

# WISCONSIN SUPPLEMENT

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Grand Commander

## GENERAL ORDER NO. 1

To: The Officers and members of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Wisconsin and the Officers and Sir Knights of Constituent Commanderies of Wisconsin

Sir Knights,

The 160<sup>th</sup> Annual Grand Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Wisconsin reconvened at 9:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 16, 2018 at the Northwest Masonic Center in Green Bay, Wisconsin. A Divine Service was observed prior to the Grand Conclave, beginning at 8:15 a.m. Thirteen Grand Officers, three Grand Trustees and eight Past Grand Commanders answered roll call. Fifty-three voting delegates were present. Fourteen constituent Commanderies were represented and constituted a quorum.

Distinguished guests were presented and received in due form. Sir Knight Robert B. Simmons, Grand Treasurer of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar, U.S.A. and personal representative of Sir Knight Duane Lee Vaught, Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar, U.S.A. was received in due form. Other Wisconsin York Rite Grand Officers, dignitaries and representatives of other affiliated Masonic bodies were presented.

The 160<sup>th</sup> Annual Grand Conclave took the following actions: The 2018-2019 budget was adopted for the Grand Commandery.

The following resolutions were presented and received. The assembled delegates took the following action:

- Resolution #1: To make kneeling an option in the Order of the Temple and the full form opening. Adopted
- Resolution #2: To have the printed tactics match the manner in how this jurisdiction currently performs the Reception of Grand Officers Adopted
- Resolution #3: To remove Council of R&SM as a prerequisite for membership in Commandery. Defeated
- Resolution #4: To permit Velcro on shoulders of uniform jacket, without having shoulder boards in place. Adopted

All officers in the progressive line of the Grand Commandery were advanced appropriately during the elections. Sir Knight Brian J. Hudy, KCT, PGC, was returned to his office as Grand Recorder; Sir Knight Michael L. Fairbanks, P.C., was returned to his office of Grand Treasurer; Sir Knight Kenneth A. Bales, KCT, of Oshkosh Commandery 11 was elected Grand Prelate; Sir Knight Michael D. Mutter of Robert Macoy Commandery No. 03 was elected Grand Sentinel; and Sir Knight Jamison Kifer of Oshkosh Commandery No. 11 was returned to his station as Grand Musician. Sir Knight James J. Burton, PGC, was elected Grand Trustee thru the year 2021. All Grand Officers were duly installed in their respective offices at the time of installation, which took place at 2:30 p.m. at the Northwest Masonic Center

Sir Knight Bradley E. Bingheim, of Ivanhoe Commandery No. 24 received the Knights Templar Cross of Honor. Sir Knight Shawn P. Noble, GStdB, was awarded the Knight Commander of the Temple Award. Honorary memberships in the Grand Commandery of Wisconsin were awarded to those who, by Wisconsin custom, were entitled to receive them. Four constituent Commanderies fulfilled the requirements and received the Grand Commander's Achievement Award.

Exhibition Drills were held after the Installation of Officers and the Past Commander's Degree. S.K. Charles C. Clarage, GC, duly inspected the drill teams after which he officially turned over command of the Grand Commandery to S. K. LeRoy D. Kifer, who then placed the Grand Commandery in recess. All who participated in the exhibition drills were eligible to receive the Grand Commandery drill bars. All Commanderies who brought their Beauceants to the Grand Conclave will receive Beauceant markers for their participation.

An invitation was extended to all Sir Knights to attend the 161<sup>st</sup> Annual Grand Conclave to be held in Oshkosh, Wisconsin on June 15, 2019.

I await the privilege to greet you at the 161<sup>st</sup> Annual Conclave.

It is my order that this General Order be read aloud in each Constituent Commandery at the first stated Conclave following its receipt and printed in the minutes.

Courteously yours,

LeRoy D. Kifer, KCT  
Grand Commander

Attest

Brian J. Hudy, KCT, PGC  
Grand Recorder