

GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF IOWA

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Grand Commanders Message:

Knightly greetings to all of the Sir Knights of Iowa wherever so dispersed. To all of the sir Knights of our valiant and magnanimous Order, we seek the blessings and protections from our Lord and Savior and that by His will and Providence He has brought us to a new year of new hope, new opportunities, new friendships, new inspirations and new richer experiences and that we may all seek His guidance to be better this year than we were the last. We are again afforded the opportunity to reflect on an outgoing year and seek opportunities in the coming New Year to improve on all we have previously accomplished.

As I write this, January is nearly over and is a month for reflection. The name January comes from the Roman god Janus, who had two faces. One looking back and the other looking forward. Let us take a moment then to look back and reflect on this past year, and then look forward in resolving to be better than we were. As we now head into February and the heart of winter, be safe in your travels. One Knighting event had to be cancelled due to weather already.

DON'T LET FEBRUARY MAKE YOU S.A.D.

Seasonal affective disorder (SAD) is a type of depression that's related to changes in seasons — SAD begins and ends at about the same times every year. If you're like most people with SAD, your symptoms start in the fall and continue into the winter months, sapping your energy and making you feel moody. There's no known way to prevent the development of seasonal affective disorder. However, if you take steps early on to manage symptoms, you may be able to prevent them from getting worse over time. Seasonal affective disorder is diagnosed more often in women than in men. And SAD occurs more frequently in younger adults than in older adults. If you are experiencing any of these symptoms or feeling "down" or "blue" for an extended period of time, I ask you to take these symptoms seriously and speak to your health care provider. If you notice that someone who you normally see at inspections or local commandery meetings is not showing up anymore, please take the time to give them a call and check to see how they are doing.

KTEF: We recently just ended Week 18 of the 35-week campaign (concluding on May 15, 2025) of the 57th Annual Voluntary Campaign and cumulative totals of contributions so far are \$37,572.00. Keep up the good work and a big thanks to S.K. Ryan Reid our Iowa chairman.

What have we been up to:

December 21, 2024, we lost S.K. Dennis N. Boehmer, REPGC-Iowa 2010-2011. His visitation with an honor guard of Sir Knights was held Friday December 27, 2024 and Funeral Service on Saturday December 28, 2024 with an honor guard held in Parkston, SD. S.K. Wade Sheeler, REPGC-Iowa officiated the Masonic Service after the visitation and also the committal service at the cemetery. Thank you to all of the Iowa Sir Knights that traveled to South Dakota that attended and participated. I would like to also personally thank those South Dakota Sir Knights that answered the call and helped us as well.



Dennis M. Boehmer – Right Eminent Past Grand Commander of Iowa 2010-2011

The month of January was busy as Sir Knights were helping out with various officer installations

Flag Ceremony and presentation to South gate Lodge Officers installation.



Des Moines. Installation of York Rite Officers



No Picture, but there was a flag ceremony for Harding Lodge #649 in Mason City with Sir Knights Keith Myhre, RECG, Nathan Rener, REPGC and Michael Boomer, Grand Generalissimo January 4, 2025

Flag Ceremony and Salute for Pioneer #22 Officers



Iowa York Rite Flag Ceremony and Salute to Newton Lodge Officers



Presentation to Officers of Kind David Lodge



January 22, 2025 Recent installation of Officers in Ames took place with the participation of Sir Knights.





January 20, 2025. I, along with other Grand Officers of the three Grand York Rite bodies, made a trip to Cedar Falls to make the final plans with our event coordinator for our Annual Grand Sessions. A General Order was just released on the “Call to Conclave” and the schedule, hotel booking, and event registration will be up on the Iowa Grand York Rite website for you to make your plans.

Dates to Remember:

February 1	York Rite Festival (Chapter Degrees)	Cedar Falls
February 22	York Rite Festival (Council Degrees)	Cedar Falls
March 1	Statewide Commandery School	Des Moines
March 22	York Rite Festival (Chapter/Council)	Des Moines
March 29	Commandery Orders	Cedar Falls
April 10-12	Grand York Rite Sessions of Nebraska	Kearney, NE
April 20	Annual Grand Encampment Easter Observance George Washington Masonic Nation Memorial – Arlington, VA	
May 10	Commandery Orders	Des Moines
May 10	Lords and Ladies Ball	Des Moines
May 16-17	Grand York Rite of North Dakota	Fargo
May 17	Ted Boomgarden Reception (Gr. Chaplain) Grand Lodge officers present (Ted is also our Grand Prelate)	Mason City
May 24	Mason City Band Fest Parade	Mason City
June 4-7	Grand York Rite of Iowa	Cedar Falls Holiday Inn/Bien Venu

Grand York Rite of Iowa

2025 Sessions – Holiday Inn and Bien Venu – Cedar Falls, IA – June 4-7, 2025
7400 Hudson Road, Cedar Falls, IA, 50613 833-391-1467 (North of Highway 20 on Hudson Rd.)



LORDS & LADIES BALL

MAY 10th 6PM-9PM – Tickets \$40 per person!

Hark! A Royal Invitation Awaits. All York Rite and Blue Lodge Masonic brethren are cordially invited to attend the Lord's & Ladies Ball. An evening of feasting, revelry, and dance in true medieval fashion. Join us for a night of fellowship and celebration, fit for royalty. PayPal Link and QR Code to RSVP!



Attire Options
Lords: Business, Red-Purple-Yellow Blazer, & Templar Uniform
Ladies: Formal or Kirtle Gown
> 5:30pm-6pm Social & Gather
> 6pm-6:15pm Introduction & Prayer
> 6:15pm-7pm Drinks & Feast
> 7pm-7:45pm Knights Dual
> 7:45 Dance Instruction
> Music & Social

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