

2024

*Knights Templar*



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PROCEEDINGS  
OF



One Hundred Ninety Seventh  
ANNUAL CONCLAVE

Held at  
Courtyard Marriott  
Cromwell, Connecticut

April 13, 2024

SIR KNIGHT EDWARD CARLETON PAGE

*Right Eminent Grand Commander*

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Orville Carleton Page, Sr. of Vassaboro Maine married Mary Eleanor Tibbetts of Whitefield Maine in 1962, and the following year had their only child together, a son, Edward Carleton Page. Orville, affectionately known as “Gus” passed away from a stroke in 2004 after dedicating fifty-three years of his seventy-seven years of life to Freemasonry. Although Edward’s father, grandfather and uncle were all very active as Freemasons, Edward had fears of speaking in front of people and worried about the memorization of ritual, so it wasn’t until Edward moved to Connecticut just five minutes away from Moriah Lodge #15 that a chance meeting would enable him to challenge those fears.

Edward was born on March 8, 1963 in Waterville, Maine, a small town just twenty miles east of Augusta. He spent his childhood playing little league baseball, riding snowmobiles, skiing and helping out on his mother’s family dairy farm. With these activities, he learned the value of hard work and the reward of being part of a team. He also has fond memories of helping his father out at Masonic fundraisers and events. His father was a funeral director and Edward envied the ease in which his Dad’s ability to speak to people in difficult life moments and remembers how a sense of humor at the right time could make most people feel comfortable. Although Gus was disappointed Edward didn’t follow in his footsteps after graduating from Winslow High School in 1981, and join him in the funeral business, he was very proud to see his son go off to Vermont and ultimately graduate in 1983 with an Associate Degree in Mechanical Engineering. During his time there, Edward joined their basketball team and became their Captain and was in the local paper frequently for scoring a record number of points; this was a remarkable achievement given his start in basketball came just two years prior at high school having focused mostly on playing and excelling at baseball since he was a small boy. In High school, Edward received several awards for sports achievements including; Most Improved for Varsity Baseball, Best Defense for Varsity Basketball, and Best Male Athlete presented by the Waterville Jaycees. Edwards musical interest also started in school, joining band in Junior High School and continuing through High School as well as playing trombone in Pep-Band.

Having watched his parents work hard, Edward quickly began his engineering career in Keene NH with Kingsbury Machine. From there he took his mechanical skills to U.S.C.I., Bard in Fitzwilliam NH and when that company transferred him to Billerica MA, he was settling into what would be a long and satisfying career designing medical devices. During this time, Edward was an avid runner and competed in many Road Races, and also got into body building; competing in the 1992 American Natural Body Building 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Green Mountain Classic . He also purchased his first home in 1996. It was while working for that company in Billerica, that he met his then wife, Christina. Christina’s mother Ruth, worked for the same company as Edward, but in Mentor, Ohio. The facility in Mentor needed an Engineer with his expertise, so they requested Edward go to Ohio to work on projects.

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Just before he was scheduled to leave, having appreciated his work for the past several weeks, they invited him on a company outing, at which Christina's mother brought her as her mother's guest. Once the two were introduced, they spent the evening getting to know each other and Edward was able to extend his trip a little longer to spend more time with Christina. After just eight months of dating long distance, Edward proposed and they were married on August 30, 1997, just one year after meeting each other. They began their lives in Baldwinville, MA and a few years later, moved to Brooklyn Connecticut. Although working fifty hours a week designing medical devices, which he now holds multiple patents for, and pitching for the local softball team; Edward decided to go back to school and subsequently graduated from the University of Massachusetts in 2003 with his Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering. During his return to college, while playing softball, his pitching helped them take home the 2001 Class B State Championship for Massachusetts. He was also inducted into the National Honor Society and President of the Alpha Sigma Lambda Gamma Delta in 2002.

Even before Edward became a Freemason he was always helping people and his community, and was recognized for his work in the community by receiving the coveted Dean's Distinguished Public Service Award in June of 2003 from the University of Massachusetts. He also volunteered his time to judge science fairs at local schools and participated in Relay for Life events.

Upon graduation from UMass, Edward decided to revisit one of his fears; the fear of heights, and began taking flying lessons at the Fitchburg Municipal Airport in Fitchburg Massachusetts, in order to receive his pilot's license. Another driving factor for this endeavor was in the aftermath of the terrorist attack on the World Trade Centers, by have some flight skills if ever faced with this situation he was determined to be as prepared as possible. He had also previously completed bungee jumping off a fixed site while on vacation to work on conquering his fear.

After being transferred from Massachusetts to Rhode Island with the company he had been employed at for more than twenty years, Edward and Christina moved to Brooklyn, CT in February of 2005 to be closer to both their jobs; it was here that Edward began his Masonic journey. He stopped by one day at Moriah Lodge #15 and spoke to a gentleman there. That man became Edward's mentor and dear friend, Frank E. Maxim, III. Frank immediately put Edward at ease with his concerns of speaking in front of others and learning rituals, reminding him that Freemasons are exceptional men who have all gone through the same steps and similar fears. With RW Frank by his side, he completed the Entered Apprentice degree on September 14, 2007, the Fellow Craft degree on October 10, 2007 and was raised to the sublime degree Master Mason on November 14, 2007, by his father's brother Paul H Page of South China Maine.

With the support of his wife, who also comes from a family of Freemasons, Edward quickly began making up for what he considered to be "lost time," and was asked to be on the Grand Lodge Strategic Planning Committee in 2009 through 2012. He was a member of Moriah Lodge's Building Corporation Committee and he also moved through Moriah Lodge officer positions quickly; having the privilege of becoming

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Worshipful Master in 2011 and serving a consecutive term in 2012. During his term, he dedicated it to his father, Gus, and created the “God – Unity - Service” theme, donating a brand new complete set of officer jewels and aprons with an inscribed wooden box to keep them secure in. He also started an annual Down East Maine Table Lodge dinner to help raise funds for the small lodge, which has become one of the district’s favorite events with guests always guaranteed a good time with music and friends; this September will mark its ninth annual table lodge dinner. He also sent out birthday cards to each member during his two years to let them know they were all very important to breathing life back into Moriah. He started and coordinated a golf tournament for three years, soliciting donated goods and certificates from local businesses so the lodge could maximize its net profits, and he also started a program to deliver poinsettias to widows of Moriah Lodge members at Christmas time, which was continued for several years.

He was honored to be installed as Associate Grand Marshall of District 9A in 2010, and again in 2011 and 2012. He received the Mason of the Year award for district 9A in February of 2011 and he continues to this day to personally donate to the sponsorship of the Brooklyn Little League every year on behalf of Moriah Lodge to help foster the relationship between the Lodge and the community, and to bring awareness of Freemasonry to the younger generation. As each ball is hit to the outfield or a homerun is made, the Masonic symbol is proudly displayed on a large banner.

In 2015 he was installed as District Deputy of 9A and again in 2016. While he was serving his second term as District Deputy, an unfortunate event occurred in another district when 9B’s District Deputy was called to the Celestial Lodge. Edward stepped in without hesitation to finish out that Brother’s term while still presiding as District Deputy in his own district. It was a less stressful transition for the brethren of 9B because Edward had already been traveling through the lodges in that district for years, displaying a general support, and knew a lot of them already. Also that year, Edward was appointed as the Grand Lodge Representative to the state of North Carolina, which he was pleased to accept as he is a huge North Carolina Tarheels fan and he was also appointed to the Grand Lodge Sessions Committee, which he is still currently serving on.

In addition to his other duties, Edward is also the EMR coordinator and Trustee for his mother lodge, and has been a mentor for incoming candidates and brethren; creating CD’s and other useful techniques to help candidates with their rituals, using his ability to overcome his own insecurities as a role model to others. Many of those brothers that Edward mentored are now incredibly active in the continuation of the revitalization of Moriah Lodge and have become great ritualists. In recognition of his vision, dedication, excellent leadership, and support of his mother lodge, Edward has been presented multiple plaques and certificates from its members through the years.

2017 was a memorable year for Edward; personally, professionally and Masonically. He was promoted to Executive Director of Operations and Engineering at his place of

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employment after only being there a few short years, and then in April, Edward was appointed and installed as the Grand Junior Steward for the Grand Lodge of Connecticut. That August he and his wife traveled back to Ohio where they met to renew their vows in celebration of their twentieth anniversary of marriage. And as a newly installed Grand Lodge Officer, he was asked by then MWGM Theodore J. Nelson to chair the Lifetime Membership Committee and appointed to the EMR Committee, and serves on them both currently. Later that year, in November, he wrapped 2017 up by celebrating his tenth anniversary of being raised as a Master Mason. In April of 2018, Edward was privileged to continue his progression of Grand Lodge Officers by being installed as Grand Marshal for the Grand Lodge of Connecticut. He was also a member of the Legal Matters Committee and the Masonicare Residential Services Board of Directors. He is currently serving as Grand Senior Warden having been installed this past April at the 234<sup>th</sup> Annual Communication, and has assume the responsibility of overseeing all service awards for the state of Connecticut since 2018 to the present, and was reappointed by current MWGM Bruce R. Bellmore.

Even with all his Blue Lodge work, Edward is also very active in York Rite. He was Knighted as a member of St. John's Commandery #11 in June of 2009, in which he served as Eminent Commander 2013 through 2016, and served as Recorder in 2017 to the present. He is a Royal Arch Masons member of Trinity Chapter # 9 and a Royal & Select Masters member of the Montgomery Council # 2. In April of 2016 he was the recipient of the Knight Commander of the Temple award by the Grand Encampment Knights Templar of the United States of America. He had the honor of serving as Pre Eminent Governor of the Connecticut York Rite College #17 in 2017. And in addition to being a Connecticut Grand Lodge Line Officer, he was installed onto the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Connecticut line in 2017, and is now serving as Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander. Edward was also privileged to be invited to join the Apostles Tabernacle #17, Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests and was ordained December 7, 2017.

With his father being a member of the Scottish Rite, Edward has also chosen to follow in his footsteps and in February of 2018, joined the Scottish Rite Valley of Norwich, conferring his 32<sup>nd</sup> degree in May of 2018.

On August 25, 2018, Edward took the prestigious Royal Order of Scotland degree and on November 3, 2018 he joined the Auvergne Chapter, as a Senior Honorary DeMolay.

In August 2019, Edward experienced the highest honor in the York Rite Sovereign College by taking the Order of the Purple Cross of York, recognizing his service to the Rite and humanity.

At the Annual Grand Lodge Communication in 2020, RW Edward had the distinct honor and privilege to receive the Pierpont Edwards Medal in Bronze by Most Worshipful Grand Master Stephen Petri. This presentation was made even more special as his

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great friend, Most Worshipful Glenn S. Carlson past Grand Master from Rhode Island also was presented with this district honor.

At the Conference of Grand Masters in Milwaukee WI in 2021, Edward was initiated into the National Sojourners and is a member of the local Hartford Chapter #56.

Throughout his Masonic journey, Edward has used his sense of humor and affability to travel to other districts and states to promote brotherhood; establishing great relationships between Moriah Lodge and the other lodges. In doing so, he has become honorary members of Ionic Lodge #110 in Windham, Connecticut and Manchester Lodge #12 of Coventry, Rhode Island. He has also affiliated to his father's mother lodge, Vassalboro #54 in Vassalboro, Maine. Because of these relationships he has established amongst other lodges, Moriah Lodge has received donations from other lodges to help the old lodge along and if you have ever attended one of their events, you will most likely see brothers from other lodges helping out alongside Moriah's own members.

Anyone who has met Edward, knows he is a hugger and is a generous person. He has donated his time, money, or goods to the Salvation Army, Toys for Tots, local schools, United Way, Athletic scholarships, the Humane Society and the Juveniles Diabetes Research Foundation, just to name a few. He has even opened his home as refuge for women and children from domestic violence. He has donated money and much needed items to his mother lodge in order to keep the lights on, and when his lodge was flailing, he was one of the key members to revitalize Moriah by creating events to raise funds, acting as liaison between local lodges, and traveling to invite brethren to come and be a part of the transformation. In trying to solicit interest to Moriah Lodge #15, he started writing a trestleboard and would send a full color multipage trestleboard out each quarter for several years; even winning an award from the Grand Lodge on behalf of Moriah. He has also submitted numerous articles to the Connecticut Freemason Magazine highlighting the lodge's improvements, events and fundraising efforts.

You can almost assuredly find him at local fundraisers supporting his lodge, as well as others across the state and other jurisdictions. He buys extra meals and delivers them to members of his lodge that are no longer able to attend the fundraisers; spending time with them updating them, in order to help the brother feel more connected to the lodge. He will send cards, flowers or gifts to brothers and their wives, or children, when he hears someone is feeling under the weather, had surgery or lost a loved one, and he has visited several brothers when in the hospital to encourage their recovery. He has participated and coordinated multiple Masonic funerals, even planning the entire funeral accompanied by a beautiful video collage set to the fallen brother's favorite songs for the family of one of Moriah's brothers who were too heartbroken to do it.

Edward was baptized at the Brown Memorial United Methodist Church where he also attended Sunday school and sung in the choir as a youth. Today he attends Danielson United Methodist Church.

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Edward has two siblings; Orville Carleton Page Jr. of Islesboro Maine, and Carleen Dawn Page of Yarmouth Maine.

He does all this while keeping up with the high demands of his job at Hobbs Medical in Stafford Springs, CT. He has also moved his eighty-seven-year-old mother from Maine to Connecticut, so he can look after her as her Alzheimer's progresses.

Since petitioning Moriah Lodge to become a Freemason, he has represented the very essence of what a Freemason is: championing the very liberties and values established by the founding members and upholding the moralities originated when Freemasonry began. He is a Freemason twenty-four hours a day, always conscious that the image he portrays symbolizes the principles of Freemasonry.

His genuine concern for others is obvious and his compassion to those in need is undeniable. Whether he is paying and pumping gas for an elderly stranger, going out of his way to open or hold a door for someone, gifting money to brothers in need without asking for it in return, or giving rides to brothers wanting to attend lodge functions; Edward is clearly happiest when he is helping others.

**PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
GRAND COMMANDERY of KNIGHTS TEMPLAR  
OF CONNECTICUT  
AT THE 197th ANNUAL CONCLAVE, APRIL 13  
A.D. 2024 – A.O. 906**

At 9:30 A.M. The Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Connecticut was reconvened for the dispatch of business.

**GRAND COMMANDERY OFFICERS PRESENT OR ABSENT**

Edward C. Page	R.E. Grand Commander
Harold A. Elwell	V.E. Deputy Grand Commander
Steven J. Chiappalone	Grand Generalissimo
Kenneth D. Roach	Grand Captain General
James Whitaker, Jr.	Grand Senior Warden
Edward A. Varjabedian	Grand Junior Warden
Charles A. McCollum (Absent)	Grand Treasurer
Vincent A. Cowie (Absent)	Grand Recorder
William E. Weisert II	Grand Prelate
Joseph S.. Krusienski (Absent)	Associate Grand Prelate
Bruce R. Bellmore (Absent)	Associate Grand Prelate
Christian F. Schunmann	Grand Standard Bearer
William E. Bohman	Grand Sword Bearer
Michael R. Messner	Grand Warder
Daniel M. Luft	Grand Sentinel
Martin Ede	Grand Historiographer
Charles D. O'Neill	Grand Correspondent
Charles D. O'Neill	Asst. Grand Recorder
David Soderberg (Absent)	Grand Organist

**PAST GRAND COMMANDERS PRESENT**

S.K. Charles B. Fowler, Jr.	1997
S.K. Wayne N. Saunders	2000
S.K. William L. Miller, II	2006
S.K. Charles D. O'Neill	2012
S.K. Stuart K. Drost	2013
S.K. Clyde W. Kayser, II	2016
S.K. Michael E. Seamon	2019
S.K. Craig R. Nelson, Sr.	2021

**SIR KNIGHTS & PERMANENT MEMBERS WHO REGISTERED**  
**From Connecticut Constituent Commanderies**

**WASHINGTON # 1**

S.K. William E. Bohman, P.C.  
S.K. Charles B. Fowler, P.G.C.  
S.K. Arnold S. Grot, P.C.  
S.K. Dean Grouse, C.G.  
S.K. Eric Hoy, GEN  
S.K. Duane Mason  
S.K. Steven Matthews, E.C.  
S.K. William L. Miller II, P.G.C.  
S.K. Kenneth D. Roach, P.C.  
S.K. Michael E. Seamon, P.G.C.

**NEW HAVEN # 2**

S.K. Scott Atkins, EC  
S.K. Martin Ede, P.C.  
S.K. Richard A. Eppler, P.C.  
S.K. Albert Ralph R. Johnson, C.G.  
S.K. Clyde W. Kayser II, P.G.C.  
S.K. Gerardo Nero  
S.K. Raul A. Pereles, Jr., GEN

**TRINITY # 3**

S.K. Silas Mante, C.G.  
S.K. Charles D. O'Neill, P.G.C.  
S.K. Darrin Silhavy, P.C.  
S.K. Andrew Triandafilou, E.C.

**HAMILTON # 5**

S.K. Stuart Drost, P.D.C.  
S.K. Andrew Flasko, GEN.  
S.K. Michael Miller, C.G.  
S.K. Craig R. Nelson Sr., P.G.C.  
S.K. Michael Sabia Jr, P.C., E.C.  
S.K. Wayne Saunders, P.G.C.  
S.K. Gary Shepard, P.C  
S.K. James Whitaker Jr., P.C.

**PALESTINE # 6**

S.K. Richard L. Allen, P.C. GEN.  
\*S.K. Christopher Britland, C.G,  
S.K. Scott A. Daniels, Jr., E.C.  
S.K. Rinaldo Magliano, Jr., P.C.  
S.K. William E. Weisert II, P.C.

**CYRENE # 8**

S.K. Michael R. Messner, E.C.

**ST ELMO # 9**

S.K. Francis Barnes, GEN  
S.K. Steven Chiappalone, P.C., CG  
S.K. Shane Dufresne  
S.K. Harold Elwell, P.C., VEDGC  
S.K. Daniel M. Luft, P.C.  
S.K. Mark Orsini, E.C.  
S.K. Louis Santos, P.C.  
S.K. Christian Schunmann, P.C.

**ST JOHN'S # 11**

S.K. Richard G. Barrows, P.C.  
S.K. Gregory Messier, C.G.  
S.K. Arthur L. Mullin-Stone, E.C.  
S.K. Edward Page, REGC  
\*S.K. Ryan J. Snide, GEN

Abbreviations Key

E.C. - Eminent Commander  
GEN. - Generalissimo  
C.G. - Captain General  
S.W. - Senior Warden  
J.W. - Junior Warden  
P.C. - Past Commander  
P.D.C. - Past Department Commander  
P.G.C. - Past Grand Commander  
REGC - Right Eminent Grand Commander  
VEDGC - Very Eminent Deputy Grand  
Commander  
\* - Proxy

**REPRESENTATIVES TO THE 197th ANNUAL CONCLAVE**

<b><u>Washington # 1</u></b>	S.K. Steven Matthews	Eminent Commander
Stationed at:	S.K. Eric Hoy	Generalissimo
East Hartford	S.K. Dean Grouse	Captain General
<b><u>New Haven # 2</u></b>	S.K. Scott Atkins	Eminent Commander
Stationed at:	S.K. Raul A. Pereles	Generalissimo
New Haven	S.K. Albert Ralph R. Johnson	Captain General
<b><u>Trinity # 3</u></b>	S.K. Andrew N. Triandafilou	Eminent Commander
Stationed at:	**S.K. James F.B. Wood	Generalissimo
Norwalk	S.K. Silas Mante	Captain General
<b><u>Hamilton # 5</u></b>	S.K. Michael Sabia, Jr	Eminent Commander
Stationed at:	S.K. Andrew J. Flasko	Generalissimo
Stratford	S.K. Michael Miller	Captain General
<b><u>Palestine # 6</u></b>	S.K. Scott A. Daniels, Jr.	Eminent Commander
Stationed at:	S.K. Richard L. Allen	Generalissimo
Preston	*S.K. Christopher Britland	Captain General
<b><u>Cyrene # 8</u></b>	S.K. Michael R. Messner	Eminent Commander
Stationed at:	**S.K. James S. McNeely, IV	Generalissimo
Middletown	*** S.K. Edward A. Varjabedian	Captain General
<b><u>St. Elmo # 9</u></b>	S.K. Mark A. Orsini	Eminent Commander
Stationed at:	S.K. Francis P. Barnes	Generalissimo
Meriden	S.K. Steven J. Chiappalone	Captain General
<b><u>St. Johns # 11</u></b>	S.K. Arthur Mullin-Stone	Eminent Commander
Stationed at:	S.K. Ryan J. Snide	Generalissimo
Windham	S.K. Gregory J. Messier	Captain General

\* Denotes Proxy

\*\* Absent, or not registered, or no proxy

\*\*\* Although present, did not register with the Credentials Committee

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, the Grand Commander declared the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Connecticut reconvened for the One Hundred Ninety Seventh Annual Conclave at 9:30 in the morning on April 13, 2024.

**DISTINGUISHED GUESTS AND VISITORS**

Mass/RI	James I. Ogilvie	Right Eminent Grand Commander
New York	R. Conrad Johnson	Right Eminent Grand Commander
	Aram Adishian	Grand Representative to Conn
Vermont	Roland Woddard	Right Eminent Grand Commander
New Hampshire	Kaleb Brown	Right Eminent Grand Commander
	Arthur W. Stauff	V. E. Deputy Grand Commander
	Earl W. Cole	RE Past Grand Commander
	Peter Noddin	Eminent Grand Captain General
	Kenneth Colpaert	Em Grand Senior Warden
Pennsylvania	Thomas C. Helm	Right Eminent Grand Commander
	Wilmer E. Hall	RE Past Grand Commander
New Jersey	Harry S. May III	Right Eminent Grand Commander
	Edward Kotwicka	V. E. Deputy Grand Commander
	Robert Crawford	Em Grand Junior Warden
South Carolina	Louis Santos	Em Grand Warder & Gr Rep to CT

**KNIGHT CRUSADERS OF THE CROSS**

William E. Weisert, II, Knight Crusader of the East

**Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Connecticut**

Companion Michael E. Seamon, Most Excellent Grand High Priest

**Grand Council Royal & Select Masters of Connecticut**

Companion Darrin D. Silhavy, Most Puissant Grand Master

**Past Grand Commanders of Connecticut**

Charles B. Fowler, Jr	1997	Stuart K. Drost	2013
Wayne N. Saunders	2000	Clyde W. Kayser II	2016
William L. Miller II	2006	Michael E. Seamon	2019
Charles D. O'Neill	2012	Craig R. Nelson Sr.	2021

**Grand Encampment Knights Templar USA**

S.K. John D. Barnes, Right Eminent Department Commander, North East Department, representing S.K. David J Kussman, Most Eminent Grand Master, Grand Encampment Knights Templar USA  
S.K. Stuart K. Drost, Right Eminent Past Department Commander, North East Department

**Most Worshipful Grand Lodge AF & AM of Connecticut**

Shane Dufresne, RW Grand Senior Warden & Personal Representative of Edward C. Page, Most Worshipful Grand Master of Conn  
Edward C. Page, Most Worshipful Grand Master  
Charles B. Fowler, Jr, Most Worshipful Past Grand Master

Report of the Necrology Committee

Necrology Service for Grand Commandery of Connecticut

Fellow Knights, my Fraters,

God has called several Knights home to work with Him in the Great Celestial Commandery, where He reigns as the Supreme Commander.

Our ranks are thinner, our hearts are saddened, but our lives are richer for having known and worked with each of them.

My brother Knights, we have lost:

Jack Homer Stevens & Edward Robert Ham, both Past Grand Commanders;

James Charles Robinson, Robert William Hamilton, Robert Norman Jones, William Baldwin Schlechtweg, & Delbert Amos Little, all Past Commanders;

Richard Charles Memmott Sr., Roger Norman Payne, Robert Clarence Seymour, Irving Lieff, Robert David Sherrick, John Arthur Birdsall, William V. Griswold, & James Louis Vander Eyk, all Sir Knights.

I would also like to add SK Steven Wilson of Columbian Commandery # 1 of New York City, a sojourning Knight, resident in Old Lyme and a friend through the same Church with the Grand Prelate.

Separated only by a rank, but not by our brotherly love & affection, these Fraters laboured among us and inspired us with their commitment to our Lord & Saviour Jesus Christ, our God and our ideals. Their loss diminishes us, as their memories and examples enriched us and our Order.

As they are entered into their reward, and we grow from here-we salute our Fraters, saying, "God Speed, my Brother, and may He grant you rest eternal in His Love, Peace & Strength to your families!"

Glory & Praise to God our Father, to Jesus Christ His Son our Lord & to the Holy Spirit, the source of our strength! Amen!

Fraternally Submitted,

William E. Weisert II, Ch.  
Bruce R. Bellmore, REPGC  
Joseph Krusineski

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The Grand Recorder offered the following motions:

Moved that the roll call be dispensed with and a complete list of Sir Knights present be compiled by the Credentials Committee and printed in the proceedings.

Moved that the minutes of the 196th Grand Conclave be approved as distributed and printed in the proceedings.

Moved that permission be given to all Sir Knights that hold no office, to remain at this conclave dressed in fatigue uniform or business suits.

The motions by the Grand Recorder were regularly moved, seconded and carried by vote of the Sir Knights and ordered to be printed in the proceedings.


