

# GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF MICHIGAN

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***“As He  
Died***



***Let Us Live”***

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**Greetings Sir Knights and Ladies, Companions and Brothers All!**

Welcome to the January 2026 edition of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of Michigan update and Knights Templar Magazine Supplement.

## **Grand Commander Message**

Happy New Year and **CHARGE!** On the beginning of the Year of our Lord 2026 and the Order 908, I am filled with excitement for the remaining 8 months serving as your Grand Commander and what we can accomplish together. We have several knightings/Orders ahead, Captain Generals Workshop, East Central Department Meetings, Easter Observances, Instruction season, and sister jurisdiction Grand Session visitations.

I say CHARGE! Because that is how I feel. It is said that when you finish inspection season you are essentially done with moving any agenda for your year. That is true for new initiatives, but I reject any premise that 2/3 of a year should be coasting to Grand Session. We have much work to do and fun to be had together. Our Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander Sir Knight Jim Rutherford and I are committed to keeping energy and momentum going while we close out the 2025-2026 Templar Year and head into the next on August 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Continue to create knights in your own asylum, make it special, the world needs more Knights Templar! Battalions and the Grand Commandery officers can help, just ask.

Courteously – Adam W. Wygant, Grand Commander

## Michigan Templar Notable Shots



Detroit Commandery No. 1 annual inspection was held on December 6<sup>th</sup>, and was an awesome event as usual. This year was especially unique with the knighting of a dual USA/Canadian citizen that brought special visitors from both countries, an international affair you might say. We had the Most Eminent Supreme Grand Master Knight Clive Stephenson from the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada and the Right Eminent Deputy Grand Master SK Jeffrey Bolstad and Right Eminent Grand Captain General SK James McGee from the Grand Encampment Knights Templar of the USA. There were other dignitaries from both countries in attendance, including our Most Worshipful Grand Master William J. Sauget. The Order was followed by a wonderful festive dinner.



If you have never experienced an Order of the Temple in the Detroit asylum, contact their recorder. Detroit Commandery No. 1 meets every Monday night, and it is common to have one of the Templar Orders performed monthly.

Let them know if you are just there to watch or their Captain General may just give you a job!



Michigan Grand Commandery Officers, Sir Knights and Ladies went to Alma for their annual visit to the Michigan Masonic Pathways home for a Christmas service at the Doig Chapel. Our VEDGC SK Rutherford also co-preached the message.

This annual event is very well received by residents of the retirement community and enjoy seeing Michigan Templar participation in the service, having fellowship together, and receiving cookies and Christmas cards from the sir knights and ladies.

Worshiping together as Christian Soldiers at the Christmas Service, Hospitaller Sunday, and Easter are special times to celebrate our service to the Great Captain of our Salvation.



Our Grand Senior Warden SK Heise lighting the Advent Candle while our Grand Captain General SK Mayville brings tidings from scripture.



many smiles to the residents, including one wonderful lady about to turn 100 that wanted a picture of the dogs. Lady Ginger, our VEDGC's service dog also brought the smiles.

The Grand Generalissimo SK Hicks brings the scripture while the Grand Warder SK Monroe steals the show with Lady Dottie and Mr. Wrinkles. SK Tim and the hounds brought



## **ON THE RADAR**

There are 8 months left in the Templar Year before August 22, 2026 and there is much to accomplish:

- Education Scholarship Deadline is February 15, 2026, please download applications at [michigantemplar.org](http://michigantemplar.org)
- Recognition, please nominate Sir Knights for their hard work and service. The website has forms for various recognition awards, including the Knights Templar Cross of Honor (KTCH). Please submit KTCH nominations to the Grand Commander by April 1<sup>st</sup>.
- George Washinton Birthday Celebration, Port Huron Masonic Center, Saturday February 21<sup>st</sup>. Contact the editor for further details or Sir Knight William "Bill" Herlihy for reservations to this fun evening in honor of Brother George.

- March 13-15, York Rite Leadership Training (Friday March 13) and East Central Department Meeting, Fort Wayne, Indiana. The leadership training is free, only cost of travel and lunch. Leadership training and the East Central Department meeting are not only for Grand Commandery leadership, any Sir Knight is encouraged to attend this Grand Encampment event and enjoy time with companions and sir knights from other jurisdictions. Information will be circulating, or you may contact Grand Commander Adam Wygant.
- Muskegon Commandery No. 22 Inspection. Several Grand Officers are traveling to support this inspection on St. Patrick's Day and will be staying in Grand Haven for the evening then traveling to a Veterans Hospital the next day to bring greetings to our veterans.
- March 28, Grand Captain General's Workshop and 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Ritual Competition, Lansing, Michigan. The Captain General's Workshop will feature training in basics for not just commandery leadership but all sir knights. The ritual competition will be a fun event following lunch that will allow participants to compete by giving the Junior Warden's chamber address, the Ode to the Skull, or the Prelate's address. You can compete in one, two or all. Those not participating will enjoy watching the competition. Winners will be revealed and presented an award at the Grand Session in Bay City on August 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2026.
- Easter Observance April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2026. More details will come out regarding observances held around the state but generally the Central Battalion hosts a popular observance at the Great Lakes Cemetery in Holly. The Grand Commander and Lady Holli will be traveling to Alexandria, Virginia April 2<sup>nd</sup> to the 5<sup>th</sup> and invite you to explore our national monuments, Arlington National Cemetery (including a wreath laying on April 4<sup>th</sup>), and the Easter Sunrise Service at the George Washington Masonic Memorial on Easter morning. Please contact the Grand Commander if you would like more information. The registration and hotel information is on the Grand Encampment website at [usagekt.org](http://usagekt.org).
- April 24-26, Indiana Grand Commandery Annual Conclave, Muncie, Indiana.
- May – June Instruction Season, our Instructor General, SK Ron Hessman and the Instruction Board instructors will be reaching out to schedule a time for school of instruction with each commandery. Please be proactive and discuss at an upcoming conclave to identify a date to ensure one is scheduled in 2026.