

GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR

of the

STATE OF VERMONT

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Proceedings of the

ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY NINTH ANNUAL CONCLAVE

Monday, June 13, 2022, A.D. 904 A.O.*

SIR KNIGHT ERIC C. STEELE
R.E. Grand Commander

S.K. BRUCE R. HOWARD, K.C.T., P.G.C., E. Grand Recorder



- A.O. Knight Templars begin their year with the forming of the Order-
Anno Ordinis = “In the year of the Order” (Subtract 1118 from the current
date, i.e.: 2022- 1118 = 904

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Grand Commandery of Vermont



Sir Knight Roland E. Woodard

Right Eminent Grand Commander

2022-2023

Sir Knight Roland E. Woodard

R.E. Grand Commander 2022-2023

Sir Knight Roland E. Woodard was born in the Barton, Vermont Cottage Hospital on December 17, 1951, the oldest child of Edward and Marion Woodard. He spent his first five years on a farm in Glover, Vermont before moving to Glover Village. His elementary education was in the Glover Village School and he graduated from Lake Region Union High School in 1969. He received a BA in Teacher Education from UVM in 1973 and a MA in Curriculum from Lyndon State College (now Northern Vermont University-Lyndon Campus) in 1983.

A 45-year teaching career began at Hazen Union High School and finished at Lake Region Union High School for the final 28 years. Sir Knight Woodard married Carol Austin, also a teacher, in August 1987 and they reside in Sheffield. They have two children, Ethan, a brother Mason, and Catherine. Both children work in administrative offices at Dartmouth College. Sir Knight Woodard is active in the Glover Community Church and is presently treasurer. He enjoys maple sugaring with buckets, hunting, hiking, bicycling, and gardening.

Woody's Masonic career began in October 2005, when he was initiated in Orleans Lodge #55 in Barton. He was raised as a Master Mason in February 2016. He is also a member of Passumpsic Lodge #27 in St. Johnsbury, Vermont. He served as Secretary of Orleans Lodge #55 from 2008-2013 and then went through the chairs and became Worshipful Master in 2015. Sir Knight Woodard served as Grand Historian of the Grand Lodge of Vermont from 2017-2019. He served as DDGM of District 12 from 2019-2021. He served as Grand Junior Deacon 2021-2022 and he is currently District Deputy Grand Master of District 12 for a second time. He is also serving again as Secretary of Orleans Lodge #55. He is a member of Edward J. Wildblood, Jr. Lodge of Research #110, and is the Junior Deacon.

Sir Knight Woodard began his York Rite journey by being exalted as a Royal Arch Mason in February 2006 in Keystone Chapter #16. He was greeted in Newport Council #19 in February of 2011 and Knighted in Malta Commandery #10 in October of 2011 in Newport, Vermont. He has served as Excellent High Priest for Keystone Chapter #16 for three years, Thrice Illustrious Master of Newport Council #19 for two years, and Commander of Malta #10 for three years. He has also served two years as Northern District Deputy Grand High Priest for the Grand Chapter of Vermont, and District Deputy Grand Master for Grand Council. Sir Knight Woodard is currently Secretary/Treasurer of Newport Rite bodies and Keystone Chapter #16.

Currently, Sir Knight Woodard is R.E. Grand Commander of Vermont and R. I. Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Council of Vermont. He is also Secretary and Primate of Green Mountain York Rite College #139 and Puissant Sovereign of Star of Bethlehem Conclave of Red Cross of Constantine in Burlington. He is a past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter Vermont and Past Prior of Vermont Priory #45 KYCH in Rutland.

In 2014 Sir Knight Woodard received the General Grand Chapter Distinguished Service Award for Vermont. In 2015 he received the Cryptic Mason of the Year Award. In 2022 he received the Efraim Kirby Award.

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2021-2024

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GRAND COMMANDERY OF VERMONT
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FINANCE	Donald C. Murray, Willis J. Morse, John Montross
RECOMMENDATIONS	Belford Belles, Palmer E. Martin, William Karstens, IV
DISPENSATIONS & CHARTERS	Donald Murray, William Ormerod, Willis J. Morse
GRIEVANCES	Kirk C. White, Douglas K. Boardman, Bruce R. Howard
EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION	Eric C. Steele, Douglas K. Boardman, E. Lawrence Douglass, Jr. David W. Schuler, Robert Bryant Grand Recorder- Administrative Officer
NECROLOGY	Donald C. Murray, Bruce R. Howard, David W. Schuler
VISITORS	William Ormerod, Leon Dion, Jon Hosford
TIME AND PLACE	Roland E. Woodard, Robert Bryant, Joshua Retchless
TRIENNIAL	T.B.D.
RITUAL AND TACTICS	Willis J. Morse, Bruce Howard, Joshua Retchless
HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE	William Karstens, IV, Bruce R. Howard, Robert S. Bryant

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

MEMBERSHIP	William Karstens, IV, Leon R. Dion, Jon Hosford, III
VOLUNTARY EYE CAMPAIGN	Kirk C. White, Roland Woodard

**GRAND COMMANDERY OF VERMONT
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**GRAND COMMANDERY OF VERMONT
MEETING DATES
for the Chivalric Year 2022-2023**

1	MT CALVERY Brandon	4th Tuesday Dark May - August
2	BURLINGTON Williston	4th Thursday Dark Nov - Dec 7:30 PM
6	KILLINGTON Rutland	4th Tuesday 7:30 PM Dark July & August
9	MT. ZION Morrisville	3rd Wednesday 7:30 PM Dark July & August
10	MALTA Newport	3rd Thursday Dark Jan & Feb
11	ST ALDEMAR Barre	3rd Thursday 7:00 PM April - 4th Thursday - 7:30 Dark July & Aug
12	HOLY CROSS Springfield	3rd Monday 7:00 PM Dark Jan & Feb

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Grand Commandery of Knights Templar
and Appendant Orders
of the
State of Vermont

OFFICE OF THE GRAND RECORDER
NOTICE OF THE 179th ANNUAL CONCLAVE

TO WHOMSOEVER IT MAY CONCERN:

Pursuant to the Statutes and Regulations of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar and Appendant Orders of the State of Vermont, and the authority vested in the Grand Officers at the last Annual Conclave, and by order of the Right Eminent Grand Commander; all Grand Officers, Past Grand Commanders, Past Deputy Grand Commanders, Past Grand Generalissimos, Past Grand Captain Generals, Committeemen; and all Commanders, Generalissimos, Captain Generals and Past Commanders constituent to, and under the Jurisdiction of said Grand Commandery, are hereby notified to meet in Annual Conclave on **June 13, 2022** at 9:00 O'clock in the forenoon for the transaction of any and all business which may then and there be presented for consideration and disposition. This Conclave will be held at the Killington Mountain Lodge, Killington Access Road, Killington, Vermont.

Each Recorder is charged with the duty of bringing this notice to the personal attention of the first three Officers and the Past Commanders of his Commandery.

It is directed that this General Order be read at the first Stated Conclave of each Commandery after receipt thereof. A detailed Program will be announced later.

Dated at Berlin, Vermont this 12th day of April, 2022, A.O. 903.



Eric C. Steele

S.K. Eric C. Steele
Right Eminent Grand Commander

Attest: *Bruce R. Howard*

S. K. Bruce R. Howard, PGC, KCT
Eminent Grand Recorder

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE
ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY NINTH ANNUAL CONCLAVE
of the
GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF VERMONT
-2022-

The Grand Commandery of Vermont convened its 179th Annual Conclave on Monday June 13th, 2022 at 9:15 A.M. Eastern Standard Time at the Killington Mountain Lodge, Access Road, Killington, Vermont immediately following a Divine Service lead by our R.E. Grand Commander.

Immediately upon completion of the Divine Service, our Right Eminent Grand Commander gave the order to form an escort for the reception of our distinguished guests. Under the direction of our R.E. Grand Captain General an escort was formed and the following distinguished guests were introduced into the meeting room:

MASSACHUSETTS: by Sir Knight Daniel Ebbighausen, Past Grand Commander

Sir Knight Glen Cunningham, Past Grand Commander

NEW YORK: by Sir Knight Russell J. Slora, Past Grand Commander

Sir Knight Dennis S. Davis, Right Eminent Grand Commander
Sir Knight Richard Fowler, Zone Commander

NEW HAMPSHIRE: by Sir Knight Daniel Ebbighausen, Past Grand Commander

Sir Knight Earl W. Cole, Jr., Right Eminent Grand Commander
Sir Knight Dennis Tuttle, E. Grand Standard Bearer

CONNECTICUT: by Sir Knight Russell J. Slora, Past Grand Commander

Sir Knight William D. Passera, Right Eminent Grand Commander
Sir Knight Clyde Kayser, II, Past Grand Commander
Sir Knight James McNeely, Past Grand Commander

MAINE: by Sir Knight Daniel Ebbighausen, Past Grand Commander

Sir Knight Steven Gibbons, Right Eminent Grand Commander
Sir Knight Timothy Libby, Past Grand Commander

PENNSYLVANIA: by Sir Knight Russell J. Slora, Past Grand Commander

Sir Knight Harry J. Smith, Right Eminent Grand Commander
Sir Knight John K. March, Past Grand Commander

NEW JERSEY: by Sir Knight Daniel Ebbighausen, Past Grand Commander

Sir Knight Michael Maslanik, Right Eminent Grand Commander
Sir Knight William M. Krzewick, III, Past Grand Commander
Sir Knight Matthew Macready, Past Grand Commander

GRAND ENAMPMENT KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Sir Knight John D. Barnes, our Northeast Department Commander was introduced to the Sir Knights and Ladies in attendance by Sir Knight Russell J. Slora. After words of welcome, he was escorted to the East.

