

GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF MARYLAND



May 19, 2025

Semi-Annual Grand Conclave

Gothic Room

Freemason Hall

Cockeysville

Maryland

The Grand Commandery of Knight Templar of Maryland

Executive Summary of the 2025 Semi-annual Conclave:

The Reports of the Officers and Committees of the Grand Commandery of Maryland were published in a Conclave Packet distributed in the Asylum, together with the Report of the Grand Treasurer. And received and accepted for publication in the Proceedings. There were ad-hoc reports given on the floor which will be published in the proceedings. These extemporaneous reports did not require action by the Grand Commandery.

Credentials Report:

- ❖ Eight of Ten Constituent Commanderies represented with voting members.
- ❖ Twenty-seven (27) Voting Sir Knights in attendance.
- ❖ Five (5) non-voting Sir Knights in attendance.
- ❖ Six Past Grand Commanders in attendance.
- ❖ Two members of the Grand Line were absent, chairs filled by SK Richard P. Naegele, KCT (SW), and SK Ronald L. Aughenbaugh KCT. (JW). All other officers were present.

An announcement was made that SK Michael Raab has been appointed as the webmaster of a new version of the Grand Commandery's website which is now under construction. This effort is being made in coordination with the Grand Chapter and Grand Council which are encouraged to make similar improvements at this time.

SK Norman Henthorn, Eminent Commander of Maryland Commandery No. 1, is now the Quartermaster for the Grand Commandery. Items required for KT Uniforms may now be purchased from him or through him. The Grand Commandery now has the facilities needed to accept credit card payments for items ordered through the Quartermaster.

The following items were brought to the floor as motions, seconded and passed:

- The Proceedings of the 2025 Annual Grand Conclave were accepted and approved as published on the Grand Recorder's webpage (yorkritemaryland.org).
- The 2025 – 2026 Annual Budget was presented and approved.
- A motion was made to defer the annual transfer of funds to the Operating Account, reserving the right to make that transfer in the future, if needed.
- A set of proposals for the Amendment of Uniform Regulations were read into the Proceedings for Consideration at the Annual Grand Conclave in October 2025.
- The Grand Commandery concurred the selection of The Holiday Inn in Ocean City, Maryland as the site of the 2026 York Rite Grand Sessions, having been accepted previously in Grand Chapter and Grand Council.
- The Proposed Amendment concerning the dates for Elections and Installations of constituent Commanderies was approved unanimously. Elections must be held on Good Friday or the Conclave immediately preceding; Installations must be held on the first Conclave following Easter Sunday.
- A motion was made to pay two neglected reimbursements for the 2024 Grand Sessions in the amount of \$250.00 each, passed.
- A motion was made to support the Social Order of the Beauseant Chapter being formed at Cockeysville, as long as the effort to charter that group remains viable. in the amount of \$2500.00, passed.

SK Scott Lapp called upon SK Charles Warns, KCT to conduct the election of officers for the Grand Commandery of Maryland for the 2025 – 2026.

After explaining the manner of nominating and seconding nominations, the following Sir Knights were elected for the 2025-2026 Chivalric year:

<i>SK Scott Gordon Lapp</i>	Grand Commander-Elect
<i>SK George James Christoff</i>	Deputy Grand Commander-Elect
<i>SK Michael Robert Raab</i>	Grand Generalissimo-Elect
<i>SK John Henry Myers Jr.</i>	Grand Captain General-Elect
<i>SK Randall Lyle Watson, KCT</i>	Grand Treasurer-Elect
<i>SK Vernon Henry Huebschman, KCT</i>	Grand Recorder-Elect

The Proceeding of this Semi-Annual Grand Conclave are being compiled and will be published to the York Rite Website on the Grand Commandery's Grand Recorder's page. Please check this posting in about two weeks for the full Proceedings. If there are comments, additions, or corrections, please forward them by email to the Grand Recorder.

Yours in Christ's Service,

SK Vernon H. Huebschman, KCT
Grand Recorder
Vhh.mdyr@gmail.com



**Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Maryland
Grand Council of Royal & Select Masters of Maryland
Grand Commandery of Knights Templar in Maryland
Council of Anointed High Priests of Maryland**



**Call Letter for Semi-Annual Meetings,
and
Special Grand Assembly for the Thrice Illustrious Master Degree
Annual Council of Anointed High Priests**

Companions & Sir Knights,

By order of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, ME Comp. Rafael A. Rodriguez, Most Illustrious Grand Master, MI Comp. Spyridon G. Treklas, Right Eminent Grand Commander, SK Scott G. Lapp, and Most Excellent President Robert B. Lumbert, an official notice is hereby given for:

**The Semi-Annual Grand Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Maryland,
The Semi-Annual Grand Assembly of the Grand Council of Royal & Select Masters of Maryland,
The Semi-Annual Grand Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar and
The Annual Meeting Council of Anointed High Priests of Maryland**

The Grand Chapter will meet in Grand Convocation **on Thursday, May 8, 2025, at 7:30 pm.** to conduct all business proper to the Semi-Annual Grand Convocation. The agenda includes Finance & Budget, Election of 2026 Officers, and all other Officer and Committee Reports as necessary.

The dress is a Tuxedo with a Red Jacket, Apron, & Jewels for Officers and a Coat & Tie for all others. Please wear your Chapter Apron.

Location: Oriental Room, Freemason Hall, Bonnie Blink, Cockeysville, MD

The Grand Council will meet in Grand Assembly on **Saturday, May 3, 2025, at 1:00 pm.** to conduct all business proper to the Semi-Annual Grand Assembly. The agenda includes Finance & Budget, Election of 2026 Officers, and all other Officer and Committee Reports as necessary.

The dress is a Tuxedo, Apron & Jewels for Officers and a Coat & Tie for all others. Please wear your Council Apron.

Location: Oriental Room, Freemason Hall, Bonnie Blink, Cockeysville, MD.

The Grand Commandery will meet in Grand Conclave on **Monday, May 19, 2025, at 7:00 pm.** to conduct all business proper to the Semi-Annual Grand Conclave. The agenda includes Finance & Budget, Election of 2026 Officers, and all other Officer and Committee Reports as necessary. The dress is Full Templar Uniform, Chapeau & Sword.

Location: Gothic Room, Freemason Hall, Bonnie Blink, Cockeysville, MD

Fraternally & Respectfully,

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

RIC. William C. Eppig
Grand Recorder
Grand Council of Maryland

SK Vernon H. Huebschman
Grand Recorder
Grand Commandery of KT in
MD

The Grand Commandery has a proposed Amendment to the Constitution to be voted on at the Semi-Annual Conclave.

Existing By-Law

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Proposed By-Law

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Proposed by the Jurisprudence Committee

**The Annual Meeting Council of Anointed High Priests of Maryland
April 26, 2025, Freemason Hall, Bonnie Blink**

9:30 am - GRAND CHAPTER LAW SCHOOL for qualified MEHP's-Elect is ABSOLUTELY REQUIRED for the CAHP Degree. Assemble in the Main Lobby of Freemason Hall.

9:30 am – 10:30 am - Oriental Room - COUNCIL OF ANOINTED HIGH PRIESTS Set up and Rehearsal (Officers Only)

10:30 am - Oriental Room - COUNCIL OF ANOINTED HIGH PRIESTS will hold its annual meeting and confer its Degree upon qualified candidates. This meeting is restricted to PHP's, current MEHP's, and qualified MEHP's-Elect. The Application Form is on the Grand Secretary's page of the Grand Chapter of Maryland (YORKRITEMARYLAND.ORG). No Fee is Required. The dress is a Tuxedo for Candidates and Officers.

No Aprons or jewels are required; Masonic jewels and pins are traditionally not worn at this meeting.

**Grand Council will confer the TIM Degree on May 3, 2025, at 11:00 am at Freemason Hall, Bonnie Blink Cockeysville, Maryland. Open to PTIM, TIM, and Candidates only.
Law School 9:30 am.**

Fraternally and respectfully,

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

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

Ex Comp Vernon
Huebschman
Excellent Secretary
Council of Anointed
High Priests of
Maryland

SK Vernon
Huebschman
Grand
Recorder
Grand
Commandery
of KT in MD

Ex Comp Bruce
Colburn
Grand Lecturer

Ex Comp Jeffrey
Ament,
Grand Lecturer

Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Maryland
Semi-Annual Grand Conclave
May 19, 2025 Gothic Room Freemason Hall Cockeysville, Maryland
Opening at 7:00 p.m..

