



2026-2027

Officer and Committee Assignments and Duties

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GRAND COMMANDERY OFFICERS

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BOARD MEETINGS

Those expected to attend:

Grand Commander
Deputy Grand Commander
Grand Generalissimo
Grand Captain General
Grand Treasurer
Grand Recorder
Grand Senior Warden
Grand Junior Warden
Grand Standard Bearer
Grand Sword Bearer
Grand Warder
Grand Sentinel
Chief Division Commander

Those invited to attend as guests

Grand Prelate
Grand Education Officer
Grand Herald
Ritual Chairman
Jurisprudence Committee Chairman
Committee Chairmen as requested
Past Grand Commanders

MEETING DATES AND TIMES

4th Saturdays (with exceptions in July)

DATE	TIME	LOCATION
18Jul2026	0800	Heritage Center

We will be taking our group and individual photos at this meeting. Those in the Grand Honor Guard and Division Commanders who are not line officers are invited to attend for photos and will be dismissed. Anyone is welcome to join the officers for the monthly meeting immediately following the photo shoot.

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22Aug2026	0900	ZOOM
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26Sep2026	0900	ZOOM
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24Oct2026	TBD	ZOOM
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Those required to attend the Department Conference will meet at a convenient time at the conference TBD at the conference. This meeting is not required if you are not at the conference.

28Nov2026	0900	ZOOM
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NO MEETING IN DECEMBER. HAVE A MERRY CHRISTMAS!

23Jan2027	0900	ZOOM
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A Special Legislative Conclave will take place at 1300.

27Feb2027	0900	ZOOM
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27Mar2027	0900	ZOOM
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24Apr2027	0900	ZOOM
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22May2027	0900	ZOOM
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19Jun2027	0900	ZOOM
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COMMITTEE REPORTING DEADLINES

All Committee Chairmen shall submit a report of their Committees to the Deputy Grand Commander on the following dates and at any such time as requested by the Grand Commander.

First Quarter: Due 30 SEP

Second Quarter: Due 31 DEC

Third Quarter: Due 31 MAR

Year End: Due **15 MAY 2026** (to be published in the Preprints and Proceedings of the Annual Conclave)

Reports shall be sent via email to deputygrandcommander@gmail.com

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COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

Standing Committees

Board of Instruction	John E. Helcl, II, KCT, GPE
Benevolence	Foster D. Solem, GPE
Education Foundation and Scholarship	Bradley N. Phelps
Knights Templar Eye Foundation	Philip T. Bodle
Finance	John E. Helcl, II, KCT, GPE
Investments	Jerry E. Zierdt, KCT, PGC
Jurisprudence	Tony R. Krall
Triennial	Alan Mackenzie, KTCH, KCT, PGC
Honor Guard	James O. Helms, KCT, GPE

Special Committees

Public Relations	Nathan Smithson
Legislative Conclave	Brian K. Dimmateo, KTCH, KCT, PGC
Returns	Alan Mackenzie, KCT, KTCH, PGC
Necrology and Religious Events	Foster D. Solem, GPE
Holy Land Pilgrimage	David J. Dumonceaux, KCT, PGC
Ritual	Jerry E. Zierdt, KCT, PGC
Youth Organizations	Joel R. Porter
Divisions	John E. Helcl, II, KCT, GPE
Awards and Honors	James A. Henderson, KCT
Properties	Anthony J. Heimer, KTCH
Tellers	Scott R. Boehning

STANDING COMMITTEES

Board of Instruction

John E. Helcl, II, KCT, GPE, Chairman	No. 1-8
Keith L. Donaldson	No. 1
Anthony J. Heimer, KTCH	No. 2
William H. Gunther, Jr.	No. 27
Aaron J. Boltjes, KCT	No. 8
David P. Sarazin, KCT	No. 18
Scott Giannone, KTCH	No. 14

This Committee consists of the Chief Division Commander as Chairman and the Division Commanders.

Section 28.

That the Board of Instruction will be the Grand Officers assigned to each District with the Deputy Grand Commander as Chairman and that each Constituent Commandery will select one (1) Sir Knight who will supervise the Ritualistic work and Tactics in his Commandery and who will be under the direct supervision of the District Grand Officer assigned to the territory.

DUTIES OF THE BOARD OF INSTRUCTION:

Section 29.

