

GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR

of the

STATE OF VERMONT

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Proceedings of the

ONE HUNDRED SIXTY SEVENTH ANNUAL CONCLAVE

Held in Killington, Vermont

Monday, June 8, 2009, A.D. 891 A.O.*

DONALD C. MURRAY,
R.E. Grand Commander

BRUCE R. HOWARD, P.G.C., R.E. Grand Recorder



- A.O. Knight Templars begin their year with the forming of the Order- Anno Ordinis = “In the year of the Order” (Subtract 1118 from the current date, ie: 2009 - 1118 = 891)

Grand Commandery of Vermont



Sir Knight David H. Bartlett

Right Eminent Grand Commander

2009-2010

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Sir Knight David H. Bartlett was born on April 22, 1936 at Lowell, MA, son of the late Winthrop C. and Viola (Howker) Bartlett.

He graduated from Lowell High School in 1953 and enlisted in the US Marine Corp. serving on active duty for three years, attaining the rank of Sergeant. His career included assignments in Japan and Okinawa. Upon discharge, he attended New England College where, in 1961, he graduated with a BS Degree in Civil Engineering.

He married Priscilla Herrick, Sept. 9, 1961 and together raised three sons – Nathan, Dale and Scott. A member of the Barre Congregational Church, David has been active on many committees and has been a choir member for over 45 years. He enjoys a variety of activities including music, golfing, skiing, boating and travel.

His work career includes 20 years with the Vermont Agency of Transportation, three years with an engineering consulting firm and 16 years with a construction materials firm. He retired in 2001.

He earned his Professional Engineers License in Vermont and New Hampshire and was a member of the Vermont Society of Professional Engineers serving as President in 1990-1991. He served his community as Selectman for six years and has been an active member of several professional and civic groups.

Sir Knight Bartlett was raised a Master Mason on March 24, 1967. He was elected Worshipful Master of Summit Lodge #104 in Williamstown, VT in 1971, 1991 and 1999. Served as President as well as Secretary/Treasurer of the Past Masters Association in Dist. #6 as well as Secretary of his lodge. He has been very active in the design and construction of a new Masonic building and, at its dedication, was honored with a Certificate of Appreciation by his lodge brethren.

David joined the York Rite bodies in Barre, VT in 1972 and has subsequently presided over Granite Chapter #26 (1976), Barre Council #22 (2000), and St. Aldemar Commandery #11 (1991, 92, 93). He is currently the treasurer in each of these York Rite bodies. He is a Past Most Illustrious Grand Master – Grand Council of Vermont (2006 – 07), a Past Governor of Green Mountain York Rite College (2007 – 08) and a Past Grand High Priest – Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Vermont (2008 – 2009).

As a member of Mt. Sinai Temple #3, Dave played clarinet in the Shrine Band and also served as the units Scribe and President. He is a past Sovereign and current Recorder/Treasurer for St. Helena Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine and is a member of the Vermont Council of Anointed High Priests; Order of the Silver Trowel and Knight York Cross of Honor - VT Priory #45. He has been nominated and elected to receive the coveted Masonic Honor, the York Rite Purple Cross.

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OFFICE OF THE GRAND RECORDER
NOTICE OF THE 167TH ANNUAL CONCLAVE

TO WHOMSOEVER IT MAY CONCERN:

Pursuant to the Statutes and Regulations of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar and Appendant Orders of the State of Vermont, and the authority vested in the Grand Officers at the last Annual Conclave, and by order of the Right Eminent Grand Commander; all Grand Officers, Past Grand Commanders, Past Deputy Grand Commanders, Past Grand Generalissimos, Past Grand Captain Generals, Committeemen; and all Commanders, Generalissimos, Captain Generals and Past Commanders constituent to, and under the Jurisdiction of said Grand Commandery, are hereby notified to meet in Annual Conclave on June 8, 2009 at 9:00 O'clock in the forenoon for the transaction of any and all business which may then and there be presented for consideration and disposition. This Conclave will be held at the Killington Grand Hotel, Killington, Vermont.

Each Recorder is charged with the duty of bringing this notice to the personal attention of the first three Officers and the Past Commanders of his Commandery.

It is directed that this General Order be read at the first Stated Conclave of each Commandery after receipt thereof. A detailed Program will be announced later.

Dated at Berlin, Vermont this 2nd day of January, 2009, AO 891.

S.K. Donald C. Murray
Right Eminent Grand Commander

Attest:

S. K. Bruce R. Howard, PGC
Eminent Grand Recorder

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE
ONE HUNDRED SIXTY SEVENTH ANNUAL CONCLAVE
Of the
GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF VERMONT
-2009-

The Grand Commandery of Vermont convened its 167th Annual Conclave at the Killington Grand Hotel, Killington, Vermont on Monday June 8th 2009 at 9:00 a.m. EDT. Sir Knight Donald Brown, Acting Prelate gave an opening Invocation. Grand Commander Donald C. Murray was properly received and declared the 167th Annual Conclave duly opened and reconvened.

ROLL CALL OF GRAND OFFICERS

The Roll Call of Grand Officers was called by S.K. Bruce R. Howard, R.E. Grand Recorder with the following Officers in their chairs or accounted for:

Donald C. Murray	R.E. Grand Commander
David H. Bartlett	V.E. Dep. Gr. Commander
Russell J. Slora	E. Grand Generalissimo
William Karstens, IV	E. Grand Senior Warden
Douglas K. Boardman	E. Grand Junior Warden
Roger M. Pike	R.E. Grand Treasurer
E. Lawrence Douglass, Jr.	E. Ass't. Grand Treasurer
Bruce R. Howard	R.E. Grand Recorder
Donald C. Brown	E. Ass't Grand Recorder
Colin Brock	E. Grand Standard Bearer
Richard K. Button	E. Grand Sword Bearer
Jonathan P. Park	E. Grand Warder
William Karstens, IV	E. Grand Inspector
Douglas K. Boardman	E. Asst. Grand Inspector
Robert Cook	Acting E. Grand Organist

The following Grand Officers were found absent:

Eugene C. Corliss	E. Grand Sr. Warden (excused)
John Grivetti	E. Grand Prelate (excused)
Merlin T. Doyle	E. Grand Ass't Prelate (excused)
Warren Williams	E. Grand Historian
Clyde T. Reynolds	VT Supplement Editor

Right Eminent Grand Commander Murray appointed Sir Knight Donald C. Brown as acting Prelate.

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS OR PROPOSALS TO AMEND THE REGULATIONS

R..E. Grand Commander Murray called for any Motions, Resolutions or Proposals to amend the regulations. Motion received and referred to the Jurisprudence Committee.

RECEPTION OF PAST GRAND COMMANDERS

The following P.G.C.'s were presented West of the Altar by VEDGC David H. Bartlett:

Morris Tucker	1981	Guy W. Oldengurgh	2000
Donald C. Brown	1988	Thomas E. Grace	2001
James E. Selleck	1990	Daniel Ebbighausen	2002
Roger M. Pike	1991	Belford A. Belles	2004
Palmer E. Martin	1992	Alexis J. Parent, Jr.	2005
David E. Cumming	1996	Bruce R. Howard	2006
Willis J. Morse	1998	Brent N. Martin	2007

RECEPTION OF DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

An escort was formed west of the altar for the Reception of Distinguished Guests:

The following Distinguished Guests were presented West of the Altar and welcomed by the Grand Commander:

TEXAS by Willis "Bill" Morse, P.G.C.

S.K. Michael Shively, P.G.C.

MARYLAND by Brent N. Martin, P.G.C.

S.K. Vernon Huebschman, G.C.G.

S.K. William Baldwin

NEW JERSEY by

S.K. William Brenbroick, R.E.G.C.

PENNSYLVANIA by Belford A. Belles, P.G.C.

S.K. John Hawk, R.E.G.C.

S.K. John March, E.G.G.

S.K. Leslie L. Loomis, P.R.E.G.C.

MAINE by Daniel Ebbighausen, P.G.C.

S.K. Rene D. Dorion, R.E.G.C.

S.K. Robert Hazelton, V.E.D.G.C.

CONNECTICUT by Donald C. Brown, P.G.C.

S.K. Bruce R. Bellmore, R.E.G.C.
S.K. Jack Stevens, V.E.D.C.G.
S.K. Charles D. O'Neill, G.C.G..

NEW HAMPSHIRE by Alexis J. Parent, Jr., P.G.C.

S.K. Robert Steele, R.E.G.C.
S.K. John S. Geas, E.C.G.
S.K. R. Bradley Alderfer, E.G.S..W.
S.K. Dennis A. Sheridan, P.G.C.
S.K. Robert H. Cook, Grand Organist

NEW YORK by Thomas Grace, P.G.C.

S.K. David Lathers, R.E.G.C.
S.K. Robert H. Cook, R.E.P.G.C., P.E.G.R., Organist

MASSACHUSETTS/RHODE ISLAND by Brent N. Martin, P.G.C.

S.K. Eugene Capobianco, R.E.G.C.
S.K. Robert Winterhalter, PGC

VERMONT by Bruce R. Howard, P.G.C.

Comp. and SK David H. Bartlett., M.E.G.H.P.
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Brother Kevin Anderson, Deputy Executive Officer, Demolay of Vermont

GRAND ENCAMPMENT KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
by Palmer E. Martin , P.G.C.

S.K. John Lewis., R.E. Northeast Dept. Commander
S.K. Robert Winterhalter, R.E. Past Northeast Department Commander
S.K. Edwin Carpenter, R.E. Past Northeast Department Commander
S.K. & Rev. Cave, R.E. Grand Prelate & Personal Representative of William Koon, M..E.G.M.

Sir Knights Cave was conducted through the lines by REGC Murray where he was invited to preside.

RECEPTION OF THE GRAND MASTER

S.K. Palmer E. Martin, P.G.C. presented Brother, Companion and Sir Knight Calvin K. “Cal” Keyler, M.W.G.M. of the Grand Lodge of Vermont west of the altar where they were acknowledged by S.K. Murray, personally conducted through the lines by the R.E. Grand Commander and given the sword of authority and asked to preside. After a few brief remarks they were seated in the East.

FLAG CEREMONY

R.E. Grand Commander Murray called the SK’s to attention whereupon the Pledge of Allegiance was recited followed by singing The Star Spangled Banner and O’Canada.

WELCOMING ADDRESS

By Sir Knight David Campbell, E.C. St. Aldemar Commandery #11

To Everyone Here Assembled. St. Aldemar Commandery #11 would like to welcome you to the 167th Annual Conclave of the Knights Templar of Vermont.

Response:

By V.E.D.G.C. David H. Bartlett

Welcome.

PRELIMINARY REPORT ON THE COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS

The preliminary report on the Committee of Credentials was requested by REGC Murray and was presented by S.K. James Selleck as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS

June 8, 2009

To the Grand Commandery of Vermont now in Session:

Your Committee on Credentials finds the following: Final

Number of Commanderies	10
Number of Commanderies Represented	8
Number of Voting Members Present	32

Due to members holding several positions, represented were:

Commandery Representatives Present	14
Past Commanders Present	27

Constitutional Grand Commandery Officers Present	9
Other Grand Commandery Officers Present	5
R.E. Past Grand Commanders Present	13
Grand Representatives Present	21
Non-Voting Sir Knights Present	9
Total Sir Knights Present	41

Commanderies Not Represented

Burlington	#2
Taft	#8

Respectfully Submitted by,
 James E. Selleck, Chairman Leo A. Laflamme Stuart E. Lee, Pro Temp

Sir Knight Selleck motioned that this be the final report of the credentials committee, unless anyone objected or thought they had not registered. The motion was seconded and voted in the affirmative.

