



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

THE GRAND COMMANDERY of KNIGHTS TEMPLAR

April 8, 2017

***held at
Kearney, Nebraska***

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**THE NEXT ANNUAL CONCLAVE WILL BE HELD AT THE
“YOUNES CONFERENCE CENTER”, KEARNEY, NEBRASKA, APRIL 7, 2018**

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<p>The Sixty-sixth Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment will be held in Indianapolis, IN August 11-15, 2018</p>
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BRETT R. BENNETT
143RD RIGHT EMINENT GRAND COMMANDER



Brett was born May 8, 1968 in Omaha, Nebraska. He graduated from Westside High School, Omaha, NE in 1986. Brett attended University of Nebraska, Omaha, graduating in 1991 with a Bachelor of Science in Arts and Science. Brett majored in Political Science. He currently resides in Plattsmouth, NE with his lady Kari Casey. Brett has 4 children, David, Matthew, Brittany and Nickolaus. He also has one grandson, Nickolaus.

Masonic Lodge:	Plattsmouth Lodge #6 A.F. & A.M.	3-27-2003
	Plattsmouth Lodge #6, NE (Life Member)	3-11-2004
	Worshipful Master, Plattsmouth Lodge #6	2007
Scottish Rite:	Valley of Omaha (Life Member)	2013
Shrine:	Member, Tangier Shrine (Life Member) 2012 Serving on Ritual Committee Serving as Ambassador	
York Rite:	Member NE Chapter #3, RAM; Plattsmouth 1-1-2003	
	Serving as High Priest	2006
	Adoniram Council #5, Plattsmouth	2-27-2004
	Serving as Illustrious Master	2006
	Mt. Zion Commandery #5, KT	2-27-2004
	Serving as Commander	2007
	Knights of the York Cross of Honor	2008
	Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests	2014
	Red Cross of Constantine	2012

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE
ONE HUNDRED FORTY-FIFTH ANNUAL CONCLAVE
KEARNEY, NEBRASKA - APRIL 8, 2017**

The Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Nebraska convened for the One Hundred Forty-sixth Annual Conclave at the Younes Convention Center, Kearney, Nebraska, on Saturday, April 8, 2017, at 8:00 A.M.

The officers of Mt. Zion Commandery No. 5 and 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 Ed Birmingham introduced, S.K. Brett R. Bennett, R. E. Grand Commander and his Lady Kari, 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. Brett R. Bennett, 5	R.E. Grand Commander
S.K. Frank L. Borden, Jr., 27	V.E. Deputy Grand Commander
S.K. C. Lucian Smith, 5	E. Grand Generalissimo
S.K. Jeffrey M. Coleman, 1	E. Grand Captain General
S.K. Lavern J. Work, II, 5	E. Grand Senior Warden
S.K. Anthony T. Johnson, 1	E. Grand Junior Warden
S.K. Kenneth J. Bunnell, 1	E. Grand Prelate
S.K. Dennis A. Newman, 1	E. Grand Treasurer
S.K. Bruce T. Anderson, 4	E. Grand Recorder
S.K. James L. Batten, 4	E. Grand Standard Bearer
S.K. Harry E. Waggener, 22	E. Grand Sword Bearer
S.K. Jonathan Paz, 1	E. Grand Warder
S.K. James Gansemer, 5	E. Grand Sentinel
S.K. Joseph Charbonneau, 1	E. Grand Tactics Supervisor

RECEPTION OF PAST GRAND COMMANDERS

S.K. Edgar A Bredemeier, 5	111 th	1982
S.K. Donald R. Monnette, 8	121 st	1992
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. Fred O. Wyant, KCT, 11	129 th	2000
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

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, Edward I. Morrow, Robert Wunder, John F. Dale and Theodore Johnson.

RECEPTION OF DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Colorado

Sir Knight Robert Elsloo, R. E. Grand Commander
Sir Knight Harry L. Furrey, V.E. Deputy Grand Commander

Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Iowa

Sir Knight Steve G. Libby, R.E. Past Grand Commander
Sir Knight Kyle J. Peterson, V.E. Deputy Grand Commander and personal representative of S.K. Wade E. Sheeler, Grand Commander

Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Kansas

Sir Knight John T. Staton, V.E. Deputy Grand Commander

Grand Commandery Knits Templar of Minnesota

Sir Knight Donald W. DeMars, V.E. Deputy Grand Commander

Grand Commandery Knights Templar of South Dakota

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, V.E. Deputy Grand Commander
Sir Knight Stephen M. Butterfield, R.E. Grand Commander
Sir Knight Roger H. Hansen, E. Grand Senior Warden
Sir Knight Herb Cook, E. Grand Captain General
Sir Knight Bruce Chrisman, E. Grand Junior Warden

Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Wisconsin

Sir Knight James Burton, R.E. Grand Commander

Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Wyoming

Sir Knight Harry L. Furrey, V.E. Deputy Grand Commander and Personal Representative of Sir Knight Mark Young, R.E. Grand Commander

Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Nebraska

Companion Anthony T. Johnson, Most Excellent Grand High Priest

Grand Council Cryptic Masons in Nebraska

Companion Carl Plants, 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 Laurence E. Tucker, KCT, GCT, Right Eminent Grand Recorder and personal representative of SK. Duane L. Vaught, M.E Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America

S.K. Tucker 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 Richard Myers, Grand Master of the Most Worshipful, the Grand Lodge of A.F. & A.M. of Nebraska.

Most Worshipful Brother John T. Parsons, Past Grand Master

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

Most Worshipful Brother Michael E. Jones, Past Grand Master

Right Worshipful Brother Ronald Stites, Grand Junior Warden

Worshipful Brother James A. Carlson, Grand Senior Deacon

Worshipful Brother Ronald Grass, Grand Orator

Worshipful Anthony Johnson, Personal Representative to the Grand master

Most Worshipful Brother Myers 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 Brett Bennett R.E. Grand Commander, welcomed Paul Younes, 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 Knightings, with ten (10) Knightings.

Jordan Commandery No. 15 won the Banner for the greatest percentage of gain in 2016.

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; 103:13; Isaiah 66:13;41:10; Revelation 14:13

Meditation:

Sir Knight Ken Bunnell
E. Grand Prelate

Hymn: For All the Saints

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."

S.K. Phillip Edwards	S.K. Loren McNiel
S.K. Donald Swanson	S.K. Allan Millar
S.K. Gerald Marts	S.K. James Paulin
S.K. Walter McGuire	S.K. Frank Vondra
S.K. William Luther	S.K. David Johnson
S.K. Phillip Towle	S.K. Arnold Wilcox
S.K. Charles Godwin	S.K. Robert Olsen
S.K. James DeMoss	S.K. Robert Bennett
S.K. Bryon Neiman	S.K. David Lang
S.K. James Franson	S.K. Kenneth Thomson
S.K. Donald Madson	S.K. Raymond Maxwell
S.K. Bruce Hoye	S.K. Walter Woolson
S.K. Richard Calhoon	S.K. Levi Dodge
S.K. E. Bunnell Swanson	S.K. Lloyd Myers
S.K. Vernon Corman	S.K. Robert Knight
S.K. John Wonder	S.K. Jackson More, Jr.
S.K. Curtis Wood	S.K. Gary Randles
S.K. Ned Eugene Dull, M.E. Past Grand Master	

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR CROSS OF HONOR AWARD

The Knights Templar Cross of Honor was awarded to Sir Knights Anthony Johnson, Mt. Calvary
Commandery No. 1, Papillion

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

*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
*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

*Denotes Deceased

SPECIAL PHILANTHROPIC PRESENTATIONS

Knights Templar Eye Foundation checks were presented from:

Mt. Calvary No.1, St. John No. 16 and Order of Eastern Star.