Immediately after the introduction of Sir Knight Barnes, Sir Knight Slora introduced **Sir Knight Jack M. Harper, II** the Right Eminent Grand Generalissimo to the assembled Sir Knights and Ladies present. After words of welcome our Right Eminent Grand Commander Steele proceeded to the west under an arch of steel and escorted Sir Knight Harper to the east where he was given the opportunity to preside, which was politely refused and Sir Knight Harper indicated he would take this opportunity later in our proceedings.

The distinguished East returned to their stations and the REGC ordered the Grand Captain General to form the escort for the purpose of allowing the Ladies to retire to their program in proper form. This was completed and the Grand Captain General ordered to dismiss the escort which was completed immediately after receiving the order.

S.K. Eric C. Steele determined all in attendance were Sir Knights, tiled the Conclave and declared the 179th Annual Conclave duly opened. The Sir Knights in attendance were lead in devotion by our Grand Prelate followed by singing of the National Anthem and Canadian National Anthem. The Pledge of Allegiance was deferred to the Grand Chapter Convocation to be held this afternoon.

APPROVAL OF THE 2021 PROCEEDINGS

R.E. Grand Commander Steele declared that if there were no objections, the Proceedings for 2021 would be approved as printed and distributed. No objections were forthcoming therefore he declared that the records of the 2021 Proceedings approved as printed and to be distributed by the Grand Recorder.

ROLL CALL OF GRAND OFFICERS

The Roll Call of Grand Officers was called by S.K. Bruce R. Howard, E. Grand Recorder with the following Officers in their chairs or accounted for:

Eric C. Steele	R.E. Grand Commander
Roland E. Woodard	V.E. Dep. Gr. Commander
Kirk C. White	E. Grand Generalissimo
Matthew Hathaway	E. Grand Captain General
Joshua A. Retchless.	E. Grand Jr. Warden
Donald C. Murray	E. Grand Prelate
Russell J. Slora	E. Grand Treasurer

Bruce R. Howard	R.E. Grand Recorder
Jon Hosford, III	E. Assistant Grand Recorder & Assistant Grand Treasurer
David W. Schuler	E. Grand Standard Bearer
Douglas K. Boardman	E. Grand Sword Bearer
Willis "Bill" Morse	E. Grand Warder

Sir Knight Howard acknowledged that Sir Knight Glenn Dow, Grand Senior Warden had unfortunately passed away while in office this past year. In his honor the E. Grand Senior Warden stat

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF PAST GRAND COMMANDERS

The following Past Grand Commanders in attendance were assembled in the East and introduced to the attending Sir Knights by Past Grand Commander as follows:

James E. Selleck	1990	Russell J. Slora	2010
Palmer E. Martin	1992	Wm "Sandy" Karsten, IV	2011
Willis "Bill" Morse	1998	Douglas K. Boardman	2012
Daniel Ebbighausen	2002	David W. Schuler	2017
Bruce R. Howard	2006	Robert S. Bryant	2018-2019
Donald C. Murray	2008	Eric E. Steele	2020

RECOGNITION OF HEADS OF APPENDANT VERMONT BODIES

Right Eminent Grand Commander Steele asked all heads of appendant bodies to rise and be acknowledged. The following were in attendance:

Sir Knight **James Selleck**, Grand Representative to Grand Commandery of West Virginia near Vermont

Sir Knight **William Karstens, IV** Grand Governor York Rite Sovereign College of North America for Vermont

Sir Knight **Joshua Retchless**, Most Illustrious Grand Master, Grand Council of Vermont Royal and Select Masters

Sir Knight **Kirk C. White**, Governor, Green Mountain York Rite College #139

Sir Knight **Roland E. Woodard**, Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Grand Chapter of Vermont, Royal Arch Masons

ADDRESS OF THE GRAND COMMANDER

Right Eminent Grand Commander Steele turned the meeting over to the Very Eminent Deputy Grand Commander, Sir Knight Roland E. Woodard and presented the following address:

“To the Grand Commandery of Vermont now Assembled.

It has been an honor and pleasure to serve this past year as your Right Eminent Grand Commander. The Pandemic has been the prominent feature of this past year.

In closing, I want to thank everyone for their help and support over the last two (2) years. I especially want to thank Sir Knight Bruce Howard as our Grand Recorder and our Grand High Priest Roland Woodard for making themselves available to discuss issues facing the fraternity

Fraternally submitted,

Eric Steele, Right Eminent Grand Commander”

The Very Eminent Grand Commander accepted the allocution of the Right Eminent Grand Commander and referred to the Committee on Recommendations.

The written address printed in the Book of Reports distributed to our members earlier this month, will be printed in its entirety later in these proceedings. (see pages 24-25)

GRAND TREASURERS REPORT by Russell J. Slora, Grand Treasurer (see page 29-30)

Reports printed in Book of Reports was accepted, referred to the Finance Committee and ordered printed in the proceedings.

GRAND RECORDERS REPORT by Bruce R. Howard Grand Recorder (see page 31-33)

Report printed in Book of Reports was accepted, referred to the Finance Committee and ordered printed in the proceedings.

REPORT ON THE COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS (see page 23)

The Credentials Committee report was given by Sir Knight Daniel Nye. This was Sir Knight Nye’s first time as a member (and the only member present) of the Credentials Committee and did a great job. His final numbers appear in the report section of the proceedings as cited above.

AWARDING OF THE KNIGHT TEMPLAR CROSS OF HONOR

Sir Knight Steele invited Sir Knight Jon Hosford, III to the east and asked he please face the west. Sir Knight Harper and Howard were also invited to attend Sir Knight Steele at which time Sir Knight Harper awarded the highest honor bestowed by the Grand Encampment Knights Templar Cross of Honor upon Jon W. Hosford, III. Sir Knight Harper described the process undertaken in awarding this award. It was a great deal of pleasure the Grand Commandery of Vermont awarded the Knight Templar Cross of Honor to Jon W. Hosford, III



Pictured to the left are Sir Knights John Barnes, Northeast Department Commander, Jon Hosford, Jack Harper, II, R.E. Grand Generalissimo of the Grand Encampment and our Eminent Grand Commander Steele at our Annual Conclave held at the Killington Mountain Inn on June 13th, 2022.

Members of St. Aldemar Commandery join their fellow member Jon Hosford at the presentation of the Knight Templar Cross of Honor at the Grand Commandery Annual Conclave on June 13th, 2022.



After receipt of the award Sir Knight Hosford gave the following address “I am a man of few words, I don’t mind public speaking but there’s not much to say. I am humbled, I certainly didn’t expect it, I just do what I do. That’s the way things go. I don’t know what else to say, Thank you gentlemen.”

R.E.G.C. Steele noted the following reports were properly received and ordered them printed in the proceedings:

- ❖ Committee on Grievances – page 36
- ❖ Committee on Necrology – page 34-35
- ❖ Committee on Voluntary Eye Campaign- page 37
- ❖ Grand Inspectors Report – n/a no inspections this year due to pandemic
- ❖ Committee on Visitors – page 34
- ❖ Committee on Dispensations and Charters – page 36
- ❖ Special Committee on the Holy Land Pilgrimage – page 27
- ❖ Special Committee on Membership - page 36

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RECOMMENDATIONS (see page 26)

The report of the Committee on Recommendations was received and ordered printed in the proceedings.

REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION (see page 27)

This report printed in the Book of Reports was accepted and approved and ordered to be printed in the proceedings.

The proposed budget of the Committee on Educational Foundation was reviewed, a motion made to accept the budget for the ensuing year; it was seconded and voted upon in the affirmative.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TIME AND PLACE

A motion was made and seconded to hold the Annual Conclave in the Town of Killington on June 12th and 13th, 2022 at the Killington Mountain Lodge or another suitable location upon review of comments by attendees. The recommendation was approved by a vote in the affirmative.

JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE (see page 28)

Sir Knight Palmer E. Martin, Past Grand Commander presented for the Committee. Sir Knight Martin presented all reports for the Committee which may be found in the report section of these proceedings on the indicated pages.

Report No. 1.

Motion made and seconded to accept this report and voted in the affirmative.

Report No. 2.

Motion made and seconded to accept this report and voted in the affirmative.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE (see pages 38-41)

Report #1

Approval of accounts. Motion to accept, adopt and be printed in the proceedings, seconded and voted in the affirmative.

Report #2

Expenditures Budget. A motion to accept budget was made to adopt and be printed in the proceedings, was seconded and voted in the affirmative

Report #3

Revenue and Expenditures. Motion to accept, adopt and be printed in the proceedings, seconded and voted in the affirmative

Report #4

Per Capita Tax. Motion to accept, adopt and be printed in the proceedings, seconded and voted in the affirmative.

Report #5

Unexpended budget expense. Motion to accept, adopt and be printed in the proceedings, seconded and voted in the affirmative

Report #6

Reimbursement for Grand Officer Travel. Motion to accept, adopt and be printed in the proceedings, seconded and voted in the affirmative.

