



Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Illinois



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Greeting Sir Knights,

As we approach the holiday seasons the need for our charitable endeavors will never be felt more. Many Sir Knights and their families struggle to put food on the table or pay bills. The Illinois Knights Templar Assistance Outreach (IKTAO) was formed to help meet these very needs. In conjunction with the Grand Lodge of Illinois, Illinois Masonic Outreach Services (IMOS), applications are accepted to assist our Knights in need. Once the need is established, funds are provided directly to our Sir Knights in good standing. The grants are funded equally between IMOS and IKTAO. Additionally, IKTAO is committed to putting funds directly in the hands of constituent Commanderies to assist their Knights, local food pantries and other charities as they deem appropriate. They have come to understand no one knows the needs of local communities better than the Knights who live there. To that end, they have issued \$2000.00 grants for Commanderies to meet the needs in their communities. Plans are to continue this giving as long as they are able. This is where you can help. Like every charitable organization, IKTAO depends on the generosity of it's members to fund it's programs. If you have not received a letter from them about their holiday campaign you soon will. I ask you give whatever you can to help us continue our charitable giving. Hundreds if not thousands of Knights and Illinoisans have been helped by grants through our constituent Commanderies. When you give to IKTAO 100% of your gift remains in Illinois. Whether it's helping a Knight put food on the table for his family, helping pay his heating bill during frigid Illinois winters or helping stock a local food pantry, your gift will directly affect the lives of your Brethren and community. All I can ask is for you to pray on it and give a hand up to those in need. Thank you.

Our second Grand Commandery Day will be held November 19th at the Belleville Asylum. We will begin at 9:00 am with the Order of the Red Cross followed by the Order of Malta and Order of the Temple. The day's activities will be under the direction of EPC Stuart Eberle and PGC Charles Hileman. Please get your candidate information to me as soon as possible.

Save the Dates

November 19th	Crusader	Inspection	Rockford
November 19th	Grand Commandery Day		Belleville

Hail be thou - be healthy

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