To supervise in his District the Floor Work, Asylum Ceremonies and Tactics and Drill Tactics, of, this Grand Jurisdiction. Each member of the Board shall assist, in every way, the Inspecting Officer assigned to his District, in arranging for the Annual Inspection of the Commanderies in his District and work with the Commanderies in their preparation for such inspections. Each member of the Board of Instruction shall report fully to the Chairman of the Board as to general conditions and the progress being made in the work of the Commandery.

Benevolence

Foster D. Solem, GPE, Chairman	No. 23	1-year
Shawn R. Carrick	No. 8	2-years
Terry L. Tilton, KTCH, GPE	No. 18	3-years

This committee consists of the Grand Prelate as Chairman and Associate Grand Prelates.

Section 30.

The Benevolence Fund Committee will consist of three members appointed by the Grand Commander, of whom one shall be appointed Chair of the committee by the Grand Commander.

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DUTIES

Section 30.1

- a. The Committee will be responsible to:
- b. To acknowledge loss and offer condolences to any Sir Knights of this jurisdiction and/or their immediate families,
- c. To offer financial or material assistance to Sir Knights of this jurisdiction and/or their immediate families by augmentation or support of constituent Commanderies responding to the needs of a Sir Knight and/or their family,
- d. Raise funds for a Benevolence Fund,
- e. To review the declarations for aid submitted on behalf of Sir Knights via the methods below, to have their annual Grand Encampment and Grand Commandery per capita fees reimbursed out of fund earnings. The fund will pay any costs incurred in carrying out these duties.

The Committee will provide assistance by disbursement of funds to a Sir Knight's home constituent Commandery to augment the constituent Commandery's local support, or to aid the constituent Commandery in providing support when the constituent Commandery is unable to provide reasonable assistance.

RECIPIENTS

Section 30.2

Any Sir Knight in good standing or their family is eligible to receive flowers and/or a note of consolation at the discretion of the Benevolence Committee Chair.

A Sir Knight or their immediate family shall be eligible for financial assistance. A Sir Knight who is found not in good standing due to adverse circumstances beyond their control, shall, at the Committee's discretion, also be eligible for assistance. The recipient must be a Sir Knight in good standing with their constituent Commandery and the Grand Commandery of Minnesota, or be an immediate relative by law or blood (including, but not limited to, a parent, spouse, or child, step-parent, or stepchild) to a Sir Knight in good standing for purposes of decedent requests for

Assistance.

To be eligible for financial assistance the recipient should be experiencing an emergency requiring financial or material need.

PROCESS

Section 30.3

Any Sir Knight or their immediate family member (as defined in section 30.2, above) may report a need to the Sir Knights home constituent Commandery, who will then vote in a stated or special Conclave to approve submitting the request to the Grand Commandery for consideration. The requesting Commandery shall also provide a detailed statement of what assistance they are providing the requestor. If a constituent Commandery cannot provide assistance due to financial hardship, the requesting Commandery will provide a statement supporting their

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decision, attaching a copy of their last fiscal year's treasury statements, to their request for assistance. The request will be filed with the Grand Recorder who will forward the request to the Chair of the Benevolence Committee. District Officers of the Grand Commandery are encouraged to report any emergencies and/or need to the Chair of Benevolence Committee directly. The Benevolence Committee Chair, working with the Grand Prelate, will send flowers and a note when appropriate, and such an action can be conducted without vote of the Benevolence Committee. For financial assistance, the Chair will attempt to contact the potential financial recipient Commandery to find out the level of assistance needed and the level of information the individual wishes shared with the Committee and/or Knights Templar community. The Chair will also ascertain that assistance would be welcome. The Chair will then gather information regarding the nature of the request and the type of assistance requested. The Chair will then convene the Committee to rule on any action to be taken. At least two of the three committee members must agree on any action taken. The Grand Commander may substitute and vote in place of a committee member if two of the three committee members are unavailable when a request must be considered.

ASSISTANCE PROVIDED

Section 30.4

The amount of initial financial assistance provided shall be at the discretion of the Benevolence Committee members, with the intent to preserve fairness to Sir Knights and constituent Commanderies; and provide a mechanism to ensure funds will exist for future requests. The requesting constituent Commandery can change the initial aid amount by vote in a stated or special Conclave and forward that change to the request to the Grand Recorder or Benevolence Committee Chair. The Benevolence Committee is free to facilitate non-cash aid for individuals. In cases where financial need is greater than the contribution made by the Benevolence Committee a direct fundraising campaign may be undertaken by the Knights Templar community. To facilitate direct fund raising on behalf of the recipient, an account may be set up in the name of the person (with the financial need) at a local bank or credit union, or through an online provider for such an action. It may include the initial financial contribution by the Committee and any additional funds raised or donated by the Knights Templar community. Additional financial assistance is at the discretion of the Benevolence Committee.