ONE HUNDRED FORTY-SIXTH 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,

Bruce T. Anderson, 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 Don Monnette* as Parliamentarian. There were 12 Commanderies represented, Bethlehem Commandery No. 17 was not present; this being a constitutional number present, the ballot was explained and the ballot box was declared opened. Sir Knights Jay Speck, John Parsons and Edward Nolte were appointed as tellers with Sir Knight Speck 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, Dave Norton, William Boon, Marlin Palasek, Carl Highman, Thomas Michaelson, Joe Belden, Charles Sohm, Phillip Harris, Alvin Benemerito, Arthur Stricker, Frederick C. Way, Jr., Chris Nigro, Steven C. Smith, I.

OFFICERS OF CONSTITUENT COMMANDERIES

Sir Knight Brett R. Bennett, 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 30, 2016, I was honored by election to and installation as the 145th Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Nebraska. To provide sustained emphasis on improving our constituent Commanderies, this year's Program integrated last year's focus on Esprit de Corps with emphasis on the four specific goals of 1) Improving Leadership, 2) Increasing Membership, 3) Being Proficient in the Work, and 4) Supporting Knight Templar Philanthropies. Subsequent Grand Commanders should provide stability through a consistent message to Commanderies on these goals.

In 2016-2017, Grand Commandery Officers focused on building and improving Esprit de Corps among Knights in our 13 Constituent Commanderies. By setting goals and objectives and striving to achieve them, the natural outcome is Esprit de Corps or the common spirit existing in the members of a group and inspiring enthusiasm, devotion, performance, and strong regard for the honor of the group, thus making each Commandery stronger.

Goal 1: Exhibit Leadership: The most important factor driving Templar success is strong leadership. To be successful, a Commandery needs to develop plans, execute activities, implement recruiting campaigns, train Knights, and perform Orders that promote interest among the Sir Knights and growth in membership. Objectives included 1) Attending Grand York Rite, 2) Communicating with all Sir Knights, and 3) Visiting Sister Commanderies.

Goal 2: Increase Membership: Commanderies simply must increase membership. From a high of 5,500 Knights, we now have 745, and our Knights' average age is increasing. Each Knight should replace himself with a new and younger member. The task is the responsibility of each Knight, not just the Commander, Officers, or Membership Committee. Objectives included 1) Recruiting and Knighting candidates, 2) Retaining Members and Attending Conclaves, and 3) Executing Events and Activities.

Goal 3: Demonstrate Proficiency in the Work: Our Work should be performed by formally opening, closing, and delivering parts from memory. Quality work impresses candidates, increases fellowship, and improves Templary. However, to attain quality, use our manuals, ever striving to the point they are not necessary. Take pride in your performance and in your Templary skills. Objectives included 1) Performing a Rededication Night and 2) Conducting a Work Night.

Goal 4: Support the Knight Templar Philanthropies: *The Knight Templar Philanthropies include the Knight Templar Eye Foundation, Knight Templar Educational Foundation, and the Holy Land Pilgrimage, and each Commandery should strive to participate with an additional contribution beyond their normal Grand Commandery fees. Objectives included 1) Increasing Philanthropic Support and 2) Fund Raising.*

Accomplishing these four goals will improve Esprit de Corps, increase membership, enhance performance, and revive interest in our Knights Templar activities. The Most Eminent Past Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar, Sir Knight David Dixon Goodwin, said: “The future is ours! We must seize the moment. **Every Christian Mason should be a Knight Templar.**” Deliver that message to every potential candidate.

ACTIONS REQUIRED BY THE GRAND ENCAMPMENT CONSTITUTION AND STATUTES

From the Grand Encampment Constitution and Statutes Section 48 (G.E. 48), the Grand Commander shall have the following specific powers and duties, but the enumeration shall not be deemed a limitation thereof. The following is a description of my activities as Grand Commander beginning April 30, 2016 and ending April 8, 2017:

- a. **To maintain a watchful supervision over all the Commanderies in his jurisdiction and to see that the Constitution, Statutes, Rules, Regulations and Rituals of the Grand Encampment, and the Constitution, Laws, Rules and Regulations of the Grand Commandery are duly and promptly observed.**
 - **ACTION TAKEN:** All were duly and promptly observed unless noted below.
- b. **To appoint all Committees and all Officers not made elective, and to fill all vacancies, such appointees to serve during his pleasure or until their successors have been elected or appointed and installed.**
 - **ACTION TAKEN:** Appointed Sir Knights to all Grand Commandery Committees. Appointed all non-elected Officers to include Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Prelate, Standard Bearer, Sword Bearer, Warder, Sentinel, Grand Tactics Supervisor and Musician.
- c. **To issue dispensations to form Commanderies under the terms specified in the constitution or statutes.**
 - **ACTION TAKEN:** No dispensations were requested or issued.
- d. **During any recess of the Grand Commandery to arrest the Charter or Dispensation of a Commandery, or to place a Commandery under probation under such conditions as he shall determine until the next Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery. Also, to suspend from his office any Officer of the Grand or of a Constituent Commandery, but in no case, shall such suspension affect the standing in the Order of such Officer or his membership in the Commandery. The Grand Commander shall report his action in full to the next Conclave of the Grand Commandery for its final action.**
 - **ACTION TAKEN:** Damascus Commandery Number 20 was arrested on October 28th, 2016 for violating the following requirements: 1) Hold Quarterly Conclaves (G.E. 65), 2) Have a quorum of nine Knights present (G.E. 66), 3) Open in form (G.C. 25), 4) Hold a Conclave for 12 consecutive months (G.E. 176), 5) Pay fees to Grand Commandery (G.C. 33), 6) Pay fees for Templar philanthropy (G.E. 18 ½).
 - **ACTION TAKEN:** The following Commanderies were on probation: Mt. Hermon Commandery #7, Mt. Tabor Commandery #9, Mt. Nebo Commandery #11, Palestine Commandery #13, Jordan Commandery #15, St. John Commandery #16, Bethlehem Commandery #18, Gethsemane Commandery #21, Melita Commandery #22, and Palmyra Commandery #27.
 - **ACTION TAKEN:** The following actions are taken on each Commandery individually based on their efforts and results.
 - i. **Mt. Herman #7 (Beatrice—68 members):** Had not complied with Requirements 1, 2, 3, and 4. While on probation, failed to knight a single candidate. The Commandery gathers, but rarely (never) has 9 knights, could not open, and could not hold a conclave. Lack of knightings does nothing to correct any of these shortfalls. They will remain on probation and I

recommend the Charter be confiscated and the Commandery closed at the end of 2017 without at least 2 knightings.

- ii. **Mt. Tabor #9 (Fremont-44 members):** Had not complied with Requirements 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6. While on probation, knighted two candidates and attempted to correct its problems. However, two candidates does not go very far in correcting quorum, opening, and conclave deficiencies. Commandery will be retained on probation for a maximum of one more year with a requirement to knight at least 2 candidates in 2017.

