

# GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF IOWA DECEMBER 2024



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## *Grand Commanders Message:*

As I write this, I have just returned from Sioux Falls, SD from the North Central Department Conference. Iowa was well represented and we had several Companions and Sir Knights attending the leadership course there as well.

Fall is upon us, but the weather is still nice, but the cooler weather is approaching. Soon we will be planning for the Holidays and Thanksgiving this month. It was 1621 when the pilgrims held a harvest feast with the local natives and it was President Abram Lincoln's proclamation in 1863 that declared Thanksgiving the last Thursday of November.

We today have much to be thankful for. As you sit around the dinner table with the gifts of bounty, take time to reflect on the many blessings He has provided us and praise Him with deserving thanks. Let us also remember as we approach this holiday season that there are many in our communities that may be alone that this may not be a happy time. Reach out to those that are alone. Let us not forget our vows as Christian Knights, one of which is to "feed the hungry".

Philippians 4:6 Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your request be made known to God;

Thessalonians 5:18 give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

I am thankful for all of you, Sir Knights.



Keith A. Myhre, Grand Commander

**What have we been up to?**



**Promoting York Rite Masonry at the Grand Masters Golf Outing.**



**Assisting the Grand Lodge of Iowa in a Cornerstone Ceremony for Firehouse No. 2  
September 3, 2024 - Hiawatha, IA**





**Grand York Rite Officers Reception – Cedar Rapids – September 14, 2024.**  
Pictured L-R: Monte Harris, MIGM, Royal and Select Masters of Iowa. Darrell Fremont, MW Grand Master of Masons in Iowa. Anthony Oxley, GHP, Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Iowa. Keith Myhre, REGC Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Iowa.



**Your Patriotic Committee presented the colors at this years Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Iowa September 20, 2024.**  
L-R: S.K. Jerry Wahl, REPGC – S.K. Douglas Clabaugh, Grand Standard Bearer – S.K. Bryan Bever, Grand Captain General.



Sir Knights assisting the Grand Lodge of Iowa in a Cornerstone Rededication for the West Union Courthouse 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. October 12, 2024



The Grand Master of Masons in Iowa Reception. Ottumwa – October 19, 2024  
MW A.J. Brown Grand Master of Masons in Iowa and Keith Myhre, REGC



The Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Iowa presented SK Jack Hall of Temple No. 4 his 50 year Certificate.

Congratulations Sir Knight!!



**North Central Department Conferences in Sioux Falls, SD October 25-26, 2024**

**L-R: S.K. Rusty Hill, REPGC. S.K. Joseph Charbonneau, G-1<sup>st</sup>-Guard, S.K. David Dryer, REPGC- Past North Central Department Commander, S.K. Douglas Clabaugh, Grand Standard Bearer, Osumana Cassell, Deputy Grand Master Royal and Select Masters of Iowa, S.K. Jerry Wahl, REPGC, S.K. Stephen Libby, REPGC, Companion and S.K. Anthony Oxley, GHP Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Iowa and Grand Sword Bearer, GCKT of Iowa, S.K. Bryan Bever, Grand Captain General, S.K. Michael Boomer, Grand Generalissimo, S.K. Jason Delzell, Deputy Grand Commander, S.K. Scott Schabacker, Grand Recorder, S.K. Keith Myhre, REGC and S.K. David J. Kussman, M.:E.: Grand Master Grand Encampment Knights Templar of the United States of America.**

**Also in attendance was Companion Monte Harris, GHP Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Iowa and Companion E. Jay Coon, Grand King Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Iowa.**

**Dates to remember:**

November 5, 2024 – Election Day

November 7, 2024 – Des Moines - Eastern Star Annual Assembly Banquet

November 11, 2024 – Veterans Day

November 23, 2024 – Des Moines – Statewide York Rite Festival - Chapter and Council Degrees

December 14, 2024 – Des Moines – Statewide York Rite Festival - Commandery Orders

**Your Grand Officers for 2024-2025**



Right Eminent Grand Commander:	Sir Knight Keith A. Myhre
Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander:	Sir Knight Jason W. Delzell
Eminent Grand Generalissimo:	Sir Knight Michael D.C. Boomer
Eminent Grand Captain General:	Sir Knight Bryan D. Bever
Eminent Grand Senior Warden:	Sir Knight Scott D. Campbell
Eminent Grand Junior Warden:	Sir Knight W. Wayne Castle
Eminent Grand Prelate:	Theodore M. Boomgarden
Eminent Grand Treasurer:	Sir Knight Nathaniel F. Renner
Eminent Grand Recorder:	Sir Knight Scott A. Schabacker
Eminent Grand Standard Bearer:	Sir Knight Douglas R. Clabaugh
Eminent Grand Sword Bearer:	Sir Knight Anthony L. Oxley
Eminent Grand Warder:	Sir Knight John D. Determan
Eminent Grand 1 <sup>st</sup> Guard:	Sir Knight Joseph P. Charbonneau
Eminent Grand 2 <sup>nd</sup> Guard:	Sir Knight Michael H. Johnson
Eminent Grand 3 <sup>rd</sup> Guard:	Sir Knight Travis J. Stouffer
Eminent Grand Organist:	Sir Knight Antonio B. Collins

**SAVE THE DATE** – 161<sup>st</sup> Annual Grand Conclave and Joint Sessions of the Grand York Rite Bodies of Iowa. June 4-7, 2025 Cedar Falls, IA Holiday Inn and Bien Venu

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