The Grand Commander welcomed the Grand representatives present and thanked them for their service. Present were:

California	Stuart K. Drost
Indiana	Arnold S. Grot
Kentucky	Stuart K. Drost
Maine	Edward C. Page
Maryland	Richard A. Eppler
Nebraska	Daniel M. Luft
New Jersey	Charles D. O'Neill
New York	Wayne N. Saunders
Ohio	Clyde W. Kayser, II
Oklahoma	Michael E. Seamon
Virginia	Richard G. Barrows
Washington	Craig R. Nelson, Sr.
West Virginia	William L. Miller, II

**REPORT OF THE GRAND TREASURER**

Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Connecticut		
General Fund 3/1/23 to 2/29/24		
BEGINNING BALANCE 3/1/23 Webster Bank		\$ 13,185.28
<b>Receipts</b>		
Knighting Fee	850.00	
KTEF Assessment	13.00	
Misc Income	97.66	
Transfer from Trustees	147.23	
Per Capita	21,166.00	
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>		<b>\$ 22,273.89</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Annual Financial Analytical Review	0.00	
Conn Demolay	500.00	
Conn Grand Assembly IORG	500.00	
Easter Service - Masonicare	0.00	
Grand Commandery Conclave	5,500.00	
Grand Encampment Dues & Assessments	5,026.00	
Honorarium-Grand Commander	2,000.00	
Honorarium-Grand Treasurer	200.00	
Insurance	2,422.00	
Misc Expense	0.00	
Northeast Department Conference	540.00	
Office Equipment Rental	599.00	
Office Expense - Grand Treasurer	8.70	
Office Expense-Grand Recorder	487.56	
Past Grand Commander Jewel	233.33	
Payroll Taxes	214.20	
Printing & Postage	369.97	
Salary-Grand Recorder	1,292.90	
Transfer to Triennial Fund	0.00	
Triennial Expenses	0.00	
Web Page Maintenance	500.00	
Workshops, Festivals and Other Programs	280.05	
York Rite Coordinating Committee	0.00	
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>		<b>20,673.71</b>
ENDING BALANCE 2/29/24		<b>\$ 14,785.46</b>
Note: \$633.80 of balance held for Drill Team		
		
Charles A. McCollum, KTCH, REPGC, Treasurer		

**REPORT OF THE GRAND TREASURER PAGE 2**

Holy Land Pilgrimage Fund			
BEGINNING BALANCE 3/1/23 Webster Bank			\$ 6,312.00
Receipts			
Donations		\$ 2,087.00	
Interest		\$ 0.67	
TOTAL RECEIPTS			\$ 2,087.67
ENDING BALANCE 2/29/24			\$ 8,399.67
Triennial Fund Savings			
BEGINNING BALANCE 3/1/23 Webster Bank			\$ 8,147.03
Receipts			
Donations			
Interest		\$ 0.82	
TOTAL RECEIPTS			\$ 0.82
ENDING BALANCE 2/29/24			\$ 8,147.85
Triennial Fund CD			
BEGINNING BALANCE 3/1/23 Webster Bank			\$ 1,904.00
Receipts			
Donations			
Interest		\$ 1.74	
TOTAL RECEIPTS			\$ 1.74
ENDING BALANCE 2/29/24			\$ 1,905.74
			
Charles A. McCollum, KTCH, REPGC, Treasurer			

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES**

Savings Account			
BEGINNING BALANCE 3/1/23 Webster Bank			\$ 152.23
Receipts			
Donations			
Interest	\$	-	
TOTAL RECEIPTS			\$ -
Expenses			
Bank Fees	\$	5.00	
Transfer to checking	\$	147.23	
TOTAL EXPENSES			\$ 152.23
ENDING BALANCE 2/29/24			\$ -
Certificate of Deposit			
BEGINNING BALANCE 3/1/23 Webster Bank			\$ 69,270.48
Receipts			
Donations			
Interest	\$	69.28	
TOTAL RECEIPTS			\$ 69.28
ENDING BALANCE 2/29/24			\$ 69,339.76
Vanguard Fund			
BEGINNING BALANCE 3/1/23 Vanguard			\$ 440,398.04
Receipts			
Dividends	\$	7,526.53	
Value Change	\$	89,542.53	
TOTAL RECEIPTS			\$ 97,069.06
ENDING BALANCE 2/29/24			\$ 537,467.10
TOTAL TRUSTEE'S ASSETS		3/1/2023	2/29/2024
	\$	509,820.75	\$ 606,806.86
NET INCREASE	\$	96,986.11	
<i>Chak G. R. M.</i>			

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**REPORT OF THE GRAND RECORDER**

TO: *The Right Eminent Grand Commander, Officers and Members of the Grand Commandery of Connecticut:*

Your Grand Recorder submits the following report for the year ending February 29, 2024, of which the membership portion is for the year ending December 31, 2023.

As recorded from MMS

Membership last year, January 1, 2023 557

1. Number Knighted	24
2. Number Affiliated	7
3. Number Reinstated	0
Subtotal (1-3) Gains	31

4. Number Suspended	19
5. Number Demitted	6
6. Number Expelled	0
7. Number Died	22
Subtotal (4-7) Losses	48

Membership December 31, 2023	<b>541</b>
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All of the Commanderies have filed their annual returns and paid the required assessments.

In addition to the annual returns totaling \$22,029.00, I have received \$2,184.66 in other income, which totals \$24,213.66 exclusive of earned interest and funds transfers by the trustees.

Warrants #1434 to #1456 inclusive, totaling \$20,673.21, have been issued, approved, and forwarded to the Grand Treasurer for payment.

I would like to thank the Right Eminent Grand Commander for his assistance this year. It has been an honor this year to serve the Grand Commandery as your Grand Recorder.

Respectfully submitted,



Vincent A. Cowie, R.E.P.G.C.  
Grand Recorder







**REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE  
TWELVE MONTH BUDGET**

**March 1, 2024 to February 28, 2025**

**Expense Items:**

Honorarium-Grand Commander	\$2,000.00
Honorarium-Grand Treasurer	200.00
Salary-Grand Recorder	1,400.00
Office Expense-Grand Treasurer	50.00
Office Expense-Grand Recorder	500.00
Easter Service-Masonicare	100.00
Grand Encampment Assessment	4,869.00
Knights Templar Eye Foundation Assessment	33.00
Printing & Postage	800.00
Insurance	2,600.00
Annual Financial Analytic Review	635.00
Grand Commandery Conclave	5,500.00
Northeast Department Conference	675.00
Past Grand Commander Jewel	250.00
Workshops, Festivals & Other Programs	500.00
Triennial Fund	1,500.00
Triennial Expense	4,450.00
Office Equipment Rental	600.00
K.T. Web Page Maintenance	500.00
Payroll Taxes	215.00
Miscellaneous	150.00
Connecticut DeMolay	500.00
Connecticut Rainbow	<u>500.00</u>
<b>TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS</b>	<b>\$28,577.00</b>

**INCOME**

Per Capita Tax (\$38.00 @ 541 members)	\$20,558.00
Knights Templar Eye Foundation Assessment	33.00
Knighting Fees	600.00
Transfer from Triennial Fund	4,450.00

**TOTAL ESTIMATED INCOME \$25,641.00**

Treasurers Cash Balance as of 2/29/2024	
*Note \$633.80 is from the Drill Team	\$14,785.46
Income less than disbursements	(2,936.00)

**EXCESS OF INCOME OVER DISBURSEMENTS**

**After adding Treasurers cash balance \$11,849.46**

**REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Your Committee respectfully offers the following resolutions to implement the proposed budget:

**Resolved:**

- 1) That the Grand Commandery hereby appropriates the sum of \$28,577.00 for operations of the Grand Commandery of Connecticut for the fiscal year ending February 28, 2025 as presented in the proposed budget.
- 2) That each constituent Commandery shall be assessed the following sums for each frater on the rolls of the Commandery on the 31<sup>st</sup> day of December, 2024:
  - a) Thirty Eight dollars (\$38.00) for operation of the Grand Commandery.
  - b) One dollar (\$1.00) for the Knights Templar Eye Foundation except as provided in Regulation X, Section 1 of the Permanent Regulations.
- 3) That each constituent Commandery shall be assessed the sum of \$25.00 for each frater knighted during the year ending December 31, 2024.
- 4) That the Trustees be empowered to transfer up to the amount of \$5,000.00 to the Grand Treasurer to cover the excess of disbursements over receipts.
- 5) That during the period subsequent to February 28, 2024 and until the next budget shall be adopted at the Annual Conclave in 2025, that the Grand Treasurer be authorized to expend up to ten percent (10%) of the amounts included in the proposed budget for disbursements.

Your Committee on Finance recommends that the Treasurer, with the assistance of the Trustees, maintain a balance sufficient to avoid bank charges for a low balance. Additionally, your Committee on Finance recommends that reimbursement not to exceed the allowances for expenses of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder office, be paid, upon presentation to the Grand Recorder, of documentation to actual expenses incurred.

Respectfully submitted,

Harold A. Elwell  
Steven J. Chiappalone  
Vincent A. Cowie  
Charles A. McCollum

**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE**

**2023-2024**

To; the Right Eminent Grand Commander, Officers and Members of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Connecticut in Annual Conclave on April 13, 2024;

Your Committee on Jurisprudence reports at this time, in accordance with Regulation II, Section 1 of the Permanent Regulations of the Grand Commandery of Connecticut, as of the writing of this report on April 7, 2024, the Committee has not received the Grand Commander's report or Copies of the Dispensations he has issued during his term of Office. The Committee will upon receipt of these reports, review and issue a report as to our findings.

However, our committee was made aware of an issue that was brought to light on January 26, 2024.

A Sir Knight had reported to the R.E. Grand Recorder and the Grand Commander, that he and 4-other Sir Knights had been dropped for non-payment of dues without having received certified letters. The Committee determined that these Sir Knights were in fact dropped illegally, and after some back and forth it was recommended to the Commandery that a new "Certified letter" be sent to each Sir Knight and giving them a new deadline to respond, before any further action would be taken to drop these members for non-payment of dues. These letters were subsequently sent, and this situation has been resolved to everyone's satisfaction. As Chairman of the committee, I would like to thank S.K Craig Nelson REPGC for his swift action in researching the law and making his recommendations, before the Chairman had a chance to even ask, Thank you Craig.

Respectfully Submitted your Committee on Jurisprudence;

S.K. Michael E. Seamon, Chairman

S.K. Bruce R. Bellmore, Member

S.K. Craig Nelson, Member

**Year End Report on Dispensations & Charters**

Here is the Year End Report on the subjects stated above.

As the Committee on Dispensations & Charters, we have not seen any orders on dispensations to look over. On the other hand with Charters, there are a few Commanderies that we have looked at and have noted for various reasons.

Saint John's-Not able to open on a regular basis. It was suggested that they should look into a merger with another Commandery in the near future. If this is not done, when I placed them on probation, I verbally instructed them to consider turning in their Charter or merge with another Commandery. My understanding at this point in time is that the process is in the beginning stages now.

Saint Elmo-Not filing taxes as they have lost their EIN # many years ago. They need to get a number and file tax forms. They are slowly working on this but more effort needs to be made as this has been going on for a number of years. If this is not done soon, they are putting their Charter in jeopardy.

Palestine-They have lost their Recorder/Treasurer this past year and are having trouble with getting into the IRS system to file their 2023 tax return. They are working on it to get this matter resolved. They have a new Recorder/Treasurer that is working with someone outside of the Commandery to get the proper paperwork done to get access into the IRS System to file their 2023 tax return.

Respectively Submitted:

REPGC William Passera-Chairman  
REPGC Craig Nelson  
REPGC James McNeely

**REPORT OF THE GRAND HISTORIOGRAPHER**

To the Right Eminent Grand Commander, Grand Commandery officers and fellow Sir Knights,

This coming year will see another milestone for the Grand Commandery of Connecticut. New Haven Commandery will celebrate its 200th Anniversary in 2025. Although covered in my previous reports, a closer look is warranted.

The first records of a Knight Templar degree date back to 1774 in Ireland, 1779 in England, and 1806 in Scotland. Older still, is a mention of this degree in 1769 at St. Andrew's Lodge in Boston. In the US, the first formal mentions date to 1782 in Charleston, 1784 in Philadelphia, and 1785 in New York City.

In Connecticut, our first records point to an assembly in 1796 at Colchester, where a charter was obtained from England on September 5th 1803. The Grand Encampment was formed in 1816, when noted Masonic writer Thomas Smith Webb and others took control of the Orders of Knighthood. In 1819, the Grand Encampment recognized the Colchester charter with the name of Washington Commandery adding Hartford to its list of meeting places.

The Grand Commandery of Connecticut was formed on September 27th, 1827. In between these dates a number of New Haven brothers received the Orders, notably Amos Doolittle in June 1821. Also, in this time period another noted author Jeremy Ladd Cross who had been knighted in an irregular assembly in Boston, was healed in Rhode Island. In 1819, he would author his Templar Chart which would become popular over the next decades. Although he was a member of Hiram Lodge in New Haven, he was never a member of New Haven Commandery, but did in 1826 sit on a committee for Templar dress.

As the number of Sir Knights increased in New Haven, a resolution was adopted on August 24th 1825 to petition then Grand Master DeWitt Clinton for a charter. A dispensation was granted on November 5th 1825. Due to history with the Anti-Masonic fervor following the Morgan Affair, New Haven was not able to get an actual charter until 1851.

In New Haven, 21 meetings were through 1826 when Laban Smith was elected Commander. During its first year, membership more than doubled and a Templar dress was adopted, though there is no mention of what it actually was. They began meeting in a "handsome room" at the Tontine Hotel where Hiram Lodge also met, with a good deal of crossover membership. Aprons were purchased and jewels for the officers were considered. While other Commanderys went dormant during the Anti-Masonic period, New Haven kept meeting.

However, New Haven was not immune from the effects of this period, A member Avery Allyn wrote an exposure: "A Ritual of Freemasonry: Illustrated by Numerous Engravings: To Which is Added Key to Phi Beta Kappa, The Orange, And Odd Fellows Societies". He opens the book (now easily available on Amazon, mine is a facsimile copy of the 1853 edition) with his certificate of membership from New Haven Commandery. This book is well worth any Masonic or Templar scholar taking a look at not only for a window into early 19th Century ritual but also for the amusing engravings where men, in early 19th Century dress, are shown with the results of

**REPORT OF THE GRAND HISTORIOGRAPHER, Continued**

various obligation penalties. He also makes a couple of interesting notes and remarks on what went on at New Haven Commandery during the focal point of the Knight Templar ritual.

As we go through New Haven's history, there were occasionally other problems with some members. A Commander who had the warrant from the original 1825 dispensation refused to give it back to the Commandery when he was suspended, the Grand Commandery stepped in and issued a charter for New Haven in 1851.

During the Civil War, the military uniforms had a lasting influence on Templar dress with New Haven purchasing 50 chapeaus brought for the Grand Encampment meeting in Baltimore.

Another interesting note is that in the according to legend (with upcoming research to check on this), some of the founders of the Knights of Columbus did visit New Haven Commandery to check on the ritual which was then used as a basis for the K of C's ritual - this implies they were members of New Haven, and further research will be done this year to investigate this legend.

In the 1880s the uniform consisted also of aprons, sashes, and gauntlets. Sir Knight James Royal Case, Grand Historiographer in his time, noted in his Centennial History of New Haven Commandery: "At one time capes were purchased and had they been generally adopted, could have been a standard item today, along with a comfortable head covering". This discussion of what a Knight Templar should wear continues to today.

I hope that this highlighting of some of New Haven Commandery's history, to be expanded on for next year, will stimulate you to search out some interesting highlights from your own Commandery,  
Respectfully submitted,

Martin Ede  
Grand Historiographer

**COMMITTEE ON MONUMENTS & MEMORIALS**

To the Right Eminent Grand Commander

The Committee is continuing to research the monuments and memorials connected to the Grand Commandery and its officers. A record search of the proceedings together with an internet search using such sites as [legacy.com](http://legacy.com) and others will begin so that a complete picture of resting places and other monuments can be completed.

Respectfully submitted,

Martin Ede, Chairman  
Michael Messner

**Zone Officer, Zone A Report, Christian Schunmann**

This year I was assigned Zone A which was to be Washington #1 in East Hartford and New Haven #2 in New Haven. Washington meets on the first and third Tuesdays as does my Chapter of which I am currently the Excellent High Priest, so I was given Palestine #6 in Preston in lieu of Washington.

Let's start with New Haven. I had the opportunity to visit them on several occasions during the year and have been there when there is just enough to open and been there where it is well attended. Their openings and closings were well done and their educational programs were very educational and thought provoking. I was unfortunately not able to observe any of their Orders, but am aware that they have many going through, with quite a good number taking the Order of the Temple on Good Friday. I think the biggest concern for them is the same as many of our Commanderies, how do we get them to attend regularly and be involved? I attended their Christmas Observance and was graciously afforded a seat at the cross for the festivities. I was unable to attend the Annual Meeting. I find the Commandery to be healthy and in a good state of affairs.

Now for my report on Palestine. Palestine has suffered from lack of active members and the unfortunate passing of Sir Knight John Birdsall. They strain monthly to open. Eminent Commander Daniels has been working diligently to try to keep the York Rite Bodies of this region together. I attended their Conclaves purely on Zoom this year. The discussion on merging with another struggling Commandery has been brought up several times. I think that this needs to be further discussed for the health of both Commanderies.

I was not contacted regarding Inspections at either of the Commanderies.

Fraternally,  
SK Christian Schunmann

**Zone Officer, Zone B Report, William Bohman**

This year has been a steep learning curve for me, made worse because I didn't expect my learning curve to be steep. It took me a long time to disengage from blue lodge activities and get involved with the commanderies assigned to me as zone officer. However, I did finally catch up with my duties and have enjoyed attending and working with Hamilton #5 and St. Elmo #9. My assessment is that both are functioning and well able to portray the Orders of Templary. Each of them is aware of their deficiencies and working to address them.

March 25, 2023

Attended the Annual Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Connecticut where I was appointed and Installed Grand Sword Bearer and Zone Officer for Zone B. Zone B consists of Hamilton Commandery # 5 of Stratford and St. Elmo Commandery # 9 of Meriden.

September 21, 2023

Hamilton # 5: Attended their meeting, they had just worked with other commanderies to address a backlog of Companions who had been waiting to receive the Order of the Temple due to COVID closures. The welcome given me by the Sir Knights was very gratifying.

**Zone Officer, Zone B Report, William Bohman**

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October 14, 2023

Hamilton # 5: Attended to witness the Knight Patriot and see Edward Hamm Ritual Awards presented.

November 16, 2023

Hamilton #5: Attended for their Inspection. However, due to his sons scheduled surgery the Grand Inspector postponed the Inspection until a time to be determined.

November 21, 2023

St. Elmo # 9: Attended for the ritual section of their Inspection. Sir Knight Clyde Kayser, II did the Commander part and Sir Knight Richard Eppler did the Prelate part for the Order of the Temple. It was a very good Order. The financial section is scheduled for February 20, 2024.

December 9, 2023

Attended the Christmas Observance of Trinity Commandery # 3.

December 19, 2023

St. Elmo # 9: Tried to attend but was thwarted by the closure of Rt. 15.

December 21, 2023

Hamilton # 5: Attended, the Sir Knights made me feel at home with their very warm welcome.

February 20, 2024

St. Elmo # 9: Attended for the financial section of their Inspection. The Grand Inspector and Commander had spoken earlier in the day and moved the financial Inspection to the March meeting.

February 29, 2024

Hamilton # 5: Attended for the Order of Malta. I witnessed an Excellent Order, well done by the officers and Sir Knights. My only experience with the Order of Malta is the work done at Washington Commandery # 1 so I was very interested to witness how Hamilton # 5 portrayed the order.

**Zone Officer, Zone C Report, Michael Messner**

**Zone C Quarter 4 Report:**

Commanderies included in Zone C:

Washington #1 Located in East Hartford

St. Johns # 11 in North Windham

**Washington #1** Located in East Hartford

**- January 2nd Meeting**

- I was unable to attend due to my monthly Chapter and Council meetings were I am the CoH and DIM.

**- January 16th Meeting**

- Due to the weather conditions present at the time, I did not attend due to potential unsafe conditions.

**Zone Officer, Zone C Report, Michael Messner**

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**- February 20th Meeting**

- I was unable to attend due to another commitment.

Overview for the year:

- I believe that Washington Commandery #1, is in a good place with many new Sir Knights being knighted this year and the commitment to the officers to seeing the commandery opened and flourish under their direction.

**St. John's Commandery #11-** Located in North Windham

**- January 15th**

- I was unable to attend due to potential weather conditions.

**- February 19th**

- I did not attend due to other commitments.

Overview of the year:

- I have many concerns about the future of this Commandery, St. John's #11.
- To the best of my knowledge they were only able to open 1 or 2 times this year due to not having enough Sir Knights in attendance or not enough members present to open the commandery. This is the same for the previous year (2022-2023) of which I was also the Zone Officer.
- I stated in an email to the Commander and Recorder in June 2023, about my concerns about the inability to open or have enough members present to do any business if they did open and I have to date (2/28/24) never received a response.

**Zone Officer, Zone D Report, Daniel Luft**

**Cyrene Commandery #8**

I visited Cyrene #8 many times throughout this Commandery year. They met on their regular stated evenings with Sir Knights from many different Commanderies attending. The constitutional requirement did not stop them from opening regularly and conducting business as needed. The Eminent Commander does a fine job leading the Sir Knights with planning and much discussion on how to revive this Commandery back to its days of prosperity. The Knights welcomed their zone officer very well and greetings were exchanged. The inspection went as expected, very well and the recorder made it easy. The numbers of present members may be low but the desire and skills of the knights is on point. A boost in membership would be an asset to them and hopefully that is going to happen. Educational programs have been highly informative and welcomed. I enjoyed them very much. The joint Christmas Observance they have with St. Elmo #9 is always a great event with great cooperation between the 2 commanderies. I hope sincerely that the two groups work together more in the future to help support each other.

**Trinity Commandery #3**

I visited Trinity #9 as much as I could during the year. The distance and my work schedule did not allow me to visit Trinity as much as Cyrene. Although I did attend almost half of the stated meetings, every experience was well received. I had the opportunity to witness very well-presented educational programs with multimedia and video

**Zone Officer, Zone D Report, Daniel Luft**

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presentations. The travel was worth it. The Sir Knights do excellent work. They work as a team and have the direction of growth in their sights. I enjoyed the hospitality of the sir knights when I was able to be there. As building concerns have been looming, Trinity has been resourceful in making sure the business of making new Sir Knights and having good programs does not falter. A solid Commandery with good leadership. The inspection was done and as expected, the books were excellent, and everything was in order.

**Report of the Committee on Membership**

**To:** REGC S.K. Edward C. Page

**CC:** GR S.K. Vincent A. Cowie, REPGC

**From:** Membership Committee

**RE:** Membership Committee Report

Greetings.

Below, please find the Membership Committee Report for Templar Year (Apr-2023 – Mar-2024).

To date, the Constituent Commanderies have Knighted 24 Sir Knights. On Good Friday, New Haven #2 is expected to knight 5 and Hamilton #5 expected to knight 3, a projected increase of 32 Sir Knights. The breakout is as follows (Good Friday not included):

<b>Commandery</b>	<b>Knighted (pre-Good Friday)</b>
Washington #1	6
New Haven #2	0
Trinity #3	0
Hamilton #5	6
Palestine #6	1
Cyrene #8	0
St. Elmo #9	10
St. John's #11	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>24</b>

On the other side, the Constituent Commanderies have lost 11 Sir Knights due to death and 14 due to suspension. The details are as follows:

<b>Commandery</b>	<b>Death</b>	<b>Suspension</b>
Washington #1	0	5
New Haven #2	3	3
Trinity #3	1	4
Hamilton #5	3	2
Palestine #6	1	0
Cyrene #8	1	0
St. Elmo #9	2	0
St. John's #11	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>14</b>

The Grand Commandery is projected for overall increase of +7 Sir Knights.

Respectfully Submitted,

GSW S.K. James Whitaker Jr. (Chairman)

GSB S.K. William E. Bohman

GS S.K. Daniel Luft

**Knights Templar Educational Foundation  
Division of Connecticut**

**Chairman's Report  
For Year Ending December 31, 2023**

To our Sir Knights of CT:

As Chairman of your Education Foundation, I am pleased to report once again of another successful year in providing financial assistance to our young scholars. The return to some form of normalcy after COVID has continued amidst a backdrop of an economical roller coaster in 2023, adding further stress on the family budget and our young career hopefuls. But we have pressed forward despite it all and the results of our Committee annual review are as follows.

**Grants** – In 2023, we awarded 18 grants of \$1,000 each, a few more than the previous year, but well within our wheelhouse: The recipients were Dylan Albanese, Maxwell Baez, Samantha Blanchette, Jack Campbell, Calleigh Cotter, Tyler Dias, Rachel Drost, Vivienne Grube, the twins - Danielle and Megan Kreitler, Kevin Masson, Maribel Panora, Ashley Penn, Mathew Penn, sisters Melanie and Sydney Sherrick, Matthew Sprouse and Brenna Wrinn.

As for the demographics, they were similar to last year: 5 starting the fall as college freshmen, 9 upperclassmen renewed their applications to advance and 4 grad students. From our Masonic families, there were 5 Rainbows, 2 DeMolays, 7 Masonic recommendations. And only one set of twins left. For new majors, they drifted back toward business, science and engineering. Geographically, they ranged from Florida to New Hampshire with 10 attending CT schools.

Not all was good news: First, it is with some reluctance that I must report, that one of our applicants, an upper classman and prior recipient of two grants, did not rise to the standards we expect and was not awarded a grant this last year. His grades had fallen, and he switched schools mid-term so we had no continuity of his scholastic record or sense of how he might fare going forward. The door was left open should he regain the traction he had shown as a Freshman.

Secondly, as promises continue from Washington for national tuition relief, it is doubtful any of our applicants would actually gain much, as with each new promise comes a new set of restrictive requirements, such as a perfect repayment history for 20 years, and then only for "Government" loans, and not those secured from the private sector. End result is that financial hardship will continue in the face of it all.

**Financials** – As for our finances, the markets this last year started low and came on toward the end to make up the ground and then some, enough of a spark led by hi tech and the war industries so that the government could declare victory over inflation and high interest rates, despite their worsening knowing presence. For us the swing was like 30% down from our 2022 high of \$ 900k, and back up again, like 2023 never happened.

On the brighter side, some bookkeeping anecdotes, all rare in their own way. First we had a surprise donation from another Commandery account which turned out to be a deposit error, which we gave back. One student lost his check, which we replaced. And

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**Chairman's Report  
For Year Ending December 31, 2023**

finally in the transition from Coburn & Meredith to LP&L, last summer one of their auditors found an extra unreported \$43.84 of accrued interest from one of their/our funds, which believe it or not has taken over 6 months to produce a paper check, which will be added to our accounting for 2024. And these are supposed to be professionals. Go figure.

**Budget** - Our operational budget, which I will present separately, remains boring. I wish to thank SK Charles Fowler for conducting our "in-house" record review.

In closing, YOUR Education Foundation continues to march solidly under our banner of IHSV. And please join me in our appreciation of our Committee for their resilience and flexibility in attending to the needs of our students.

Details of our account status for 2023 can be found in the table accompanying this report. This will be added to this report and minutes of our annual Committee gathering held in March and basis for the annual filing to Grand Encampment.

Respectfully submitted,



SK William L. Miller, REPGC, Chairman



**KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION**  
DIVISION OF  
GRAND COMMANDERY OF CONNECTICUT

February 19, 2024

To the Committee and Sir Knights of the Knights Templar Educational Foundation of the Grand Commandery of CT:

The 2022 financial records of the Foundation under the care of the Chairman consisting of a checking account with Liberty Bank and investment portfolio held by LP&L Financial (formerly Coburn & Meredith), have been examined and found to be in satisfactory agreement.