- iii. **Mt. Nebo #11 (Hastings-102 members):** Had not complied with Requirements 1, 2, and 4. While on probation, failed to knight a single candidate to improve attendance and comply with requirements. This Commandery refused to participate in the North Platte Festival in the Spring or Fall. This Commandery will remain on probation. I recommend the Charter be confiscated and the Commandery closed at the end of 2017 without at least 2 knightings.
- iv. **Palestine #13 (North Platte-43 members):** Had not complied with Requirement 4 only. While on probation, knighted 4 candidates. **This Commandery is removed from probation.**
- v. **Jordan #15 (Tekamah-27 members):** Had not complied with Requirements 1, 2, 3, and 4. While on probation, knighted 4 candidates to help correct its attendance/quorum problems. **This Commandery is removed from probation.**
- vi. **St. John #16 (McCook-64 members):** Had not complied with Requirements 1, 2, 3, and 4. While on probation, knighted 1 candidate, which corrected the knighting problem, but does not go very far to correct quorum, opening, and lack of conclaves. This Commandery will remain on probation. Recommend it be retained on probation for a maximum of one more year and be required to knight 1 candidate in 2017 or its charter be confiscated and the Commandery closed.
- vii. **Bethlehem #18 (Scottsbluff-28 members):** Had not complied with Requirements 1, 2, and 3. While on probation, knighted 2 candidates to improve it quorum, opening, and conclave problems. This Commandery will be retained on probation for one year and be required to knight at least 2 candidates in 2017.

- viii. **Gethsemane #21 (Columbus-23 members):** Had not complied with Requirements 1, 2, 3, and 4. While on probation, failed to knight a single candidate or correct any of its problems. This Commandery refused to provide a single candidate at the Papillion Festivals in the Spring and Fall of 2016. This Commandery will remain on probation. I recommend the Charter be confiscated and the Commandery closed at the end of 2017 without at least 2 knightings.

- ix. **Melita #22 (Chadron-24 members):** Had not complied with Requirements 1, 2, 3, and 4. While on probation, it knighted 1 candidate. For quorums, opening, and conclaves, it never has 9 knights to open, and 1 candidate does not go very far in correcting the problem. This Commandery will remain on probation. Recommend it remain on probation for a maximum of one year; after which, if all problems are not correct, its charter be confiscated.
- x. **Palmyra #27 (Superior-15 members):** Had not complied with Requirements 1, 2, 3, and 4. While on probation, knighted 2 candidates, which corrected the knighting problem. **This Commandery is removed from**

probation.

I firmly believe if Grand Commandery is directive with the Constituent Commanderies, they will find candidates. However, a passive approach just enables the status quo, and they will not knight a candidate for another 10 or 15 years. Despite knighting 31 candidates in 10 Commanderies, our total numbers decreased by 15 Knights.

- e. **To visit and preside in any Commandery within his Jurisdiction and to give such instructions and directions as the good of the Order may require, always adhering to the Constitution, Statutes, Rules, Regulations and Rituals of the Grand Encampment and the Constitution, Laws, Rules and Regulations of the Grand Commandery.**
 - **ACTION TAKEN:** Visited and presided in all Nebraska Constituent Commanderies that opened. Instructed all present at each visitation on the history and status of Templary in Nebraska, the goals and objectives, and what Commanderies must do to improve.
- f. **To grant Dispensations to Constituent Commanderies:**
 - **To hold Special Conclaves for the conferring of the Orders at places within their Jurisdictions other than those named in their Charters.**
 - i. **ACTION TAKEN:** Approved Mt. Moriah Commandery #4, Mt. Zion Commandery #5, and Jordan Commandery #15 to travel to Mt. Calvary Commandery #1 for a joint conferring of the Orders on new Sir Knights in October 2016.
 - **To permit them to receive petitions and ballot thereon at the same Conclave or at Special Conclaves, after such notice as he may deem proper.**
 - i. **ACTION TAKEN:** Approved Mt. Calvary Commandery #1 to receive and ballot on petitions in October 2016 for a Commandery Festival and in March 2017 for a Commandery Festival. Approved multiple other Commanderies to receive and ballot on petitions in October 2016 and March 2017 One-Day Commandery Festivals in Papillion, Nebraska.
 - **For the purpose of changing the date, time, and location for a Stated Conclave, as otherwise provided in the By-Laws of a Constituent Commandery, to accommodate holidays and special situations that he may deem appropriate upon the written request of the Constituent Commandery, based upon an affirmative vote at a previous Stated Conclave, and provided only that due and timely notice be provided the membership of the change.**
 - i. **ACTION TAKEN:** Approved the moving of the Charter for Mt. Zion Commandery #5 to Kearney, NE for the purpose of opening the 145th Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Nebraska.
 - ii. Approved moving of charters for the following Commanderies for purpose of holding joint conclaves and receiving grand officer: Mt. Hermon #7 to Mt. Moriah #4; Mt. Tabor #8 and Mt. Jordan #15 to Mt. Calvary #1; Palmyra #27 to Mt. Nebo #11; St. John #16 to Palestine #13. (In most cases proof of due and timely notice was provided electronically)
- g. **To appoint Past Grand Commanders, Officers of the Grand Commandery, or Past Commanders of Constituent Commanderies to represent the Grand Commandery within sister jurisdictions, such appointee to be known as “Grand Representative” and to serve at the pleasure of the Grand Commander or until a successor is appointed.**
 - **ACTION TAKEN:** Appointed the Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander to represent me at the Grand Commandery of Minnesota due to a scheduling conflict. Appointed Eminent Grand Generalissimo Cecil Smith to represent me at the Grand Commandery of Iowa due to a scheduling conflict.
- h. **To conduct official visitations for the purpose of inspection or evaluation of each Constituent Commandery in his jurisdiction, either personally or by his personal representative, and to report the same together with any recommendations he may have at the next conclave of the Grand Commandery.**

- **ACTION TAKEN:** Visited each of the 13 Constituent Commanderies and other Masonic Bodies as follows:

<u>Visitation</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Date</u>
Grand York Rite	Holiday Inn Apr, 2016	Kearney	
Mt. Moriah No. 4	1635 L St	Lincoln	May, 2016
Mt. Zion No. 5	513 Main St	Plattsmouth	Dec, 2016
Grand OES	Younes Center May, 2016	Kearney	
Grand Comdry of WI	Green Bay Jun, 2016	WI	
Mt Hermon No. 7	601 Grant St	Beatrice	Nov, 2016
DeMolay Conclave	Holiday Inn	Grand Island	Jul, 2016
GL Cornerstone	Masonic Children Hm	Fremont	Jul, 2016
Sangre de Cristo, HRAKTP	350 E. 23 rd St	Fremont	Aug, 2016
Sir Galahad Priory, KYCH	350 E. 23 rd St	Fremont	Aug, 2016
One-Day RAM	101 W. Centennial Rd	Papillion	Sep, 2016
Grand Cmdry of SD	RamKota Hotel	Sioux Falls, SD	Sep, 2016
Palmyra No. 27	311 N. Commercial	Superior	Sep, 2016
Mt. Nebo #11	411 Hastings Ave	Hastings	Sep, 2016
One-Day R&SM & KT	101 W. Centennial Rd	Papillion	Oct, 2016
North Central Dept.	RamKota Hotel	Sioux Falls, SD	Oct, 2016
Mt. Moriah No. 4	1635 L St	Lincoln	Nov, 2016
Couer de Lion, RCC	1635 L. St.	Lincoln	Nov, 2016
KT/SOOB Install	101 W. Centennial Rd	Papillion	Dec, 2016
Christmas Observance	Mt. Zion No.5	Plattsmouth	Dec, 2016
Palestine No. 13 &	1600 W. B St	North Platte	Jan, 2017
St. John No. 16	Joint Session	North Platte	Jan, 2017
Jordan No. 15	301 N. 13 th St	Tekamah	Jan, 2017
Mt. Calvary #1	101 W. Centennial Rd	Papillion	Jan, 2017
Mt Tabor No. 9	350 E. 23 rd St	Fremont	Jan, 2017
Grand Lodge	Younes Center	Kearney	Feb, 2017
Chapter One-Day	101 W. Centennial Rd	Papillion	Mar, 2017
Council/Commandery	101 W. Centennial Rd	Papillion, NE	Mar, 2017
Grand York Rite	Holiday Inn	Kearney	Apr, 2017

