



# Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Illinois



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## Illinois State News for August

Greeting Sir Knights,

I would like to thank you on behalf of the Grand Officers, in placing your trust and faith in us to assist you in the administration of the affairs of your Grand Commandery. It is important that we hit the ground running, so we have planned a Grand Commandery Day, August 27th in the Joliet Asylum. We will confer the Order of Malta and the Red Cross beginning at 9:00 am and conduct the Order of the Temple in the afternoon. The Order of the Temple will be conferred by the current Grand Officers and Past Grand Officers of the Grand Commandery. It has been some time since the Grand Officers have conferred the Order of the Temple, so come out and see your officers at work. Constituent Commandery Recorders may contact the Grand Recorder to register candidates.

Building membership is the life blood of our Commandries and retention is a large part of membership. Retention begins when a new Sir Knight attends his first meeting. We must be imaginative and provide the members a reason to become active and stay active. It is imperative we communicate with our members to determine what a meaningful meeting looks like to them. We must then go about the business of providing our members with those things they expect within our capability. Each Commandery is different however, communication is the key to keeping our members involved.

The Division Commander is the Grand Commandery's local representative. He plays an important role in communication up and down the Grand Commandery line. They are not only a vital asset to the Inspecting Officer of your Division, but the first link in the Grand Commandery chain. Constituent Commanderies should reach out to them to get questions answered, fill slates and pass information through the chain to other commanderies and the Grand Commandery line. The Division Commander and Inspecting Officers are assets for the Eminent Commander of constituent commanderies to use, communicate with them. Keep them apprised of what your Commandery needs and what you have to offer. When your Commandery is conferring the Order of Red Cross, Order of Malta or the Order of the Temple, inform your Division Commander and Inspecting Officer so they can pass the information throughout the Grand Commandery. Use these valuable assets to improve your Commandery. Your Division Commanders are:

1st Division	EGSB	Steve Adamson
2nd Division	EGStB	Orville Shoemaker
3rd Division	EGCB	Richard Sinclair
4th Division	EGW	Chris Whitney
5th Division	EGS	Joe Pieron

The Presiding Officers of the Grand York Rite Bodies have come together and are dedicated to working together and strengthening our Bodies. To start off this agreement of unity and mutual support, we have decided to have a joint reception. The reception will be held September 17th at the Bloomington Holiday Inn, 3202 E Empire St, Bloomington, IL. A social hour will begin at 5:00 pm and dinner will begin at 6:00 pm. The guest speaker will be Mr. Clifton Truman Daniel, grandson of President Harry S. Truman. Mr. Daniel will speak on the importance of unity and working together for a common cause. You may register at <https://tinyurl.com/GYRReception>. A block of rooms have been reserved for the event, please contact the hotel directly at 855-516-1092.

Save the Dates

August 27th	Grand Commandery Day	Joliet
September 17th	Joint York Rite Reception	Bloomington
September 24th	Grand York Rite Day	Joliet
October 6-8th	Grand Lodge	Springfield

Hail be thou - be healthy

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