- 1. OPENING:**
 - a. Reconvene SK Scott G. Lapp REGC
 - b. Opening Prayer SK Charles A. Beckhardt Jr, KTCH Grand Prelate
 - c. Welcome & Opening Remarks SK Scott G. Lapp REGC
- 2. CREDENTIALS REPORT (Quorum)** SK David L. Andrukitis Grand Sentinel
- 3. RECEPTION OF DIGNITARIES** SK Scott G. Lapp REGC
 - a. Past Grand Commanders
 - b. Heads of Maryland York Rite Grand Bodies and the Grand Lodge of Maryland
- 4. EXECUTIVE REPORTS**
 - a. Proceedings October 2024 SK Vernon H. Huebschman, KCT Gr Recorder
 - b. Grand Commander's Address SK Scott G. Lapp REGC
 - c. Grand Recorder's Report SK Vernon H. Huebschman, KCT Gr Recorder
 - d. Correspondence SK Vernon H. Huebschman, KCT Gr Recorder
 - e. Jurisprudence & Constitution SK Richard P. Naegele, KCT REPGC
 - f. Grand Treasurer's Report SK Randall L. Watson KCT Gr Treasurer
- 5. FINANCE & ACCOUNTS** SK George J. Christoff VEDGC
 - a. 2024 Audit Report
 - b. 2025 Interim Expense Report
 - c. 2026 Propose Budget Report
- 6. GRAND PRELATES REPORTS** SK Charles A Beckhardt Jr, KTCH Gr Prelate
 - a. Religious Observances
 - b. Holy Land Pilgrimage
- 7. CHARITABLE FOUNDATIONS**
 - a. KT Eye Foundation SK Gary Kennedy KCT/ KTCH Chairman
 - b. KT Education Foundation SK J. Bradley Thomas EPC
- 8. COMMUNITY RELATIONS:**
 - a. Media & Communications K Dan Brewer Chairman
 - b. Events & Activities SK Michael R. Raab EGG
 - c. Youth Relations SK Carl A. Michel Jr. Chairman
 - d. Appendant & Concordant SK G. Andrew Martinez Chairman
 - e. Civic & Patriotic SK Michae W.I Shrank Chairman
 - f. Masonic Relations/Grievances SK George J. Christoff VEDGC
- 9. RITUAL & TEMPLAR DEVELOPMENT**
 - a. Grand Inspector General SK Frederick A. Spicer, KCT/KTCH REPGC
 - b. KT Instruction & Ritual SK Frederick A. Spicer KCT/KCTH REPGC
 - c. KT Handbook SK John H. Austin, KCT REPCC/DC
 - d. Quartermaster's Report SK Frederick T/Rossmark, Jr. EPC
 - e. Membership Committee SK J. Bradley Thomas, EPC Chairman
 - f. Knight's Training SK Charles E. Warns II, KCT REPGC
- 10. SESSIONS PLANNING:**
 - a. Time & Place 2026 SK Charles E. Warns II, KCT REPGC
 - b. Sessions 2025 SK John H. Myers Jr. EGCG
 - c. Hospitality 2025 SK Darryl J. Smith Chairman
 - d. Awards & Recognition SK Scott G. Lapp REGC
- 11. CREDENTIALS: FINAL REPORT** SK David L. Andrukitis, KCT Grand Sentinel
- 12. Unfinished Business** SK Scott G. Lapp, , REGC
- 13. New Business** SK Scott G. Lapp REGC
- 14. Election of Officers** SK Charles E. Warns II, KCT REPGC
- 15. Installation of Officers** (October Agenda Item),
- 16. Closing Comments**
- 17. Calling Off** SK Scott G. Lapp REGC

The REGC may alter the agenda as he sees fit and may receive reports to be printed in the Proceedings as he may direct.

THE SEMI-ANNUAL CONCLAVE WILL BE RECORDED

1. OPENING

RECONVENE

SK SCOTT G. LAPP, REGC

Following the opening of Monumental – Crusade Commandery No. 3, the processing of some business of their own, and a calling off, The REGC declared the Grand Commandery of Maryland to be reconvened, and the Sentinel was informed to guard accordingly.

OPENING PRAYER

SK CHARLES A BECKHARDT, KTCH, GRAND PRELATE

Our most Gracious Heavenly Father, we pause and acknowledge your presence and that of your Son. We come to you this evening with thankful hearts.

As we present and listen to the annual reports presented by the grand line of Knights Templar, we thank them for their dedication, leadership, service and their safe travels.

When we have our business discussion, may they center on what is good for the Grand Commandery in support of the local commanderies. For we feel there is purpose and meaning in what we do.

There are many of our Sir Knights that are dealing with health issues. We would like to lift them up in prayer for healing mercies.

When Jesus asked us to feed his sheep, cloth his sheep and care for his sheep as he did, as Knights Templars, point us in the right direction to make this happen.

Remind us to contact those who feel lonely or troubled. As Knights Templars, provide us with those comforting words of assurance so we can understand and walk with them through troubled times.

As Knights templars and your ambassadors, may the light of your Son shine upon us, that the darkness that is trying to surround us from being your ambassador will fade away.

We thank you for all the blessings we have received.

And now hear the prayer your son taught us.... Amen

The REGC extended his greeting to all attending this Semi-Annual Grand Conclave.

2. CREDENTIALS REPORT

SK DAVID L. ANDRUKITIS, GRAND SENTINEL

The REGC directed the Grand Recorder, assisted by the Assistant Grand Recorder to call the roll of those Sir Knights authorized to hold a vote in the Grand Commandery. This information is kept in the Grand Encampment Member Management System. The current total number of Voting Members was 102. After the Roll was called, the Assistant Grand Recorder tabulated the results and presented the information to the Chairman of the Credentials Committee. SK David Andrukitis reported that eight (8) of ten (10) Commanderies were represented by Voting Members. Antioch Commandery No. 6 and Thomas J. Shryock Commandery No. 11 were not represented. There were twenty-seven (27) Voting Members present, and five (5) non-voting Sir Knights in attendance.

3. RECEPTION of DIGNITARIES

SK SCOTT G. LAPP, REGC

3.a. RECEPTION OF PAST GRAND COMMANDERS

The REGC requested the Past Grand Commanders present come to the center of the Asylum. The following Sir Knights were presented:

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| a. SK Ronald Lee Aughenbaugh, KCT | 1993 |
| b. SK Richard Philip Naegele, KCT | 2000 |
| c. SK Frederick Ashley Spicer, KCT | 2013 |
| d. SK Charles Edward Warns II, KCT | 2021 |
| e. SK John Harmon Austin, KCT | 2022 |
| f. SK Bradley D. Andrukitis, KCT | 2023 |

3.b. RECEPTION OF VISITING DIGNITARIES

The REGC acknowledged SK G. Andrew Martinez, RIDGM of the Grand Council, and the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maryland, SK Randall L Watson, KCT.

4. EXECUTIVE REPORTS

4.a. PROCEEDINGS FROM OCTOBER 2024

Right Eminent Grand Commander,

As the Proceedings the 2024 Annual Grand Conclave have been posted to yorkritemaryland.org on the Grand Recorder's tab since November of 2024, and since there have been no additions or corrections offered, I move that the Proceedings be accepted as published, subject to spelling and grammatical changes without further actions required.

Second-Norm Henthorn; Passed unanimously.

4.b. GRAND COMMANDERS'S ADDRESS

SK SCOTT G. LAPP, REGC

Being the Semi-annual, I am also conducting it semi-formal and will just recap some of the highlights of my thoughts in the meeting. This record will stand to bridge the gaps of information that we did not have time or inclination to cover but will be precursor to the more formal and lengthy report of the Annual in October 2025.

First off, thank you all for your support for the first year of my term. I have been given a lot of support, encouragement, advice, criticism, and opportunity. And I take the best lessons from each that I can and try to make ours a better Grand Commandery and product thereby. Here are some of the key points:

Membership – We are rolling out several initiatives to increase our membership, like increasing ease of communication by getting the word out on activities more and updating the website to make it easier for our Companions to know what's going on and how to get involved. We are also helping a few struggling Commanderies with staying afloat, by helping them learn and conduct ritual, moving location to try to tap into more potential candidates for membership, etc. These initiatives are still in play and after all it has only been six months. But we will have updates along the way, and at the Annual Conclave. Now for the downside. For the last several years, some of the Constituent Chapters, Councils, and Commanderies have not cleaned up their rosters, but now with the assistance of the MMS and the Grand Encampment, the corresponding

recorders are getting a handle on their rosters and the subsequent NPDs. And as they pile up and get demits and such, this is the year for several suspensions and other actions that will shrink our rosters. This will make the overall picture a bit more bleaker, but the truth is the truth of it and it is better to deal with it now than let it perpetuate further. How can each of us combat this? Simple; 1) stay healthy and get to meetings. 2) ask a companion from your Constituency to come back and join you, to get involved, and remove themselves from consideration for dismissal. 3) PAY YOUR DUES and get current, so NPD actions do not have to take you away from the York Rite that you honestly must enjoy. And 4) call me or one of my officers and find out what's new in Commandery (there is a lot of new happenings actually), or better yet, come to the next meeting and see what the Commandery has to offer since you last were there.

As far as numbers, we are sitting at 843, down from 895 last year. At that rate of attrition, Maryland's Knights Templar will be extinct in a matter of about 12-15 years. It is not the job of just our Commanders, but rather each of us, to start acting now to turn this tide. There are plenty of ways to help out if you'd like to discuss them. Call me or come visit, and I will make sure to have that discussion with each and every one of you. But know that in the last few years, we have lost some Commanderies, and a few are still teetering on the edge. If you don't want to see the state operating just a handful of Commanderies far from your home, we have to keep them all viable.

Ritual – Is now the bailiwick of our Grand Inspector General, Fred Spicer, PGC. He is doing a great job getting to all the Commanderies and inspecting them and assisting them with practicing to get better. Darryl Smith, EC #3, is in place to assist him and also was tasked with keeping an eye on the candidate pipeline so that no one is left in for multiple years as was the case before we cleaned it out two years ago. Also, one of the greatest complaints recently has been of not having access to an affirmed set of ritual to work with. Everyone seems to have their own book, no two the same, to work from. So expect a committee shortly on what we can do to fix that.

As for our progress, I would direct you to see the GIG's report included in this packet. And again, my thanks to GIG Spicer for coming back to the role and keeping Ritual in our hearts and minds.