ACTIONS REQUIRED BY THE GRAND COMMANDERY STATUTES AND REGULATIONS

In compliance with Statutes and Regulations Section 3 (G.C. 3) of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Nebraska, the following is a description of my activities as Grand Commander beginning April 30, 2016 and ending April 8, 2017. In addition to the powers conferred by the G.E. 48 stated above, the Grand Commander may, during the interval between the Annual Conclaves of the Grand Commandery, exercise all its executive powers excepting the granting of Charters. By virtue of this, authority is given him:

- a) **To grant dispensations for holding elections for an Officer or Officers at times other than the regular period.**
 - 1) **ACTION TAKEN:** No requests were received or granted.
- b) **To require the attendance of and information from any Grand Officer respecting matters appertaining to his office.**
 - 1) **ACTION TAKEN:** None taken

- d) **To present at each Annual Conclave a written address, setting forth therein all his official acts during the year, giving the general condition of the Order within the Jurisdiction and recommending such legislation, as he may deem expedient.**
- e) **ACTION TAKEN:** This document satisfies this requirement.
- f) **To constitute all Chartered Commanderies, either in person or by a duly authorized representative.**
 - 1) **ACTION TAKEN:** No Chartered Commanderies were constituted during 2016-2017.
- g) **To be invested with such power and shall discharge such duties as may be required by the ritual, the Statutes and Regulations of the GCKT of NE and the Constitution and Statutes of the Grand Encampment Knights Templar of the U.S.A.**
 - 1) **ACTION TAKEN:** All actions followed Grand Encampment and Grand Commandery directives.

STATE OF THE CRAFT

As Sir Knight Edward W. Nolte., R.E.P.G.C., said in 2016, We will either rise or fall based on our efforts. Nebraska Templar history includes several key years: 1865—Mt. Calvary Commandery #1 is chartered, 1871—Grand Commandery of Nebraska is chartered, 1912—30 Commanderies are operating, and 1965—5,495 Knights Templar are performing. Since 1912, our 30 Commanderies have decreased to 13 Commanderies today. Since 1965, our 5,495 members have decreased to 745 Knights Templar today. As I visited each Commandery, I discovered that there has been improvement and that is to be commended but more effort and attention needs to take place. All 13 Commanderies have experienced loss of membership over the last 5 years. We must fix these problems, and if these problems are to be corrected, 1) it takes work, and 2) it is up to us.

RECOGNITION AND APPRECIATION

I would like to extend a special welcome to Sir Knight Lon W. Kvasager, R.E. Department Commander of the North Central Department and Sir Knight Lawrence Tucker Personal Representative of Sir Knight Duane L. Vaught, Most Eminent Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America. It is my honor and pleasure to have you join us.

A sincere THANK YOU is offered to the Sir Knights from Mt. Zion Commandery No. 5 and Mt. Calvary Commandery No. 1 for their diligent work in preparing for the formal opening of the 146th Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Nebraska. Each Sir Knight did a great job, and I am proud to be numbered among the Sir Knights of this Commandery.

I would like to acknowledge and praise the actions of these Sir Knights of the Grand Commandery of Nebraska, the “Sword Arm” for our future success in Templary! These Sir Knights are leaders in this Grand Commandery and are listed below:

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| • Deputy Grand Commander | Frank L. Borden, Jr. |
| • Grand Generalissimo | Lucien C. Smith |
| • Grand Captain General | Jeffrey M. Coleman |
| • Grand Treasurer | Dennis A. Newman |
| • Grand Recorder | Bruce T. Anderson |
| • Grand Senior Warden | Lavern J. Work III |
| • Grand Junior Warden | Anthony T. Johnson |
| • Grand Prelate | Kenneth Bunnell |
| • Grand Standard Bearer | James L. Batten |
| • Grand Sword Bearer | Harry E. Waggener |
| • Grand Warder | Jonathan L. Paz |
| • Grand Sentinel | James A. Batten |
| • Grand Tactics Officer | Joseph P. Charbonneau |
| • Grand Musician | Reginald S. Kuhn |
| • Editor, K.T. Magazine | Dennis A. Newman |

I would like to thank the Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Nebraska, Most Excellent Companion Anthony T. Johnson, and Grand Master of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons in Nebraska, Most Illustrious Companion Carl C. Plants. Your leadership and friendship are greatly valued!

Lastly, my lady, Kari, is my major source of support and guidance in all my Masonic activities. Her efforts in supporting me, on behalf of Templar Masonry and Masonry in general, deserve special recognition. My life would not be as rewarding if you had not chosen to share your life with me! Thank you.

Fraternally Submitted,

Brett R. Bennett

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Grand Commander of Nebraska (2016-2017)

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 continued support I received during this year as your Grand Recorder. A special thanks to Doc and Jeanne Karnegis and Dennis Newman for all their help and support in maintaining the records. Dennis has greatly enhanced this office. He has continually upgraded the website and many of our forms are now available on line. As this is my last year as Grand Recorder, I want to thank all the Grand Officers that I have had the privilege to work with and all the companions throughout Nebraska for their support. It has been a great 11 years.

I hereby submit my report for the year ending December 31, 2016.

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

Gail Axen	Damascus 20	10/23/1959	55 yr	09/01/16
Thomas Dover	Damascus 20	10/5/1962	50 Yr.	09/01/16
Gilbert Fisher	Damascus 20	6/13/1952	60 yr	09/01/16
Raymond Kincannon	Damascus 20	1/16/1961	50 Yr.	09/01/16
Earl Michell	Damascus 20	10/5/1962	50 Yr.	09/01/16
Mason Ely	Palmyra 27	5/6/1966	50 Yr.	11/20/16
William G. Hasemeyer	Palmyra 27	13/29/55	60 yr	11/20/16
George Kotsiopoulos	Mt. Nebo No. 11	12/15/1949	65 yr	12/20/16

GRAND COMMANDERY FINANCIAL REPORT

TOTAL	Proposed-2016	Actual-2016
Starting Balance	\$5,989.67	\$682.27
Receipts		
601 Dues	\$15,680.00	\$14,559.00
602 Fees	\$200.00	\$560.00

603	Reinstatements	\$50.00	\$30.00
604	Bond Premium	\$200.00	\$233.36
605	Charities	\$1,200.00	\$2,964.66
606	Sale of Supplies	\$300.00	\$228.56
607	Interest	\$20.00	\$0.00
608	Annual Grand Session	\$4,480.00	\$5,168.34
610	Perpetual Life Membership	\$1,200.00	\$3,710.00
612	Investment Redemptions	\$0.00	\$5,500.00
614	Miscellaneous	\$0.00	\$195.39
		\$23,330.00	\$33,149.31
	Total		
		\$29,319.67	\$33,831.58
	Total plus starting balance		
	Disbursements		
651	Grand Officers Expense	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
652	Annual Meeting Expense	\$4,160.00	\$3,909.15
653	Triannual	\$400.00	
654	Grand Secretary Salary	\$4,652.80	\$4,203.84
655	Grand Secretary Travel	\$313.60	\$52.93
656	Treasure Travel	\$288.00	\$117.27
657	Bond Premium & Fidelity	\$192.00	\$160.00
658	Transfers	\$0.00	\$0.00
659	Personal Property Insurance	\$832.00	\$726.72
660	Supplies for Resale	\$480.00	\$193.52
661	Office Supplies	\$288.00	\$272.62
662	Equipment Replacement	\$100.00	\$8.56
663	Postage	\$576.00	\$534.28
664	Rent	\$1,152.00	\$1,113.60
665	Telephone	\$720.00	\$735.68
666	Perpetual Life Membership	\$1,200.00	\$5,186.31
667	General Grand Dues	\$9,000.00	\$7,835.00
668	Philanthropies	\$600.00	\$1,708.83
670	Past Grand Officer Jewel	\$50.00	\$31.54
671	Youth	\$300.00	\$300.00
672	Memorials	\$20.00	\$0.00
674	Equipment Rental & Maintenance	\$704.00	\$956.61
676	Utilities	\$371.20	\$266.78