HONORING OF GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

RE Grand Commander Murray asked all the Grand Representatives to stand and be recognized for their contribution to the order.

APPROVAL OF THE 2008 PROCEEDINGS

RE Grand Commander Murray declared that if there were no objections, the Proceedings for 2008 would be approved as printed and distributed. No objections were forthcoming and he declared that the records of the 2008 Proceedings are approved as printed and distributed by the Grand Recorder.

ADDRESS OF THE GRAND COMMANDER

RE Grand Commander Murray turned command over to the V.E.D.G.C. Bartlett and gave the following address:

To the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Vermont now assembled:

Sir Knights:

It is my pleasure to welcome each of you to the 167th Grand Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Vermont. I also want to extend my warmest wishes to Reverend and Sir Knight Robert J. Cave, R.E. Grand Prelate of the Grand Encampment, S.K. John M. Lewis R. E. Northeast Dept. Commander, all the Distinguished Guests from other Grand Jurisdictions, and Distinguished Guests from the many Vermont Masonic Bodies present and, especially, our M.W. Grand Master, Sir Knight, Calvin K. Keyler.

To all Past Grand Commanders, Grand Line Officers, and all the Sir Knights of this Grand Jurisdiction, thank you for all your support in my year in office.

NECROLOGY

In this past Chivalric year, 30 Sir Knights have laid down their working tools and their swords and now reside with the Grand Architect of the Universe. May their memory remain in our hearts and minds as we remember them in prayer. Please rise as our Grand Prelate leads us in prayer.

PLANNING MEETING

The annual York Rite Planning Meeting was held on July 12, 2008 at Granite Lodge #35 in Barre. Attendance was quite good and the Calendar of events for the year was manipulated to obtain the least number of conflicts. As we all know, many of us are involved in all the Bodies and appendent organizations; thus this meeting is very important and must be well attended to produce a workable schedule.

NORTHEAST YORK RITE CONFERENCE

I attended the Northeast York Rite Conference which was held in Albany New York on Sept. 6, 2007. Vermont York Rite bodies were well represented and we all had an enjoyable time meeting with our counterparts from other jurisdictions.

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE

This year we sponsored the Reverend Rebecca Strader of the First Presbyterian Church of Graniteville to travel to the Holy Land. She had a marvelous time and brought back a true feeling of the land where our Savior walked. Reverend Strader presented an informative overview of her trip at Granite Lodge on May 5th; many Sir Knights and Ladies were in attendance for this enjoyable time. She is presently addressing our Ladies with the details of her trip; I trust they will all enjoy the presentation.

DISPENSATIONS AND GENERAL ORDERS

I issued four dispensations, for this Chivalric year, all were for the good of the Order. I also issued three routine general orders.

Both the dispensations and the general orders are on file in the Grand Recorder's office.

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EYE FOUNDATION

Together, Sir Knights, we have donated \$3,788.68 to this charitable endeavor over the past year. I have also made a donation to the foundation in lieu of gifts for my grand line officers. Special thanks to S.K. David Bartlett, State Eye Foundation Chairman, for all his fundraising efforts. Sir Knights the Eye Foundation is the last hope of many who will lose their sight if we do not assist, and the research we fund has the potential for great discoveries which will benefit us all. Please give as generously as possible.

VISITATIONS

I have attended Grand Conclaves in New York, Massachusetts/Rhode Island, New Jersey, Connecticut, Maine, New Hampshire and Pennsylvania. I was able to attend Grand Chapter and Grand Council in several of these states. Conflicts with my schedule prevented me from

attending several sessions. My regrets go out to the jurisdictions where I was unable to attend; hopefully I can visit some of them in the future. A special thanks to Sir Knight Russell Slora, my Grand Generalissimo and his wife Sue, for accompanying Lynn and me out of State. Your companionship made our travel very enjoyable!

In Vermont I attended the Annual Communications of Grand Chapter, Grand Council, Grand Lodge, and the Council of Deliberation A.A.S.R. My Itinerary for the Chivalric year is printed in the proceedings for your inspection.

PILGRIMAGES

As all of our candidates for knighthood were able to be present at inspections there was no need for a pilgrimage this year.

INSPECTIONS

Five inspections were held this chivalric year. I attended all of the inspections and was very impressed with the work presented by our Sir Knights, as well as the attendance. Several of the inspections were the combined effort of multiple Commandries; I feel this cooperation should be commended. Four of the Inspections were conducted with “live” candidates; this is truly a great improvement! In my relatively short history in the York Rite of Vermont, I have witnessed a vast improvement in the work preformed at inspections in many of our Commanderies. Well done!

KNIGHT TEMPLAR MAGAZINE

Sir Knight Clyde Reynolds continued his fine work as State Supplement Editor. I believe this is Clyde’s 17th year of service. Thank you for all the effort!

I have attempted to insert articles of Masonic interest as well as information on events throughout the state; I hope the readers have found this interesting.

EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

Sir Knight Tom Grace has again directed the foundation in fine fashion. With the tough economy and the ever rising cost of education, our assistance becomes more and more important. Sir Knight Tom will give a detailed report later in the conclave.

AWARDS

I had the honor of presenting three long service awards at Killington Commandery. The three Sir Knights recognized, Roger M. Pike, PGC, Morris G. Tucker, PGC and Theodore G. Corsones, MWPGM had a combined service of 155 years of dedicated service.

I now have the pleasure of making two more awards. First, the Knight Templar Cross of Honor is presented to Sir Knight Robert (Red) Landon, Past Commander of Killington Commandery #6. S.K. Red has served in many capacities in Rutland and continues to be continually involved in all York Rite functions. Red is one of the main reasons Killington Commandery, as well as the other York Rite Bodies in that area, have seen the resurgence I so greatly admire. We should all strive to emulate S. K. Landon’s dedication and persistence. With Knights like him we cannot fail!

The second award, Companion of the Temple, is given to Lady Susan Slora. Sue has provided constant assistance to this Grand Commander and my Lady throughout the year. Sue has assisted in fundraising at both the Commandery and Grand Commandery level. Also, Sue and her “other half”, our Grand Generalissimo, have been our traveling companions to countless visitations, providing companionship so greatly appreciated. For what she has contributed and for what she will contribute to the Grand Commandery of Vermont, I am pleased to award Sue with the Companion of the Temple award.

CONDITION OF THE ORDER

We have created 11 new Sir Knights; most come to us with a real interest and seem to be willing and excited to get involved. We must do all we can do to hold on to that enthusiasm and keep them engaged. They are our future don't let them down. Subordinate Commanderies reported 712 members at the start of the year and 661 members at year end. While this is somewhat disappointing, thank you to all who promoted the York Rite and brought in new members.

I feel we have made real progress in both the ritual work and getting new members involved at inspections. It is a pleasure to attend inspections and see such fine work! A few Commanderies are still struggling to hold inspections. Limited numbers of active Sir Knights and members in warmer climates contribute to this problem. I recommend that these Commanderies combine with others to hold joint inspections or adjust their schedules to accommodate “fall” inspections so that the snowbirds can participate.

I am quite concerned with the number of demits in some of our Commanderies. Sir Knights, it is our responsibility to investigate a member's problems before a demit becomes necessary. If our members need our assistance or are having difficult times, we need to act as soon as possible. We must reach out to our members and understand their individual situations. As Christian Knights, we should strive to show compassion and extend charity.

We are blessed with a very willing core group of active Templars who can be counted on to exemplify ritual; we must count on them to fill in as required until our new Sir Knights have time to learn the work. But we must not rely too heavily on Festivals and Pilgrimages as they tend to result in individual Commanderies not performing the work.

We must press on with fortitude undaunted, and continue to improve our beloved York Rite. We have the greatest people and the finest ritual, if we all work together we cannot fail!

CONCLUSIONS

Again, I wish to thank all of the Grand Commandery Officers, past and present. Without your help, I never would have made it through the year. A special thank you to our Grand Recorder, Sir Knight Bruce, you have made my job much easier! I also want to thank all the Sir Knights of the constituent Commanderies for giving me the chance to serve you; I am truly humbled by this honor! I hope that in some small way the order has been improved through my efforts.

The time in office has gone very fast. Many of the challenges that existed at the start of my year still exist and will have to be addressed by my successors. We have had some successes and hopefully we will soon see more improvement. We must be willing to try new methods and adjust our Rite to appeal to today's Mason. We must involve our new members and utilize our

experienced members to keep the bodies going forward while our new companions gain experience. We must hold the new members interest, try new meeting formats, and be innovative and not afraid to try something new.

I feel it is time to aggressively consider restructuring our Grand Session format. We need to study combining banquets and holding our sessions on the weekend. I think this would promote greater attendance and reduce costs. This should be considered a recommendation for 2011I also recommend that the Grand Commandery participate in the York Rite Realignment study along with Grand Chapter and Grand Council. Companions get out to your Blue Lodges and tell our new Master Masons what the York Rite has to offer. The lodge is the start of their learning; we have so much to add!

Finally, to my Lady Lynn. Without your help, understanding and patience this job would have been very difficult. Again, all my love and THANK YOU!

Sir Knights, the business of the 167th Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Vermont is now in your hands.

Fraternally,

Donald C. Murray, Grand Commander

Grand Commander's Itinerary 2008-2009

2008:

June 9 – Grand Chapter / Council Banquet – Burlington, VT

June 10 – Grand Chapter / Council Sessions, Grand Master's Banquet – Burlington, VT

June 11 – Grand Lodge of VT, Banquet, Installation – Burlington, VT

June 14 – Council of Deliberation AASR – Montpelier, VT

June 16 – Granite Lodge #35 monthly communication – Barre, VT

June 19 – York Rite monthly meetings – Barre, VT

June 22 – KYCH – White River Junction, VT

June 30 – Mt. Zion Commandery meeting – Montpelier, VT

July 4 – Pipe for Minerva Lodge in parade – East Corinth, VT

July 12 - York Rite planning meeting – Barre, VT

July 13 – York Rite College – Plainfield, VT

July 14 – Masonic Building Association meeting – Barre, VT

July 21 – Granite Lodge #35 regular communication (1st Degree) – Barre, VT

July 26 – Cook for Lobster Feed at Granite Lodge #35 – Barre, VT

August 11 - Masonic Building Association meeting – Barre, VT

August 27-28 – Royal Order of Scotland – Providence, RI

September 5-7 – Northeast York Rite Conference – Albany, NY

September 15 – Granite Lodge #35 regular communication- Barre, VT

September 18 - York Rite monthly meetings – Barre, VT

September 19 – 21 – Grand Commandery of New York, Kerhonkson, NY

October 1 – Grand Lodge District 13 meeting (pipe) – Morrisville, VT
October 3 – Chapter District meeting – Barre, VT
October 6 – 2nd Degree, Granite Lodge – Barre, VT
October 7 – Masonic funeral – Barre, VT
October 12 – York Rite College (Order of York) – Barre, VT
October 13 – Granite Lodge Trustees meeting – Barre, VT
October 16 – York Rite monthly meeting – Barre, VT
October 18 – Council District Meeting – Barre, VT
October 20 – Granite Lodge regular communication – Barre, VT
October 21 – Chapter District meeting – Bradford, VT
October 22 - Grand Lodge District 12 meeting (pipe) – Hardwick, VT
October 24-25 – Grand Commandery MA / RI – Westborough, MA
October 27– Grand Lodge District 1 meeting (pipe) – Woodstock, VT