Constitution – Jurisprudence has been reviewing the regulations that guide our institution, and that committee is in good hands and being led by SK Richard Naegele, PGM, PGC, etc. We will have some changes to be voted upon this Semi-Annual, and some more at the Annual. If you see changes therein that you think need to be made, come volunteer to help out and get on a committee to do just that. And make sure if you are concerned about any potential changes upcoming, to be at the Annual and make your voice heard by vote.

Media committee – is underway and making some changes to our website and the way it is handled and billed. The Commandery, in an effort to not be alone on it's own island, is making efforts to work with the Grand Chapter and Council to make those changes more universal and across the York Rite in general, so we can all benefit from it. More on that in my verbal address...

Observances – Our Constituents have made good effort to keep all four of our mandatory observances at the forefront of our Sir Knights' thoughts and we have seen Christmas and Easter services held this year that haven't been conducted in years. It makes my heart glad to see everyone embracing their Christian motivations and attending and organizing these observances. SK Charles Beckhardt, G.P. is working with others like SK Dean Burt across the state to make it a truly cooperative set of events. If your Commandery can't hold one of it's own, I urge you to team up with another who can help you or host you at theirs. The goal here is to make sure services are available to ALL Sir Knights, not just because of our requirements, but so that we can keep Christianity and our virtues at the top of our minds and hearts. Without them, we are just

another philanthropic community group. And I don't know about you, but that's not why I joined the ranks of our Order.

Necrology – A report will be given, and memorial services will be held at the Annual Conclave. In the meantime, if you have news of the passing of a Sir Knight, please have your recorder forward that information to us as appropriate.

I would like to take a moment to recognize that SK Robert Young will have a Memorial Service on June 7th at the Grand Lodge, consisting of services from the Knights Templar (KT#3) as well as other Masonic bodies, as requested by the family. Anyone who wishes to attend, please contact SK Norm Henthorn, Recorder, or SK Darryl Smith, EC for information on how and when to attend. As a member of Monumental Crusade #3, I had the pleasure of working with Bob with our rituals and learned a lot from him. He will be sorely missed from those ranks.

Visitations – To date, I have visited more than half of the Constituent Commanderies so far this term (Since last November) and expect to visit the rest before the year is up at the Annual. I expect to get to them all at least once next year as well, but obviously, I make those who need greater assistance a larger priority. In fact, your Grand Commandery is not a lone Commander, but a really productive team, and although I have not been to each as yet, I have taken other steps to cover them, so they are not alone. My GIG has been to most of them so far and plans to go again. For the few I have not been to yet, my officers have reached out on my behalf and will also be attending them and assisting them. And I took the liberty of setting up my line so that most of the Constituents had a Grand Line Officer either stationed at their commandery or at the next one regionally, so they have that officer in proximity to help as well. The resources are there, and if any Commandery has additional need, all they need do is raise the alarm and we will muster to the cause.

I have also made it a point to visit Grand Commandery Sessions of our neighbors, all of the Mid-Atlantic's and one of the Norst East Department. I know some believe that Maryland has all the answers, and while I agree Maryland is a Great region for Templary, we do not presume to know it all. I have made a lot of contacts in these states, and learned a lot of ideas from them, things that work and things that didn't. Some of these ideas I will be bringing back to our state to try to use them to invigorate ourselves. Time will tell, but there is certainly a wealth of knowledge and brethren to learn from within our department and to not do so is a waste of resources. I have encouraged my officers to travel with me and can give a full report to anyone who requests it, but I also would suggest to anyone who has the opportunity to attend one of those other Sessions, to do so and keep an open mind. It will broaden your view of Templary.

Awards - We are working to improve the use and knowledge of our programs and the Meritorious Service Award in particular. In my opinion, every Commandery should recommend one of their ranks each year for this medal. Not for the medal's sake, but to take a moment to acknowledge efforts of particular knights to improve their home Commanderies and inspire them to do still more. It is a minimal cost, but can be a strong motivator for the troops. And my bigger concern is if you and your E.C. cannot think of a deserving Sir Knight in your ranks; no one who has exerted sufficient force to stand out as deserving of such an award, then that says more about your Commandery's ability than any one Sir Knight.

More to come at the Annual on this topic...

A reminder will be made in my address reminding members that the Grand Master, David Kussman, has endorsed cooperation and assistance for our ladies of the Social Order of the Beauseant. He is also promoting more chivalrous behavior as behooves a knight. We in Maryland are doing the same. We ask that each of you assist the S.O.O.B. where possible and extend them, and all ladies, a greater degree of chivalric and

gentlemanly behavior. It compliments them and reflects well upon ourselves. And in so doing, promotes brotherly love as we treat each other better in the process too. We are not just men, nor masons, but Knights - govern yourselves accordingly.

In closing, I want to thank you all again for the myriad of efforts put forth by you all. It is great support not only to myself, but our entire state of Templary and we would be nothing without you.

Ever in His service, and yours,

Scott G. Lapp, REGC

Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Maryland

4.c. REPORT OF THE GRAND RECORDER

SK VERNON H. HUEBSCHMAN, KCT

Right Eminent Grand Commander,

1. Per your instruction, SK J. Bradley Thomas has been appointed as Assistant Grand Recorder. Your directive was to devise a plan to train SK Thomas in activities and duties of the Office of the Grand Recorder. To that end, I have assigned as his first duty, the assembly of the Conclave Packet we each hold in our hands today. This packet will become the backbone of the Proceedings which remains my duty to compile and publish. I am deeply grateful for his service and look forward to continuing this process.
2. Having an Assistant Grand Recorder, I should say that it is my intention to be available for consideration to serve as Grand Recorder until the Grand Conclave of 2027. This being true as long as my health and acuity remain intact. Serving this Grand Commandery is a blessing for me, and I deeply enjoy working with the Officers of the Grand Commandery, and the Recorders and Commanders of our Constituent Commanderies.
3. The Recorders and Commanders of our Constituent Commanderies are reminded that the IRS 990n forms can be filed after the first day of January of each year, unless your Commandery has been issued its own EIN, probably beginning with a "52" prefix. You will need to verify your filing window.
4. Regarding the EIN, please note that the name for your organization shown on your IRS 990n form is the true legal name for your organization. If you are operating a checking account with any other name...even the commonly used name of the commandery which traditionally use, your financial institution may eventually need to call you in. Setting up a Doing Business As identity is a workable solution. You will need to make sure your Commandery is registered with the State of Maryland and establish their version of an EIN...you have your own federal EIN....and you should have 501 C 10 classification, but you may need a copy of your Determination Letter from the IRS.
5. Recorders, please remain focused on updating the MMS with each event that alters a Sir Knight's membership status: Conferral of Orders, change of contact information, death, demits, suspensions. Remember that the MMS is a shared information system that benefits from your activity in both the Chapter and Council, although your Templar data is private to your body.

Grand Commander, thank for the many conversations and emails. I have enjoyed the frankness of our communications. Many leaders have called for improved communication, but you have made this concept the foundation of all your efforts.

Respectfully submitted,
SK Vernon H. Huebschman, KCT
Grand Recorder

4.d. CORRESPONDENCE

SK VERNON H. HUEBSCHMAN, KCT

All communications received from neighboring jurisdictions have been forwarded to the Grand Commandery officers for their attention. All notices supplied by the Grand Encampment have been forwarded to the Grand Commandery officers and when appropriate, directly to the Records of the Constituent Commanderies. All notices supplied by the REGC for the attention of the Constituent Commanderies have been forwarded to the Records and Commanders of the respective bodies. The annual report and assessment have been sent to the Grand Encampment offices in Texas. The IRS 990-N form has been filed with the IRS. The KT Educational Foundation report has been filed with the Grand Encampment.

Respectfully submitted,
SK Vernon H. Huebschman, KCT
Grand Recorder

4.e. JURISPRUDENCE & CONSTITUTION

SK RICHARD P. NAEGELE, KCT

Right Eminent Grand Commander,

The Jurisprudence Committee has not had much action for the first half of the year. We have been consulted on a few questions for advice and counsel.

There was unfinished business from last year concerning Maryland Commandery's bylaws. After reviewing what I received last year I found nothing in conflict with the Grand Commandery Constitution.

If we can be of further assistance, please don't hesitate to ask.

Faternally,

Richard P. Naegele, PGC, KCT

Jurisprudence Chairman

PROPOSED AMENDMENT

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Proposed by the Jurisprudence Committee:

SK John Rafine KCT, PGC, Chairman
SK Kenneth Wyvill KCT, PGC
SK Randall Watson KCT, GT

4.f. GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT

SK RANDALL L. WATSON, KCT

This Report covers the period from November 1, 2024 to May 14, 2025 regarding the 2025 income and expenses. Income thus far totals \$13,328.00; expenses total \$7,925.71.

Asset & Liabilities Cash Statement:

The attached chart shows the changes for the full year from April 2024 to April 2025. In reporting for the full year, the investment increases from April to September in 2024 mask the decreases from September 2024 to April 2025. The Endowment Fund had no spending and increased by 10.09%. The Educational Foundation increased by 7.42%, but one \$5k scholarship check from the previous year was reissued and cashed. The Operating Account increased by 7.46%.

- The balance in the operating account with Morgan Stanley as of September 30, 2024 was \$318,246.59; as of April 30, 2025 it is \$302,213.35; a decrease of about \$16,000 (5.0%).
- The balance in the Endowment Fund with Morgan Stanley as of September 30, 2024 was \$1,086,032.11; as of April 30, 2025 it is \$1,055,467.54; a decrease of about \$30.5k (-2.8%).
- The balance in the Educational Foundation with Morgan Stanley as of September 30, 2024 was \$848,487.51; as of April 30, 2025 it is \$806,518.69; a decrease of about \$42k (5.0%).