Attest:



SK Charles B. Fowler, Jr., RE Past Grand Commander

**Knights Templar Educational Foundation  
Division of Connecticut  
Chairman Accounts**

<b>Accounts</b>	<b>Checking</b>	<b>Brokerage</b>	<b>Total</b>
	Liberty Acct xx2412	LPL Acct xx 1257	
		(C&M Acct xx 3779)	
<b>Closing Balances 12/31/2022</b>	<b>\$ 3,623.79</b>	<b>\$ 664,545.72</b>	<b>\$ 668,169.51</b>
<b>Receipts</b>			
Income: Interest/Dividend/Cap Gains		<b>\$ 21,934.72</b>	
Transfer in from Brokerage	<b>\$ 20,000.00</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	
<b>Total Receipts (Inflows)</b>	<b>\$ 20,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 21,934.72</b>	
<b>Disbursements</b>			
Grand Encampment Fee for 2022 **	\$ 1,000.00		\$ 1,000.00
Grants (18@1,000)	\$ 18,000.00		\$ 18,000.00
Chm Honorarium	\$ 550.00		\$ 550.00
Committee Meeting (Ashlar)	\$ 248.00		\$ 248.00
Misc. - Apprec Award	\$ -		\$ -
Bank Charges	\$ -		\$ -
Postage & Express Mail (Chm)	\$ 29.16		\$ 29.16
Stationery & Supplies, etc (Chm)	\$ 20.61		\$ 20.61
Annual CPA Study (In house)	\$ -		\$ -
Fidelity Bond (Sumner)	\$ 285.00		\$ 285.00
Transfer to Liberty Chkg	\$ -	<b>\$ 20,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 20,000.00</b>
<b>Total Disbursements</b>	<b>\$ 20,132.77</b>	<b>\$ 20,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 40,132.77</b>
<b>2023 Bal + Rects - Disb</b>	<b>\$ 3,491.02</b>	<b>\$ 666,480.44</b>	<b>\$ 669,971.46</b>
<b>Changes in Market Values</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>\$234,824.81</b>	<b>\$ 234,824.81</b>
<b>Closing Balances 12/31/2023</b>	<b>3,491.02</b>	<b>\$ 901,305.25</b>	<b>\$ 904,796.27</b>
Notes:			
**GE Remittance for filing 2023			<b>\$1,000.00</b>

**KT EDUCATION FOUNDATION  
DIVISION OF CONNECTICUT  
BUDGET**

Calendar Year (GE Cat's)	2021 Actual	2022 Actual	2023 Budget	2023 Actual	2024 Budget	
Salaries/Honoraria	\$550.00	\$550.00	\$550.00	\$550.00	\$550.00	below W-2 limit
Attorney or Collections	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	unused, no loans
Fidelity Bond	\$285.00	\$285.00	\$285.00	\$285.00	\$285.00	renewal
Annual Audit Study by CPA	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	in-house
Committee Meetings	ZOOM	ZOOM	\$248.00	\$248.00	\$300.00	Ashlar 3-16-25
Travel Expenses	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	unused
Postage and Express	\$18.20	\$13.03	\$30.00	\$29.16	\$35.00	
Telephone and Telegraph	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	unused
Stationery & Supplies	\$36.45	\$36.03	\$50.00	\$20.61	\$30.00	
Furniture & Equipment	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	unused
Miscellaneous	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	rarely used, awards
<b>Sub Total Operations</b>	<b>\$889.65</b>	<b>\$884.06</b>	<b>\$1,163.00</b>	<b>\$1,132.77</b>	<b>\$1,200.00</b>	
<b>Grants Awarded</b>	<b>\$18,000.00</b>	<b>\$15,000.00</b>	<b>\$19,000.00</b>	<b>\$18,000.00</b>	<b>\$21,000.00</b>	Amended 3-19-29
<b>Gr Enc Tax Prior Year</b>	<b>\$1,000.00</b>	<b>\$1,000.00</b>	<b>\$1,000.00</b>	<b>\$1,000.00</b>	<b>\$1,000.00</b>	Sent 3-1-24
<b>Estimated Total Exp</b>	<b>\$19,889.65</b>	<b>\$16,884.06</b>	<b>\$21,163.00</b>	<b>\$20,132.77</b>	<b>\$23,200.00</b>	
<b>Starting Cash on Hand 3-17-24</b>					<b>3,491.02</b>	Check Acct
<b>Draw from LP&amp;L (Coburn)</b>					<b>23,000.00</b>	GE, Grants, Ops
<b>Total Operations</b>					<b>3,291.02</b>	Operating Margin

Respectfully submitted,

*William I Miller*  
William I Miller Chairman

**KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EDUCATION FOUNDATION  
DIVISION OF CONNECTICUT**

**SECRETARY'S REPORT  
For the year Ending December 31, 2023**

The annual meeting of the Education Foundation, Division of Connecticut was held on Sunday, March 17, 2024, in the boardroom at Masonicare.

William L. Miller,	Chairman
Vincent A. Cowie	Secretary
Richard V. Travis	Committee Member
William A.G. Mackey	Committee Member
Charles D. O'Neill	Committee Member
Edward C. Page	RE Grand Commander
Harold A. Elwell	Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander
William L. Greene	Past Chairman

The meeting opened at 12:30 P.M. with an opening prayer and Pledge to the flag.

The Chairman welcomed all and thanked them for attending, and recognized the Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander and Right Eminent Grand Commander. Also recognized was S.K. William L. Greene, Past Chairman for many years.

A motion was made to accept the minutes of the 2022 fiscal year as printed in the proceedings. The motion passed by the voting members present.

The Chairman's financial accounting for 2023 was distributed and discussed. All the transactions have been reviewed by S.K. Charles B. Fowler, Jr., and his report dated February 19, 2024 was presented and approved.

The report of the Chairman was distributed and approved as presented.

The Chairman presented an administrative budget for this year. The budget in the amount of \$22,200.00 \* was adopted and will be presented at the Grand Commandery Conclave for final approval before sending off to Grand Encampment.

Next was our primary business, awarding of grants. The Chairman noted he had received to date 20 \* applications for grants. After a review by the committee members and a motion to approve, they were granted at \$1,000.00 each for a total of \$20,000.00 \*.

The terms of the Committee Members were then discussed. S.K. Charles D. O'Neil, whose term was to expire in 2024 was appointed to a new 5 year term by the Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander to expire in 2029. Upon a motion and second he was elected to this new term. The Committee Members and their terms are now:

William A.G. Mackey	2025
William L. Miller, Chm	2026
Richard V. Travis	2027
Stuart K. Drost	2028
Charles D. O'Neill	2029

**KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EDUCATION FOUNDATION  
DIVISION OF CONNECTICUT**

**SECRETARY'S REPORT, Continued  
For the year Ending December 31, 2023**

The date of the next meeting of this committee was set for Sunday, March 16, 2025, subject to change if needed.

After a few short remarks by the Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander and Right Eminent Grand Commander and there being no further business to come before the Education Foundation, Division of Connecticut, the meeting adjourned at 3:00 P.M.

Attest



S.K. Vincent A. Cowie  
Secretary

\* Post meeting, March 19, another grant app was received from Marisella Martinez and her dossier was emailed by the Chm to the Committee for review. Approvals were returned in the week that followed. As a result, the total budget would increase by \$1,000 to \$23,200, for 21 grants in all.

**Report of the Committee on Religious Activities**

The following commanderies have submitted their reports of religious activities to the Committee, and are so included:

Washington Commandery # 1;

On May 1, 2023, SK Wibo Schebel, Lodge "Het Schieflood" # 215, The Hague, The Netherlands and SK Arnie Grot laid a bouquet of tulips in a Mason jar on the grave of SK Silas Chapman, Jr.; &

On December 19, 2023, the Annual Christmas Observance was held in the East Hartford York Masons' Hall, hosted by the York Rite bodies of East Hartford, CT.

Trinity Commandery # 3;

Began their year with the joint Good Friday Observance with Hamilton Commandery #5; &

Held their Annual Christmas Observance, returning to their former Asylum in Darien.

Cyrene Commandery # 8;

Held their joint Christmas Observance with St. Elmo # 9 on December 10, 2023 in Meriden

Palestine Commandery # 6;

Held their joint Christmas Observance with St. John's # 11 in their apartments in Windham on December 10, 2023, rescheduled from December 3, 2023, due to double booking;

Also, two short memorial services were held in Palestine's asylum for SK Jack Stevens, REPGC & SK John Birdsall to honour their passing.

New Haven Commandery reported their activities on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2024 as follows:

On April 15<sup>th</sup>, they held a vigil and honour guard for REPGC Jack Stevens, and on May 18<sup>th</sup>, they conducted an Ascension Day service at the Church of the Redeemer.

These activities were reported as of this writing, in addition to the annual Feast of St. John the Baptist, hosted by Fr. Joe & his congregation at Holy Trinity Polish National Catholic church-thank you all for attendance and the wonderful food. A good time was had by all!

The annual observance of St. John the Evangelist was not held this year because of the hospitalization of Ven. Bruce Bellmore, thank God he is still with us!

Respectfully submitted,

William E. Weisert II, CH  
Bruce R. Bellmore, REPGC  
Joseph Krusienski

**Report of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation  
Sir Knight Kenneth D. Roach  
Captain General, Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Connecticut  
Chairman, Knights Templar Eye Foundation**

28 February 2024

Subject: Eye Foundation Committee Report

To: SK Edward Page, REGC  
cc: SK Vincent Cowie, Grand Recorder

I am pleased to report that as of Fiscal Week 18 of the 56<sup>th</sup> Volunteer Campaign, Connecticut ranks 21<sup>st</sup> in the Contributions Only Cumulative Total category, ranks 5<sup>th</sup> in the Active Member Per Capita Average Contribution category, and 25<sup>th</sup> overall in the Cumulative Total category. Our Commandery should be proud of its overall contributions with several more weeks remaining in the Campaign.

Finally, a Sir Knight from one of our Commanderys made a handsome contribution to the Eye Foundation and will be the recipient of the Sword of Merit Award.

Respectfully submitted,



SK Kenneth D. Roach  
Captain General

**REPORT OF THE JOYCE KLUNTZ MEMORIAL BAKELESS  
BAKE SALE FOR 2023 - 2024**

Washington # 1 -	\$790.00
New Haven # 2 -	\$185.00
Trinity # 3 -	\$210.00
Hamilton # 5 -	\$919.00
Palestine # 6 -	\$0.00
Cyrene # 8 -	\$608.00
St Elmo # 9 -	\$405.00
St John's # 11 -	\$395.00
<b>Grand Total -</b>	<b>\$3,512.00</b>

Lady Lori A. Cowie  
Chairperson

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**REPORT OF THE HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE COMMITTEE**

To: SK Edward C. Page, REDGC

April 13, 2024

SK Harold Elwell, VEDGC

SK Vincent A. Cowie, REPGC, Grand Recorder

Subj: Report of Chairman, Holy Land Pilgrimage for 2023-4

During this last year, whereas your Holy Land Committee remained ever vigilant for a viable candidate Pilgrim up to the end, we fail to report we were not successful in the pursuit. But no matter, as events in the Middle East took a serious turn with the Israeli-Hamas war which essentially shutdown travel to and from and tourism as well. This was unexpected, as prior Pilgrims in the past were still able to complete their Holy missions amidst the ever-prevalent tension in the region, but no actual combatants, which have now expanded to include surrogate tactics, heightening the dangers. But our ever-hopeful Grand Encampment is working toward a repeat of the newly set up program open to the general public to go forward this fall.

That said, we can use the time to prepare ourselves and find a suitable candidate for the next February program (likely now 2025). Money wise, we are in decent shape, and appreciate the support of our Sir Knights at our religious services (\$164), and this year surprise donations (\$1,923) from Washington Commandery. All told, our coffers have expanded to a healthy \$8,100, which is fantastic considering the tour costs now run \$4,000 per Pilgrim.

Going forward, at this juncture, we call upon all Sir Knights to be on the lookout for willing and able Pilgrim candidates mid-career in their ministries and with a congregation in full support. Our CT calendar is difficult to manage as candidates must be registered with GE not later than September 30. Considering that it can take upwards of 2 to 3 months to prepare a Pilgrim's dossier, any recommendations should be brought forward before we break for summer. If you feel you have a candidate, we can provide you with the requirements, but your Commandery must be prepared to sponsor your Pilgrim with the incidentals. We're here to help.

In conclusion, we learn from our Blessed Saviour that "A city set upon a hill cannot be hid..." making this verse a perfect example of how our HLP Program provides "light to all in the house". Let's find another Pilgrim to be our light in this our Holy venture. Amen.

In His Glorious and Holy Name,  
Respectfully submitted,



SK William L. Miller, REPGC & KCT, Chairman  
SK William E. Weisert, II, Cmte

**Report of the Committee on By-Laws**

**Sir Knight Kenneth D. Roach  
Captain General, Grand Commandery Knights Templar of  
Connecticut  
Chairman, Bylaws of Constituent Commandery**

28 February 2024

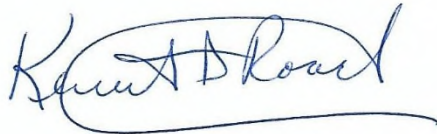
Subject: Bylaws of Constituent Commandery Committee Report

To: SK Edward Page, REGC

cc: SK Vincent Cowie, Grand Recorder

I am pleased to report that there was no activity during the period of March 26, 2023, to the date of this report.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kenneth D. Roach". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

SK Kenneth D. Roach  
Captain General

**Report of the Insurance Committee**

To the Right Eminent Grand Commander and the Sir Knights of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Connecticut:

I received notification on November 10, 2023 from our agent David Landau of Eastern Insurance Group of Eastern Insurance merging with Arthur J. Gallagher & Company (NYSE: AJG), effective October 31, 2023. Gallagher is reported as one of the largest and most respected insurance and brokerage and risk management firms and has been in business for over 90 years. The company Eastern Insurance Group is now known as Arthur J. Gallagher & Co. as the parent name.

We still have 2 policies of which are the General Liability Policy and the D & O (Directors & Officers) policy. The D & O Policy is specifically written and covers the Grand Commandery of Connecticut, with premium payments that went to the Great American Insurance Company. Our premium last year went to \$1,141.00. The increase in premium to double the amount of our previous invoice is due to this policy being a 2 year policy which expires 5/29/2025.

The General Liability Policy was by the Philadelphia Insurance Companies and covers the York Rite Bodies of Connecticut, consisting of the Chapter Council and Commandery and is billed annually to the Grand Chapter of Conn after a review of memberships.

Each of the York Rite bodies pays a percentage of the General Liabilities premium based on their membership and the locations of the meeting place which are in common to all the bodies. Our last percentage calculated to the amount of 27.32 percent with our premium payment in the amount of \$1,281 and was based on our membership of 557 members for the year ending December 31, 2022. The total premium for last year to the Grand Chapter was \$4,691.00, an increase of the previous year of \$100.00.

As Insurance premiums do tend to increase yearly, it is expected there will be an increase but as yet to be determined due to the General Liability premium not coming due till the end of May of 2024.

Respectfully submitted.



S.K. Vincent A. Cowie, Committee Chair

**Report of the Committee on Tactics & Ritual Assistance**

To: Right Eminent Grand Commander.            February 19, 2024  
Edward Page

Greetings:

As Chairman of there 2023-2024 year I have to report that as Chairman of the following committees did not have any activity

TACTICS- No Activity

Ritual Assistance - No Activity

Respectfully, submitted

Edward A. Varjabedian, KCT, PC  
Grand Junior Warden

CC SK Vincent Cowie, PREGC, PDC

**Report of the Committee on York Rite Coordination**

Grand Commandery of Connecticut February, 2024  
To the Right Eminent Grand Commander, Officers and Sir Knights of the Grand Commandery of Connecticut;

Your Committee for York Rite Coordination wishes to submit the following report for 2023-2024.

As this is meant to be Committee comprised of the Dias Officers from the three York Rite bodies;  
And our current Committee appointees don't meet those criteria;  
Nor has there been outreach from the two other York Rite bodies to comprise this committee;  
And the official Committee has not, in our understanding, officially met since the advent of covid;  
And the last official treasurer for the Committee is currently, on an annual basis, writing out a check to the committee and redepositing it to keep the checking account active;

Our recommendation would be to schedule a meeting of the Heads of the Three Grand York Rite Bodies to discuss this committee's purpose and plans moving forward. Thus, allowing it to move on again into the future with a renewed purpose and opportunity to renew the Case Award as was one of its original purposes.

Respectfully Submitted,

ESK Steven J. Chiappalone, Chairman  
VESK Harold Elwell  
ESK Charles D. O'Neill, PREGC

**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE FOR FUTURE CONCLAVES  
GRAND COMMANDERY OF CONNECTICUT FEBRUARY, 2024**

To the Right Eminent Grand Commander, Officers and Sir Knights of the Grand Commandery of Connecticut:

The committee for future conclaves is pleased to report that consideration has been given to the 2025 annual conclave. We believe that the general consensus regarding the location of the most recent conclaves has been favorable, therefore we see no reason to change venues at this time.

As per Grand Commandery by-laws, the annual conclave is to be scheduled for the second Saturday in April which in 2025 will be April 12. Easter is Sunday April 27, so our conclave weekend will not coincide with either Easter or Palm Sunday. The Connecticut Grand Lodge Annual Communication is normally scheduled for the first Saturday of April so contingent upon this date being finalized, your committee on future conclaves recommends that our 2025 conclave be slated for the weekend of Friday April 11 through Sunday April 13 at the Courtyard by Marriot in Cromwell Connecticut.  
Respectfully Submitted,

SK Harold Elwell, Chairman  
SK Steven J. Chiappalone  
SK William Miller  
SK Vince Cowie  
SK Kenneth Roach

**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE FOR THE NEXT TRIENNIAL CONCLAVE  
GRAND COMMANDERY OF CONNECTICUT FEBRUARY, 2024**

To the Right Eminent Grand Commander, Officers and Sir Knights of the Grand Commandery of Connecticut:

Your Committee regarding the next Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment of the United States, submits the following report for 2023-2024.

The current information available regarding the Triennial Conclave in 2024 is as follows:

The Grand Encampment Triennial Conclave will be held in Salt Lake City, Utah August 17<sup>th</sup> to the 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024.  
Saturday August 17<sup>th</sup> will be a drill Competition.  
Sunday August 18<sup>th</sup> will be Divine Services  
Monday and Tuesday August 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> will be the 69<sup>TH</sup> Triennial Conclave  
Wednesday August 21<sup>st</sup> will be the Installation of Officers  
The Hotel for this triennial will be:

**The Little America Hotel  
500 South Main Street  
Utah, 84101  
(801) 596-5700**

We look forward to more details being released by Grand Encampment later this spring.

Respectfully Submitted,

ESK Steven J. Chiappalone, Chairman  
VESK Harold Elwell  
ESK Kenneth Roach  
ESK James Whitaker, Jr.

**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS**

To: The Right Eminent Grand Commander, Grand Officers, and Sir Knights of the Grand Commandery of Connecticut

It is the recommendation of the Nominating Committee that the following Sir Knights be elected to the following offices within this Grand Commandery for the year 2024-2025.

Grand Commander – SK Harold Elwell  
Deputy Grand Commander – SK Steven Chiappalone, KTCH  
Grand Generalissimo – SK Kenneth Roach  
Grand Captain General – SK James Whitaker Jr. KCT  
Grand Senior Warden – SK Edward Varjabedian, KCT  
Grand Junior Warden – SK Christian Schunmann  
Grand Recorder – SK Vincent Cowie, KCT, REPGC  
Grand Treasurer – SK Charles McCollum, KTCH, REPGC

Trustees:

Term expiring in:

- 2025 – SK Paul Chello, REPGC
- 2026 – SK James McNeely IV, KTCH, REPGC
- 2027 – SK William Mackey, KCT, REPGC
- 2028 – SK Charles O’Neill, KCT, REPGC

Respectfully submitted,

SK Craig R. Nelson, Sr., KCT, REPGC – Chairman  
SK Michael Seamon, KTCH, REPGC  
SK William Mackey, KCT, REPGC

**Report of the Committee on Unfinished Business**

First of all we have half of the Commanderies that were on probation for one reason or another. When REGC Edward Page took office, I knew that most of the Commanderies that I put on probation would be lifted. REGC Page was not able to lift the two Commanderies probation that were for IRS issues. To this effect, New Haven # 2 has completed everything that was asked of them and I recommend that their probation be lifted before our Annual Grand Session. As for the other Commandery, I have not seen much success in moving forward on getting their issues resolved before our Annual Grand Session. Having said this, I will fall into the new REGC to deal with as he enters his new position. It is of my opinion that one of several things need to be done to move forward in getting this Commandery in compliance.

Here is a list of items that I recommend should be done to come into compliance:

- 1) Have a meeting with the IRS in person to get the proper paperwork done in order to get an EIN # so that tax returns can be filed.
- 2) Hire an attorney that can help with this work.
- 3) If this can't be done, look to replace your recorder with someone that can and willing to put in time to get the job done.
- 4) If all else fails, turn in the charter or merge with another Commandery.

**Report of the Committee on Unfinished Business  
Continued**

As for the other items of probation, I have heard that two of the Commanderies are beginning to talk about merging. This was suggested when I put them on probation. I hope that the talks can produce a viable Commandery for everyone in the area. The other Commandery that I placed on probation was for a 990-N Form that was presented at the time of inspection but could not prove that it was accepted by the IRS. As the Sir Knight Recorder/Treasurer has passed away and the records could not be verified, because a new Sir Knight can't get into the Tax program as yet, I have accepted it as filed.

Sir Knight James McNeely proposed legislation to revise that a dais officer can be on more than one Commandery but could not be the Eminent Commander for more than one Commandery at the same time. This was brought up on the floor, discussed and was put to a vote to all Sir Knights that had the ability to vote. The proposal was passed by the Sir Knights present.

Committee on Unfinished Business;

REPGC William Passera  
REGC Edward Page  
DGC Harold Elwell

**PAST GRAND COMMANDERS BURIAL PLACES**

1827	John Richard Watrous	1754-1842	CT,Colchester Old Cemetary
1832	Laban Smith	1765-1840	CT,New Haven Grove Street
1841	William Henry Jones	1778-1861	CT,New Haven Grove Street
1845	William Henry Ellis	1790-1856	CT,New Haven Grove Street
1847	Eliphalet Gilman Storer	1793-1870	CT,New Haven Grove Street
1849	George S Giddings	1801-1875	CT,Hartford Cedar Hill
1851	Horace Goodwin II	1787-1864	CT,Hartford Old North
1853	Benjamin Beecher Jr	1807-1890	CT,New Haven Evergreen
1855	William Elihu Sanford	1814-1895	CT,New Haven Grove Street
1857	Cyrus Goodell	1802-1874	CT,Hartford Old North
1858	John Adams McLean	1798-1883	CT,Norwalk Norwalk
1859	George F Daskam	1818-1877	CT,Norwalk St Pauls Cem
1860	William Haskins Hyde	1812-1861	CT,Norwich Yantic
1861	Howard P Ensign	1826-1891	CT,New Haven Evergreen
1862	David Clark	1806-1889	CT,Hartford Cedar Hill
1863	William Lyman Brewer	1843-1886	CT,Norwich Yantic
1864	William Riley Highby	1828-1902	CT,Bridgeport Mt Grove
1865	Frederick Jedediah Calhoun	1820-1887	
1866	John Wesley Paul	1818-1901	CT,Waterbury Riverside
1867	Stiles Denison Sperry	1822-1880	CT,Hartford Cedar Hill
1868	Amos S Treat	1816-1886	CT,Bridgeport Mt Grove
1870	Peter St Medard Andrews	1819-1894	CT,Norwich Yantic
1871	William W Storey	1812-1896	CT,Norwalk Norwalk
1872	Serno Simmons Thomas	1822-1875	CT,New Haven Evergreen
1873	Daniel Caulkins	1825-1901	CT,E Lyme East Lyme
1874	Nathan Dikeman Jr	1828-1890	CT,Waterbury Riverside
1875	John Gilbert Root	1835-1910	CT,Hartford Spring Grove
1876	Henry Woodward	1838-1907	CT,Sherman Wanzer/Pepper
1877	H Wales Lines	1838-1927	CT,Meriden Walnut Grove
1878	Fred Henry Parmelee	1853-1920	CT,New London Cedar Grove
1879	Charles W Carter	1838-1903	CT,Norwich Yantic
1880	Charles William SKiff	1839-1921	CT,Danbury Wooster
1881	Nelson James Welton	1829-1917	CT,Waterbury Riverside
1882	August C Golden	1833-1915	CT,Bridgeport Mt Grove
1883	James Henry Welch	1831-1899	CT,Danbury Wooster
1884	Eli Coe Birdey	1843-1929	CT,Meriden East Cemetery
1885	William Elmer Seeley	1841-1905	CT,Bridgeport Mt Grove
1886	Frederick Hemingway Waldron	1840-1910	CT,New Haven Evergreen
1887	Charles Ethan Billings	1835-1920	CT,Hartford Cedar Hill
1888	Charles B Ware	1850-1945	CT,New Haven Evergreen
1889	Frederick Albert Spencer	1833-1901	CT,Waterbury Riverside
1890	Ira Luther Gardiner	1832-1925	CT,Middletown Indian Hill

**PAST GRAND COMMANDERS BURIAL PLACES**

1891	Costello Lippett	1842-1924	CT,Norwich Yantic
1892	Christian Swartz	1846-1932	CT,Norwalk Riverside
1893	James B Wildman	1838-1897	CT,Danbury Wooster
1894	Grove Herrick Wilson	1824-1902	CT,Meriden Walnut Grove
1895	Hugh Stirling	1848-1931	CT,Bridgeport Mt Grove
1896	Lyman Humiston Johnson	1845-1912	CT,New Haven Westville
1897	Samuel Marshall Bronson	1832-1910	CT,Hartford Spring Grove
1898	William F Withey	1856-1923	CT,New London Cedar Grove
1899	William Edward Risley	1844-1916	CT,East Hartford Hockanum
1900	Eddie Schuyler Davis	1851-1939	CT,Middletown Pine Grove
1901	Albert Seymour Comstock	1851-1936	CT,Norwich Yantic
1902	Edward Eugene Fuller	1853-1932	CT,Tolland North cemetery
1903	Andrew Coombs Hubbard	1839-1907	CT,Danbury Wooster
1904	Julius Wilson Knowlton	1838-1921	CT,Bridgeport Mt Grove
1905	Samuel Joshua Bryant	1851-1919	CT,New Haven Oak Grove
1906	Farron Smith Betts	1864-1949	CT,Norwalk Riverside
1907	Norman Francis Allen	1862-1922	CT,Enfield Enfield Street ce
1908	George Matthew Long	1832-1916	CT,Groton Ledyard
1909	Leon M Woodford	1852-1913	CT,Naugatuck Naugatuck Gr
1910	Eugene Ashley Hall	1865-1923	CT,Meriden Walnut Grove
1911	Wesley Ulysses Pearne	1851-1917	CT,Middletown Pine Grove
1912	Charles Learned Hubbard	1855-1918	CT,Norwich Yantic
1913	Arthur Dwight Chaffe	1872-1945	CT,Haddam Burr District
1914	Frank Matthew Scott	1867-1938	CT,Danbury Wooster
	George Huntington Nicholls John-		
1915	son	1844-1928	CT,Bridgeport Mt Grove
1916	Albert Ward Matoon	1865-1937	CT,New Haven Grove Street
1917	Arthur Canfield Wheeler	1856-1941	CT,Norwalk Riverside
1918	William Watson Frayer	1873-1947	CT,Hartford Cedar Hill
1919	Carey Congdon	1869-1949	CT,New London Cedar Grove
1920	Benjamin Lee Cole	1860-1941	CT,Waterbury Riverside
1921	Frederick Lambert Huntington	1863-1922	CT,Meriden Walnut Grove
1922	Thomas William Morgan	1861-1942	CT,Hartford Spring Grove
1923	James C MacPherson	1872-1931	CT,Norwich Yantic
1924	F Ward DeKlyn	1885-1974	CT,Danbury Wooster
1925	Angus Howard MacKenzie	1865-1937	CT,Bridgeport Mt Grove
1926	Samuel Herbert Williams	1868-1937	MA,Groton Groton
1927	James Ponder Mustard	1877-1962	CT,Windham New Willimantic
1928	Clayton Wells Rowley	1874-1953	CT,Bloomfield Mountain View
1929	Charles Hadlai Hull	1883-1934	CT,New London Cedar Grove
1930	John Linus Scott	1868-1943	CT,Watertown Evergreen