November 3 -3rd Degree, Granite Lodge – Barre, VT
November 5 – Mark Master Mason degree – Barre, VT
November 9 - St. Aldemar inspection practice – Barre, VT
November 16 - St. Aldemar inspection practice – Barre, VT
November 17 - Granite Lodge regular communication (1st Degree) – Barre, VT
November 19 – Royal and Select Master degrees – Barre, VT
November 20 - York Rite monthly meeting – Barre, VT
November 23 – Holy Land Pilgrimage presentation – Graniteville, VT
St. Aldemar inspection practice – Barre, VT
November 24 – Mt. Zion Inspection – Montpelier, VT

December 1 – Red Cross, Malta and 1st section Order of the Temple – Barre, VT
Masonic funeral – Barre, VT
December 8 – Full Form Opening & Order of the Temple – Barre, VT
December 10 – Scottish Rite Christmas play practice – Montpelier, VT
December 12 – St. Aldemar inspection – Barre, VT
December 13 – Scottish Rite Christmas Program – Montpelier, VT
December 15 - Granite Lodge regular communication – Barre, VT
December 18 - York Rite monthly meeting – Barre, VT
December 21 – St. Aldemar / Mt. Zion Christmas observance – Barre, VT

2009:

January 5 – 2nd Degree, Granite Lodge – Barre, VT
January 10 – Knight Masons – Suncook, NH
January 12 - Granite Lodge Trustees meeting – Barre, VT
January 15 - York Rite monthly meeting – Barre, VT
January 17 – Bingo concession, York Rite – Barre, VT
January 19 - Granite Lodge regular communication – Barre, VT

February 9- Granite Lodge Trustees meeting – Barre, VT
February 11- Grand Lodge film (pipe) – Barre, VT
February 13- Granite Lodge Valentines celebration – Barre, VT
February 16- Granite Lodge regular communication – Barre, VT
February 17 – Red Cross of Constantine – Montpelier, VT
February 19- York Rite monthly meeting – Barre, VT

February 21 – 16th degree, Scottish Rite – Montpelier, VT

March 5,6, 7& 8 - Grand York Rite of NJ - Summerset, NJ

March 9- Granite Lodge Trustees meeting – Barre, VT

March 16 - Granite Lodge regular communication, 1st degree – Barre, VT

March 17 – Killington, Mt. Calvary & Taft joint Commandery Inspection
Rutland, VT

March 18 – Council, Royal and Select Master Degrees – Barre, VT

March 19 - York Rite monthly meeting – Barre, VT

March 23 – 3rd Degree, Granite Lodge – Barre, VT

March 27- Burlington Commandery Inspection – Williston, VT

April 4&5 – Grand Commandery of Connecticut – Rocky Hill, CT

April 6 – Barre Council annual meeting – Barre, VT

April 13- Granite Lodge Trustees meeting – Barre, VT

April 19 – Red Cross of Constantine – Williston, VT

April 20 - Granite Lodge regular communication – Barre, VT

April 21 – Granite Chapter annual meeting – Barre, VT

April 23-27 - Grand York Rite of Maine – Bar Harbor & Bangor, ME

May 2 – Springfield Commandery Inspection – Springfield, VT

Masonic funeral – Barre, VT

May8, 9&10 – Grand York Rite of New Hampshire – Manchester, NH

May 11 - Granite Lodge Trustees meeting – Barre, VT

May 17 – Grand York Rite financial meetings – Barre, VT

Granite Lodge Installation – Barre, VT

Order of the Silver Trowel & AHP– Barre, VT

May 18- 20 Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania – Pocono Manor, PA

June 6, 7, 8& 9 – Grand York Rite of Vermont

GRAND INSPECTORS REPORT by William Karsten, IV Grand Inspector (see page 30)

Report referred to the Committee on Doings of Grand Officers and recommendations.

GRAND TREASURERS REPORT by Roger M. Pike (see page 31)

Report referred to the Finance Committee

GRAND RECORDERS REPORT by Bruce R. Howard Grand Recorder (see page 34)

Report referred to Finance Committee.

PRESENTATIONS

R.E. Grand Commander Murray announced the Knights Templar Cross of Honor Award winner for 2008-2009 is S. K. Robert H. Landon of Killington Commandery #6, Rutland. Sir Knight Landon was escorted to the East to receive his award.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON NECROLOGY (see page 35)

Sir Knight Robert Cave was called upon to reflect on the life and passing of Sir Knight Richard Burditt Baldwin, Most Excellent Grand Master of the Grand Encampment Knights Templar of the United States of America. Sir Knight Cave remembered a caring individual whose gruff exterior from years of military service covered a generous, caring and thoughtful man.

In addition, pursuant to a general order from our Most Excellent Grand Master, William Coon, Sir Knight Sam E. Hilburn, R.E. Grand Treasurer and Honorary Past Grand Master was also recognized.

Sir Knight Donald Brown gave the report on Necrology which was accepted and ordered printed in the proceedings.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION (see page 35)

This report was accepted and approved and ordered to be printed in the proceedings

REPORT OF THE VOLUNTARY EYE FOUNDATION CAMPAIGN (see page 36)

This report was accepted and ordered printed in the proceedings.

REPORT OF THE EYE FOUNDATION COMMITTEE (see page 36)

This report was accepted and ordered printed in the proceedings.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF RITUAL AND TACTICS (see page 37)

An oral report was accepted and a written report delivered at the conclave was ordered printed in the proceedings.

REPORT ON THE COMMITTEE ON VISITORS (see page 44)

This report was accepted and ordered printed in the proceedings

.REPORT ON THE COMMITTEE ON TRIENNIAL (see page 37)

This report was accepted and ordered printed in the proceedings.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TIME AND PLACE

To the Grand Commandery of Vermont now is session:

Report # 1:

This Committee recommends that the 168th Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Vermont be held at the Killington Grand Resort Hotel and Conference Center in Killington, Vermont on Monday, June 7, 2010, commencing at 9:00 AM.

We respectfully submit this report for adoption

.Eugene C. Corliss, Russell J Slora, and David H. Bartlett, Chairman

To the Grand Commandery of Vermont now in session:

Report # 2:

Your Committee is aware that a mid week meeting schedule tends to impose some hardship on our younger members, thus reducing attendance and participation. In light of this, we recommend that this Grand Commandery consider meeting on a Saturday in 2011, perhaps with the banquet being held on a Saturday night. We further recommend that the Committee on Time and Place next year bring forth a recommendation for a Saturday schedule and research the ramifications of changing the date, i.e. conflicts with other events, effects caused by not meeting in conjunction with Grand Lodge, etc. prior to making its recommendations for 2011.

Respectfully submitted

:Eugene C. Corliss, Russell J. Slora and David H. Bartlett, Chairman

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON GRIEVANCES (see page 31)

A motion was made and seconded to accept this report. Voted in the affirmative

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON DISPENSATIONS & CHARTERS (see page 37)

A motion was made and seconded to accept this report. Voted in the affirmative.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PATRIOTIC & CIVIL ACTIVITIES (see page 31)

A motion was made and seconded to accept this report. Voted in the affirmative.

**REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE
(see pg 43)**

Report was accepted and ordered printed in the proceedings.

REPORT ON THE COMMITTEE ON DEMOLAY AND RAINBOW

No report available. E. Grand Recorder Howard reported that at the Grand Commandery banquet held Sunday June 7th, the Executive Officer of DeMolay and the Worthy Advisor for Rainbow Girls International were both presented a donation from the Grand Commandery of VT.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RECOMMENDATIONS (see page 38)

A motion was made and seconded to accept this report. Voted in the affirmative.

REPORT OF THE JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE (see page 38)

Report #1 Moved, seconded and voted to be adopted and printed in the proceedings. Report #2 Moved, seconded and voted to be adopted and printed in the proceedings Report #3 Moved, seconded and voted to be adopted and printed in the proceedings

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE (see page 41)

Report #1

Approval of accounts. Motion to accept, adopt and be printed in the proceedings, seconded and voted in the affirmative.

Report #2

Expenditures Budget. Motion to accept, adopt and be printed in the proceedings, seconded and voted in the affirmative

Report #3

Revenue and Expenditures. Motion to accept, adopt and be printed in the proceedings, seconded and voted in the affirmative

Report #4

Per Capita Tax. Motion to accept, adopt and be printed in the proceedings, seconded and voted in the affirmative.

Report #5 Unexpended budget expense. Motion to accept, adopt and be printed in the proceedings, seconded and voted in the affirmative

SPOKESPERSON FOR THE RED CORDS

Sir Knight John Hawk, R.E.G.C. of Pennsylvania gave the following address: "Sir Knights All: We wish to thank you very much for your hospitalities and courtesies extended to us this week."

**NORTHEAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDER
SIR KNIGHT JOHN M. LEWIS**

Northeast Department Commander John Lewis gave the following address:

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Right Eminent Grand Prelate, Right Eminent Grand Commander, Red Cords, thank you all for being here, all the states in the Northeast Department are represented here today with their Grand Commanders, that doesn't happen too often, usually

we are one short somewhere, so to have all of them represented is a great effort on your part, we do appreciate it, and Sir Knights all. It's a great day; it's a great day here in Vermont, beautiful weather, air conditioning, and fellowship. It's a great thing to have here. Right Eminent Grand Commander you have done an outstanding job we appreciate all your work, but you couldn't have done it without all of your officers. And I know you depended upon them very carefully and we like to thank all the officers this date for all the work you have done this year and the efforts you have taken place. The report of the Eye Foundation was already presented, that was the 31st there is one more week coming on that, I don't even have those statistics yet, but you did a very fine job this is a small state, you did make an effort and it is greatly appreciated. If any of you have handled a case for the eye foundation you know how much this means to the people who get their sight back. I can't even imagine not being able to see being an ex shop teacher not being able to see things would be a disaster for me. So I can imagine what it is like for someone that can't even see where to sign their name on the form. And what it's like for them when they come back and they can see two miles down the road. It's quite a privilege to work with these people. If you get a chance to do it its very easy to do, just make sure you have the up to date forms. Cause if you send the old forms in it will be rejected and you'll have to do it all over again. So make sure your recorder has the up to date forms. We were about \$183,000.00 behind last year, we were lucky last year to have several large bequests to the eye foundation, you can't compete with that too much, so looking at the large bequests we did get last year, we really did do better than we did last year if we hadn't had them. So we do appreciate digging deep, it's tough right now for a lot of people but it is our charity the ladies do a good job selling things and if you ever want to make money you have the ladies work on it. They are not bashful in asking anybody for to reach deep. So thank you so much for that, we do appreciate it.

The offices work very hard the Grand Officers of the Grand Encampment have worked very hard you see many changes this Triennial. They had a lot of goals; they have accomplished a number of them. You notice the magazine has changed drastically. It's in color now. We don't have the dead cowboys and baseball players too often. They've started the Prelate's Corner where Bob's written an article, or a prelate has written an article for the magazine. We are Christian Knights and it's nice to have that in the magazine. They have started selling ad space and that's cut the cost down for the Sir Knights to do that. Sometimes that's a good thing, sometimes it gets in the way but it does keep the cost down, with the cost of printing today, especially in color, that's very, very expensive. And what we are paying in the assessment toward the magazine, we don't cover what you receive during the year, so that has become necessary. Many of the forms you need are all computerized from the office. Your dues cards, you can get from the office at a nominal charge, I think its seven (7) cents, they are nice looking dues cards. They come to you with the names and dates and everything on them if you request that it makes it real easy for the Recorders in the constituent Commanderies now with the dues cards and it's a lot cheaper than getting them printed at a printer so that's very handy. A lot of forms, books, magazines they are all on the web site where you can order these things. We are going to a computerized system, Grand Recorders and Recorders there are 5 Grand Commanderies right now that are using the system to work out the bugs they hope by this fall all Grand Commanderies and all the Constituent Commanderies will all be on line and all the reports, monthly reports, and everything will be done through the computer. The Recorder of the local Commandery will be able to get in only to information dealing with his Commandery; the Grand Recorder will only be able to get into their state. It's ummmm, but it's, it's a real easy site to work with from what I understand and they have found some bugs like you usually do but they are trying to clear those things up now so this fall we can all be on line and maybe save some time. If you have any questions for the office John Elkinton is the assistant down there that whose is who you usually get on the

phone. He's very helpful, very knowledgeable on the computer, if you ever have any problems you can call him and he'll get you straightened out real quick. So, they are becoming a definite service for you and trying to make things easier for yourself.