SPOKESPERSON FOR THE RED CORDS

R.E.G.C. Steele called upon Sir Knight Harry J. Smith, Right Eminent Grand Commander for Pennsylvania for remarks on behalf of the visiting “Red Cords” who gave the following address:

“Right Eminent Grand Commander, Good Morning! May I approach your station? (Affirmative answer given by S.K. Steele) Sir Knights, Good Morning! I’m Harry Smith, Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Pennsylvania. It’s certainly a pleasure to be here today. I’ve looked forward to this visit for quite a while. I am in the company of our Past Grand Commander Sir Knight John K. March, and we have been travelling quite a bit together, and again John, thank you very much for accompanying me. Sir Knights, last night we saw an award being presented, Sir Knight Schuler presented the individual with the award for his involvement in community and his commitment. This is something that we need as Sir Knights to be able to carry on. You have heard the numbers of demits, and suspensions and deaths. Pennsylvania is not immune to it either. When I came in in 2006, we were seventy-two hundred (7,200) strong. We’re now around thirty-seven hundred (3,700). So that is quite a drop. And I know that no other state is immune to that. How do we resolve that? Well, I’m prepared to air a little dirty laundry from Pennsylvania before we maybe discuss a potential solution. We have a quarterly communication over the weekend of Grand Lodge. In this past year we have lost eight thousand (8,000) Masons. So, if you do the math, that’s our feed stock to become Chapter, Council, Commandery. We’re losing members right and left. Getting back to Sir Knight Schuler’s presentation last night, the individual got involved in the community. We as Sir Knights need to be involved in the community, we can not be behind the closed doors of our asylum wondering who is going to cook the next dinner, who is going to be the next Commander. We need to reach out to our community. I’ve instructed and I’ve encouraged our, the constituent Commanderies of Pennsylvania to do just that, charitable works. My theme for the year is our basic tenets. Feed the hungry, clothe the naked, bind up the wounds of the afflicted. The economy right now demands we do this even more. Everybody is having a difficult time. Everybody is looking for that light in the darkness. We need to be that light in the darkness to be able to represent the good that people do. With everything so bad and so negative when we hear the news everybody is looking for something good something positive. We can do that. And we encourage enough people to follow our lead we might find some individual that will be interested in becoming Masons. And those Masons may become Sir Knights. And please don’t let your charitable works limit themselves to the human factor. Animal shelters are seeing an eighty percent (80%) increase in surrenders. If you remember during the height of the pandemic everybody was getting a pet. Everybody was going to the shelter. The shelters were doing great. They are in a very bad place right now. All of a sudden, as pets become disposable. It’s horrible. It makes me sick and makes me angry and it makes me sad. So, I’ve also instructed the constituent Commanderies of Pennsylvania to keep the no kill private animal shelters in mind. Collect food, collect the different types of needs they have, cleaning supplies, blankets, stuff, they don’t need brand new material, used towels, blankets, anything they can be given helps them to run their shelters and not to expend costs. They are God’s creatures too. So please think about that. Take that message back to your Commanderies, and let’s give somebody a reason to believe that Sir Knights do good works and that we can exemplify who we are and be that light in the darkness. Thank you.”

GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

S.K. JOHN D. BARNES, NORTHEAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDER

Sir Knight Steele introduced Sir Knight Barnes who gave the following address:

“Good morning, Sir Knights. It’s interesting now, there is so much that we can start to do again. We’re starting to meet again. We’re starting to reach out again. There are things that Grand Encampment will help you with. Go to our website you’ll find stuff on the membership. You’ll find things on ritual that doesn’t involve mere memory. My Grand Commander can tell you I am a ritualist. You take a York Rite body and I can help you with the ritual. But it’s more than the words. It’s the meaning, it’s the light behind the veil that is important to what we give. Sir Knight Harry was right, Templary and Masonry is not done within the walls of the asylum. Within that, the asylum we knight new members and then we do the mundane business. But as the ghost of Jacob Marley said, when Scrooge said “but we were always good men of business” Marley’s response was “Business, mankind was our business. The common welfare was our business.” If you go back and read, at least in New Jersey, the Lodge, the Chapter, and the Council have a closing charge from the East that essentially says take what you’ve learned here and apply it out there. And that is true Masonry. You know, we could all dress up in our aprons and jewels. My apron case looks like I’m a travelling salesman, but they do nothing if they are sitting in that apron case or the only time, they see the light of day is when I go to a meeting. You got to be active and you got to learn. Part of which will come up in September, I had thought my two (2) compatriots here from the beautiful State of Vermont, Sir Knight David Schuler and Sir Knight William Karstens, IV who with I are sharing the Northeast Regional Conference. You’ll come they will arrange programs from Friday, Grand Encampment will have programs on Saturday and there will be leadership training classes. They are open to any Sir Knight or Companion. You don’t have to be an elected officer. In fact, we’d be happier to educate you guys before you got into office as many of us have learned the hard way When you’re in office it’s too late. Learn first. Know your ritual, but also know your Sir Knights and Companions. They’re the ones you got to work with. One of the other things Grand Encampment has is the Knight Templar Eye Foundation. And we always talk about getting money in. Well, there are also some thank you’s to be given for that and Grand Encampment has sent me some to present today. We have three (3) of your Commanderies that have average more than \$1.00 per Sir Knight (Sir Knight Barnes requested representatives from Burlington Commandery #2, Malta Commandery #10 and St. Aldemar #11 come to the East and receive your certificate) Thank you Sir Knights and we thank the members of your Commandery. It’s not just you guys who put in all the money, its everybody working together. Thank you, Sir Knights. But wait, there’s more, you have two commanderies that average more than five dollars per member. So, if a representative from Killington #6 and Mt. Zion #9 would you please come forward (representatives came forward to receive their certificates) It is my honor to acknowledge. Understand, doing a dollar is pretty good because you are going to get dinged for a dollar if you are not a life member, but when you do it by choice, it’s something special. But when you get over \$5.00 average, that takes work and dedication and so that when Bill takes these pictures, and he’s going to be smart enough to send them to his wife who is going to be smart enough to send them to my wife. Bill has learned (picture taken). Thank you, Sir Knights. As you can tell from my voice it has not been an easy weekend, but I’ve been having fun. It’s good to see the Red Cords here. This is the first time in my tenure which started last August, that this many have been together, so we took a couple of pictures before and we’re going to take a couple after the installation so the new guy gets included so that at the next annual conclave he gets to speak. Sir Knights, again, the most important think you can do when you is to walk out that door, without the need of wearing the lapel pin or ring, by your conduct, let people know not just that you are a Mason, but that you are a Christian Mason and a Sir Knight and are worthy of that title. So that they know they can come to you for help, aid and assistance. That is what each of us swore to do at that altar. That is what we should do every day. Thank you, Sir Knights.”

HONORARY MEMBERSHIPSTO VISITING DIGNATARIES

After the elocution by Sir Knight Barnes, Sir Knight Howard motioned that the visiting Red Cords and Grand Encampment Officers be elected as Honorary Members of the Grand Commandery of Vermont. The motion was seconded and voted in the affirmative. Sir Knight Steele passed out certificates to all the visiting dignitaries, called the Sir Knights to attention and gave them a round of applause.

MOTIONS, OR PROPOSALS TO AMEND RESOLUTIONS THE REGULATIONS

R.E. Grand Commander Steele called for any Motions, Resolutions or Proposals to amend the regulations.

No motions were received and filed on the desk of the Recorder in accordance with Statutes and Regulations.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

R.E. Grand Commander Steele called for the election of officers. Sir Knight Jon Hosford placed in nomination the name of Sir Knight Roland E. Woodard for the office of Right Eminent Grand Commander for the Chivalric year 2022-2023. The motion was seconded by Sir Knight Palmer E. Martin. Calls for other nominations made, none received, nominations closed and a vote in affirmative was received. Grand Commander elect Woodard accepted the nomination.

Sir Knight Jon Hosford then placed the names of the following as a group for the office beside their name for the ensuing year. The motion was seconded and approved. The nominated officers were elected by acclamation.

V.E.D.G.C.	Sir Knight Kirk C. White
E.G.G.	Sir Knight Matthew Hathaway
E.G.C.G.	Sir Knight Joshua Retchless
E.G.T.	Sir Knight Russell J. Slora
E.G.R.	Sir Knight Bruce R. Howard
E.G.S.W.	Sir Knight Willis "Bill" Morse
E.G.J.W.	Sir Knight Robert W. Lencke

All Officers present accepted their elected positions.

The R.E.G.C. elect Sir Knight Woodard then gave his list of appointed officers (see pages 4-5)

GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

**S.K. JACK M. HARPER, RIGHT EMINENT GRAND GENERALISSIMO AND PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE OF MOST EMINENT GRAND MASTER
SIR KNIGHT DAVID JOSEPH KUSSMAN**

Sir Knights, before I speak, I would like to make a presentation on behalf of the Grand Encampment College of Honors. Each Grand Commandery has within itself a College of Honors and it has a Deputy.

And Vermont, your Deputy is Sir Knight Bruce Howard, your Grand Recorder. The voting members of the Grand Encampment College of Honors consists of the Most Eminent Grand Master, the Right Eminent Deputy Grand Master, Right Eminent Grand Generalissimo, Right Eminent Grand Captain General. Any nomination that comes to the Grand Encampment College of Honors by a Deputy must be unanimously approved by all four (4) members of the College of Honors. So, it's my privilege over the days and weeks to receive all the nominations that come to us and look over them to make sure that each of those individuals are worthy and well qualified. The College of Honors presents three (3) main awards. One is the Companion of the Temple, that is for anyone who is not a Knights Templar. You might it may be for ladies only, that's incorrect, it can be for anyone who is just not a Knight Templar. There is also the Knight Commander of the Temple, and that is the highest award can be recommended from a Deputy to the College of Honors for that jurisdiction. The Grand Encampment allows for up to five (5) Knight Commander of the Temple to be presented annually, but most only do one or two. The; highest award that a College of Honors can bestow is the Knight Grand Cross which is limited to just 27 active members exclusive of elected Grand Encampment officers. So today the presentation that I am going to make is for a Knight Commander of the Temple Award. If I could have all Sir Knights I the room please rise. Sir Knights if everyone will uncover, if you will join me in reciting the Lord's Prayer (repeated by all present). Sir Knights, recover, Commandery be seated. By virtue of the power in me vested I declare the Vermont College of Honors in session for the purpose of investing one (1) Knights Templar with the honor dignity of the Knight Commander of the Temple Sir Knight Howard if you will please join us in the East. This time I will ask our Sir Knight Marshal if you will escort the designate to the altar. Sir Knight William "Sandy" Karstens, IV was then escorted to the altar by the Marshal. Sir Knight Harper then presented the ceremony for the Sir Knights in attendance.



Sir Knight Karstens is invested with the Knight Commander of the Temple Award at the Annual Conclave held in Killington Vermont on the 13th of June, 2022.

Pictured from left to right are Sir Knight John D. Barnes, Northeast Department Commander, Sir Knight William Karstens, IV (kneeling) and Sir Knight Jack M. Harper, II, Grand Generalissimo of the Grand Encampment.

