



Larry Brown, GC

*Installed April 24, 2009*

## Brown new Grand Commander

INDIANAPOLIS — Larry Brown of Muncie was installed as the 148th Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar, of Indiana during its annual Grand Conclave, held April 24 at the Marriott in Indianapolis.

Larry W. Brown was born June 23, 1947, to Donald E. Brown and Waneta M. (Kean) Brown. He was born in Bluffton, Ind., and graduated from Bluffton High School. He was in the US Naval Reserve and in 1966 joined the US Air Force as a military police officer. After leaving the Air Force, he moved to Muncie, Ind., became a Muncie Police Officer., and met his wife, Suanna. He retired from the Muncie Police Force after 30 years of service, having held the position of Deputy Police Chief. Larry and Suanna have 5 children: Larry II, Tonya, Jason, Aaron, and Amy. They also have 6 grandchildren.

Larry graduated from Indiana Vocational Technical College with a degree in Building Construction. He also graduated from the FBI National Academy in 1993. He attended Northwestern University for Budgeting and Administration. In pursuit of a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice, he attended Ball State University for 2 years and also took classes at Northwestern University, University of Louisville and the University of Virginia.

Larry was elected to two 4 year terms as township Trustee Assessor



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and 2 terms as Precinct Committeeman. He is a past board member of Big Brothers & Big Sisters and a past board member with the Mental Health Association. He also was an Explorer Scout Advisor earning the Commissioner Award for East Central United States.

Larry and Suanna were members of DeSoto United Methodist Church where he was on several boards and together he and Suanna taught Junior High Sunday School. They now are members of New Burlington United Methodist Church.

Sir Knight Brown was raised a Master Mason in Whitney Lodge #229 F&AM, New Burlington, on December 2, 1986. He served as Worshipful Master in 1995. He was exalted a Royal Arch Mason in Muncie Chapter #30, R.A.M. and served as Excellent High Priest in 2000. He was greeted a Cryptic Mason in Muncie Council #16 and served as Illustrious Master in 1998. He was created a Knight Templar at Muncie's Commandery #18 and served as Eminent Commander in 1998 and 1999. He received the Commandery's Distinguished Service Award in 2000. Larry is now affiliated with the Anderson York Rite, where he served as Eminent Commander in 2005. He began his Grand Commandery career 2002-03 as a Deputy Battalion Commander for Battalion IV. He was appointed Grand Warder in the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar in 2003 and was elected Grand Junior Warden in 2004.

Larry also received the Scottish Rite degrees in the Valley of Indianapolis in 1987 and is a dual member with the Valley of Fort Wayne. He is currently Master of Entrances in Darius Council Princes of Jerusalem, appointed in 2007. He also became of a Knight of St Andrew at the Fort Wayne Scottish Rite in 2007.

Larry was elected to receive the Degrees of the York Rite Sovereign College of North America in 1988 in Fort Wayne College #55. He served that college as Governor in 2005 and received the Order of the Purple Cross in Spokane, Wash., in 2005. He was appointed Indiana Deputy Grand Governor in 2006.

Other Masonic Affiliations Include:

- Indiana Past Commanders Association (1998)
- Knight of the York Cross of Honour, Fort Wayne Priory #8 (2001)
- Yeoman of York, Indianapolis Preceptory #4 (2003)
- Allied Masonic Degrees of United States of America, Willard M. Avery Council #409 (2005)
- Red Cross of Constantine, Saint Basil Conclave (2007)
- Royal Order of Scotland (2008)
- International Order of DeMolay, Wells County Chapter, Senior DeMolay; Received the Active DeMolay Legion of Honor in 2007.