678	Workman's Comp.	\$112.00	\$99.52
679	Taxes (Fed/Unempl/State)	\$992.00	\$926.64
680	Miscellaneous	\$0.00	\$117.85
	Total	\$29,003.60	\$30,957.25

GRAND YORK RITE ENDOWMENT

Joint account of all three Grand York Rite Bodies

Grand Chapter	\$55,959.02
Grand Council	\$49,741.35
Grand Commandry	\$49,741.35

Salomon Smith Barney Account Value Dec. 31, 2016 **\$155,441.72**

YORK RITE PUBLIC RELATIONS FUND

Balance in Bank of the West Dec. 31, 2015 **\$4173.33**

RECEIPTS:

Interest Earned \$4.27

Funds transferred..... **\$0.00**

TOTAL RECEIPTS..... **\$4.27**

DISBURSEMENTS:

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS \$0.00

Balance in Bank of the West, Dec. 31, 2016 **\$4,177.60**

LUND MEMORIAL ACCOUNT

Balance in Bank of the West – Dec. 31, 2015 **\$81.52**

At the recommendation of the Budget and Finance Committee moved to Aprons & Jewels account

The books of the Grand Recorder have been presented to the Budget and Finance Committee.

COMMANDERY RETURNS

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

Number of Chartered Commanderies, December 31, 2015.....15

Number Knighted.....	30	
Number Affiliated.....	3	
Number Reinstated.....	2	
TOTAL GAIN.....	35	
Number Demitted.....	5	
Number Died.....	31	
Number Suspended	33	
TOTAL LOSS.....	69	
NET LOSS.....	34	
Number of Knights Templar in Nebraska, December 31, 2015	755	
Number of Knights Templar in Nebraska, December 31, 2016	723	

Number of Chartered Commanderies, December 31, 2016.....14

Damascus Commandery in Norfolk closed

Fraternally,

Bruce T. Anderson, 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

	Proposed 2017
Starting Balance	\$902.13
Receipts	
601 Dues	\$15,000.00
602 Fees	\$500.00
603 Reinstatements	\$50.00
604 Bond Premium	\$215.20
605 Charties	\$1,200.00
606 Sale of Supplies	\$300.00
607 Intrest	\$0.00

608	Annual Grand Session	\$5,200.00
610	Perpetual Life Membership	\$1,200.00
612	Investment Redemptions	\$0.00
614	Miscellaneous	\$0.00
	Total	\$23,665.20
	Total plus starting balance	\$24,567.33
	Disbursements	
651	Grand Officers Expense	\$1,500.00
652	Annual Meeting Expense	\$4,500.00
653	Triannual	\$400.00
654	Grand Secretary Salary	\$4,652.80
655	Grand Secretary Travel	\$313.60
656	Treasure 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	Philantropies	\$600.00
670	Past Grand Officer Jewel	\$50.00
671	Youth	\$300.00
672	Memorials	\$20.00
674	Equipment Rental &	\$700.00

	Maintance	
676	Utilities	\$80.00
678	Workman's Comp.	\$112.00
679	Taxes (Fed/Unempl/State)	\$992.00
680	Miscellaneous	\$0.00
	Total	\$27,154.40
	Receipts less Disbursements	-\$2,587.07

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 committee met several times to make sure that the revised Statutes & Regulations, that was laid over from 2016, was in proper form. A copy of the revised bylaws was sent out to each Commandery with a letter stating that if they had any questions/concerns to contact the Codification of Law Committee. The committee did not receive any concerns. Members of the Committee were Don Monnette, chairman; Keith Herbster; Jay Speck; John Parsons; Anthony Johnson.

Respectfully submitted,
Don R. Monnette, Chairman

LEGISLATION

1. Revision of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Grand Commandery Knight Templar in Nebraska.
2. Fees and Dues – Increase of dues by \$5.00 effective in 2018. Bringing the dues to \$25.00 including the Knight Templar Eye Foundation Assesment.
Approved
3. 2 amendments regarding the Grand York Rite Endowment Fund was tabled,

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT

Your Committee on Credentials respectfully makes the following report to the Grand Conclave held in Kearney, Nebraska, on April 8, 2017.

12 Grand Officers were present

11 Past Grand Officers were present

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

23 Out of State Officers and Visitors

42 Ballots Issued

72 Registered

Respectfully submitted,
Ed Raper, Chairman

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

COMMITTEE ON DECEASED TEMPLARS

2017 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:

In the New Testament the Gospel of John boldly quotes our Lord when he declares: ***“I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord. Those who believe in me, even though they die, they will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.”*** (John 11:25-26)

The Gospel of Matthew further quotes our Lord as saying: ***“Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give your rest.”*** (Matthew 11:28)

At the writing of this report, and since we last gathered in Grand Session thirty-two of our brother Sir Knights in this Grand Commandery have “entered into the joy of their Lord.” In addition to these we have been notified that Sir Knight Ned Eugene Dull M:E: Past Grand Master Grand Encampment of Knights Templar (1985-1988) “laid down his sword and entered the Supreme Asylum above on Wednesday, January 11, 2017.”

We take heart in the promises of our Lord 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. Jesus declared: ***“blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.”*** (Matthew 5:4) It shall be so. 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, bolstered by the promised grace of our Lord Jesus Christ whose servants they were. We know they have heard these words ***“well done, good and faithful servant...enter now the joy of your Lord.”***

The Apostle Paul wrote what I believe is perhaps the most powerful declaration of faith to be found in the New Testament in his letter to the Christians at Rome when he declared:

“For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.” (Romans 8:38-39)

This I believe with my whole being.

I further believe, beyond a shadow of a doubt, that these 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!

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

During the 2016-2017 year, the Grand Commandery Officers performed various functions: Visitations to Commanderies; Visitations to Other Grand Commanderies, North Central Department, and Other Masonic Bodies; and Special Support/Activities.

Visitations of Commanderies: The Grand Commander visited all Nebraska Commanderies during 2016-2017 and filed a report on each visitation. Each Grand Commandery Officer was scheduled to visit a Commandery to ensure two visits to each Commandery. I attended my home Commandery every month that did not conflict with my visitation schedule. Every Grand Commandery Officer should be actively engaged in his Commandery. In addition, the Grand Commander installed the Officers of Mt. Calvary Commandery #1 and was the featured speaker at its 150th Anniversary Celebration.

Visitations to Other Grand Commanderies, North Central Department, and Other Masonic Bodies: The Grand Commander visited the Grand Commandery of South Dakota, and the North Central Department Conference. All elected and most appointed officers attended the North Central Department Conference. The Deputy Grand Commander attended the Grand Commandery of Iowa. The Grand Commander visited the Grand Order of Eastern Star's Annual Session, Order of DeMolay's Annual Conclave, National Sojourners' Annual National Convention, Grand Lodge's Annual Communication, and the Conference of Grand Masters in North America. He also attended meetings of Allied Masonic Degrees, Florence Chapter #1 RAM, Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests, Knights of the York Cross of Honor, Omaha Council #1 R&SM, Red Cross of Constantine, Scottish Rite, Social Order of the Beauceant, Tangier Shrine, and York Rite College.

