

GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF MARYLAND

OCTOBER 25, 2024

HOLIDAY INN OCEAN FRONT
OCEAN CITY, MARYLAND



ANNUAL GRAND CONCLAVE

PROCEEDINGS

&

APPENDICES

Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Maryland
Grand Council of Royal & Select Masters of Maryland
Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Maryland

Companions & Knights

By order of the:

Most Excellent Grand High Priest, ME Comp. G. Andrew Martinez Most

Illustrious Grand Master, MI Comp. William C. Hare, Jr.

Right Eminent Grand Commander, SK Bradley D. Andrukitis

Official notice is given for the following:

The Annual Grand Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Maryland, The Annual Grand Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal & Select Masters of Maryland, and The Annual Grand Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar.

The Grand Chapter will meet in Grand Convocation on Saturday, October 26, 2024, at 9:00 am to conduct all business proper to the Annual Grand Convocation. Agenda to include Finance Presentations, Installation of 2025 Officers, and all other Officer and Committee Reports, as necessary. The dress is a Tuxedo with a Red Jacket, Apron, & Jewels for Officers; all others are Tux or Coat and tie. Please wear your Chapter Apron. Location: Holiday Inn Ocean Front, Ocean City, MD.

The Grand Council will meet in Grand Assembly on Saturday, October 26, 2024, at 1:15 pm to conduct all business proper to the Annual Grand Assembly. Agenda to include Finance Presentations, Installation of the 2025 Officers, and all other Officer and Committee Reports, as necessary. The dress is a Tuxedo, Apron, & Jewels for Officers; all others are Tux or Coat and tie.

Please wear your Council Apron.

Location: Holiday Inn Ocean Front, Ocean City, MD,

The Grand Commandery will meet in Grand Conclave on Friday, October 25, 2024, at 3:00 pm to conduct all business proper to the Annual Grand Conclave. Agenda to include Presentations, Installation of 2025 Officers, and all other Officer and Committee Reports, as necessary. The dress is Full Templar Uniform, Chapeau & Sword. Location: Holiday Inn Ocean Front, Ocean City, MD.

HRAKTP & Association of Past Commanders Meetings - Friday, October 25, 2024, 1:00 & 2:00pm.

Fraternally & respectfully,

SK Vernon H. Huebschman

ME Comp William C. Eppig
Grand Secretary
Grand Chapter of Maryland

RI Comp. William C. Eppig
Grand Recorder
Grand Council of Maryland

Grand Recorder
Grand Commandery of
Knights Templars in MD

Proposed Constitution changes to be voted on at the Annual Meeting of the Grand Chapter of Maryland on October 26, 2024.
Proposed by G. Andrew Martinez, GHP

Proposed Changes: (in Bold and underlined)

Article 6, Section 4: The Grand Lecturer and/or Deputy Grand Lecturer shall visit all the Subordinate Chapters in the jurisdiction at least once every year, and impart to them such instructions, as they may need. The Grand Lecturer and/or Deputy Grand Lecturer shall report at each Annual Convocation the condition of the several Chapters. The Grand Lecturer and Deputy Grand Lecturers shall be paid for their services from the funds of the Grand Chapter, his the actual expenses incurred, and such sum as may be fixed from time to time by resolution of the Grand Chapter.

Article XII, Section 5, (b), 1, b

He must be certified by the Grand Lecturer or Deputy Grand Lecturer as meeting the current standards for Ritual proficiency.

Article XII, Section 5, (b), 3, a

Attend the Annual Law School conducted by the Grand Lecturer or Deputy Grand Lecturer.

Justification: This will hopefully relieve some of the pressure on the GL position and add some flexibility in covering all of the GL's responsibilities should he be unavailable.

2024 Maryland York Rite Grand Sessions

Tentative Schedule

Friday, October 25, 2024

1:00 pm to 5:30 pm - Registration Open
1:00 pm to 1:45 pm - HRAKTP Meeting - Orlando Room
2:00 pm to 2:45 pm — Association of Past Commanders Meeting — Orlando Room
3:00 pm to 5:00 pm - Grand Commandery Session — Orlando Room
5:30 pm to 6:30 pm — Social Time & Cash Bar — Harrison Room
6:30 pm to 8:30 pm - Awards Banquet - Harrison Room

EOTpm to M:30 pm – Hospitality Room Open

Saturday, October 26, 2024

7:45 am to 9:00 am - Registration Open
8:00 am — Guests Assemble
8:15 am - Introduction of Guests - Followed by Memorial Service - Orlando Room
9:00 am to 11:45 am - Grand Chapter Session - Orlando Room
10:00 am to 10:45 am — Ladies Session: Stretching - Berlin Room
12:00 noon to 1:00 pm - Men's & Ladies Program Lunch - Harrison Room
1:15 pm to 3:15 pm - Grand Council Session - Orlando Room
1:15 pm to 3:00 pm - Ladies Program Painting Experience - Berlin Room
4:00 pm to 6:00 pm - Hospitality Room Open
6:00 pm to 7:00 pm - Hors D'oeuvres & Cash Bar - Harrison Room
7:00 pm to 9:30 pm - York Rite Banquet - Harrison Room
(Hospitality Room will open 1/2 hour following the banquet until 11:30 pm)

Online Registration and Payment at: <https://www.yorkritemaryland.org/session>

1. OPENING:**hare SK Bradley Andrukitis KCT, REGC**

SK Andrukitis, having ascertained all present were Sir Knights and qualified to be in attendance declared this Grand Commandery called on for the dispatch of business. SK Charles Beckhardt, KCTH, Grand Chaplain offered an invocation to bless the efforts of this Conclave. The REGC then led the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. WELCOME:**SK Bradley D. Andrukitis KCT, REGC**

The REGC offered his greeting to the assembled Sir Knight of this Grand Commandery and to the Sir Knights sojourning from our several sister Jurisdictions.

3. CREDENTIALS – Initial Report**SK David Andrukitis, Grand Sentinel**

Following the calling of the roll of officers and member, the Grand Sentinel reported the following:

- All ten Commanderies of this Grand Commandery were represented.
- There were 38 Voting Members present
- There were 24 Non-voting Members and guests from other jurisdictions.

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT		
Maryland Commandery No. 1	Norman F. Henthorn III Robert B. Lumbert Frederick A. Spicer REPGC	Scott G. Lapp* VEDGC Frederick T. Rossmark Jr. Mark E. Wlsniewski
Monumental-Crusade Commandery No. 3	Marcellino A. BaalW Dennis Ewing EGCG Vernon H. Huebschman* EGR Darryl J. Smith Spyridon G. Treklas REPGC Randall L. Watson EGT	George J. Christoff, EGG William C. Hare Jr Scott G. Lapp* VEDGC Jason S. Smith Charles E. Warns II REPGC
Jacques DeMolay Commandery No. 4	Dakota D. Clark John A. Rafine REPGC	Robert H. Koons Michael W. Shrank
Antioch Commandery No. 8	Kenneth A. Robertson	
Palestine Commandery No.	Brandley D. Andrukitis REGC G. Andrew Martinez Kenneth S. Wyvill Jr. REPGC	David L Andrukitis GSent Rafeal A. Rodriguez
Carroll- Beauseant Commandery No. 8	Michael Raab	John S. Wimmer
Chesapeake Commandery No. 10	A Dean Burt III Vernon H. Huebschman* GR Frederick L. Smith	Clifton R. Friel REPGC John H. Myers Jr.
Thomas J. Shryock Commandery	David F. Long	Michael A. Youse
Montgomery Commandery No. 13	John H. Austin, DC Carl R. Swanson	James Kinnear
York Commandery	John Morris III	

4. RECEPTION OF PAST GRAND COMMANDERS

SK Bradley D. Andrukitis KCT, REGC

The following REPGC's were present on this occasion:

❖ SK Clifton R. Friel KCT	1991
❖ SK John A. Rafine KCT	2006
❖ SK Kenneth S. Wyvill, Jr. KCT	2011 – 2012
❖ SK Frederick A. Spicer KCT	2013
❖ SK Spyridon G. Treklas KCT	2018 – 2019
❖ SK Charles E. Warns, II KCT	2020 – 2021
❖ SK John H. Austin KCT	2022 – 2023

The REGC greeted the assembled Past Grand Commanders. He thanked them for their continuing loyal service to this Grand Commandery. He also expressed his gratitude for their support and advice throughout the past year.

SK Clifton R. Friel KCT responded for the REPGC's, thanking the Grand Commander for his courtesies and hospitality. SK Friel commended the REGC on his successful and wished him well on his future endeavors.

