



Iowa News for May 2022

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Sir Knights,

May is here, and this marks my second-to-last article for the (virtual) Knight Templar magazine. These two years have really flown by, but in reality, the first six months were spent dealing with lockdowns as we were not able to convene our Conclaves due to COVID.

Sir Knight David Kussman, Most Eminent Grand Master, has appointed our own Department Commander, David Dyer, to represent him at our Grand Conclave in June. While I had hoped Sir Knight Kussman would be here for his first visit to Iowa, I understand the short notice and his inability to be here himself. We will have a great session amongst us Iowa and North Central Sir Knights, which will be very nice.

Grand Recorder Anderson has sent out the Call to Conclave, and you will see largely the same agenda as last year. There may be a surprise or two in store, but by and large it will be the same as last year. We have, at the time of this writing, at least three well-qualified Sir Knights running for two open positions in the progressive Grand Commandery line. One of the things I have learned to appreciate about Iowa is there is a true election for the progressive lines in the York Rite, not backroom deals with unopposed candidates as in other jurisdictions. I look forward to the Sir Knights expressing their desires for the ensuing Templar years, and I know the Grand Commandery of Iowa will be in good hands.

We have at least two more opportunities for public appearances in May. The first is a Cornerstone ceremony in Algona on May 20 at 9:00 AM at the Tietz Park Shelter House. The second is an all-Masonic parade on May 28 in Mason City. I hope we can have a few Sir Knights show up in uniform at each of them.

In my next and final posting as Grand Commander I will reflect upon these two years and the honor I have had in serving this Grand Commandery. But I'll leave that for next month.

Until we meet again, I remain

In His Service

Chris Beard, Grand Commander

