

## WISCONSIN SUPPLEMENT

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LeRoy D. Kifer  
Grand Commander

Sir Knights of Wisconsin,

The Inspection season has begun, and I hope to see many of you this year. Call on members who may not come to the regular stated meetings and encourage them to attend the Inspection. If a member is going to make one or two meetings a year, this is one of them. Let's try and get the Inspections back to what they were in the past, One of the main events for the Commandery during the year. This can only help boost enthusiasm in our new members and might get some of the older Sir Knights encouraged to come back and participate. Some of the "old ways" may need to find a way to fit in with the newer Sir Knights but keep the traditions although they may need modifying to a certain degree. They may have an idea that just might work and attract more Sir Knights to come back and be a part of the Commandery again. Give them a chance. What do you have to lose?

As everyone knows, membership is an ongoing problem. Does your Commandery do Flag Presentations for Lodges or any other appendant bodies in your area of the state? Does anyone do parade's anymore? Does your city or town have a sense of the Commandery and that it even exists? I encourage more public events that the Commandery can participate in like parades. It's not easy but can be done. Planning of these types of events takes time and effort from many to make it work. From what I have seen and heard through out the state is the Lodges that have a good showing in public events in their town or city have a thriving lodge. Let's try and copy that idea. Like before, what do you have to lose?.

We all can just sit on the sidelines and talk about the "good old times" but let's make the "good old times" that others can talk about in twenty or thirty years. This is our problem and the only way its going to get better is starting from the inside of the Commandery. Let's do our part and make history today.

Courteously yours,  
SK LeRoy Kifer  
Grand Commander

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Our Department Commander, Right Eminent Daniel Sherry has asked to have information disseminated to all Sir Knights regarding the Sunrise Easter Service in Kansas City, Missouri on Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2019.

Below is some of the basic information. Please visit the Grand Encampment website (Easter Services) for more detailed info.

### 7TH ANNUAL MID-AMERICA EASTER OBSERVANCE

The Grand Encampment will sponsor the 7th Annual Mid-America Easter Service Hosted by the

Grand Commanderies of Iowa, Kansas, & Missouri

Banquet, Saturday April 20, 2019 Westin Crown Center at 7:00 P.M.

Sunday, April 21, 2019 at 8:00 A.M. Liberty Memorial 100 W 26th Street,  
Kansas City, Missouri

Easter Buffet Brunch Westin Crown Center at 9:30 A.M.

Host Hotel – Westin Crown Center 1 East Pershing Road, Kansas City, Missouri  
1-800-291-9434 ask for

2018 Easter Service rate Knight Templar Easter Service

Special rate of \$119.00 (Single or double) plus taxes

<https://www.starwoodmeeting.com/Book/GrandEncampmentEasterSunriseService>

My Lady and I have attended this and it is a wonderful experience. It is set up the top of the World War I museum. All Sir Knights attending, march in and are seated facing East. Leaders of the service are on the steps facing west. And being late in April the weather should be pretty well. I urge you, if you can, to make the journey. You will not be disappointed. A great opportunity to meet Sir Knights from many jurisdictions.

Courteously, Dave Mahoney, PGC