The Budget and Finance Committee Chairman reviewed the Grand Treasurer's records on April 23, 2025. The Committee met virtually on April 25, 2025.

2024/2025 Budget:

Each year we are allowed to transfer 90% of the earnings of the Endowment Account into the Operating Account. It's calculated from April 1st through March 31st. For the 2024-2025 year, this comes to \$28,770.79 (90% of \$31,967.54). This transfer has not yet been completed, and was not included as income last spring in the preparation of the 2024/2025 Budget, since the Operating Account has sufficient reserves to fund the Budget while leaving these funds in the Endowment Account. I will introduce a motion to authorize leaving these funds in the Endowment Account, just as we did last year, until such future time as they are needed. The cumulative balance of transfers deferred from the years ending March 2017 through March 2025 is \$191,454.67.

Period Ending March 31st	Income	Transfer Amount (90% Income)	# New SKs	\$25 New Knight Contribution Offset	Available Deferred Transfer Balance
2017		\$20,809.56	48	\$1,200.00	\$19,609.56
2018	\$20,925.08	\$18,832.57	40	\$1,000.00	\$37,442.13
2019	\$23,413.46	\$21,072.11	45	\$1,125.00	\$57,389.24
2020	\$24,214.46	\$21,793.01	35	\$875.00	\$78,307.25
2021	\$21,933.36	\$19,740.02	8	\$200.00	\$97,847.27
2022	\$22,207.93	\$19,987.14	51	\$1,275.00	\$116,559.41
2023	\$27,641.13	\$24,877.02	13	\$325.00	\$141,111.43
2024	\$25,191.61	\$22,672.45	23	\$575.00	\$163,208.88
2025	\$31,967.54	\$28,770.79	21	\$525.00	\$191,454.67

Respectfully submitted,

Randall L. Watson, KCT
Grand Treasurer

Attachments:

Asset & Liabilities Cash Statement as of April 30, 2025

2023/2024 and 2024/2025 Approved Budgets & Year-to-Date Expenses
2025/2026 Proposed Budget

Asset & Liabilities Cash Statement as of April 30, 2025

Assets

General Operating Account #633-xxxx34

	% of holding	At cost	Market Value 4/30/25	Unrealized Gain (Loss)	Market Value 4/30/24	Change
Cash & MMFs	7.88%		\$23,804.80		\$9,108.70	\$14,696.10
Common & Preferred Stocks	78.12%	\$82,499.89	\$236,095.25	\$153,595.36	\$230,557.45	\$5,537.80
Exchange-Traded & Closed End Fd	7.22%	\$13,283.57	\$21,813.00	\$8,529.43	\$21,923.00	(\$110.00)
Corporate Fixed Income	0.00%					\$0.00
Mutual Funds	6.78%	\$12,751.82	\$20,500.30	\$7,748.48	\$19,643.05	\$857.25
Subtotal General Operating Account	100.00%	\$108,535.28	\$302,213.35	\$169,873.27	\$281,232.20	\$20,981.15 7.46%

Endowment Fund Account #633-xxxx10

	% of holding	At cost	Market Value 4/30/25	Unrealized Gain (Loss)	Market Value 4/30/24	Change
Cash & MMFs	2.36%		\$24,878.81		\$48,990.72	(\$24,111.91)
Common & Preferred Stocks	73.39%	\$381,585.27	\$774,630.88	\$393,045.63	\$718,801.26	\$55,829.62
Exchange-Traded & Closed End Fd	4.87%	\$32,969.32	\$51,352.00	\$18,382.68	\$47,760.00	\$3,592.00
Corporate Fixed Income	9.32%	\$97,620.40	\$98,319.13	(\$54.22)	\$46,725.39	\$51,593.74
Mutual Funds	10.07%	\$76,598.33	\$106,286.72	\$29,688.39	\$96,484.65	\$9,802.07
Subtotal Endowment Fund Account	100.00%	\$588,773.32	\$1,055,467.54	\$441,062.48	\$958,762.02	\$96,705.52 10.09%
Net Worth as of April 30, 2024			\$1,357,680.89		\$1,239,994.22	\$117,686.67 9.49%

Knights Templar Educational Foundation Account #633-xxxx35

	% of holding	At cost	Market Value 4/30/25	Unrealized Gain (Loss)	Market Value 4/30/24	Change
Cash & MMFs	3.60%		\$29,023.35		\$35,194.11	(\$6,170.76)
Common & Preferred Stocks	67.52%	\$241,825.82	\$544,543.59	\$302,717.77	\$515,657.44	\$28,886.15
Exchange-Traded & Closed End Fd	1.05%	\$11,263.23	\$8,507.80	(\$2,755.43)	\$8,821.68	(\$313.88)
Corporate Fixed Income	6.08%	\$48,326.31	\$49,022.05	(\$8.74)	\$44,728.08	\$4,293.97
Certificates of Deposit	1.14%	\$9,000.00	\$9,180.72	\$0.52		\$9,180.72
Mutual Funds	20.61%	\$114,454.27	\$166,241.18	\$51,786.91	\$146,422.87	\$19,818.31
Educational Fund Account	100.00%	\$424,869.63	\$806,518.69	\$351,741.03	\$750,824.18	\$55,694.51

2023/2024 Budget & Expenses

2024/2025 Approved Budget & Year-to-Date Expenses

Income:	G.L.	Approved 2024 Budget	Actual 2024 5/17/2025	Approved 2025 Budget	Year to Date 5/17/2025	Balance
Annual Per Capita (\$5 MD)	A-1	\$ 4,500.00		\$ 4,375.00		(\$4,375.00)
Annual Per Capita (\$9 GE)	A-2	\$ 8,100.00		\$ 7,875.00		(\$7,875.00)
Uncoded Per Capita	A	\$ -	\$12,166.00	\$ -	\$11,824.00	\$11,824.00
Knight Templar Eye Fdn (\$1 ea)	B-1	\$ -		\$ -		
KTEF - Sponsor	B-2	\$ -		\$ -		
Knight Templar Eye Foundation - Misc	B-3	\$ -		\$ -		
Holy Land Pilgrimage Donations	C	\$ 4,000.00		\$ 4,500.00		(\$4,500.00)
Reimbursable Items	D	\$ 2,000.00	\$2,186.82	\$ 2,000.00	\$1,504.00	(\$496.00)
Initiation Fees (\$50 ea)	E	\$ 2,000.00		\$ 2,000.00		(\$2,000.00)
Interest/Dividends (Endowment)	F	\$ -		\$ -		
Miscellaneous	G	\$ 500.00	\$20.00	\$ 500.00		(\$500.00)
Relief - Little Sisters of the Poor	H	\$ -	\$300.00	\$ -		
Youth Groups (Hershey Trip)	J	\$ 1,000.00	\$692.00	\$ 1,000.00		(\$1,000.00)
Annual Conclave	N	\$ 7,000.00	\$10,990.57	\$ 7,000.00		(\$7,000.00)
Transfer from operating fund (if needed)	M	\$ 54,535.00	\$35,925.69	\$ 44,225.00		(\$44,225.00)
Total Income		\$ 83,635.00	\$62,281.08	\$ 73,475.00	\$13,328.00	(\$60,147.00)
Expenses:						
Grand Encampment Per Capita	1	\$ 8,100.00	\$8,001.00	\$ 7,875.00		\$7,875.00
Knight Templar Eye Foundation	2	\$ -		\$ -		
Treasurer Honorarium	3	\$ 4,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Recorder Honorarium	4	\$ 6,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
Office Expense	8	\$ 850.00		\$ 850.00	\$125.08	\$724.92
Annual Conclave Expense	9	\$ 10,500.00	\$15,592.30	\$ 11,500.00		\$11,500.00
Annual Session Hospitality	9A	\$ 1,500.00	\$2,472.83	\$ 1,500.00		\$1,500.00
Equipment Repair	10	\$ 100.00		\$ 100.00		\$100.00
Holy Land Pilgrimage	12	\$ 4,000.00		\$ 4,500.00		\$4,500.00
Grand Line Travel	13	\$ 4,000.00	\$1,404.23	\$ 4,000.00		\$4,000.00
PGC Jewel	14	\$ 500.00	\$203.00	\$ 500.00		\$500.00
GIG Expense	15	\$ 1,500.00	\$627.58	\$ 1,500.00		\$1,500.00
Triennial Expense	16	\$ 10,000.00	\$5,799.12	\$ -		
PGC Travel	18	\$ 2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$ -		
Mid-Atlantic Conference	19	\$ 2,500.00	\$4,344.55	\$ 2,500.00		\$2,500.00
Youth Program	20	\$ 1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00		\$1,200.00
Youth Groups - Prospect Trip	20A	\$ 5,500.00	\$4,056.49	\$ 5,500.00		\$5,500.00
Crusader Program	22	\$ 6,100.00		\$ 6,100.00		\$6,100.00
Reimbursable Items	23	\$ 2,000.00	\$2,191.87	\$ 2,000.00	\$910.87	\$1,089.13
Miscellaneous	24	\$ 4,000.00	\$522.70	\$ 4,000.00		\$4,000.00
Awards/Incentives	25	\$ 5,000.00	\$816.96	\$ 5,000.00	\$1,673.75	\$3,326.25
Bond/Insurance	26	\$ 2,100.00	\$2,409.00	\$ 2,300.00		\$2,300.00
Web Site	27	\$ 185.00		\$ 550.00	\$216.01	\$333.99
Relief Fund	29	\$ -	\$300.00	\$ -		

