

# MINNESOTA SUPPLEMENT

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Grand Commander



## GRAND COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

To all the Sir Knights of Minnesota:

This is my last message as your Grand Commander. It does not seem that the year is already over. You know the old saying time flies when you are having fun; and, even though it was hard work, I did have fun meeting new Sir Knights and traveling to new places. The only regret I have is that there was not enough time to implement some of my plans. All I can say is that I tried my best. I want to congratulate the Commanderies who had inspections this year. They all did an excellent job. Having an inspection or a school of instruction is the most important thing a Commandery can do.

I want to thank my grand officers for the great job they did. Especially Sir Knight Hugh with his wise cracks and jokes that always kept my spirits up. I would also like to thank the Past Grand Commanders for the advice they gave me when I asked them. And then there is Sir Knight Tony who saw some spark in me and took a chance. I will all ways be grateful.

I hope you continue to support the Grand Commandery Officers They are going to need your help, just as I did. I know the members of Minneapolis Mounted are looking forward to opening the Annual Grand Commandery Conclave on June 26, 2009, in Willmar Minnesota. I will see you all then.

Last but not least, I want to thank my Lady Karen for being there whenever I needed her, helping me write letters or articles, sitting next to me while traveling, or just giving me a hug when I was down. You will always be my Lady.

Sir Knight Bruce V. Brendal  
Right Eminent Grand Commander

## ONE DAY TO TEMPLARY

Zion Commandery No. 2 hosted a one day conferral of the Templar Orders entitled "One Day to Templary." It was held at the Minneapolis Valley of the Scottish Rite building, which is the home of Zion No. 2, on Saturday, February 7, 2009.

Sir Knights and candidates gathered around 8:00 A.M. and the Order of Red Cross started at 9:15 in the main auditorium. Then it moved on to the Mediterranean Pass in the Knights of St. Andrew Room with the beautiful stained glass as a backdrop. The Order of Malta took place in the Red Room. We then took a break for lunch with subs and gumbo that was very good.

The Order of the Temple proceeded from there and it all concluded at 4:30 PM.

Some thirty Sir Knights attended the event and there were seventeen candidates: One for Minneapolis Mounted No. 23, two for Apollo No. 12, five for Marshall No. 28, and nine for Zion No. 2. It was a great time and the new Sir Knights were very impressed and will remember this day for a long time.

Something different was done at this one day event. The fifth libation was presented separately to each candidate. It made this very special Order, even more impressive and seeing the reactions of each one individually was priceless. This is a practice I would recommend each Commandery follow.

With this One Day to Templary, all of the Orders were presented in full form with lectures and it flowed nicely. With the background of the lovely Scottish Rite building, its stained glass windows and ambience, it was a great day. We were also treated with a history of the Rose window, which is so prominently featured in the auditorium, by our Prelate, who is also the Grand Prelate, S. K. Mark Anderson. Zion Commandery donated that window to the Fowler Methodist Church, the original occupant of the building in the early 1900's. Bishop Fowler was a member of Zion Commandery.

Zion would like to thank all those involved who made this day great. To the new Sir Knights, congratulations on being dubbed and created a Knight of the Valiant and Magnanimous Order of the Temple.

The next time Zion does this I would highly recommend that each Sir Knight make an effort to attend and to bring a candidate.

S. K. Joseph J. Anderson, Recorder  
Zion Commandery No. 2

## ONE HUNDRED FORTY FOURTH GRAND CONCLAVE

The Grand Commandery conclave schedule of activities is listed below:

Thursday -

12:00 Past Grand Commander's Luncheon.  
9:00 P.M. Order of Lotus

Friday

8:00 AM Registration  
8:30 AM - 12:00 Grand Commandery Conclave  
12:00 - 1:00 Lunch  
1:30 PM - 2:45 Grand Officer Installation and Awards  
3:00 PM - 4:30 Past Commander's Association  
4:45 PM - 6:15 Knight Crusaders of the Cross  
6:30 PM Social, Grand Banquet, Special Awards.

## CURRENT EVENT

JUNE

4-6 Grand Commandery of Iowa, Cedar Rapids Marriott, Cedar Rapids  
17-20 Wisconsin York Rite, Green Bay  
25-27 Minnesota York Rite, Holiday Inn Convention Center, Willmar

AUGUST

15-19 Grand Encampment, 64<sup>th</sup> Triennial Conclave, Roanoke Virginia

EVERY CHRISTIAN MASON SHOULD BE A KNIGHT TEMPLAR