



Iowa News for July 2022

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Knighly greetings to all Knights Templar of the state of Iowa. It is indeed an honor to be elected and serve as Grand Commander for the 2022-2023 Templar year. Through the years we have had many outstanding Grand Commanders in Iowa. I have known those of recent years and intend to continue the tradition. We have an outstanding cadre of officers, elected and appointed to serve the Iowa Grand Commandery for the ensuing year. I am confident all of us will perform our duties with utmost decorum.

I am proud of several things. First, we are in very good financial shape thanks to the wisdom of our predecessors. Second, we are one of a few Grand Commanderies that have 100% life sponsorships in the Eye Foundation. Third, we have large classes in the York Rite festivals. Let us keep this up. If any Commandery needs help to put on York Rite degree or order work, please ask. Our masonic work is one of the strong selling points that we offer. Forth, we offer scholarships to graduating seniors to help defray college costs. Fifth, we are out in the public assisting in corner stone ceremonies, at patriotic events, civic events and parades. Sixth, we sponsor Holy Land pilgrimages for ordained ministers. Let us do more of all this and be seen as examples so that other men will desire to join our fraternities.

As Masons and Templars, one would think that as many times as we have been initiated, filtered and refined, that we would all be the same. It surprises how different we all are. Our differences weave a tight web that strengthens our fraternities. Our unity is indeed strong.

Looking back, I have only one regret and that is I wish that I had started the Masonic Journey sooner in life. The Masonic Journey has done more for me in adult life than anything else.

In service to our Lord. Jerry L Wahl Grand Commander