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Ed Fodrea KTC, GC

Grand Commander's biography

Ed Fodrea was born to William and Virginia Fodrea on July 31, 1955. After graduating from college, he attended Indiana Law Enforcement Academy in 1977. Ed continued to work in Law Enforcement, as a part time firefighter and paramedic while pursuing a career in healthcare, finally obtaining his doctorate in Healthcare Administration.

Ed is currently employed as the chief operating officer of a chain of continuing-care retirement communities, operating in multiple states. Ed is active in his community and church, managing church security and the media team.

In Ed's spare time, he enjoys being a firearms instructor.

In 2008, Ed was raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason through Celina Lodge No. 241 F&AM in Ohio. Ed later joined Concord Lodge No. 556 in Spencerville, serving as Worshipful Master. Ed is currently a 32nd degree member of the Scottish Rite Valley of Fort Wayne, and a member of Mizpah Shriners.

A holder of the honor of Knight Commander of the Temple, Ed has served as Eminent Commander of both Fort Wayne Commandery No. 4 and Huntington Commandery No. 35. He earned an Eminent Commander's Certificate of Merit, and, in 2012, was awarded the Distinguished Service Award.

He was High Priest of Huntington County Chapter No. 27, Royal Arch Masons, and served as Illustrious Master of Huntington Council No. 51, Cryptic Masons.

Ed serves as an officer in Indiana York Rite College No. 55, in Fort Wayne. and is a member of Indiana Priory No. 8, Knights of the York Cross of Honor.

He is currently an officer of Edward C. Echison Council No. 326, Allied Masonic Degrees, located in Terre Haute.

Fodrea explains the design of his pin

I've often found it necessary in this journey of life to stand firmly in my faith. I have come to find though, that sometimes standing was not the correct position. In order to stand tall and strong, I needed to be kneeling. This pin represents a kneeling knight clothed in the Armor of God. As warriors, we must put on the full Armor of God. We put on the belt of Truth to stand firmly in the Word. We put on the breastplate of Righteousness to guard our hearts, remaining pure and holy. We put on the shoes of the Gospel to stand firmly on the good news, bringing peace and light to all. We take up the shield of Faith to extinguish doubt, denial and deceit. We put on the helmet of Salvation to keep our minds focused on the tasks we are given to do and we take up the sword of the Spirit which is the Word of God to guide and direct our lives.

Fodrea elected Grand Commander, finally, and in unique manner

By SK Edward L. Sebring KCT, KTCH, GPE
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Sir Knight Ed Fodrea, Fort Wayne, was elected and installed on Aug. 8 as Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar, of the state of Indiana.

The headline says "finally," because it took place more than three months late. Grand Commandery rules state the Grand Conclave should be held in late April. However, because of the hazard to attending Sir Knights and their families caused by the novel Corona Virus, the date kept being pushed back and pushed back.

Finally, the Grand Master of the Grand Encampment Knights Templar of the United States of America issued General Order 12, generally forbidding many face-to-face events, so plans for a face-to-face conclave were thrown out and an unprecedented electronic conclave happened in its place. Unprecedented it may have been, but as many of the standard rules applied as possible: each subordinate Commandery had to have its Eminent Commander, Generalissimo, and Captain General or their proxies present, and everyone attending electronically had to be in uniform, minus chapeau and sword, or an acceptable equivalent.

"It's a bittersweet thing," SK Fodrea said of the delayed election and installation. "We hate it that Covid 19 has put a damper on many of our plans, but the health and safety of our Sir Knights is our first priority."



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