

# WISCONSIN SUPPLEMENT

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## From The Grand Generalissimo

Well its March, the Inspection season for Wisconsin Grand Commandery has come to a close. How do you feel your Commandery did? Within a month all of the Inspection reports should be turned in to the Grand Commander and the Grand Commandery Recorder. You should then receive a copy of the report from your inspecting Officer. Review your report and your score. Take a good look at what you did right and what you may need to improve on. Looking at what needs to be improved on, should give you some ideas for training and schools of instruction. Your Grand Commandery Officers will be doing the same so they can set up training that will help all of us improve our capabilities as Knights Templar.

If you need help or guidance to put together schools of Instruction or training sessions, contact your Division / Quadrant Officer for help. Don't hesitate to talk with your inspecting officer either. He can give you insight into what he thinks are your strong points and your weak points. Many times we need to ask for help with fulfilling our responsibilities and getting people to help fill positions during our inspections. That and mixing more than one Commandery for a "Joint" inspection can lead to confusion and disruption of the continuity it takes to perform at our best. In other words...you should have practiced...real practice, enough that all the cues are recognizable, all the execution is uniform. Doing the sword manual gets awkward when people don't practice and they don't practice together.

The greatest thing we need to guard against, is having our inspections break down into a "School of Instruction"! The inspection is absolutely not the place to have to stop and show people how to perform or how to execute and order! This is where our "Red Cords" should come in. They should be your greatest asset and resource as a Commandery. Their experience and previous exposure, should be a great help towards getting your Sir Knights trained and ready for next season. Doing your job and properly and completely fulfilling your duties will help keep others on track.

I hope you had a great and educational inspection this year. I look forward to seeing you all in the next Chivalric Year and look forward to addressing many of our hopes and needs.

Courteously Yours;

SK Clinton H. Cagle, Grand Generalissimo

## From the Grand Commander;

By Jiminy - a brutal February. We are all glad March is here with supposedly spring in the air. It would be nice to see the sun again. The inspections are all over but we should still be concentrating on petitioners and presenting the Order of the Temple in ample form.

Just over 100 years ago they Knighted 1122 men in one year (1921). That is 22 each and every week. Can you fathom the amount of degree work that went on in just Lodge and Chapter before they received their Knighting? They must have been presenting all of the degrees and Orders each and every week for them. What a problem we could have if we did only half that amount. Ask a friend and bring in petitions for Lodge, Chapter, Council & Commandery this year. Let's see if we can bring in even half that number they did in 1921.

Many of our Commanderies have a small membership. Consider taking two years in a chair before progressing to the new office.

Consider putting a Drill Team together and practicing the sword manual, marching and making designs like the Passion Cross. We do exhibition drill – it is not graded. The extra effort will be noted inside your Commandery and the Sir Knights participating. A "D" size team takes 6 SKs and 1 Captain who will direct them. If your Commandery cannot field a team then consider having 2 Commanderies fill a team – there is no shame in that

We have a leadership seminar available to us. The seminar is free but every Sir Knight must pay for his own travel, meals and lodging. It is offered every 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday in October at the North Central Department Conference. It is a coat and tie affair but no uniforms are needed. Contact the Grand Office or your Grand Officers for information. Please volunteer and put it on your calendar so we can have additional leadership information spread amongst our upcoming leaders. It is excellent training. We had 2 SKs take the first course in Oct. Just a few days ago they told me that they will be taking the second course in a different Department this month. What joyful news. [If you learn just one thing then it was worth it.](#)

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