Any tax liabilities resulting from donations are solely the responsibility of the individual receiving aid.

Education Foundation and Scholarship

Bradly N. Phelps, Chairman	No. 5	1-year
Eric J. Theim	No. 1	2-years
Terry L. Christiansen, KCT, KTCH	No. 1	3-years
Rick Vance	No. 8	4-years
Shawn R. Carrick	No. 8	5-years

EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

Section 37.

The committee on the Knights Templar Educational Foundation shall consist of five members to serve five-year terms of which one will expire each year, one member to be appointed each year at the time of the Annual Conclave by the incoming Grand Commander. The Grand Commander serving will make appointments to fill any vacancies for the unexpired portion of the term. It may replace any member of the Committee for cause, reporting his action to the Grand Commandery. This committee for the Grand Commandery shall meet annually after the close of the Annual Conclave, under the direction of the Grand Commander, to elect a Chairman. The Grand Recorder shall serve as Secretary-Treasurer of the Committee but shall not be a member of the Committee. The Committee may name such other officers and employees, not members of the committee, as it may deem necessary for the successful administration of the funds. The committee shall administer the funds, maintain records, and submit reports per the Regulations and Standard Practices for the Knights Templar Educational Foundation, as outlined in the Ninth edition dated Sept. 1979, together with any additions thereto or amendments or modifications thereof hereinafter adopted.

MINNESOTA SCHOLASTIC FUND

Section 38.

The Minnesota Scholastic Fund will be under the jurisdiction of the Educational Foundation Committee. The administration of the Fund shall be solely under the control of the Grand Commandery

of Minnesota. The guidelines for administering this Fund shall be developed and applied by the Educational Foundation Committee. The Minnesota Scholastic Fund is authorized to receive such other gifts and donations as may be, approved by the chairman of the Educational Foundation Committee. The chairman of the Educational Foundation Committee shall provide annual reports regarding the fund to the Grand Commandery at its annual conclave.

The primary objective of this Committee can be found via the “Educational Foundation Policy” adopted 2026

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Knights Templar Eye Foundation

Philip T. Bodle, Chairman	No. 18	1-year
James A. Henderson, KCT	No. 8	2-years
Scott F. Wood	No. 2	3-years

This Committee consists of the Grand Generalissimo as Chairman, the Grand Captain General and the Grand Senior Warden.

To ensure that a presentation is made at least one Stated Conclave of each Commandery to promote the KTEF.

Promote at least one fundraising event during each Triennium.

The Chairman is to report at each officer's meeting and at the request of the Grand Commander or his representative.

Finance

John E. Helcl, II, KCT, GPE, Chair	No. 1-8	1-year
Philip T. Bodle	No. 18	2-years
James A. Henderson, KCT	No. 8	3-years
Michael A. Hilgert, KCT	No. 2-24	ex-officio
Alan Mackenzie, KCT, KTCH, PGC	No. 18	ex-officio

This Committee consists of the Deputy Grand Commander as Chairman, the Grand Generalissimo, Grand Captain General, Grand Treasurer, and the Grand Recorder.

FINANCES

Section 34.

It shall cause to be audited the books, accounts and vouchers of the Grand Treasurer, the Grand Recorder, the Educational Foundation Committee, the Triennial Committee, and such other committees, officers and members of the Grand Commandery as may have custody of any fund or property of the Grand Commandery or moneys or property in trust for others and shall make report thereof at the next Stated Conclave. It shall recommend such appropriations as may be necessary for the current expenses of the ensuing Templar year following such Stated Conclaves. No appropriation of funds shall be made until the proposal therefore has been referred to the Committee on Finance and its report thereon made.

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Investments

Jerry E. Zierdt, KCT, PGC, Chair	No.1-8	1-year
Frank J. Spevak	No. 1	2-years
David J. Sarazin, KCT	No. 18	3-years
Michael A. Hilgert, KCT	No. 2-24	ex-officio

INVESTMENT COMMITTEE

Section 35.