The Triennial is going to be in Roanoke. Not that far for us, closer than California. Just a couple of hours down 81. And it should be a very good Triennial. There's a lot of things going to be happening during that time. If you've never been there, as I said last night, try to go to one sometime, it's quite interesting, meet your Grand Encampment Officers as well as, you're the Sir Knights that vote. If you have a complaint or disagreement or anything you get on the floor and talk about it, or vote against it, or whatever you have to do to make changes. Your Grand Encampment Officers are required to govern according to what you pass on the floor. So, if you're not there you can't complain very much. It is a good time and we do have a lot of fellowship as well as some very interesting meetings there. The Northeast Department Meeting is going to be in Baltimore this year. Grand Chapter is in charge of the meeting. The conference is just about five or six minutes from the airport so if you're flying in its real close, they have shuttles and everything to get you over to the conference. Grand Chapter and Grand Council, General Grand Chapter and General Grand Council are going to be considering starting a Mid-Atlantic Department like we have in Grand Encampment so that the Chapters, and Councils and Commanderies can all meet together like we always did before, but they won't have to travel as far. So the Northeast will have Chapter, Council and Commandery at the conference and the Mid-Atlantic will have Chapter, Council and Commandery at their conference all at the same time. That way we won't be going from Bangor, Maine to Baltimore, Maryland for a conference so we're trying to get it down to a smaller area again.

We need to offer something to our Sir Knights in the Constituent Commanderies as well as the Grand Commanderies as well as Grand Encampment. Don't be afraid to try something new. If it doesn't work don't do it again. But you don't know unless you try. Have a quick meeting and go bowling, or go camping for a weekend. We're starting something two years ago with the lodge down in Gettysburg and now have a lodge meeting at the reenactment around July 4th. They have outriders on horses and old tables and candles you know out in the middle of the field and it's really interesting. It worked, a lot of re-enactors come in their whole get up you know with their rifles and their whole business, they stack them up and it's really unique for an evening to have a lodge meeting out in the middle of the wilderness there in the middle of a battlefield. Somebody just suggested it and they tried it and it's catching on. We had a tri state conferral this past year with Pennsylvania, and Maryland and New Jersey. You could have one up here maybe your Grand Commander sometime would like to have a conferral with several states together. Just something unique, something different. We brought in a lot of candidates that day just because it was unique. I think we had 38 candidates that day. That was, that was a great time. So don't be afraid to try new things you might survey your members, see what they want to do maybe it's something you never thought of. If you have a Ladies Auxiliary I'm sure you notice the ladies like to bring the Sir Knights to the Conclaves. The ladies in my local Commandery keep us going cause they want to get together and have a good time they bring the men and they go to the meeting and we always have a pot luck dinner and it works. So if you don't have an auxiliary I suggest you might want to look into that. We are a family organization as well as a Christian organization and offer things for the families. The wives and the kids don't always have to stay home. Make sure you reach out and touch everyone in your room at the conclave. Shake everybody's hand, talk to everybody get there early that you can do that maybe have greeters where they come into the conclave. I know a lot of that goes on here all day long and that's fantastic. Make them feel important, especially the new candidates, you

don't want them sitting back in the corner by themselves. Make sure they feel important, get them involved. But if nothing else make sure you go as leaders in our organization that you reach out and at least shake their hand when you see them. It means a lot to a lot of people.

Grand Commander, we do appreciate all your hospitalities. It's been great coming to Vermont. I've been coming, Jean and I have been coming for a long time, we're going to continue coming up here. I'd like to thank the Past Department Commanders for being here; those two gentlemen put a lot of miles in when we were a real large department. And they are still putting a lot of miles in coming and supporting the Grand Commanders in the Northeast, and it's greatly appreciated, Thank you. Sir Knights it's been great, Sir Knight Cave, thank you for being here, I do appreciate that in representing the Grand Master, Grand Master good to see you again this year, it's been a pleasure, and thank you for everything. God Bless this Country and God Bless You."

**REMARKS BY THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE GRAND MASTER
OF THE GRAND ENCAMPMENTS.K. Robert Cave, R.E. Grand Prelate.**

The following address was given by Sir Knight Robert Cave, Grand Prelate of the Grand Encampment and personal representative of our Grand Master William Howard Koon:

"Thank you, please be seated. Most Worshipful Grand Master, Right Eminent Northeast Department Commander, Right Eminent Grand Commander, it's a joy for me to be here. Our Department Commander has stolen much of my thunder, and I'm not going to say the same thing over again which he said, because he did it far more eloquently than I would have. But I told you before and I'm going to take a minute to give you an experience, it has nothing to do with anything and I am going to take a minute to tell you how I was almost drummed out of Templary with a stupid remark, so I'll tell you the second time how I almost did that and was far more grievous than the first one. We were down in Washington, D.C. it was a state dinner that we have in New York on the occasion of the Easter Services. Grand Master Kenneth Fischer was just going in from Texas. He had asked me to be Chairman of the Religious Activities Committee and the Grand Commander asked him if would speak. Now I was sitting right next to the incoming Grand Master of the Grand Encampment and before he got to speak one of the fellows came up and asked the Grand Master if I could tell one of my HOJA stories.. Hoja H-O-J-A. So the Grand Commander said, yeah he can say it, why not. Remember now, I'm taking a chance even on saying this one here today, Grand Master this has NOTHING to do with you Sir, NOTHING!. I'm not sure I should continue! But anyway I was asked to tell say ahhh, tell a HOJA story, out of the blue I chose this one. The HOJA now remember he is the clergyman in Mideast; he's like the Methodist Minister if you will or Presbyterian Minister only this HOJA was not altogether. He really didn't think too well he was not too clever with his thoughts but he was sitting in his backyard and one of his parishioners came up to him and said HOJA, I've got a lot of work to do on my garden this day will you loan me your jackass so that I can go and make my work easier, he can pull the plow and he can do the work for me, will you loan me your jackass? And the HOJA said No he said, I can't meanwhile the HOJA just didn't want to let the jackass out. No he said, I can't do that, he said I've already loaned him to someone else so I can't give him to you. So the parishioner thanked the HOJA and he started to walk out the gate and with that the jackass brays on the other side of the house, and the parishioner heard the jackass braying he came back and he said to him Hoja he said to him, you loaned your out but I

hear him braying. And so the HOJA turned to his wife and he said you see that a learned man speaks nobody listens to him but an ass brays and you listen to him. And then I continued to say; now it's your job today, tonight to decide whether you're listening to a learned man or a braying ass. Everybody starting laughing at that not realizing on my part that next to me was the next speaker. Now I want to make it CLEAR, QUITE CLEAR, your decision now is to decide whether you are listening to a learned man or a braying ass NOW, not in the future.

Grand Commander this has been a great Conclave, I've appreciated very much being here, the friendliness, the friendliness of everybody in Vermont is extraordinary and it's just a warm place to be to look out at the mountains and see them rising and giving your spiritual presence whole new outlook on life. If you came here worrying about what was happening in life certainly as you look out to the mountains you recognize that the Eight Psalm where God is creator of all "What is Man that thou art mindful of him" you recognize that many of your problems are not as great as you thought before you came.

Just let me say a few things about Grand Encampment. Back in January of 2008 if you have your KT Magazine that far back, the Grand Master listed six things that he wanted to change and they've been mentioned pretty much, and those changes have taken place. Certainly the magazine. The magazine is great, it's new if you've seen the latest issue the pictures of Easter Morning are just tremendous, I'm sure that those pictures were taken from the top of the Memorial looking down as the Templers marched up the hill and as they were seated. That's changed. The office has changed as Sir Knight Lewis has said, that change has taken place if you can't negotiate the internet and get your answers there, you can call up you'll get a response, someone will talk to you. Then of course, Washington was another change that was necessary and that has been changed dramatically, we're now out in Alexandria we don't have to go to the old Washington Hotel with its little rooms, its impossibility of unloading and parking it's a joy to be out in Alexandria. Not as convenient perhaps to the center of Washington but a joy to enter and exit. Membership. Membership is one of the big issues facing all of our Grand Commanderies. No matter where you are, everybody complains about it. But I think a change has to take place there as well. You know it's no longer possible for us to sit back and wait for blue lodge members to come and seek us out wanting to become members of the York Rite. My friends, we have to be proactive, we have to be aggressive in there and our membership intentionality. You heard the Grand Master speak about the 7,000 Masons, give or take, in Vermont, and half of them are under 45 years of age. What a fertile ground for us to gain membership. But the thing is that I think we have to let them first get settled in the Blue Lodge, let them know what that is about, but after they have done that, I think they are fair game for us because we have so much to offer. I think we have to intentionally go out and invite them to become members. We have three Commanderies in specific, there's more in New York State, we have 41 Commanderies and a lot of them are in trouble, a lot of them, but we have three Commanderies that should have been closed down just a year or two ago our Grand Commander left he had to go to work at 5:30 tonight and he had to drive back to Rochester to get there but he made it a decision to go out and speak to these three Commanderies meet with them give them a chance to think of new things to do Three of these Commanderies are now beginning to come to life because they were inspired to go out and do something about it. One of those Commanderies that should have died a year ago just took in 14 new Sir Knights with 4 waiting to come in. The other Commandery has sent requests to me for 22 tactics books and 22 ritual books because that's what they will be taking in the next month or two. So and the third Commandery, they have new members coming in. But it's got to be intentional, we have to go out and approach them. We've got a great product, we got something so wonderful. We come here we're

Christians this is something that will enhance our church membership as well I had someone write to me the other day I became more intentional in my church relationship because of the Order of the Temple that I took sometime recently. We've got such a great product to offer and I think that we need to make a change. The other change that we have to make is once we get them in then we have to change. We can't do the same thing in the same old way. We have to make a place for these new knights coming in we have to give them the opportunity not only to be in line but to bring their ideas so that we can progress with younger people. Younger people who are not satisfied in the old ways we have been doing things but can bring so many great things new to us to help us with the great things that we already have. The last thing we can change is in the lives of others apart from that. I think we always wonder what we can do to help people make a change in their lives. The Eye Foundation, The Educational Foundation here we can change lives. People are struggling, young people are struggling to get things done in college we can help them in a small way, to buy books even, it helps them. And as far as the Eye Foundation enough be said about that you know what that means. So there's things we can do we are not going to lie down and die and bemoan where we are we can do great things if we just be intentional about it. Go out with a determination and say we're going to build up the York Rite and the Commandery. We can do it because remember God is with us, he's the sum and bonum of all we do in Templary. He's the foundation and if we build upon that foundation then indeed we can grow and we will grow.

Right Eminent Grand Commander thank you for having me here thank you for letting me be with the Sir Knights of Vermont and those who have visited here from Texas, from the Northeast, it's a joy to be here with your hospitality has been extraordinary your wife Lynn is a complete joy, and I've just been so happy to here, and I just want to reiterate Grand Master, remember what I was saying ended with me.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

R.E. Grand Commander Murray called for the election of officers. The name of Sir Knight David H. Bartlett was submitted for the office of Right Eminent Grand Commander for the Chivalric year 2009-2010. Calls for other nominations made, none received, nominations closed and a vote in affirmative was received.