Upon completion of the investiture, Sir Knight Harper closed the Vermont College of Honors.

Sir Knight Harper continued "Sir Knights now if y'all or if all y'all doesn't mind, I'll just since I'm out here I'll just go ahead and begin my remarks from here. It's good to be back in the Green Mountain State, many of y'all all heard me talk about how much I enjoyed being here, how many times I've backpacked through here and skied through here with Sir Knight McNeely (from Connecticut). In fact, one of my most favorite stories is I skied for a long time, snow skied, the very first time I ever skied in the rain was here in Killington. It's a little bit different in Colorado. The snow is much trickier here a little bit icier here more challenging here but it is good to be back in Vermont. On behalf of our Most Eminent Grand Master David J. Kussman I bring to you, his greetings. We just finished up this weekend the Southeast Department conference in Florida and if fact I initially thought I was going to be here and spend some time Thursday through Tuesday but alas I had to go to Florida so he extends his regrets of

not being able to be here. A couple things I'd like to mention that are going on is the Knights Templar Holy Land Pilgrimage is back on. Very pleased about that. And that happens twice in the month of February so if Vermont has a worthy candidate that; they would like to nominate or recommend for that we're still taking slots for 2023. If you are like myself not a minister you would still like to go every November, we do what's called In the Footsteps of Jesus. So, I'm very excited that myself to be going this November, I was due to go last year but sadly Covid had other designs on the matter, but it is ten (10) days and you completely do everything that Jesus did during his lifetime including being baptized in Sea of Galilee. So very excited about that and being able to see the river Jordan and everything that's over there. So I was in Florida with Sir Knight Emmitt Mills who heads up the Knights Templar Holy Land Pilgrimage and I believe he said, and this is a pretty cool number for those of y'all right, the number that is currently signed up is thirty three (33), so that's pretty cool, that's a pretty high number but also an appropriate one but according to Sir Knight Mills he said we do so have room for more and he basically said we that can go into the month of July and still cover you to go over in November so anyone would like to come we do have an internet site on that or reach out to me or give me a card, love to be able to do that. But for I forget, thank you. (Returned sword) So wanted to talk about that. Also wanted to talk about some of the things that Grand Encampment is doing. Many of you all I've met over the years I met at department conferences but at Triennial last August we did adopt multiple legislation to help give more Grand Commandries tools in their toolbelt. The Grand Commandery in this case, Vermont just has to adopt whichever things they think works best for Vermont. And I kinda want to talk about a couple of them that could be relevant. Number one is we did authorize for the allowing of a roving charter. So no longer does the Grand Commander have to issue dispensation to move a charter for the purpose of holding a meeting. So, as we talk about the merger that's going on, ok, and as we think about some of the distances and time involved in Vermont as well as critical mass, some of the Commanderies instead of simply moving a Commandery you; also have the ability by reflecting it in its bylaws that they can meet in different places. So, as you think about the parts of this State or you know like it's up in the Kingdom or wherever you have the ability to move that charter, I want to bring that to your attention, Right Eminent Grand Commander elect. Also, would like to talk about quorum as happened two (2) triennials back, legislation was adopted where you can have a quorum of five (5) to transact business, not ritual work, that still takes nine but for the purpose of doing work in meeting, it allows for five (5). Also, at this past Triennial we authorized the ability for Sir Knights to appear in public at all times, so no longer does the Grand Commander have to issue a blanket dispensation or issue a dispensation each and every time you all are out and doing something. Why is that important? Sir Knights, well I'm going to tell you, loved seeing Sir Knight Karstens put out front. The Templar Aprons etc., etc., Many Commanderies throughout the Grand Encampment are doing things such as flag presentations, honor guards, they are attending town hall meetings and presenting the flag, leading everyone in the pledge of allegiance and what it really comes down to is visible and while it is a tired cliché to a degree, but you get out of something what you put into it, right? So, if you all want to potentially bring in new members, the more visible you are will make a big difference. Sir Knight Barnes talked about membership, on the Grand Encampment website which I knew we're going through some changes on there, there is actually a whole lot of information on membership. You might or might not know that there's already letters written to be able to send to potential members, but also there is a survey on there that if a Sir Knight goes suspended, or if he chooses to demit, why did he do that. So, what it really comes down to is what is the return on investment... What made that Sir Knight leave and so are we in the Grand Encampment or in this case Vermont are we continuing to provide enough material to make that Sir Knight know that his dues and his time is a good enough investment. So again, as we adopted all the legislation and talking about the Templary Aprons, you may all recall I was the Chairman Preserving Templary 2021 and who would have thought we would have 21 pieces of legislation. But

we heard the most about the Templar Apron. And so, if your State would like to adopt that, what I call the traditional Templar apron that has the skull and crossbones that can be worn at any time inside a tiled asylum, with the uniform. Also, the contemporary apron, that's what I call it, it has it has the cross and crown, that can be worn at any time, publicly or privately so that's meant to wear in a parade, you want to do an honor guard, you want to attend your Grand Lodge meeting, you can wear that. There are already some companies that make that apron as a reversible apron on one side it's the skull and crossbones and on the other it is the cross and crown. So again, what we're trying to do in the Grand Encampment, now we realize to a degree we can be like an aircraft carrier, and talking to your Grand Commander last night about the submarines, Grand Commander, do aircraft carriers turn as fast as submarines? (Grand Commander responded "no they do not"), they take a little bit longer, they are not as nimble. So Grand Encampment, we have not always been the nimblest, and we haven't always turned the fastest, but that's something that we're really trying to work on. And again, our goal is not to tell you what to do or how to do it our goal is to be able to provide you with options. And as you consider the future of the Grand Commandery of Vermont as you consider the future of your constituent Commanderies take a look at the options that we just recently done. Visit with Sir Knight Barnes, he is an expert. He like latterly knows everything about everything, and if he doesn't go ask his wife. But we have put those out there for you all to decide what you want to do. It's important to me that all of us in Grand Encampment and Grand Commanderies that you all consider your future. I would encourage you to have a long-term strategic plan. What is your goal and how are you going to get there? Again, keeping with the naval theme, if you don't have a goal where you are going to steer your ship, you don't know where your ship is going to go. Ok? So, I want you to keep that in mind with our new Grand Commander, officers, where do you want to go? I would also like to reiterate publicly, in this room, and let's see, Grand Commander Cole just heard me last month in New Hampshire, Grand Commander Maslanik heard me earlier in New Jersey, but if there's ever anything Grand Encampment can do we want to be here, we want to help you to the extent that you want it. But I would like to think of ourselves as hopefully being a little bit kinder and gentler and certainly we had some rough waters but I believe we have successfully charted that little rough patch and we would live to be here and to be a part and to help your Grand Commandery and your Sir Knights however you would like us. And as I close I want to just kinda say, what I think is a funny story, so I gave him a heads up to comment, so I'll never forget that I had just been installed as Department Commander, August of 18 and I went to Albany, New York for the Northeast Department Conference there in Albany and I was a candidate for Grand Captain General and the Grand Master Nelson had said Jack you are going to speak last after all the Grand Commanders make their speeches of what they've done, so not everybody at that time knew who I was because I was from Texas. So, every state in the Northeast gets up and they say what they got going on and it possible there is someone here who gets up and introduces himself as the Grand Commander of Vermont and told a very humorous joke, in fact if he remembers it, I would like him to relate it, but he whips out this joke about Texans and big pickup trucks. So, after everybody laughs, Grand Master Nelson introduces me, "and now from Texas! Sir Knights, again thank you for the warm hospitality, thank you for everything, it's good to be back here. Thank you for the joke, I just want all of you to know that while Vermont is one of our smaller membership Grand Commanderies you guys really punch above your weight. And I hope you realize that and I hope you know the impact and the influence you all have throughout the Grand Encampment and too great ambassadors we get to see very regularly Sir Knight Schuler and Karstens it's a big testament to Vermont for the size of your jurisdiction to have that so you really punch above your weight but that having been said, I thank each and every one of you. I look forward to breaking bread with you and having some adult beverages later on if the need strikes you, and so with that Grand Commander. So, with that having been said, I look forward to, in Maine, I'll be there in September, Sir Knight Gibbons, if you all don't know about Vinal Haven it's great

opportunity that's how I met a lot of you all, I will actually be conferring the Order of the Temple so love to have you come and be a part of that. And I hopefully will be in Connecticut because they almost always meet on top of Texas so I'm sorry that you are going to have to deal with me probably next year, and if I can make it, we'll go backpacking in New York later on. Sir Knights thank you for the hospitality have a wonderful time, thank you."

**THE MOST HONORABLE SOCIETY OF FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS OF VERMONT
GRAND SENIOR DEACON BROTHER WILLIAM KARSTENS, IV
PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE OF MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER
BROTHER JAMES STEVENS**

"Well good morning, Sir Knights. We been enjoying the festivities this morning. We've had some excellent talks and so on. I bring the warm and fraternal greetings of Brother James B. Stevens the Most Worshipful Grand Master for the Ancient and Honorable Society of Free and Accepted Masons for the State of Vermont; As you can imagine he is busy getting ready for his session which will be taking place this Wednesday but there's also a banquet Tuesday night and a bunch of dignitaries that will be joining the sessions. So, he extends his regrets but hopes that the meeting goes well and that you all enjoy yourselves and the fraternal effects of everybody here. So, with that I will say thank you for the opportunity to bring his greetings and with that I will say have a good evening, afternoon and morning

PUTTING THE GRAND COMMANDERY AT REST

Sir Knight Steele placed the Annual Conclave at rest for the purpose of allowing the Ladies into the meeting room to witness the installation of the newly elected Grand Commandery of Vermont officers.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

The newly elected Right Eminent Grand Commander, elected and appointed Officers were installed in due form with Installing Grand Commander Sir Knight Willis "Bill" Morse, P.G.C., Installing Grand Marshall, Sir Knight Bruce R. Howard, P.G.C. and Grand Chaplain, Donald C. Murray, P.G.C,

NEW COMMANDERS ADDRESS

Just a couple of very quick remarks. First of all, I would like to thank my officer slate for serving and I look forward to working with you over the next year, we are going to be busy. I do want to announce that I would like to meet, it will come out as an edict, but I might as well start it here, I would like to meet with each Commandery in the State of Vermont this summer. Not in a formal way, not as part of your meeting as I know some of you are going dark. But I would like to meet with each Commandery perhaps in a picnic, your choosing, you're hosting me at somebodies house you know whatever because we need to talk about our present situation and what you in each Commandery want from me, and what I expect from you so that we can move forward in the most effective way possible. And that's all I'm going to say until I talk to you.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Conclave, R.E. Grand Commander Woodard declared the business of the 179th Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Vermont closed after the E. Grand Prelate Murray led the Sir Knights in their devotions.