5. RECEPTION of DISTINGUISHED VISITORS

SK Bradley D. Andrukitis, REGC

The following visiting Sir Knights were greeted and welcomed into this Grand Conclave:

❖ SK Jack Harper KGC	Grand Generalissimo, Grand Encampment of NA
❖ SK John H. Austin KCT	Department Commander for the Mid-Atlantic, GE
❖ SK Reed Fanning	Grand Commandery of Utah,
❖ SK Eloi Kpamegan	Grand Commander of Washington, DC
❖ SK Christopher Reed	Grand Commander of Pennsylvania
❖ SK Joseph W. Dawson III	Grand Commander of Delaware
❖ SK Randy Mullins	REPGC of Delaware
❖ SK Mark Irwin	REPGC of Delaware
❖ SK Jay Bergstrom	REPGC of Delaware

The following distinguished Sir Knights of Maryland were greeted and welcomed:

❖ SK Randall L. Watson KCT	Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master of Masons MD
❖ SK Frederick A. Spicer, KCT, KCTH	Most Worshipful Grand Master of Maryland

6. PROCEEDINGS

SK Vernon H. Huebschman, GR

Right Eminent Grand Commander,

The Proceedings of the Semi-Annual Grand Conclave of May, 2024 have been posted to the Grand Commandery website since June 2024 and available for review and comment. To this date, the Grand Recorder has received no comments concerning the content of the Proceedings.

Therefore I move the Proceedings of the 2024 Semi-Annual Grand Conclave be approved as published on the Grand Commandery website. And available on yorkritemaryland.org.

Respectfully submitted,

SK Vernon H. Huebschman, KCT;

Seconded by SK Randall Watson KCT, and passed unanimously.

7. GRAND COMMANDER'S REPORT

SK Bradley D. Andrukitis KCT, REGC



Grand Encampment Officers, Right Eminent Past Grand Commanders, Distinguished Guests, and Sir Knights All,

It is my great pleasure to stand before you this afternoon and present my report as Grand Commander of Knights Templar of Maryland.

I am grateful for all our Grand Commandery Officers and Committee Members who have worked diligently since taking office at our 2023 Sessions. I want to thank each of them for their efforts.

They have been busy assisting with taking care of their committees' various duties.

Over the past year, I have had the honor of attending many events within and outside the state representing the Grand Commandery of Maryland.

I had the honor of being REGC during the 150th Anniversary Celebration of my Commandery, Palestine Commandery No. 7. On November 27th, they held a Festive Board to celebrate 150 years of Templary in our state capital of Annapolis. It was a wonderful evening beginning with DeMolay from across the state exemplifying the DeMolay Degree. This exemplification was followed by the Festive Board with many toasts and tributes to commemorate this historic event.

In December, Christmas Observances brought us to the Grand Lodge where Maryland Commandery No. 1 and Monumental Crusade Commandery No. 3 held their annual joint event on December 17th and to Westminster on December 22nd, where Carroll Beauceant Commandery No. 8 held their first Observance since their merger. Both celebrations were well attended and enjoyed, together with family, friends, and our fellow Sir Knights.

On Sunday, December 17th, prior to the Christmas Observance at Grand Lodge, I had the pleasure to assist our Grand Prelate, Charles Beckhardt, with our Annual York Rite Religious Service for the residents at Bonnie Blink as the Grand Commandery was the host this year. Unfortunately, due to a COVID outbreak at the homes, the service was conducted on closed-circuit television to the residents in their rooms. The Grand Prelate delivered a wonderful service, and I hope that his message resonated with all the residents as much as it did with me.

On Saturday, December 16th, our Sir Knights assisted with the installation of Officers of the Westminster Assembly #245 Social Order of the Beauceant. In June, we traveled to Westminster to attend their 50th Anniversary Celebration. We are excited to be on the brink of seeing a new SOOB Assembly opened in Cockeysville. I want to thank these ladies for all their assistance throughout the year.

On January 6th, Lady Christine and I had the pleasure to attend Twelfth Night which was hosted by Monumental Crusade Commandery No. 3. The Gothic Room at Grand Lodge is the perfect setting for this event. Thank you to VEDGC Scott Lapp and Lady Marcy for a wonderful time. The food and entertainment were very enjoyable. It was nice to have in attendance SK Mark Button, REGC of Delaware (at the time), and his wife, Heike.

The Grand Commandery Officers have had the honor and pleasure to install the officers of Maryland, Monumental Crusade, Montgomery, Palestine and Chesapeake Commanderies. I believe our participation at these installations helped to boost attendance and to make the occasions special for the incoming officers.

Commanderies have been conferring degrees and working hard to make sure that our Knights are progressing through them as quickly as possible. It is nice to see commanderies working together when necessary to make this happen.

REPGC and GIG Richard Naegele continues to travel around the state conducting inspections and making sure that our commanderies are staying proficient in ritual as well as sword drills. He also held several scheduled training sessions across the state.

Excellent Grand Prelate Beckhardt has done an excellent job in making sure our commanderies are conducting religious services which is so important for a Christian organization. Participation in Christmas and Ascension Services have increased across the state. We attended our Annual Easter Observance at the GWMNM. Maryland was well represented. This is always a great way to celebrate Easter morning. Our hope is that this will move back to an outdoor event next year.

The Grand Commandery of Maryland has been represented well in traveling to other jurisdictions. This year we have attended Grand Conclaves in Virginia, Pennsylvania, Delaware, the District of Columbia, North Carolina, and West Virginia.

If my schedule did not permit me to attend, REPGC John Austin, and/or others attended and brought greetings on behalf of the Grand Commandery of Maryland.

Last month, MADC Austin and I traveled to Gettysburg for the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania's Annual Memorial Service.

Membership continues to be a concern in many organizations, including Knights Templary in Maryland. Membership committee chairman, SK Bradley Thomas has been working diligently with the commanderies to increase membership.

Our acting quartermaster, VEDGC Scott Lapp has been working with all of our commanderies to ensure our uniforms are standardized and meet the required regulations. He has a supply of many items which our recorders can order from him, or he can direct them in the right direction as to where they can purchase them.

Public awareness and a public presence in our local communities is imperative to our membership. Some of these activities that our constituent commanderies engaged in community involvement and awareness included presenting charitable contributions to various organizations throughout their area to assist with homelessness, food assistance, and youth groups. We participated in the Westminster Memorial Day Parade with some Sir Knights in Chainmail on Horseback which drew a lot of attention from the onlookers. We will also be participating in the Baltimore Mayors Parade in December. At our recent Harvest Home Day Event, the Grand Commandery along with the other York Rite Grand Bodies manned tables inside of the Grand Lodge where they sold various commandery items and provided information about Knights Templary. The beautiful Gothic Room was also open for tours by our Sir Knights.

The Knights Templar Eye Foundation and Education Foundation continue to do well. A few weeks ago, along with our KTEF Chairman, Gary Kennedy and our MADC John Austin, visited the Wilmer Eye Institute at Johns Hopkins University to present 3 \$90,000 grants to 3 very deserving doctors who continue to assist with alleviating blindness in children. We were able to attend at Wilmer and NIH last year and see the great works in research and the advancements that they are making. It was so rewarding to hear their stories and see their accomplishments.

This year we were fortunate to award 8 scholarships totaling \$23,000 on behalf of the Education Foundation to some very qualified students to assist in their continued education.

We continue to support our youth groups, including providing financial support and assisted with an Arch of Steel at the Rainbow Grand Assembly where Kaylee Wisnewski was installed as Grand Worthy Advisor.

I would like to thank the Right Eminent Past Grand Commanders who have guided me as necessary and were always willing and able to assist with any questions or concerns that I have had over the past several years.

Thank you to REGC-Elect Scott Lapp and the other Grand Commandery Officers, especially REPGC and MADC John Austin, EGR Vernon Huebschman, and EGT Randy Watson who have been so supportive of me and eagerly assisted me with whatever I needed and helped to promote Knights Templary around the state.

I would like to thank all of those who committed their time and efforts into making this weekend possible. From the planning stages to the execution, they have done a wonderful job.

And finally, I would like to thank my wife, Christine. She has assisted me behind the scenes, for the past several years in the Grand Commandery and especially this past year. I am very grateful to her.

It is my great honor to have served as the REGC of Maryland. My best wishes to my successor, Scott Lapp and the 2025 Officers. I will be ready to assist this Grand Commandery as needed and to help make the best experience possible for all Knights Templar in Maryland.

Respectfully submitted,

SK Bradley D. Andrukitis
Right Eminent Grand Commander
Grand Commandery of Maryland

Motion to accept this report by SK Kenneth S. Wyvill Jr. KCT;

Seconded by SK Charles Warns II, KCT and passed unanimously.

