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OF NEBRASKA***

Proceedings of

THE GRAND COMMANDERY of KNIGHTS TEMPLAR

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***held at
Columbus, Nebraska***

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**The Sixty-eight Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment
will be held in Minneapolis, MN**

**LUCIAN C. SMITH
147TH RIGHT EMINENT GRAND COMMANDER**



**PROCEEDINGS OF THE
ONE HUNDRED FORTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL CONCLAVE
COLUMBUS, NEBRASKA - APRIL 6, 2019**

The Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Nebraska convened for the One Hundred Forty-seventh Annual Conclave at the Riverside Convention Center, Columbus, Nebraska, on Saturday, April 6, 2019, at 8:00 A.M.

The officers of Mt. Zion Commandery No. 5, Plattsmouth, opened a Commandery of Knights Templar in full form for the reception of the Right Eminent Grand Commander. The Eminent Commander introduced, S.K. Lucian C. Smith, R. E. Grand Commander and his Lady Nicole, 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. Lucian Smith, 5.....R.E. Grand Commander
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RECEPTION OF PAST GRAND COMMANDERS

S.K. Edgar A Bredemeier,5..... 111th 1982
 S.K. Don Monnette, 4 121st 1992
 S.K. Keith J. Herbster, 4..... 123rd 1994
 S.K. Jay H. Speck, KCT, 5 Hon. 1995
 S.K. James N. Karnegis, KCT, 1..... 128th 1999
 S.K. Jay H. Speck, KCT, 5 139th 2010
 S.K. John T. Parsons, 1..... 140th 2011
 S.K. Donald E. Rife 16..... 141st 2012
 S.K. James A. Clark, 4 & 7 142nd 2013
 S.K. Edward W. Nolte. 1 144th 2015
 S.K. Brett Bennett, 5 145th 2016
 S.K. Frank Borden, 27 146th 2017
 S.K. Bruce Anderson, 4 Hon. 2017

The following Past R.E. Grand Commanders were unable to be present: Gail Axen, Fred C. Way, Jr., Steven C. Smith, I., Mervin Titchen, Fred Wyant, Edward I. Morrow, Robert Wunder.

RECEPTION OF DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Iowa

Sir Knight Forrest Peck, Jr., R.E. Grand Commander
 Sir Knight Steve G. Libby, R.E. Past Grand Commander

Grand Commandery Knits Templar of Minnesota

Sir Knight Ralph Luchsinger, R.E. Past Grand Commander
 Sir Knight Terrance Rybarczk, E. Grand Generalissimo

Grand Commandery Knights Templar of South Dakota

Sir Knight Stan Schwellenbach, R.E. Past Grand Commander
 Sir Knight Jon Gonsor, R.E. Past Grand Commander
 Sir Knight Bruce Chrisman, E. Grand Captain General
 Sir Knight Herbert Cook, R.E. Deputy Grand Commander

Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Wyoming

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

Social Order of Beauceant

Erin Marr, Worthy President, Omaha Assembly No. 91

Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Nebraska

Companion Brett Bennett, Most Excellent Grand High Priest

Grand Council Cryptic Masons in Nebraska

Companion David Shaw, 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 Daniel Sherry, Right Eminent North Central Department Commander

Sir Knight David Dixon Goodwin, M.E Past Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of
Knights Templar of the United States of America and personal representative of Jeffrey
Nelson, M.E. Grand Master.

S.K. David 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
Right Worshipful Brother Ronald Stites, Deputy Grand Master
Right Worshipful Brother James A. Carlson, Grand Senior Warden
Most Worshipful Brother Bob Moninger, Grand Master

Most Worshipful Brother Moninger 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 Cecil Smith R.E. Grand Commander, welcomed Joyce Napier, Riverside
Convention Center, who gave a very warm welcome and thanked the R.E. Grand
Commander for having this annual conclave at The Ramada Inn in Columbus. 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 nine (9) Knighting's.

Mt. Moriah Commandery No. 4 won the Banner for the greatest percentage of gain
of 3%.

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: It is well with my Soul
Prayer

Scripture: Matthew 4:18-22

Meditation:

Sir Knight Ken Bunnell
E. Grand Prelate

Hymn: Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You
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."

Clarence R. Cafferty
Stanley A. Suck
Eugene P. Jorgensen
Gary L. Murphy
Robert J. Piper
Hollis Miller
Jonnie R. Sabata
John F. Dale 21
A. Gary Keeling
Roland S. Coker
Marvin G. Keyes
Robert F. Ross 35
Alexander Murray
Charles F. Putman
Noland J. McIntosh
Thomas Swedlund
Richard S. Goble
Harry D. Ostegard
Robert E. Lindly
Welden D. Jacobs

William E. Christensen
 Ron E. Johnson
 Ross Campagna
 Leland A. Monson
 John C. Gustafson
 Charles A. Folsom
 James E. Standberry
 Kenneth E. Neff
 Earnest G. Lehmkebler
 Gerald D. Verbeek
 Roy I. Anderson
 Joseph A. Chapman
 Kurt L. Blazek
 Daniel J. Rife

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR CROSS OF HONOR AWARD

The Knights Templar Cross of Honor was awarded to Sir Knight William Stone,
 Mt. Calvary Commandery No. 1, Papillion