Semi-Annual Expenses	30	\$	1,000.00	\$183.52	\$	1,000.00	\$1,000.00
GC Meetings	31	\$	1,000.00	\$155.93	\$	1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Total Expenses		\$	83,635.00	\$62,281.08	\$	73,475.00	\$7,925.71
							\$65,549.29

2024/2025 Budget & Proposed 2025/2026 Budget

Income:	G.L.	Approved 2025 Budget	Proposed 2026 Budget
Annual Per Capita (\$5 MD)	A-1	\$ 4,375.00	\$ 4,000.00
Annual Per Capita (\$9 GE)	A-2	\$ 7,875.00	\$ 7,200.00
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	\$ 4,500.00	\$ -
Reimbursable Items	D	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
Initiation Fees (\$50 ea.)	E	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Interest/Dividends (Endowment)	F	\$ -	\$ -
Miscellaneous	G	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Relief (Little Sisters of the Poor)	H	\$ -	\$ -
Youth Groups (Prospect Trip)	J	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 600.00
Annual Conclave	N	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 8,600.00
Transfer from operating fund (if needed)	M	\$ 44,225.00	\$ 45,650.00
Total Income		\$ 73,475.00	\$ 72,550.00

Expenses:

Grand Encampment Per Capita	1	\$ 7,875.00	\$ 7,200.00
Knight Templar Eye Foundation	2	\$ -	\$ -
Treasurer Honorarium	3	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
Recorder Honorarium	4	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
Office Expense	8	\$ 850.00	\$ 700.00
Annual Conclave Expense	9	\$ 11,500.00	\$ 13,000.00
Annual Session Hospitality	9A	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 2,400.00
Equipment Repair	10	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
Holy Land Pilgrimage	12	\$ 4,500.00	\$ -
Grand Line Travel	13	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
	REGC	<u>\$3,250.00</u>	
	VEDGC	<u>\$ 750.00</u>	
	EGG	<u>\$ 500.00</u>	
	EGCG	<u>\$ 500.00</u>	
PGC Jewel	14	\$ 500.00	\$ 9,000.00
GIG Expense	15	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
Triennial Expense	16	\$ -	\$ -
PGC Travel	18	\$ -	\$ -
Mid-Atlantic Conference	19	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00
Youth Program	20	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,500.00
Youth Groups - Prospect Trip	20A	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 3,500.00
Crusader Program	22	\$ 6,100.00	\$ 2,000.00
Reimbursable Items	23	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
Miscellaneous	24	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Awards/Incentives	25	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,500.00
Bond/Insurance	26	\$ 2,300.00	\$ 2,500.00
Web Site	27	\$ 550.00	\$ 150.00
Relief Fund	29	\$ -	\$ -
Semi-Annual Expenses	30	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
GC Meetings	31	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00

Total Expenses

\$ 73,475.00

\$ 72,550.00

5.a. FINANCE and AUDIT

SK GEORGE J. CHRISTOFF, VEDGC

Right Eminent Grand Commander,

This committee is pleased to provide the requested information as we continue our efforts to keep our Sir Knights informed of our current financial standing.

Over the last couple weeks, the Finance Committee met via a series of telephone conversations which included the 2025 budget and budget variance data through March 2025, and the proposed 2026 budget figures as well as the assumptions used to derive those figures.

These conversations included:

Scott Lapp, REGC
George Christoff, VEDGC
Mike Raab, EGG
John Myers, EGCG
Randall L. Watson, EGT
Vernon Huebschman, EGR

GRAND COMMANDERY PROPOSED BUDGET 2026

Income:		G.L.	Approved 2025 Budget	Proposed 2026 Budget
Annual Per Capita (\$5 MD)		A-1	\$ 4,375.00	\$ 4,000.00
Annual Per Capita (\$9 GE)		A-2	\$ 7,875.00	\$ 7,200.00
Uncoded Per Capita		A	\$ -	\$ -
KT Eye Foundation (\$1 ea)		B-1	\$ -	\$ -
KTEF - Sponsor		B-2	\$ -	\$ -
KT Eye Foundation - Misc		B-3	\$ -	\$ -
Holy Land Pilgrimage Donations		C	\$ 4,500.00	\$ -
Reimbursable Items		D	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
Initiation Fees (\$50 ea)		E	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Interest/Dividends (Endowment)		F	\$ -	\$ -
Miscellaneous		G	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Relief - Little Sisters of the Poor		H	\$ -	\$ -
Youth Groups (Prospect Trip)		J	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 600.00
Annual Conclave Expense		N	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 8,600.00
Transfer from operating fund		M	\$ 44,225.00	\$ 45,650.00
Total Income			\$ 73,475.00	\$ 72,550.00
Expenses:				
Grand Encampment Per Capita		1	\$ 7,875.00	\$ 7,200.00
Knight Templar Eye Foundation		2	\$ -	\$ -
Treasurer Honorarium		3	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
Recorder Honorarium		4	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
FICA		5		
FUTA / SUTA		6		
Office Rent		7	\$ -	\$ -
Office Expense		8	\$ 850.00	\$ 700.00
Annual Conclave Expense		9	\$ 11,500.00	\$ 13,000.00
Annual Session Hospitality		9A	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 2,400.00
Equipment Repair		10	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
Proceedings Printing		11	\$ -	\$ -
Holy Land Pilgrimage		12	\$ 4,500.00	\$ -
Grand Line Travel		13	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
REGC	\$ 3,250.00			
VEDGC	\$ 750.00			
EGG	\$ 500.00			
EGCG	\$ 500.00			
PGC Jewel		14	\$ 500.00	\$ 9,000.00
GIG Expense		15	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
Triennial Expense		16	\$ -	\$ -
Southern Breakfast		17		
PGC Travel		18	\$ -	\$ -
Mid-Atlantic Conference		19	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00
Youth Program		20	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,500.00
Youth Groups - Prospect Trip		20A	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 3,500.00
GC Jewel Insurance		21		
Crusader Program		22	\$ 6,100.00	\$ 2,000.00
Reimbursable Items		23	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
Miscellaneous		24	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Awards/Incentives		25	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,500.00
Bond/Insurance		26	\$ 2,300.00	\$ 2,500.00
Web Site		27	\$ 550.00	\$ 150.00
Dist. Comm. Expense		28		
Relief Fund		29	\$ -	\$ -
Semi-Annual Expenses		30	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
GC Meetings		31	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Receivables		40		
Total Expenses			\$ 73,475.00	\$ 72,550.00

6. GRAND PRELATE'S REPORT

SK CHARLES A. BECKHARDT, JR, KCTH

Right Eminent Grand Commander,

As I come to the completion of my first six months serving as the Grand Prelate and my 6th consecutive year, I want to thank you for giving me the honor to serve in your Grand Line. It has continued to be a wonderful experience for me personally and you giving me your support to continue to provide Spiritual Leadership and assistance to our Commanderies. It still is my objective to continue to expand our Religious Observances with the Maryland Commanderies and I'm happy to report, we are doing just that.

Attached for your review and information are three reports to be made part of our Annual Conclave.

1. Report of Religious Services.
2. Other Activities.
3. Report on the Holy Land Pilgrimage.

REGC Lapp, thank you for your leadership and your support.

Blessings + Peace

Charles A. Beckhardt Jr., Grand Prelate

Chair, Religious Observance and Holy Land Pilgrimage Committees

6.a RELIGIOUS SERVICES

CHRISTMAS 2024

The following Commanderies held an individual or combined Christmas Observance:

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

Participated in the annual York Rite Christmas Observance held at Maryland Masonic Homes -Chapel

HOLY WEEK 2025

- Monumental Crusade #3 & Maryland #1 held a combined Good Friday and Memorial Service
- Carroll Beauseant Commandery #8 held Holy Thursday Service
- Chesapeake Commander #10 held a Good Friday Service at Ames Methodist Church
- Montgomery Commandery #13 attended Palm Sunday Service at Grace United Methodist Church
- Antioch Commandery #6 attended Sunrise Service at New Covenant UMC.

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE 2025

Again, this year Monumental Crusade Commander #3 provided bus transportation for anyone who wanted to attend the Easter Sunrise Service at the George Washington Masonic Memorial, in Alexandria, Virginia.

There were several Sir Knights who drove their cars. There were approximately 25-30 Sir Knights in attendance. This year the service was conducted outside.

6.a.1. OTHER ACTIVITIES

2025

- Guest speaker for Carroll Beauseant #8, Monumental Crusade #3 and Maryland #1 Commanderies Holy Week Observance Observances
- Sent reminder correspondence to each Eminent Commander in January concerning the dates for Holy Week religious observance.
- Continue to provide copies of guidelines for our Religious Observances.
- Assisted several Eminent Commanders with their religious programs.
- April sent reminder to the Eminent Commanders concerning Ascension dates for Observances.
- Represented Grand Commandery at Grand Chapter of The Order of Eastern Star annual sessions.

6.b HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE 2025

Received information from Sir Knight Emmett Mills, Chair of the Grand Encampment has given the okay to process your candidates for February 2026.

Our Department Commander, Jon Austin and REGC Scott Lapp are not in favor of us participating this year due to the unrest in Israel. More discussion is in the process with the Grand Encampment.

