

# *Wisconsin Forward*

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## A Grand Commander's Curtain Call

Once again, the time has come for us to gather for the 167th Annual Grand Conclave at the Lake Masonic Center in Milwaukee, WI. On Saturday, June 14, at 9 am, we will come together with Sir Knights and Ladies from across the state, alongside dignitaries from surrounding states and Grand Encampment Officers.

What a year it has been! I have been truly fortunate to share time, growth, and meaningful connections with all of you. My vision centered around Tools, Schools, Improvement, Connection, and Growth. A vision that has come to life in incredible ways.

- We ensured that the Grand Encampment Ritual and Wisconsin Tactics were accessible to all, empowering Sir Knights to perform their duties with confidence and precision.
- We hosted four Schools of the Knights, equipping members with the knowledge and resources necessary to refine their craft.
- We reinstituted full Inspections and conducted impressive Orders of the Temple, inspiring our newest Sir Knights and igniting their enthusiasm for deeper involvement.
- We fostered connections through Homecomings, Ascension, Christmas, and Easter Observances, as well as Past Officer Celebrations and York Rite Education Nights, strengthening bonds within our Families, Lodges, and Masonic Brethren.

Activity within our Commanderies has flourished. New Sir Knights have stepped forward, filling the lines and embracing leadership roles, driving growth and renewal in our ranks. This success does not rest on any single Sir Knight or Grand Officer alone; it is the result of your collective dedication and commitment to excellence.

## A Heartfelt Thank You

There are so many individuals to thank, and while I will share more in my Allocution at the Grand Conclave, I want to highlight a few here:

- To my parents, for their unwavering guidance, love, and support throughout my life.
- To the mentors who shaped me as a young DeMolay in Burlington, WI's Sir Galahad Chapter our Advisors of Ned, Bud, Ron, and Wally.
- To my brethren at Burlington Lodge No. 28, where I expanded my horizons, strengthened my character, and deepened my connections with men like Jim, Dick, Trent, and Jan.

- To the DeMolay Advisors who preserved the York Rite traditions in Burlington, enabling us to rebuild from the foundations of the old with Bill, Clint, Gabe, David, and Justin.
- To those who accompanied me on my journey into Scottish Rite, Shrine and many Appendant Organizations, as well as the lasting friendships that continue through York Rite with Mick, Lyle, Mike, Brad, Dan, Jim, Sam, and many more.

I am truly fortunate to have so many great men in my life, brothers I can depend on, who inspire me, and whom I strive to support in return.

### Special Acknowledgments

A deep appreciation goes to Grand Recorder Michael Clinnin, who stayed by my side and ensured our goals were realized. To Office Manager Heidi Farrell, the glue that holds everything together, whose knowledge and expertise have been invaluable for each Grand Line and Foundation.

I would be remiss if I did not express my profound gratitude to my mentor and friend, Charles "Mick" Olson. If you ever find yourself leading an organization, have a grounding rod; someone to listen, guide, and help keep your course steady. Mick, I could not have done this without you. I look forward to visiting you as you retire to Arizona, though know that all of Wisconsin will miss you greatly.

Lastly, to my Lady, April Mutter; what a wild ride and adventure it has been. I have been fortunate to walk this journey with you, through both challenges and triumphs, creating memories that will last a lifetime, and I would not have had it any other way.

### A New Chapter

As I mentioned in my Ascension article, the time has come for me to step into the next phase of my journey, one filled with infinite possibilities. Trust the process, embrace transformation, and rise into the fullest expression of your true self. The world awaits the light you are about to bring.

Courteously yours,

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