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

*1966 Dean L. Robertson, 4	*1992 Marion Reed, 5
*1967 Curtis M. Maynard, 11	*1993 A. Ralph Trester, 18
*1968 Millard C. Calhoun, 13	*1994 J. Herb Price, 11
*1969 DeVerne A. Engberg, 7	*1995 Roscoe W. Bills, 18
*1970 Joseph Hoffman, 20	*1996 Lester F. Webb, 16
*1971 Lillard S. Jensen, 15	*1997 Marion H. Wiles, 5
*1972 Clifford E. Sward, 26	1998 Joseph H. Belden, 18
*1973 Clark H. Peters, 11	1999 Fred C. Way, Jr., 11
*1974 Percy L. Erixon, 7	2000 Robert R. Cole, 5
*1975 Lyle T. Piper, 17	*2001 Allen R. Millar, 16
*1976 Reuben L. Coppon, 18	*2002 Albert M. Donker, 22
*1977 Rev. Carroll H. Prouty, 4	2003 Roger W. Miner, 4
*1978 Thomas H. Blanchard, 15	*2004 Wm. Cecil Barker, 6
1979 Ralph M. Clark, 8	2005 Albert L. Chatfield, 4
*1980 John A. Moellar, 22	*2006 Merwyn B. Valentine, 11
*1981 Arnold H. Hahn, 9	2007 Gail L. Twining, 15
*1982 Thomas H. Blanchard, 15	*2008 Ronald O. Clark,
*1983 Lester W. Bredemeyer, 21	*2009 Donald Grazier, 1
*1984 Warren Pearson, 4	2010 Robert L. Williams, 11
*1985 Virgil M. Doudna, 11	2011 Phillip Post, 5
*1986 Rex C. Watkins, 18	*2012 Lawrence L. Morris, 11
*1987 Warren E. Lawrence, 18	2013 James Gansmer, 5
*1988 Maynard Range, 5	2014 Hugh B. Nehls, 11
1989 Joseph E. Manes, 7	2015 David A. Portwood, 11
*1990 Robert M. McDonald, 16	2016 Anthony Johnson, 1
*1991 Garvis E. Burrell, 9	*2017 Billy Hale
	2018 William Stone

*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 12 Commanderies represented, Bethlehem No. 18 was not present; this being a constitutional number present, the ballot was explained and the ballot box was declared opened. Sir Knights Ed Nolte, Chairman, John Parsons and Matthew Hullet were appointed as tellers.

RECEPTION OF GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

The R.E. Grand Recorder was requested to call the roll of the Grand Representatives of the Grand Chapter of Nebraska. The Grand Representative stood to be recognized.

OFFICERS OF CONSTITUENT COMMANDERIES

Sir Knight Cecil Smith, 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

Welcome all, to the 147th Grand Conclave, Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Nebraska.

Welcome to the Sir Knights of Nebraska, this is your Grand Conclave, thank you for participating.

Welcome to our fellow Sir Knights from other Grand Commandery's and those Grand Officers of the General Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons and Grand Officers of the General Grand Council Cryptic Masons.

Welcome to Sir Knight David Dixon Goodwin, Most Eminent Past Grand Master, Representative of Sir Knight Jeffrey N. Nelson, Most Eminent Grand Master, Sir Knight Daniel R. Sherry, North Central Department Commander and Sir Knight Dr. James N. Karnegis, Past North Central Department Commander.

Welcome to the Grand Lodge representative of Robert W. Moninger, Grand Master of Masons of Nebraska and all officers from the Grand Lodge of Nebraska.

To all those Past Grand Commanders who provided sage advice and encouragement, thank you. To Past Grand Commander Ed Nolte thank you for this opportunity and the example you provide both as a Mason and Knight Templar. To those who personally mentored me, Dr. James Karnegis, Frank Borden, John Parsons, Jay Speck, Brett Bennett, and PGHP AJ Johnson, you always had the right words at the right time and I'm deeply indebted to your friendship.

To Most Excellent Grand High Priest Brett Bennett with lady Kari and Most Illustrious

Grand Master Dave Shaw with lady Marci, it has been a wonderful year serving with you and a pleasure.

Thank You to the Sir Knights of Mt. Zion Commandery #5 and Mt. Calvary #1 for opening this Grand Conclave. Your friendship and support are greatly appreciated.

Up-front I want to address the state of our Grand Commandery here in Nebraska. I have thought long and hard about how to describe our current health as an institution and I keep coming back to the word precarious. Precarious in that we are climbing a mountain and if we lean forward our momentum will continue up the hill but, if we pause and lean backwards, we could end up back at the base of the mountain having to start all over, if we do start. Having met with all our Commanderies except for one we have a range of states. Some Commanderies are performing as they should to include opening, recruiting new members, performing the ritual, being active in their Blue Lodges and all the actions it takes to be a functioning, thriving Commandery. We have a few others that have a great attitude and are striving to improve. We also have Commanderies that barely have their head above water and if something does not change in the near future, they will no longer be with us. In 1980 we had 25 Commanderies, today we have 13 and in five years could be below 10 if we do not work to improve our health. Having said this, it does us no good to have a woe is us attitude. We must continue to lean forward and take positive, concrete steps to improve the state of Commandery in Nebraska. So, this begs the next question, what are we doing to improve Commandery in Nebraska and what can we do? Let's start off with what we have done.

This past year I wanted to continue what Past Grand Commander Frank Borden had emphasized is that we, Commandery, need to promote our brand. Within the appendant bodies that are not by invitation only we are probably the least well known. To change this, we took some specific actions this year of which were participation in the Tangier Shrine's Feztival of Trees. We were represented at many of the Grand functions that took place within the state to include at every youth function, Grand OES and Grand Lodge. At the DeMolay function we were the hit of the evening when I had the privilege of presenting the Grand Commnandery Sword to then State Master Councilor Kyle Barchus. Thank you to all those who attended Grand Lodge, we were very well represented and I had the honor of addressing Grand Lodge on behalf of all the appendant bodies. We also put together a display table that could be set up at different Grand functions. For more specific details of these efforts please see the membership report. All of these efforts to get our brand out must continue and we must develop new ways to promote Commandery in Nebraska. It is vital that we let Masons and the public know who we are, what we stand for and what we have to offer. Every Christian Mason should be a Knight Templar.