The REGC Scott Lapp has requested the Holy Land Pilgrimage Committee to come up with an alternative program to present to our Maryland Commanderies for consideration and participation.

7. CHARITABLE FOUNDATIONS

7.a KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EYE FOUNDATION

GARY KENNEDY, KCT/KCTH

Right Eminent Grand Commander,
Contributions by Fiscal Campaign 57th
Start Date: 6/1/2024. End Date: 5/15/2025

Contributions as of April 23, 2025

Maryland	\$ 28,111
Grand Commandery	\$ 1,226
1 - Maryland	\$ 3,156
3 - Monumental Crusade	\$ 1,089
4 - Jacques DeMolay	\$ 9,410
6 - Antioch	\$ 50
7 - Palestine	\$ 2,370
8 - Carroll-Beauseant	\$ 1,730
10 - Chesapeake	\$ 6,490

11 - Thomas J. Shryock	\$ 2,185
13 - Montgomery	\$ 185
16 - York	\$ 220

KTEF Club Roster

	KTEF Club Members	Total Membership	%
Maryland	66	804	8%
1 - Maryland	6	65	9%
3 - Monumental Crusade	14	220	6%
4 - Jacques DeMolay	7	79	9%
6 - Antioch	2	57	4%
7 - Palestine	8	81	10%
8 - Carroll-Beauseant	8	76	11%
10 - Chesapeake	5	101	5%
11 - Thomas J. Shryock	10	50	20%
13 - Montgomery	3	48	6%
16 - York	3	27	11%

Respectfully Submitted,
SK Gary Kennedy
Chairman, Knights Templar Eye Foundation

7.b. KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

SK J. BRADLEY THOMAS

Right Eminent Grand Commander,

This is the report of the KTEdF Committee for this Semi-Annual Conclave. I was appointed as Chairman in March 2025. Since assuming the position from SK Kris Brown, I have been diligently working to understand and perform the duties to which I have been appointed.

Listed below are the awards presented in 2024.

1	Julian Joseph	Tulane University	\$2,000
2	Natalie Kinnear	Towson University	\$2,000
3	Clarissa Ocampo	MGH Institute of Health Professionals	\$3,000
4	Emily Heister	Frederick Community College	\$2,000
5	Teah Caslin	University of MD- College Park	\$2,000
6	Andrew Ashton	University of Michigan	\$2,000
7	Adam Buffington	George Mason University	\$3,000
			\$16,000

Scholarships are awarded to Maryland residents based on the interest earned on the Foundation's Endowment from the previous year. There is no requirement for Masonic affiliation.

The application documents posted on the Grand Commandery's website will be updated to reflect current scholarship application processes. As chairman, I hope to streamline the application process, promote its availability to a broader audience, develop a criterion sheet for the selection process, and add additional members, when needed, to assist in the selection process. The deadline, agreed upon last year, March 31, will be used beginning in 2026.

The goal is to have all changes completed and reported at the Annual Conclave.

Respectfully submitted,
SK J. Bradley Thomas, EPC
Chairman, Knight Templar Educational Foundation

8. COMMUNITY RELATIONS

8.a. MEDIA AND COMMUNICATIONS

SK MICHAEL R. RAAB, EGG

Right Eminent Grand Commander,

The Media and Communications Committee has been hard at work on creating a new internet home for the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Maryland at the request of the Right Eminent Grand Commander, while still maintaining the pages on the existing site.

The new webpage will have the following features:

- A member-only section for documents that should not be open to the public (details are still being completed)
- A section dedicated to General Orders
- A Commandery locator to show the Commanderies closest to your location or zip code.
- A more detailed section for the Quartermaster

We need to settle on:

- Domain name
- Hosting platform

The committee is in discussion for these matters with the Right Eminent Grand Commander.

In addition to the webpage the Audio / Video team filmed Easter Sunrise Service at the George Washington Masonic Memorial on April 20th.

I recently took over this position from SK Dan Brewer who has faithfully held the position in the Grand Commandery of Maryland for many years and I want to thank him for his stewardship and willingness to assist me whenever needed.

Thank you for the appointment to this committee and I am pleased to serve the Grand Commandery of Maryland, and I look forward to soon releasing the new site. It has been a pleasure working with you and the committee.

Respectfully Submitted,
SK Mike Raab, Grand Generalissimo
Chairman, Media and Communications Committee

8.b. EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

SK MICHAEL R. RAAB, EGG

Right Eminent Grand Commander,

The Events and Activities Committee has been working with the local Commanderies to gather and distribute their events. Our events so far this year are:

- The Easter Sunrise Service on Sunday April 20th
- Semi-Annual Conclave May 19th
- The Westminster Memorial Day parade with horses on Monday May 26th
- June 14th the Social Order of the Beauceant, Cockeysville installation
- June 28th Youth trip Great Adventure Park.

We have had at least 1 Grand Officer in attendance at all Mid Atlantic Conclaves. Grand Sessions October 24th in Ocean City, MD.

Thank you for the appointment to this committee, I am pleased to serve the Grand Commandery of Maryland.

Respectfully Submitted,
SK Mike Raab, Grand Generalissimo
Chairman, Events and Activities Committee

8.c. YOUTH RELATIONS

SK CARL A. MICHEL, JR.

Right Eminent Grand Commander,

We thank you and the Maryland Masonic Family for your continued support. Our members are very appreciative of the financial support and the requests to assist with dinners, make presentations to the members and invitations to join in fun activities. A special THANK YOU goes to the Grand Commandery and others who support the Masonic Youth Trip to Adventure Park in Frederick. This activity is looked forward to every year with anticipation. This is a valuable addition to their calendars, and they know how lucky they are for your support.

At the time of this writing Maryland Rainbow has completed their yearly sessions and a new Youth leader has been installed. The room was packed and the energy was fantastic. The DeMolay and Job's Daughters both showed up in support of Rainbow. We recommend everyone to attend the Installation next year. The Maryland Rainbow website at the bottom of this report will provide you with contact information for their organization.

DelMar Job's Daughters will be holding their yearly sessions Mother's Day weekend in Cockeysville at Grand Lodge. They will celebrate the accomplishments of their year and the new Adult Leaders will be installed. The ladies of DelMar Job's Daughters are working hard to increase membership and work

with the other youth groups to increase attendance at fun events. We are looking forward to a fantastic year with much excitement from the incoming leadership.

Maryland DeMolay continues to work on membership, activities and communication. The chapters continue to work on new and exciting programs to fulfill the needs on the younger members and keep the older members coming back. Their Rifle Tournament just concluded, and these young men learned valuable lessons in gun safety, cleaning, and responsible ownership. Having hands on activities like these will hopefully move them out of the gaming mindset and into a practical one where they understand that there is no 2nd or 3rd life after your first one is gone. Their Annual meeting will be in July at Salisbury University. Paperwork should be out to the Commanderies requesting small donations to help them cover costs associated with specific items. These items are listed with full amounts needed but any donation, no matter the size will do to assist them. We look forward to seeing the Jurisdiction going for three years in a row of positive growth.

Activities are on the rise and participation continues to build across all three youth groups. Work continues to rebuild the membership numbers and strength the educational programs for our future leaders. The excitement and fun these members are having is addictive! All groups are looking for Advisors, men and women, who are willing to assist them to mentor their members and help them with their growth into adults. THE GIFT OF YOUR TIME TO MENTOR IS THE MOST VALUABLE COMMODITY YOU COULD GIVE! If you want to experience much gratification in your life, step into the role of a mentor for these organizations.

We continue to encourage all members of our great Fraternity to schedule time to go to a youth function or meeting to see them in action. Your attendance at their functions means a great deal to these young people. They are encouraged to work harder and do better when they see the support, in person, from the members of our Grand Lodge. Should you be connected to any relatives, friends or neighbors who have young ladies and men who may be interested in seeing what we have to offer, please reach out the youth groups through the website links below for further information on their requirements for membership.

We thank you for the opportunity to serve you and the Grand Lodge of Maryland in this most important function. Each of these organizations represents a substantial investment in the future of Masonry and we sincerely appreciate your support of our activities. Please visit each website

DEMOLAY <https://www.mddemolay.org>
RAINBOW FOR GIRLS <http://www.gomarylandrainbow.org/>
JOB'S DAUGHTERS <https://delmarjdi.org/>

Fraternally submitted,
Carl A. Michel, Jr, SK
Chairman

8.c. YOUTH TRIP REPORT

SK KYLE BRAGG

Right Eminent Grand Commander,

Your youth trip committee thanks you for the opportunity to serve this august body by working with our Masonic Youth.

The young men and women will be part of our future either through joining or encouraging others to join. Our continued support will only afford them greater success in their futures as well as the communities.

This is the first year for the new team on the committee so we are learning as we go and with the help from REGC Lapp and his lady Marcy, we are following their guidance this year and taking things at a slow approach and adapting it to how we think we can continue to improve for next year.

Last year we had roughly 80 attendees come to the youth trip. Every year we continue to grow with the attendance. We are projecting roughly the same attendance between the 3 youth groups and prospects. At the time of writing the report we have 44 RSVP'ed with 6 being prospects. We are still receiving RSVP's as the days go on.

The cost of the youth trip is roughly the same between this year and last. We priced out for an estimate of 70 attendees but with room to add more if needed.

Everything is planned for the trip and booked in advance with the park. We are advertising regularly with DeMolay, Jobs and Rainbow. As the time gets closer, the members of the youth groups get excited for the trip as it is one of the times where all 3 of them can get together and have fun. Thank you all for the continued support with this yearly event, The groups look forward to it every year and love attending it.

