



# Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Illinois



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## Illinois State News for January

Greeting Sir Knights,

I trust each of you had a happy and safe holiday season. The new year brings with it a full Inspection Schedule through the end of April. Your Inspecting Officers will definitely be earning their pay. The new year also brings with it opportunity, the opportunity to participate not only in our own Inspections but that of other Commanderies. It is unfortunate that many of our Commanderies cannot do their own work, fill their chairs or have enough Knights to fill their lines. In the spirit of Christian giving, each of us can give one of our most valued resources, our time. We can travel to other Commanderies to assist them as they can assist us. Commanders are responsible for ensuring candidates receive the best Orders their Commandery can provide. If this means reaching out to other Commanderies for assistance, then that is what you must do. Every Division in the Grand Commandery has a wealth of resources for Commanders to draw upon. If your Commandery cannot fill their own chairs, ask your neighbors for assistance and offer your assistance to them as well. Do not forget to contact your Division Commanders and Inspecting Officers for assistance. They can ensure your needs are spread throughout the Grand Commandery to assist you in meeting your Commandery's needs.

There are a few special events coming up early in the new year. February 3rd and 4th will be our next Grand York Rite Day at the Champaign Asylum. The 4th and 5th Degrees will be conferred the evening of the 3rd. The remaining Chapter Degrees along with Council Degrees and Order of Red Cross and Order of Malta will be conferred on the 4th. Activities are under the direction of EGCG Sean P. McBride.

February 18th will be our next Grand Commandery Day. This will also be at the Champaign asylum. The Orders of Red Cross and Malta will be conferred in the morning, There will be a special conferral of the Order of the Temple by Indiana's Levant Preceptory in chain mail armor in the afternoon. Thanks to SK Phil Whisner, REGC of Indiana for making this possible. Please bring your candidates for what we hope will be an annual bi-state event.

Hail be thou - be healthy,

Wayne. R. Clark, Sr  
Grand Commander

## Save the Dates

January 7th	Inspection Galesburg	Galesburg
January 7th	Inspection Beaumanoir/Palestine	Paris
January 14th	Inspection Ottawa	Ottawa
January 14th	Inspection St. Elmo	Riverside
January 14th	Inspection G. B. Bernard	Sullivan
January 21st	Inspection Macomb	Macomb
January 28th	Inspection Bethel	Palatine
January 28th	Inspection Quincy	Quincy