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2024 Grand Commandery Session Update

Sir Knight Patrick C. Carr, Eminent Grand Generalissimo

The Right Eminent Grand Commander has asked the current Grand Commandery Officers to write articles for this supplement.

The 2024 Grand Commandery Annual Convocation was held in Manhattan, Kansas at the Bluemont Hotel on Saturday, May 4, 2024. It was an exciting time for all who were able to attend. The entire weekend for the Grand York Rite Bodies of Kansas was well attended and several out of state dignitaries and guests spoke at the event.

The Friday night banquet and awards assembly saw several of our Sir Knights receive awards or commendations from the Grand Commandery of Kansas and its Grand Commander, William "Bill" Leonard.



Sir Knights Patrick C. Carr, Justin Crippen, Tom Krauss, and Michael Kolbarry received a commendation from the Grand Commander for their tireless efforts and work for the success of the Grand Commandery of Kansas.

Sir Knight Robert Haynes received the Grand Encampment Grand Cross for all the work he has done, and continues to do, for the Grand Commander of Kansas and its subordinate commanderies.



Sir Knight Justin Crippen, Grand Captain General, received the Knight Commander of the Temple award for his efforts in continuing to move templary forward within the state of Kansas.

Congratulations to each of these hard working Sir Knights for their efforts and successes within the Grand Commandery of Kansas.

The public opening for the convocation was held on Saturday, May 4, 2024, and was a most impressive event. The Grand Commandery opened using the 12 Man opening and was ready for inspection by the Right Eminent Department Commander for the South Central Department, Sir Knight Robert Loflin. After the inspection, a pass and review was held. Once the pass and review was completed the Sir Knights formed the triangle and they proceeded to their devotions. Kansas is proud to continue to open the Grand Commandery of Kansas with a proper Class A opening each year and it is something which we will continue to do well into the future of our Grand Commandery.



The Grand Commandery of Kansas Drill Team performed a drill at the session as well. It was an opportunity for the team members to march and demonstrate various sword tactics and movements for those in attendance at the public opening.

A special recognition was bestowed upon Sir Knight Allan Jackson, the Grand Recorder for the Grand Commandery of Kansas. Sir Knight Allan was made a Right Eminent Past Grand Commander (honorary) of the Grand Commandery of Kansas!

Remarks were presented by the Department Commander and Sir Knight Kevin B. Sample, Grand Commander of Missouri.

Elections were held and the new officers were elected and installed into their respective offices. It was an excellent session and the members of the Grand Commandery of Kansas are in good hands for another excellent year. Congratulations to William "Bill" Leonard on a great session and to his new rank and title of Past Right Eminent Grand Commander of Kansas.



2024-2025 Grand Commandery of Kansas Officers

Right Eminent Grand Commander:
Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander:
Eminent Grand Generalissimo:
Eminent Grand Captain General:
Eminent Grand Senior Warden:
Eminent Grand Junior Warden:
Eminent Grand Prelate:
Right Eminent Grand Treasurer:
Right Eminent Grand Recorder:
Eminent Grand Standard Bearer:
Eminent Grand Sword Bearer:
Eminent Grand Warder:
Eminent Grand Sentinel:
Eminent Grand Musician:
Eminent Grand Guard:
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Sir Knight Gary A. Mason
Sir Knight Frederick R. Kemp
Sir Knight Patrick C. Carr
Sir Knight Justin D. Crippen
Sir Knight Gary B. Strout
Sir Knight Ivan M. DeTevis
Sir Knight Dan Owens
Sir Knight T. Michael Fegan
Sir Knight Allan D. Jackson
Sir Knight Dale Morrow
Sir Knight Warren L. Hughes
Sir Knight Robert Beardsley
Sir Knight Andrew G. Mosley
Sir Knight Kelly J. Long
Sir Knight Juanito Ernacio
Sir Knight William Koonce
Sir Knight Robert Haynes