An Investment Committee consisting of three Sir Knights, each, serve for a three-year term. The Grand Treasurer shall also serve as an ex-officio member. The Grand Commander shall appoint one member each year.

Following the adoption of this section the Grand Commander shall appoint three members to this committee designating that one shall serve for a three-year term, one shall serve for a two-year term and one shall serve for a one-year term.

The appointed Sir Knights should be selected for their knowledge, experience or other expertise in financial investments. This committee shall oversee all financial assets of the Grand Commandery as is related to their investment and take appropriate actions regarding the same.

Jurisprudence

Tony R. Krall, Chairman	No. 23
Brian K. Dimatteo, KCT, KTCH, PGC	No. 02
Ethan A. Seaberg	No. 09

TEMPLAR JURISPRUDENCE

Section 33.

The Committee on Templar Jurisprudence shall consist of three members and shall serve until the close of the next Stated Conclave. It shall consider all decisions upon questions of, Templar Law and usage reported by the Grand Commander and such other matters as may be, referred to it by him or the Grand Commandery and its conclusion and recommendation shall be reported to the Grand Commandery. The committee, when called upon, shall give opinions on the legislative, judicial and executive functions of the Grand Commandery and the constituent Commanderies and on the prerogatives, powers and duties of the officers and members thereof. It shall advise on all questions of Templar Law and report upon all proposed amendments to the Constitution, Statutes, Laws and Regulations, and the Grand Commandery shall take no action thereon, or upon any resolutions in connection therewith, until its report is received.

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Members of the Committee on Templar Jurisprudence shall not include the Grand Commander, Deputy Grand Commander, Grand Generalissimo, Grand Captain General, Grand Senior Warden, Grand Junior Warden, Grand Treasurer, or Grand Recorder. The appointment of appointed Grand Commandery officers to the Committee on Templar Jurisprudence may be permissible.

Furthermore, members of the Committee on Templar Jurisprudence shall not concurrently serve on the committees for the Benevolence Fund, the Education Foundation, Finance, Investment, Division and Reference, Charters and Dispensations, Returns, Appeals and Grievances, or Credentials along with their membership on the Committee on Templar Jurisprudence. The committee of Jurisprudence shall have judicial authority to conclusively hear the disputes of any decision made by any of the aforementioned committees, provided any objection to a committee action is based in, or due to negligence of, Templar law. The report of the Jurisprudence committee in these circumstances shall be submitted to the Grand Commander for final adjudication.

Finally, as it is the role of the Committee on Templar Jurisprudence to confirm the legality and adjudicate legislative actions at the annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Minnesota, a member the Committee on Templar Jurisprudence may not be the principal or sole presenter of legislation for consideration and action at a Stated Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Minnesota, though may aid and render assistance in the composing of said legislative actions for any other member or committee of the Grand Commandery.

Triennial

Alan Mackenzie, KCT, KTCH, PGC, Chairman	No. 18
John E. Helcl, II, KCT, GPE	No. 1-8
James A. Henderson, KCT	No. 8

TRIENNIAL COMMITTEE

Section 27.

The Triennial Conclave Committee shall consist of THREE members. Immediately following each Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment, the Grand Commander in office shall appoint TWO members of this Grand Commandery, the third member shall be the Grand Recorder, who shall serve as chairman during the ensuing Triennial period. This Committee is endowed with power and authority to transact any and all business pertaining to the forthcoming Triennial Conclave. It shall make suitable arrangements for the transportation facilities to and from the place of meeting of the Triennial for the convenience of the Sir Knights of this Grand Jurisdiction and secure suitable hotel accommodations at such place for the officers and members thereof; shall arrange for the receptions and other entertainment for its officers and members of those of other Grand Jurisdictions, as such committee deems advisable, shall have authority to expend and disburse such Triennial funds as may have been

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voted by the Grand Commandery and make complete report thereof when and as required and shall perform such other duties in connection with the arrangements at the Triennial Conclave as the Grand Commander may request. It shall serve until the adjournment of the Triennial for which it was appointed, and shall make a report at each Stated Conclave of the Grand Commandery including the Stated Conclave next following the adjournment of a Triennial. Vacancies shall be filled by the Grand Commander in office.