A new member package was developed which contained information about Commandery. A team of ritualist met from different parts of the state in North Platte to present the orders for four new candidates. We again had Sir Knights who attended the Leadership training at the North Central Department Meeting.

Grand Commandery Challenge coins were sold with profits of \$200 which was given to the Knight Templars Eye Foundation.

These are actions we have taken, but what can we do in the future? I will leave the specific actions to the membership report and speak more to the vision and attitude we must have to succeed. From a broad perspective we should focus on the following. Foremost for those that have the high honor of being chosen to a position of leadership, we must give our utmost efforts to promote the welfare of Commandery in Nebraska. If we, as elected officers are not committed to putting in the hard work, time, and personal sacrifice, then we cannot ask the same of the membership. All of us are busy, but leaders must make Commandery a priority. Very simply, we can have all the programs and ideas we want but, if we do not have the leadership that demonstrates a belief in and love for Commandery and what it stands for, we will not thrive as an institution. I believe that we must convey to our fellow Sir Knights what a privilege it is to be a member of this outstanding group of men. The ritual is second to none, our philanthropies are most worthy, having a tangible effect for people throughout the world, and Commandery increases the fraternal bonds found in Masonry. We should also promote our uniqueness of being associated with Christianity. Who better (there is none) to have as an example of how to relate to and treat others than our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. As an organization we have something to offer that is greater than ourselves and worthy of our best efforts.

This past year was the Grand Encampment Triennial and I feel very fortunate to have been able to attend. DGC Jeffrey Coleman, Gen. Lavern J. Work, CG Anthony T. Johnson, GRec Dennis Newman and PDGC Dr. James Karnegis were all in attendance from Nebraska. There were a few items that were notable. A quorum for a Commandery was changed to allow for a minimum of five Sir Knights from the same Commandery to conduct business. We will still require a change to our NE constitution to implement this. Past Grand Commanders may now officially wear a purple cord with their jewel. If you ever get the chance to attend, I would recommend it.

I have proposed a change in our constitution that will allow for Commanderies to open and have a quorum consisting of five Sir Knights as was passed at the Grand Encampment Triennial. The idea is that this will allow some of our commanderies with smaller memberships to officially conduct business.

The following are the official visits of both myself and the Grand Officers. Also noted are dispensations that were given over the past year.

Official Visits

7 Apr 18 Kearney – Commandery Grand Officers Installation
20 & 21 Apr Fargo ND - North Dakota Grand YR session also attending
CG Anthony T. Johnson
4 May Papillion NE - Mt. Calvary #1
5 May Omaha NE - Cornerstone Golf Classic for Waterloo Lodge.
8 – 10 May Kearney NE - Nebraska Grand OES also attending JW Steve Barchus,
StB Mervyn Moeller
14 May Omaha #1 RAM also attending, PGC Brett Bennett, PGC Jay Speck,
Gen Lavern J. Work, Tactics Officer Joseph Charbonneau
17 May Columbus NE – Gethsemane #21 also attending PGC Brett Bennett,
Gen. Lavern J. Work, Tactics Officer Joseph Charbonneau

- 1 & 2 Jun Ames IA - Iowa Grand Commandery Conclave also attending DGC Jeffrey Coleman, GRec. Dennis Newman, SK Ron Grass, PDC Dr. James Karnegis.
- 7 Jun Deming NM – Deming Lodge #12 Meeting
- 9 Jun Crete NE - Rainbow Girls Grand Session representing Gen. Lavern J. Work, GRec. Dennis Newman, PGC Brett Bennett
- 16 Jun Green Bay WI – Wisconsin Grand Conclave
- 18 Jun Plattsmouth NE – Mt. Zion #5
- 21 Jun Lincoln NE – NE Jobs Daughter Grand Dinner and session, also attending GRec. Dennis Newman
- 21 Jun David City NE – Tactics Officer Joseph Charbonneau representing
- 23 Jun Lincoln NE - Job’s Daughter Installation – DGC Jeffrey Coleman representing.
- 23 Jun St. Cloud MN – Minnesota Grand YR session, also attending Generalissimo Lavern J. Work & CG Anthony T. Johnson
- 23 Jun Lincoln NE – Jobs Daughter Installation – DGC Jeffrey Coleman representing
- 8 Jul Plattsmouth NE – Masonic Home Picnic also attending PGC Jay H. Speck
- 21 Jul Grand Island NE – DeMolay Grand also attending JW Steve Barchus
- 28 Jul North Platte NE – Palestine #13 Council degrees and Commandery Orders Also attending PGC Don Rife, GRec. Dennis Newman, CG AJ Johnson, members of Mt. Calvary #1, Palestine #13 and St. John #21
- 3 Aug Syracuse NE – Grand OES area meeting
- 4 Aug Fremont NE – HRAKTP & KYCH also attending past and current Grand officers
- 19 – 22 Aug Indianapolis IN – Grand Encampment Triennial, also attending DGC Jeffrey Coleman, Gen. Lavern J. Work, CG Anthony T. Johnson, GRec. Dennis Newman, PDGC Dr. James Karnegis
- 8 Sep Papillion NE – Royal Arch degree also attending Past and current Grand Officers
- 15 Sep North Platte NE – York Rite College also attending Past and current Grand Officers
- 21-23 Sep Sioux Falls SD – South Dakota Grand YR session also attending Gen. Lavern J. Work, CG Anthony T. Johnson, GRec. Dennis Newman, PGC Brett Bennett, SK’s Jonathan Paz and Dan Marr
- 6 Oct Papillion NE – Council degrees and Commandery Orders also attending Past and current Grand Officers
- 15 Oct Plattsmouth NE – Plattsmouth Lodge #6 Spaghetti Feed
- 23 Oct Plattsmouth NE – AMD meeting
- 26 Oct Sioux Falls SD – North Central Dept. meeting also attending DGC Jeffrey Coleman, Gen. Lavern J. Work, CG Anthony T. Johnson, SW Ed Raper, GRec Dennis Newman, PGC Edward Nolte, PGC Brett Bennett, PGC Frank Borden, SK’s Jonathan Paz, Joseph Charbonneau, Dan Marr, Freddie Clopton, Fritz McMullen, Bob Williams
- 29 Oct Plattsmouth NE – Plattsmouth Lodge #6, Nebraska #3 RAM, Adoniram #5 Council, Mt. Zion #5 Commandery Formal recognition dinner
- 5 Nov Lincoln NE – Mt. Moriah #4 also attending DGC Jeffrey Coleman, Gen. Lavern J. Work, StB Mervyn Moeller, GRec Emeritus Bruce Anderson.