**PAST GRAND COMMANDERS BURIAL PLACES**

1931	Frank Elbert Sands	1863-1951	CT,Meriden Walnut Grove
1932	Guy Barrows Dolbeare	1873-1951	CT,Norwich Yantic
1933	Ansel Alva Packard	1894-1957	CT,Portland Trinity Church
1934	Horace Munsel Norton Sigman	1882-1962	CT,Norwalk Riverside
1935	David H Treadwell	1876-1965	CT,Danbury Wooster
1936	Frank Lester Wilder	1878-1965	CT,Bridgeport Mt Grove
1937	Irville Augustus May	1876-1943	CT,West Haven Oak Grove
1938	Otto Bismark Robinson	1872-1950	MA,Springfield Crematory
1939	William Paul Hemming	1877-1962	AZ,Bisbee Bisbee
1940	Thomas Frank Cassidy	1854-1961	CT,Hartford Cedar Hill
1941	Clarance George Brooks	1882-1969	CT,Waterbury Riverside
1942	Frederick Charles Marggraff	1897-1952	CT,Meriden Walnut Grove
1943	Frank Ernest Kay	1880-1963	CT,Meriden Walnut Grove
1944	Carroll Alfred Campbell	1882-1971	CT,Middletown Pine Grove
1945	Lawrence George Drescher	1891-1993	
1946	Leslie Webber Gorham	1887-1960	CT,Norwalk Riverside
1947	John Hoyt Hinton	1891-1959	CT,Danbury Wooster
1948	David Harley MacKenzie	1878-1964	CT,Bridgeport Lakeview
1949	Frederick Merle Thompkins	1894-1984	CT,Hamden Hamden Plains
1950	James Zalmon Stevens Hunt	1902-1985	NY,Antwerp Antwerp
1951	Joseph Edward Voska	1891-1975	CT,Darien Spring Grove
1952	Frederick Raymond Coles	1889-1966	MA,Springfield Springfield
1953	John Masterson	1899-1963	CT,Waterford Jordan
1954	Idris Alderson	1882-1970	CT,Waterbury Riverside
1955	Archibald Garfield Prisk	1881-1962	CT,Wallingford Meriden
1956	Frank Leroy Rand	1886-1962	RI,Providence Swan Point
1957	Richard Percival Gregson	1895-1974	CT,Norwich Maplewood
1958	Fred Robert Humphrey	1888-1977	CT,Norwalk Riverside
1959	Guy Irving Robb	1892-1988	CA,San Diego San Diego
1960	James Robertson	1901-1968	CT,Bridgeport Mt Grove
1961	Carl Warren Taylor	1892-1978	CT,Hamden Hamden Plains
1962	George Howard Carter	1909-1970	
1963	Herbert Roland Trolle	1907-1975	CT,Stamford Fairfield Memorial
1964	Philip James Jones	1888-1983	CT,West Hartford Fairview
1965	Herman Henry Ungerer	1907-1972	CT,Montville Comstock
1966	David Bennett Brownlow	1896-1975	CT,Middletown Pine Grove
1967	Edwin Warner Raymond	1905-1986	CT,Winsted Forest View
1968	Ralph L Kalp	1909-1989	
1969	William C VanDewater	1905-1987	NY,Hartsdale Ferncliff
1970	Donald Bartram Waldhaus	1895-1975	CT,Clinton Indian Hills
1971	Paul Jackson James	1907-1998	
1972	George Robert Schenk	1907-1993	CT,New Haven Beaverdale
1973	Reuben Edgar Curran	1916-1992	

**PAST GRAND COMMANDERS BURIAL PLACES**

1974	Franklin Ethelbert Robinson	1912-1993	
1975	Robert Peter Frailey	1918-1984	NY,Vestal Vestal Hills
1976	Arthur Joseph McKinney	1923-2020	
1977	Robert Bennett Porter	1903-1978	CT,New London Cedar Grove
1978	James Ancelum Grace	1916-2007	
1979	Louis Jay Kluntz	1920-1990	CT,Higganum Burr District
1980	George T Antous	1919-2005	
1981	Kenneth Beane Gray	1913-1990	CT,Wallingford Masonic
1982	Leonard Francis D'Amico	1933-2002	Grove Cemetary 1 Naugatuck
1983	Harold Irvin Fransen	1917-2006	CT,New Britain St Marys
1985	Victor Theodore Sweetland	1906-1996	CT,Norwalk Riverside
1986	Russell Donald Ramette	1912-1988	CT,Rocky Hill Rose Hill
1987	Marshall Nelson Dunbar Jr	1928-2010	
1988	Kenneth Wendell Gray Jr	1942-1996	
1989	Gilbert Livingston Gooden	1931-1999	CT,Norwich St Josephs
1990	Glen Howard Burdick	1915-1994	
1992	Robert Asbury Colbourn	1922-2014	CT,North Haven New Center
1994	Edmund Rowe	1922-2006	CT, St Stevens Episcopal Church
1996	Albert H Getchell	1919-2001	CT,Wallingford In Memoriam
1998	William Norman Forest	1928-2006	
1999	Frank Warren McNally	1923-2017	Christ Episcopal Church Cemetary, Pomfret, CT
2002	Arthur Marion Pugh	1928-2023	
2003	Edwin Franklyn Dingus	1945-2020	
2005	Wesley H Alexander (HON)	1927-2007	CT,Cheshire Hillside
2005	Edward Robert Ham	1942-2023	Oak Lawn Cemetary, Fairfield
2007	Robert John Dipasquale	1940-2010	CT,Meriden Sacred Heart C
2008	Ernest Jack Smith	1932-2009	CT,Manchester East
2010	Jack Homer Stevens	1933-2023	

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DAVID J. KUSSMAN, GCT  
MOST EMINENT GRAND MASTER

April 1, 2024

To the Sir Knights Under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar—  
My Dear Fraters:

It is with deep sadness that I advise you of the death of our beloved Sir Knight James Morris Ward, GCT, Most Eminent Past Grand Master.

Sir Knight Ward served as Right Eminent Grand Commander of Mississippi in 1982. He was appointed Right Eminent Department Commander for the Southeastern Department in 1982-1985. He was elected Right Eminent Grand Captain General on August 9, 1988, at Lexington, Kentucky; elected Right Eminent Grand Generalissimo on August 20, 1991, at Washington, District of Columbia; elected Right Eminent Deputy Grand Master on August 16, 1994, at Denver Colorado; and elected Most Eminent Grand Master on August 12, 1997, at St. Louis, Missouri.

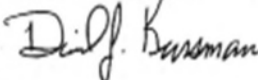
Sir Knight Ward laid down his sword and entered the Supreme Asylum above on Monday, March 25, 2024.

It is my order that the Charters of all Commanderies under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment be draped in Sir Knight Ward's honor at their next Stated Conclave following receipt of this notice. The Charter is to remain draped until the following Stated Conclave.

I further direct that the Charters of all Grand Commanderies under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment be draped in Sir Knight Ward's honor during their Annual Conclave.

Each Commandery and Grand Commandery is expected to pay appropriate tribute to Sir Knight Ward at their Annual Memorial Service. Please remember Sir Knight Ward's family in your prayers.

Yours in Templary,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "D. J. Kussman". To the left of the signature is a small, stylized cross symbol.

David Joseph Kussman, GCT  
Grand Master

**JAMES MORRIS WARD**  
**M:E: Grand Master**  
**Grand Encampment of Knights Templar**  
**1997-2000**

Sir Knight James Morris Ward was born on August 10, 1930, in Dyersburg, Tennessee. The son of Thomas Henry and Lucile Bell Ward, he obtained his early education in the public schools of Dyersburg, graduating from high school in 1948. He attended the University of Mississippi and later the University Center in Jackson where he completed courses in business administration, mathematics, and engineering. In 1965 and 1966 he completed studies in the fields of mathematics, electronics, and economics at the Illinois Institute of Technology in Chicago.

Sir Knight Ward was employed in 1955 by the Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company (South Central Bell) as a lineman located in Jackson, TN. He worked on this and other jobs of increasing responsibility throughout west Tennessee until he was transferred to the engineering department in Jackson, MS, in 1961. At the time of his retirement in 1991, he was manager of district construction operations in Jackson, Mississippi.

He was a member of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, a professional engineering society. His hobbies were reading, hunting, fishing, and piddlin' with wood. He enjoyed almost all sports, especially football and baseball. Jim was a member and actively participated in the activities of Bethel Baptist Church where he served as an active deacon.

Masonically, Sir Knight Ward was Raised in Pearl Lodge No. 23, Jackson, Mississippi, on August 25, 1967. He served as Master in 1971 and then as Secretary. In 1979, he was elected Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Mississippi. He was also a past presiding officer of his Chapter, Council and Commandery and served as Secretary/Recorder of those York Rite bodies. He was Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of R.A.M. of Mississippi, in 1985; Grand Master of the Grand Council of R. & S.M. of Mississippi, in 1986; and Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Mississippi, in 1982. He received the Knight Commander of the Temple and Knight Grand Cross of the Temple from the Grand Encampment. He was elected Grand Sovereign of the United Grand Imperial Council, Knights of the Red Cross of Constantine in June 1994, and is a past presiding officer of the following: the Grand College of America, Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests, 2000; the Grand Council of the Allied Masonic Degrees, 1995-96; and the Grand College of Rites, 1993. He was a member and past presiding officer of Mississippi Priory No. 36, KYCH and Mississippi York Rite College No. 83. He was a member of Tara Council No. 29, Knight Masons; Mississippi College, SRICF; Royal Order of Scotland; and the Order of the Eastern Star. An active member of the International Supreme Council, Order of DeMolay, and a recipient of the Honorary Legion of Honor. He was a member of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, Valley of Jackson, Mississippi, Southern Jurisdiction, and was invested with the rank and dignity of Knight Commander of the Court of Honour, and Coroneted a 33<sup>o</sup>, Inspector General Honorary. He served as presiding officer of all four bodies in the Valley of Jackson.

Sir Knight Ward served as Department Commander, Southeastern Department, 1982-85. He was elected Grand Captain General, August 9, 1988, at Lexington, Kentucky. He was elected Grand Generalissimo on August 20, 1991, at Washington, D.C. He was elected Deputy Grand Master on August 16, 1994, at Denver, Colorado. He was elected Grand Master of the Grand Encampment on August 12, 1997, and installed on August 13, 1997, in St. Louis, Missouri. He became a Most Eminent Past Grand Master at the 61<sup>st</sup> Triennial Conclave in Nashville, Tennessee, in August, 2000.

Sir Knight Ward laid down his sword and entered the Supreme Asylum above on Monday, March 25, 2024.

**SIR KNIGHT EDWARD ROBERT HAM  
RIGHT EMINENT GRAND COMMANDER 2005 - 2006  
Died April 1, 2023**



Edward R. Ham was born June 6, 1942 in Bridgeport, Connecticut the son of late Howard and Fredda Ham, a family of six which included two brothers and a sister. He was educated in the public school systems of Connecticut, graduating from Rodger Ludlow High School in June 1960.

In June of 1960 volunteering for service in the United States Army he was stationed in Georgia, Maryland, California, and Texas. He also served in the Republic of Korea from 1962-1963. While stationed at Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Maryland, he received a temporary assignment as an instructor in the latest military armaments, making presentations at Officer Candidate Schools in several northeast colleges, for which he received a citation.

After completion of service to his country Ed decided to continue his education by attending night school at the University of Bridgeport. From 1964-1968 he was employed by the Bullard Machine Tool Company as a machine assembler. In 1968 he was employed by International Harvester as an assistant office manager and in 1971 became a staff accountant at the CPA firm of Friedberg, Smith & Co. In 1976 he became office manager of Fairco, Inc. In June of 1968 Brother Ed received an Associate Arts Degree and on January 29, 1971 a Bachelor of Science Degree, both from the University of Bridgeport.

In 1980 Brother Ed passed the State of Connecticut exam to become a Certified Public Accountant, receiving his license to practice on January 24, 1980. He is a member of the Connecticut Society of Certified Public Accountants and the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. In 1981, following his acceptance as a Certified Public

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RIGHT EMINENT GRAND COMMANDER 2005 - 2006**

Accountant, Brother Ed opened his own office, now located in Stratford, CT.

While employed as a staff accountant for Friedberg, Smith & Co. and assigned to work on the audit of the University of Bridgeport brother Ed met his future wife, the former Ms. Annette Dolan, an Irish lass from Country Roscommon, who was at the time employed by the University. After a courtship of several years they were wed on August 17, 1974. Brother Ed and Lady Annette have been blessed with 2 daughters, Colleen Anne and Alanna Marie. Like her mother, Colleen Anne is a school teacher and like her dad, Alanna is studying business administration at college.

Brother Ed is a member of the First Church of Christ-Congregational, Fairfield and with Annette also is a member of Saint Thomas Aquinas Church, Fairfield.

Brother Ed's Masonic life began on March 28, 1973 when he was raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason in Lafayette Lodge # 141 in Fairfield, CT. In that same year he was appointed Marshall of the lodge serving as Master in 1980. Brother Ed was recognized for his work as Master by the Grand Lodge of Connecticut which awarded him the Masters Achievement Award for his term in office. Following his term as Master, Brother Ed was appointed by the Grand Lodge to serve as District Deputy of Masonic District # 1B for the years 1982-1983. In 1982 Brother Ed was elected president of the first Masonic District Blue Lodge Council. Brother Ed has served the Grand Lodge of Connecticut for many years as a member of the Tax Advisory Committee, serving several years as Chairman.

The next phase of Brother Ed's Masonic life began when he became a member of both the York and Scottish Rites. Brother Ed was appointed to the officer line of Lafayette Consistory in 1985 by then Commander in Chief, Illustrious Brother Robert C. Stahlhammer, 33°. In 1993 Brother Ed served as Most Wise Master of Pequonnock Chapter Rose Croix and in 1994 he was elected Treasurer of the Valley of Bridgeport and Lafayette Consistory. Brother Ed was elected Commander-in-Chief of Lafayette Consistory in May 2002 for the two year term. On Sep. 27, 1994 Brother Ed was recognized for his service to Masonry and his community by being coroneted a 33° Degree Mason in Cleveland, Ohio. In 2004 Brother Ed was elected Trustee of Lafayette Consistory.

Brother Ed received his Royal Arch Degree in Jerusalem Chapter # 13, R.A.M on February 29, 1980, serving as High Priest from 1982-1986. In 1987 he was elected the first High Priest of the newly merged Baldwin Chapter # 13. He has served as Trustee for Baldwin Chapter # 13 for the past fourteen years. In recognition of his service Brother Ed was awarded the Ephraim Kirby Medal by the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of CT on June 13, 2003.

Brother Ed became a companion of Jerusalem Council # 16 R. & S.M. on March 22, 1980. He was elected Thrice Illustrious Master of Jerusalem Council in 1983, 1984, 1992, 1993 and 2004. In 1991 Brother Ed was elected, and continues to serve, as a Trustee of Jerusalem Council. For his dedication and devotion to Jerusalem Council Brother

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RIGHT EMINENT GRAND COMMANDER 2005 - 2006**

Ed received the Knight of Ish Sodi Award from the Most Puissant Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Connecticut.

On May 30, 1980 Brother Ed was knighted in Hamilton Commandery # 5. Appointed to the officer line he served as Commander of Hamilton Commandery in 1988 and 1994. In 1991 Brother Ed was appointed to the office of Grand Inspector of the Grand Commandery of the State of Connecticut, a post he held for 5 years. In 1994 he was appointed by S.K. Edmund Rowe, Right Em. Grand Commander, to the office of Grand Sentinel. Sir Knight Ed was made a Knight Commander of the Temple in April of 1999 by the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America.

In addition to the above Brother Ed is a member of several invitational Masonic Organizations. On January 30, 1990 he was received a Knight of the York Cross of Honor and served as Prior of Connecticut Priory # 28, KYCH. Brother Ed is a Past Puissant Sovereign of St. Andrews Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine. He is also Treasurer and Vice President of the Twilight Club of Bridgeport, CT and a member of Pyramid Temple A.A.O.N.M.S. On December 9, 2004 Brother Ed was elected Deputy Preceptor of Apostles Tabernacle No XXVII, Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests. Brother Ed is a Companion Knight of York of Connecticut York Rite College # 17 and a member of the Royal Order of Scotland.

Brother Ed has been involved in his community through various activities. He recently completed a five year term as an officer and treasurer of the Greater Bridgeport Youth Orchestras, a nonprofit organization that brings the opportunity of a full orchestral performing experience to over two hundred young musicians throughout the community. For more than 10 years Brother Ed has been the host of their February Concert sponsored by the Masonic Organizations of Stratford, CT.

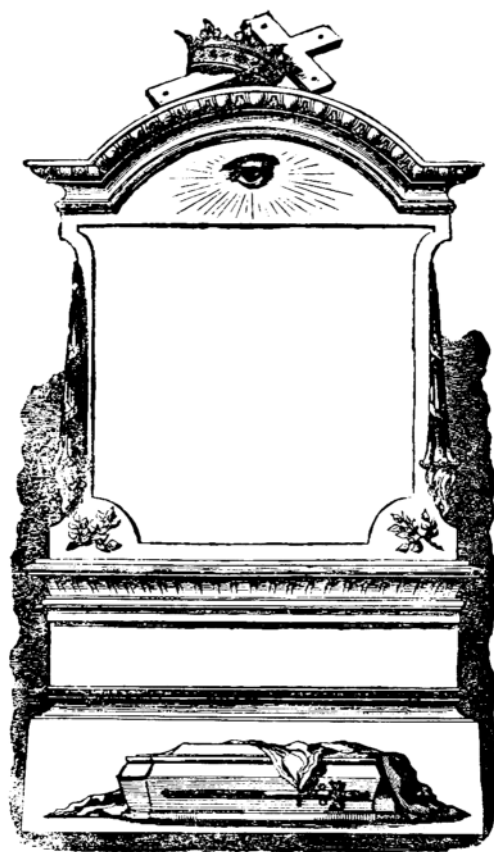
Brother Ed has been the personal representative to the Carol Whiting Masonic Memorial Fund at the Fairfield High School. This is a permanent fund established through the efforts of Brother Ed with the support of the York Rite that grants a \$1,000.00 award each year on behalf of the Masonic Fraternity to a young musician who shows special dedication and commitment to the school choir.

Brother Ed is a charter member, founder and treasurer of the Black Rock Ancient Fifes & Drum Corps, founded in 1987. This group helps preserve, through performances throughout CT, the rich cultural heritage of martial music from the Colonial period through that of the Civil War. Brother Ed also belongs to the 15<sup>th</sup> Connecticut, a Civil War competitive Shooting Club and is a student and collector of Civil War artifacts.

Sir Knight and Illustrious Brother Edward R. Ham, 33° has contributed heavily to all branches of Masonry in Connecticut and to his community. He has provided unselfish service and exemplary leadership in promoting the goals and objectives of the fraternity and that of the Knights Templar.

*The forgoing was taken from the 2006 proceedings of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Connecticut.*

*Inscribed to the Memory of the Sir Knights  
of our Sister Grand Jurisdictions who have departed  
this life during this past year*



**Committee on Hotel Liaison**

To the Right Eminent Grand Commander Officers and Members of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Connecticut

Our first meeting with the Courtyard by Marriott Cromwell was held on Thursday, January 25. In attendance from the Hotel, was Kayleigh Roy, Event Manager and Jennifer Roze, Sales Manager. In attendance from the Grand Commandery were S.K.'s Edward Page, REGC, Harold Elwell, VEDGC, Steven Chiappalone, Grand Generalissimo, Vincent Cowie, Grand Recorder and William Miller, PGC, Conclave Chairman and Lady Lori Cowie.

Copies of the Sales Agreement, dated 3/26/2023 signed by S.K. Edward Page, copies of the meal pricing for the previous and present year were distributed to those present. The purpose of the present & past meal pricing documents were distributed for pricing comparison so selections could be agreed upon for this years conclave. Contained in the sales agreement was the rooming rate of \$99.00 (plus taxes) per night which were 15 percent at the time of the signing of the contract, an increase of \$10.00 from our 2023 conclave rate.

Meals for our conclave will be assessed the usual 22 percent gratuity and 7.35 percent Connecticut State Sales Tax at the time of invoicing.

BEO's (Banquet Event Orders) with full details were issued by Kayleigh Roy and received via e-mail on February 15th. The signed copies by S.K. Edward Page were sent via e-mail on February 26, 2024.

Cutoff dates for hotel reservations was set for March 24<sup>th</sup> and the meal reservation cutoff was set for April 5<sup>th</sup>.

A link was provided by the Hotel for those to make their hotel reservations on line. The link was posted on the Grand Commandery of Conn web site and where to find the link was inserted on the meal reservation form. The reservation form also had the local phone # to call for those making reservations by phone.

Many other details were worked out with the hotel, most of the specifics were discussed and became part of the BEO's.

Final details were discussed with the hotel on Thursday, April 4, 2024 at 1:00 P.M.. In attendance, were S.K.'s Hal Elwell, William Miller, myself, and Christian Schunmann.

I would like to thank the Grand Commander for appointing me to this very important committee and for the opportunity to serve.



S.K. Vincent Cowie, Committee Chair

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**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE FOR THE 197th GRAND CONCLAVE**

The 197th Grand Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Connecticut was held on Friday April 12 through Sunday April 14, 2024 at the Courtyard Marriott Hotel in Cromwell, CT hosted by Sir Knight Edward C. Page with support of the Sir Knights and Ladies of the Grand Commandery of CT.

Just as the weekend was beginning with registration on Friday to welcome guests, word was received that SK Vince Cowie and his lady Lori had contracted COVID and would not be able to carry out their much anticipated reunions and duties intermixing with the guests. Consequently, working from home and with some peripheral hand offs, while Chm & SK Miller held the fort, Lady Virginia Nelson would be pinch-hitting for Lady Lori and proceeded to oversee preparations of the Craft Room to benefit the Knights Templar Eye Foundation with the added assistance of the other ladies present. Meanwhile SKs of St. Elmo Commandery No. 9 arranged and manned the Hospitality Area for the weekend.

At 9:00 am the next morning, Saturday, April 13, several activities began in parallel. As the SKs assembled, the Craft Room was readied for business. The Grand Conclave opened in semi-public format for the reception of distinguished guests, after which the SKs sequestered for their labors. SKs Charlie O'Neill and Stuart Drost teamed up to chair the Recorders table in the absence of SK Vince and receive reports and monitor the proceedings.

Meanwhile, the Ladies enjoyed a repeat demonstration of the Police Guide Dog from last year by Officer John Carlson, which had been pre-arranged by Lady Lori, and then adjourned for their lunch at the close of their session. Also attending the Ladies functions was Lady Annette Ham, widow of SK PGC Ed Ham.

Later in the afternoon, activities resumed with the annual gathering of the Knights Crusaders of the Cross, followed by installation of the newly elected REGC, Sir Knight Hal Elwell and his suite of officers by the Installing Commander PGC Michael Seamon. The afternoon concluded with the annual raffle of a sizeable number of gift baskets of all shapes and forms, with proceeds to the Eye Foundation.

The formal banquet was held in the Grand Ballroom on Saturday evening following a social hour at 5:30 pm. With the head table in place and 74 in attendance, REGC Edward officiated over the proceedings. Leading the remarks from distinguished guests, was MEGHP Michael Seamon of the Grand Chapter, MPGM Darrin Silhavy of the Grand Council, and remarks also included those from our youth, Brielle Laferriere, Grand Worthy Advisor of Rainbow and DeMolay State Master Councilor Matthew Sprouse, both receiving donations from the Grand Commandery.

Lady Virginia, on behalf of Lori Cowie reported \$1,885.00 were raised for the Eye Foundation through the Craft Room and \$ 3,215.00 from the Joyce Kluntz Memorial Bakeless Bake Sale, and \$330 from the 50-50 which totaled \$ 5,430.00 overall, and a testimony to Lori's hard work before her illness, not to mention her gift of an open bar for the cocktail hour!

From the Grand Encampment, SK John Barnes, RE NEDC and personal representative of MEGM David S. Kussman, brought news from the GE. With the assistance of Past NEDC Stuart Drost, SK John Barnes, led the presentation of a Sword of Merit to SK Alan Carlson from the Eye Foundation for his prior donation of \$25,000. Lady

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**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE FOR THE 197th GRAND CONCLAVE, Cont.**

Janet Shepard was recognized for her service as a new Knight Companion of the Temple. And lastly, an award of service was presented to SK Edward Page for his year as REGC.

The last banquet speaker to bring greetings was RW (and SK) Shane Dufresne, Grand Senior Warden, the officially appointed representative of the Grand Lodge and MWGM (none other than, our own SK Edward Page who had been secretly masquerading this whole time as a REGC. For the record, this was a unique oddity, as SK Ed was elected and installed MWGM just a week prior, hence holding both chairs, pending his retirement as a REGC, never before happening in modern times as far as anyone knew or could prove otherwise.) The Banquet concluded with the 50-50 raffle of \$330, won by, Virginia Nelson.....surprise ! The banquet adjourned to the Hospitality Room at 8:30 pm for continued fun and fellowship.

On Sunday, the SKs, Ladies and guests assembled for the traditional Church and Memorial service and transfer of authority, before enjoying a farewell breakfast buffet and concluding the 197th Templar weekend.

**197th GRAND CONCLAVE INCOME AND EXPENSE REPORT**

	<b>INCOME</b>	<b>EXPENSES</b>	<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>BALANCE</b>
<b>Starting Balance 1/1/24</b>				<u>\$ 2,301.49</u>
<b>Income</b>				
From Conclave Fund	5,500.00			
From Attendees: Meals	5,350.00			
From Lady Lori Hosp	520.00		<b>11,370.00</b>	<b>13,671.49</b>
<b>Expenses</b>				
Marriott Meals & Services		7,705.00		
Ladies Prog- Cromwell PD		100.00		
Hosp & Ladies - L. Cowie		364.15		
Hosp Reimb - <u>Schunman</u>		293.58		
Hosp Reimb - <u>Chappialone</u>		133.53		
Guest Room Reimb (10)		1,138.50	<b>9,734.76</b>	
<b>Closing Balance 4/30/24</b>				<b>3,936.73</b>

Respectfully Submitted,



SK William L. Miller, KCT,PGC, General Chairman & Reservations  
SK Vincent A. Cowie, KCT, PGC, PNEDC, Hotel Liaison

**The James Royal Case Award  
Original and History**

Organized in 1986, by the York Rite Coordinating Committee which is comprised of the dais officers of the Grand Chapter, Grand Council and Grand Commandery. The Committee established this award for outstanding service to Masonry and to the York Rite in particular. The award is presented annually at a Testimonial Dinner in honor of the three Presiding Officers of the York Rite.

**Previous Recipients**

* James Royal Case	1986	* Anthony Pipitone	2002
* Howard R. Baker	1987	* Louis A. Kaufman	2003
* Russell L. Benjamin	1988	* Walter L. Whitman	2004
* Warren J. Dennison	1989	James S. Demko	2005
* Andrew J. Muccianti	1990	* Leslie C. Noyes	2006
Kenneth W. Marvin	1991	Robert J. Cascone	2007
* William A. Bonney Sr.	1992	* Edward Schoenrock	2008
* John Radeach	1993	* Donald E. Robinson	2009
* Mathew J. Banach	1994	* Irving Lieff	2010
* Arthur H. Carlstrom	1995	* James J. Fahy	2011
* Wilder J. Greely	1996	Donald C. Sause	2012
Willis E. Copeland Jr.	1997	* Richard E. "Digger" Odell	2013
* Robert S. Johnson	1998	William L. Miller, II	2014
* Stanley T. House	1999	James A. Backus	2015
* Edward Nordstrom	2000	Charles T. Hall	2016
* Douglas A. Gray	2001	Arnold S. Grot	2019
* Indicates Deceased			

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The foregoing is a true record of the Acts and doings of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of Connecticut at its 197th Annual Conclave this 13th day of April 2024 A.D., 906 A.O.