Honor Guard

James O. Helms, KCT, GPE, Captain	No. 18
James A. Henderson, KCT, Sgt. Maj.	No. 8
John E. Helcl, II, KCT, GPE, Sgt.	No. 1-8

2026-2027 Special Assignment

Plan two state wide social events open to all masons and non-masons including families. No agenda, no awards.

GRAND HONOR GUARD COMMITTEE COMPOSITION Section 107.

The Grand Commandery Honor Guard Committee (Honor Guard, herein) is a standing committee. It will consist of members appointed annually by the Grand Commander upon recommendation of the

Honor Guard membership. The Grand Commander shall appoint three administrative officers to the committee, with one appointed as Chair of the committee with the operating title of Captain, one appointed as Assistant Chair with the operating title of Sergeant Major, and one appointed as secretary-recorder with the operating title of Sergeant. The members of the Honor Guard Committee will submit a roster of duly screened and qualified Sir Knights, upon a unanimous vote of the Honor Guard as a whole, to the Grand Commander for appointment to committee membership. Those qualified Sir Knights will have passed the Honor Guard committee uniform skills-based entrance standards test. The committee shall have the authority to add additional duly qualified Sir Knights or may move a member to inactive status for cause. Removal of a standing member shall be either by a majority vote of the committee or by order of the Grand Commander. The Honor Guard shall meet quarterly for administrative and planning purposes; and more frequently as needed to address any deployment, logistical, or administrative issues that may arise.

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FUNCTIONS AND DUTIES

Section 107.1

The Honor Guard will be responsible for:

1. Knights Templar Funeral Ceremonies
2. Knights Templar and Masonic funeral honor/casket/ramp guard detail
3. Flag presentation ceremonies
4. High-profile drill and ceremony events
5. Training Instruction on Drill and Ceremony for requesting Commanderies or Sir Knights
6. Training and instruction of prospective candidates for the Honor Guard
7. Review of Drill and Ceremony standards for testing Honor Guard candidates and for the Grand Commandery at-large, as requested
8. Other additional duties as may be assigned by the Grand Commander, The Officers of Grand Commandery assembled, or as deemed prudent by the Captain of the Honor Guard with the permission of the Grand Commander.

The Captain of the Honor Guard will be responsible for:

1. Calling meetings of the Honor Guard
2. Setting an agenda and presiding over Honor Guard meetings
3. Ensure that Honor Guard members are properly equipped or supplied with Honor Guard-specific uniform items and that members are prepared to deploy for Honor Guard activations or assistance.
4. Maintain open lines of communication with the Grand Commander, Grand Recorder, and Grand Treasurer.
5. Inform the Grand Commander of any changes to the membership of the Honor Guard Committee
6. Report all expenditures promptly to the Grand Recorder for applicable reimbursement.
7. Assist the Sergeant Major in instructing and inspecting the drill and ceremony capabilities of Honor Guard members and any potential candidates for the Honor Guard.
8. Submit quarterly reports of all Honor Guard activities to the Deputy Grand Commander and Grand Recorder.
9. Planning logistics, tactics, and personnel deployment for any Honor Guard activation; or assigning a deployment Commander to oversee and conduct these tasks for individual deployments.

The Sergeant Major of the Honor Guard will be responsible for:

1. Assisting the Captain in the performance of his duties as needed and, in his absence, assume command.
2. Maintain, refine, instruct, and inspect the drill and ceremony capabilities of the Honor Guard members and potential candidates for the Honor Guard.
3. Develop drill tactics to address unique or variable factors involved in the execution of duties by the Honor Guard when deployed and the training of newly assigned members.
4. With the Captain, develop and maintain a standardized testing methodology for measuring candidates' skill, aptitude, and abilities against minimum standards required for Honor Guard members and deployments.

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5. Research possible additional training opportunities, if applicable, for the Honor Guard and Honor Guard members; and present such findings to the committee when in session.
6. Call the Honor Guard's in-service/continuing training sessions to train and ensure ongoing operational standards and skills maintenance of Honor Guard members for any regular, special, or foreseeable deployment operation requirements.

The Sergeant of the Honor Guard will be responsible for:

1. Recording minutes of Honor Guard meetings and submitting minutes to the Captain, and he to the Deputy Grand Commander for quarterly reporting.
2. Distribute consent agendas and prior meeting minutes to committee members before quarterly meetings, to include summaries of activities or special meetings since their last report.
3. Receiving and presenting the names and pertinent information to the Committee of any Sir Knight seeking consideration as a candidate for the Honor Guard.
4. Keep a record of dates for when a member joined the Honor Guard, trainings, and responses to service or deployment.