8. Report of the Grand Recorder

SK Vernon H. Huebschman KCT

Right Eminent Grand Commander

- A. Constituent Commandery Recorders are to be congratulated for their successful efforts to manage the business of their respective Commanderies. Several Recorders are new to the calling and are doing very well.
- B. Please update the MMS with each membership status event as they occur. This begins with posting in reception of a petition and continues through the conferral of each of the Orders. Major changes including Demits, Suspensions and Deaths must be posted immediately on determination or the reception of notification of such events. All updates must be posted before December 31st of each year.
- C. For most Maryland Commanderies, the IRS 990N are due to be filed immediately after January 1st of each year. As you attempt to file the IRS will inform you if you attempt to file this report before your anniversary date. This report takes approximately 15 minutes to complete but if you fail to file this report for three years it will cost you a minimum of \$600 to file for reinstatement of the Not-for – Profit status with the IRS.
- D. AWARDS: Please note that several of the awards concerning the contributions of our Sir Knights in the local Commanderies are nominated from within the Commandery itself...not by the Grand Commandery Awards Committee, like the Distinguish Service Award and the Companion of the Temple.
- E. ANNUAL REPORTS & ASSESSMENT: are based on the data in the MMS as of December 31st of the preceding year. If a members has a change in status which is not recorder on time, you will be billed for his membership in the annual assessment. I follow the example of SK Kris Brown by sending out electronically the Annual Membership Reports for all the Chapter and a calculation of the annual assessments based on these reports. Each Commandery can see the status and assessments of all the other Commanderies for complete transparency.

REGC, I have enjoyed serving you during your tenure in office. You have been a firm and kind hand upon the tiller of our ship. Thank for your cooperation as we have labored together, and your forbearance

when my efforts have been lacking. I wish you well in the path you will be entering soon, joining those York Rite Masons who have gone on to serve in our Grand Lodge.

Respectfully submitted,

SK Vernon H. Huebschman, KCT
Grand Recorder

Seconded by SK Scott Lapp, and passed unanimously.

9. Report of the Grand Treasurer

SK Randall L. Watson KCT, Grand Treasurer

Treasurer's Report for 2023/2024 Annual Grand Conclave October 25, 2024

This Report covers the period from November 1, 2023 to October 21, 2024 regarding the 2024 income and expenses. Income thus far totals \$22,139.00; expenses total \$45,895.23, so we've drawn \$23,756.23 out of the Operating Fund. We have also prepaid out of the Operating Fund \$937.30 for challenge coins against the 2024-2025 budget.

We were over budget for the Mid-Atlantic Conference (expense code #19). We will recover the cost of a participant in the Commissioned Templar Chaplain Program from his Commandery.

As discussed at the Semi-Annual in May, it was not necessary to transfer any of the allowable amounts from the Endowment Fund this year. The cumulative balance of transfers deferred from the years ending March 2017 through March 2024 is \$163,208.88.

The balance in the operating account with Morgan Stanley as of September 30, 2023 was \$280,600.03; as of September 30, 2024 it is \$318,246.59; an increase of about \$38k (13.4%).

The balance in the Endowment Fund with Morgan Stanley as of September 30, 2023 was \$831,092.47; as of September 30, 2024 it is \$1,086,032.11; an increase of about \$255k (+30.7%).

The balance in the Educational Foundation with Morgan Stanley as of September 30, 2023 was \$668,846.37; as of September 30, 2024 it is \$848,487.51; an increase of about \$180k (26.9%). However, there are checks of \$22,000 that weren't cashed as of September 30th (\$1,000.00 for the annual Grand Encampment fee; \$5,000 for a replacement for a 2023 scholarship; and \$16,000 for 2024 scholarships).

Respectfully submitted,

Randall L. Watson, KCT

Grand Treasurer

Attachments:

Asset & Liabilities Cash Statement as of September 30, 2024

2023/2024 Approved Budget & Year-to-Date Expenses

2024/2025 Approved Budget

Asset & Liabilities Cash Statement as of September 30, 2024

Assets

General Operating Account #633-xxxx34

	% of holding	At cost	Market Value 9/30/24	Unrealized Gain (Loss)	Market Value 9/30/23	Change
Cash & MMFs	2.24%		\$7,114.22		\$10,659.92	(\$3,545.70)
Common & Preferred Stocks	83.26%	\$126,233.22	\$264,987.90	\$138,754.68	\$225,647.65	\$39,340.25
Exchange-Traded & Closed End Fd	7.58%	\$13,283.57	\$24,123.00	\$10,839.43	\$26,962.90	(\$2,839.90)
Corporate Fixed Income	0.00%					\$0.00
Mutual Funds	6.92%	\$12,751.82	\$22,021.47	\$9,269.65	\$17,329.56	\$4,691.91
Subtotal General Operating Account	100.00%	\$152,268.61	\$318,246.59	\$158,863.76	\$280,600.03	\$37,646.56
						13.42%

Endowment Fund Account #633-xxxx10

	% of holding	At cost	Market Value 9/30/24	Unrealized Gain (Loss)	Market Value 9/30/23	Change
Cash & MMFs	1.77%		\$19,175.35		\$25,121.80	(\$5,946.45)
Common & Preferred Stocks	74.85%	\$382,393.51	\$812,911.46	\$430,517.95	\$625,484.29	\$187,427.17
Exchange-Traded & Closed End Fd	4.97%	\$32,969.32	\$54,028.00	\$21,058.68	\$43,056.00	\$10,972.00
Corporate Fixed Income	7.43%	\$78,438.56	\$80,660.22	\$2,221.66	\$56,583.02	\$24,077.20
Certificates of Deposit	0.94%	\$10,000.00	\$10,198.20	\$198.20		\$10,198.20
Mutual Funds	10.04%	\$70,509.28	\$109,058.88	\$38,549.60	\$80,847.36	\$28,211.52
Subtotal Endowment Fund Account	100.00%	\$574,310.67	\$1,086,032.11	\$492,546.09	\$831,092.47	\$254,939.64
						30.68%

	Market Value 9/30/23	Market Value 9/30/22	Change
Net Worth as of September 30, 2024	\$1,404,278.70	\$1,111,692.50	\$292,586.20
			26.32%

Knights Templar Educational Foundation Account #633-xxxx35

	% of holding	At cost	Market Value 9/30/24	Unrealized Gain (Loss)	Market Value 9/30/23	Change
Cash & MMFs	3.89%		\$32,997.81		\$30,899.49	\$2,098.32
Common & Preferred Stocks	67.97%	\$242,803.41	\$576,688.19	\$333,884.78	\$459,368.58	\$117,319.61
Exchange-Traded & Closed End Fd	1.07%	\$11,454.39	\$9,110.78	(\$2,343.61)	\$8,483.02	\$627.76
Corporate Fixed Income	7.46%	\$61,915.92	\$63,295.65	\$1,379.73	\$44,849.51	\$18,446.14
Certificates of Deposit	0.00%					\$0.00
Mutual Funds	19.61%	\$104,744.71	\$166,395.08	\$61,650.37	\$125,245.77	\$41,149.31
Subtotal Endowment Fund Account	100.00%	\$420,918.43	\$848,487.51	\$394,571.27	\$668,846.37	\$179,641.14
						26.86%