The remainder of the officers were nominated, seconded and approved (see page 4 for list).

The R.E.G.C. elect then gave his list of appointed officers

REMARKS BY THE MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER Calvin K. "Cal" Keyler, Jr.

You may be seated my Brothers. Commander Don and distinguished guests up here in the East and all of our Commanders of the Northeast and everyone present, Good Morning. It's been a great morning in Vermont today; the sun is out and we're in a great spot. I must point out one thing about Vermont. One hundred (100) years ago we had an awful lot of covered bridges in Vermont, we still have a lot of them but back in those days the Grand Master had the luxury of having about over 150 Grand Tyler's who were stationed at all of those covered bridges in case anyone passed through one of those bridges accompanied by a braying ass, he was levied a toll, a very exorbitant toll, for trying to leave the State of Vermont. And I can report to our Sir Knight Cave that we've discontinued that now, so you're safe! I did appreciate the joke, and actually

your entire speech.

I would like to say something about the fact that in this room we have some of the most faithful, talented and excellent Masons in Vermont. Last night I happened to have an interesting conversation with one of the Sir Knights from New York State I think he may have left by now, but he was telling me about how some of the old time Blue Lodge people sometimes had this sort of a cool feeling toward some of the bodies like the York Rite or Scottish Rite or even the Shriners, because they always feel they are stealing their Masons, so to speak. And if someone goes to one of those bodies they sort of lose track of their allegiance to the Blue Lodge. And I look around this room this morning and I wish that any of those Brothers were here today because as I said, some of our most faithful Masons are sitting right here in this room. There are Brothers who are former District Deputy Grand Masters, former Grand Lodge Officers, Masters in their Lodges now, Officers in their Lodges now, so that proves that becoming a member of the Commandery and the York Rite in general only improves your Masonic experience. It makes you a better Mason because you know more about Freemasonry. You know about all that is unveiled to you after you take your third degree because there is a lot more to learn, it's been pointed out. And I think it's great. I also look around the room this morning and I see that we have younger faces here, and this is just a reflection of what is going on in Freemasonry. And it's good. We may have a problem right at this moment with our membership statistics, but these are going to change because as Sir Knight Cave pointed out the fact is it takes a little while for it to filter down and for the Brothers in the Blue Lodges to find out about the York Rite and I hope that you will take the advice that he gave you about coming out to the lodges and getting to know them and saying "come with us because it will only improve your Masonic experience." We think enthusiasm is the key. A couple of years ago we started a program in Vermont which we call the Proud to be a Mason program, my pin says I'm proud to be a Mason, it doesn't have my picture on it, it doesn't have my name on it, it just says I'm proud to be a Mason. And we've distributed roughly about 5 or 6 thousand of those pins in the last year and a half; I've even had requests from other jurisdictions to buy these pins from me which I normally give away. I got one just yesterday from a Brother in Nebraska who wants to buy 200 pins for his lodge. We have a shirt that goes along with it. The whole point of it is not just to sell shirts and give away pins; the point is to make our own Brothers more excited about our Fraternity. To make them proud to be Masons so that when they go out and talk to potential candidates they exude this enthusiasm. And the man that they are talking to says if they are that enthused about an organization, maybe I should become a member of it too. And it's working. We're getting a lot of new young Brothers taking the degrees in Freemasonry in Vermont. We're not going to turn our statistics around overnight, but we're going to have the lowest loss we've had in the last ten years. Our number of deaths is going down and our number of our initiations is going up. So it's only a matter of time until we cross that divide into black area once again. Today we also heard an example of real brotherhood in Freemasonry. I was exceptionally impressed by the tribute that our Sir Knight Cave gave to Sir Knight Baldwin who had passed away. This is a real example of Freemasonry and the brotherhood of Freemasonry in action he commented on how they argued, they had had some differences and yet in the long run Brother Baldwin turned around and asked him to be a member of his team. That's what Freemasonry is all about. We may disagree on a few things once in a while, but we always agree on the fact that we are Brothers. And we agree on that and we carry that for the rest of our lives. If we can present that fact to the public outside who want to be interested in Freemasonry, we're going to solve our membership overnight. I'd like to compliment your Recorder, Bruce on his wonderful PowerPoint presentation of the entire program I wish we could do this in Grand Lodge but it's a much larger room and we probably should work on it because it's certainly moved the meeting

along and everyone gets to see what's going on in the reports almost instantaneously. It's really great. I'd like to congratulate Brother David on taking command, the new Commander, it will be great to work with you and I know that our new Grand Master when he comes in will enjoy working with you also. In respect to that I come bearing gifts. Here's a check for the Commandery for a little donation from the Grand Lodge we know that you put that to good use, probably for the Knights Templar Eye Foundation.

Now Don, you've been a good Commander, you've shown that kind of enthusiasm that I talked about. And I can see the change coming right here in Vermont in our Commandery. So its my pleasure to present to you the Grand Masters Meritorious Service Award from the East of the Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Society of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of Vermont: Be it known by this presentation that in grateful recognition of outstanding service and devotion to the family of Freemasonry and because of fidelity in zeal in the trust and confidence reposed in you by your peers, the Grand Master of Masons in Vermont hereby honors Sir Knight Donald C. Murray, Right Eminent Grand Commander, Grand Commandery of Vermont with his Meritorious Service Award. And this is given under my hand the 9th day of June 2009. And I do appreciate the Grand Secretary of getting this on the right date also. Congratulations Don, this is a pleasure for me to give this to you.

Thank you Sir Knights for a great time and a lot of great hospitality and it's been great to see you visiting dignitaries once again. Thank you.

The business of the Grand Commandery of Vermont Annual Conclave was suspended for the period of approximately one hour for the purpose of having lunch to be reconvened at 1:30 PM for the installation of officers.

At 1:30 PM Grand Commander Murray reconvened the Grand Commandery of Vermont 177th Annual Conclave.

INSTALLATION

Grand Commander-elect Bartlett named the following Installation Team:

SK Palmer E. Martin as Installing Commander
SK James E. Selleck as Installing Marshal
SK Donald C. Brown as Installing Prelate

The officers were installed in due form with proper ceremony. Upon completion, the Installing Marshall declared the offices installed as prescribed.

CABOOSE AWARD

PGC Brent N. Martin presented the Caboose Award to our newest PGC Donald C. Murray.

PRESENTATION OF PAST GRAND COMMANDERS SHOLDER BOARDS

S.K. Palmer E. Martin, P.G.C. presented the Past Grand Commander's Jewel of Earl S. Wright to S.K. Donald C. Murray with appropriate remarks

ADDRESS BY NEW GRAND COMMANDER

Sir Knight Bartlett, R.E.G.C. addressed the Conclave with a few brief remarks and proceeded to adjourn until the 167th Annual Conclave.

ADJOURNMENT

Announcement was made of the Planning Meeting in Barre on July 12th, 2008. There being no further business to come before the 166th Annual Conclave, RE Grand Commander Bartlett declared the 167th Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Vermont closed after the Acting Prelate led the Sir Knights in their devotions.

REPORTS

Grand Inspector's Report, William Karstens, Grand Inspector

To the Grand Commandery of Vermont, now in session:

The York Rite Planning Session was held in Barre on Saturday, July 12, 2008 at 10:00 am. During that session, the dates and format for Commandery inspections were set. As with last year, the inspections would consist of a Full-Form opening followed by the Order of the Temple. It was reminded again that requests for changes to the inspection dates or cancellations must be made directly to the Grand Inspector.

By chronological order, inspections were held at the following Commanderies:

November 24, 2008: Mt. Zion #9 in Montpelier. Mt. Zion had 21 members present and 17 visitors for a total of 38 attending. The grade for this inspection was 98/A+.

December 12, 2008: St. Aldemar #11 in Barre. St. Aldemar had 19 members present and 8 visitors for a total of 27 in attendance. The grade for this inspection was 98/A+.

March 17, 2009: Killington #6, Mt. Calvary #1 & Taft #8 in Rutland. Killington had 20 members present, Mt. Calvary had 7 members present and Taft had no members present. Combined with 11 visitors and 3 candidates, the total attendance was 41. The grade for this inspection was 93/A.

March 27, 2009: Burlington #2 & Lafayette #3 in Williston. Burlington had 16 members present, Lafayette had 4 members present and there were 13 visitors for a total attendance of 33. The grade for this inspection was 94/A.

April 15, 2009: Lafayette #3 – Combined with Burlington #2; see above.

April 28, 2009: Malta #10 – cancelled.

May 2, 2009: Vermont #4 & Holy Cross #12 in Springfield. Vermont had 5 members present and Holy Cross had 9 members present. There were 8 visitors which gives a total attendance of 22. The grade for this inspection was 94/A.

A special congratulation goes to the Eminent Commander of Killington #6 for doing both parts of the inspection and doing a spectacular job. It's great to see some of the newer members step up to take on these important roles.

I would like to thank all the Commanderies and Sir Knights for their hospitality and courtesies extended to me during my visits. Thanks also to the Assistant Grand Inspector for his help during the inspections and all the Grand Line Officers for their support. Finally, I would like to thank SK Donald Murray, REGC for the opportunity to serve both him and the Grand Commandery of Vermont during this past year.

Respectfully submitted,

SK William Karstens, E. Grand Inspector

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON GRIEVANCE

To the Grand Council of Vermont now in session:

There has been no business referred to this committee and no action was required.

Respectfully submitted,

David H. Bartlett, Brent N. Martin, Daniel Ebbighausen

REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEE ON PATRIOTIC ACTIVITY

To the Grand Commandery of Vermont now in session:

During the last Templar year there were no items or request referred to this committee, so no action was taken.

Respectfully Submitted;

Alexis J. Parent, for the committee

GRAND TREASURERS REPORT

Report of the Grand Treasurer

May 1, 2008 to April 30, 2009

General Fund:

Cash on Hand April 30, 2008	\$5,147.48
Receipts:	
Per Capita	13,299.00
Dividends and Interest	15,310.88
Transfer from Perm. Funds	-0-
TOTAL RECEIPTS	28,609.88
Transfers:	
Dividends reinvested in Perm. Fund	(5,092.66)
Holy Land Pilgrimage Fund	10.30
TOTAL TRANSFERS	(5,082.36)
Disbursements from General Fund	(20,128.56)
Cash on Hand, April 30, 2009	\$8,544.44

DISBURSEMENTS;

Acct #	Item	Budget	Spent	Variance
1	Grand Recorders Expense	\$1,300.00	\$1,300.00	
2	Grand Commanders Expense	1,500.00	1,500.00	
3	Grand Treasurers Expense	250.00	250.00	
4	Ass't Grand Recorders Expense	50.00	-0-	50.00
5	Grand Inspectors Expense	350.00	350.00	
6	Grand Prelates Expense	75.00	-0-	75.00
7	Grand Recorder's Office Expense	1,000.00	804.23	195.77
8	Grand Conclave Expense	5,500.00	3,158.48	2,341.52
9	Grand Encampment Fund	-0-	-0-	
10	Proceedings Printing	1,100.00	894.39	205.61
11	Insurance	1,000.00	652.00	348.00
12	Rent	1,600.00	1,600.00	
13	Audit	200.00	-0-	200.00
14	Publicity	200.00	-0-	200.00
15	Past Grand Commanders Jewel	500.00	578.05	(78.05)
16	Jewel Recovery Fund	250.00	-0-	250.00
17	Pilgrimage Fund	50.00	-0-	50.00
18	40 year Medals	-0-	-0-	
19	Degree Teams	-0-	-0-	
20	Miscellaneous	500.00	489.56	10.44
21	Masonic Visitors	300.00	300.00	
22	Sponsored Youth	300.00	150.00	150.00
23	Grand Encampment	7,000.00	6,850.00	150.00
24	Office Automation	-0-	-0-	
25	Holy Land Pilgrimage Reserve Acct	1,000.00	1,000.00	
26	Regalia	-0-	51.85	(51.85)
27	Northeast York Rite Conference	400.00	200.00	200.00
TOTALS		\$24,425.00	20,128.56	4,296.44