All members of the Honor Guard will be responsible for:

1. Attend meetings of the Honor Guard and respond to calls for Honor Guard deployments.
2. Maintaining operational skill efficiencies in drill and ceremony, sword drill, marching, funeral honors team, casket guard, ramp guard, flag presentations, and calling drill commands.
3. On limited notice, be prepared to respond to Honor Guard deployments for funerals, memorials, or similar duties.
4. Keep and maintain a uniform of the highest standard in complete working order, and report all equipment needs to the Captain of the Honor Guard as soon as possible.
5. Assist the Captain in researching and conducting outreach of equipment and uniform vendors to outfit the Honor Guard to achieve the best return on expenditures.
6. Engage in outreach efforts to inform Sir Knights, their families, Freemasons, and others of the duties and services the Honor Guard can provide.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Public Relations / Membership

Nathan Smithson, Chairman	No. 8
Scott Giannone	No. 15

This committee will be responsible for maintaining out public appearance. They shall be responsible for maintaining (or creating) a Grand Commandery website, work to improve our social media presence, and other such projects as the Grand Commander may request.

2026-2027 Special Assignment

Revamp our existing website or create a new website

Create a KT specific petition

Create an upgraded logo

Arrange for and manage a recruitment table at events to include but are not limited to:

Grand Lodge Annual Communication

Grand Lodge One-Day to Masonry

Leadership and Membership events in all masonic bodies throughout the jurisdiction.

This committee will work closely with the publisher of the “Beauseant and Buckler” for content for submission in the periodical and recruitment.

The primary goal of this committee is to focus on NON members that could and should be Knights Templar.

Special Legislative Conclave

Brian K. Dimatteo, KCT, KTCH, PGC, Chairman	No. 2
Aaron Boltjes, KCT	No. 8

This committee shall make the necessary arrangements for the Special Legislative Conclave to occur on 28Nov2026 at 1300 hours. They shall work with the Recorder to make the necessary arrangements to meet via electronic means. Additionally, to make preparations for and accounting of all necessary voting methods. They shall work with the tellers to verify that all votes are properly accounted for.

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Returns

Alan Mackenzie, KCT, KTCH, PGC	No. 18
Michael A. Hilgert, KCT Chairman	No. 2-24
John E. Helcl, II, KCT, GPE	No. 1-8

This Committee shall consist of the Grand Treasurer as Chairman, Grand Recorder, and the Chief Division Commander.

RETURNS

Section 41.

The Committee on Returns shall consist of three members and shall serve until the close of the Stated Conclave. It shall carefully examine and check the reports of the Constituent Commanderies after they have been filed with the Grand Recorder and report fully with reference to said reports to the Grand Commandery and make recommendations in accordance with its findings.

Necrology and Religious Events

Foster D. Solem, GPE, Chairman	No. 23	1-year
Shawn R. Carrick	No. 8	2-years
Terry L. Tilton, KTCH, GPE	No. 18	3-years

This Committee shall consist of the Grand Prelate as Chairman and the Associate Prelates.

NECROLOGY

Section 36.

The Committee on Necrology shall report at the Stated Conclave, the death of each member of the Grand Commandery occurring since the previous Stated Conclave, with a suitable memorial to the Templar dead.

RELIGIOUS EVENTS:

This committee is tasked with scheduling and presenting the following events:

- Ascension Day Service
- Easter Observance
- Christmas Observance

Additionally, to prepare and preside over the Memorial Service at the Annual York Rite Session, present scripture and devotions at all Grand Commandery events both public and private. Also, any religious request of the Grand Commander or his representative.

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Holy Land Pilgrimage

David J. Dumonceaux, KCT, PGC, Chair	No. 14	1-Year
W. David Emery, KCT	No. 2	2-Year
Sean Savage	No. 14	3-Year
Richard C. Kauchman, KCT, PGC	No. 2	Emeritus

Special Assignment 2026-2027

-Create a fundraising program to raise funds for the HLP fund.

Section 31.

This Committee shall be composed of three (3) members, one who would serve for 3 years, one to serve for 2 years, and one to serve for 1 year. Each year the Grand Commander would appoint one to serve for a three-year term after the first year. The man leaving could be reappointed for the three-year term.