Special Support to Masonic and Civic Groups and Other Special Activities: First, the Grand Commander and several Grand Commandery Officers supported a Grand Lodge of Nebraska Cornerstone Ceremony at Weeping Water High School, where we performed an arch of steel before an audience of several hundred people. Second, the Grand Commander, several Grand Commandery Officers, and the Right Eminent Past Grand Commander, S.K. James Brown, attended the Midwest Easter Sunrise Service in Kansas City, MO. This year's Easter Sunrise Service was well attended by the elected officers of the Nebraska Grand Commandery and represented our best attendance in the three-year history of this event. Lastly, the Grand Commander and several Grand Commandery Officers supported five York Rite Festivals to improve our Constituent Chapters, Councils, and Commanderies. Of particular note, we conducted a York Rite Festival on April 9, 2016, in North Platte, NE, the first of its kind in many years. Participating were S.Ks. Bruce Anderson, James Avant, Steve Barchus, James Brown, Gary Bunnell, AJ Johnson, Walter Johnson and his North Platte Team, Dan Marr, Jonathan Paz, Dave Shaw, Cecil Smith, Bill Stone, and Joe Work. Thank you, Sir Knights, for your leadership, commitment, and performance of the work.

I offer the Grand Commandery Officers the following: You are a Grand Commandery Officer for several years, but you are the Grand Commander for only one. Visit and support every Commandery, learn and perform the work, and leave your office in better shape than you found it. You were elected/appointed to lead, so be active and involved in all KT functions.

Edward W. Nolte
Grand Commander

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE COMMITTEE REPORT

There was no trip this year due to security issues

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

I am glad to submit the membership committee report for the 2016/2017 year. We took positive steps this past year, 31 Masons became Sir Knights, a 24% increase in candidates over the previous year. We had 11 out of 14 Commandries Knight someone this past year. Our brothers from Superior, Tekamah, and North Platte did a good job this past year bringing in over 10% of their membership. It would be easy to look at the actual numbers and say that wasn't much, but if they are able to continue bringing in new candidates at this rate they will add 70 new knights within 5 years. However, we can't let up. As I am writing this in February, plans are being put in place to hold another event in North Platte this spring. I would encourage all involved to continue in your efforts.

Enough about numbers. We took positive steps this past year because of the leadership and participation of Sir Knights who are passionate about Commandery in Nebraska and as a whole. Thank you to those who organized, recruited, memorized, assembled props, cooked, drove and did what it took to make this a positive year.

As was mentioned in last year's report and bears repeating this year: we must make a concerted effort to keep York Rite Masonry meaningful to our new Sir Knights. We need to review the work, go over signs and passes and attend initiations. Get your new members involved, giving them a job and something to aspire to. These new candidates are seeking to learn more about York Rite Masonry and they want you to teach them. They want to know how to properly hold the sword, they want to know why some shoulder boards are green and others red, they want to know the proper way to give the penal sign, they want to know what you know about Commandery. It is our job as those who have held offices and have been around the track a few times to meet these needs.

We also need to retain our current members. This past year we had 32 suspensions, the year before 47. We have to focus not only on recruiting new members but also on keeping the ones we have. We do this by making phone calls, having social events, promoting special events such as the Easter Observance or a Christmas Observance, and being leaders in our blue lodge.

Lastly, 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. Our task ahead will be arduous but worth the effort. 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 2016-2017

The Commandery of Knights Templar demonstrates patriotism in many ways, both organizationally and individually. First, Commandery's very existence honors the past and uses it to inculcate lessons of leadership, integrity, and patriotism. Second, at each meeting of Knights Templar, the American Flag is proudly displayed and presented, at which time all Knights honor our country by saluting our flag and reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. This ceremony is conducted every time a Commandery of Knights Templar is opened. Third, as part of the Order of the Temple, Knights specifically honor the flag of our national and instruct the new Knights in its importance to our nation, our Order, and to each Sir Knight. Fourth, on key patriotic dates, such as Memorial Day, Flag Day, Independence Day, and Veterans' Day, we honor our flag and the men and women who have secured and defended our liberty and independence with an educational moment about the history of the event and what it means to us as Americans and as Knights Templar. Lastly, each Easter, the Knights Templar in the central U.S. perform a Sunrise service at the World War I Memorial in Kansas City, thus honoring our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, who died for our sins, and our veterans, who fought and died for our freedom.

In 2016, Knights Templar performed at several patriotic events. First, Knights Templar, led by our Most Eminent Grand Commander, Sir Knight Brett Bennett, formed an escort and honor for a flag presentation and Toast to the Flag given by Sir Knight Edward Nolte, a member of the Order of Heroes of '76, at the dedication of a new cottage at the Masonic Eastern Star Home for Children in Fremont. Second, the Knights Templar presented the Colors at a Job's Daughters Installation in Omaha. Knights Templar also presented the Colors at a Joint Installation of Officers for Social Order of the Beauceant Assembly #91 and Mt. Calvary Commandery #1. In 2016, Sir Knights presented Historic Flag Presentations to the Cass County Historical Society, Omaha Kiwanis, Daughters of the American Revolution, Nebraska Masonic Home, Westlawn Hillcrest Retirement Home, and Trinity Courtyard Retirement Home.

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 result of investment decisions made during the 2016 year are presented in the accompanying tables.

PERPETUAL LIFE MEMBERSHIP FUND ACCOUNT SUMMARY FOR THE YEAR 2016

Total Grand York Rite Contributions to Fund Prior to Year 2016	\$ 214,342.46
ADD: Total Grand York Rite Contributions to Fund during Year 2016	<u>4,040.00</u>
Total Grand York Rite Contributions to Fund since Inception	<u>\$ 218,382.46</u>
Total PLM Fund Value as of December 31, 2016	\$ 223,565.51
Total PLM Fund Value as of January 1, 2016	<u>193,918.88</u>
Increase in Fund Value During Year 2016	<u>\$ 29,646.63</u>

Percentage increase in Fund Value During Year 2016

15.29%

DISTRIBUTION OF PLM INVESTMENT INCOME GENERATED IN YEAR 2016

<u>GRAND YORK RITE BODY</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>PERCENTAGE</u>
Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons of Nebraska ¹	\$ 2,577.99	38.44%
Grand Council, Cryptic Masons of Nebraska ²	\$ 1,775.22	26.47%
Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Nebraska ³	<u>\$ 2,353.76</u>	35.09%
Total Distributions	<u>\$ 6,706.97</u>	

NOTES:

¹ Two new PLM purchased during 2016.

² One new PLM's purchased during 2016.

³ Two new PLM purchased during 2016.

TOTAL NUMBER OF PLM'S BY GRAND YORK RITE BODY AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2016

<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	166	479	645	74.26%
Grand Council, Cryptic Masons of Nebraska	134	377	511	73.78%
Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Nebraska	<u>128</u>	<u>359</u>	<u>487</u>	73.72%
Total Members	<u>428</u>	<u>1215</u>	<u>1643</u>	

HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE FOR ANNUAL DISTRIBUTIONS & END OF YEAR FUND VALUE

<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 \$ 6,707.00 \$ 223,565.51

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 2016 meeting for the PLM Committee. Consequently, the 3 percent rule was applied resulting in a distribution of \$6,706.97 to the bodies comprising the Grand York Rite of Nebraska.

