



# Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Illinois



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## Illinois State News for May

Greeting Sir Knights,

Annual Conclave is fast approaching and I want to remind you of the new programs we've instituted this year. Circulars explaining each of the programs were distributed last September. Circular 1 explains a new program, the Grand Commander's Trophy. This will be awarded to the Commandery with the most Knightings this Templar Year. This is a traveling trophy. Each year the winner will have a name plate affixed showing their accomplishment. Circular 2 explains the Grand Commandery Membership jewel. The jewel has been around for some time but how it is earned has not been well advertised. The Circular has a list on the back a Knight can use to keep track of their top line signings. The list also shows how each piece of the jewel is earned. Circular 3 explains the re-instituted banner program. It has been over a decade since the Grand Commandery has awarded the banners. They are awarded to the Commandery who has the highest inspection score in each Division. Each Commandery with the highest score in their Division will also be awarded a streamer for their Beauseant. Each of the awards will be presented during our Annual Conclave. To be awarded the Grand Commander's trophy or Membership jewels, it is imperative Commandery Recorders keep MMS updated. If you believe you have earned a Membership jewel or an additional piece to the one you were awarded, have your Recorder provide your proof to the Grand Recorder for my consideration. We want everyone who has gone above and beyond in recruiting members for their Commandery, be recognized and awarded accordingly.

The details for the Annual Grand Sessions will be finalized soon. I hope you are making plans to attend. We often have less than ten percent of our members in attendance. This means those few decide how the Grand Commandery is governed. If you want a voice in the Grand Commandery, attend and vote.

Hail be thou - be healthy,

Wayne. R. Clark, Sr  
Grand Commander

## Save the Dates

June	22-25	Job's Grand Session	Effingham
July	26th	Commandery Committee meetings	Springfield
July	27th	Commandery Annual Conclave	Springfield
July	28th	Chapter Annual Conclave	Springfield
July	29th	Council Annual Conclave	Springfield

Lady Connie and I attended the Grand Encampment Easter Observance in Washington, D.C. and had the honor of laying a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier on behalf of our Grand Commandery.