This Committee shall be charged with, and entrusted to study and recommend to the Grand Commandery, ways and means to send Ordained Christian Ministers, gratis, to the Holy Land for the purpose of furthering their education and enlightening their views and dedication to their ministry. The rules governing the eligibility of said ministers are to be prepared by the Holy Land Pilgrimage Committee and approved by the Grand Dais Officers and the Holy Land Pilgrimage Committee Chairman.

The Committee shall be instructed to have each Commandery in a district submit a name of the Minister they recommend. (Example) If there were enough monies available to send only one Minister the Committee would contact only the Commanderies in District No. 1. If there were enough to send three (3) the Committee would have the Commanderies in Districts No. 1, 2 and 3 send in their recommendations.

The Committee then would choose one from each District to go. The first choice from District No. 1, the second choice, from District No. 2, and so on until each of the districts have had a representative

sent. Then the rotation starts over again in the same order thereby allowing all Commanderies in the State to have a Minister selected.

A Holy Land Pilgrimage Fund is, authorized to be, established to accomplish the objectives of this committee. All monies received for this Fund shall be deposited with the Grand Treasurer. The committee may solicit contributions, approve fund raising activities, and conduct such other activities, as it may deem appropriate to finance the objectives of this program. The committee is authorized to use the income from this Fund to accomplish the purposes heretofore stated. The Holy Land Pilgrimage

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Fund may be dissolved; with the principal and accumulated interest being transferred to the General Fund of the Grand Commandery by a two-thirds vote of the Grand Commandery at its annual Conclave or a special Conclave called for that purpose.

Ritual

Jerry E. Zierdt, KCT, PGC, Chairman No. 1-8
Terrance D. Christiansen, KCT, KTCH No. 1
Alan Mackenzie, KCT, KTCH, PGC No. 18

This Committee shall consist of three Sir Knights with proficient ritual skills appointed by the Grand Commander.

2026-2027 Special Assignment

This committee is tasked to host three (3) Schools of Instruction. One in each of the three Grand Lodge Regions of the jurisdiction (North, Metro, and South). Schools are to be an educational opportunity to focus primarily on opening and closing an asylum accurately and legally. Each School shall be hosted by a Constituent Commandery and scheduled by the Committee Member with the assistance of the Division Commander. A report on each school, along with a roster of those in attendance, shall be submitted to the Grand Commander within one (1) week after said school is held. The Chairman is to report quarterly per the constitution and at the request of the Grand Commander or his representative. This Committee shall work closely and shall assist the Board of Instruction. Each School shall be scheduled no later than 01 SEP 2026. The final School shall be held no later than 15 MAY 2027.

Youth

Joel R. Porter, Chairman No. 8
Brian K. Dimatteo, KCT, KTCH, PGC No. 2
John E. Helcl, II, KCT, GPE No. 1-8

This Committee shall consist of three Sir Knights well versed in the youth programs throughout the state appointed by the Grand Commander.

This Committee is tasked with keeping in regular touch with the Job's Daughters Bethels and Order of DeMolay Councils in this Jurisdiction. To keep this Grand Commandery updated with events and requests for attendance of the Grand Officers.

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Divisions

John E. Helcl, II, KCT, GPE, Chairman	No. 1-8
Keith L. Donaldson	No. 1
Anthony J. Heimer, KTCH	No. 2
William H. Gunther, Jr.	No. 27
Aaron J. Boltjes, KCT	No. 8
David P. Sarazin, KCT	No. 18
Scott Giannone, KTCH	No. 14

This committee consists of the Chief Division Commander as Chairman and the Division Commanders. The Division Commanders are the direct representatives of the Grand Commander in his absence. They are tasked with bringing his message to the Constituent Commanderies as well as updates and events from the Grand Commandery. The Chief Division Commander is to report on each division at each Corporate Board meeting and at the request of the Grand Commander or his representative.

The Duties and Expectations of the Division Commanders are found in the Division Commander Procedures Manual published March 2025.

The jurisdiction is divided into 6 divisions.