The December 31, 2016 asset allocation mix for the PLM fund follows:

RBC Bank Deposit Program	\$ 10,494.47	5%
Cash and money market	684.66	0%
US equities	137,290.85	62%
International equities	43,132.21	19%
Fixed income	<u>31,963.32</u>	<u>14%</u>
Current account value	<u>\$223,565.51</u>	<u>100%</u>

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

US Equities

- Growth Fund Amer Inc Cl C GFAX \$16,287.16
- Spdr S&P Dividend ETF SDY \$42,780.00
- Washington Mut Invs Fd Inc Cl C WSHCX \$78,223.69

International Equities

- Capital World Growth & Income Fund Class A CWGIX \$ 5,008.32
- Capital World Growth & Income Fund Inc CL C CWGCX \$12,477.35
- Euro Pac Growth Fund CL C AEPCX \$ 5,000.28
- Europacific Growth FD CL A AEPGX \$20,646.26

Fixed Income

- Loomis Sayles Investment LSIIX \$15,834.02

- Metropolitan West FDS
Total Return BD FD CL I MWTIX \$16,129.30

Respectfully Submitted,

James F. Brown, Jr., Chairman; James A. Carlton, Walter W. Johnson, Michael E. Jones, Reginald S. Kuhn, Edward W. Nolte, Donald E. Rife, Jay H. Speck, Robert E. Wunder, Members; Bruce T. Anderson, Dennis A. Newman, Ex-officio

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 address is included in the header of the Nebraska Supplement.

Respectfully submitted,
Dennis Newman, Chairman

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EYE FOUNDATION COMMITTEE

As of 1 April, the Grand Commandery of Nebraska has donated a total of \$7,079.50 to the Grand Encampment's 49th Eye Foundation drive, ranking 30th nationally. This is an average of \$79.54 per member.

Within Nebraska, members of Mt Calvary #1 have donated an average of \$69.67 per member for a total of \$2,090, leading the state in both per capita and total donations. Congratulations to the Sir Knights of Mt Calvary for their good example.

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 the donations from each Grand Encampment and each commander in Nebraska available, so you may obtain a copy if you desire.

Frank Borden, Jr.
Chairman

JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

In reviewing the R.E.G.C.'s address, we must address his actions relative to Grand Encampment and Grand Commandery requirements. The Grand Commander has operated in a year with 11 of 14 Constituent Commanderies on probation from the previous year.

Results of Probation on our Commanderies: During 2016-17, there were 14 Commanderies in Nebraska in Beatrice, Chadron, Columbus, Fremont, Gering, Hastings, Lincoln, McCook, Norfolk, North Platte, Omaha, Plattsmouth, Superior, and Tekamah. Of these 14 Commanderies, Lincoln, Omaha, and Plattsmouth met and continue to meet all requirements. However, 11 Commanderies were placed on probation for one year based on non-compliance with one or more Grand Encampment and Grand Commandery requirements for 1) not holding quarterly conclaves, 2) not having a quorum of 9 knights entitled to vote therein, 3) not opening and closing in form, 4) not holding a conclave or knighting a single knight for 12 consecutive months, 5) not paying fees to Grand York Rite, 6) not supporting KT philanthropies, and 7) not being represented at 2 successive Grand Commandery conclaves. Several of these problems have existed for 6 to 15+ years.

The Jurisprudence Committee is in agreement that all actions of the Grand Commander are in compliance with Grand Encampment and Grand Commandery requirements. However, the Jurisprudence Committee recommends the following actions for Commanderies that were placed on probation. In addition to approving the Grand Commander's actions, the Jurisprudence Committee recommendations support the incoming Commander's actions to enforce Grand Encampment and Grand Commandery requirements and remind the Constituent Commanderies of their duties relative to these requirements. In addition, the Commander is responsible for ensuring all Commanderies are visited each year. The may personally visit or delegate a visit to his officers. The Officers must consider visits to Commanderies as a duty to advance to the dignity, rank and positions of Grand Commander.

- i. **Mt. Herman #7 (Beatrice—68 members):** Approved Commander's recommendation that Commandery remain on probation through 2017 to correct its problems. The Jurisprudence Committee recommends Grand Commandery send a group of three knights to form and open commandery for the conduct of business, appoint officers, and create minutes to free up bank assets. Commandery should knight several candidates to be able to hold conclaves. The Grand Recorder should provide contact information for every Sir Knight who is a member of this Commandery to inform them of the dire situation of their Commandery and their need to take a more active role in its success. If all problems are not corrected this year after two years of probation, the charter of this Commandery should be arrested at the end of 2017.
- ii. **Mt. Tabor #9 (Fremont-44 members):** Approved Commander's recommendation to retain this Commandery on probation for 2017 to knight at least two more candidates to have a quorum to be able to open and close a conclave. The Grand Recorder should provide contact information for every Sir Knight who is a member of this Commandery to inform them of the dire situation of this Commandery and their need to take a more active role in its success. If all problems are not corrected this year after two years of probation, the Charter of this Commandery should be arrested at the end of 2017.
- iii. **Mt. Nebo #11 (Hastings-102 members):** Approved Commander's recommendation that this Commandery remain on probation for 2017. Jurisprudence Committee is aware of multiple candidates available for some time, and that Mt. Nebo #11 cannot do the work and will not take the candidates to Papillion or North Platte festivals for knighting. If this situation is not corrected this calendar year, the Commandery charter will be arrested. The Grand Recorder should provide contact information for every Sir Knight who is a member of this Commandery to inform them of the dire situation of this commandery and their need to take a more active role in its success. If all problems are not corrected this year after two years of probation, the Charter of this Commandery should be arrested at the end of 2017.
- iv. **Palestine #13 (North Platte-43 members):** Approved Commander's recommendation to remove this Commandery from probation due to knighting four knights this year, which was the only problem that caused their probation. Jurisprudence Committee recommends that this Commandery be closely monitored to ensure no further problems arise.
- v. **Jordan #15 (Tekamah-27 members):** Approved Commander's recommendation to remove this Commandery from probation due to knighting four knights this year, which should correct their probationary problems. Jurisprudence Committee recommends that this Commandery be closely monitored to ensure no further problems arise.
- vi. **St. John #16 (McCook-64 members):** Approved Commander's recommendation that this Commandery remain on probation through 2017 and that they Commandery must knight two candidates in 2017 to be removed from probation. If not, Jurisprudence Committee recommends their charter be arrested, vice confiscated.
- vii. **Bethlehem #18 (Gering--28 members):** Approved Commander's recommendation to keep this Commandery on probation for 2017 and that this Commandery must knight at least two candidates in 2018 or their charter will be arrested at the end of two years of probation.
- viii. **Gethsemane #21 (Columbus-23 members):** Approved Commander's recommendation that this Commandery must knight at least two candidates in 2017 to provide a quorum of knights to open and hold conclaves. Since this report was generated, actually knighted one candidate in 2017.
- ix. **Melita #22 (Chadron-24 members):** Approved Commander's recommendation that the Commandery will remain on probation for a second year and must knight at least two candidates in 2017 or its charter will be arrested.

- x. **Palmyra #27 (Superior-15 members):** Approved Commander's recommendation that this Commandery should be removed from probation due to knighting two candidates and eliminating their knighting problem. Jurisprudence Committee recommends that this Commandery be closely monitored to ensure no further problems arise.

Respectfully submitted:

Edward W. Nolte, PGC

Jurisprudence Committee, Chairman

REVIEW OF TEMPLAR PROCEEDINGS

No Report.

GRAND TACTICS COMMITTEE REPORT

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

I am grateful for the honor bestowed upon me by the opportunity to serve as Grand Tactics supervisor. It has been a distinct honor and pleasure to serve this Grand Commandery. I also want to thank the Grand Tactics officers for their help and assistance. I also thank the Grand Recorder for his help in preparing this report.