GRAND ENCAMPMENT FUND:

Balance on Hand April 30, 2008	\$1,998.00
Disbursed to Attendees	-0-
Received from General Fund	-0-
Balance on Hand April 30, 2009	\$1,998.00

TRIENNIAL HOSPITALITY FUND:

Balance on Hand, April 30, 2008	\$300.00
Received from General Fund	-0-
Balance on Hand, April 30, 2009	\$300.00

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE FUND:

Balance on Hand April 30, 2008	\$2,348.28
Received during the year	652.15
Disbursed	(2,249.45)

Interest Earned	(10.30)
Balance on Hand, April 30, 2009	\$740.68

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AS OF APRIL 30, 2009

General Fund	\$8,544.44
Grand Encampment Fund	1,998.00
Hospitality Fund	300.00

TOTAL WCMA ACCOUNT \$10,832.44

Holy Land Pilgrimage Fund	\$740.68
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Permanent Funds as of 4-30-08 (at cost)

Cash	\$46,796.29
Government Securities	24,826.50
Equities	93,409.00
Mutual Funds	136,725.00

301,755.89

Re-invested Dividends – Equities	5,092.66
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5,092.66

TOTAL PERMANENT FUNDS (AT COST) 4-30-09	\$306,848.55
Market Value 4-30-09	\$232,189.90

TOTAL ASSETS as of April 30, 2009	\$318,421.67
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TOTAL ASSETS as of April 30, 2008	311,550.55
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GAIN (LOSS) OF ASSETS	\$6,871.12
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ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE
2008-09 Per Capita

TOTAL RECEIVABLES	NONE
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Respectfully Submitted:

Roger M. Pike, PGC, Grand **Treasurer**

GRAND RECORDERS REPORT

Office of the Grand Recorder

June 8, 2009

To the Grand Commandery of Vermont now in session:

Your Grand Recorder submits the following report on the condition of the Grand Commandery of Vermont as of March 31, 2009:

Membership:

Number of Commanderies.....	10
Number of Commanderies reporting.....	10
Number of Commanderies showing work.....	5
Membership as of March 31, 2008.....	712
Gains:	
Knights.....	11
Affiliated.....	0
Errors Corrected.....	7
Reinstated	0
Total Gains.....	18
Losses:	
Dimits.....	16
Suspensions.....	23
Deaths	30
Errors Corrected.....	0
Total Losses	69
Membership March 31, 2009	661
Net loss	51

All Commanderies have submitted returns. Taft Commandery #8 returns omitted a number of members and the errors corrected reflect the corrected returns. It has been a pleasure serving the officers and Sir Knights of this Grand Commandery.

Respectfully submitted,
Bruce R. Howard, PGC, R. E. Grand **Recorder**

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON NECROLOGY

To the Grand Commandery of Vermont now in Session:

This past year, 30 of our beloved Sir Knights have been taken from our ranks. Some, perhaps, may have attained official eminence while others were Privates in our Commanderys.

While their mortal remains have been consigned to mother earth, again to mingle with the dust from whence they came, their illumed spirits may be near us, lighting our way.

We call them dead – when in fact they have just begun to live. Our Fraters have emerged from being entombed in the body and now realize the words sent to them by the Prophets: “There awaits for you a more glorious morning.”

Thus Sir Knights, we are blessed with that faith in Immanuel that teaches us that the parting will not be for long; that when the mists are rolled away “our loved ones will be reunited in that bright and beautiful Asylum above, where partings will be no more, and where all will unite in singing Hallelujah to the Grand Captain of our Salvation.”

Respectfully submitted:

Donald C. Brown for the Committee

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

K. T. Educational Foundation Report for the Calendar Year 2008-2009

The year 2008-2009 being our first full year of all previous loans being paid in full, our only source of income is from interest earned on our investments and any donations we may receive. The current worldwide financial crisis has resulted in a net loss of \$349.97, which is less than one percent of our total Net Worth. This loss could be viewed as a good performance considering the losses many have suffered.

We awarded our third annual Scholastic Achievement Award this year at our minimal amount of \$500 due to the current economic conditions and our concerns to grow the fund. The number of applicants received totaled 64, which is approximately triple the previous year with that year being doubled from the first year. As of 2008 every cent we have is invested and earning interest, while still allowing us to write checks at no cost to us. Our long term goal is on a five year plan so that approximately 2014 we will have a larger amount of available funds to use in negotiating for higher rates of return, while providing an earnings level allowing for higher scholastic awards to be granted. Our total Net Worth plus Liabilities in 2002 equaled \$46,132.06, as of December 31 2008 it has grown to \$54,977.10. We look forward to December 2009 with it having continued growth.

Respectfully Submitted

Thomas E. Grace, Committee Chairman

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION BUDGET

For The Calendar Year 2010

All Administrative Expenses such as postage, telephone, stationery or any other Miscellaneous Expenses are paid via volunteer donations.

Total Realized Income = \$2,522.62
Less Administrative expense = \$ 0.00
Less CPI (2008 4.1%) = \$ 103.43
Net Amount Available = \$2,419.19 for Scholarship Awards

We ask the Sir Knights to approve a Budget of \$500.00 for an Award
Respectfully Submitted
Thomas E. Grace, Committee Chairman

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE VERMONT EYE FOUNDATION

To the Grand Commandery now in session:

No requests for assistance were received by the committee.

For the committee,

Brent N. Martin

REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE VOLUNTARY EYE CAMPAIGN

REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN 41ST VOLUNTARY EYE CAMPAIGN

To the Grand Commandery of Vermont, now in session:

As Chairman of the Knights Templar 41st Voluntary Campaign, I wish to thank all who have contributed to this worthy cause and encourage continued participation. I also wish to thank my wife Pat who selected the items and decorated the gift basket for the raffle.

Contributions by individual Commanderies are as follows:

Commandery	Amount	Membership	Per Capita
Mount Calvary No.1	\$40.00	74	\$ 0.54
Burlington No. 2	85.00	43	1.98
Lafayette No. 3	1,030.00	54	19.07
Vermont No.4	70.00	44	1.59
Killington No.6	165.00	196	0.84
Taft No. 8	60.00	38	1.58
Mount Zion No. 9	65.00	91	0.71
Malta No. 10	105.00	41	2.56
St. Aldemar No. 11	592.65	114	5.20
Holy Cross No. 12	35.00	65	0.54
	\$2,247.65		

Additional funds credited to Grand Commandery of Vermont		\$239.03
Total	\$2,486.68	
Grand Lodge of Vermont	\$400.00	
Ladies Auxiliary	\$902.00	
	Grand Total	\$3,788.68

Based on a membership of 760, the per-capita is \$4.99

Vermont ranks 44 among Grand Commanderies and 28th per-capita

Note: Holiday Decoration Basket Raffle included in additional Grand Commandery funds and does not include the money received at the Grand Session, which will be included in next years Campaign.

Fraternally Submitted
David H. Bartlett, Chairman

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF RITUAL AND TACTICS

To the Grand Commandery of Vermont now in Session.

The Grand Encampment has not made any changes in the Ritual in the past year nor is this committee aware of any proposed changes. This committee does not have or has it received any proposed changes in the Tactics. Therefore the current Ritual and Tactics can be utilized.

This committee moves acceptance of this report.

Respectfully submitted,

David E. Cumming, Chairman Russell J. Slora, Willis J. Morse

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF TRIENNIAL

To the Grand Commandery of Vermont now in session:

The 64th Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar will commence Monday, August 17, 2009 in Roanoke, Virginia. Registration information is available online at the Grand Encampment website [HYPERLINK "http://www.knightstemplar.org"](http://www.knightstemplar.org) <http://www.knightstemplar.org>. Your Grand Commander plans to attend.

We respectfully submit this report for adoption.

David H. Bartlett, Russell J. Slora, Eugene C. Corliss

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON DISPENSATIONS & CHARTERS

To the Grand Commandery of Vermont now in session:

During the last Templar year there were no items referred to this committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Alexis J. Parent for the committee

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RECOMMENDATIONS

To the Grand Commandery of Vermont, now in session:

Your Committee on Recommendations has reviewed the three recommendations made by the Right Eminent Grand Commander and greatly appreciates his timeliness in providing this Committee with a copy of his address so that we may properly review them;

Consider the restructuring of the Grand Conclave in conjunction with those of the Grand Convocation and the Grand Assembly in studying the feasibility of combining the banquets and holding the Grand York Rite Session on the weekend to promote greater attendance and reduce cost for 2011. The committee finds that this is a very worthwhile recommendation and we refer it to the incoming Grand Commander for serious study and consideration.

Participate in the York Rite realignment study with Grand Chapter and Grand Council. The committee finds that this recommendation is well overdue and we refer it to the incoming Grand Commander for implementation.

Attend Blue Lodge Communications and inform our new Master Masons what York Rite has to offer them. The committee has long felt that the York Rite Bodies will not and can not exist and prosper unless Companions and Sir Knights promote their worth and benefits to the membership at the Symbolic Lodge level. We refer this recommendation to the incoming Grand Commander for his implementation.

We find the recommendations made by the Right Eminent Grand Commander to be well founded and urge the incoming Grand Commander to strongly consider their value and potential.

No other recommendations have been forwarded to this committee during this Chivalric year.

Respectfully submitted,

David E Cumming; Palmer E Martin; Russell J Slora, Chair June 8, 2009

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE

Report Number 1.

To the Grand Commandery of Vermont, now in session:

Your Committee on Jurisprudence has examined the several dispensations issued by the Right Eminent Grand Commander, as the same are on file in the office of the Grand Recorder.

Your committee notes that one of the dispensations was granted to permit alternate venues for stated conclaves. This dispensation, while required by law, permits the Grand Commander to be aware of what is happening within his jurisdiction.

The Committee feels that these dispensations are within the rights and prerogatives of the Grand Commander and are in the best interests of the Rite. The Committee therefore recommends approval.

Respectfully submitted,

Belford A. Belles

Roger M. Pike

Palmer E. Martin, Chairman

June 8, 2009

Report Number 2.

To the Grand Commandery of Vermont, now in session:

Your committee has received the report of the Right Eminent Grand Commander and the Eminent Grand Secretary in ample time to review and report. Unfortunately, we have not received the reports of the Grand Inspector or Assistant Grand Inspector.

The Grand Recorder's report is short, and easiest to deal with, but not so sweet. He reports only membership numbers, and we are sorry to see that this Grand Commandery has almost fallen to the 650 mark. Of our ten Commanderies, only five showed work, with a total of eleven new Sir Knights. While a ratio of two per active Commandery is not bad, we certainly wish it could be better, and we should do our best to make it so. He didn't include any financial information, and he probably didn't want to confuse us with a bunch of numbers. We commend our Grand Recorder for his efforts in updating the records, and to keep the Grand Commandery informed of what is going on in the world. He has routinely e-mailed all Grand Conclave announcements to all who might be interested.

We join our Grand Commander in greeting our visitors, especially Sir Knights Bob Cave and Cal Keyler. Our Right Eminent Grand Prelate is not an unfamiliar face in Vermont, and if there is anyone present who does not know Sir Knight Cal, our Most Worshipful Grand Master, then that's your own fault. We thank them both for being with us, and we hope they enjoy their time here.