Income:		Approved 2024	Year to Date	Balance	Approved 2024
21. Membership Committee	Annual Grand	Budget	10/21/2024	October 25, 2024	Budget
Annual Per Capita (\$5 MD)	A-1	\$ 4,500.00		(\$4,500.00)	\$ 4,375.00
Annual Per Capita (\$9 GE)	A-2	\$ 8,100.00		(\$8,100.00)	\$ 7,875.00
Uncoded Per Capita	A	\$ -	\$12,166.00	\$12,166.00	\$ -
Knight Templar Eye Foundation (\$1 ea)	B-1	\$ -			\$ -
Knight Templar Eye Foundation - Sponsor	B-2	\$ -			\$ -
Knight Templar Eye Foundation - Misc	B-3	\$ -			\$ -
Holy Land Pilgrimage Donations	C	\$ 4,000.00		(\$4,000.00)	\$ 4,500.00
Reimbursable Items	D	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 589.00	(\$1,411.00)	\$ 2,000.00
Initiation Fees (\$50 ea)	E	\$ 2,000.00		(\$2,000.00)	\$ 2,000.00
Miscellaneous	G	\$ 500.00	\$	(\$500.00)	\$ 500.00
Relief Fund - Little Sisters of the Poor	H	\$ -	\$ 80.00	\$80.00	\$ -
Youth Groups (Hershey Trip)	J	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 692.00	(\$308.00)	\$ 1,000.00
Annual Conclave Expense	N	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 8,612.00	\$1,612.00	\$ 7,000.00
Transfer from operating fund (if needed)	M	\$ 54,535.00	\$23,756.23	(\$30,778.77)	\$ 44,225.00
Total Income		\$ 83,635.00	\$45,895.23	(\$37,739.77)	\$ 73,475.00
Expenses:					
Grand Encampment Per Capita	1	\$ 8,100.00	\$ 8,001.00	\$99.00	\$ 7,875.00
Knight Templar Eye Foundation	2	\$ -			\$ -
Treasurer Honorarium	3	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00		\$ 4,000.00
Recorder Honorarium	4	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00		\$ 6,000.00
Office Expense	8	\$ 850.00		\$850.00	\$ 850.00
Annual Conclave Expense	9	\$ 10,500.00	\$ 4,503.61	\$5,996.39	\$ 11,500.00
Annual Session Hospitality	9A	\$ 1,500.00		\$1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
Equipment Repair	10	\$ 100.00		\$100.00	\$ 100.00
Holy Land Pilgrimage	12	\$ 4,000.00		\$4,000.00	\$ 4,500.00
Grand Line Travel	13	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 483.66	\$3,516.34	\$ 4,000.00
PGC Jewel	14	\$ 500.00	\$ 203.00	\$297.00	\$ 500.00
GIG Expense	15	\$ 1,500.00		\$1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
Triennial Expense	16	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 5,799.12	\$4,200.88	\$ -
PGC Travel	18	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00		\$ -
Mid-Atlantic Conference	19	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 4,344.55	(\$1,844.55)	\$ 2,500.00
Youth Program	20	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00		\$ 1,200.00

21. Membership Committee**Annual Grand Convocation****October 25, 2024**

Youth Groups - Prospect Trip	20A	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 4,056.49	\$1,443.51	\$ 5,500.00
Crusader Program	22	\$ 6,100.00		\$6,100.00	\$ 6,100.00
Reimbursable Items	23	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,069.28	\$930.72	\$ 2,000.00
Miscellaneous	24	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 508.08	\$3,491.92	\$ 4,000.00
Awards/Incentives	25	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 1,133.92	\$3,866.08	\$ 5,000.00
Bond/Insurance	26	\$ 2,100.00	\$ 2,409.00	(\$309.00)	\$ 2,300.00
Web Site	27	\$ 185.00		\$185.00	\$ 550.00
Relief Fund – Little Sisters of the Poor	29				\$ -
Semi-Annual Expenses	30	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 183.52	\$816.48	\$ 1,000.00
GC Meetings	31	\$ 1,000.00		\$1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Total Expenses		\$ 83,635.00	\$45,895.23	\$37,739.77	\$ 73,475.00

10. REPORT OF THE GRAND CHAPLAIN**SK Charles Beckhardt, KTCH****11. REPORT on RELIGIOUS SERVICES****12. HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE**

GRAND PRELATE'S SEMI ANNUAL / ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD OF OCTOBER 16, 2023 – October 26, 2024

RELIGIOUS SERVICES

CHRISTMAS

The following Commanderies held an individual or combined Christmas Observance:

Maryland # 1 and Monumental Crusade #3 (combined), Jacque DeMolay #4, Antioch #6. Palestine #7, Carroll Beauseant #8, Chesapeake #10, York #16

HOLY WEEK

The following Commanderies held an individual or combines Holy week service. Others Commanderies attended worship services at their Community Churches

Maryland #1 and Monumental Crusade #3 (combined) Antioch #6, Carroll Beauseant #8, and Chesapeake #10.

ASCENSION

Antioch #6, Carroll Beauseant #8, Chesapeake #10 and Jacques DeMolay #4. In attendance were representatives from Maryland #1, Monumental Crusade #3 and Carroll Beauseant Commandery #8.

OTHER OBSERVANCES

Antioch # 6 participated in the National Day of Prayer held on May 2nd.

Easter Sunrise

Monumental Crusade #3 provided a bus to take any Sir Knights to the annual Sunrise service at the George Washington Masonic Memorial, Alexandria, Virginia. Approximately 20-25 Sir Knights were in attendance.

Some Sir Knights attended their local place of worship for Easter Sunrise service.

MAY 15, 2024- OCTOBER 26, 2024

Prepared conducted and assisted by Chaplain Dean Burt and Sir Knight Jeffrey Hedges, the York Rite Memorial Service at our Annual York Rite Sessions

OTHER ACTIVITIES

This year, The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Maryland was the host and responsible for the Chapel Service. So on December 17, 2023 Along with REGC Brad Andrukitis, we conducted the annual YorkRite Christmas Service at Maryland Masonic Homes. Due to the Covid outbreak and Maryland Masonic Homes restrictions, there was no Chapter or Council participation or in attendance.

December 15, 2023- Visited with other Grand Commandery Officers the Open Installation of the Society Order of Beauseant in Westminster, Maryland.

December 22, 2023- Guest Speaker for Carroll Beauseant Commandery #8 First Annual Christmas Observance.

March 11th- Along with Prelate Morningstar, developed and conducted for Carroll Beauseant Commander's #8 first Holy week Observance.

March 29th, Along with SK Christian Milie, developed and conducted for Maryland #1 & Monumental Crusade #3 Holy week Observance,

April 5th – participated in the Installation of Officers for Maryland Commandery #1.

April 10th – participated in the Installation of Officers for Montgomery Commandery #13.

April 29th- Assisted PEGC Jon Austin in conducting a Knights Templar Memorial Service in Frederick, Md. for SK Joseph Frady.

May 13th – Along with Prelate Morningstar developed and conducted the First Ascension Service for the Carroll Beauseant Commandery #8.

May 15, 2024 – October 26, 2024

Offered prayers at various venues.

August 23rd sent a letter to the Eminent Commander reminding them to consider planning for our Christmas Observance.

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE

April 24th the Grand Recorder e-mailed to the Eminent Commanders the complete package of information concerning the Holy Land Pilgrimage which will have two dates in February 2025. I provided my committee with this information.

MAY 15, 2024 – OCTOBER 26, 2024

We have been advised the Holy Land Pilgrimage has been cancelled for 2025 due to the uncertainty of events in Israel

Respectfully submitted,

SK Charles Beckhardt,
Grand Prelate

Seconded by SK George Christoff, and passed unanimously

13. Finance Committee

SK Scott G. Lapp, VEDGC

As the work of the committee was completed and reported at the May Convocation, there was no report to be made to this Grand Conclave.

14. Knight Templar Eye Foundation

SK Gary Kennedy KCT, KCTH

*Knights Templar
Eye Foundation, Inc.*
(Sponsored by the Grand Encampment Knights Templar)



56TH Annual Voluntary Campaign Committee

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56th Annual Voluntary Campaign Awards**Grand Commandery of Maryland**

Those Commanderies receiving Seals for achieving \$10.00 or more per member:

Maryland Commandery No.1
Jacques DeMolay Commandery No.4
Palestine Commandery No.7
Carroll Beauseant Commandery No.8
Chesapeake Commandery No.10
Thomas J. Shryock Commandery No.11
York Commandery No.16

Appreciation Certificate(s) for achieving \$5.00-\$9.99 per member:

Antioch Commandery No.6
Montgomery Commandery No.13

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Respectfully,

SK Gary Kennedy, KCT, KCTH

Chairman

Campaign Activity

Body: Maryland, Knights Templar Campaign:

NOTE: All contributions postmarked on or before May 15th are credited and closing reports are based on membership as of May 15th posted within the MMS database. Following the close of any campaign reports from the system may change because of membership adjustments and Commanderies merging into others. 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 MMS database reports as of May 15th of that year.