Grand Commander

Attest

Grand Recorder

**SIR KNIGHT HAROLD ALAN ELWELL**

*Right Eminent Grand Commander*

2024 - 2025



**SIR KNIGHT HAROLD ALAN ELWELL**

*Right Eminent Grand Commander*

2024 - 2025

A lifelong Connecticut resident, Hal grew up in Harwinton, the third of five children of Albert and Ina Elwell. Albert was a jack of all trades, employed at various times as an auto mechanic, manager of a machine shop, welder, and construction ironworker. Ina was an almost stereotypical 1950's housewife – managing the home, planning and preparing meals, bandaging cuts and bruises suffered playing outdoors, cleaning, mending, reading bed time stories and making sure everyone was where they were supposed to be, mostly on time. She was a cub scout den mother, and girl scout assistant. The family loved traveling and being outdoors, so spent many weekends and summer vacations camping all around New England, and several winter vacations driving to Florida for a few days of sunshine there. One of the most memorable and inspiring trips was in the early 1960's, traveling cross country for most of the summer. Mom, Dad and four of the five kids living out of a Volkswagen Microbus as we saw and visited more places in that month and a half than many people see in a lifetime – Niagara Falls, the Grand Canyon, Yellowstone Park, the petrified forest, Mount Rushmore and many more. The things that were learned together on that trip have lasted a lifetime. How do six people in a confined space for weeks not get on each other's nerves? They do, but you learn to adapt and respect each other's wishes. Opinions matter, but not all decisions are made democratically. We learned things like just how big Texas really is, and that it's not a good idea to ride directly underneath the open sun roof for the last couple of hours approaching El Paso. The old bus didn't have a gas gauge – only a "reserve tank" of gas that would take you about 30 miles if you exhausted the main tank. You had to keep track of your mileage and fill up about every two hundred miles, or depend on finding a gas station within 30 miles of flipping onto the "reserve", not a guarantee in Arizona, New Mexico, and Nevada at the time. There weren't many Volkswagen dealerships around, so when the odometer cable broke the kids honed their map reading skills, figuring out what was the last town we could stop in to refuel, until we found a dealership in Salt Lake City. Somewhere along the way it also came to pass that "Don't make me stop this car" was not an idle threat.

Albert and Ina lived another four decades in Harwinton, watching the family grow as all five of their children graduated college, wed, and began families of their own. Albert passed in 2003, and Ina followed in 2007 after sharing their love and wisdom with their 13 grandchildren and welcoming the first five of their still growing brood of great grandchildren. Their house was always filled with brothers, sisters, and cousins, spending time, and making memories with Gram and Gramp. Their dedication to each other, and their unwavering support of, and willingness to sacrifice for, every one of the family members has been a stellar lesson in leading by example.

After graduating first in his class at Lewis Mills Regional High School in Burlington Hal received a National Merit Scholarship which he used to attend the University of Connecticut (two years at the Torrington Branch and two years at Storrs) and earn a Bachelor of Science degree in secondary mathematics education. Hal and his high school sweetheart Karen married between his junior and senior year of college and have been together for over 50 years. Upon graduation from UConn he taught in the

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mathematics department of Bacon Academy in Colchester Connecticut for several years, before deciding on a career change and coming to Waterbury to work for Lux Time in their data processing department in 1977. Lux's decision to move their operations to Tennessee in the 1980's led to Hal joining Colonial Bank of Waterbury's programming staff and beginning a thirty plus year association with the banking industry and information technology. He has been a Programmer, Senior Developer, Systems Analyst, Project manager, Team leader, and finished his career by coming full circle and serving as a client training instructor, showing customers how to use company tools to produce their own interfaces to the proprietary system. Shortly after coming to Waterbury, Hal and family became members of First Congregational Church of Waterbury, beginning an even longer association which lasts to this day. Over the years Hal has been a Sunday school teacher, cook, Trustee, Deacon, van driver, Moderator, lay worship leader, Bible Study coordinator, search committee chair, Zoom manager during the pandemic, and is now the treasurer of the church and serves on its Pastoral Relations Committee. In addition to his church involvement, while his three children were growing up Hal joined the Overlook Community Club and helped coach in its sports association and became a Cub Scout and Boy Scout leader. In 1990 he was named the Bank of Boston Connecticut Volunteer of the Year, using the stipend provided to help fund the local scout troops. He also was a member of REMCO (a civil preparedness / emergency operations organization) and the Waterbury Auxiliary Police. Always interested in history, for over thirty years Hal has belonged to the Eighth Connecticut Civil War Reenactment group where he has participated in reenactments from Massachusetts to Georgia. The group also provides entertaining and educational programs to local schools and other groups and has recently published a book documenting the history of the 8<sup>th</sup> Connecticut using letters and original source material gathered from the 1860's veterans and descendants over the years. While planning, managing, and participating in a weekend reenactment / presentation in conjunction with the Railroad Museum of New England in 2002, their director of special activities noticed Hal's beard and offered him an opportunity to portray St. Nicholas on their Christmas trains. Some beard coloring and padding were required, but since then Hal has become their head Santa, organizing a cast of dozens for the train while also visiting churches, community groups, and lodges bringing the Christmas spirit to many each winter.

Hal came to Masonry rather late in life as there are no ancestral ties to the craft. His involvement began, due in large part to some of his other activities and the serendipitous meeting and continued crossing of paths with well-established Masons. His interest was initially sparked by a neighbor who talked of many of the Masonic happenings that he was involved in, while zealously guarding the "secrets" of his lodge. Meanwhile, Hal's Civil War and Boy Scout paths intersected when a Scout in his son's troop undertook the restoration of an abandoned cemetery (where several Civil War soldiers were buried, including one from the Eighth Connecticut). Coincidentally, several Masons became involved with the project since the Eighth Connecticut soldier had been a member of Harmony Lodge. This strengthened Hal's connection to the Brothers of Harmony and led to other cooperative efforts, such as the restoration and rededication of the Civil

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War Monument on the Waterbury Green and participation in the Memorial Day parade and various patriotic ceremonies. Finally, in the company of a friend and fellow reenactor who was convinced that Masonry would be a worthy and exciting new adventure, he petitioned and was initiated a Brother of Harmony Lodge #42 of Ancient Free and Accepted Freemasons and raised as a Master Mason in March of 2009. He was content to watch from the sidelines for a time, all the while becoming more familiar with and impressed by the Brotherhood. In 2011, Hal accepted the appointment to the office of Tyler, and by 2018 had progressed through the line to become Master of the Lodge. Hal's older son Matt joined the Brotherhood in 2012 and also began to work his way through the chairs. Without any pre-planning, as Hal approached the East, Matt was sitting in front of him, first as Senior Steward to Hal's Junior Warden, Junior Deacon to Hal's Senior Warden and finally on up to Senior Deacon while Hal was Master. One of Hal's proudest moments was when Matt's turn as Master came around, he continued the family tradition by appointing Hal as his Chaplain. Hal was later appointed to the Waterbury Board of Masonic Relief, which in 2022 became a part of the Grand Lodge Almoner's program, and Hal has been Harmony's Almoner since that point.

Feeling comfortable in the lodge, enjoying the fraternal fellowship, and truly seeking more light in Masonry, Hal began exploring the appendant bodies of the York Rite and Scottish Rite in 2014, becoming a member of Keystone Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in Meriden as well as the Valley of Waterbury and Lafayette Consistory. Consistent with an emerging pattern, Hal jumped in with both feet, volunteering, helping wherever needed, and eventually stepping into leadership roles. In the York Rite, he has served as High Priest of Keystone Chapter, Thrice Illustrious Master of Hamilton Council, Commander of St. Elmo Commandery, and has progressed through the Grand Commandery line to his present position. He is a charter member and Working Knight of the Nutmeg Chapel of St. Thomas of Acon, and was invited to join the York Rite College in 2015. In the Scottish Rite Valley of Waterbury he has been the Thrice Potent Master of the Doric Lodge of Perfection, the Sovereign Prince of the Ionic Council of Princes of Jerusalem, and is looking forward to serving as the Most Wise Master of the Corinthian Chapter of Rose Croix. He is making his way through the line of the Lafayette Consistory, serving the valleys of Waterbury, New Haven and Bridgeport, and currently holds the position of 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant Commander. He is a Past Monarch of Zindah Grotto, and the current secretary / treasurer of Chapter 15 of the Masonic Motorcycle Club, International. For his efforts, and in recognition of his contributions, Hal has been honored by receiving the Harmony Lodge Robert S. Walker service award, the Frederick Lorenson Meritorious Service Award from the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasons, and the York Rite Sovereign College Service award.

In all things, Hal has felt and seen the hand of the Grand Architect of the Universe, protecting, guiding, and supporting him. It is through His Grace that the many blessings Hal has enjoyed have come. First and foremost, he is grateful for the blessings of family and friends. For the blessings of health and happiness and for the blessings of the ability to serve others. It is with great humility and the utmost faith in the Grand Architect and his plan, that Hal looks forward to the challenges, labors, and joys yet to come.

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**GRAND COMMANDER**

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### GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT GENERAL ORDERS

#### **1.0 PURPOSE, SCOPE AND APPLICABILITY**

##### Purpose

This document is provided to disseminate Knights Templar orders, directives and information.

##### 1.2. Scope

The orders and directives contained herein are for the governance of the Commanderies and Sir Knights under the jurisdiction of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Connecticut.

##### 1.3. Applicability

The orders and directives as listed are applicable only during the duration of tenure of Sir Knight Harold A. Elwell as Grand Commander of Knights Templar of the State of Connecticut.

##### 1.4. Restricted Use

These General Orders contain information which is proprietary to the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Connecticut. Any unauthorized use of this material is prohibited. No part of these orders may be reproduced or transmitted in any form or by any means, electronic or mechanical, including photocopying, recording, or by any information storage and retrieval system for use outside the fraternity without express written permission from the Grand Commandery of Connecticut. These General Orders may not be posted on any uncontrolled website or social media location.

#### **2.0 APPLICABLE DOCUMENTS**

The listing of applicable documents below contains valuable references and source information which is to be utilized by the Sir Knights in the execution of their duties and responsibilities:

Ritual of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America:

As issued by the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America.

Permanent Regulations, Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Connecticut: As revised April 13, 2019.

Statutes, Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Connecticut: As revised March 25 2023.

Manual of Knights Templar Tactics and Asylum Ceremonies of the Grand Encampment of the United States of America: As adopted by the Grand Encampment in 1986.

Guidelines for a Junior Officer of a Commandery: As distributed by the Most Eminent Grand Master of the Grand Encampment Knights Templar, USA.

Guidelines for Religious Activities: As distributed by the Committee on Religious Activities, Grand Encampment of the United States of America.

Guidelines for Patriotic and Civic Activities: As distributed by the Committee on Patriotic and Civic Activities, Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America.

Constitution, Statutes, Disciplinary Rules, Standing Decisions, Ceremonies, Forms and Approved Decisions of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America: 2022 Edition, revised December 14 2022

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### **GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT** **GENERAL ORDERS**

#### **3.0 GENERAL ORDERS**

General orders concern matters of policy or administration for the Grand Commandery of Connecticut and are established for the period of April 14, 2024 through April 12, 2025.

#### **3.1 GENERAL ORDER NO. 1: CONTACT INFORMATION**

This General Order establishes the address, telephone and e-mail information for the officers and Constituent Commandery of the Grand Commandery of the State of Connecticut for all regular and emergency communications.

Dissemination of this contact information outside of the fraternity or used for purposes other than fraternal contact is strictly prohibited.

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#### 3.1.2. Grand Officers, Elected

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Kenneth Roach	Grand Generalissimo	Ann	44 Broadleaf Circle Windsor, CT 06095	860-841-7260	<a href="mailto:kingsman18@aol.com">kingsman18@aol.com</a>
James Whitaker, Jr.	Grand Captain General	-	185 Canal St. Unit 1000 Shelton, CT 06484	203-508-5946	<a href="mailto:jaywhit0302@gmail.com">jaywhit0302@gmail.com</a>
Edward A. Varjabedian	Grand Sr. Warden	Gail	109 Grist Mill Rd. Wethersfield, CT 06109	860-563-2285 860-490-5261	<a href="mailto:edvarjabedian@gmail.com">edvarjabedian@gmail.com</a>
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Vincent A. Cowie, REPGC	Grand Recorder	Lori	1 Inverness Sq. Middletown, CT 06457	860-635-6566	<a href="mailto:vincent.cowie@snet.net">vincent.cowie@snet.net</a>
Charles A. McCollum	Grand Treasurer	Beth	71 Eunice Parkway Stratford, CT 06615	203-241-2554	<a href="mailto:mccollumcharles1@gmail.com">mccollumcharles1@gmail.com</a>

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3.1.3. Grand Officers, Appointed

<b>Name</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Lady</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Phone #</b>	<b>E-mail</b>
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Bruce R. Bellmore, REPGC	Associate Grand Prelate	Patricia	41 Michael Dr. West Haven, CT 06516	203-800-5348	<a href="mailto:brbellmore@sbcglobal.net">brbellmore@sbcglobal.net</a>
William E Bohman	Grand Standard Bearer	Lisa	1 Woodland Dr Canton, CT 06019-2002	860 614-6310	<a href="mailto:wbohman@snet.net">wbohman@snet.net</a>
Michael Messner	Grand Sword Bearer	-	101 Donna Lane Naugatuck, CT 06770	203-558-4012	<a href="mailto:mmessner@ctfreemasons.net">mmessner@ctfreemasons.net</a>
Daniel M. Luft	Grand Warder	Tammy	667 Preston Avenue Meriden, CT 06450-4859	203 537-1610	<a href="mailto:danielmluft@gmail.com">danielmluft@gmail.com</a>
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David Soderberg	Grand Organist	-	2 Redstone Way Farmington, CT 06032-2019	860-659-3124	<a href="mailto:dsoderberg@sbcglobal.net">dsoderberg@sbcglobal.net</a>
Martin Ede	Grand Historiographer	-	9 Simpson Ct. Bethany, CT 06524	203-671-9820	<a href="mailto:mede@snet.net">mede@snet.net</a>
Charles O'Neil	Grand Correspondent & Assistant Grand Recorder	-	23 Forty Acre Mtn. Road Danbury, CT 06811	203-744-0935	<a href="mailto:cdoneill@snet.net">cdoneill@snet.net</a>
Michael Sabia	Committee Member		10 Sanford Place Stratford, CT 06614-2844	203-898-2808	<a href="mailto:mdsabiajr@gmail.com">mdsabiajr@gmail.com</a>
William Stephen Matthews Jr	Committee Member	Erin	260 Woodmont Dr. East Hartford CT 06118-3349	860-573-3928	<a href="mailto:stevematthews1975@gmail.com">stevematthews1975@gmail.com</a>

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3.1.4 Officers, Constituent Commanderies:

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Scott R. Atkins	Commander New Haven # 2		26 Birch Street West Haven, CT 06516-1253	203-584-0016	<a href="mailto:ScottAtkins121@gmail.com">ScottAtkins121@gmail.com</a>
Martin Ede	Recorder New Haven # 2	-	9 Simpson Ct, Bethany, CT 06524-3310	203-393-9724	<a href="mailto:mede@snet.net">mede@snet.net</a>
Andrew N Triandafilou	Commander Trinity # 3		115 Lawn Ave Apt 8, Stamford, CT 06902-3124	203-359-2065	<a href="mailto:jacktar1984@yahoo.com">jacktar1984@yahoo.com</a>
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Michael D. Sabia	Commander Hamilton # 5		10 Sanford Place Stratford, CT 06614-2844	203-898-2808	<a href="mailto:mdsabiajr@gmail.com">mdsabiajr@gmail.com</a>
Stuart K. Drost	Recorder Hamilton # 5	Marlene	66 Hickory Lane Shelton, CT 06484-1736	203-944-0861	<a href="mailto:skdrost@comcast.net">skdrost@comcast.net</a>
Christopher A. Britland	Commander Palestine # 6		54 Elm Street Jewett City, CT 06351-2316	860-230-7310	<a href="mailto:wbcbritland@gmail.com">wbcbritland@gmail.com</a>
Scott A. Daniels, Jr	Recorder Palestine # 6	Amanda	38 Partridge Hollow Oakdale, CT 06370-1666	860-857-1481	<a href="mailto:scott.danielsjr1980@gmail.com">scott.danielsjr1980@gmail.com</a>
Michael Messner	Commander Cyrene # 8	-	101 Donna Lane Naugatuck, CT 06770	203-558-4012	<a href="mailto:mmessner@ctfreemasons.net">mmessner@ctfreemasons.net</a>
Vincent A. Cowie	Recorder Cyrene # 8	Lori	1 Inverness Square Middletown, CT 06457	860-635-6566	<a href="mailto:vincent.cowie@snet.net">vincent.cowie@snet.net</a>
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Clyde Wm. Kayser, II	Recorder St. Elmo # 9	AJ	19 Adelaide Avenue Waterbury, CT 06708	203-754-8209	<a href="mailto:cwk33@juno.com">cwk33@juno.com</a>
Arthur L. Mullin-Stone	Commander St. Johns # 11		342 Richmond Road #B Coventry, CT 06238-1683	860-420-7599	<a href="mailto:doriangray369@gmail.com">doriangray369@gmail.com</a>
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3.1.5 Living Past Grand Commanders:

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Rodney Gray	1993	Sharon	3201 SE Otis Lane Port St. Lucie, FL 34984	772-336-5504	<a href="mailto:rodgraysr@hotmail.com">rodgraysr@hotmail.com</a>
Richard Travis	1995	-	41 Ashlar Village Wallingford, CT 06492	203-679-2136	<a href="mailto:rvtravis@sbcglobal.net">rvtravis@sbcglobal.net</a>
Charles Fowler	1997	Muff	Asher Village Wallingford, CT 06095		<a href="mailto:cbfowler35@yahoo.com">cbfowler35@yahoo.com</a>
Wayne Saunders	2000	Isabel	14178 Pullman Drive Spring Hill, FL 34609		<a href="mailto:isy141@att.net">isy141@att.net</a>
Vincent Cowie	2001	Lori	1 Inverness Square Middletown, CT 06457	860-635-6566	<a href="mailto:vincent.cowie@snet.net">vincent.cowie@snet.net</a>
William Lott	2004	Barbara	PO Box 186 Dagsboro, DE 19939	302-732-3068	<a href="mailto:wflott@aol.com">wflott@aol.com</a>
William Miller II	2006	-	4 Aspen Rise East Granby, CT 06026	860-651-1386	<a href="mailto:william.l.miller@snet.net">william.l.miller@snet.net</a>
Bruce Bellmore	2009	Patricia	41 Michael Drive West Haven, CT 06516	203-800-5348	<a href="mailto:Brbellmore@sbcglobal.net">Brbellmore@sbcglobal.net</a>
Leonard Bucher	2011	Barbara	22 Jerimoth Drive Branford, CT 06405	203-488-0633	<a href="mailto:leonardbuch@gmail.com">leonardbuch@gmail.com</a>
Charles O'Neill	2012	-	23 Forty Acre Mountain Road Danbury, CT 06811	203-744-0935	<a href="mailto:cdoneill@snet.net">cdoneill@snet.net</a>
Stuart Drost	2013	Marlene	66 Hickey Lane Shelton, CT 06484	203-944-0861	<a href="mailto:skdrost@comcast.net">skdrost@comcast.net</a>
William Mackey	2014	-	29 Randal Avenue West Hartford, CT 06110	860-713-3243	<a href="mailto:will_mackey@yahoo.com">will_mackey@yahoo.com</a>
Randy Stevens	2015	Sara	12 Briarcliff Trl., Old Saybrook, CT 06475-1253	860-434-8772	<a href="mailto:stevens.randy0418@gmail.com">stevens.randy0418@gmail.com</a>
Clyde Kayser, II	2016	A.J.	19 Adelaide Avenue Waterbury, CT 06708	203-754-8209	<a href="mailto:cwk33@juno.com">cwk33@juno.com</a>
Charles A. McColhum	2017	Beth	71 Eunice Parkway Stratford, CT 06615	203-375-3990	<a href="mailto:Mccollumcharles1@gmail.com">Mccollumcharles1@gmail.com</a>
Paul L. Chello, Esq.	2018	Emily	90 Fair Street Guilford, CT 06437	203-453-1560	<a href="mailto:pchelloesq@sbcglobal.net">pchelloesq@sbcglobal.net</a>
Michael E. Seaman	2019	Linda	200 Laura Lane Apt. # B8 Rocky Hill, CT 06067	860-462-9740	<a href="mailto:Htrfd88@hotmail.com">Htrfd88@hotmail.com</a>
James McNeely, IV	2020	Anne	23 Arrel Way Avon, CT 06001	860-507-6437	<a href="mailto:jsmcneely@msn.com">jsmcneely@msn.com</a>
Craig R. Nelson, Sr.	2021	Virginia	82 Live Oaks Road Milford, CT 06460	203-874-0833	<a href="mailto:nelsoncraig@sbcglobal.net">nelsoncraig@sbcglobal.net</a>
William D. Passera	2022	Mary	6 Slocum Road Clinton, CT 06413-1357	860-304-3681	<a href="mailto:wmpassera2020@gmail.com">wmpassera2020@gmail.com</a>
Edward C. Page	2023		PO Box 897 Brooklyn, CT 062354	860-779-2544	<a href="mailto:edwardcpage@live.com">edwardcpage@live.com</a>

**3.2 General Order # 2: Zone Officer Appointments & Duties**

This General Order designates the appointments for duty assignments for the Templar year under the period of applicability as established by this document.

3.2.1 Zone Officers:

This position of Zone Officer is established as per Regulation VI, Section 1 of the Permanent Regulations of the Knights Templar of the State of Connecticut. The Zone Officers for the period of these General Orders are Sir Knight Michael Messner, Sir Knight William E Bohman, Sir Knight Gary Shepard and Sir Knight Daniel M. Luft

3.2.2 Zone Area Definitions:

The Constituent Commanderies within the State of Connecticut for the period of this General Order have been divided into four zones: A, B, C & D.

3.2.2.1 Zone A

This zone contains the following Commanderies; St Elmo # 9 in Meriden & Hamilton # 5 in Stratford and has been assigned to Sir Knight William E. Bohman. Sir Knight Bohman's contact information is:

Sir Knight William E Bohman  
1 Woodland Dr  
Canton, CT 06109-2002  
wbohman@snet.net

3.2.2.2. Zone B

This zone contains the following Commanderies: Palestine # 6 in Preston and Washington # 1 in East Hartford and has been assigned to Sir Knight Michael Messner. Sir Michael Messner's contact information is:

Sir Knight Michael Messner  
101 Donna Lane  
Naugatuck, CT 06770  
mmessner@ctfreemasons.net

3.2.2.3 Zone C:

This zone contains the following Commanderies: Cyrene # 8 in Meriden & St. Johns # 11 in North Windham and has been assigned to Sir Knight Daniel M. Luft. SK Luft's contact information is shown below:

Sir Daniel M. Luft  
667 Preston Avenue  
Meriden, CT 06450-4859  
203-537-1610  
danielmluft@gmail.com

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3.2.2.4 Zone D:

This zone contains the following Commanderies: Trinity # 3 in Norwalk & New Haven # 2 in New Haven and has been assigned to Sir Knight Gary Shepard. SK Shepard's contact information is :

Sir Knight Gary Sheaprd  
36 Wedgewood Drive  
Easton, CT 06612-1939  
203-209-7193  
gary@lafayetteconsistory.com

3.2.3 **Zone Officer Responsibilities:**

It shall be the duty of the Zone Officer to provide such assistance, guidance, and instruction as may be necessary to promulgate policies and programs of the Grand Commandery. Their primary duties are to help, aid and assist their commanderies; to observe but not to interfere, and report back to the Grand Commander. They are to participate with the Grand Inspector in the yearly inspection of their assigned commanderies.

3.2.3.1. Zone Officers Visitations:

The Zone Officer is required to make a **minimum** of three un-official visits per annum to the Commandries assigned in their zone.

3.2.3.1.1 Inspection & Official Visitations:

At the Annual Inspection of each Commandery the Zone Officer will accompany the Grand Inspector during his evaluation. Following the publication of the results of the inspection, the Zone Officer shall make contact with the Commander to schedule an official visitation to review the results of the inspection with each Commandery in their zone. Should a Commandery fail inspection, the Zone Officer is required to attend the meeting with that Commandery and Grand Commander as specified in 3.3.4.

3.2.3.1.2 Fraternal Visitations:

The other official visitation is to be at a Stated Conclave at the discretion of the Zone Officer where he shall be an observer to the proceeding to satisfy himself that the said Commandery is operating in the best tradition of the Knights Templar of Connecticut. The date of this visitation need not be scheduled before hand and the Commandery to be visited.

3.2.3.1.3 Special Visitations:

All Zone officers should be at all stated conclaves in their zone for Orders to be conferred and for Christmas Observances.

3.2.4 Zone Officer Reporting Requirements:

Each Zone Officer shall make a report in writing to the Grand Commander via e-mail once a quarter to discuss the results of visitation, help that was given and any upcoming problems that may be on the horizon.

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- 3.2.5 Zone Officer Failure to Perform:  
A Zone Officer's failure to perform his duties as described within this section runs the risk of dismissal from office if he intentionally, knowingly, deliberately fails to perform, or performs in a grossly negligent manner in substantial disregard in the interests of this Grand Commandery.

**3.3 General Order # 3: Grand Inspector Appointment and Inspection Criteria**

The Grand Inspectors for the period covered by these General Orders shall be Sir Knight Michael Eugene Seamon

SK Michael E. Seamon  
200 Laura Lane Apt # B8  
Rocky Hill, CT 06067  
860-462-9740  
htfd88@hotmail.com

- 3.3.1. Inspection Period  
Commanders should schedule their inspections to occur prior to November 28 2024. Requests for exceptions to this rule should have very compelling reason or reasons to do so and are to be made directly to the Grand Commander. The Grand Commander will keep the Zone Officers aware of all scheduled inspection dates and any alterations thereto.
- 3.3.2 Inspection Criteria  
The inspection of the constituent Commanderies will be conducted by the Grand Inspector and the Zone Officer assigned to the Commandery. Other Grand line officers may be present at the request of the Grand Inspector or the Commandery being inspected. The intended purpose of the inspection is to ensure the health and vitality of the constituent Commanderies. It is meant to be positive and encouraging, and not a competitive or punitive event. Therefore, the inspection for this rating period will be based on the execution of opening, closing, receiving of dignitaries, and the IRS Form 990 status at this time. Presentation of an Order is optional. This may change at any time during the year at which time the Grand Inspector will inform you if an Order is to be required, or any other change that may be implemented. The opening and closing of the Commandery may either be in Short or Full Form. If an Order is presented, its purpose would be to showcase the abilities and progress of the Commandery, as well as advance candidates. An Administration Inspection Form is required to be completed by each Eminent Commander and Recorder to be sent by mail or email to the Grand Inspector no later than February 28, 2025.
- 3.3.3 Inspection Grading:  
The grading of the inspection for this period is reduced to four categories: Excellent, Good, Acceptable and Failed, for administrative documents. For Commanderies who have the ability and desire to be inspected under and Order this is to better help each Commandery gage themselves over prior years and future officers. The final grade is a summation in percentage of points received over points possible for the

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3.3.3 Inspection Grading (Continued):

work of the Commandery during inspection. The Grand Inspector shall make every effort to discuss the grading results with the Eminent Commander as soon as possible.