Sincerely and Fraternally

SK Dakota Clark Chairman

SK Kyle Bragg Vice-Chairman

8.d. APPENDANT AND CONCORDANT BODIES

SK G. ANDREW MARTINEZ

Right Eminent Grand Commander,

The ties between the three York Rite Grand Bodies of Maryland continues to improve with good working relations between the three bodies. The current focus should remain on how to increase York Rite membership across the board as the Blue Lodge membership declines. It is critical that the Grand Commandery support, both in meeting attendance and financially, the Chapters and Councils, as no new Knights Templar can be created without them becoming Companions first.

This past year I have worked with Grand Chapter and Grand Council on assessing the current status of the 14 Chapters and 12 Councils (respectively) and hope to work with the Grand Commander on reviewing our 10 Commanderies. I will be giving a synopsis of the findings of the 3 Grand Bodies (once completed) at the York Rite College meeting in late May and how our College can better assist our Maryland York Rite in general (which is that body's charge and charter). Hopefully, these efforts will strengthen our Maryland York Rite and get more Brothers into our ranks.

Big stage York Rite events are happening in the region and the Mid-Atlantic Conference was recently hosted at the Grand Lodge of Maryland by the General Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons International and General Grand Council Cryptic Masons International on Saturday, April 26, 2025. The conference contained several agenda segments on leadership and communication and Mid-Atlantic Department Commander, SK John H. Austin, REPGC, gave comments representing the Grand Encampment. MEGHP Rafael Rodriguez and MIGM Spyros Treklas also gave comments for the Maryland Grand Chapter and Grand Council respectively, with our Most Worshipful Grand Master, Randall L. Watson giving his remarks, as well as giving a personal tour of the Corinthian Room, the Gothic Room, and the Oriental Room. This event was attended by York Rite Companions from eight states and our Maryland York Rite was very proudly represented.

In June, there will be the historic signing of the founding charter for the Social Order of the Beauceant (Cockeysville, Maryland Assembly) which is scheduled for June 12–15, 2025, at the Grand Lodge of Maryland. This is an event that should be receive all the attention and support of all of the Maryland York Rite.

In conclusion, this committee will continue to work to strengthen the ties of our Grand Commandery to all of the rest of the York Rite bodies. We hope to do even more in the upcoming year.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sir Knight G. Andrew Martinez, PEC
Chairman, Appendant and Concordant Bodies Committee

8.e. CIVIC AND PATRIOTIC

SK MICHAEL W.I. SHRANK

Written report was not submitted by the Chairman

8.f. MASONIC RELATIONS AND GREVIENCES

SK GEORGE J. CHRISTOFF, VEDGC

Good evening, Right Eminent Grand Commander and Distinguished Knights.

This committee is pleased to provide the requested information as we continue our efforts to keep our Sir Knights informed concerning Masonic Relations and Grievances.

I am pleased to report that, at the time of this writing, there are no Grievances before the Committee.

We do, however, have one issue to report pertaining to the Cockeysville Social Order of the Beauseant. We have been informed that they have had to make some changes in the details and dates of their chartering process. As their Brothers in Christ, we are here to support them. But, as of this date, we do not have many of those details. The Worthy President Elect will be on hand immediately following this meeting, in the Oriental Room, to address any questions. Please direct any inquires to her.

I am pleased to serve as the Chairman of this Committee. I look forward to continued service assisting you, the Grand Commandery of Maryland, and our fellow Sir Knights.

Respectfully Submitted
George Christoff, VEDGC

Chairman, Finance and Audit Committee
Grand Commandery of Maryland

9. RITUAL AND TEMPLAR DEVELOPMENT

9.a. GRAND INSPECTOR GENERAL AND RITUAL

SK FREDERICK A. SPICER, KCT/KCTH

Right Eminent Grand Commander,

It is a pleasure to serve you and the Grand Commandery of Maryland for this year.

As per your instructions for 2025, the inspections consist of:

Ten Man Opening
Sword Drill
Reception of the RE Grand Commander
Plus, one of the following:
Malta – short form
Libations inspection
Red Cross discussion

Inspections have pared over time, and they are easily completed within the time allotted at one Commandery's Conclave.

Inspections completed to date:

Monumental-Crusade #3
Palestine #7
Carroll-Beauseant #8
Chesapeake #10
Montgomery #13

Inspections not completed, to date:

Maryland #1
Jacques de Molay #4
Antioch #6
Thomas J. Shryock #11
York #16

When I was asked to attend a commandery previous to their inspection to rehearse, I was happy to do so. The inspections have gone quite well for the five held, with officers in uniform, commandery chairs and banners set up correctly and Sir Knights prepared for my visit/inspection.

Respectfully Submitted,
SK Frederick A. Spicer
Chairman, Instruction and Ritual Committee

9.c. KNIGHTS TEMPLAR HANDBOOK

SK JOHN H. AUSTIN, KCT

Written report was not submitted by the Chairman

9.d. QUARTERMASTER'S REPORT

SK NORMAN HENTHORN

Right Eminent Grand Commander,

Our unwavering commitment to meeting the diverse needs of the esteemed Sir Knights of Maryland remains at the forefront of our operations.

Over the past six months, the Grand Quartermasters Office has diligently engaged in steadfast restocking of our inventory to ensure that all requisite supplies are readily available to serve the Sir Knights of Maryland. Our continuous efforts to maintain a well-stocked inventory have been marked by meticulous planning and timely execution, thereby guaranteeing that the needs of our honored members are met with the utmost efficiency and reliability.

We have carefully assessed and identified key areas where demand is expected to rise, and have proactively taken measures to ensure that our stock levels are sufficient to address these anticipated needs. Our team has worked tirelessly to source high-quality products and maintain robust supply chains, thereby fortifying our inventory against any potential disruptions.

In response to feedback and the evolving preferences of our valued members, we are pleased to announce the inclusion of credit card payment options for purchases. This strategic decision is aimed at enhancing the convenience and flexibility of our payment processes, thereby offering a seamless and efficient transaction experience for all.

It is essential to note that purchases made using credit or debit cards will be subject to a 4% convenience fee. This nominal fee is instituted to offset the additional processing costs associated with card transactions, which will allow us to provide this service without taking a loss. We believe that this update will significantly improve the overall experience of our Sir Knight while maintaining the financial integrity of our operations.

We extend our sincerest gratitude to the Sir Knights of Maryland for their understanding and continued support during this period of adjustment. It is our firm belief that these changes will enable us to maintain the high standards of service and product quality that our members deserve.

In conclusion, the Grand Quartermasters Office remains steadfast in its commitment to serving the Sir Knights of Maryland with the highest level of dedication, professionalism, and integrity. We appreciate your continued trust, and look forward to further strengthening our resources in the days ahead.

Respectfully submitted,

SK Norm Henthorn
Interim Grand Quartermaster

9.e. MEMBERSHIP**SK J. BRADLEY THOMAS**

Right Eminent Grand Commander,

Membership Count October 27, 2024, to April 30, 2025

Name	Start	Knighted	Demit	Affiliated	Suspend	Reinstate	Died	End
MD1	72		-5	+2	-3		-1	65
MC3	233		-2		-7		-5	219
JD4	80					+1	-2	79
ANT6	58						-1	57
PAL7	81	+1					-1	81
CB8	77						-1	77
CHES10	105				-1		-3	101
TJS11	52				-1		-1	50
MONT13	49						-1	48
YOR16	32		-1		-2		-2	27
TOTAL	839	+1	-8	+2	-14	+1	-18	803

The information above indicates the membership status of the Grand Commandery KT of MD from the Annual Conclave to the present. Efforts made by the constituent Commanderies have not resulted in a substantial increase in membership. More needs to be done to slow the progression of the decrease in membership. This committee is here to assist where needed.

During this cycle, a question was asked regarding the existence of an award or certificate to acknowledge Sir Knights who have achieved certain levels of membership longevity. No such award currently exists. We are presently using a certificate, formerly used by Crusade Commandery, to mark the occasion of the Knighting of its members as a template to create certificates that can be used to present to members who have reached certain milestones of longevity and when they are Knighted. Once the designs are finalized and approved, the certificates will be distributed among the Commanderies for use.

Respectfully submitted,

J. Bradley Thomas, EPC
Membership Chairman

9.f. KNIGHT'S TRAINING**SK CHARLES E. WARNS, II, KCT**

Written report was not submitted by the Chairman.

10. SESSIONS PLANNING

10.a. TIME AND PLACE 2026**SK CHARLES E. WARNS, II, KCT**

No formal report was submitted that delineated any option to consider. It was noted that the Grand Chapter and the Grand Council of Maryland have already accepted the Holiday Inn of Ocean City, MD which is the same venue as 2024, and will be used in 2025.

A motion was made to concur with the site selection made in our sister Grand York Rite Bodies for 202026 by SK Charles E. Warns II, KCT, Seconded by SK Randall L. Watson, KCT and passed unanimously.

10.b. SESSIONS 2025**SK JOHN H. MYERS, JR****10.C. HOSPITALITY 2025****SK DARRYL J. SMITH**

Right Eminent Grand Commander,

Committee:

Darryl Smith, EC Monumental Crusade Commandery #3, Chair

George Christoff, Deputy Grand Commander

Mike Raab, Grand Generalissimo

The committee continues to work with the Social Order of Beauseant (SOOB) to prepare and staff the Hospitality Room for the 2025 York Rite Session.