We share in the sorrow of losing 30 members to the Grand Asylum Above, but we are more concerned with the loss of 39 members to suspension or demit. We have seen requests for demits from Sir Knights for which we have no real explanation, and we can't help but wonder what can be done, but we know that something must be done. A gain of 11 and a loss of 51 is backwards. Some lodges are experiencing a resurgence. It behooves us all to spread the word of the York Rite, by informing the new brothers that their education has just started.

The recognition of long serving sir Knights is commendable. We are certain that there are many out there who have not been so recognized, and they should be. We urge the several Recorders to be more diligent.

The choice of Red Landon for the Cross of Honor is a wise one. Sir Knight Red has been a stalwart in Rutland, and well deserves the recognition.

It is nice to see an improvement in the work at inspections, but we would much prefer to see fewer cancellations. We agree with our Grand Commander that some Commanderies should work together on inspections, a hard thing to do sometimes. Distance is a factor, as is pride.

Our Grand Commander readily recognizes that it is difficult, if not impossible, to do the job alone. To his credit, he has surrounded himself with many capable people to help make the job easier. We commend his recognition of his traveling cohorts, Sir Knight Russ and Ladies Lynn and Sue. Traveling companions certainly makes life easier.

His recommendation regarding the restructuring of the York Rite sessions, we refer to the incoming Grand Commander, and strongly suggest that he charge the Committee to work with the Grand Chapter and Grand Council, as well as the Grand Lodge, as there are, perhaps, some advantages of all four meeting together that we are not aware of. We also suggest that the schedules of other jurisdictions in the northeast and Eastern Canada, as well as affiliated bodies, be considered before making a recommendation.

We conclude by saying well done, good and faithful servant, and welcome to the position of “caboose.”

Respectfully submitted,

Belford A. Belles

Roger M. Pike

Palmer E. Martin, Chairman

June 8, 2009

Report Number 3.

To the Grand Commandery of Vermont, now in session:

Your Committee on Jurisprudence proposes the adoption of the following uniform regulation, as adopted by Grand Encampment, to be included with the Vermont Uniform Regulations in the Vermont Tactics”

KYCH RECOGNITION BAR

A KYCH Recognition Bar may be worn on the left breast of the uniform coat approximately one half inch above the medals displayed and in the center of the display line; by any member of the Knights of the York Cross of Honor. This bar shall be of silver colored metal approximately 1 3/8 inches long be 3/8 inches wide having alternate vertical stripes of equal width, approximately 5/16 inch wide, of white, purple, red and blue color, each color separated by a very narrow silver stripe. The bar shall be attached to the uniform by two pins fastened with clutch back holders. This bar may also be work on the fatigue coat or centered above the Metal Ribbon Bar on the summer uniform shirt. In locating the bar the white color shall be toward the center of the garment. If worn in conjunction with the Knight Templar Veteran’s Medal, the Veterans Medal

shall be worn to the right (superior) of the KYCH Recognition Bar.

Respectfully submitted,

Belford A. Belles
June 8, 2009

Roger M. Pike

Palmer E. Martin, Chairman

REPORTS OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

June 8, 2009

Report Number 1, Approval of Accounts: June 8, 2009

The Finance Committee has examined the books and records of the Grand Recorder and Grand Treasurer and find these records to be in proper order with all expenditures supported by vouchers and all monies received properly recorded.

Right Eminent Grand Commander, if there are no questions or comments, I move that this report be accepted and printed in the proceedings.

Fraternally submitted, Willis J. Morse, Russell J. Slora, Guy W. Oldenburg

Report Number 2, Expenditures Budget: June 8, 2009

To the Grand Commandery of Vermont, Now in Session:

	BUDGET	EXPENDED	BUDGET
	2008-2009	2008-2009	2009-2010
1 Grand Recorder's Expense	\$1,300.00	\$1,300.00	\$1,300.00
2 Grand Commander's Expense	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
3 Grand Treasurer's Expense	250.00	250.00	250.00
4 Ass't Grand Recorder's Expense	50.00	0.00	50.00
5 Grand Inspector's Expense	350.00	350.00	350.00
6 Grand Prelates Expense	75.00	0.00	75.00
7 Grand Recorder's Office Expense	1,000.00	804.23	1,000.00
8 Grand Conclave Expense	5,500.00	3,158.48	5,500.00
9 Grand Encampment Fund	0.00	0.00	500.00
10 Printing Proceedings	1,100.00	894.39	1,000.00
11 Insurance	1,000.00	652.00	800.00
12 Rent	1,600.00	1,600.00	1,600.00
13 Audit	200.00	0.00	0.00
14 Publicity	200.00	0.00	200.00
15 Past Commanders Jewel	500.00	578.05	700.00
16 Jewel Recovery Fund	250.00	0.00	250.00
17 Pilgrimage Fund	50.00	0.00	50.00
18 40 Year Medals	0.00	0.00	0.00
19 Degree Teams	0.00	0.00	0.00

20	Miscellaneous	500.00	489.56	500.00
21	Masonic Visitors	300.00	300.00	300.00
22	Sponsored Youth	300.00	150.00	300.00
23	Grand Encampment Fund	7,000.00	6,850.00	7,000.00
24	Office Automaton	0.00	0.00	0.00
25	Holy Land Pilgrimage Reserve Acct	1,000.00	1,000.00	2,500.00
26	Regalia	0.00	0.00	0.00
27	Northeast York Rite Conference	400.00	200.00	400.00
	TOTALS	\$24,425.00	\$20,128.56	\$26,125.00

Right Eminent Grand Commander, if there are no questions or comments, I move this Expenditures Budget be accepted, adopted and printed in the proceedings.

Fraternally submitted,
 Willis J. Morse, Chairman Russell J. Slora Guy W. Oldenburg

Report Number 3, Revenues and Expenditures Budget: June 8, 2009

To the Grand Commandery of Vermont, Now in Session:

REVENUES:

Income from Per Capita	
680 Members at \$20.00 Per Member	\$13,600.00
Income from Permanent Fund	
680 Members at \$18.42 Per Member	<u>\$12,525.00</u>
Total Revenues	\$26,125.00

EXPENDITURES:

See attached Expenditures Budget

Total Expenditures	\$26,125.00
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Right Eminent Grand Commander, if there are no questions or comments, I move this Revenue and Expenditures budget be accepted, adopted and printed in the proceedings.

Fraternally submitted, Willis J. Morse, Chairman Russell J. Slora Guy W. Oldenburg

Report Number 4, Per Capita Tax: June 8, 2009

To the Grand Commandery of Vermont, Now in Session:

The Finance Committee recommends that a Per Capita Tax of \$20.00 be levied against subordinate Commanderies for the ensuing year. The same being comprised as follows:

1. Per Capita Tax – Grand Commandery, Vermont	\$28.42
(Operational Expense)	

2. Grand Encampment Assessment (Operational Expenses)	\$9.00
3. Grand Encampment Assessment (Eye Foundation for those Knights not exempt)	\$1.00

Total \$38.42

Less: Income transferred on a Per Member basis from
the Permanent Fund \$18.42

Net Per Capita Tax \$20.00

Right Eminent Grand Commander, if there are no questions or comments, I move this report be accepted and printed in the proceeding.

Fraternally submitted, Willis J. Morse, Chairman Russell J. Slora Guy W. Oldenburg

Report Number 5, Unexpended Budget Accounts: June 8, 2009

To the Grand Commandery of Vermont, Now in Session:

The Finance Committee recommends that monies not expended in budget accounts may be transferred to other accounts upon approval of this committee.

Right Eminent Grand Commander, if there are no questions or comments, I move the acceptance of this report and its recommendations adopted.

Fraternally submitted, Willis J. Morse, Chairman Russell J. Slora Guy W. Oldenburg

REPORT OF THE HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE COMMITTEE

To The Grand Commandery of Vermont now is session:

Your committee on the Holy Land Pilgrimage is pleased to report, that again this year, The Grand Commandery of Vermont had the privilege to send a representative, the Reverend Rebecca Strader of Graniteville, Vermont to the Holy Land.

We were fortunate to have the Reverend Strader attend a special meeting at St. Aldemar Commandery #11 on May 5, 2009 to thank the Sir Knights of Vermont for their generosity as well as to present an informational program of her travels.

This committee wholeheartedly endorses the continuance of this program. We thank the Sir Knights of Vermont for the opportunity to serve on this committee and to witness the benefits first hand.

This committee was saddened to learn of the death of Sir Knight Fred Leslie of Michigan. Sir Knight Leslie was a strong supporter of this program and a member of the Grand Encampment

Holy Land Pilgrimage Committee for many years. Sir Knight Leslie's firm belief in the benefits of this program, wholehearted support, and dedicated service to the Grand Encampment is appreciated.

Fraternally,

Bruce R. Howard, Donald C. Brown and Brent N. Martin

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON VISITORS

June 8, 2009

To the Grand Commandery of Vermont now in session:

No activity was referred to this committee, therefore no action was required.

Respectfully submitted,

Belford Belles, Jonathan Park, Collin Brock

GRAND HISTORIANS REPORT

None given

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR CROSS OF HONOR AWARD

Recipients of the Award and Date of Presentation

* Sir Knight James Clement Ford	6/14/1965	Sir Knight Aurele Gagne	6/3/1991
* Sir Knight Frederick Alexander Ingle	6/6/1966	Sir Knight Omlah R. Smith, Jr	6/5/1992
* Sir Knight C. Houghton Hoisington	6/5/1967	* Sir Knight Donald W. Gerrish	5/31/1993
* Sir Knight Wayne Davis	6/1/1968	Sir Knight Stuart E. Lee	6/15/1994
* Sir Knight Harold William Yasinski	5/24/1970	Sir Knight Robert Farrington	6/26/1995
* Sir Knight George Hamilton Thomas	5/22/1971	* Sir Knight Willard B. Farnham	5/27/1996
* Sir Knight Roger Fred Spaulding	5/29/1972	Sir Knight Arnold G. Preston	6/1/1997
* Sir Knight Thomas Kenneth Pauley	6/3/1973	Sir Knight Russell A. Goslant	6/8/1998
* Sir Knight Thomas Dixon Kendall	6/2/1974	* Sir Knight Robert S. Boyce	6/7/1999
* Sir Knight Ralph C. Watson	6/2/1975	Sir Knight Brent N. Martin	6/12/2000
* Sir Knight Joseph J. Bianchi	5/25/1976	* Sir Knight Stuart J. Gasson	6/11/2001
* Sir Knight Thomas B. Alexander	6/11/1977	Sir Knight Clyde T. Reynolds	6/10/2002
* Sir Knight Kenneth C. Elliott	6/5/1978	Sir Knight Jon E. Babcock	6/9/2003
* Sir Knight John S. Birkett	6/4/1979	* Sir Knight Elmer M. Barlow	6/7/2004
* Sir Knight Richard Simpson	6/1/1980	Sir Knight Eugene C. Corliss	6/13/2005
* Sir Knight Jack E. Wendell	6/1/1981	Sir Knight Roland F. Godin	6/12/2006
* Sir Knight Robert J. O'Hara	5/24/1982	Sir Knight William H. Grant, Jr.	6/4/2007
* Sir Knight Roy Wayne Ingraham	6/5/1983	Sir Knight John T. Colby	6/9/2008
* Sir Knight Frank H. Caffin	6/6/1984	Sir Knight Robert H. Landon	6/8/2009
Sir Knight Phillip D. Goss	5/27/1985		
* Sir Knight Harry E. Frost	6/2/1986		
* Sir Knight Kenneth A. Laplant	6/1/1987		
* Sir Knight Fletcher H. Hall	6/5/1988		
Sir Knight James Slora	6/5/1989		
Sir Knight Karsten Larsen	6/12/1990		