	Contributions Only - used for awards						Contributions + Trusts + Wills			
	Total for Week: 35	Count	Cumulative Total	Active Members as of: 5/15/2024	Active Member Per Capita Average	Rank	Total for Week: 35	Count	Cumulative Total.	Rank
Maryland	\$425.00	291	\$24,306.15	852	\$28.53		\$425.00	291	\$24,306.15	
Grand Commandery	\$0.00	1	\$760.00		\$27.64		\$0.00	1	\$760.00	
Antioch No. 6	\$0.00	5	\$380.00	9	\$5.76	8	\$0.00	5	\$380.00	9
Carroll Beauseant No. 8	\$425.00	19	\$1,070.00	6	\$12.74	7	\$425.00	19	\$1,070.00	6
Chesapeake No. 10	\$0.00	23	\$4,140.00	2	\$39.81	3	\$0.00	23	\$4,140.00	2
Jacques DeMolay No. 4	\$0.00	126	\$9,925.00	1	\$115.41	1	\$0.00	126	\$9,925.00	1
Maryland No. 1	\$0.00	38	\$1,196.15	5	\$17.09	5	\$0.00	38	\$1,196.15	5
Montgomery No. 13	\$0.00	8	\$235.00	10	\$5.11	9	\$0.00	8	\$235.00	10
Monumental Crusade No. 3	\$0.00	21	\$800.00	7	\$3.49	10	\$0.00	21	\$800.00	7
Palestine No. 7	\$0.00	23	\$2,245.00	4	\$27.05	4	\$0.00	23	\$2,245.00	4
Thomas J. Shryock No. 11	\$0.00	21	\$3,115.00	3	\$62.30	2	\$0.00	21	\$3,115.00	3
York No. 16	\$0.00	6	\$440.00	8	\$12.94	6	\$0.00	6	\$440.00	8

2024 Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc. Career Starter Grants Awarded

We are so pleased to announce that the following three (3) Career Starter Grants were awarded to recipients at the Wilmer Eye Institute located in Baltimore, MD:

- Ying Liu, MD, PhD
 - Proposal: Protein transfer from human retinal organoid-derived photoreceptors as a therapy for juvenile ABCA4-related retinopathies
 - Awarded Amount: \$90,000
- Abhishek Vats PhD
 - Proposal: Use of Stem Cell Models to Explore the Preferential Sensitivity of RGCs in Leber's Hereditary Optic Neuropathy
 - Awarded Amount: \$90,000
- Bo Wang MD, PhD
 - Proposal: Optical Coherence Tomography for the Evaluation of Trabecular Meshwork and Schlemm Canal in Normal and Primary Congenital Glaucoma Eyes
 - Awarded Amount: \$90,000

On Monday, October 14th a contingent from the Grand Commandery of Maryland led by Right Eminent Grand Commander Brad Andrukitis and Department Commander John Austin had the honor of visiting the Wilmer Eye Institute in Baltimore to learn more about the research being conducted by these Doctors.

This information with the attached charts are respectfully submitted for your consideration.

Respectfully,

SK Gary Kennedy
Chairman

Seconded by SK Scott Lapp, and passed unanimously

Life Sponsor % as of May 15, 2024

	<u>Active Members</u>	<u>Life Sponsor ONLY</u>
Knights Templar Maryland	851	851 100%
I - Maryland	70	70 100%
3 - Monumental Crusade	229	229 100%
4 - Jacques DeMolay	85	85 100%
6 - Antioch	66	66 100%
7 - Palestine	83	83 100%
8 - Carroll Beauseant	84	84 100%
10 - Chesapeake	104	104 100%
11 - Thomas J. Shryock	50	50 100%
13 - Montgomery	46	46 100%

Let's Work on this.....>

Life Sponsor % as of October 5, 2024

	<u>Active Members</u>	<u>Life Sponsor ONLY</u>
Knights Templar Maryland	840	824 98.1%
I - Maryland	72	68 94.4%
3 - Monumental Crusade	233	233 100%
4 - Jacques DeMolay	80	80 100%
6 - Antioch	58	58 100%
7 - Palestine	81	76 93.8%
8 - Carroll Beauseant	77	77 100%
10 - Chesapeake	105	103 98.1%
11 - Thomas J. Shryock	52	50 96.2%
13 - Montgomery	49	46 93.9%
16 - York	33	33 100%

15. Knight Templar Education Foundation**SK Art Hebbeler, KGT**

Right Eminent Grand Commander,

I regret I am not present in person to submit my reports in person, but my work requires my attention at this time.

The financial report for the Knights Templar Educational Foundation-Maryland Division shall be provided by the Grand Treasurer.

In 2023-2024, we provided the following Scholarship Awards. I note that all applicants were recipients of awards, with \$2000 grants to each undergraduate and \$3000 to each graduate recipient. Once recipient was carried over from last year because she received more scholarships than her tuition and fees for the year and a deferment was granted and she was awarded the previously-approved \$5000 grant.

Recipients were:

- Aisa Wrights (Frostburg State University) - \$5000
- Julian Joseph (Tulane University) - \$2000
- Natalie Kinnear (Towson University) - \$2000
- Clarissa Ocampo (Mass General Hospital Institute of Health Professions) - \$3000
- Emily Heister (Frederick Community College) - \$2000
- Teah Coslin (University of Maryland College Park) - \$2000
- Adam Buffington (University of Florida) - \$3000
- Andrew Ashton (University of Michigan) - \$2000

It has been an honor to serve on the Foundation board and as the chairman these past several years. However, because of increasing work commitments, I will be unable to continue serving and look forward to supporting the work of the Educational Foundation from the sidelines.

Courteously,

Arthur F. Hebbeler III, KGC

Chair, Knights Templar Educational Foundation-Maryland Division

Accepted by the REGC to be spread upon the Proceedings.

16. Youth Relations**SK Scott Lapp, VEDGC**

REGC Andrukitis,

The youth have been very active this season. I will begin by saying that we had a very successful Youth outing in June at Adventure Park USA. There were more prospects in attendance this year, and being the second year in a row, many advisors are able to plan accordingly to get their members there and ready to have fun. So much so, that the Ticket manager of the park can now boast of his son being an active

DeMolay member! And our newer committee members, Sir Knights Dakota Clark and Kyle Bragg, jumped in with both feet and showed their prowess in group leadership during the event.

But the one man who knows more about all of this than I is present tonight to pick up where I leave off and give you much more information on the subject. I yield my remaining time for this report to Sir Knight Carl Michel, the Executive Officer of Maryland DeMolay... ([see amended addition to report](#)).

Thank you Carl for your report and your years of leadership service to our youth. Grand recorder, please have both parts of this report spread upon the minutes.

Respectfully submitted this 25th of October, 2024,

SK Scott G Lapp, VEDGC

Chairman

Seconded by SK Ken Wyvill REPGC, and passed unanimously.

17. Appendant & Concordant Report

SK Randall L. Watson, KCT

There was no report submitted or delivered from the floor for this Grand Conclave.

18. Civic & Patriotic Committee

SK Gary Kennedy, KCT, KCTH

REGC Bradley Andrukitis

On September 23, 2024, Jacques DeMolay Commander No. 4 attended the Frederick American Little League 2024 Banquet and Awards Dinner Baseball & GIRLS Softball as a sponsor for their 75th year of Frederick youth baseball. Rick Wilson President of Frederick American Little League thanked Jacques DeMolay Commandery No. 4 for their sponsoring the "Masonic Knights" tee ball team and providing the 15 feet by 25 feet American Flag for the Opening Day ceremony in April.

Respectfully Submitted,

SK Gary Kennedy, KCT, KCTH

Chairman

**19. Correspondence Report****SK Vernon H. Huebschman, KCT**

Right Eminent Grand Commander,

All incoming correspondence received from our sister Grand Commanderies has been forwarded to the Right Eminent Grand Commander, and the Grand Commander-Elect as received.

All incoming Correspondence from the Grand Encampment has been forwarded to the Grand Commander and Grand Commander-Elect, and the constituent local Commandery Recorders when so directed by the Grand Encampment Office.

The majority of correspondence is conducted by email, with or without attachments.

Respectfully submitted,

SK Vernon H. Huebschman, KCT

Grand Recorder

20. GRAND INSPECTOR GENERAL'S REPORT**SK Richard P. Naegele, KCT REPGC**

REGC Andrukitis,

This is probably the most difficult report I have had to write for the Grand Commandery. During my previous tenure in this position over ten years ago, I had noticed a marked increase in the ritual proficiency in the Grand Commandery. All but three Commanderies stood inspection and nine did a complete inspection. I'm sorry to report the three that did not stand no longer exist today.

This year only three were able to do the full requirements. I wish to thank the Commanderies that put forth the effort to do what they could for the inspections. From what I was able to do, I would like to present the following Commanderies with these awards:

James Primus Sword Manual Plaque – Monumental Crusade #3

Alfred Collins Full Form Opening – Palestine #7

Edward J. Warwick Trophy – Montgomery #13

Grand Inspector General's Award Banner – Chesapeake #10

These Commanderies are to be congratulated on the efforts they put forth.

During the summer we held two Schools of Instruction. I wish to thank Montgomery and Monumental Crusade for hosting them. We went over the signs, grips and words associated with all three Orders along with tactics for placing the flag. Those that participated said they learned something new and that is what matters.

When the requirements for ritual proficiency were modified to meet Grand Encampment's criteria for election, a noticeable decrease in ability to do the Orders has been noted. This lack of proficient ritualists in our state has led to a decrease in conferrals and thus new members. I am hoping we can turn this around.