- 10 Nov Bellevue NE – Swisher Lodge MM degree
- 14 Nov Fremont NE - Mt. Tabor #9 also attending DGC Jeffrey Coleman
- 17 Nov Lincoln NE – Red Cross of Constantine also attending many Past and current Grand Officers
- 27 Nov Beatrice NE – Mt. Herman #7 also attending SW Ed Raper
- 6 Dec North Platte NE – Palestine #13 and St. John #16 also attending Gen. Lavern J. Work, PGC Brett Bennett, PGC Don Rife, and PGC Mervin Titchen
- 7 Dec Papillion NE – Mt. Calvary #1, also attending CG Anthony T. Johnson, JW Steve Barchus, GRec. Dennis Newman, PGC John T. Parsons and PGC Ed Nolte.
- 8 Dec Papillion NE – Mt. Calvary #1 and Social Order of Beceant #91 Installations
- 10 Dec Plattsmouth NE – Mt. Zion #5 Installation
- 13 Dec Chadron NE – Melita #22 also attending Gen. Lavern J. Work
- 17 Dec Tekamah NE – Jordan #15
- 22 Dec Plattsmouth NE – Mt. Zion #5 Christmas Observance also attending DGC Jeffrey Coleman, Gen Lavern J. Work, CG Anthony T. Johnson, GRec Dennis Newman, PGC John T. Parsons
- 8 Jan 19 Hastings NE – Nt. Nebo #11 and Palmyra #27 also attending PGC Frank L. Borden, PGC Keith J. Herbster, PGC Fred O. Wyant, and PGC Fred C. Way Jr.
- 19 Jan Plattsmouth NE-Plattsmouth Lodge #6 Installation
- 20 Jan Plattsmouth NE- Plattsmouth Masonic Home – Memorial Service
- 26 Jan Plattsmouth NE-Home Chapter #189 OES Installation
- 1 & 2 Feb Kearney NE – NE Grand Lodge also attending past and current Grand Officers
- 11 Feb Plattsmouth NE – Plattsmouth Masonic Home – Memorial Service
- 2 Mar Papillion NE – Royal Arch degrees also attending past and current Grand Officers
- 16 Mar Fremont NE – York Rite College also attending past and current Grand Officers
- 23 Mar Papillion NE – Council degrees and Commandery Orders also attending were past and current Grand Officers
- 4-6 Apr Columbus NE – NE Grand York Rite Session

Note: Invariably I have probably forgotten a visit or name and I apologize, if you notice an error or omission please let myself and GRec Dennis know so that we can correct.

Dispensations

- 8 Apr 18 - Palmyra #27 to move charter to Hastings for one night to support a widow's Memorial service.
- 11 Jun 18 – Mt Zion #5 to move date because of severe weather.
- 22 Oct 18 – Palmyra #27 to move charter and date for joint meeting in Hastings.
- 5 Dec 18 – St. John #16 to move Charter and date for joint meeting in North Platte.
- 9 Feb 19 – Mt. Zion #5 dispensation to move meeting one week so as to allow SK's to

attend a memorial service.
27 Feb 19 – Mt. Zion #5 to move charter to Columbus for Grand Conclave.

To the Grand Officers of the Grand Commandery thank you for your hard work and commitment, you are an indispensable group of men and Commandery is better for having you as members. Thank you to Sir Knight Joe Work for being my traveling companion, the others on the road appreciate you keeping me awake. To Dennis Newman our Grand Recorder, I can never say thank you enough for your time and work, it is invaluable.

Before ending this report, I want to give a special thank you and love to my wife Nicole who has not only supported me wholeheartedly while serving as a grand officer but also for the past 32 years.

I thank all of you again for your attendance today. I want you to know that this is your Grand Commandery and I would ask that everything that we do and say here today is only with the best interest of promoting Commandery in Nebraska. It has been an honor to serve as your Grand Commander over the past year and I hold you and our institution in the highest esteem.

In Christ,
Lucian Cecil Smith
Grand Commander, Knights Templar of Nebraska

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 this past year as your Grand Recorder. A special thanks to Doc and Jeanne Karnegis and Bruce Anderson for all their help and support in maintaining the records. I want to thank all the Grand Officers and all the companions throughout Nebraska for their patience and their support as I continue to learn the job. I appreciate help and guidance that I have received.

I hereby submit my report for the year ending December 31, 2018.