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 Hermon	7	Receiving Grand Officer
Mt Tabor	9	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	Receiving Grand Officer

I want to take a few moments to talk about just a couple of things.

First, I notice there are more names that I just read than have been there in recent years. I want to thank Sir Knight Nolte for your work in getting that process started. I also want to thank the Sir Knights of these commanderies for your hard work and dedication. It's not easy to get going on this again. It can be frustrating, it can be daunting, but you have done your commanderies, and the Grand Commandery proud. Please keep up the good work. I didn't make as many visits as I would have liked, but what I did see was good, and the reports were good. Keep up the good work.

Second, the nature of tactics is more than just sword work, opening, closing and doing degrees. Tactics is about how you win a battle on the ground. Sir Knights, I tell you we are engaged in a battle on two fronts. First, our fraternity is in a battle against apathy and defeatism. Second, our faith is under attack in many places, in many ways. We cannot be at every front, but in the battle against apathy and attrition, we can be engaged. I encourage you to look to your own commanderies and think about ways to engage that battle. Will it be easy? No. Is there a magic arrow that will solve it for you? No. The challenges we all face are unique, and they must be solved by individuals who know the terrain. There is hope, and there is help. Encourage the younger members to learn about the York Rite. Invite them in. If you need help, in ideas or in the Degrees

and Orders, The Grand Commandery stands ready to assist you. This battle can be won.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph Charbonneau

TRIENNIAL COMMITTEE REPORT

The 2015 Grand Encampment Triennial was held in Buffalo, New York. Due to work schedules, lack of hotel rooms, and various other problems, the only Nebraska Sir Knight in attendance was S.K. Jim Karnegis. The next Triennial will be held in Indianapolis, Indiana in 2018. Hopefully we will have more Sir Knights representing Nebraska at that session. It is a great opportunity to connect with fellow Sir Knights from across the country and to gain some insights into how we can improve Templar Masonry in Nebraska.

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. York Rite is now visible in the Tangier shrine ritual and arch ceremonials. The arch ceremony will also be presented at Grand Lodge this year. The Grand Commandery of Nebraska participated in corner stones with the Grand Lodge of Nebraska and during one of the ceremonies received some good publicity via a local news channel. We have visited various lodges and promoted Nebraska York Rite during the year. We have also attended Easter Star meeting as well as installations. The committee continues to look for opportunities to strengthen our ties with the Nebraska Masonic Family.

Fraternally submitted,
S.K. Brett Bennett
Chairman

ELECTION OF GRAND OFFICERS

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

- S.K. Frank L. Borden, Jr., 7 R.E. Grand Commander
- S.K. Lucian C. Smith, 5 V.E. Deputy Grand Commander
- S.K. Jeffrey M. Coleman, 1 E. Grand Generalissimo
- S.K. La` Vern Work, II, 5 E. Grand Captain General
- S.K. Bruce T. Anderson, 4 E. Grand Treasurer
- S.K. Dennis A. Newman, 1 E. Grand Recorder

The following officers were appointed:

- S.K. Anthony T. Johnson, 1 E. Grand Senior Warden
- S.K. Edward Raper, 4 E. Grand Junior Warden

S.K. Kenneth J. Bunnell, 1E. Grand Prelate
 S.K. Jonathan L. Paz, 1E. Grand Standard Bearer
 S.K. Harry E. Waggener, 22..... E. Grand Sword Bearer
 S.K. Mervyn L. Moller, 4.....E. Grand Warder
 S.K. Mason F. Ely, 7E. Grand Sentinel
 S.K. Joseph Charbonneau, 1,..... E. Grand Tactics Officer
 S.K. Reginald S. Kuhn, 4E. 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 Bruce T. Anderson 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 2018 Grand Session will be at the Younes Conference Center in Kearney, Nebraska April 5-7.

INSTALLATION OF GRAND COMMANDERY OFFICERS

Sir Knight Brett Bennett 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. Don R. Monnette, KCTInstalling Officer
- S.K.Keith J. Herbster, KCT, REPGCInstalling Marshal
- S.K. Fred Wtant, KCT, REPGC Installing Prelate
- S.K. Jay H. Speck, KCT, REPGC Installing Recorder
- Jennifer Grass Installing Musician

Sir Knight Monnette 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 Monnette 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 Sandy 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-Sixth Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Nebraska, held at the "Holiday Inn and Conference Center, Kearney, April 8, 2017.

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

Bruce T. Anderson, E. Grand Recorder

PAST COMMANDERS' BANQUET

Saturday evening, April 8, 2017, the 80th 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 59 Sir Knights and Ladies in attendance. *S.K. Josh Foster* President, the Master of Ceremonies.

Sir Josh Foster 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 December 31, 2015	\$1,488.65
RECEIPTS	
Interest	\$ 1.48
New Members	\$ 40.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$ 41.48
DISBURSEMENTS	
Annual Mtg. Expense.....	\$ 0.0
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$ 0.0
Balance on Hand December 31, 2016	\$1530.20

The nominating committee nominated the following Sir Knights to serve as officers for the ensuing year: **Sir Knight Jonathan Paz**, President, **Sir Knight Ed Raper**, 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.

Bruce T. Anderson, Secretary-Treasurer

GRAND COMMANDERY COMMITTEES - 2016-2017

- BUDGET & FINANCE:** James F. Brown, Jr.,4, 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 Herbst, 4 KCT, Jay Speck, 5 KCT.
- CREDENTIALS:** Frank Smuthny, 11 Chairman, ; David Shaw, 1, Don Monnette. 5
- DECEASED TEMPLARS:** Kenneth J. Bunnell, 1, Chairman; Joseph P. Charbonneau, 1, Tim Wroot, 13.
- DISTINGUISHED GUESTS:** Jay H. Speck, KCT, 5, Chairman; John Parsons, 1 Edgar Bredemeier, 5
- DOINGS OF GRAND OFFICERS:** Brett Bennett, 5 Chairman; AJ Johnson, 1, Carl Plants, 4
- HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE:** Frank Borden, 27 Chairman; Kenneth Bunnell, 1 Joseph Charbonneau, 1
- JURISPRUDENCE:** Edward W. Nolte, 1, 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:** Frederick C. Way, Jr.,11, Chairman,; James A. Carlton, 1, Donald E. Rife, 16
- PUBLICITY:** Dennis Newman, 1 Chairman, 4 Jonathan L. Paz, 1 Jeff Stanley, 5
- 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	2 nd 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 - Palestine No. 13	January 1, 2005
**Bethel No. 28	Palestine No. 100 UD	April 6, 2010
Damascus No. 20	Norfolk	September 12, 2016

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Fred O. Wyant, KCT, 17, 316 Nebraska Ave. York 68467-3662	129 th	2000
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Edward I. Morrow, 15, 1419 "I" Street, Tekamah 68061-1230	132 nd	2003
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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. 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
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. Fillingner, 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

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TEMPLAR OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

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The Knight Commander of the Temple (KCT) was awarded to Sir Knight Bruce Anderson, Mt. Moriah Commandery, No. 4, and Sir Knight Robert Williams, Mt. Nebo Commandery, No 11. It was presented by R.E. Past North Central Department Commander James N Karnegis, and R.E. Grand Recorder, Grand Encampment, Larry Tucker.

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*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	
*2000 Morgan A. Hartman, 17	
*2001 Norval W. Stewart, 4	
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*2002 Roger L. Galusha, 6	
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*2000 June Bickham	2008 Diane Wunder
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2001 Corene Herbster	2010 Carolyn Bredemeier
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