REPORTS

CREDENTIALS REPORT

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS

June 13, 2022

To the Grand Commandery of Vermont now in Session:

Your Committee on Credentials finds the following

Number of Commanderies	7
Number of Commanderies Represented	7
Commanderies not represented	0
Number of Voting Members present	36

Due to members holding several positions, represented were

Commandery Representatives Present	
Past Commanders Present	15
Constitutional Grand Commandery	
..... Officers Present	9
Other Grand Commandery Officers Present	11
R.E. Past Grand Commanders Present	11
Grand Representatives Present	9
Nov-Voting Sir Knights Present	3
Total Sir Knights Present	36

Respectfully submitted by,

Bruce R. Howard, E. Grand Recorder for Daniel Nye

Address of the Right Eminent Grand Commander

June 13th, 2022

To the Grand Commandery of Vermont now Assembled.

It has been an honor and pleasure to serve this past year as your Right Eminent Grand Commander. The Pandemic (again) has been the prominent feature of this past year.

Necrology

The official report of the Committee on Necrology appears elsewhere in the proceedings. May the Lord receive the Sir Knights who departed into the Grand Commandery above into His warm and loving arms. We will miss their Earthly presence deeply.

Inspections

Due to the pandemic, we have not been able to conduct inspections or my planned inspection alternative. Moving forward I am sure we will get back on track.

Dispensations/General Orders/Edicts

Dispensations were granted to all Commandery's in Vermont to suspend regular communications and to suspend their annual meetings.

In General Order #1 I granted permission for all Sir Knights to appear at public events in uniform.

In General Order #2 I canceled all inspections with the intent of having a statewide event. Covid had other plans.

In General Order #3 I requested nomination for the Knight Templar Cross of Honor.

In my only Edict, I reminded the Sir Knights to watch their online behavior, specially concerning the issues involving Grand Encampment. I also reminded Sir Knights the office for the Grand Commandery of Vermont is the only place authorized to speak for our Grand Commandery.

Knight Templar Eye Foundation

Despite the pandemic, Vermont Sir Knights continued to support the Knight Templar Eye Foundation and I thank you for your efforts.

Visitations

When possible, I attended the remote sessions of sister jurisdictions. Due to Covid striking within my family, I was unable to attend the NE Conference this year.

Condition of the Order

Sir Knights our order continues to shrink. The "narrowing funnel" I mentioned last year continues to be an issue. Chapter gets its members from a narrowing field of blue lodge members, Council from Chapter and our Commanderies are filled with those who make it to Council. If you look at the membership of each of the bodies above, you will see shrinking numbers. This is not a complaint it is a fact. It means we have a harder road to travel. It means putting even more effort in helping our organizations grow.

We need to participate in the earlier bodies, including Blue Lodge. We must show those who have yet to join us in our works here in the Commandery we are worthy of their time and effort. Our members are our customers. We need to ensure they feel they are getting value for their dues.

Recommendations

I have two recommendations moving forward. I understand the dedication many have for the tradition of inspections. Unfortunately, this exercise is providing little to our experience in the Commandery except stress. We need to try new things. In neighboring jurisdictions, they have group sessions rather than inspecting individual commanderies. If we are honest, no individual commandery does their inspection on their own. We must move past the idea “we tried nothing, and nothing is working.” I encourage the incoming officers and the Past Grand Commanders of Vermont to come together. Clinging to the traditions of the past and preserving them at the cost of our Grand Commandery serves no one.

My second recommendation is more personal and applies to my last six years as I have been the head of the Grand bodies of Vermont. For those coming up through the chairs in any of the bodies, the expectation is for you to travel to neighboring jurisdictions. To me, the idea of the Grand body head traveling comes at the cost of the numerous issues we have in our York Rite bodies. Still the visitations need to happen. Due to personal financial issues, I did not travel as much as I wanted to over the last 6 years. I often looked at the needs of my family first and at times made the uncomfortable decision to pull out of trips at the last minute. The policy per my understanding was you put out the money for travel and then get reimbursed at the end of the year if approved by the finance committee. It wasn't until six months ago I discovered I could request an advance for travel. If I had known this earlier, my travel would have increased. I am telling you this for two reasons. First, I want the upcoming officers to know advances are available for them when they arrive in the East. Second, I encourage the past Grands to work with our companions and sir knights. Not everyone is able to travel as freely as others. After finding out about the travel advances, I was dealt another blow to possible travel when I became caregiver to my ailing parents. Please work with our companions and sir knights and understand not everyone is prepared to share their circumstance.

Closing

In closing, I want to thank everyone for their help and support over the last two years. I especially want to thank, Sir Knight Bruce Howard as Grand Recorder and our Grand High Priest Roland Woodard for making themselves available to discuss issues facing the fraternity.

Fraternally submitted,
Eric Steele, Right Eminent Grand Commander

Report of the Committee on Recommendations

To the Grand Commandery of Vermont, now in session:

This committee is again honored to serve our Grand Commandery in this capacity for the past Chivalric year.

First, we want to thank our Grand Commander for completing his second year of service. The many Covid -19 protocols still in place have made this difficult.

In addressing the recommendations made by our Grand Commander, this committee has contributed the following thoughts:

* Although our so called “Inspections”, are fraught with difficulties and manpower issues, we would like to see them continue, even combined as they are. They do not need to be called as above, but presented as Full Form Openings with the “Order of the Temple”. They certainly do not need to be graded.

* More often than not, these are the only times a Sir Knight in Vermont will see and participate in this marvelous presentation of Knight Templary in action. This is also the only time a Knight has the opportunity to wear his uniform, and we might add, with a great deal of pride and self-satisfaction.

* Regarding travel money advances for Grand Commanders, we have not seen this request in past years, as it is usually arranged automatically via the Grand Secretary & Treasurer. This is not to say that a particular need cannot be addressed, but could be accomplished on an individual basis as requested. All that would be needed would be to make the request known.

* Regarding mentoring; We believe that there is a good bit of mentoring taking place with our Past Grands, especially during the rehearsals for the Full Form Opening and Order of the Temple. Mentoring for traveling Grand Officers could be improved. Just ask and make it known.

* Also, Communications between traveling Grand Officers and their constituents need to be improved in order to keep our Sir Knights informed. These officers or officer are our only connection with Templary outside of our local asylum.

* Lastly, a Grand Commandery officer or Commander should make an effort to be present for a candidate being exalted in the Royal Arch. This could and should benefit a future Knight with an educational opportunity.

Fraternally submitted,
Palmer E. Martin, KCT, PGC;
William Karstens IV, PGC;
Belford A. Belles, KCT, PGC, Chair

K.T. Educational Report for Year 2021-2022

2021 earnings were (\$146.57) based on unrealized losses and our net worth is now \$66,784. This is prior to the awarding of a scholarship.

Our Education Foundation Committee reviewed twenty-six (26) applications and awarded be (1) \$1,000.00 scholarship to an extremely qualified and deserving applicant who attends the University of Vermont as a nursing student. Thank you to all members of this committee who participated in the important work of selecting a recipient.

The Grand Encampment revised the fee structure is benefiting smaller Educational Funds such as ours, and has created a much more equitable fee structure based on size of assets, which also reflects a fee structure more in line with income.

Again, this year the committee found all applicants were evenly disbursed though out our state which suggests the Vermont Student Assistance Corporation listing is providing this foundation with great exposure to our Vermont scholars.

Respectfully submitted

S.K. Bruce R. Howard, Administrative Officer for the Committee

K.T. Educational Budget for the year June 2022 to June 2022

Total realized income	\$ 916.29
Less fees due to Grand Encampment CMTTE	\$ 375.00
Net amount available for award	\$ 541.29

Based on total assets, market conditions and anticipated future earnings, the Committee recommends the Sir Knights approve a budget for an Award of \$1,000 to be paid in 2023.

Respectfully submitted

S.K. Bruce R. Howard, Administrative Officer

Report for the Committee on the Holy Land Pilgrimage

June 13, 2022

To the Grand Commandery of Vermont now in session:

Your Committee on the Holy Land Pilgrimage reports that due to COVID-19 pandemic restrictions no representative from Vermont was chosen to participate.

The Grand Encampment has reinstated travel to the Holy Land in 2023 and this committee will consider candidates for travel in the coming year.

Courteously,

Bruce R. Howard, William Karstens, IV, Robert S. Bryant

Report of the Committee on Jurisprudence

The Templar Year 2021-2022 has, again, been a trying year, not only due to the Corona virus, but also a controversy in Grand Encampment, seemingly due to the actions of a few, which caused quite a bit of a stir and resulted in a Special Conclave being called, and the Most Eminent Grand Master being replaced.

On a happier note, we are pleased to see that, though the virus caused some disruption, some of our Commanderies made use of the Zoom format incorporated into our bylaws last year. We pray that further use will not be necessary, but that does not seem likely. Thanks to Zoom, much has been accomplished without having to spend an exorbitant amount for fuel.

Report Number 1.