The Grand Commandery did not issue a Multi-Year pin in 2018:

GRAND COMMANDERY FINANCIAL REPORT

	TOTAL	Proposed- 2018	Actual- 2018
	Starting Balance	\$450.51	\$450.51
	Receipts		
601	Dues	\$12,000.00	\$11,361.00
602	Fees	\$500.00	\$140.00
603	Reinstatements	\$50.00	\$10.00
604	Bond Premium	\$215.20	\$215.20
605	Charities	\$1,200.00	\$663.00
606	Sale of Supplies	\$300.00	\$226.00
607	Interest	\$0.00	\$0.00
608	Annual Grand Session	\$5,200.00	\$4,434.68
610	Perpetual Life Membership	\$1,200.00	\$3,698.82
612	Investment Redemptions	\$1,500.00	\$1,000.00
614	Miscellaneous	\$0.00	\$1,087.03
	Total	\$22,165.20	\$22,835.73
	Total plus starting balance	\$22,615.71	\$23,286.24
	Disbursements		
651	Grand Officers Expense	\$1,500.00	\$0.00
652	Annual Meeting Expense	\$4,500.00	\$4,155.58
653	Triennial	\$400.00	\$0.00
654	Grand Secretary Salary	\$5,008.00	\$4,359.03
655	Grand Secretary Travel	\$256.00	\$87.81
656	Treasure Travel	\$150.00	\$27.20
657	Bond Premium & Fidelity	\$192.00	\$0.00
658	Transfers	\$0.00	\$0.00
659	Personal Property Insurance	\$832.00	\$177.92
660	Supplies for Resale	\$300.00	\$0.00
661	Office Supplies	\$300.00	\$139.25
662	Equipment Replacement	\$50.00	\$0.00
663	Postage	\$500.00	\$96.00
664	Rent	\$1,160.00	\$885.12
665	Telephone	\$250.00	\$88.41
666	Perpetual Life Membership	\$1,200.00	\$3,660.36

667	General Grand Dues	\$8,000.00	\$6,472.62
668	Philanthropies	\$600.00	\$493.00
670	Past Grand Officer Jewel	\$50.00	\$396.67
671	Youth	\$300.00	\$300.00
672	Memorials	\$20.00	\$0.00
674	Equipment Rental & Maintenance	\$700.00	\$530.10
676	Utilities	\$0.00	\$0.00
678	Workman's Comp.	\$112.00	\$0.00
679	Taxes (Fed/Unempl/State)	\$992.00	\$964.82
680	Miscellaneous	\$0.00	\$999.88
	Total	\$27,372.00	\$23,833.77

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

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

Grand Chapter	\$51,284.16
Grand Council	\$45,585.93
Grand Commandery	\$45,585.93

Morgan Stanley Account Value Dec. 31, 2018 \$142,456.02

YORK RITE PUBLIC RELATIONS FUND

Balance in Bank of the West Dec. 31, 2017	\$4,608.81
RECEIPTS:	
Interest Earned	\$2.52
Funds transferred	\$25.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$27.53
DISBURSEMENTS:	
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$778.97
Balance in Bank of the West, Dec. 31, 2018 .	\$3856.36

COMMANDERY RETURNS

All Commandries have submitted their reports and paid fees. Six (6) Commanderies failed to Knight any new members this year as compared to ten (10) last year.

<i>Number of Chartered Commanderies, December 31, 2017</i>	<i>13</i>
Number Knighted	20
Number Affiliated	1

Number Reinstated	3	
TOTAL GAIN	24	
Number Demitted	6	
Number Died	28	
Number Suspended.....	17	
TOTAL LOSS	51	
NET LOSS.....	27	
Number of Knights Templar in Nebraska, December 31, 2017		653
Number of Knights Templar in Nebraska, December 31, 2018		626
<i>Number of Chartered Commanderies, December 31, 2017</i>	<i>13</i>	

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

TOTAL	Proposed 2019
Starting Balance	\$661.18
Receipts	
601 Dues	\$13,000.00
602 Fees	\$200.00
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	\$4,500.00
610 Perpetual Life Membership	\$1,200.00
612 Investment Redemptions	\$3,500.00
614 Miscellaneous	\$0.00
Total	\$24,165.20
Total plus starting balance	\$24,826.38
Disbursements	
651 Grand Officers Expense	\$1,500.00
652 Annual Meeting Expense	\$4,000.00

653	Triennial	\$400.00
654	Grand Secretary Salary	\$5,008.00
655	Grand Secretary Travel	\$96.00
656	Treasure Travel	\$48.00
657	Bond Premium & Fidelity	\$200.00
658	Transfers	\$0.00
659	Personal Property Insurance	\$1,023.00
660	Supplies for Resale	\$125.00
661	Office Supplies	\$300.00
662	Equipment Replacement	\$50.00
663	Postage	\$300.00
664	Rent	\$1,160.00
665	Telephone	\$90.00
666	Perpetual Life Membership	\$1,200.00
667	General Grand Dues	\$7,000.00
668	Philanthropies	\$600.00
670	Past Grand Officer Jewel	\$50.00
671	Youth	\$300.00
672	Memorials	\$20.00
674	Equipment Rental & Maintenance	\$200.00
676	Utilities	\$0.00
678	Workman's Comp.	\$107.00
679	Taxes (Fed/Unempl/State)	\$992.00
680	Miscellaneous	\$0.00
	Total	\$24,769.00
	Receipts less Disbursements	\$57.38

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:

After the 2019 Conclave, 2 items were referred to your Committee for consideration.

The 1st was a motion from the floor to allow the jewel of the North Central Past Commanders Association to be worn on the Nebraska dress uniform. After diligent search, your Committee can find specific instructions for the placement of the Nebraska bar, crosses on the sleeves and lapels, and the Maltese Cross only. No other jewels are addressed.

