



# Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Illinois



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## Illinois State News for March 2022

Greetings Sir Knights of Illinois,

It's hard to believe March is upon us. March is a very busy month for Illinois Templary. Inspections are plentiful around the State. I encourage you to get out and support your Sister Commanderies and they will support you. We have a lot of candidates for the Order of the Temple, and it is always our duty to welcome them into our order with a grand showing of support. Remember you are all traveling men.

As many are aware there is an Historic Meeting of the Grand Encampment at our East Central Department Conference. A Special Conclave has been called to address issues that arose after the Triennial held in Minneapolis last August. The Past Grand Commanders, Grand Commander and Grand Dais Officers have been summoned to attend on March 12 at 1:00PM in Ft. Wayne. The actions that will come out from this Special Conclave will influence Templary like no other in many years. If the results are no change in the Management and Operations of the Grand Encampment or an Historic change in the Management and Operations, it will be felt for years to come. I ask that the Sir Knights of Illinois pray to our Savior above that your representatives do the right thing for the good of Illinois Templary and hopefully the Grand Encampment's future.

Does the old saying that March comes in like a lion and out like a lamb have to do with the changes of the season or the fact that our Savior faced the Lion and after being Crucified became the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. We will be moving from winter to spring as the length of the day equal the length of the night. If you observe the astrological cycles of the earth about its axis the extremes are coincident with the observance of the feasts of the Saints John. In the Northern Hemisphere the shortest day/longest night occurs around the feast of St. John the Evangelist and marks the start of winter and end of fall. The Northern Hemisphere's longest day/shortest night occurs around the Feast of St. John the Baptist. Easter occurs shortly after the spring equinox every year which occurs in March. We all lift up our heads and give thanks for the Light we seek as we move into our most bountiful period of Spring and Summer.

Finally, I have decided that with all the unrest and turmoil in the world that Illinois will hold its Easter Sunrise Service in Petersburg, Illinois this year. I wish to thank St. Aldemar Commandery for allowing us to join them for this service. They have been holding an Easter Service for many years. The details are being finalized and will be available soon for anyone who wish to join us.

Fraternally,

John M. Sansone, Grand Commander

### March Inspection Schedule

Commandery	Num	Div	Date	Notes
Beaumanoir	9	4	3/5/2022	Joint with Mt. Olivet at Mt. Olivet
Mt. Olivet	38	4	3/5/2022	Joint with Beaumanoir at Mt. Olivet
Bethel	36	1	3/5/2022	Joint with Evanston at Bethel
Evanston	58	1	3/5/2022	Joint with Bethel at Bethel
Peoria	3	3	3/19/2022	Joint w Blaney at Peoria
Blaney	5	3	3/19/2022	Joint w Peoria at Peoria
Crusader	17	2	3/19/2022	Joint With Dixon at Dixon
Dixon	21	2	3/19/2022	Joint with Crusader at Dixon
Palestine	27	4	3/19/2022	Joint with Gil W. Bernard at Gil W. Bernard
Gil W. Bernard	74	4	3/19/2022	Joint with Palestine at Gil W. Bernard
St. Omer	30	5	3/19/2022	
St. Elmo	64	1	3/19/2022	Joint w Silangan at St. Elmo
Silangan	93	1	3/19/2022	Joint w St. Elmo at St. Elmo
Beauseant	86	5	3/26/2022	Joint w Patton at Patton
Patton	69	5	3/26/2022	Joint w Beauseant at Patton

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