To the Grand Commandery of Vermont, now in session:

There were no dispensations issued, but your committee has examined the General Orders issued by the Right Eminent Grand Commander, as the same are on file in the office of the Grand Recorder.

The Grand Commander also issued an edict guiding the Vermont Sir Knights regarding the controversy in Grand Encampment. We commend him for his foresight, and, obviously, monitoring some of the on line discussions and issuing caution to Vermonters to be cautious in their use of the internet.

The Committee feels that these General Orders and the edict are within the rights and prerogatives of the Grand Commander and are in the best interests of the Rite. The Committee therefore recommends approval.

Respectfully submitted,

Russell J. Slora
June 13, 2022

Bruce R. Howard

Palmer E. Martin, Chairman

Report Number 2.

To the Grand Commandery of Vermont, now in session:

There has been referred to your committee the proposal of Mt. Calvary Commandery No. 1 to relocate from Salisbury to Brandon. The proper procedure has been followed and a revised set of bylaws has been submitted. The only requirement left to satisfy is the approval of Killington Commandery No. 6.

Your committee finds that all is in order, and the proper changes have been made in the bylaws. Pending the approval of Killington Commandery your committee recommends approval of the relocation of Mt. Calvary Commandery No. 1 from Salisbury to Brandon.

Respectfully submitted,

Russell J. Slora
June 13, 2022\

Bruce R. Howard

Palmer E. Martin, Chairman

**Grand Commandery of Vermont, K.T.
Report of the Grand Treasurer
May 1, 2021 to April 30, 2022**

General Fund:

Cash on Hand April 30, 2021		\$21,253.24
Receipts;		
Per Capita 2020	Holy Cross	\$701.00
Per Capita 2021	Malta	\$640.00
	St. Aldemar	\$1,133.00
	Mt. Calvary	\$438.00
	Killington	\$1,679.00
	Mt. Zion	\$532.00
	Burlington	\$1,005.00
		\$6,128.00
Total Receipts:		\$27,381.24
Transferrals;		
Dividends reinvested in Permanent Fund		\$0.00
Holy Land Pilgrimage Fund		\$0.00
Dividends and Interest; WCMA/Merrill Lynch		
	Interest	\$ 1,694.91
	Dividends	\$52,832.69
		\$54,527.60

DISBURSEMENTS: From General Fund

<u>Acct#</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Spent</u>	<u>Variance</u>
1	Grand Recorder	\$1,300.00	\$1,300.00	- 0 -
2	Grand Treasurer	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	- 0 -
3	Rent	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	- 0 -
4	REGC Travel	\$1,200.00	\$ 200.00	\$1,000.00
5	Print Proceedings	\$ 100.00	\$ 108.21	(\$ 8.21)
6	Recorder's Office Expense	\$ 700.00	\$ 630.93	\$ 69.07
7	Past REGC Jewel	\$ 250.00	- 0 -	\$ 250.00
8	Conclave Expense	\$1,500.00	\$ 327.81	\$1,172.19
9	Insurance	\$ 300.00	\$ 214.82	\$ 85.18
10	Youth (DeMolay/Rainbow)	\$ 300.00	- 0 -	\$ 300.00
11	Misc	\$ 300.00	- 0 -	\$ 300.00
12	Awards	\$ 100.00	- 0 -	\$ 100.00
13	Grand Encampment Per Cap	\$2,650.00	\$2,660.00	(\$ 10.00)
14	Holy Land Pilgrimage	\$1,300.00	- 0 -	\$1,300.00
15	Masonic Visitors	\$ 300.00	- 0 -	\$ 300.00
		\$10,850.00	\$5,991.77	\$ 4,858.23

Cash on Hand April 30, 2022: (General Fund) **\$49,669.37**

Grand Encampment Fund:

Balance on Hand April 30, 2021		\$1,998.00
Disbursed to Attendees		- 0 -
Received from General Fund		- 0 -

Balance on Hand April 30, 2022		\$1,998.00
Triennial Hospitality Fund:		
Balance on Hand April 30, 2021	\$300.00	
Disbursed	- 0 -	
Received from General Fund	- 0 -	
Balance on Hand April 30, 2022		\$300.00
Holy Land Pilgrimage Fund:		
Balance on Hand April 30, 2021	\$3,248.55	
Received during the year	- 0 -	
Disbursed	- 0 -	
Interest Earned	\$ 0.65	
Balance on Hand April 30, 2022		\$3,249.20
Statement of Assets as pf April 30, 2022:		
General Fund	\$49,669.37	
Grand Encampment Fund	\$ 1,998.00	
Hospitality Fund	<u>\$ 300.00</u>	
Total WCMA Account:		\$51,967.37
Holy Land Pilgrimage Fund: (TD Bank)		\$ 3,249.20
Permanent Funds as of April 30, 2022 (at cost)		
Cash/Money/Accts	\$76,682.33	
Government Securities	\$24,827.98	
Equities	\$127,866.84	
Mutual Funds/CEF/UIT	\$281,678.22	
		<u>\$511,055.37</u>
Re-invested Dividends	- 0 -	
<u>Total Permanent Funds:</u> (at cost)		\$511,055.37
<u>Total Assets as of April 30, 2022</u>		\$517,841.53
<u>Total Assets as of April 30, 2021</u>		\$468,031.42
<u>Gain (Loss) of Assets:</u>		\$ 49,810.11
<u>Accounts Receivable:</u> 2021 Holy Cross per capita – approx. \$650		

Respectfully submitted,

Russell J. Slora, Grand Treasurer
MEPGHP

GRAND COMMANDERY OF VERMONT
RECORDERS REPORTS

June 13, 2022

To the Grand Commandery of Vermont now in Session:

Thank you for the honor and privilege to once again serve all the Sir Knights of the Grand Commandery of Vermont for the preceding year. I and am deeply honored by the trust placed in me.

This office issued three (3) general orders and no dispensations on behalf our Right Eminent Grand Commander Eric C. Steele. An edict was also issued under his signature. All are on file in the Grand Office in Berlin as well as delivered electronically and by first class postage to all Commandery recorders, and available for inspection. In addition, copies have been forwarded to the Jurisprudence Committee and will be addressed in their reports.

Attached you will find a grid of membership gains and losses for the 2021-2022 Chivalric year. This is an estimated membership at year end due to the untimely filing of returns of a Commandery.

Details are as follows:

Grand Commandery of Vermont
Office of the Grand Recorder
June 13, 2022

To the Grand Commandery of Vermont now in session:

Your Grand Recorder submits the following report on the condition of the Grand Commandery of Vermont as of March 31, 2

Membership:

Number of Commanderies.....	7
Number of Commanderies reporting.....	6
Number of Commanderies showing work...	2
 Membership as of March 31, 2021.....	 <u>271</u>

Gains:

Knighted.....	4
Affiliated.....	1
Errors Corrected.....	0
Reinstated.....	2
 Total Gains.....	 7

Losses:

Demits.....	6
Suspensions.....	3
Deaths	15
Errors Corrected.....	3
 Total Losses	 27

Membership March 31, 2021..... 251

Net loss..... 20

Our Statutes and Regulations state the returns are due to the Grand Recorder by April 10 and the list of officers by the 10th of May each year. This office will assist with the filing of returns, but does not file returns. Please remember your late filing not only effects this officer but multiple committees as well as the per capita due the Grand Encampment by July 1st each year.

Respectfully submitted,

Bruce R. Howard, KCT, E. Grand Recorder
Past Grand Commander

Statistical Table of Subordinate Commanderies for the Year Ended March 31, 2022													
<u>Subordinate Commandery</u>	<u>Location</u>	Members Start	Knights	Affiliated	Omitted	Reinstated	Suspended	Demitted	Died	Expelled	dues remitted	Members end	net loss
Mt Calvary #1	Brandon	22	2	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	4	20	(2)
Burlington #2	Williston	42	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	41	(1)
Killington #6	Rutland	75	0	0	0	1	2	1	3	0	4	70	(5)
Mt. Zion #9	Morrisville	26	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	23	(3)
Malta #10	Newport	27	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	27	0
St Aldemar #11	Barre	51	2	1	(3)	0	0	0	5	0	2	46	(5)
Holy Cross #12	Springfield	28	0	0	0	0	1	2	1	0	0	24	(4)
TOTALS:		271	4	1	(3)	2	3	6	15	0	11	251	(20)

VISITORS COMMITTEE

To the Grand officers, honored guests, and members here assembled; the Visitors committee reports that during the preceding year, only one visiting dignitary was entertained by the Grand Commandery of Vermont.

Respectfully submitted in this 26th day of May, in the year 2022,
S.K. William Ormerod, Chairperson

NECROLOGY REPORT- COMMANDERY

June 13, 2022

To the Grand Commandery of Vermont now in Session:

Your committee on Necrology is saddened to report the loss of fifteen (15) Sir Knights this past Chivalric year. Included in the attached names of the deceased are Past Grand Commanders Sir Knight Morris G. Tucker from Killington Commandery #6, Sir Knight Alexis Jean Parent, Jr. from Burlington Commandery #2 and Sir Knight Pierre-Denis Leger from Mt. Zion Commandery #9. In addition Sir Knight Glenn C. Dow, Past Grand Jr. Warden laid down his sword. All of our presiding Grand Officers were committed to rest with full Chivalric honors. Their presence will be truly missed. Sleep on, sleep sound.

If I Could

by G W (Bill) Marshall / Dec 08, 2012

If I could but see, again your face,
If I could but see, again your face,
Oh how much my heart would race,
And nothing could ever efface,
The mem'ry of our last embrace.

If I could climb to Heaven's gate
And just look in to watch awhile,
Then I know I could joyfully wait,
If I could see your happy smile.

If I could hear the song you sing
And your laughter bless my ears,
Then grief would lose its sting
And a smile would dry my tears.

But faith would lose its esteem,
And Heaven'd lose its stealth,
So we must be denied this dream,
If Heaven is to keep its wealth.