Several years ago a program was instituted called the "Knights Templar Ritual Awards" and has three levels to attain – Pilgrim, Warrior and Knight. Currently I am unaware if many have pursued this program but do know that some Past Commanders were awarded Warrior status from their past proficiency. Also, it has been unclear who is to oversee the program and keep records, since none seems to exist.

I am proposing the following for the coming year and till such time as Commanderies are restrengthened to do their own ritual work.

1. Two teams be established for each of the Orders and to confer them at least twice each year in different parts of the State.
2. Inspections as they are currently held be suspended for at least two years. If Commandries want to do the sword drill for competition purposes that would be great.
3. The KT Ritual Award program be restarted under the direction of the Grand Inspector General.
4. All officers in each Commandery attain the status of Pilgrim by the end of the term.
5. The dais officers in each Commandery attain the status of Warrior by the end of two years.
6. Grand Commandery Officers should follow these same criteria for attainment.
7. At least two Sir Knights attain Knight status by the end of two years.
8. Recognition be given at Grand Session each year to all reaching each of the levels.

I hope this will make a difference in our work. As I was told many years ago by a Past Grand Commander and Department Commander – do something, do something different and do it now!

Respectfully Submitted,



Richard P. Naegele, PGC, KCT

Grand Inspector General

21. Membership Committee

SK J. Bradley Thomas, EPC

**Report of the
COMMITTEE ON MEMBERSHIP
Grand Commandery Annual Report
October 30, 2023, to October 26, 2024**

For the period October 30, 2023, to October 26, 2024

Numerical Data From MMS

Criterion	Value	Note
Total Membership	839	915-79
Deaths	41	
New Knights	21	
Affiliations	58	Primarily by the merger of Beauseant #8 into Carroll #17
Demits	70	
Suspended	48	
Reinstatements	4	

Members in Each Commandery

- Maryland #1- Cockeysville- 72 (4)
- Monumental Crusade #3- Cockeysville- 233 (5)
- Jacques DeMolay #4- Frederick- 80 (1)
- Antioch #6- Cumberland- 58 (0)
- Palestine #7- Annapolis- 81 (5)
- Carroll Beauseant #8- Westminster- 77
- Chesapeake #10- Denton- 105 (2)
- Thomas J. Shryock #11- Salisbury- 52 (2)
- Montgomery #13- Germantown- 49 (3)
- York #16- Camp Spring-32 (2)

Membership changes are listed in parenthesis above according to MMS data.

All York Rite Bodies of Maryland now use Masonic Membership Solutions (MMS). I expect that Commanderies will receive notice of Sir Knights suspended from their Chapter or Council. I hope we can work with Sir Knights and encourage them to correct the NPD status in their Chapter and Council to keep their Commandery membership. This step will help sustain our membership numbers.

Statistical Data for the Annual Report

Service- 50+ years

There are 47 Sir Knights with 50 or more years of service. Thirty-nine members have 50 to 59 years of service, and eight have 60-62 years of service. I recognize these Sir Knights by listing their names at the end of this report (Addendum A). I hope you have or will reach out to the men on the list to congratulate them on their service to their Commandery, invite them to a Conclave to receive recognition, or visit their home with several Sir Knights to perform the same task.

Age Range

The Commandery consists of a bell curve with a peak between 60 and 79 years of age. To sustain our Commanderies, we must recruit younger men to join. Our problem, like in other Masonic bodies is to determine methods and processes to achieve this goal. As we perform Masonic travel, ask questions of those in your presence to gather information about the successes they have achieved in recruitment and use them in your Commanderies.

Regarding age distributions in the Grand Commandery, I provide the following for your perusal:

60-69 Years; 170 members; 20.5%

70-79 Years; 216 members; 26.0%

Three members are aged 100 years or greater

Five members are in the age-decade group 18-29

Addendum B- A chart is attached showing the age ranges for each Commandery's membership.

Continued Efforts

We must continue establishing and working on goals in each Commandery as reported for the Semi-Annual Conclave.

- Educating Brethren and non-Masons about Knights Templar
- Event Participation
- Philanthropy in the Community
- Action Plans for the Future

Grand Commandery Assistance

I encourage each Commandery to ask for support from the Grand Commandery to achieve the goals they set for themselves and to share their successes with other Commanderies. By working together, we can continue to grow.

Respectfully submitted,

J. Bradley Thomas, PM
PEC Monumental Crusade Commandery #3
Aide De Camp, Grand Commandery of Maryland
Chairman, Membership Committee

Addendum A- Years of Service

Years of Service	Years of Service	Age
<u>Hovatter, David Lester</u>	50	76
<u>Hartman, Robert William</u>	50	87
<u>Duckworth Sr., Richard H.</u>	50	81
<u>Middleton, Ronald A.</u>	50	84
<u>Robertson, Kenneth Andrew</u>	50	74
<u>Owens, Mark Flynn</u>	50	72
<u>Eppler, Richard Andrew</u>	50	90
<u>Harrell, Rev. Stanley G.</u>	50	90
<u>Nickoles, Kenneth Wayne.</u>	50	87
<u>Carroll Jr., George Louis</u>	50	91
<u>Teti, Alfred J.</u>	51	86
<u>Perkin, Alan B.</u>	51	85
<u>Henry, John Patrick</u>	52	90
<u>Friel, Clifton Reese</u>	52	85
<u>Sellers, Arthur Dean</u>	52	82
<u>Raby, Byrd J.</u>	52	87
<u>McCann, Daniel Brice</u>	53	91
<u>Brewer Jr., Walter L.</u>	53	83
<u>Shives, William Joseph</u>	54	82
<u>Martin, Robert Jay</u>	54	77
<u>Becker, Gaither</u>	54	88
<u>Holler, Richard Leroy</u>	54	95
<u>Snyder, Wayne Lawrence</u>	55	82
<u>Bottom, Donald Lee</u>	55	80
<u>Snow, George Wesley</u>	55	88
<u>Dunkerly, Donald F.</u>	55	80
<u>Hagner, Oliver R.</u>	55	95
<u>Lloyd Jr., Charles W.</u>	55	86
<u>Rhine, Ronald M.</u>	55	89
<u>Peterson, Thomas Meade</u>	56	81
<u>Norville, John Albert</u>	57	87
<u>Priest, Edward Ellis</u>	57	81
<u>Ball Jr., Joseph Melvin</u>	57	84
<u>Atkinson, Gilbert F.</u>	57	78
<u>Angyelo, Kenneth Leroy</u>	58	81
<u>Seeger, Robert L.</u>	58	90

<u>Littrell, George H.</u>	58	90
<u>Aughenbaugh, Ronald Lee</u>	58	82
<u>Graziosi, Robert J.</u>	59	81
<u>Wilson, Spencer A.</u>	60	94
<u>Poland, Dr. James A.</u>	60	91
<u>Foreman Jr., Edward Addison</u>	61	84
<u>Kaestner Jr., Albert Cumming</u>	61	92
<u>Shambaugh, Franklin P.</u>	61	86
<u>Hurt Jr., Wren C.</u>	62	91
<u>Pryor, Donald D.</u>	63	88
<u>Cook Sr., Davey Lee</u>	63	93

Addendum B- Commandery Age-Ranges**Average Age - Parameters: Maryland, Knights Templar**

Commandery	Active No DOB	Active DOB	Avg. Age	18-29		30-39		40-49		50-59		60-69		70-79		80-89	
				#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Maryland	9	830	66.7	5	0.6	33	4.0	92	11.1	145	17.5	170	20.5	216	26.0	134	16.0
1 - Maryland	2	70	65.1	0	0.0	2	2.9	9	12.9	17	24.3	14	20.0	17	24.3	9	12.9
3 - Monumental Crusade	0	233	64.6	3	1.3	14	6.0	27	11.6	46	19.7	50	21.5	51	21.9	30	12.9
4 - Jacques DeMolay	1	79	68.5	0	0.0	1	1.3	8	10.1	13	16.5	16	20.3	24	30.4	11	13.9
6 - Antioch	0	58	67.6	0	0.0	2	3.4	8	13.8	7	12.1	11	19.0	19	32.8	10	17.9
7 - Palestine	0	81	62.6	0	0.0	5	6.2	12	14.8	19	23.5	19	23.5	15	18.5	9	11.9
8 - Carroll-Beauseant	0	77	70.1	0	0.0	1	1.3	5	6.5	10	13.0	22	28.6	20	26.0	15	19.9
10 - Chesapeake	1	104	70.5	2	1.9	2	1.9	8	7.7	13	12.5	14	13.5	35	33.7	26	25.9
11 - Thomas J. Shryock	0	52	70.7	0	0.0	0	0.0	6	11.5	7	13.5	6	11.5	21	40.4	11	21.9
13 - Montgomery	4	45	60.3	0	0.0	5	11.1	8	17.8	10	22.2	9	20.0	8	17.8	4	8.9
16 - York	1	31	72.7	0	0.0	1	3.2	1	3.2	3	9.7	9	29.0	6	19.4	9	29.0
Total	9	830	66.7	5	0.6	33	4.0	92	11.1	145	17.5	170	20.5	216	26.0	134	16.0

22. KT Instructions/ Ritual

SK Richard P. Naegele, KCT, REPGC

Most of SK Naegele's comments are in the GIG Report...No separate report.

