, Jr., 8 | 25-Jul-93 | 107 th | 1978 |
| Henry F. Mammen, 22 | Sept. 1, 1992 | 108 th | 1979 |
| Viron E. Baxter, KCT, 16 | Jul. 10, 2015 | 109 th | 1980 |
| Harry A. Tollander, 1 | Feb. 22, 1997 | 110 th | 1981 |
| Fred E. Hilligas, 4/6 | Aug. 26, 1990 | 112 th | 1983 |
| Adolph J. Schlaman | 1-Jan-06 | 113 th | 1984 |
| Floyd R. McKenzie, 9 | 9-Jun-91 | Honorary | 1984 |
| Morton P. Steyer, KCT, 15 | Feb. 14, 1997 | 114 th | 1985 |
| U. Wesley Fox, KCT, 18 | Jan. 3, 2005 | 115 th | 1986 |
| Robert C. Franklin, KCT, 5 | Dec. 13, 2008 | 116 th | 1987 |
| Edward H. Lockwood, 18 | Sept. 23, 1994 | Honorary | 1987 |
| F. Louis Bald, 16 | 22-Jul-89 | 117 th | 1988 |
| Frederic R. Prell, KCT, 16 | 19-Jul-06 | 118 th | 1989 |
| Bert C. Keith, 13 | 31-Jul-92 | Honorary | 1992 |
| Warren D. Lichty, Jr., KCT, 4, | | 120 th | 1991 |
| Morgan A. Hartman, KCT, 17 | Sept. 4, 2008 | 122 rd | 1993 |
| Donald O. Bickham, 16 | Dec. 20, 2006 | 124 th | 1995 |
| Roger L. Galusha, KCT, 6 | 25-Apr-07 | 125 th | 1996 |

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| Darrell M. Fillinger, 18 | 7-Jun-10 | 126 th | 1997 |
| Gerald L. Sorensen, 11 | Dec. 15, 2005 | 127 th | 1998 |
| Gordon B. Pinney, KCT,22 | Dec. 23, 2010 | 130 th | 2001 |
| John Dale, KCT, 17 | Mar 6, 2018 | 135 th | 2006 |

KNIGHT GRAND CROSS OF THE TEMPLE

RECIPIENTS IN NEBRASKA OF THE KNIGHT GRAND CROSS OF THE TEMPLE OF THE GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

2003 James N Karnegis, MD, 1

KNIGHT COMMANDER OF THE TEMPLE

The Knight Commander of the Temple (KCT) was awarded to Sir Knight Brett Bennett, Mt. Zion Commandery No. 5. It was presented by R.E. Past North Central Department Commander James N Karnegis, and M.E. Grand Master, Grand Encampment, Duane Vaught.

RECIPIENTS IN NEBRASKA OF THE KNIGHT COMMANDER OF THE TEMPLE OF THE GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

| | |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| *1992 Fred R. Prell, 16 | 2005 John H. Lichty, 1 |
| *1992 William U. Hansen, 11 | 2006 Robert E. Wunder, 4 |
| *1992 Morton P. Steyer, 1 | *2007 Roscoe W. Bills, 18 |
| 1992 Jay H. Speck, 5 | 2007 Fred C. Way, Jr., 11 |
| *1992 Warren D. Lichty, Jr. 4 | 2008 John F. Dale, 17 |
| *1992 Donald R. Swanson, 4 | 2009 Steven C. Smith, I, 1 |
| *1992 Ronald E. Bonar, 1 | 2010 Theodore J. Johnson, 7 |
| 1992 James N Karnegis, 1 | 2011 Don R. Monnette, 7 |
| *1996 Edward F. Wehrbein, 5 | 2012 Walter Johnson, 13 |
| *1996 Viron E. Baxter, 16 | 2012 Joe Belden, 18 |
| 1997 Keith J. Herbster, 4 | 2013 John T. Parsons, 1 |
| *1997 Raymond A. Lancaster, 5 | 2014 Donald R. Rife, 16 |
| *1998 U. Wesley Fox, 18 | 2015 James A. Clark, 4 & 7 |
| *1998 Gordon B. Pinney, 18 | 2016 James F. Brown, Jr., 4 |
| *1999 Robert C. Franklin, 5 | 2017 Bruce T. Anderson, 4 |
| *1999 Omar L. Gottula, 9 | 2017 Robert Williams, 11 |
| 2000 Edgar A. Bredemeier, 5 | 2018 Brett Bennett, 5 |
| *2000 Morgan A. Hartman, 17 | |
| *2001 Norval W. Stewart, 4 | |
| 2001 Fred O. Wyant, 17 | |
| *2002 Roger L. Galusha, 6 | |
| 2003lin D. Palasek, 1 & 4 | |

*Denotes Deceased

COMPANION OF THE TEMPLE

**RECIPIENTS IN NEBRASKA OF THE COMPANION OF THE
TEMPLE OF THE GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF KNIGHTS
TEMPLAR OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

| | |
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| 1995 Sheila Speck | 2006 Betty Wyant |
| *1997 Joy Galusha | 2008 Diane Wunder |
| *1998 Ruby Lancaster | 2009 Jean Esther Dale |
| *2000 June Bickham | 2010 Carolyn Bredemeier |
| 2000 Gwen Prell | 2011 Judy Bepalec |
| 2001 Corene Herbster | 2011 Kay Clark |
| 2002 Shirley Fillinger | 2013 Pauline Parsons |
| 2003 Diane Smutney | |
| 2005 Ilah Anderson | |

*Denotes Deceased

LIST OF GRAND COMMANDERIES

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