CONCLUSION

No change in the Law is required

The 2nd was a resolution to accommodate a change in Grand Encampment Law allowing a five (5) man opening in Commandery. The Law needed to be changed to read:

Sec. 37:

All Commanderies are instructed to open at all conclaves in accordance with the forms given in the Manual of Ceremonies adapted by this Grand Commandery or with forms given in the Ritual of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America, issued 1979 and amended 2018.

I. (e)

A quorum to open and hold a Conclave of a Commandery shall consist of five (5) members entitled to vote therein, including an Officer authorized to open the same, but only for the purpose of transacting regular business.

A quorum to open and hold a Conclave of a Commandery for the purpose of conferring the Orders shall consist of nine (9) members entitled to vote therein, including an Officer authorized to open the same.

No other items have been submitted.

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 6, 2019.

14 Grand Officers were present

10 Past Grand Officers were present

All constituent bodies were represented except Bethlehem No. 18.

10 Out of State Officers and Visitors

44 Ballots Issued

56 Registered

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Marr, Chairman

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

COMMITTEE ON DECEASED TEMPLARS

2019 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: Every year at this time, it is the duty of the Grand Prelate to report to the gathered body of York Rite the names of those brothers and Sir Knights that have died during the previous calendar year. It is important to remember them for their lives bore witness to their faith as men and masons. Though I did not know all of them personally, in a way I did know them for who they were. They were Masons, and specifically, they were York Rite Masons who made the same commitments that each one of us made. We believe that one of the basic ideas of our order is that we take good men and make them better through the teachings and practices of Masonry. York Rite goes beyond the basics and teaches us in even greater depth those things that make individuals better servants and leaders in all aspects of their lives.

As Masons we take our religious faith seriously, whatever form it takes. We believe that, as the Great Light of Masonry teaches “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. Even death itself is not to be feared, but rather seen as one more step in our existence.

Psalms 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 death of those whom we have known and loved. Yes, we who are left here for a time, feel the pain of losing them, but we must turn to the Creator of us all, that “Great Architect of the universe” for that sustaining strength.

From January 1, 2018, through December 31, 2018, thirty four of our York Rite brothers died. 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!

The following are the names of the York Rite Brothers who died during the year 2018:

Clarence	R.	Cafferty	11
Stanley	A	Suck	11
Eugene	P	Jorgensen	4
Gary	L.	Murphy	13
Robert	J.	Piper	5
Hollis		Miller	11
Jonnie	R.	Sabata	
John	F.	Dale	11
A.	Gary	Keeling	27
Roland	S	Coker	13
Marvin	G	Kyes	11
Robert	F.	Ross	16
Alexander		Murray	1
Charles	F.	Putman	13
Noland	J.	McIntosh	1
Thomas		Swedlund	11
Richard	S	Goble	9
Harry	D	Ostegard	13
Robert	E	Lindly	13

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, even death itself, now and forever.

Respectfully submitted
 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, KC7, 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.

Cecil Smith
Grand Commander

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

Greetings to all Sir Knights from the membership committee consisting of Dennis Newman, William (Bill) Stone and myself. In 2018 our Knighting's were up to 20, which is good but not good enough to overcome deaths and suspensions. We also had three reinstatements, which is great. The number that is hurting us, which we have control over, is suspensions--17. If we could have kept these Sir Knights, we would have been very close to having positive numbers.

This past year we have taken specific actions geared toward letting Masons and the public at large know who we are, promoting our brand. First, we participated in the Tangier Shrine's Festival of Trees. In an effort to get the York Rite of Nebraska name out in public, a tree was sponsored with over \$1,500 worth of gifts. Thank You to Mt. Calvary #1, Mt. Zion #5, Omaha Chapter #1, Omaha Council #1 and to those who gave personal donations. Will this result in new members? I can't say for sure, but the idea is we did something and got our brand out in the public. We need to do more of this, both big and small. Second, we were represented at many of the Grand functions that took place within the state to include at every youth function, Grand OES and Grand Lodge. We need to be at Masonic related functions, talking to other Masons about Commandery, and actively recruiting. At the DeMolay function we were the hit of the evening when I had the privilege of presenting the Grand Commandery Sword to then State Master Councilor

Kyle Barchus. These young men are the prime candidates that we should be recruiting. Third, was the display table kit that was put together for use at different Grand functions. Thank You to Dennis Newman for his efforts in making this happen. Also, thank you to Dennis and AJ for manning the table at Grand Lodge. The kit consists of a table drape that has the Grand York Rite name with a display board with information about each body and information pamphlets. We had many conversations with both potential candidates and Sir Knights from around the state. In the past when attending these events, I couldn't help but notice that our York Rite bodies were not being represented. This is now not the case and I would encourage us to continue this and improve on what we have to offer. In an effort to keep our new Sir Knights, a new member package was developed which contained information about Commandery, recommended books to read and websites to visit. The thought is to offer our new members something that provides the history of our Order and information about who we are and what we do. We must keep our members engaged and offer them items that are worthy of their time and thoughts. If we do not keep our members engaged, they will turn somewhere else. What can we do in the future? Focus on our Blue Lodges. Obviously, this is where our potential members are, so this is where we need to be. Let's make ourselves indispensable in our Lodge, always actively talking up Commandery, and again letting people know who we are. When speaking of Commandery, be positive, it is contagious. A big Thank You goes out to the Sir Knights of Mt. Calvary #1 for hosting and conferring the Commandery Orders. Also, a good job goes out to Palestine Commandery #13 for your commitment to hosting a Conclave to confer the orders in North Platte. As I have said, get the petitions and we will figure out how to get the work done. Thank you also to the Social Order of the Beauceant, for their support of Commandery. Did you know that one of the reasons that three of our new Knights joined this year was so that their Lady could be part of the Social Order of the Beauceant, way to go SOOB! Lastly, thank you to the Sir Knights of Nebraska and the work you are doing to improve our membership. We are a great institution, from our Ritual to our philanthropy, and most important the fraternal bonds that are strengthened in Commandery. Be looking for that next new member.