The grading of the inspection is **NOT** meant to be a contest between Commanderies. It is a means of communicating how a Commandery is executing the necessary requirements of conducting business and how the works of ritual execution are making impressions on candidates. The inspection process is to be used more as a self-evaluation tool for where a Commandery may make improvements in the future and where they may be properly applied. By extending the inspection period through February, the intent is to allow each Commandery, each Eminent Commander, each Zone Officer, the Grand Inspector as well as the entire Grand Commandery line ample time to prepare, implement, and observe improvement through the end of the Templar year ending with each Commandery's Annual in February.

3.3.3.1 Inspection Percentage Breakdown:

The following grading system is to be employed:

91-100%	Excellent
75-90%	Acceptable
<75%	Failure

3.3.4 Failing an Inspection:

Should a Constituent Commandery score less than 75% during their inspection, the Grand Commander shall make that score known to the Eminent Commander of said Commandery and inform him that it is necessary that he schedule a review of the results with his dais officers, the Grand Commander and the Zone Officer within 30 days of notice. The Commander and his officers will be required to make a presentation at this meeting as to their course of remedy.

3.3.5 Failure to Submit for Inspection:

Any Commandery failing to submit for inspection by February 1, 2025 is to be considered in violation of Article VI, Section 1 (f) of the Statutes of the Grand Commandery of the State of Connecticut and as such are placed under Probation as per Section 48 (d) of the Constitution, Statutes, Disciplinary Rules, Standings Resolution, Ceremonies, Forms and Approved Decisions of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America. The terms of the Probation are to be determined by the explanation tendered by the subject Commandery as to the reasoning behind the failure to submit.

3.3.6 Inability to Perform:

The inability to portray the required work does not relieve a Commandery of the necessity of inspection. The Commandery is still required to have

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- 3.3.6 Inability to Perform (Continued):  
the Grand Inspector review the records of the Commandery, specifically that of the Recorder and Treasurer, to ensure that proper protocols are being adhered to. In addition, there remains the inspection for Opening & Closing as well as that of the Officers and Asylum which are reviewable outside of the portrayal. While this partial inspection does not prevent a failing grade and the invocation of the requirements of 3.3.4, it does prevent the penalty of 3.3.5 from being enforced.
- 3.3.7 Inspection Reporting Requirements:  
The Grand Inspector shall make a written report to the Grand Commandery on the inspections, separate from his Address. The report shall include the results of each Commandery's inspection and a brief narrative of the inspection encounter detailing the good, the bad and any suggestions for improvement.
- 3.3.8 Duty to Inform:  
The Grand Inspector is charged with the responsibility of informing each Constituent Commandery of their inspection results in a due and timely fashion. He is also tasked with keeping the necessary officers informed of the inspection schedule. The Grand Commander is to provide schedule and results information as follows:
- 3.3.8.1 Schedule:  
The Schedule of inspections and any changes thereto are to be made to each of the Zone Officers.
- 3.3.8.2 Results:  
The results of any inspection are to be entered upon the inspection form and supplied to the Commander of the inspected Commandery and to the respective Zone Officers of said Commandery within 10 days of the performed inspection.
- 3.3.9 Ritual Assistance:  
It is the ardent desire of this Commander that each position during the conferral of ANY order, not just the inspection, is populated. To this end, a committee of Ritual Assistance has been established to provide Commanders with a pool of volunteers to draw from in order to fulfill this requirement. The specifics for Ritual Assistance are detailed in Section 3.6.8.
- 3.4 General Order # 4: Conclave Committee Appointments and Duties**  
The following Committees are established as per Regulation 1, Section 1 of the Permanent Regulations, Knights Templar of the State of Connecticut.
- 3.4.1 Apportionments:  
Responsible for the review of the annual report of the Grand Commander and make report thereon, including recommendations, to the Grand Commandery.

Sir Knight William L. Miller, II - Chairman  
Sir Knight Vincent Cowie

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3.4.2 Credentials:

Appointed to validate the status of voting members of the Grand Commandery and/or properly designated proxies therefore and report the number of voting delegates present to the Grand Commandery. The committee for the period covered by this General Order is as follows:

Sir Knight William E Bohman - Chairman  
Sir Knight Michael Messner  
Rev. and Sir Knight William Weisert, II

3.4.3 Unfinished Business:

Appointed to review the proceedings of the previous Annual Conclave and any special Conclaves convened in the interim for unfinished business requiring resolution and make report thereon to the Grand Commandery:

Sir Knight Edward C. Page - Chairman  
Sir Knight Harold A. Elwell  
Sir Knight Steven Chiappalone

**3.5 General Order # 5: Standing Committee Appointments and Duties**

The following committees are established as per Regulation I, Section 2 of the Permanent Regulations Knights Templar of the State of Connecticut.

3.5.1 Jurisprudence:

The committee is appointed to consider all decisions upon questions of Templar Law and usage reported by the Grand Commander and such other matters as may be referred to it by him or the Grand Commandery, and report its conclusions to the Grand Commandery. The committee shall review all proposals for change to the Statutes and Permanent Regulations of the Grand Commandery for proper form, content and agreement with Templar Law, and make recommendations thereon to the Grand Commandery. The committee for the period covered by this General Order is as follows:

Sir Knight James S. McNeely, IV-Chairman  
Sir Knight Bruce Bellmore  
Sir Knight Craig R. Nelson, Sr.

3.5.2 Necrology:

This position was created in order that a suitable report and memorial for departed fraters be made to the Grand Commandery. The appointment for the period covered by this General Order is as follows:

Rev. and Sir Knight William Weisert-Chairman  
Rev. and Sir Knight Bruce R Bellmore  
Rev. and Sir Knight Joseph Krusienski

3.5.2.1 Necrology- Necessary Information:

The Grand Recorder is to provide a report detailing the required information from the MMS system to the chairman of this committee **NO LATER** than January 31, 2025.

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- 3.5.3 Patriotic Activities:  
The purpose of this committee is to encourage Constituent Commanderies to plan and participate in activities of a patriotic nature, and report thereon to the Grand Commandery. This committee for the period covered by this General Order is as follows:  
Sir Knight William E. Bohman - Chairman  
Sir Knight Michael Messner  
Sir Knight Daniel M. Luft  
Sir Knight Gary Shepard
- 3.5.3.1 Patriotic Activities-Necessary Information:  
Eminent Commanders of Constituent Commandries or designated representatives thereof are required to post the necessary information from their respective Commandery to the chairman of this committee **NO LATER** than January 31,2025.
- 3.5.4 By-Laws of Constituent Commandery:  
This committee is established in order to review bylaws of Constituent Commanderies for agreement with Templar Law and usage, and make recommendations concerning approval to the Grand Commander and to the Grand Commandery. This committee for the period covered by this General Order is as follows:  
Sir Knight Christian Schunmann - Chairman  
Sir Knight Edward Varjabedian  
Sir Knight Charles A. McCollum
- 3.5.5 Finance:  
This committee is created to provide for an analytical review of the accounts of the Grand Commandery in accordance with Regulation I, Section 2e of the Permanent Regulations, Knights Templar of the State of Connecticut. This committee shall also prepare an estimate of income and expenses and recommend to the Grand Commandery a budget for the coming year. This committee for the period covered by this General Order is as follows:  
Sir Knight Steven Chiappalone – Chairman  
Sir Knight Vincent Cowie  
Sir Knight Charles McCollum  
Sir Knight Kenneth Roach
- 3.5.6 Insurance:  
This appointment is made to administer insurance related matter pertaining to this Grand Commandery, its Constituent Commanderies and attendant or allied interests, and to make report to the Grand Commandery. The appointment for the period covered by this General Order is as follows:  
Sir Knight Vincent Cowie
- 3.5.7 Educational Foundation:  
The Educational Foundation is to administer the funds allocated to this

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- 3.5.7 Educational Foundation (Continued):  
Grand Commandery in accordance with the Regulations and Standard Practice published by the Committee on the Educational Foundation of the Grand Encampment, and to make report to the Grand Commandery.
- Sir Knight William L. Miller 2026 Chairman  
Sir Knight William A. G. Mackey 2025  
Sir Knight Richard Travis 2027  
Sir Knight Stuart K. Drost 2028  
Sir Knight Charles D. O'Neill 2029
- 3.5.8 Eye Foundation:  
This position is to coordinate the efforts of the Grand Commandery and Constituent Commanderies to raise funds for the benefit of Knights Templar Eye Foundation, and to make report thereon to the Grand Commandery. This committee is for the period covered by this General Order is as follows:  
Sir Knight James Whitaker, Jr. - Chairman  
Sir Knight Michael Messner  
Sir Knight Steven Matthews
- 3.5.8.1 In continuation of the Bakeless Bake Sale program started by the late Lady Joyce Kluntz, her daughter, Lady Lori Cowie, has agreed to again champion this effort to raise funds for the Eye Foundation. This long running program has raised a significant amount for this worthwhile cause and it is the hopes of this Grand Commander that the Sir Knights of Connecticut will continue their support.  
Lady Lori Cowie – Joyce Kluntz Memorial Bakeless Bake Sale
- 3.5.9 Religious Activities:  
This committee is to encourage Constituent Commanderies to engage in activities of a religious nature, coordinate religious programs of the Grand Commandery, and to make report thereon to the Grand Commandery. The committee for the period covered by this General Order is as follows:  
Rev. and SK William E. Weisert, II – Chairman  
Rev. and SK Joseph Krusienski  
Rev. and SK Bruce Bellmore
- 3.5.9.1 Religious Activities-Necessary Information:  
Eminent Commanders of Constituent Commanderies or designated representatives thereof are required to post the necessary information from their respective Commandery to the chairman of this committee **No Later** than January 31, 2025.
- 3.5.10 Membership/Long Range Planning:  
The purpose of this committee is to coordinate programs and recommend methods and procedures for strengthening the membership of the Order, and to make a report to the Grand Commandery. This committee is for the period covered by this General Order is as follows:  
Sir Knight Gary Shepard - Chairman  
Sir Knight William Bohman  
Sir Knight Christian Schunmann

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- 3.5.10.1 Presentation to the Membership:  
The Chairman is also charged with developing a presentation to be given at the End of Term Grand Commandery Staff Meeting. This presentation will depict the status and activities of the Constituent Commandery of Connecticut. Include Staffing Levels, Membership Trends and Inspection Trends.
- 3.5.11 Dispensations and Charters:  
This committee is established to examine reports and returns of Commanderies working under Dispensation of the Grand Commander or Grand Commandery, or which have been placed on probation, noting particularly the nature and progress of their work, and whether they have fulfilled all necessary requirements to obtain or retain a Charter. The Committee shall review all applications for Dispensations or Charters and for the restoration of Dispensations or Charters which may have been arrested, and all other matters connected with the general subject of Dispensations and Charters which are referred to it, and make report to the Grand Commandery. The committee for the period covered by this General Order is as follows:  
Sir Knight Edward C. Page - Chairman  
Sir Knight Craig R. Nelson, Sr.  
Sir Knight James McNeely
- 3.5.12 Monuments and Memorials:  
The purpose of this committee is to locate the final resting place and to research and prepare biographical information concerning each of the Past Grand Commanders of the Grand Commandery, and make report to the Grand Commandery. The committee for the period covered by this General Order is as follows:  
Sir Knight Martin Ede - Chairman  
Sir Knight Edward Varjabedian
- 3.5.13 Tactics:  
The purpose of this committee is to recommend tactics from the Manual of Knights Templar Tactics for use by this Grand Commandery and its constituent Commanderies, to encourage the formation of Drill Teams and to prescribe the rules and regulations governing all competitive drills, appoint judges therefore and have charge thereof, and to provide and conduct such instruction as may be needed and requested by the Grand Commander or a Constituent Commandery. The committee for the period covered by this General Order is as follows:  
Sir Knight Daniel Luft - Chairman  
Sir Knight James Whitaker, Jr.  
Sir Knight Steven Matthews
- 3.5.14 Future Conclaves:  
This committee will be responsible to where possible for making those arrangements necessary to secure an adequate and convenient place for the convening of the Annual Conclave.

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- 3.5.14 The committee for the period covered by this General Order is as follows:  
Sir Knight Steven Chiappalone - Chairman  
Sir Knight William Miller, II – Registration & Administration  
Sir Knight Vincent A. Cowie  
Sir Knight Kenneth Roach  
Sir Knight Christian Schunmann

- 3.5.15 Triennial:  
The purpose of this committee is to make necessary accommodations for the Grand Commander, Deputy Grand Commander, Grand Generalissimo, Grand Captain General or their proxies at the next Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment, to provide an estimate of the necessary expenses to include mileage, lodging and per diem for the Officers listed above, to present this estimate to the Finance Committee and to make report to the Grand Commandery.  
Sir Knight Kenneth Roach -Chairman  
Sir Knight Steven Chiappalone  
Sir Knight James Whitaker, Jr.

**3.6 General Order # 6: Special Committee Appointments:**

The Grand Commander may at his discretion, appoint such special committees and assign to them such duties and responsibilities as he may deem necessary to assist in the performance of his duties or for the good of the Order. The following committees are established as per Regulation I, Section 3 of the Permanent Regulations Knights Templar of the State of Connecticut.

- 3.6.1 Nominations:  
This committee is charged with developing a slate of nominations for Grand Commander, Deputy Grand Commander, Grand Generalissimo, Grand Captain General, Grand Senior Warden and Grand Junior Warden. The committee is to develop this list of nominees based on each individual candidate's proven record and estimated capabilities to execute the office each one is nominated to hold. The nominations must be unanimous amongst the committee members to be brought forward. If an individual name cannot be unanimously agreed upon for any singular office, there is to be no recommendation made for said individual office. The committee for the period covered by this General Order is as follows:

Sir Knight Craig R. Nelson, Sr. -Chairman  
Sir Knight Michael E. Seaman  
Sir Knight William A.G. Mackey

- 3.6.2 Hospitality:  
These Sir Knights are appointed to act as ambassadors of the Grand Commander to all those visiting the Grand Commandery Conclave of the State of Connecticut. These Sir Knights will be the Welcoming Committee to visiting dignitaries, will staff the Hospitality Suite, assemble the dignitaries for reception into the Conclave and assist the Grand Commander as required:

Sir Knight Christian Schunmann -Chairman  
Sir Knight Daniel M. Luft  
Sir Knight Mark Orsini  
Sir Knight Michael Sabia

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- 3.6.3 Hotel Liaison:  
This position is created in order to establish a formal point of contact between the Grand Commandery of Connecticut and the hotel chosen for the Conclave.  
Sir Knight Vincent A. Cowie
- 3.6.4 Easter Service at Masonicare:  
The coordinator for this event is:  
Sir Knight Randy Stevens
- 3.6.5 Holy Land Pilgrimage:  
The chairman of this committee is to be the point contact for funds deposited, information request or to make nomination for pilgrimage.  
Sir Knight William L. Miller -Chairman  
Rev. and Sir Knight William Weisert
- 3.6.5.1 Holy Land Pilgrimage Fundraiser:  
The Grand Commander views this program as a very important endeavor for the Knights Templar of the State of Connecticut to support. As such, it is greatly encouraged that a collection to be taken at each Christmas Observance in 2024 for the purpose of increasing the general fund for this program.
- 3.6.6 St. Johns Day Services:  
There will be two church services in honor of the Saints John during the period of these orders.
- St. John the Evangelist Service:  
This service will be held under the auspices of Rev. and Sir Knight Bruce Bellmore at the Church of the Resurrection, 6 Church Street, Ansonia, CT on a date and time to be determined by him.
- St. John the Baptist Service: This service will be held under the auspices of Rev. and Sir Knight Joseph Krusienski at the Holy Trinity Church, 200 Summer Street, Plantsville, CT 06479 on a date and time to be determined by him.
- 3.6.7 Editor, Knights Templar Magazine Supplement:  
The monthly Knight Templar Magazine with its Connecticut Section is the mainstay of our communication that reaches every Connecticut Sir Knight where ever so dispersed, especially those Sir Knights not computer equipped. Each Commander shall appoint a representative from his Commandery to act as a Reporter for the Connecticut supplement to the Knight Templar Magazine. The Commander shall furnish this Sir Knight's name to Sir Knight .  
Sir Knight Charles D. O'Neill
- 3.6.7.1 Supplement – Necessary Information:  
Eminent Commanders of Constituent Commanderies or designated representatives thereof are required to post the necessary information from their respective Commandery to the chairman of this committee **No Later than the 25<sup>th</sup> of each month.** Be aware that there is a lag time involved between submittal date and the magazine publication date.

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- 3.6.8 Ritual Assistance:  
This committee is established in order to provide a firm organization for Eminent Commanders to draw from to provide supplemental cast members for Order conferrals. A Commandery should strive to provide for the best experience for each and every candidate as they represent a resource pool for future officers. In order to provide this quality of experience, each position for the portrayal should be staffed and be staffed with personnel who can portray the part to the standards expected. The chairman of this committee is charged with developing a staff of ritual specialists for positions across the Templar Orders should a Commandery find it necessary to call upon him for aid.

Sir Knight Edward Varjabedian -Chairman  
Sir Knight William E. Bohman  
Sir Knight William A.G. Mackey

- 3.6.8.1 Requests for Assistance:  
In order for this committee to be successful it not only needs to be staffed with personnel from across the state but due and timely notice needs to be provided for scheduling purposes. It is well understood that sickness and distress can interfere with staffing for an Order and there are times when accommodations can be made for such. All attempts to give this committee suitable advance notice should be employed.

- 3.6.9 Instruction / Mentoring:  
The committee is to prepare and present educational and instructional programs to the Constituent Commanderies.

Sir Knight Edward Varjabedian - Chairman  
Sir Knight Bruce R. Bellmore  
Sir Knight Michael Messner

- 3.6.10 York Rite Coordination:  
The purpose of this committee is to foster communication and cooperation among the various York Rite bodies of Connecticut while planning and executing their activities

Sir Knight Steven Chiappalone - Chairman  
Sir Knight Michael Sabia  
Sir Knight Michael Seamon

**3.7 General Order # 7: Reports**

This General Order describes the report that are to be submitted to the Grand Commandery and the dates by which said reports are due. These reports are to be submitted in electronic format utilizing MS Office compatible software. They are to be tendered in versions which are editable to allow the Chairman and/or Grand Recorder the capability to match formats and compile. Requests for format deviation are to be made direct to the respective Chairman.

**NOTE: NO REPORTS ARE TO BE TENDERED TO GRAND EN  
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- 3.7.1 Year End Reports:  
All Commanderies shall submit their reports to the designated Committee Chairman and/or the Grand Recorder of the Grand Commandery so that they are received No Later than January 31, 2025.
- 3.7.2 Zone Officer Reports:  
The Zone Officers shall tender their reports as required in Section 3.2.4 to the Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander No Later than February 28, 2025.
- 3.7.3 Committee Chairman Reports:  
The Committee Chairs shall tender their required report to the Grand Commander No Later than February 28, 2025. The Grand Commander will review the reports and submit copies to the Grand Recorder for printing in the annual proceedings.
- 3.7.4 Failure to File a Required Report:  
The failure of the Committee Chairman to perform their duty to file a required report runs the risk of dismissal from office if he intentionally, knowingly, or deliberately fails to perform or performs in a grossly negligent manner in substantial disregard in the interest of this Grand Commandery.
- 3.8 General Order # 8: Grand Commandery Meetings:**  
From time to time, meetings will be called for the purpose of communicating directly with the Constituents of this Grand Commandery information or training which the Grand Commander deems pertinent enough that a meeting with all interested parties is warranted. This will be done, at a minimum, on a quarterly basis by means of electronic Zoom meetings requiring attendance by only Grand Commandery Officers Elected and Appointed, unless the purpose of the meeting necessitates that others be invited.
- 3.8.1 Definition of Staff:  
For the purpose of this General Order, the personnel considered Staff consists of the following:  
1) All Grand Commandery Officers Elected & Appointed.  
2) The Eminent Commander and Recorder of **EACH** Constituent Comandery.  
3) All Committee Chairman.
- 3.8.2 Attendance:  
Attendance at any Staff Meeting is mandatory for the Staff as detailed in 3.8.1. Requests for exemption are to be made to the Grand Commander and will be handled on a case by case basis. Attendance by any other Sir Knight of Connecticut in good standing is welcome.
- 3.8.3 Start of Term Staff Meeting:  
The Start of Term Staff Meeting will be held on a Sunday in May TBD at a place to be determined (or virtual if unable to meet in person). Dress for this meeting is casual. The purpose of this meeting is to review these

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- 3.8.3 General Orders to ensure a smooth execution thereof during this term. Included at this meeting will be a discussion of the Inspections as laid out in General Order # 3.3. For this meeting the Eminent Commander and Recorder of each Constituent Commander are invited to attend.
- 3.8.4 End of Term Staff Meeting:  
The End of Term Staff Meeting will be held at a location and date to be set early in 2025. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss plans for the Grand Commandery Conclave, review committee reports and to view presentations by the Membership/Long Range Planning Committee as detailed in 3.5.10.1. Notices will be sent in advance regarding refreshments and items pertaining to the ladies.
- 3.8.5 Interim Staff Meetings:  
Staff Meetings may be called should occasion arise where a face-to-face communication is required. Notifications will be sent as soon in advance as possible should this need come to pass.
- 3.8.6 Subject to Change:  
The dates, times, subject matter, etc. of any Staff Meeting is subject to change based upon personnel, facilities, act of God, etc. Notice will be sent via e-mail as soon as possible denoting any changes which affect the staff.
- 3.9 General Order # 9: Ceremonies and Receptions:**  
This General Order describes the methodology to be employed for the reception of Grand Commandery officers.
- 3.9.1 Commandery Ceremonies:  
The only occasions which necessitates the reception of Grand Commandery Officers are:
- 1) For official visitations.
  - 2) When a Grand Commander or an officer representing the Grand Commandery has been invited for an official reception.
  - 3) Inspection of the Commandery.
- Grand Commandery officers may be received on other occasions at the discretion of the Eminent Commander of the Commandery. Each Constituent Commandery should be able to conduct a dignified and proper reception of dignitaries for the arrival, escort into the asylum, introductions, conduct through the lines and greetings by the Eminent Commander. A ceremony based on the "Manual of Public Ceremonies of the Grand Encampment" or based on the reception of dignitaries at the Grand Conclave may be used and adapted as necessary for the number of available Sir Knights and physical arrangement of the Asylum.
- 3.9.2 Reception of Grand Officers:  
The Grand Commander or his designee will assist with the introductions required. All Sir Knights of the Grand Commander's Suite will be introduced before advancing through the lines following which the

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- 3.9.2 Reception of Grand Officers (Continued):  
Grand Commander/Past Grand Commanders will be received through the lines under an Arch of Steel and then the remaining officers in the suite will be received through the lines at a Present Swords.  
The Most Worshipful Grand Master is eligible to be received under an Arch of Steel by virtue of his position even if he is not a Past Grand Commander.  
The Grand Commander should be called upon as the last person to speak at any Grand Commandery or Commander function. The only exception will be if the Most Worshipful Grand Master is present who will be given the courtesy to speak last.

**3.10 General Order # 10: Public Ceremonies**

This General Order describes the governance of Commandery and/or Knights Templar from Connecticut appearing in public in uniform.

- 3.10.1 Appearance in Public:  
All Commandery members appearing in public ceremonies shall be clothed in proper uniform as prescribed for this jurisdiction. Attendance at church or funeral ceremony will be in uniform as detailed for that occasion. In accordance with the statutes a Dispensation is not required for a funeral or religious service.

This Jurisdiction encourages the presentation of colors in public ceremonies clothed in full and proper Knights Templar Uniform. In accordance with the rules and regulations, a Dispensation is not required to present the colors outside the asylum, in proper uniform, upon invitation by Masonic or Masonic-related bodies in their public ceremonies.

**3.11 General Order # 11: Dispensations**

The regulations of the Grand Encampment concerning Dispensations are included herein as a ready point of reference for the Constituent Commandery of this jurisdiction.

- 3.11.1 Regulations:  
Section 48 of the Constitution, Statues, Disciplinary Rules, Standing Resolutions, Ceremonies, Forms and Approved Decisions of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America detail the following specific powers and duties of the Grand Commander:

The Grand Commander shall have the following specific powers and duties but the enumeration shall not be deemed a limitation thereof:

- (f) To grant Dispensations to Constituent Commandery:
1. To hold Special Conclaves for the conferring of the Orders at places within Jurisdictions other than those named in their Charters.
  2. To permit them to receive petitions and ballot thereon at the same Conclave or at a Special Conclave after such notice as he may deem proper.

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3.11.1 Regulations (Continued):

3. 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 and 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.

3.11.2 Requests for Dispensation:

In accordance with regulations, any request for dispensation to alter the date, time or location of a Stated Conclave is to be accompanied by the following information:

- 1) Commandery Name & Number
- 2) Purpose of Request for Dispensation
- 3) Date of the affirmative vote for the request
- 4) Date, Time and/or Location to be Changed From
- 5) Date, Time and/or Location to be Changed To
- 6) Methodology for which due and timely notice will be provided

**3.12 General Order # 12: Grand Master's Day**

Personnel from each Constituent Commandery as well as representatives of the Grand Commandery of the jurisdiction are requested to attend Grand Master's Day and participate in the parade included therein.

The Commandery will march together as Sir Knights of Connecticut to honor our Most Worshipful Grand Master and to recognize the history and dedicated service of Masonic care to our Masonic Family.

It has been the tradition for the Knights Templar to lead the procession and as such, a decent staffing of this function is an opportunity to make a favorable impression and display the outstanding nature of our fraternal organization. A smattering of attendance would leave just the opposite.

3.12.1 Schedule:

Grand Master's Day is generally scheduled for the second Saturday in June, from 10:00 AM – 3:00PM with step off for the parade scheduled for 10:30AM. The Sir Knights who will be marching should assemble in the lower parking lot at 9:30AM.

3.12.2 Requirements:

Each Commandery is expected to send personnel to the parade with their beaumeant and have a Sir Knight designated to carry it.

**Full Templar Uniform with Chapeaux and Sword are required.**

3.12.3 Flag Presentation:

It has been the custom for the Knights Templar of Connecticut to present the colors of this great nation at the commencement of ceremonies following the parade. The Sir Knights attending Grand Master's Day are requested to remain following the march to staff this presentation.

By order of:

Harold A. Elwell  
Grand Commander

All emails should have on the memo line: **KT Information**.