In preparation the committee will:

- Inventory existing inventory
- Make a list of items that need replacing
- Shop for needed inventory and equipment
- Secure a room (preferably on the first floor) to designate as the Hospitality room
- Transport all materials needed for the hospitality room
- Prepare a schedule for the hospitality room hours based on the Session schedule
- Prepare a list of staff to maintain and clean up the room as needed.

Respectfully Submitted

Darryl Smith, EC

11. CREDENTIALS: FINAL REPORT**SK DAVID ANDRUKITIS, GRAND SENTINEL**

The REGC requested a report from this committed in preparation for the Election of Officers. The Grand Sentinel reported that no one had entered or retired from the Asylum since the earlier report given at the beginning of the Grand Conclave.

12. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**SK SCOTT G. LAPP, REGC**

The REGC reported that all issues that were carried forward from the 2024 Annual Grand Conclave had been resolved during the conduct of the reports of the Officers and the Committees.

13. NEW BUSINESS**SK SCOTT G. LAPP, REGC**

The Grand Commander reported that he intended to pursue the expansion of the presentation of Service Awards to include 25 year pins, along with 50 and 60 year pins in recognition of membership.

The REGC also stated that he intends to provide information to clarify the use and qualifications for the various awards for meritorious service presented by the Grand Encampment through the Grand Commandery, and those that are under direct control of the Grand Commandery of Maryland.

The Memorial Service for SK Robert E. Young are to be conducted on June 7, 2025, immediately following the events of the Grand Lodge's Family Day Picnic on the grounds of Bonnie Blink. Templar Uniform is the proper dress. Details will be shared by email notices.

The REGC brought up a missed responsibility to reimburse two individuals for expenses they had paid for the 2024 Grand York Rite Sessions, both in the amount of \$250.00 each.

A motion was made to pay these 2024 Sessions Expenses in the amount of \$250.00 each to Mrs. Christine Andrukitis and Mrs. Marcie Lapp by SK George Christoff, Seconded by SK Charles Warns II, and passed Unanimously

The REGC brought information concerning the chartering a new chapter of the Social Order of the Beauseant.

A motion was made by SK John Myers, seconded by SK Michael Raab to provide \$2500.00 to the SOOB Chapter being considered for Cockeysville, MD to be paid only upon its receptions of its charter from the national organization. Passed Unanimously.

The REGC passed along a request from the SOOB that each Commandery put together a Raffle Basket to be offered at the Annual Grand York Rite Sessions, the proceeds of which will be donated to the Knight Templar Eye Foundation.

The REGC reported that since the Annual Grand Commandery Conclave, Maryland Commandery No. 1 has been granted dispensation to move its operation to the Masonic Lodge in Belair, Maryland.

14. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

SK CHARLES E. WARNS II, KCT REPGC

The REGC invited SK Charles E. Warns II, KCT, REPGC to preside of the Grand Commandery during the elections of officers for 2025 – 2026. SK Warns assumed the East and explained the rules by which he would conduct the process of nominations, balloting, and determining the election of those offered for consideration. SK Warns then declared the nominations open.

OFFICE	SK Nominee	SK Nominator	SK Second
Grand Commander	Scott G. Lapp	Richard P. Naegele	John H. Austin
Deputy Grand Commander	George Christoff	Scott G. Lapp	Wisniewski
Grand Generalissimo	Michael Raab	George Christoff	Norman Henthorn
Grand Captain General	John H. Myers Jr.	Michael Raab	Darryl Smith
Grand Recorder	Vernon Huebschman	John H. Myers	Richard P. Naegele

Grand Treasurer	Randall L. Watson	Michael Raab	Darryl Smith
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SK Warns thrice requested additional nominations for each office and hearing no further nominations, nominations were then declared closes. By virtues of the nominations being unopposed, SK Warns then declared that each Sir Knight nominated was duly elected for the ensuing return. Election of Officers was then declared closed and the Commandery was returned to control of the REGC.

15. INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

16. CLOSING COMMENTS

The REGC had no further comments.

SK John H. Austin, KCT, Department Commander offered the following thoughts:

- SK Austin congratulated SK Randall L. Watson, KCT, and SK Bradley D. Andrukitis, KCT, on their respective elections in the Grand Lodge of Maryland to serve the 2026 terms as Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master, respectively.
- SK Austin congratulated SK Charles Beckhardt and his wife Ida on their upcoming 65th wedding anniversary.
- SK Austin asked for prayers for SK Kris D. Brown, KTCH, as he prepares for some very serious surgeries. SK Brown is a Grand Recorder Emeritus.
- The Grand Commandery of Maryland will participate in a presentation to two doctors at the Wilmer Eye Clinic at the Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore, MD in July 2025.
- The Grand Encampment will sponsor a Masonic Leadership Conference in Philadelphia, PA on August 1 & 2 which will include all three training modules in the program. This Conference is open to all Masons, and affiliated youth organizations, and our Ladies; organization details are available.
- The Annual Department Conference will be held on September 26 & 27, 2022. See details in the Appendix. This year will include the Commission Chaplain program for the third time.
- It is hope that the 2026 Conference will include both the Chapter and Council.

SK Randall L. Watson, KCT, and Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Maryland.

Thank you for the kind reception and recognition which are shared by SK Bradley D. Andrukitis, RWDGM, SK Richard P. Naegele, KCT, MWPGM, and SK Frederick A. Spicer, KCT, MWPGM.

CLOSING PRAYER

SK CHARLES A. BECKHARDT, KTCH

Our Most Gracious Heavenly Father, we thank you for sending your Son to us. To teach us. To love us and finally, chose to die for our sins.

As Knights Templars, we took an obligation to continue to take care of your flock. So, continue to guide and counsel these Grand line Officers in their positions in the performance of their duties and responsibilities.

We ask a special blessing upon our Right Eminent Grand Commander, Scott Lapp as he leads this Grand Commandery of Maryland. Let him feel the support of his Grand line, the Eminent Commanders of each of our Commanderies and the entire membership of Knights Templars across this state of Maryland.

As we have concluded our business and before we go our various ways, let us enjoy each other's friendship and fellowship.

Finally, give us safe travels to our homes. Amen.

17. CALLING OFF

SK SCOTT G. LAPP, REGC

The REGC then Called Off the Semi-annual Grand Conclave. At 9:15 p.m.

APPENDICIES

- A. Attendance Chart
- B. Leadership Conference pages
- C. Department Conference pages.

A. VOTING SIR KNIGHTS PRESENT

Credentials Committee Roll Call

Commandery	Sir Knight
Maryland Commandery No. 1	Norman F. Henthorn III, Commander Frederick A. Spicer, KCT, REPGC Mark E. Wisniewski, Generalissimo
Monumental-Crusade Commandery No. 3	Marcellino A. Baal, EPC George J. Christoff, VEDGC Roger D. Dunn, Captain General Scott G. Lapp, REGC Richard P. Naegele, KCT, REPGC Jason S. Smith, Generalissimo J. Bradley Thomas, Assistant Grand Recorder Charles E. Warns II, KCT, REPGC Randal L. Watson, KCT, Grand Treasurer
Jacques de Molay Commandery No 4	Gary Kennedy, KCT, KTCH, EPC Robert H. Koons, Commander Michael W. Shrank, EPC
Antioch Commandery No. 6	NO REPRESENTATIVE
Palestine Commandery No. 7	Bradley D. Andrukitis, KCT, REPGC David L. Andrukitis, Grand Sentinel G. Andrew Martinez, EPC Kenneth S. Wyvill Jr. KCT, REPGC
Carroll – Beauseant Commandery No. 8	Ronald L. Aughenbaugh, KCT REPGC Michael Robert Raab, Grand Generalissimo
Chesapeake Commandery No. 10	Vernon H. Huebschman, KCT, Grand Recorder John H. Myers, Jr. Grand Captain General

Thomas J. Shryock Commandery No. 11	Randall Mulligan, Commander Michael A. Youse, EPC
Montgomery Commandery No. 13	John H. Austin, KCT, REPGC Carl R. Swanson, Commander
York Commandery No. 16	NO REPRESENTATIVE

MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS

The Role of the Grand Musician in the Grand Commandery of Maryland

Many of you may be unfamiliar with a new Grand Line Officer position that was officially announced, and an officer installed at the past annual sessions of the Grand Commandery of Maryland. The officer position was the Grand Musician; the Grand Commandery of Maryland has introduced this vital role which has been established under the directives of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar, USA. The Grand Commandery along with The Grand Encampment found it essential to emphasize the importance of music in our rituals and gatherings and wants to ensure that our ceremonies maintain their solemnity, reverence, and uplifting spirit.

Since time in memorial music has played a significant part in Masonic and Templar traditions and rituals. The impact of music enriches our rituals, deepens the emotional and spiritual engagement of our Sir Knights, which fosters unity among our Sir Knights. In moments of solemn reflection or joyous occasions, music serves as a source of harmony and inspiration.

Already, As the Grand Musician in Maryland I have been empowered to make a meaningful impact at Monumental Crusade Commandery No. 3's Christmas Observance. Here we experienced firsthand how the proper application of music can elevate our observances and our rituals. The hymns and songs that were selected added a profound dimension to the ceremony, leaving a lasting impression and encouraged all in attendance to join in the spirit of the event. This experience was just the beginning of we look forward to integrating music into our rituals, ensuring that the music selected will continue to enrich each of our Commandery's impact on our Sir Knights and strengthen our knightly bonds.

In His Service,

SK Norm Henthorn
Grand Musician