23. KT Handbook

SK John H. Austin KCT, REPGC

No written report filed prior to this Conclave. Extemporaneous remarks were given from the floor.

24. Knight Templar Training Committee

SK Charles Warns II KCT REPGC

No written report filed prior to this Conclave. Extemporaneous remarks were given from the floor.

25. Quartermaster's Report

SK Scott G. Lapp, VEDGC

October 25th, 2024

REGC Andrukitis,

Our quartermaster's office has been primarily non-active over the 2023 and 2024 seasons due to many challenges concerning the business of the office. In June of 2024, I was given the keys to the storage for the Grand Quartermaster closet and assumed the role as Interim Grand Quartermaster. With your permission, I immediately started using what supply of stock I had been handed, and issued uniform items to Commanderies all over the state, in an effort to make up for lost time and get supplies to our Sir Knights.

The first step was to go to or virtually conduct uniform inspections. All but 3 Constituent Commanderies complied, and those remaining will be short listed to have inspections once my permanent replacement is named for the ensuing term. Once a list of needs were made by Commandery, I sent those items currently in stock to the respective Commanderies to be issued. Note, I as Grand Quartermaster took no individual orders, but instead issued all gear to the E.C. or Recorder of those Conclaves, and subsequently billed the Commanderies for those items. The Constituent Commanderies are at their discretion, able to pass the cost on to the Sir Knight, or absorb it as their cost instead. This also keeps from suffering a rash of errant off the cuff orders to the Grand Quartermaster, and allows for a checks and balances approach to paraphernalia that can be controlled by the E.C. It also serves as his approval for purchases made by that Commandery.

Second, having issued all I could, I placed several orders for out of stock and restock items, to finish the inspection items needed, and replenish stock for future use. All expenses should be covered by the payments received from the Constituent Commanderies. This is the phase we are in now. I will stay on a short time and assist the new Grand Quartermaster in transition, so he knows where we left off and where to pick up. Continuity is the goal here, with our Sir Knights seeing no lapse in support from this office, and the new Officer fully apprised of vendors, costs, and protocols to discharge his duties immediately and with full exertion.

Therefore, I would like to take the opportunity to remind our membership that the supply chain issues we experienced in the past are no longer a factor and the Grand Commandery will make uniform compliance a priority in the coming term. So I strongly urge all Commanderies to appoint a Constituent Quartermaster and expect him to work closely with the Grand Quartermaster to make this happen.

Lastly, I would like to remind the members that although normal chain of supply is from Commanderies only, that does not apply to cash sales of items (that must still only be worn if eligible by the Sir Knight) or for civilian attire and regalia. Hence we will have the quartermaster supply available for cash purchase in the hallway during the event at some point Friday or Saturday evening, depending on sales support staffing. Come and get that polo or car medallion you've been looking for, or see P.C. Rossmark about getting a fantastic looking Knights Templar Maryland automotive vanity plate.

Thank you and please have this report spread upon the minutes.

Respectfully submitted this 25th of October, 2024,

SK Scott G. Lapp, VEDGC

26. Jurisprudence Committee

SK John A. Rafine, KCT REPGC

Right Eminent Grand Commander Andrukitis

The Committee on Jurisprudence has assisted Maryland Commandery with revising its By-Laws and we expect to receive the approved revision soon.

We continue to receive questions concerning Grand Commandery By-Law # 3 and installation dates. We are proposing the following revision to clarify that required times for them. As required by our Grand Commandery of MD Grand Constitution we are submitting the following proposed revision at this Grand Conclave. It must lay over until the next Grand Commandery of Maryland's Grand Conclave at which time it will be discussed and voted upon.

Existing By-Law

3. Each Commandery shall hold its annual election either on Good Friday or at its Stated Conclave next preceding that day.

Proposed By-Law

3. Each Commandery shall hold its annual election either on Good Friday or at its Stated Conclave before Good Friday. Each Commandery shall install its officers at its Stated Conclave after Easter. Elections and Installation of Officers shall not be conducted at the same Conclave.

It has been a pleasure to serve on this committee.

Fraternally,

John Rafine, PGC, Chairman

Kenneth Wyvill, PGC

Randall Watson, GT

27. Constitution Committee

SK Richard P. Naegele KCT, REPGC

No report submitted.

28. Doings of Grand Officers

SK Spyridon G. Treklas KCT REPGC

No report submitted

29. Grievance Committee

SK Kenneth S. Wyvill Jr. KCT, REPGC

No report submitted

30. Masonic Relations Committee

SK Richard P. Naegele KCT REPGC

No report submitted.

31. 2024 Sessions Committee

SK Scott G. Lapp VEDGC

REGC Andrukitis,

The Sessions Committee has been very active readying for the event; none more so than the First and Second Ladies, Lady Christine Andrukitis and Lady Marcella Lapp. They have been working diligently on a myriad of tasks to make the transition to new committee members as seamless as possible, and full of fun. They have been given a lot of support from the Social Order of the Beauseant, and will continue to do so throughout the weekend. If anyone sees our ladies in their red blazers working the registration table, the Hospitality room, or other vital point of service, please take a moment and thank them. Or support them by patronizing their sale items displayed at the Hospitality room.

Also, I'd like to thank our Grand Treasurer SK Randall Watson for tirelessly working on the coordination of the venue and event despite being beset on all sides by Blue Lodge obligations. Please reference his updated report to amend to this missive, as submission with this report to be spread upon the minutes.

Respectfully submitted this 25th of October, 2024,

SK Scott G. Lapp VEDGC

32. Time & Place Committee**SK Charles Warns II KCT REPGC**

No Report submitted.

At the Semi-annual Grand Conclave, the REGC was authorized to proceed with the negotiations to return to the Holiday Inn at Ocean City. There was a similar arrangement as with the Grand Chapter and Grand Council. The REGC reported that the package was agreed upon and finalized per the directions of the Grand Commandery's will.

33. Events**SK Scott G. Lapp VEDGC**

REGC Andrukitis,

The Knights Templar of Maryland have been very active this season, despite being "dark" for the summer. Since The Semi-Annual in May, we have attended events and participated in group activities such as:

Joined the Westminster Memorial Day parade in May, one of the oldest, if not the oldest parade. We even took our mounted unit of 3 horsemen in ancient regalia to the parade and it was met with thunderous cheers and accolades.

Attended and assisted with the Youth Outing in June at Adventure Park USA.

Assisted and supported the DeMolay Conclave event in Salisbury over the summer.

Joined with several Constituent commanderies for social outings and crab feasts throughout the state, often with our Social Order of Beauseant ladies accompanying us.

Took part and assisted several Orders that were performed for our new candidates.

Had a table of supplies for sale at Harvest Home Day, while simultaneously spreading the opportunities to discuss the York Rite with many interested young men.

Had a strong showing of attendance and support for the Grand Encampment at the opening of the 70th Triennial in August in Salt Lake City, Utah. While there we supported Past Grand Prelate Arthur Hebbeler in his energetic but unsuccessful bid to become the Deputy Grand Master. We also got to witness and support our own PGC Austin being installed as the Mid Atlantic Department Commander for the Grand encampment.

We made a strong presence for the Grand Encampment during the Mid Atlantic Department Conference in September in Crystal City, VA. A lot of great ideas to incorporate into our activities at the state level, and opportunities to attend learning events which you will be receiving information on soon.

And as a final note, Monumental Crusade #3 and the Grand Commandery Officers have been asked to present the U.S. flag during the upcoming Grand Master's Banquet in November. The Grand Master, our own PGC Fred Spicer even encouraged us to make it bigger than previous years, which we vowed to do. So any sir knight in attendance that night that is in uniform, is welcome to fill our ranks during the presentation. Know that etiquette and decorum are forefront in the minds of the Honor Guard and so too should be with all who participate. Remember that swords and chapeaus will be worn for the

presentation only, and upon exit of the ball room, the procession will momentarily retire to the coat room to surrender swords and covers; take due notice and plan accordingly.