# APPENDIX



**Past Grand Commanders of Connecticut**  
**Recipients of the Knight Templar Cross of Honor**  
**Recipients Knight Commander/Knight Companion of the Temple**  
**Addresses of the Grand Recorders from Sister Jurisdictions**  
**Grand Representatives to Connecticut from Sister Jurisdictions**  
**Grand Representatives from Connecticut to Sister Jurisdictions**  
**Reports from Constituent Commanderies**  
**Officers of the Grand Commandery of Connecticut**  
**Officers of the Grand Encampment**  
**Permanent Members of the Grand Commandery of Connecticut**

**PAST GRAND COMMANDERS OF CONNECTICUT**

1827	Watrous, John Richard	#1	physician	1754-1842
1832	Smith, Laban	#2	shipmaster	1765-1840
1841	Jones, William Henry	#2	lawyer, postmaster, hotel	1778-1861
1845	Ellis, William Henry	#2	hotel keeper, customs officer	1790-1856
1847	Storer, Eliphalet Gilman	#2	printing & publishing	1793-1870
1849	Giddings, George S	#2	farming & teaching	1801-1875
1851	Goodwin II, Horace	#1	jewelry store	1787-1864
1853	Beecher Jr., Benjamin	#2	grocer	1807-1890
1855	Sanford, William Elihu	#2	grocer	1814-1895
1857	Goodell, Cyrus	#1	insurance agent	1802-1874
1858	McLean, John Adams	#3	physician	1798-1883
1859	Daskam, George F	#3	grocer	1818-1877
1860	Hyde, William Haskins	#6	flour & feed business	1812-1861
1861	Ensign, Howard P	#2	steamboat & transportation	1826-1891
1862	Clark, David	#1	wholesale grocer	1806-1889
1863	Brewer, William Lyman	#4	lawyer, court clerk	1843-1886
1864	Higby, William Riley	#5	manufacturing, insurance	1828-1902
1865	Calhoun, Frederick Jedediah	#2	railroad	1820-1887
1866	Paul, John Wesley	#7	tobacco manufacturer	1818-1901
1867	Sperry, Stiles Denison	#1	merchant	1822-1880
1868	Treat, Amos S	#5	lawyer	1816-1886
1870	Andrews, Peter St Medard	#4	accountant	1819-1894
1871	Storey, William W	#3	dye	1812-1896
1872	Thomas, Sereno Simmons	#2	conductor	1822-1875
1873	Caulkins, Daniel	#6	physician	1825-1901
1874	Dikeman Jr., Nathan	#7	druggist	1828-1890
1875	Root, John Gilbert	#1	banker	1835-1910
1876	Woodward, Henry	#8	druggist	1838-1907
1877	Lines, H Wales	#9	building contractor	1838-1927
1878	Parmelee, Fred Henry	#6	steamship, banking, intl finan	1853-1920
1879	Carter, Charles W	#4	jeweler	1838-1903
1880	Skiff, Charles William	#2	printer	1839-1921
1881	Welton, Nelson James	#7	civil engineer	1829-1917
1882	Golden, August C	#3	builder	1833-1915
1883	Welsh, James Henry	#10	hatter	1831-1899

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1884	Birdey, Eli Coe	#9	merchant	1843-1929
1885	Seeley, William Elmer	#5	banker	1841-1905
1886	Waldron, Frederick Hemingway	#2	carpenter	1840-1910
1887	Billings, Charles Ethan	#1	machinist, tool maker	1835-1920
1888	Ware, Charles B	#6	mens clothing	1850-1945
1889	Spencer, Frederick Albert	#7	civil engineering	1833-1901
1890	Gardiner, Ira Luther	#8	merchant	1832-1925
1891	Lippett, Costello	#4	banker	1842-1924
1892	Swartz, Christian	#3	cigar manufacturing	1846-1932
1893	Wildman, James B	#10	insurance	1838-1897
1894	Wilson, Grove Herrick	#9	physician	1824-1902
1895	Stirling, Hugh	#5	machinist, mattress mfg	1848-1931
1896	Johnson, Lyman Humiston	#2	blacksmith	1845-1912
1897	Bronson, Samuel Marshall	#1	salesman, cutler	1832-1910
1898	Withey, William F	#6	master mariner	1856-1923
1899	Risley, William Edward	#7	firearms, silverware mfg	1844-1916
1900	Davis, Eddie Schuyler	#8	lumber business	1851-1939
1901	Comstock, Albert Seymour	#4	railroad clerk	1851-1936
1902	Fuller, Edward Eugene	#11	insurance	1853-1932
1903	Hubbard, Andrew Coombs	#10	minister	1839-1907
1904	Knowlton, Julius Wilson	#5	postmaster	1838-1921
1905	Bryant, Samuel Joshua	#2	minister	1851-1919
1906	Betts, Farron Smith	#3	grocery business	1864-1949
1907	Allen, Norman Francis	#1	department store owner	1862-1922
1908	Long, George Matthew	#6	oysterman	1832-1916
1909	Woodford, Leon M	#7	telegraphman,rubber mfg	1852-1913
1910	Hall, Eugene Ashley	#9	banker, grocer	1865-1923
1911	Pearne, Wesley Ulysses	#8	attorney	1851-1917
1912	Hubbard, Charles Learned	#4	manufacturer	1855-1918
1913	Chaffe, Arthur Dwight	#11	silk manufacturer	1872-1945
1914	Scott, Frank Matthew	#10	manager,elected official	1867-1938

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1915	Johnson, George Huntington Nicholls	#5	manufacturer	1844-1928
1916	Matoon, Albert Ward	#2	tobacco business	1865-1937
1917	Wheeler, Arthur Canfield	#3	manufacturer, publisher	1856-1941
1918	Framer, William Watson	#1	coal merchant	1873-1947
1919	Congdon, Carey	#6	water company officer	1869-1949
1920	Cole, Benjamin Lee	#7	gen mgr manufacturer	1860-1941
1921	Huntington, Frederick Lambert	#9	plant business officer	1863-1922
1922	Morgan, Thomas William	#1	insurance	1861-1942
1923	MacPherson, James C	#4	merchant	1872-1931
1924	DeKlyn, F. Ward	#10	bakery & confectionary	1885-1974
1925	MacKenzie, Angus Howard	#5	wholesale market	1865-1937
1926	Williams, Samuel Herbert	#2	pharmacist	1868-1937
1927	Mustard, James Ponder	#11	insurance	1877-1962
1928	Rowley, Clayton Wells	#1	bookkeeper	1874-1953
1929	Hull, Charles Hadlai	#6	attorney	1883-1934
1930	Scott, John Linus	#7	banker	1868-1943
1931	Sands, Frank Elbert	#9	newspaper publisher	1863-1951
1932	Dolbeare, Guy Burrows	#4	banker	1873-1951
1933	Packard, Ansel Alva	#8	electrical engineer	1894-1957
1934	Sigman, Horace Munsel Norton	#3	auditor	1882-1962
1935	Treadwell, David H	#10	supt of construction	1876-1965
1936	Wilder, Frank Lester	#5	attorney, judge	1878-1965
1937	May, Irville Augustus	#2	accountant, auditor	1876-1943
1938	Robinson, Otto Bismark	#11	attorney, judge	1872-1950
1939	Hemming, William Paul	#12	laundry business	1877-1962
1940	Cassidy, Thomas Frank	#1	dentist	1854-1961
1941	Brooks, Clarence George	#6	dentist	1882-1969
1942	Marggraff, Frederick Charles	#7	dentist	1897-1952
1943	Kay, Frank Ernest	#9	plumber	1880-1963
1944	Campbell, Carroll Alfred	#8	civil engineer	1882-1971
1945	Drescher, Lawrence George	#4	meat business	1891-1993
1946	Gorham, Leslie Webber	#3	Gorham Paint Co	1887-1960
1947	Hinton, John Hoyt	#10	Hamilton Press	1891-1959
1948	MacKenzie, David Harley	#5	interior decorator	1878-1964
1949	Thompkins, Frederick Merle	#2	dentist	1894-1984

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1950	Hunt, James Zalmon Stephens	#11	teacher	1902-1985
1951	Voska, Joseph Edward	#12	accounting, tailor	1891-1975
1952	Coles, Frederick Richmond	#1	banker	1889-1966
1953	Masterson, John	#6	banker	1899-1963
1954	Alderson, Idris	#7	funeral director	1882-1970
1955	Prisk, Archibald Garfield	#9	business mgr-plant	1881-1962
1956	Rand, Frank Leroy	#8	teacher, PE, athletic director	1886-1962
1957	Gregson, Richard Percival	#4	salesman	1895-1974
1958	Humphrey, Fred Robert	#3	tool maker, machine	1888-1977
1959	Robb, Guy Irving	#10	postmaster	1892-1988
1960	Robertson, James	#5	painter	1901-1968
1961	Taylor, Carl Warren	#2	engineer	1892-1978
1962	Carter, George Howard	#11	physcian	1909-1970
1963	Trolle, Herbert Roland	#12	postmaster	1907-1975
1964	Jones, Philip James	#1	dentist	1888-1983
1965	Ungerer, Herman Henry	#6	banker	1907-1972
1966	Brownlow, David Bennett	#8	plant engineer	1896-1975
1967	Raymond, Edwin Warner	#7	cost accountant	1905-1986
1968	Kalp, Ralph L	#9	automotive engineer	1909-1989
1969	VanDewater, William C	#10	trucking business	1905-1987
1970	Waldhaus, Donald Bartram	#5	real estate	1895-1975
1971	James, Paul Jackson	#3	maintenance engineer	1907-1998
1972	Schenk, George Robert	#2	metallurgical lab engineer	1907-1993
1973	Curran, Reuben Edgar	#12	mechanical drafter/designer	1916-1992
1974	Robinson, Franklin Ethelbert	#4	land surveyor	1912-1993
1975	Frailey, Robert Peter	#11	bank executive	1918-1984
1976	McKinney, Arthur Joseph	#1	architectural engineer	1923-2020
1977	Porter, Robert Bennett	#6	accountant	1903-1978
1978	Grace, James Ancelum	#9	utility company manager	1916-2007
1979	Kluntz, Louis Jay	#8	HVAC Draftsman	1920-1990
1980	Antous, George T	#10	water company President	1919-2005
1981	Gray, Kenneth Beane	#2	purchasing agent	1913-1990

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1982 D'Amico, Leonard Francis	#7	salesman, first selectman	1933-2020
1983 Fransen, Harold Irvin	#12	train conductor	1917-2006
1984 Smith, Gail Nelson	#11	state police	1937-
1985 Sweetland, Victor Theodore	#3	plant manager	1906-1996
1986 Ramette, Russell Donald	#1	CPA	1912-1988
1987 Dunbar Jr., Marshall Nelson	#5	electrical engineering	1928-2010
1988 Gray Jr., Kenneth Wendell	#6	QA Engineer	1942-1996
1989 Gooden, Gilbert Livingston	#4	state police	1931-1999
1990 Burdick, Glen Howard	#8		1915-1994
1991 Gossinger, Frank Bryan	#10	merchant/7-11 store	1938-2021
1992 Colbourn, Robert Asbury	#2	maintenance engineer	1922-2014
1993 Gray Sr., Rodney Ivory	#11	supervisor-Q&A	1936-
1994 Rowe, Edmund	#3	commercial airline pilot	1922-2006
1995 Travis, Richard Vernon	#5	supervisor-Q&A	1941-
1996 Getchell, Albert H	#2	plant owner	1919-2001
1997 Fowler Jr., Charles Bryan	#1	engineer	1937-
1998 Forrest, William Norman	#6	design draftsman	1928-2006
1999 McNally, Frank Warren	#11	business, insurance	1923-2017
2000 Saunders, Wayne Niles	#5	builder	1937-
2001 Cowie, Vincent Alan	#8	tool & die setter	1953-
2002 Pugh, Arthur Marion	#9	engineer	1928-2023
2003 Dingus, Edwin Franklyn	#2	supervisor Sandvik-Milford	1945-2020
2004 Lott, William Frank	#11	college professor	1943-
2005 Alexander, Wesley H (HON)	#2	Industrial Engineer	1927-2007
2005 Ham, Edward Robert	#5	accountant	1942-2023
2006 Miller II, William Lindsey	#1	engineer	1948-
2007 DiPasquale, Robert John	#9	HVAC	1940-2010
2008 Smith, Ernest Jack	#1	restaurant manager	1932-2009
2009 Bellmore, Bruce Raymond	#2	facilities mgr, Anglican minist	1955-
2010 Stevens, Jack Homer	#2	US Navy,Electrical engineer	1933-2023
2011 Bucher, Leonard Henry	#2	construction engineer	1935-
2012 O'Neill, Charles De Melo	#1	network engineer	1967-
2013 Drost, Stuart Kenneth	#5	lead acoustical engineer	1963-
2014 Mackey, William A. G.	#1	mechanical engineer	1946-
2015 Stevens, Randy Scott	#2	Radiation safety officer	1957-
2016 Kayser II, Clyde W.	#2	Laboratory Manager	1947-
2017 McCollum, Charles A.	#3	Budget Coordinator	1962-
2018 Chello, Paul L	#2	Attorney	1942-
2019 Seamon, Michael E.	#1	Commercial Property Man- agement	1956-
2020 McNeely IV, James S.	#1	Self Employed, Sales	1973-
2021 Nelson, Sr., Craig R.	#5	School Teacher	1947-
2022 Passera, William D.	#8	Accountant	1950-

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Created Honorary Past Grand Commanders**

\*William M. Wyman (4) 1991  
\*Kenneth N. Hall (11) 2009  
\*Wesley H. Alexander (2) 2005

**RECIPIENTS OF THE KNIGHT TEMPLAR CROSS OF HONOR**

1966	* Arthur H. Jobesa (2)	1995	*Osborne K. Winslow (3)
1967	*Charles P. Rodenback (7)	1996	*John L. Falkins (5)
1969	*James R. Case (1)	1997	*John G. Radeach (2)
1970	*Roger H. Green (6)	1998	*Robert D. Shooshan (1)
1973	*Edwin L. Spencer (8)	1999	*Emil G. Lido (1)
1975	*Herbert E. Lawrence (4)	2000	William L. Greene (11)
1976	*Frederick J. Allsup (5)	2002	*William J. Svihovec (8)
1977	*George H. Sackett (2)	2003	*Leo H. Lohrman (5)
1978	*Joseph N. Nahass (6)	2004	*Jack H. Stevens (2)
1979	*George L. Hart (9)	2005	*Richard L. Smail (9)
1980	*Clarence G. Kunze (8)	2006	Clyde W. Kayser (2)
1982	*Lawrence W. Eddy (1)	2007	*George J. Cronk (3)
1983	* Gunner F. Lundquist (9)	2009	Richard A. Eppler Beauceant 8, Maryland James S. McNeely IV, Cyrene 9, Minnesota
1984	* Harry B. Gompert (2)	2010	*Anthony Pipitone (5)
1985	*Richard A. Egner (11)	2011	Charles A. McCollum (3)
1986	*Glenn H. Burdick (8)	2012	** Raymond G. Tomlinson (2)
1987	*Edward C. Andrews (1)	2014	*John Mellor (5)
1988	*Edmund H. Smith (5)	2015	Michael E. Seamon (1)
1989	*Russell L. Benjamin (6)	2018	Francis G. Way (1)
1990	*Warren J. Dennison (12)	2020	Daniel M. Luft (9)
1991	*Shailer R. Christensen (8)	2021	Charles T. Hall (6)
1992	*B. Scott Watrous (2)	2022	Steven J. Chiappalone (9)
1993	*Edward Nordstrom (1)		
1994	*Frank W. McNally (11)		

**\* Denotes Deceased, \*\* Denotes Demitted**

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**RECIPIENTS OF  
KNIGHT COMMANDER/COMPANION OF THE TEMPLE**

	Commander of the Temple	Companion of the Temple
1992	* Leonard F. D'Amico	
1993	*Glen H. Burdick, *Frank B. Gossinger, *Kenneth W. Gray Jr., *Frederick H. Lorensen	
1994	*Frank W. McNally	*Joyce M. Kluntz
1995	Rodney I. Gray	
1996	*Robert A. Colbourn	
1997	*James A. Grace, Richard V. Travis	
1998	*Harold I. Fransen	
1999	*Edward R. Ham, William F. Lott	
2000	*Herbert R. Olson, *Richard L. Smail	
2002	***(*) Edwin F. Dingus	Lori A. Cowie
2003	**Vincent A. Cowie	*Ruth A. Colbourn
2004	*Robert D. Sherrick	
2005	*Wesley D. Alexander, *Thurman P. Sharples	
2006	*Robert J. DiPasquale James S. Demko, William L. Miller II	Barbara "Muff" Fowler
2007	Charles B. Fowler Jr. *Arthur J. McKinney	Barbara Bucher, Beverly Nielsen
2008	Wayne N. Saunders	*Harriet "RE" D'Amico
2009	*John Mellor	Corrine Stevens
2010	Bruce R. Bellmore, *Arthur M. Pugh	*Virginia Travis
2011	*Robert A. Foster, *Charles C. Maxson,	
2012	Leonard H. Bucher, **Stuart K. Drost, James S. McNeely IV, Cyrene 9, Minnesota	
2013	Charles D. O'Neill	Lisa Miller
2014	James A. Backus, Robert J. Cascone	Annette Ham
2015	*John A Birdsall, William A.G. Mackey	A.J. Kayser
2016	Rinaldo Magliano Sr, Edward C. Page	Mildred "Mim" Pugh
2017		Marlene Drost
2018	Craig R. Nelson, Sr.	Virginia Nelson
2020	Gary D. Shepard	
2021	Edward A. Varjabedian	
2022	William D. Passera, Darin D. Silhavy	Linda Dougherty
2023	James Whitaker, Jr	
2024	Gail N. Smith	Janet Shepard

\* Deceased

\*\* Co Deputy for Conn. College of Honors

\*\*\* Loss of Templar Membership

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GRAND RECORDERS, as posted on GE Website Jan 2024

<b>ST</b>	<b>Grand Recorder</b>	<b>Office Physical Address</b>	<b>Office Mailing or Shipping, (If not physical address)</b>
USA	Lawrence A. Tucker Grand Encampment	3 Sugar Creek Ctr Blvd Suite 410 Sugar Land, TX 77478	Same
AK	Dennis N. Oakland	518 E. 14th Ste. 1 Anchorage, AK 99501	
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AZ	George E. Weil	4839 N. Viewpoint Dr. Apt A Prescott Valley 86314	PO Box 26684 Prescott Valley, AZ 86312-6684
CA	Howard Bud Ramsey	2486 N. Mountainside Dr Los Banos, CA 93635	
CO	Grover Sardeson	1614 Welton St. # 503 Denver, CO 80202	7997 Raleigh Pl Westminster, CO 80030
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DE	Mark E. Irwin	6420 Shutt Rd Spring Grove, PA 17362	
DC	George A. Peeters	11503 Snowdon Pond Rd Laurel, MD 20708	
FL	Carl E. Gilmore		Box 13496 Tampa, FL 33616-3496
GA	Mark A. Bradley	811 Mulberry St. Macon, GA 31201	
HI	Seth A. Connell	Honolulu Mas. Temple 1227 Makiki St	554 Papalani St Kailua, HI 96734
ID	Norman C. Lane	10555 N Horseshoe Bend Rd SPC 140 Boise, ID 83714	1755 N Westgate Dr # 10 Boise, ID 83704
IL	Mark A. Keagle	1700 E Washington St Clinton, Il 61727	P.O. Box 447 Delvan, IL 61743
IN	Edward E. Fodrea	797 Woodlawn Ave Chesterton, IN 46304	
IA	Tim S. Anderson	1937 Deer Ave Perry, IA 50220	1134 650th Ave Albia, IA 52531

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KS	Alan D. Jackson	20775 W 227th St Spring Hill, KS66083	PO Box 346 Spring Hill, KS 66083
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LA	Joe D. Gibbs	139 Sinor Dr Leesville, LA 71446	
ME	Steven E. Gibbons	100 Molyneaux Rd Camden, ME 04843	
MD	Vernon Huebschman		22238 Tolchester Beach Rd Chestertown, MD 21620
MA/ RI	Donald S. Stevens	186 Tremont St. Rm. 405 Boston, MA 02111	
MI	Loren A. Winn	11303 Kelly Rd Pinkney, MI 48169	P.O. Box 822 Pinckney MI 48169
MN	Brian Dimatteo		6709 Edgewood Ave N Brooklyn Park, MN 55428
MS	Gary B. Jones	2400 23rd Ave. Meridian, MS 39301	P.O. Box 1030 Meridian, MS 39302
MO	Roger D. Fleer		2312 Southbend Dr Washington, MO 63090
MT	Roger E. Cathel		PO Box 1131 Great Falls, MT 59403
NE	Dennis A. Newman	1502 Fort Crook Rd S Apt 223 Bellevue, NE 68005	
NV	Billie J. Barbie	5300 Goni Rd Carson City, NV89706	
NH	Dennis A. Sheriden	55 Gary's Dr Littleton, NH 03561	P.O. Box 621 Littleton, NH 03561
NJ	David C. Bruner	4222 Fairway Dr Mays Landing, NJ 08330	
NM	Hans C. Olsen		110 E Blanco Blvd Bloomfield, NM 87413
NY	Steven Wing	4689 Rte 39 Bliss, NY 14024-9712	

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OK	Jon B. Greene	4851 S 70th East Ave Tulsa, OK 74145	PO Box 471302 Tulsa, OK 74147
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PA	Mark G. Mattern	1 N. Broad St. Philadelphia, PA 19107	
SC	John R. Bowker		109 Bally Bunion Ln Columbia, SC 29229
SD	George E. Bauder	8020 Alfalfa Court Rapid City, SD 57702	
TN	Ralph Burks Taylor	100 7th Ave., North, Suite # 3 Nashville, TN 37203	
TX	Ronnie W. Wilson	248 Fredonia Ave Lufkin, TX 75904	
UT	Jay N. Mitchell	1749 E Yale Ave Salt Lake City, UT 84108	
VT	Bruce R. Howard	49 East Road-Berlin Barre, VT 05461	17 Tuttle Meadow Rutland, VT 05701
VA	David R. Conner	PO Box 9178 Virginia Beach, VA 23450	3004 Elm Tree Ct Virginia Beach, VA 23452
WA	David A. Aponte	817 S Vassault St Tacoma, WA 98465	
WV	F. Paul Baker	71910 Colerain Mt. Pleasant Rd., Dillonvale, OH 43917-9529	
WI	Michael P. Clinin	3969 S 1st Pl Milwaukee, WI 53207	
WY	Kenneth R. Humphrey	232 S Jefferson St Sheridan, WY 82801	



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REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GRAND COMMANDERY  
OF CONNECTICUT NEAR OTHER GRAND COMMANDERIES

Alabama	Wallace R. Byrd	P.O. Box 881, Atmore 36504
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California	Fredrick L. Smith	7783 Glen Tree Dr., Citrus Heights, CA 95610
Colorado	***Theo Jones	8166 233rd Pl NE, Redmond, WA 98053
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Florida	Donald T. Harriott	7606 Ridge Rd. # 102F, Seminole 33772
Georgia	*Charles L. Taylor	Rt 1 Box 132 Martin 30557
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Illinois	*Earl W. Knight	RR5, Box 314, Mcleansboro 62856
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Iowa	*George J. Harrison	4162 Sherwood Terrace, Sioux City, 51360
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Kansas	*Larry C. Reeder	Rt 1 - Box 12, Earleville 52401-9703
Kentucky	Ronald Ledford	8307 Richmond Rd., Paint Lick 40461
Louisiana	Samuel B. Owens	8408 Kelly Ln., Greenwood 71033
Maine	Steven E. Gibbons	100 Molyneux Rd., Camden, ME 04843
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Mass & R.I.	*Richard S. Sleeper	560-B N. Main, Leominster 01453-1821
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Mississippi	*Van Aubry Evans	2300 McFarland Rd., Raymond 39154
Missouri	David H. Toomay	504 Park Lane, Liberty 64068
Montana	*Elmer Gwynn	P.O. Box 966, Havre 59501
Nebraska	Fred O. Wyant	724 N Nebraska Ave., York 68467
Nevada	*Gerald L. Ogle	340 East Delamar Dr., Henderson 89015-8106
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New Jersey	Richard A. Hammill	211 Park Street, Westfield, NJ 07090-2513
New Mexico	William E. Fuga	Box 2968, New Mexico 87301
New York	Aram Adishian	PO Box 321, Westwood, NJ 07675
North Carolina	Russell L. Scull	103 William Drive, Elizabeth City, NC 27909-9430
North Dakota	*Ronald E. Satherhagen	229 19 <sup>th</sup> Ave N., North Fargo 58102
Ohio	Larry H. Haines	5000 Shawn Cir NW, Canton, OH 44720
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Oregon	Steven L. Gatton	18990 Pilkington Rd., Lake Oswego 97035
Pennsylvania	Jeffrey L. Fox	2011 Longs Gap Rd., Carlisle 17013
Phillipine Island	*Ronald Allen E. Fabian	49-B Biak-na-bato St., STA Mesa Heights Quezon City
Portugal	Daniel Ribeiro	W8B, 1 SE Amadora, 2700, Portugal
South Carolina	Louis W. Santos	1512 Price House Rd., Roebuck, SC 29376-4013
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Tennessee	Michael Garland Weems	2634 Druid Hill Drive, Maryville 37804
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Utah	Daniel L. Ladig	188 West 100 North, Spanish Fork 84660
Vermont	*Donald C. Brown	1232 Herbert Rd., Williamstown 05679
Virginia	*Howard F. Coleman	P.O. Box 701, Daigren 22448
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West Virginia	Daniel A. Witschey	125 Witschey Addition St., Martinsville 26155
Wisconsin	*Robert D. Canfield	713 Olympic Street, Sun Prairie 53590
Wyoming	Frank D. Kading	2735 E. 5th Street, Casper 82609

\* Indicates Deceased

\*\* Indicates Demitted from Original State Knighted In

\*\*\*Indicates Loss of Templar Membership

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GRAND REPRESENTATIVES OF SISTER GRAND COMMANDERIES  
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Alabama	Danny A. Camp	6964 NW Hartney Way, Port Saint Lucie, FL 34983-1320
Arizona	Vacant	
Arkansas	Robert J. Knowles	7315 Ashlar Vlg, Wallingford 06492-3098
California	Stuart K. Drost	66 Hickory Lane, Shelton, 06484-1736
Colorado	Vacant	
Delaware	Paul L. Chello	90 Fair Street, Guilford 06437-2617
Dist of Columbia	John Mellor	1095 Chapel St., Stratford 06614-1644
Florida	David C. Abrames	PO Box 4333, Windsor Locks 06096-4333
Georgia	Vacant	
Idaho	Vincent A. Cowie	1 Inverness Sq., Middletown 06457-1627
Illinois	Vacant	
Indiana	Arnold S. Grot	97 Quail Run, Glastonbury 06033-2738
Iowa	William A.G. Mackey	29 Randal Ave, West Hartford, 06110-1744
Italy	Vacant	
Kansas	Bruce R. Bellmore	41 Michael Dr., West Haven 06516-4812
Kentucky	Stuart K. Drost	66 Hickory Ln., Shelton, 06484-1736
Louisiana	William K. Barr	219 Court St., West Haven 06516-4932
Maine	Edward C. Page	PO Box 897, Brooklyn, CT 06234-0897
Maryland	Richard A. Eppler	400 Cedar Lane, Cheshire 06410-2222
Mass & R.I.	Charles A. McCollum	71 Eunice Pkwy., Stratford 06615-6647
Michigan	Randy S. Stevens	12 Briarcliff Trl, Old Saybrook 06475-1253
Minnesota	Lloyd R. Sturges	40 Olmstead Rd., West Reading, CT 06896-1021
Mississippi	Charles T. Hall	197 Old Colchester Rd., Salem 06420-3703
Missouri	Charles A. McCollum	71 Eunice Pkwy., Stratford 06615-6647
Montana	Vacant	
Nebraska	Daniel A. Luft	639 Preston Avenue, Meriden 06450-4859
Nevada	Vacant	
New Hampshire	Richard V. Travis	41 Ashlar Vlg., Wallingford 06492-3071
New Jersey	Charles D. O'Neill	23 Forty Acre Mountain Rd., Danbury 06811-3071
New Mexico	Leonard H. Bucher	22 Jerimoth Dr., Branford 06405-2226
New York	Wayne N. Saunders	14178 Pullman Dr., Spring Hill, FL 34609-0849
North Carolina	Richard R. Jones	7 Shore Grove Rd., Clinton 06413-2310
North Dakota	Vacant	
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Oklahoma	Michael E. Seamon	200 Laura Ln., #B-8, Rocky Hill 06067-1533
Oregon	Vacant	
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Phillipine Island	Vacant	
Portugal	Andrew G. Weiman, II	16 Cottage Road, Harwinton, 06791-1006
South Carolina	John R. Radziunas	90 Essex Street, New Haven 06513-2318
South Dakota	James S. McNeely IV	23 Ariel Way, Avon, CT 06001-3701
Tennessee	Thomas M. Maxwell, II	20 Brookside Ct., Newtown 06470-1270
Texas	Vacant	
Utah	William L. Greene	1726 South Street, Coventry, CT 06238-3224
Vermont	William A.G. Mackey	29 Randal Avenue, West Hartford 06110-1744
Virginia	Richard G. Barrows	134 Prospect Street, Willimantic 06226-2719
Washington	Craig R. Nelson	82 Live Oaks Road, Milford, CT 06460-3818
West Virginia	William L. Miller, II	4 Aspen Ridge, East Granby 06026-9413
Wisconsin	Vacant	
Wyoming	Vacant	