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

Anthony Johnson

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 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 2018 year in the accompanying tables.

PERPETUAL LIFE MEMBERSHIP FUND ACCOUNT SUMMARY FOR 2018

Total Grand York Rite Contributions to Fund Prior to Year 2018	\$ 218,382.46
ADD: Total Grand York Rite Contributions to Fund during Year 2018	<u>2,690.00</u>
Total Grand York Rite Contributions to Fund since Inception	<u>\$ 221,072.46</u>
Total PLM Fund Value as of January 1, 2018	\$ 257,950.35
Total PLM Fund Value as of December 31, 2018	<u>\$ 240,303.71</u>
Decrease in Fund Value During Year 2018	<u>\$ -17,646.64</u>
Percentage decrease in Fund Value During Year 2018	<u>-6.84%</u>

DISTRIBUTION OF PLM INVESTMENT ACCOUNT IN YEAR 2018

<u>GRAND YORK RITE BODY</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>PERCENTAGE</u>
Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of Nebraska ¹	\$ 2,773.46	38.48%
Grand Council, Cryptic Masons of Nebraska ²	\$ 1,880.78	26.08%
Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Nebraska ³	<u>\$ 2,554.76</u>	35.44%
Total Distributions	<u>\$ 7,209.00</u>	

NOTES:

¹ One new PLM purchased during 2018.

² One new PLM purchased during 2018.

³ One new PLM purchased during 2018.

TOTAL NUMBER OF PLMs BY GRAND YORK RITE BODY AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2018

<u>GRAND YORK RITE BODY</u>	<u>NUMBER LIVING</u>	<u>NUMBER DEAD</u>	<u>TOTAL NUMBER</u>	<u>PERCENTAGE DEAD</u>
Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of Nebraska	145	512	657	78.0%
Grand Council, Cryptic Masons of Nebraska	122	400	522	77.0%
Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Nebraska	<u>118</u>	<u>378</u>	<u>496</u>	76.0%
Total Members	<u>385</u>	<u>1290</u>	<u>1675</u>	

HISTORICAL ANNUAL DISTRIBUTIONS & END-OF-YEAR FUND VALUES

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>DISTRIBUTION AMOUNT</u>	<u>FUND 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
2018	\$	7,209.00	\$	240,303.71

PLM COMMITTEE ACTION ITEMS AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2018

There were no changes in the distribution policy at the 2018 meeting for the PLM Committee. The PLM funds sustained losses in late 2018, as did most all market investments. In spite of this, the PLM Committee voted to continue the target 3% payout, resulting in a distribution of \$7,209.00 to the Grand York Rite bodies of Nebraska.

Respectfully Submitted,

James A. Carlton, on behalf of:

Chapter Members: Reginald Kuhn, Mike Jones, and Edward Nolte

Council Members: Walter Johnson, A.J. Johnson, and Hugh Nehls

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

Ex-Officio: Dennis Newman and Bruce 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 Knight 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 21, 2019 the Grand Commandery of Nebraska has donated a total of \$5,234.00 to the Grand Encampment's 51st Eye Foundation drive. All Commanderies have donated. It looks like we will have a good amount donated this year as this is only fiscal week 18.

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 5, 2019 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. It was his opinion.

The section titled Grand Commander visits requires no action of the Jurisprudence Committee or this Grand Commandery. It 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 the special dispensation s granted , was within the authority given him by the Statutes and Regulations of the Grand Commandery Knights Templars 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.

Resolution/ Amendment from the Floor# 001

Recommendation for an Elected Jurisprudence Committee – was withdrawn

Resolution 2019 - 002

Proposed amendment To The statutes and regulations to allow a Five Man Opening under certain guide

The jurisprudence committee found the proposal to be not in order for a vote by the members. Was withdrawn

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

Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Frank Borden, Chairman

REVIEW OF TEMPLAR PROCEEDINGS

No Report.

GRAND TACTICS COMMITTEE REPORT

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

As I close my final year as Tactics Officer, I want to thank my committee for your help and your zeal. I want to thank the Sir Knights in the local Commanderies, and I want to commend you all for your work. I will be passing the torch of this job to Jonathan and I know he will do a far better job than I, and I look forward to his service in this role. One thing that was said at Grand Lodge this year was that we seek proficiency, not perfection. I've seen a lot of not perfection. That's OK. I have tried to adopt the philosophy that if you made effort, and you were better than last year, then that is success. I do not require perfection. What I have seen in the last three years has been effort and improvement. I can ask no more of you at this time. We have the following Commanderies who will receive recognition

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. Herman	7	Opening and Closing
Mt Nebo	11	Opening and Closing, Receiving Grand Officer
Palestine	13	Opening and Closing, Receiving Grand Officer
St. John	16	Opening and Closing, Receiving Grand Officer
Gethesemane	21	Receiving Grand Officer
Melita	22	Opening and Closing, Receiving Grand Officer
Palmyra	27	Opening and Closing, Receiving Grand Officer

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

Respectfully submitted,
Joseph Charbonneau
Grand Tactics Supervisor

TRIENNIAL COMMITTEE REPORT

We had 6 Sir Knights attend the Triennial in Indianapolis this year.