Division 1:		Division 2:	
Zion	No. 2	Damascus	No. 2
Mounted	No. 23	Faribault	No. 8
Division 3:		Division 4:	
Ivanhoe	No. 31	Cyrene	No. 9
Fairmont	No. 27	Bernard	No. 13
		Home	No. 5
Division 5:		Division 6:	
Duluth	No. 18	Nazarene	No. 24
		Palestine	No. 14

Awards and Honors

James A. Henderson, KCT, Chairman	No. 8	1-year
Scott F. Wood, KCT	No. 2	2-year
Joel R. Porter	No. 8	3-year

2026-2027 Special Assignments

-Update award forms (written and digital) to have accurate information on deadlines and to whom they are to be sent as well as accurate pricing including shipping (i.e. MSA).

-Create advertising documents to put out to all commanderies listing ALL potential awards AND deadlines.

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This Committee consists of the Grand Captain General as Chairman, Grand Senior Warden, and the Grand Junior Warden.

This committee is tasked to promote and advertise the many awards both for individuals as well as Commanderies through the Chief Division Commanders and Division Commanders. Also, when necessary, to select those individuals and Commanderies worthy to receive them. These are to be communicated regularly to each constituent Commandery and updates given at each meeting of the Grand Commandery Officers. Additionally, this committee is tasked with obtaining the traveling awards (i.e. Mathison Bible) to be given to the next worthy Commandery. The Chairman is to update the Grand Commander or his designate at each Grand Commandery Officers meeting if requested.

Additionally, this committee is tasked with verifying on an annual basis, the accuracy of due dates and contact information of the awards as they change through time, both statewide and nationally.

The awards consist of, but are not limited to:

Knight Templar Cross of Honor - Nominations to Grand Commander

Knight Commander of the Temple - Nominations by KCT holders to the Dean of the College of Honors

Meritorious Service Award - One nomination per year per commandery

Ralph Kirk Award - One large commandery and one small commandery per year

Mathison Traveling Bible

Properties

Anthony J. Heimer, KTCH, Chairman	No. 2	1-year
James O. Helms, KCT, GPE, Chairman	No. 18	2-years
Edward J. Gerwill	No. 5	3-years

This committee consists of the Grand Standard Bearer as Chairman, Grand Sword Bearer, and Grand Warder

The Properties Committee shall be responsible for assuring that the property and accouterments necessary to properly dress the asylum for the Grand Conclave are safely and carefully transported from the Grand Commandery office to the location of the Annual Grand Conclave. To assist in the arrangement and set-up of the asylum and following the Grand Conclave, to assist in the removal of said items and assure their safe return to storage noting anything in need of repair and/or replacement.

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These items consist of but are not limited to the following:

Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Minnesota Charter

Beauceant Stands

Grand Standard

American Flag

Grand Commandery Beauceant

Flag Stands x3

Grand Commandery bible and accessories (square and compass, cross, two swords)

Coordination of transporting these items may be done in conjunction with the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of MN, Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of MN, and/or the York Rite Session Committee but the responsibility of the Grand Commandery related items are the responsibility of this committee.

Tellers

Scott R. Boehning

No. 8 1-year

Paul E. Smith

No. 8 2-year

Jake M. Reimer

No. 8 3-year

This committee shall consist of three (3) members with the Chairman appointed by the Grand Commander. The committee shall collect and tabulate the vote. It shall be permissible to count and tabulate the votes in a room adjacent to that in which the Annual Grand Conclave is held. When such tabulation is completed the committee Chairman shall make his report.

The Grand Commander shall appoint a replacement for the immediate vote when a member of the committee is a relative of a member who may be considered for election or who may have a conflict of interest in the vote.

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GRAND COMMANDERY EDUCATION OFFICER

Rick Vance

No. 8

The Grand Commandery Education Officer (GCEO) is responsible for producing educational articles for online publication once a month. Articles shall be submitted no later than the fifteenth day of each month to the Grand Commander. Articles will be used for publication in the Beauceant and Buckler newsletter, the Minnesota supplement of the Knights Templar magazine, and distributed to the Constituent Commanderies for their education.

He shall attend and be an active participant in the education break out sessions of the annual Knights Templar Festival.

GRAND HERALD

Scott Gianonne, KTCH

No. 14

The Grand Herald is an appointed officer responsible for the regular, accurate, and timely communication of Grand Commandery news, events, and educational content to the Sir Knights of Minnesota through commonly used and widely accessible channels. The office exists to strengthen engagement, improve participation, and support the mission and good order of the Grand Commandery by ensuring Sir Knights are consistently informed, invited, and equipped.

He shall work with the Grand Commandery Education Officer to provide education and add value to the publications of this Grand Commandery.

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