



Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Illinois



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Greeting Sir Knights,

We got off to a great start to our year with an excellent Grand Commandery Day. Our newest Sir Knights witnessed some excellent ritual from our Grand Officers and Sir Knights. We need to continue our momentum getting into our Annual Inspections. Every effort was made to give Commanderies their first or second choice for their Inspection. Your slates were set at your annual meetings and practices should be scheduled or taking place now. Contact your Division Commander and Inspecting Officers if you want guidance or assistance.

Our Membership Committee has been working diligently on gathering and publishing information to assist you in your own membership and retention efforts. They will be communicating with constituent Commanderies with new information and ideas to increase our membership. This is your opportunity to take this information and make it work for you.

We are instituting or in some cases re-instituting incentive programs for Inspections and Membership. We are re-instituting the traveling Division Banner Program. The highest scoring Commandery in each Division will be presented with a Division Banner at the Grand Commandery Conclave, that they can then displayed at meetings, Inspections or in parades. We will be awarding streamers for the highest scoring Commandery in each Division to permanently displayed on their beauseant with a special streamer awarded for the highest score in the state. Additionally, we will be awarding the new Grand Commander's Trophy for the Commandery with the most Knightings of new members in a Templar Year. We're hoping these programs will encourage participation and instill pride in our Commanderies. Will your Commandery be the best in your Division this year?

Save the Dates

September 17th	Joint Reception	Bloomington
September 24th	York Rite Day	Joliet
October 6-8th	Grand Lodge	Springfield
October 22nd	DGC Dias Inspection	Naperville

Hail be thou - be healthy

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