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. Jeffrey M. Coleman, 1R.E. Grand Commander
S.K. LaVern Work, II, 5..... V.E. Deputy Grand Commander
S.K. Anthony T. Johnson, 1 E. Grand Generalissimo
S.K. Edward Raper, 7.....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. Steven R. Barchus, 1 E. Grand Senior Warden
S.K. Mervyn L. Moller, 4.....E. Grand Junior Warden
S.K. Kenneth J. Bunnell, 1 E. Grand Prelate
S.K. Thomas M. Michaelson, 4 E. Grand Standard Bearer
S.K. Harry E. Waggener, 22 E. Grand Sword Bearer
S.K. Ed Birmingham, 5 E. Grand Warder
S.K. Joseph Charbonneau, 1 E. Grand Sentinel
S.K. Jonathan L. Paz, 1E. 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 2020 Grand Session will be at the Younes Conference Center in Kearney, Nebraska April 16-18.

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. John T. Parsons, KCT, REPGC Installing Officer
S.K. Edward W. Nolte, REPGC.....Installing Marshal
S.K. Donald E. Rive, RFPGCInstalling Prelate
S.K. Brett Bennett, KCT, REPGC Installing Recorder
Jennifer Grass.....Installing Musician

Sir Knight Parsons 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 Parsons 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 Brenda 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 “Ramada Riveredge Inn and Conference Center, Columbus, April 6, 2019.

WITNESS MY HAND and seal of the GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS
TEMPLAR OF NEBRASKA, this 19th day of June 2019.

Dennis Newman,

E. Grand Recorder

PAST COMMANDERS' BANQUET 18

Saturday evening, April 6, 2019, the 82nd Annual Banquet and Business meeting of the Association of Past Commanders' was held at the “Rivers Edge Conference Center”, Columbus, Nebraska. Following the invocation a delicious dinner was served to 43 Sir Knights and Ladies in attendance. **S.K. Ed Raper** President, the Master of Ceremonies.

Sir Raper 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 6, 2019.....\$1,192.00

The nominating committee nominated the following Sir Knights to serve as officers for the ensuing year: **Sir Knight Steven Barchus**, President, **Sir Knight Joe Work**, 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 - 2018-2019

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: Frank Borden, 27, 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; Bill Stone, 1

PATRIOTIC ACTIVITIES: Anthony Johnson, 1 Chairman; 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

REVIEW OF TEMPLAR PROCEEDINGS: Bruce T. Anderson, 4, Chairman, 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: Cecil Smith, 5, Chairman; Dave Shaw, 1 Brett Bennett, 3

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

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	402-296-6224

Mt. Hermon	7	Beatrice	Ed Raper	1219 James St. Plattsmouth, 68048-2432	402-826-2574
Mt. Tabor	9	Fremont	Richard Oweston	Ed Raper 437 7 th St. Pawnee City, NE 68420	402-727-4108
Mt. Nebo	11	Hastings	Michael Anderson	Karl Rassmussen, IV 350 E. 23 rd St. Fremont, NE 68025	402-463-8533
Palestine	13	North Platte	Walter Johnson	Robert L. Williams 1000 N Showboat Blvd., Hastings, NE 68901-8423	308-530-3686
Jordan	15	Tekamah	Terry Schroeder	Walter Johnson 16600 N. Johnson Rd. North Platte, NE 69101	402-374-1278
St. John	16	McCook	Greg A. Wolford	Randall L. Hart 412 South 12 th Street Tekamah, NE 68061	308-345-2189
Bethlehem	18	Scottsbluff	Ed Morava	Phillip Lyons 1007 East 1 st St. McCook, NE 69001-2617	308-241-0600
Gethsemane	21	Columbus	Rex Rehmer	Joe Belden P.O. Box 24 Kimball, 69145-0024	402-563-3852
Melita	22	Chadron	Dale E. Berndt	John H. Lippert 3205 40 th St., Columbus, NE 68601	308-638-7588
Palmyra	27	Superior	Mason F. Ely	Bryan P. Burrows, 4876 Road 400 Hay Springs, 69347-4210	402-879-5467
				A. Gary Keeling 1050 N. Park St., Superior 68978-2206	

**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
Fred O. Wyant, KCT, 17, 316 Nebraska Ave. York 68467-3662	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, KCT, 35405 US Hwy 34, Stratton, 69043-5107	141 st	2012
James A. Clark, KCT, 302 No. Ash, DeWitt, 68341-6022	142 rd	2013

James F. Brown, Jr., KCT, P.O. Box 2089, Red Lodge, MT 59068-2089	143rd	2014
Edward W. Nolte, 4702 Windcrest Dr, Papillion, NE 68133	144 th	2015
Brett Bennett, KCT, 1219 James St., Plattsmouth, NE 68048	145 th	2016
Frank Borden, KCT, 1130 Loudon St., Superior, NE	146 th	2017
Cecil Smith, 916 Bordeaux, Bellevue, NE 68123	147 th	2018

**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
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. Vaugn, 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
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
Caroll 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
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
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 Knights Dennis Newman, Mt. Calvary Commandery No. 1 and Frank Borden, Palmyra Commandery No. 27. It was presented by R.E. Past North Central Department Commander James N Karnegis, and M.E. Past Grand Master, Grand Encampment, David Dixon Goodwin.

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	2019 Dennis Newman, 1
*2001 Norval W. Stewart, 4	2019 Frank Borden, 27
2001 Fred O. Wyant, 17	
*2002 Roger L. Galusha, 6	
2003 Marlin 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

1995 Sheila Speck	2006 Betty Wyant
*1997 Joy Galusha	2008 Diane Wunder
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