With deep sadness,

Donald C. Murray, Chair

Bruce R. Howard

Grand Commandery of Vermont, Knights Templar

Members reported as deceased from Annual Returns

Mt. Calvary #1

Sir Knight Wendell S. Johnson
Sir Knight Gale F. Stanley
Sir Knight Robert G. Oliver
Sir Knight John A. Bicknell

Burlington #2

Sir Knight Alexis Jean Parent, Jr. **

Killington #6

Sir Knight Morris Gwynn Tucker **
Sir Knight Jesse Billings, III
Sir Knight John Hennenberger

Mt. Zion Commandery #9

Sir Knight Pierre-Denis Leger **

St. Aldemar Commandery #11

Sir Knight Glenn C. Dow *
Sir Knight Ronald Parnigoni
Sir Knight Richard Bowen
Sir Knight Bruce Judd
Sir Knight Brice Stygles

Holy Cross #12

Sir Knight Laurence H. Roberts, Jr.

Past Eminent Commander *
Past Grand Commander **

Grand Encampment Knights Templar of the United States of America

Sir Knight William Jackson Jones, Most Eminent Past Grand Master

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON DISPENSATIONS AND CHARTERS

To the Grand Commandery of Vermont now in session:

Nothing was forwarded to this committee relative to dispensations and charters. Therefore the committee had no business to conduct.

Respectfully submitted,

Donald C. Murray David W. Schuler Willis J. Morse, Chair

REPORT OF THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

To: The Grand Commandery of Vermont now in session.

From: Membership Committee

Charge: Active recruitment, candidate mentoring, development of membership material.

Goals: To provide the tools and the assistance to improve membership in each subordinate body and to help maintain vibrant Chapters, Councils and Commanderies.

As always, the Membership Committee stands ready to provide assistance in all matters of membership. In particular, we would like to remind our members that we have material available to use in promoting York Rite, including several “plays” that can be used in Blue Lodge. On this note, we vigorously encourage more Blue Lodge talks & presentations to inform Master Masons about York Rite as they are our future members. The Grand Encampment of Knights Templar (GEKT), in particular, has pushed for a more formal membership connection with the constituent Commanderies, but as with the last several years, we remain disappointed that this connection has been wanting. With a new lineup of officers in GEKT, we look forward to improvement on this front.

Fraternally Submitted,

William Karstens IV, Chair Leon R. Dion

COMMITTEE ON GRIEVANCES

To the Grand Commandery of Vermont Knights Templar now in session:

This year no business was referred to this committee, therefore no action was taken.

Fraternally submitted,

Kirk C. White, for the committee

VOLUNTARY EYE CAMPAIGN

Your committee reports that the 54th Annual Voluntary Eye Foundation Campaign, which began on July 1, 2021 and ended May 15th 2022 was successful, even without the normal raffles held at inspections throughout the state. Sir Knights stepped forward and donated \$3,371.00 this year. Immediately following please find the only update from the GEEF received in March as well as a report run by the Grand Recorder for this years campaign.

Thank you Vermont Sir Knights for your generosity!

Bruce R. Howard for the committee

Recent Count = 8

Campaign Activity

Body: Vermont, Knights Templar Campaign: 54th

Fiscal Week: 35

NOTE: All contributions processed on or before May 15th are credited and closing reports are based on membership as of May 15th (per the MAF database). Following the close of any campaign reports from the system may change because of membership adjustments and Commission (regarding into effect). Therefore the numbers represented on these reports after a campaign has officially closed will not change the final results because official results are only based on MAF database reports as of May 15th of that year.

	Contributions Only - used for awards				Contributions + Trusts + Wills			
	Total for Week 35	Cumulative Total	Active Members as of 5/15/2022	Active Member Per Capita Average	Total for Week 35	Cumulative Total	Count	Rank
Vermont	\$55.00	\$3,371.00	247	\$13.65	\$55.00	\$3,371.00	39	
Grand Commandery	\$25.00	\$25.00		\$13.55	\$25.00	\$25.00	1	
Burlington No. 2	\$0.00	\$1,500.00	40	\$37.50	\$0.00	\$1,500.00	12	1
Holy Cross No. 12	\$0.00	\$100.00	24	\$4.17	\$0.00	\$100.00	1	6
Killington No. 6	\$0.00	\$410.00	68	\$6.03	\$0.00	\$410.00	10	3
Mtts No. 10	\$0.00	\$300.00	26	\$11.54	\$0.00	\$300.00	4	4
Mount Calvary No. 1	\$0.00	\$50.00	20	\$2.50	\$0.00	\$50.00	1	7
Mount Zion No. 9	\$30.00	\$160.00	22	\$7.27	\$30.00	\$160.00	3	5
Sr Ademar No. 11	\$0.00	\$626.00	47	\$17.57	\$0.00	\$626.00	7	2

THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF VERMONT, KNIGHTS TEMPLAR

Reports of the Finance Committee

June 13, 2022

To the Grand Commandery of Vermont, Now in Session:

Your Finance Committee met at Granite Lodge #35, Barre, Vermont, on May 9, 2022 with the Eminent Grand Treasurer, Eminent Grand Recorder.

Our Eminent Grand Treasurer and Eminent Grand Recorder are commended for the manner in which the financial affairs of this Grand Commandery are administered. The Sir Knights of this jurisdiction have a right to be very proud of the accomplishment of these two hard working Grand Commandery Officers.

The members of this Finance Committee wish to thank the Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder for their cooperation. We also wish to thank the Right Eminent Grand Commander for the opportunity to serve this Grand Commandery.

Report Number 1, Approval of Accounts:

The Finance Committee has examined the books and records of the Grand Recorder and Grand Treasurer and find these records to be in proper order with all expenditures supported by vouchers and all monies received properly recorded.

Right Eminent Grand Commander, if there are no questions or comments, I move that this report be accepted and printed in the proceedings.

Fraternally submitted,

Donald C. Murray, Chairman
Willis J. Morse
John Montross

Report Number 2, Expenditures Budget: June 13, 2022

To the Grand Commandery of Vermont, Now in Session:

	BUDGET	EXPENDED	BUDGET
	2021-2022	2021-2022	2022-2023
1. Grand Recorder's Expense	\$1,300.00	\$1,300.00	\$1,300.00
2. Grand Commander's Expense	1,200.00	200.00	1,200.00
3. Grand Treasurer's Expense	250.00	250.00	250.00
4. Ass't Grand Recorders Expense	0.00	0.00	0.00
5. Grand Inspector's Expense	0.00	0.00	0.00
6. Grand Prelates Expense	0.00	0.00	0.00
7. Grand Recorder's Office Expense	700.00	630.93	700.00
8. Grand Conclave Expense	1500.00	327.81	1,500.00
9. Grand Encampment Triennial Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00
10. Printing Proceedings	100.00	108.21	100.00
11. Insurance	300.00	214.82	225.00
12. Rent	300.00	300.00	300.00
13. Awards	100.00	0.00	100.00
14. Past Commanders Jewel	250.00	0.00	250.00
15. Jewel Recovery Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00
16. Pilgrimage Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00
17. 40 Year Medals	0.00	0.00	0.00
18. Miscellaneous	300.00	0.00	300.00*
19. Masonic Visitors	300.00	0.00	300.00
20. Sponsored Youth	300.00	0.00	300.00
21. Grand Encampment	2650.00	2,660.00	2650.00
22. Office Automaton	0.00	0.00	0.00
23. Holy Land Pilgrimage Reserve Acct	1300.00	0.00	1300.00
24. Regalia	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTALS	\$10,850.00	\$5,991.77	\$10,775.00

*- Includes annual fee paid to Merrill Lynch.

Right Eminent Grand Commander, if there are no questions or comments, I move this Expenditures Budget be accepted, adopted and printed in the proceedings.

Fraternally submitted,

Donald C. Murray, Chairman

Willis J. Morse

John Montross

Report Number 3, Revenues and Expenditures Budget: June 13, 2022

To the Grand Commandery of Vermont, Now in Session:

REVENUES:

250 Members at \$25.00 Per Member \$6250.00

Income from Permanent Fund

250 Members at \$18.10+/- Per Member \$4525.00

Total Revenues \$10,775.00

EXPENDITURES:

See attached Expenditures Budget

Total Expenditures \$10,775.00

Right Eminent Grand Commander, if there are no questions or comments, I move this Revenue and Expenditures budget be accepted, adopted and printed in the proceedings.

Fraternally submitted,

Donald C. Murray, Chairman

Willis J. Morse

John Montross

June 13, 2022

Report Number 4, Per Capita Tax:

To the Grand Commandery of Vermont, Now in Session:

The Finance Committee recommends that a Per Capita Tax of \$25.00 be levied against subordinate commanderies for the ensuing year. The same being comprised as follows:

1. Per Capita Tax - Grand Commandery, Vermont \$33.10
(Operational Expense)
2. Grand Encampment Assessment \$9.00
(Operational Expenses)
3. Grand Encampment Assessment \$1.00
(Eye Foundation for those Knights not exempt)

Total \$43.10

Less: Income transferred on a Per Member basis from
the Permanent Fund \$18.10

Net Per Capita Tax \$25.00

Right Eminent Grand Commander, if there are no questions or comments, I move the acceptance of this report and printed in the proceedings.

Fraternally Submitted,

Donald C, Murray, Chairman

Willis J. Morse

John Montross

Report Number 5, Unexpended Budget Accounts: June 13, 2022

To the Grand Commandery of Vermont, Now in Session:

The Finance Committee recommends that monies not expended in budget accounts may be transferred to other accounts upon approval of this committee.

Right Eminent Grand Commander, if there are no questions or comments, I move the acceptance of this report and its recommendations adopted.

Fraternally Submitted,

Donald C. Murray, Chairman Willis J. Morse John Montross

Report Number 6, Recommendation regarding travel expense payments

June 13, 2022

To the Grand Commandery of Vermont, Now in Session:

The Finance Committee recommends that Travel Expense Payments made to the Grand Commander be contingent on submittal of his travel itinerary which shall be reviewed by the Finance Committee prior to issuing payment.