I am sure there is a laundry list of additional activities and events that I forgot to mention, and for that I apologize. However, let's not focus on the past, but now on the future and strive to be even more active than last year. And in so doing, inspire more of us to do more and bring others to our cause and swell the ranks, so that we can share the fun and zeal we experience as Knights Templar to our Companions and Brethren. If you are unsure of where to start, talk to a Grand Officer for ideas. We are more than ready to assist you.

Thank you and please have this report spread upon the minutes.

Respectfully submitted this 25th of October, 2024,

SK Scott G. Lapp, VEDGM

Chairman

34. Awards & Recognition

SK Arthur Hebbeler KGC REPGC

Right Eminent Grand Commander,

On behalf of the Committee on Awards and Recognition, I am pleased to submit this brief report.

As awards will be presented at the Annual Conclave in October, there is nothing significant to report at this time. However, we offer the following information to all Commanderies:

1. The *Knight Templar Cross of Honor* (KTCH) must be voted upon in a Conclave of the Commandery, and the nomination form provided by the Grand Encampment, signed by the Commander and Recorder, and sent to the Grand Commander, not the Deputy of the College of Honors. Only one recipient may be selected by the Grand Commander each Templar year.
2. The *Companion of the Temple* (fee \$100.00) may be awarded to any **non-Templar** for service to the Order. Nominations may be submitted by any current holder of the Companion of the Temple or Knight Commander of the Temple. Nominations must be submitted in writing to the Deputy of the College of Honors at least 90 days before the desired award date, and should be in sufficient detail to describe the exceptional service made. There is no limit on the number of awards the Grand Commandery may award.
3. The *Knight Commander of the Temple* (fee \$200.00) may be awarded to any **Templar** for service to the Order, the Fraternity, or the community. Nominations may be submitted by any current holder of the Knight Commander of the Temple. Nominations must be submitted in writing to the Deputy of the College of Honors at least 90 days before the desired award date, and should be in sufficient detail to describe the exceptional service made. While there is no specific quota or limit, the guidelines are that not more than 1-2% of the membership of the Grand Commandery should be holders of the award.
4. The *Meritorious Service Award* (fee \$110.00) may be awarded by a Commandery to one Templar each Templar year. There is no specified form for submission, but a narrative is required. Nominations must be submitted in writing to the Deputy of the College of Honors

at least 90 days before the desired award date, and should be in sufficient detail to describe the exceptional service made.

The committee will submit a full report for the Annual Conclave in October.

Courteously,



Sir Knight Arthur F Hebbeler III, KGC, PGC (MD), PGP (GEKTUSA)
Deputy, College of Honors, GEKTUSA
Chairman

Awards Presented during the 2024 Annual Grand York Rite Sessions during the Friday Night Dinner and the Saturday Banquet:

Knight Templar Cross of Honor:	SK Charles Beckhardt, Grand Chaplain
Knight Cross of the Temple	Not awarded this year.
Companion of the Temple	Mrs. Nicole Weaver Raab Mrs. Wimmer Jean Wimmer
Meritorious Service Award	SK Scott G. Lapp (Monumental Commandery) SK Frederick Rossmark (Maryland Commandery) SK G. Andrew Martinez (Palestine Commandery) SK Samuel Lane (Antioch Commandery) SK Carl Swanson (Montgomery Commandery)

36. Unfinished Business

SK Scott G. Lapp VEDGC

REGC Andrukitis,

Please be advised that the Unfinished Business Committee has not met since the Semi-Annual meeting in May, owing to most Commanderies being dark throughout the summer and no pressing matters that required attention. The committee will meet shortly after these Sessions proceedings to update this committee's agenda and pursue outstanding topics for conclusion in the upcoming term. Expect an updated report at the Semi-Annual in May, 2025.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve on this committee. Respectfully submitted this 25th of October, 2024, SK Scott G. Lapp, VEDGC, Chairman

37. New Business

No new business was brought before the Grand Conclave at this time.

38. Election of Officers

No elections of Officers were necessary upon this occasion.

39. Installation of Officers

SK Charles Warns II KCT REPGC

The Installing Officer was SK Charles Warns II KCT REPGC; Installing Grand Marshall...SK Dennis Ewing.

The following Officers were elected and installed for the 2024 -2025 Chivalric Year:

**Officer Roster
Report**

Maryland, Knights Templar / All Grand Commandery Offices /
Status:Current

Count = 22

Member Office Name	Term	*CFOR
Address	Spouse	
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40. Final Comments

SK Scott Lapp REGC

**Statewide Announcements and Greetings for October 2024**

My dear Sir Knights and Companions dispersed throughout the state. Let me begin this article by saying thank you for the confidence you have shown by electing me your REGC for the 2025 year. I appreciate the opportunity to share my vision with you on ways to not only sustain the Grand Commandery for the future, but to improve and streamline a few of the more erroneous habits and lapses in protocol that seem to hold us back or cause confusion.

Those who were in attendance at the Annual Sessions in Ocean City, you may have heard some of those ideas. In the coming weeks, I will get those ideas out to the rest of the state, so that we can all focus together and in unity to accomplish those goals. Key among those focal points will be communication, continuity, and cooperation.

Speaking of Ocean City, let me thank everyone for their efforts in preparing a grand event for our Grand Communications for the Chapter, Council, and Commandery. Not only the Grand Line Officers of the three bodies, but the Ladies of the S.O.O.B. and other volunteers who made logistics a breeze for us who had to leave our posts to get into meetings. As fun and grand as this year was, a party in itself to thank the outgoing REGC, Bradley Andrukitis, for his leadership and support this past year, next year will be even better. And good luck PGC Andrukitis in your efforts as the RWDGM!

If you or your lady have ever wanted to get involved with a forward moving and thinking Grand Commandery, this is the time. There is more involvement with family now that ever before, and greater opportunities to get involved and be a bigger part of your York Rite. And this is not limited to only the Highest echelons of the ranks. There is something that anyone of any rank and any participation level can do to assist and be a bigger part of our success. Please see me or one of my officers so we can share those chances with you. No one will be able to say that they weren't able to pitch in, in the coming years.

One of those ladies whom I would like to commend is my dear wife Marcella Lapp. Not only is she involved in most of the bodies I am to support me (the Society of the Beausseant for the Knights Templar just being the foremost of them), but she shares my enthusiasm and zeal for our fraternity too. I look forward to working with her and her team on these projects, as they bring fresh ideas and new resources to our social functions. I would not be the Mason I am today without the love and support of her and my entire family.

In closing, I would like to thank the newer knights who braved the beautiful weather to be with us in Ocean City. Please let me know your initial thoughts on the event. And if you are reading this and did not attend because you think you aren't sufficient rank or know enough people, all I can say is that you are denying yourself a great time and opportunity. This is where leadership is learned and new friends are

made. Templary is more than anything you experience from a lodge alone. Come and see what you are missing. Move past just the business meeting and see what other facets Templary has to offer. You will be glad you did.

And as always, I am not a leader from the back, but one who is in the trenches daily with my knights. My door is always open and my ear is always attentive. If I can be of service to you, all you have to do is ask.

In His service,

Scott G. Lapp

REGC, Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Maryland

Comments of SK John H. Austin, Department Commander, Mid-Atlantic Department:

Congratulations were offered to SK Bradley Andrukitis for an excellent term of office served, and best wishes to SK Scott G. Lapp for his success in the coming year.

SK Austin noted that he had just begun his term as Department Commander, and he appreciated the support of his home jurisdiction as he continues to learn his duties on his feet.

SK Austin reported that the Mid-Atlantic Department meeting was held in September successfully. Planning has begun for the the 2025 Department Meeting already.

SK Austin urged all to support the relief efforts for the victims of the recent hurricane that struck the Southeast states. Look for appeals coming from the Grand Encampment.

SK Jack Harper, Grand Generalissimo:

Congratulation to SK Andrukitis and best wishes for SK Lapp.

SK Harper brought the Greetings of the MEGM, SK David Joseph Cussman whose emphasis will be on the modernization of the Grand Encampment. Please note the updates to the Grand Encampment Website. And the continued use of social media to reach every Sir Knight possible.

The Holy Land Pilgrimage is paused again for 2025 due to instability in the Middle-East.

Congratulations for the continued support of the KT Eye Foundation and the KT Education Foundation.

Finally...thanks for the hospitality extended to himself and his family during this visit.

41. Calling Off

SK Scott Lapp REGC

There being no further business to come before this Grand Conclave, and by the authority in him vested by this Grand Commandery, SK Lapp declared this Grand Conclave Called Off until call on again after due notice.

