



Grand Commandery of Minnesota

Knights Templar

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" May the grace of our Lord and Savior be with all of us, and with all of your families at this time'. I am just back from a trip to our Annual Conclave on Saturday Jun3 27th... OK, it was a trip of about 20 steps, but it was still a trip in my mind! For those of you who were not able to attend, and for those who were able to attend, it is my last duty as the Junior Past Grand Commander to bring you a summary of our 155th Grand Conclave.

We had a quorum of Commanderies, with 13 Commanderies represented. There were 76 (!) attendee's minimum - some remote members had 2 or three in the same room attending from Wisconsin for example. It is probably the largest participation that I have seen in my time in this order! There were 56 voting members present representing all of our Constituent Commanderies, Past Grand Commanders and Officers. The budget was approved as presented - we maintain an even budget with the previous year. All Officers were elected by Acclimation. I would also like to congratulate Sir Knight Todd Jovonovich who was awarded the Knight Templar Cross of Honor - the highest honor that this Grand Commandery can present each year.

Congratulations SK Todd!

Sir Knight Dan Sherry brought regards surrounding our Membership, KTEF, Holy Land Pilgrimage and the 40 MILE Project of our Grand Prelate of the Grand Encampment. Sir Knight Jeff Nelson was with us , and spoke of the interesting times we were in, and reiterated the need for us to continue our work as representative of the best works of the North Central Department. Reminded us of the 2021 Triennial, and the need of the Grand Encampment to lean on Minnesota for assistance! SK Michael Powles is the general Chairman of the event. Finally, our Grand Master, Ethan Seaberg joined us, congratulating us on a wonderful

Grand Conclave. He also spoke to us about the fact that soon, our Blue Lodges will be able to meet in larger numbers, and shared that an Edict was forth-coming which would allow us to have Lodge with 50% capacity up to 250 participants.

The Virtual Conclave did not last nearly as long as our traditional Conclave, working through our business in an efficient manner, and all officers were installed immediately following, with SK Ken Hill, PGC as Installing Officer, SK Hugh Swift, PGC, as Installing Grand Recorder, SK James McNeely IV, REGC of Connecticut as Installing Grand Prelate I had the pleasure to install SK Sean Gardiner as Grand Commander, Joe Anderson as Deputy Grand Commander, David Dumonceaux as Grand Generalissimo, Alan MacKenzie as Grand Captain General, Jerry Zierdt as Grand Sr Warden, Marv Schendel as Grand Jr Warden, David Seitz as Grand Treasurer, Thomas Hendrickson as Grand Recorder, Greg Schultz as Grand Standard Bearer, K Moss as Grand Sword Bearer, Clint Christianson as Grand Warder, Terry Christianson as Grand Sentinel, and John Helcl as Grand Prelate. An abbreviated installation took place, with the promise of a full installation at a later date, potentially in September. The Grand Officers met for their annual meeting after installation. Topics included the Holy Land Pilgrimage, and the fact that we will still have a Grand Commandery Inspection over the next year.

It has been my greatest pleasure to serve as Grand Commander from 2019 - 2020. While the year ended significantly quieter than it began, and with much of the work left unfinished, I am so pleased with how stable our line is. The return of Greg Schultz to the line (who is also our Most Illustrious Grandmaster of Cryptic Masons of Minnesota), and the addition of Terry Christianson to the line will serve all of our Grand Commandery well. May your lives be blessed and may your return to Lodge be welcomed with enthusiasm and joy. Until we meet again, my Fraters, may your path be towards the light, and your faith in our Savior Jesus Christ

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