Right Eminent Grand Commander, if there are no questions or comments, I move the acceptance of this report and its recommendations adopted.

Fraternally Submitted,

Donald C. Murray, Chairman Willis J. Morse John Montross

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR CROSS OF HONOR AWARD

Recipients of the Award and Date of Presentation

* Sir Knight James Clement Ford	6/14/1965
* Sir Knight Frederick Alexander Inglis	6/6/1966
* Sir Knight C. Houghton Hoisington	6/5/1967
* Sir Knight Wayne Davis	6/1/1968
* Sir Knight Harold William Yasinski	5/24/1970
* Sir Knight George Hamilton Thomas	5/22/1971
* Sir Knight Roger Fred Spaulding	5/29/1972
* Sir Knight Thomas Kenneth Pauley	6/3/1973
* Sir Knight Thomas Dixon Kendall	6/2/1974
* Sir Knight Ralph C. Watson	6/2/1975
* Sir Knight Joseph J. Bianchi	5/25/1976
* Sir Knight Thomas B. Alexander	6/11/1977
* Sir Knight Kenneth C. Elliott	6/5/1978
* Sir Knight John S. Birkett	6/4/1979
* Sir Knight Richard Simpson	6/1/1980
* Sir Knight Jack E. Wendell	6/1/1981
* Sir Knight Robert J. O'Hara	5/24/1982
* Sir Knight Roy Wayne Ingraham	6/5/1983
* Sir Knight Frank H. Caffin	6/6/1984
Sir Knight Phillip D. Goss	5/27/1985
* Sir Knight Harry E. Frost	6/2/1986
* Sir Knight Kenneth A. Laplant	6/1/1987
* Sir Knight Fletcher H. Hall	6/5/1988
* Sir Knight James R. Slora	6/5/1989
* Sir Knight Karsten Larsen	6/12/1990
^ Sir Knight Aurele Gagne	6/3/1991
* Sir Knight Omlah R. Smith, Jr	6/5/1992
* Sir Knight Donald W. Gerrish	5/31/1993
Sir Knight Stuart E. Lee	6/15/1994
Sir Knight Robert Farrington	6/26/1995
* Sir Knight Willard B. Farnham	5/27/1996
Sir Knight Arnold G. Preston	6/1/1997
Sir Knight Russell A. Goslant	6/8/1998
* Sir Knight Robert S. Boyce	6/7/1999
* Sir Knight Brent N. Martin	6/12/2000

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR CROSS OF HONOR AWARD

Recipients of the Award and Date of Presentation

* Sir Knight Stuart J. Gasson	6/11/2001
* Sir Knight Clyde T. Reynolds	6/10/2002
* Sir Knight Jon E. Babcock	6/9/2003
* Sir Knight Elmer M. Barlow	6/7/2004
* Sir Knight Eugene C. Corliss	6/13/2005
Sir Knight Roland F. Godin	6/12/2006
Sir Knight William H. Grant, Jr.	6/4/2007
^ Sir Knight John T. Colby	6/9/2008
Sir Knight Robert H. Landon	6/8/2009
* Sir Knight Riford "Mike" Tuttle	6/7/2010
* Sir Knight Jonathan P. Park	6/13/2011
^ Sir Knight Nicholas D. Ruby	6/11/2012
Sir Knight Winston Harper	6/10/2013
Sir Knight William Smith	6/9/2014
Sir Knight Everett Dickinson	6/8/2015
Sir Knight Edward Nowatka	6/13/2016
Sir Knight Joshua Retchless	6/12/2017
Sir Knight Robert Lencke	6/10/2019
Sir Knight Leo LaFlamme	6/12/2021
Sir Knight Jon W. Hosford, III	6/13/2022

* Deceased

^ Demitted

COMPANION OF THE TEMPLE AWARDS

Betty Nicholson	6/4/1995
Katherine (Kay) Phelps	6/4/1995
Jennie Brown	5/27/1996
Nadine Martin	
Gail Cumming	6/1/1997
* Mildred (Millie) Seeley	
Martha (Pat) Tucker	
* Priscilla Clough	6/2/2002
Marie Oldenburgh	
Elizabeth (Betty) Belles	6/9/2003
Evelyn Ebbighausen	
Lynn A. Murray	6/12/2005
Susan Slora	6/8/2009
Diane Gagne	6/10/2013

* Deceased

KNIGHT COMMANDER OF THE TEMPLE AWARDS

* Wendell H. Chaffee	
Richard E. Fletcher	
Phillip D. Goss	1999
* Herbert H. Harford	
* Roger M. Pike	
Palmer E. Martin	
* Donald C. Brown	2011
* Cedric L. Smith	2011
* David E. Cumming	2011
Willis J. Morse	2011
Belford A. Belles	2011
Bruce R. Howard	2011
Donald C. Murray	2011
Russell J. Slora	2012
* Eugene C. Corliss	2017
William Karstens, IV	2022

PAST GRAND COMMANDERS

1824-25	* John H. Cotton	1913	* William W. Brewster
1826-29	* Silas A. Bowen	1914	* Olin W. Dailey
1830	* Daniel L. Potter	1915	* Edward L. Blake
1831	* John Purdy	1916	* Frank B. Outman
1851-52	* Samuel L. Butler	1917	* Frederick Babbitt
1853-58	* Daniel L. Potter	1918	* William L. Herrick
1859	* Brazillai Davenport	1919	* Major C. Houghton
1860	* John S. Webster	1920	* Otis C. Kelton
1861-62	* Gamaliel Washburn	1921	* George B. Wheeler
1863	* Horatio Needham	1922	* Arthur Farnsworth
1864	* Samuel L. Butler	1923	* Frederick Briggs
1865-66	* George M. Hall	1924	* Henry L. Ballou
1867-71	* Russell Taft	1925	* Aaron H. Grout
1872-74	* Joseph L. Perkins	1926	* Frank L. Small
1875-77	* Albert B. Jewett	1927	* William W. Nichols
1878-80	* Edward S. Dana	1928	* Zeno S. Waterman
1881-82	* George S. Tyler	1929	* Thomas H. Chaney
1883-84	* Alfred A. Hall	1930	* John R. Temple
1885	* Thad A. Chapman	1931	* Martin L. Averill
1886	* George W. Wing	1932	* George M. Clay
1887-88	* Delos M. Bacon	1933	* George P. Lovell
1889-90	* Will F. Lewis	1934	* Allen M. Hall
1891-92	* Kitteridge Haskins	1935	* John O. Baxendale
1893-94	* Marsh O. Perkins	1936	* G. Forest Dow
1895	* Silas A. Cummings	1937	* G. Wilbur Mower
1896-97	* Robert J. Wright	1938	* Alvi Calderwood
1898-99	* Jesse E. Thompson	1939	* Ernest W. Savage
1900	* Daniel E. Nicholson	1940	* Earl S. Wright
1901	* Dan Payson	1941	* J. Harold Stacey
1902	* Dan P. Webster	1942	* G. Milan Smith
1903	* Silas N. Danforth	1943	* P. Conant Voter
1904	* William W. Kinsley	1944	* Harley M. Watkins
1905	* Charles Calderwood	1945	* Willard K. Saunders
1906	* Elihu B. Taft	1946	* Harold L. Cady
1907	* J. Henry Jackson	1947	* Waldron C. Biggs
1908	* George H. Jackson	1948	* Orville N. Kew
1909	* Frank W. Dewey	1949	* Sterry Waterman
1910	* Daniel S. Danforth	1950	* Alfred A. Bishop
1911	* George F. Root	1951	* Frederick Fletcher
1912	* Frank L. Clark	1952	* Walker F. Niles

* deceased ** demitted ^ suspended

1953	* Raymond L. Brown	1987	* Donald S. Seeley
1954	* J. W. Murdock, Sr.	1988	* Donald C. Brown
1955	* Paul L. Glynn	1989	* Cedric L. Smith
1956	* Edward W. Curtis	1990	James E. Selleck
1957	* Arthur E. Dietrich	1991	* Roger M. Pike
1958	* Francis Woodcock	1992	Palmer E. Martin
1959	* George E. Cummings	1993	James R. Winner, III
1960	* Arthur D. Bishop	1994	Phillip D. Goss
1961	* Ralph E. Berry	1995	* Wendell H. Chaffee
1962	* Rudolph D. Smith	1996	* David E. Cumming
1963	* H. Herman Hertzberg	1997	** Aurele Gagne
1964	* Parker B. Blake	1998	Willis J. Morse
1965	* Edward S. Pike	1999	* Donald W. Gerrish
1966	* Franklyn Churchill	2000	Guy W. Oldenburgh
1967	* Frank W. Bailey	2001	Thomas E. Grace
1968	* Welland S. Horn	2002	Daniel Ebbighausen
1969	* Brooks W. Booth	2003	* Howard H. Hatt
1970	* Peter L. Butynski	2004	Belford A. Belles
1971	* Harold S. Burroughs	2005	* Alexis J. Parent, Jr.
1972	* Raymond F. Sutton	2006	Bruce R. Howard
1973	* Trafton Hoisington	2007	* Brent N. Martin
1974	* Arnold J. Anderson	2008	Donald C. Murray
1975	* Herbert Jorgensen	2009	David H. Bartlett
1976	* Theodore H. Boisvert	2010	Russell J. Slora
1977	* Roy F. Nicholson	2011	William Karstens, IV
1978	* David L. Phelps	2012	Douglas K. Boardman
1979	* F. W. Littlefield	2013	* Pierre-Denis Leger
1980	* Roland J. Bishop	2014	E.L. Douglass, Jr.
1981	* Morris G. Tucker	2015	* Eugene C. Corliss
1982	* Raymond W. Giddings	2016	* Jonathan P. Park
1983	* Paul Cowling	2017	David W. Schuler
1984	* Roger F. Spaulding	2018-2019	Robert Bryant
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