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**Grand Commandery of Connecticut Officers 2024 – 2025**

**Elected Officers**

Harold A. Elwell	(Lady Karen)	Grand Commander
Steven J. Chiappalone	(Lady Mary)	Deputy Grand Commander
Kenneth D. Roach	(Lady Joann)	Grand Generalissimo
James Whitaker, Jr.		Grand Captain General
Edward A. Varjabedian	(Lady Gail)	Grand Senior Warden
Christian F. Schunmann	(Lady Victoria)	Grand Junior Warden
Charles A. McCollum	(Lady Beth)	Grand Treasurer
Vincent A. Cowie	(Lady Lori)	Grand Recorder
Paul L. Chello	(Lady Emily)	Grand Trustee - 2025
James S. McNeely, IV	(Lady Anne)	Grand Trustee - 2026
William A.G. Mackey		Grand Trustee - 2027
Charles D. O'Neill		Grand Trustee - 2028

**Constitutional Officers appointed to serve for the Templar Year 2024 ONLY**

Rev. William Weisert		Grand Prelate
William E. Bohman	(Lady Lisa)	Grand Standard Bearer
Michael R. Messner		Grand Sword Bearer
Daniel M. Luft	(Lady Tammy)	Grand Warder
Gary D. Shepard	(Lady Janet)	Grand Sentinel

**Administrative Officers appointed to serve for the Templar Year 2024 ONLY**

Rev. Bruce R. Bellmore	(Lady Patricia)	Associate Grand Prelate
Rev. Joseph Krusienski	(Lady Lorraine)	Associate Grand Prelate
Michael E. Seamon	(Lady Linda Doherty)	Grand Inspector
Martin Ede		Grand Historiographer
Charles D. O'Neill		Grand Correspondent
Charles D. O'Neill		Assistant Grand Recorder
David Soderberg		Grand Organist

**Past Grand Commanders**

Gail N. Smith		Past Grand Commander 1984
Rodney I. Gray	(Lady Sharon)	Past Grand Commander 1993
Richard V. Travis		Past Grand Commander 1995
Charles B. Fowler, Jr.	(Lady "Muff")	Past Grand Commander 1997
Wayne N. Saunders	(Lady Isabel)	Past Grand Commander 2000
Vincent A. Cowie	(Lady Lori)	Past Grand Commander 2001
William F. Lott	(Lady Barbara)	Past Grand Commander 2004
William L. Miller, II		Past Grand Commander 2006
Bruce R. Bellmore	(Lady Patty)	Past Grand Commander 2009
Leonard H. Bucher	(Lady Barbara)	Past Grand Commander 2011
Charles D. O'Neill		Past Grand Commander 2012
Stuart K. Drost	(Lady Marlene)	Past Grand Commander 2013
William A.G. Mackey		Past Grand Commander 2014
Randy S. Stevens	(Lady Sara)	Past Grand Commander 2015
Clyde W. Kayser II	(Lady AJ)	Past Grand Commander 2016
Charles A. McCollum	(Lady Beth)	Past Grand Commander 2017
Paul L. Chello	(Lady Emily)	Past Grand Commander 2018
Michael E. Seamon	(Lady Linda Dougherty)	Past Grand Commander 2019
James S. McNeely, IV	(Lady Anne)	Past Grand Commander 2020
Craig R. Nelson, Sr.	(Lady Virginia)	Past Grand Commander 2021
William D. Passera	(Lady Mary)	Past Grand Commander 2022
Edward C. Page		Past Grand Commander 2023

**GRAND ENCAMPMENT of KNIGHTS TEMPLAR  
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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

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**Most Eminent Grand Master**

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**Deputy Grand Master**

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**Grand Generalissimo**

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**Grand Captain General**

David W. Studley  
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Bobby Blackman Simmons  
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**President**

David J. Kussman

**WASHINGTON COMMANDERY No. 1**

**Chartered May 1, 1819**

York Rite Bodies      784 Main Street      East Hartford 06108-3116

**Stationed at East Hartford**

Stated Conclave, first and third Tuesdays of every month at 7:30 P.M.,  
except July and August. Annual Conclave, third Tuesday in February at  
7:30 P.M.

**Officers 2024 – 2025**

William S. Mathews, Jr.	Commander	Arnold S. Grott	Recorder
260 Woodmont Dr.		97 Quail Run	
East Hartford, CT 06118-3349		Glastonbury, CT 06033-2738	
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Eric H. Hoy	Generalissimo	Dean M. Grouse	Captain General
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James S. McNeely IV	Prelate	Duane L. Mason	Guard
William G. Zimmerman	Sr. Warden	Michael E. Seamon	Armorer
George R. Hornaday	Jr. Warden	Michael E. Seamon	Asst. Armorer
Charles B. Fowler, Jr.	Treasurer	William M. Miller, II	Sentinel
Kenneth D. Roach	Standard Bearer		
Edward A. Varjabedian	Sword Bearer		
Jack Ranney	Warder		

**Membership January 1, 2023 – 121**

Knighted – 6      Affiliated – 1      Reinstated – 0  
Demitted – 0      Suspended – 5      Expelled – 0      Deaths – 2

**Membership December 31, 2023 – 121**

**Knights Created - 6**

Shane J C Csiki	Christopher J. Gness	Joseph Grieco, Jr.
George R. Hornaday	Alexander Prague	Rodney A. Spooner

**NEW HAVEN COMMANDERY No. 2**

Chartered November 5, 1825

Masonic Temple 285 Whitney Avenue New Haven 06511-3714

**Stationed at New Haven**

Stated conclaves, third Friday of every month at 7:30 P.M., except July and August. Good Friday is also Stated Conclave. Annual Conclave, First Friday in February at 7:30 P.M.

**Officers 2024 – 2025**

Scott R. Atkins 26 Birch St. West Haven, CT 06516-1253 Phone: 203-584-0016 e-mail: scottatkins121@ymail.com	Commander	Martin Ede 9 Simpson Ct. Bethany, CT 06524-3310 Phone: 203-671-9820 e-mail: mede@snet.net	Recorder
Raul A. Pereles, Jr. 31 Chapel St. New Haven, CT 06513-4302 Phone: 239-645-3701 e-mail: raulpereles@gmail.com	Generalissimo	Albert R. R. Johnson 73 Harrison Rd. North Branford, CT 06471-1308 Phone: 203-215-5474 e-mail: aljohnson2447@gmail.com	Capt. Gen.
Richard A. Eppler Bruce R. Bellmore Gerardo Nero Douglas J. Turcott III Gerald A. Calabritto Bruce R. Bellmore	Prelate Asst. Prelate Sr. Warden Jr. Warden Treasurer Asst. Treasurer	John A. Vergnetti Willis E. Copeland, Jr. Richard F. E. Zarnetske Willis E. Copeland, Jr.	Standard Bearer Sword Bearer Warder Guard Sentinel Organist

**Membership January 1, 2023 – 100**

Knights – 0    Affiliated – 0    Reinstated – 0  
Demitted – 1    Suspended – 4    Expelled – 0    Deaths – 6

**Membership December 31, 2023 – 89**

**Knights Created - 0**

**TRINITY COMMANDERY No. 3**

Chartered February 9, 1827

Masonic Temple 5 Gregory Boulevard Norwalk 06855-2005

**Stationed at Norwalk**

Stated conclaves, fourth Thursday of each month at 7:30 P.M. except July, August and November. November's Stated conclave is the third Friday. Annual Conclave, fourth Thursday in February. Good Friday is also a Stated Conclave.

**Officers 2024 – 2025**

Andrew N. Triandafilou 115 Lawn Avenue., Apt. 8 Stamford, CT 06902-3124 Phone: 203-918-0151 e-mail: jacktar1984@yahoo.com	Commander	Charles A. McCollum 71 Eunice Parkway Stratford, CT 06615-6647 Phone: 203-241-2554 e-mail: mccollumcharles1@gmail.com	Recorder
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James F.B. Wood 9 Woodway Lane Wilton, CT 06897-4730 Phone: 203-846-1234 e-mail: 45peckerwood@gmail.com	Generalissimo	Silas Mante P.O. Box 1503 Norwalk, CT 06852-1503 Phone: 203-945-8758 e-mail: silas.mante@gmail.com	Captain General
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Michael Sabia, Jr.	Prelate	Brett Altman	Warder
John A. Amarilios	Sr. Warden		Guard
Mark S. Agnew	Jr. Warden		Guard
Charles A. McCollum	Treasurer		Guard
Barry J. Belardinelli, Jr.	Standard Bearer	Stuart K. Drost	Sentinel
Fritzner D. R. Erauda	Sword Bearer		

**Membership January 1, 2023 – 54**

Knighted – 0	Affiliated – 1	Reinstated – 0	
Demitted – 0	Suspended – 4	Expelled – 0	Deaths – 1

**Membership December 31, 2023 – 50**

**Knights Created - 0**

**HAMILTON COMMANDERY No. 5**

Chartered May 10, 1855

Masonic Temple 3960 Main Street Stratford 06614-3549

**Stationed at Stratford**

Stated conclave, third Thursday of every month at 7:30 P.M., except July and August. Annual Conclave, third Thursday in February at 7:30 P.M.

**Officers 2024 – 2025**

Michael D. Sabia Jr. 10 Sanford Pl Stratford, CT 06614-2844 Phone: 203-898-2808 e-mail: mdsabiajr@gmail.com	Commander	Stuart K. Drost 66 Hickory Lane Shelton, CT 06484-1736 Phone: 203-944-0861 e-mail: hc5kt@comcast.net	Recorder
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Andrew J. Flasko 260 Nepas Road Fairfield, CT 06825-2332 Phone: 646-319-5338 E-mail: aflasko@skor.com	Generalissimo	Michael J. Miller 640 Mix Ave Apt 5N Hamden, CT 06514-2355 Phone: 203-747-5184 e-mail: mjmill98@yahoo.com	Captain General
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Craig Nelson, Sr. Jonathan G. Debaun Fritzner D.R. Erauda Stuart K. Drost Raymond J. Cruciani Richard P. Smeland, Jr.	Prelate S.W. J.W. Treasurer Standard Bearer Warder	Gabriel Zayas   Craig S. Grannan  Richard A. Kassay	Sword Bearer Guard Guard Color Bearer Sentinel Organist
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**Membership January 1, 2023 – 120**

Knighthood – 6    Affiliated – 2    Reinstated – 0  
Demitted – 1    Suspended – 4    Expelled – 0    Died – 4

**Membership December 31, 2023 – 119**

**Knights Created - 6**

Travis K Bain    Jason E. Cedor    Jason J. Czar  
Raymond J. Dolyak    Christopher S. J. Jennings    John P. Mizzone

**PALESTINE COMMANDERY No. 6**

Chartered May 10, 1855

Masonic Temple      15 Route 165      Preston  
**Stationed at Preston**

Stated conclave, Fourth Thursday January – June, September and October at 7:30 P.M. November and December Conclaves held on the First Friday, Annual conclave, Fourth Thursday January at 7:30 P.M.

**Officers 2024 – 2025**

Cristopher A. Britland 54 Elm St. Jewett City, CT 06351-2316 Phone: 860-230-7330 E-mail: wcbritland@gmail.com	Commander	Scott A. Daniels 38 Partridge Hollow Oakdale, CT 06370-1666 Phone: 860-857-1481 e-mail: scott.danielsjr1980@gmail.com	Recorder
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Richard L. Allen 84 Oneco Street Norwich, CT 06360-3438 Phone: 860-319-7389 e-mail: rla0084@gmail.com	Generalissimo	Andrew J. Pedro 5 Kick Hill Rd. Lebanon, CT 06249-1222 Phone: 860-884-2234 e-mail: apedro9519@gmail.com	Captain General
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William E. Weisert, II	Prelate		Warder
	S.W.		Guard
	J.W.		Guard
Scott A. Daniels	Treasurer		Guard
Rinaldo F. Magliano Jr.	Standard Bearer	Michael Tranchida	Sentinel
	Sword Bearer		

**Membership January 1, 2023 – 24**

Knighted – 1	Affiliated – 0	Reinstated – 0	
Demitted – 2	Suspended – 0	Expelled – 0	Died – 3

**Membership December 31, 2023 – 20**

**Knights Created - 1**  
Christopher A. Britland

**CYRENE COMMANDERY No. 8**

Chartered—November 8, 1867  
35 Pleasant Street Meriden 06450

**Stationed at Meriden**

Stated conclave Fourth Tuesday every month at 7:30 P.M., except July and August. Annual conclave Fourth Tuesday in February at 7:30 P.M.

**Officers 2024 – 2025**

Michael R. Messner 101 Donna Ln. Naugatuck, CT 06770-1983 Phone: 203-558-4012 e-mail: mmessner38@gmail.com	Commander	Vincent A. Cowie, 1 Inverness Sq. Middletown, CT 06457-1627 Phone: 860-635-6566 e-mail: vincent.cowie@snet.net	Recorder
James S. McNeely, IV 23 Ariel Way Avon, CT 06001-3701 Phone: 507-456-4836 e-mail: jsmcneely4@gmail.com	Generalissimo	Edward A. Varjabedian 109 Grist Mill Rd Wethersfield, CT 06109-3650 Phone: 860-563-2285 e-mail: edvarjabedian@gmail.com	Captain General
Robert Oakliff	Prelate		
Lloyd D. Drager	S.W.		Sword Bearer
William D. Passera	J.W.		3 <sup>rd</sup> Guard
	Treasurer		2 <sup>nd</sup> Guard
	Standard Bearer		1 <sup>st</sup> Guard
Alan Carlson	Warder		Sentinel

**Membership January 1, 2023 – 20**

Knighted – 0    Affiliated – 0    Reinstated – 0  
Demitted – 0    Suspended – 1    Expelled – 0    Died – 2

**Membership December 31, 2023 – 17**

**Knights Created - 0**

**ST. ELMO COMMANDERY No. 9**

Chartered May 13, 1869

35 Pleasant Street, 3rd Floor Meriden 06450

**Stationed at Meriden**

Stated Conclave 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday every month at 7:00 P.M. except July & August. Annual Conclave 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday in February at 7:00 P.M.

**Officers 2024 – 2025**

Mark A. Orsini            Commander  
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Clyde W. Kayser            Recorder  
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Phone: 203-754-8209  
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Francis P. Barnes            Generalissimo  
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e-mail: computerdrct@gmail.com

Steven J. Chiappalone            Capt. Gen.  
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Watertown, CT 06795-1921  
Phone: 203-910-6417  
e-mail: theplinkokid@aol.com

Rev Joseph Krusienski    Prelate  
Christian F. Schunmann    S.W.  
Michael S. Kostich        J.W.  
Richard A. Eppler        Treasurer  
Anthony D. Polzella        Standard Bearer  
Giovanni A. DiPaola        Sword Bearer

John W. Braddock        Warder  
Richard A. Eppler        Asst. Recorder  
David J. Stewart        Historian  
Anthony Maisano III        Sentinel

**Membership January 1, 2023 - 89**

Knighted – 10      Affiliated – 3      Reinstated – 0  
Demitted – 0      Suspended – 1      Expelled – 0      Died – 4

**Membership December 31, 2023 – 97**

**Knights Created - 10**

Carl H. Anderson    John P. Glenn, II    Aaron D. Jansen    Michael S. Kostich  
John H. Kovach    Robert J. Kovi    Thomas M. Lewoc, Sr.    Anthony D. Pozella  
Blaise Riccio        Timothy J. Vendetti

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**ST. JOHN'S COMMANDERY # 11**

Chartered April 26, 1882

Masonic Temple 375 Boston Post Road North Windham 06256

**Stationed at North Windham**

Stated conclave, third Monday of every month at 7:30 P.M., except July and August. Annual conclave, third Monday in February at 7:30 P.M.

**Officers 2024 – 2025**

Arthur L. Mullin-Stone 342 Richmond Rd # B Coventry, CT 06238-1683 Phone: 860-420-7599 e-mail: doriangray369@gmail.com	Commander	Edward C. Page P.O. Box 897 Brooklyn, CT 06234-0897 Phone: 617-688-8448 e-mail: edwardcpage@live.com	Recorder
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Terry G. Coonrad 6 Shaw Drive Simsbury, CT 06070-2716 Phone: 912-656-1711 e-mail: koobiak71@hotmail.com	Generalissimo	Gregory J. Messier 10 Plainfield Road Canterbury, CT 06331-1930 Phone: 860-608-9602 e-mail: gkselectric@aol.com	Captain General
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Gail N. Smith Raymond C. Knieriem	Prelate S.W. J.W.	Kenneth W. Marvin	Warder Guard Guard
William L. Greene	Treasurer Standard Bearer		Guard Sentinel
Donald F. Gladding	Sword Bearer		

**Membership January 1, 2023 – 29**

Knighted – 1    Affiliated – 0    Reinstated – 0  
Demitted – 2    Suspended – 0    Expelled – 0    Died – 0

**Membership December 31, 2023 – 28**

**Knights Created - 1**

Ryan J. Snide

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**PERMANENT MEMBERS**

<b>-A-</b>								
Abrames	David	C	01	P.O. Box 4333		Windsor Locks	CT	06096-4333
Allen	Richard	L	06	84 Oneco St		Norwich	CT	06360-3438
<b>-B-</b>								
Barr	William	K	02	219 Court St.		West Haven	CT	06516-4932
Barrows	Richard	G	11	134 Prospect St.		Willimantic	CT	06226-2719
Bellmore	Bruce	R	02	41 Michael Dr.		West Haven	CT	06516-4834
Bohman	William	E	01	1 Woodland Dr.		Canton	CT	06019-2002
Bucher	Leonard	H	02	22 Jerimoth Dr.		Branford	CT	06405-2226
<b>-C-</b>								
Cascone	Robert	J	05	51 Connors Ln.		Stratford	CT	06614-2749
Chello	Paul	L	02	90 Fair St.		Guilford	CT	06437-2617
Chiappalone	Steven	J	09	100 Walnut St		Watertown	CT	06795-1921
Choate	Edward	L	02	2118 E Charles St.		Republic	MO	65738-2677
Cooney	Bradley	K	02	44 Ingham Hill Rd.		Old Saybrook	CT	06475-4114
Copeland, Jr	Willis	E	06	33 Woodruff St	Apt 115	Hamden	CT	06518-2227
Cowie	Vincent	A	08	1 Inverness Sq.		Middletown	CT	06457-1627
<b>-D-</b>								
Daniels, Jr	Scott	A	06	38 Partridge Hollow		Oakdale	CT	06370-1666
Demko	James	S	05	39 Tennyson Rd.		West Newton	MA	02465-2317
Drager	Lloyd	D	08	620 Boston Post Rd.		Old Saybrook	CT	06475-1571
Drost	Stuart	K	05	66 Hickory Ln.		Shelton	CT	06484-1736
Duke	Charles	A	06	210 Bundy Hill Rd.	Lot 52	Lisbon	CT	06351-3147
<b>-E-</b>								
Ede	Martin		02	9 Simpson Ct.		Bethany	CT	06524-3310
Elwell	Harold	A	09	PO Box 314		Plymouth	CT	06782-0314
Eppler	Richard	A	02	400 Cedar Ln.		Cheshire	CT	06410-2222
<b>-F-</b>								
Farkas	Jack	S	05	88 Great Hill Rd.		Seymour	CT	06483-2234
Flynn	Jeff		01	8 Silver Birch Ln		Clinton	CT	06413-1112
Fowler, Jr	Charles	B	01	1223 Ashlar Vlg.		Wallingford	CT	06492-3074
Frohlich, Jr.	Albert		01	109 Bird of Paradise Dr.		Palm Coast	FL	32137-9397
<b>-G-</b>								
Galloza	Daniel		03	320 Lyon Ter.		Bridgeport	CT	06604-3625
Gladding	Donald	F	11	50 High St.		Moosup	CT	06354-1000
Gray, Sr	Rodney	I	11	3201 SE Otis Ln.		Port Saint Lucie	FL	34984-6504
Greene	William	L	11	1726 South St.		Coventry	CT	06238-3224
Grot	Arnold	S	01	97 Quail Run		Glastonbury	CT	06033-2738
<b>-H-</b>								
Hall	Charles	T	06	197 Old Colchester Rd		Salem	CT	06420-3703
Hammitt	James	E	01	903 Main St.		Coventry	CT	06238-3111

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<b>-I, J-</b>								
Jacques	Glenn	A	02	44 Lakeshore Dr.		Middlefield	CT	06455-1053
Jewart	Charles	M	01	1 Steele Rd		Enfield	CT	06082-5932
Jones, Jr	Richard	R	01	7 Shore Grove Rd.		Clinton	CT	06413-2310
<b>-K-</b>								
Kayser	Clyde	W	02	19 Adelaide Ave.		Waterbury	CT	06708-2134
Knowles	Robert	J	09	7315 Ashlar Vlg.		Wallingford	CT	06492-3098
Korngiebel, Jr	Earl	F	02	65B Masonic Ave.	Apt 336	Wallingford	CT	06492-6110
Krusienski	Joseph	S	09	151 Timothy Rd.		Naugatuck	CT	06770-1720
<b>-L-</b>								
Lott	William	F	11	P.O. Box 186		Dagsboro	DE	19939-0186
Luft	Daniel	M	09	667 Preston Ave.		Meriden	CT	06450-
<b>-M-</b>								
Mackey	William	A	01	29 Randal Ave.		West Hartford	CT	06110-1744
Magliano, Jr	Rinaldo	F	06	50 Mohegan Park Rd		Norwich	CT	06360-3020
Marvin	Kenneth	W	11	PO Box 26		East Woodstock	CT	06244-0026
Matthews Jr	Steven	W	01	260 Woodmont Dr.		East Hartford	CT	06118-3349
Mattison	Dennis	B	05	6626 Beach Dr.	Apt 165	Panama City	FL	32408-6018
Maxwell, II	Thomas	M	10	20 Brookside Ct.		Newtown	CT	06470-1270
McCollum	Charles	A	10	71 Eunice Parkway		Stratford	CT	06615-6647
McKee	Richard	I	09	421 SE 40th Ave.		Ocala	FL	34471-3143
McNamara, Jr.	Dennis	S	05	581 Oxford Rd.		Oxford	CT	06478-1241
McNeely	James	S	01	23 Ariel Way		Avon	CT	06001-3701
Messner	Michael	R	02	101 Donna Lane		Naugatuck	CT	06770-1983
Miller, II	William	L	01	4 Aspen Rise		East Granby	CT	06026-9413
Mullin-Stone	Arthur	L	11	342 Richmond Rd. # B		Coventry	CT	06238-1683
<b>-N-</b>								
Nelson, Sr.	Craig	R	05	82 Live Oaks Rd		Milford	CT	06460-3818
<b>-O-</b>								
O'Neill	Charles	D	10	23 Forty Acre Mountain Rd.		Danbury	CT	06811-3306
Orsini	Mark	A	09	119 Buckland St, Apt 2		Plantsville	CT	06479-1624
<b>-P-</b>								
Padula	Bruce		09	181 Forest Ave		Waterbury	CT	06708-2828
Page	Edward	C	11	PO Box 897		Brooklyn	CT	06234-0897
Passera	William	D	08	6 Slocum Rd		Clinton	CT	06413-1357
Piner	Stephen	D	01	1274 Jefferyscot Dr.		Crestview	FL	32536-4291

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<b>-R-</b>								
Radziunas	John	A	02	PO Box 293		New Haven	CT	06513-0293
Roach	Kenneth	D	01	44 Broadleaf Cir		Windsor	CT	06095-1633
<b>-S-</b>								
Sabia Jr	Michael	D	03	10 Sanford Pl		Stratford	CT	06614-2844
Santos	Louis	W	09	1512 Price House Rd		Roebuck	SC	29376-4013
Sargeant	Donald	W	03	2435 Bedford St Unit 21h		Stamford	CT	06905-3992
Saunders	Wayne	N	05	14178 Pullman Dr.		Spring Hill	FL	34609-0849
Sawyers	Richard	L	01	34 Middle Tpke E		East Manchester	CT	06040-4250
Schunmann	Christian	F	09	37 Jobs Rd.		Wallingford	CT	06492-2531
Seamon	Michael	E	01	200 Laura Ln. # B8		Rocky Hill	CT	06067-1533
Sheldon, Jr.	Kenneth	R	11	95 Flat Rock Rd.		Plainfield	CT	06374-2133
Shepard	Gary	D	05	36 Wedgewood Dr.		Easton	CT	06612-1939
Silhavy	Darin	D	03	45 Silver Hill Rd.		Easton	CT	06112-1113
Smith	Gail	N	11	1 Dover Ln.		Columbia	CT	06237-1438
Smythe	Peter	R	03	4 Brookhill Ln.		Norwalk	CT	06851-1630
Spear	Alan	K	06	P.O. Box 6		Mount Jackson	VA	22842-0006
Stevens	Randy	S	02	12 Briarcliffe Trl.		Old Saybrook	CT	06475-1253
Sturges, Jr.	Lloyd	R	03	40 Olmstead Rd		West Redding	CT	06896-1021
<b>-T-</b>								
Travis	Richard	V	05	41 Ashlar Village		Wallingford	CT	06492-3071
Triandafilou	Andrew	N	03	115 Lawn Ave, Apt 8		Stamford	CT	06902-3124
<b>-U, V, W, X, Y, Z-</b>								
Varjabedian	Edward	A	08	109 Grist Mill Rd.		Wethersfield	CT	06109-3650
Way	Francis	G	01	37 Trivet Lane		Wethersfield	CT	06109-2526
Weimann II	Andrew	G	01	16 Cottage Rd.		Harwinton	CT	06791-1006
Weisert II	William	E	06	P.O. Box 230		Waterford	CT	06385-0230
Weiss	Charles	D	01	135 Grove St.		Bristol	CT	06010-4320
Whitaker, Jr.	James		05	27 Old Farms Rd		South Glastonbury	CT	06073-3712
Wolf	John	M	11	P.O. Box 752		California	MD	20619-0752

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### Elected

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