* Deceased

KNIGHT COMMANDER OF THE TEMPLE AWARDS

Wendell H. Chaffee
Richard E. Fletcher
Phillip D. Goss 1999
Herbert H. Harford
Roger M. Pike
Palmer E. Martin

COMPANION OF THE TEMPLE AWARDS

Betty Nicholson 6/4/1995
Katherine (Kay) Phelps
Jennie Brown 5/27/1996
Nadine Martin
Gail Cumming 6/1/1997
* Mildred (Millie) Seeley
Martha (Pat) Tucker
Priscilla Clough 6/2/2002
Marie Oldenburgh
Elizabeth (Betty) Belles 6/9/2003
Evelyn Ebbighausen
Lynn A. Murray 6/12/2005
Susan Slora 6/8/2009

* Deceased

LIVING PAST COMMANDERS OF VERMONT

(Past Grand Commanders are indicated by **)

MT CALVARY NO. 1 (1/20/1824)

Chester W. Watters 1965
** James E. Selleck 1974, 1992, 2004
** James Winner III 1980-1981
Edward A. Gee 1982-1986, 2005-06
Stuart Lee 1987, 1991
William H. Grant, Jr. 1988-1990, 2008, 09
Ian Booth 2001-2002

BURLINGTON NO. 2 (9/17/1850)

** Wendell Chaffee 1987, 1989
Clifford Hill, Jr. 91, 92, 94, 96
Michael Lunn 2004-2006
Edward Nawotka, Jr. 1993
Francis J. McCaffrey 1997-98
** Alexis J. Parent, Jr. 1999-2000
Cedric L. Marshall 2001
William Karstens IV 2007, 08
John R. Campbell, Jr. 2009

LAFAYETTE NO. 3 (9/15/1892)

Albert M. Severy 1972
** Aurele Gagne 1985, 91, 93
** Guy Oldenburgh 1988, 92, 96
James O. Fendley 1989, 90, 94, 97 & 98
Roger L. Patriquin 1995
Lawrence E. Diner, 1999, 2000
Christopher P. Johnson 2001
Philip L. Gagne 2003-04
Gerald E. Shalinsky 2006, 07
Pierre Denis Leger, 2008
D. Iwaskiewicz 2009

VERMONT NO. 4 (6/13/1857)

** Herbert H. Harford 1959-60, 1973-74
** Thomas Grace 1984-1985, 1988-94
** Daniel Ebbighausen 1995-1997
Carl Shoemaker 1998, 99, 2000
2001, 02, 03, 05, 06, 07, 08, 09

PALENTINE NO. 5 (6/11/1867)

(Charter surrendered 2007, all affiliated with Mt. Zion No. 9)

Omlah R. Smith, Jr. 1981-82
** Phillip D. Goss 1985, 2003
Terry Clifford 2002, 04, 05, 06

KILLINGTON NO. 6 (6/11/1867)

** Morris G. Tucker, 1957
Eldred S. Bloodworth, 1966
** Roger M. Pike 1970-71
Edward J. Jehle 1978
Robert H. Landon 1987
Stephen E. Briggs 1982
John Seward 1988-89
Richard O. Berry 1992
** Bruce R. Howard 1993, 94, 95, 96,
2002, 03, 04, 05, 07
Robert Parker 1997-1998
E. Lawrence Douglass, Jr. 1999-2000, 06
Nicholas Ruby 2008, 2009

BEAUSEANT NO. 7 (6/14/1870)

(Charter surrendered, all affiliated with Holy Cross #12)

John B. Mann, Jr. 1968

TAFT NO. 8 (6/11/1870)

David H. Berry 1967-68
Karsten Larsen 1982
E. Irving Stevens
Leo A. LaPerle 2000
Karl Strohmaier 2001
John Kennedy 2003-04
George Stone, 2005-06-07-08-09

MT. ZION NO. 9 (6/10/1873)

John T. Colby 1963
Gleason W. Ayers 1969
** Donald C. Brown 1970
** Brent N. Martin 1979, 1992
Gordon A. Lewia 1980
** Cedric L. Smith 1982
Russell Goslant 1985
** Willis Morse 1986, 88, 2004, 05, 06
Jon E. Babcock 1989-1991
Robert F. Bordeaux, Sr. 1995-96
Roland F. Godin 1997, 98, 99
Eugene C. Corliss, 2000, 01, 02, 03, 04,
05, 06
Randy Ricker 2007
Steven Leach 2008, 09

LIVING PAST COMMANDERS OF VERMONT
(Past Grand Commanders are indicated by **)

LAMOILE NO. 13 (6/9/1908)

MALTA NO. 10 (6/14/1887)

William W. Smith 1978
Louis Barber 1979-82
William Graham 1995-1997
Colin Brock 2007, 08, 09

(Charter surrendered 1967, all affiliated with
Mt. Zion No. 9)

FLANDERS NO. 14 (11/2/1923)

ST. ALDEMAR NO. 11 (6/8/1887)

** Frank W. Bailey 1957
** Herbert Jorgenson 1960, 67
** David E. Cumming 1979, 80
Arthur M. Linley 1981, 82
** Palmer E. Martin 1985,86
Arnold G. Preston 1989, 90
** David H. Bartlett 1991-1993
L. James Daniels 1996, 97
** Belford A. Belles, 1998, 99
Joseph E. Ryan, Jr. 2000, 01
** Donald C. Murray 2002, 03
Russell J. Slora 2004, 05, 06
Douglas Boardman 2007, 08
David Campbell 2009

(Charter surrendered 1989, all affiliated with
Vermont No. 4)

HOLY CROSS NO. 12 (6/14/1898)

** Howard Hatt 1988, 93, 98
Leo Laflamme 1989, 94
Edward Laflamme 1990, 95, 99, 2000, 01
Ralph W. Nichols 2003, 04, 05, 06, 07
Donald Webster 2008, 09

**GRAND COMMANDERY OF VERMONT
MEETING DATES
FOR THE CHIVALRIC YEAR 2009-2010**

1	MT CALVERY Middlebury	4th Tuesday Dark May - August
2	BURLINGTON Burlington	2nd Friday Dark June - August 7:30 PM
3	LAFAYETTE St. Albans	4th Wednesday Dark June - August
4	VERMONT Windsor	3rd Thursday Dark Jan, Feb, July & Aug
6	KILLINGTON Rutland	3rd Tuesday 7:30 PM Dark July & August
8	TAFT Bennington	3rd Monday Oct, March & April
9	MT. ZION Morrisville	4th Wednesday 7:30 PM Dark July & August
10	MALTA Newport	3rd Thursday Dark July & August
11	ST ALDEMAR Barre	3rd Thursday 7:00 PM April - 4th Thursday - 7:30 Dark July & Aug
12	HOLY CROSS Bellows Falls	3rd Monday 7:00 PM Dark July & August

PLEASE CALL THE RECORDER OR E.C. BEFORE ATTENDING

PAST GRAND COMMANDERS

1824-25	* John H. Cotton	1919	* Major C. Houghton
1826-29	* Silas A. Bowen	1920	* Otis C. Kelton
1830	* Daniel L. Potter	1921	* George B. Wheeler
1831	* John Purdy	1922	* Arthur Farnsworth
1851-52	* Samuel L. Butler	1923	* Frederick Briggs
1853-58	* Daniel L. Potter	1924	* Henry L. Ballou
1859	* Brazillai Davenport	1925	* Aaron H. Grout
1860	* John S. Webster	1926	* Frank L. Small
1861-62	* Gamaliel Washburn	1927	* William W. Nichols
1863	* Horatio Needham	1928	* Zeno S. Waterman
1864	* Samuel L. Butler	1929	* Thomas H. Chaney
1865-66	* George M. Hall	1930	* John R. Temple
1867-71	* Russell Taft	1931	* Martin L. Averill
1872-74	* Joseph L. Perkins	1932	* George M. Clay
1875-77	* Albert B. Jewett	1933	* George P. Lovell
1878-80	* Edward S. Dana	1934	* Allen M. Hall
1881-82	* George S. Tyler	1935	* John O. Baxendale
1883-84	* Alfred A. Hall	1936	* G. Forest Dow
1885	* Thad A. Chapman	1937	* G. Wilbur Mower
1886	* George W. Wing	1938	* Alvi Calderwood
1887-88	* Delos M. Bacon	1939	* Ernest W. Savage
1889-90	* Will F. Lewis	1940	* Earl S. Wright
1891-92	* Kitteridge Haskins	1941	* J. Harold Stacey
1893-94	* Marsh O. Perkins	1942	* G. Milan Smith
1895	* Silas A. Cummings	1943	* P. Conant Voter
1896-97	* Robert J. Wright	1944	* Harley M. Watkins
1898-99	* Jesse E. Thompson	1945	* Willard K. Saunders
1900	* Daniel E. Nicholson	1946	* Harold L. Cady
1901	* Dan Payson	1947	* Waldron C. Biggs
1902	* Dan P. Webster	1948	* Orville N. Kew
1903	* Silas N. Danforth	1949	* Sterry Waterman
1904	* William W. Kinsley	1950	* Alfred A. Bishop
1905	* Charles Calderwood	1951	* Frederick Fletcher
1906	* Elihu B. Taft	1952	* Walter F. Niles
1907	* J. Henry Jackson	1953	* Raymond L. Brown
1908	* George H. Jackson	1954	* J. W. Murdock, Sr.
1909	* Frank W. Dewey	1955	* Paul L. Glynn
1910	* Daniel S. Danforth	1956	* Edward W. Curtis
1911	* George F. Root	1957	* Arthur E. Dietrich
1912	* Frank L. Clark	1958	* Francis Woodcock
1913	* William W. Brewster	1959	* George E. Cummings
1914	* Olin W. Dailey	1960	* Arthur D. Bishop
1915	* Edward L. Blake	1961	* Ralph E. Berry
1916	* Frank B. Outman	1962	* Rudolph D. Smith
1917	* Frederick Babbitt	1963	* H. Herman Hertzberg
1918	* William L. Herrick	1964	* Parker B. Blake

PAST GRAND COMMANDERS

1965	* Edward S. Pike	1987	* Donald S. Seeley
1966	* Franklyn Churchill	1988	Donald C. Brown
1967	Frank W. Bailey	1989	Cedric L. Smith
1968	* Welland S. Horn	1990	James E. Selleck
1969	* Brooks W. Booth	1991	Roger M. Pike
1970	* Peter L. Butynski	1992	Palmer E. Martin
1971	* Harold S. Burroughs	1993	James R. Winner, III
1972	* Raymond F. Sutton	1994	Phillip D. Goss
1973	* Trafton Hoisington	1995	Wendell H. Chaffee
1974	* Arnold J. Anderson	1996	David E. Cumming
1975	Herbert Jorgensen	1997	Aurele Gagne
1976	* Theodore H. Boisvert	1998	Willis J. Morse
1977	* Roy F. Nicholson	1999	* Donald W. Gerrish
1978	* David L. Phelps	2000	Guy W. Oldenburgh
1979	* F. W. Littlefield	2001	Thomas E. Grace
1980	* Roland J. Bishop	2002	Daniel Ebbighausen
1981	Morris G. Tucker	2003	Howard H. Hatt
1982	* Raymond W. Giddings	2004	Belford A. Belles
1983	* Paul Cowling	2005	Alexis J. Parent
1984	* Roger F. Spaulding	2006	Bruce R. Howard
1985	Herbert H. Harford	2007	Brent N. Martin
1986	* Clyde H. Putnam	2008	Donald C. Murray
		2009	David H. Bartlett

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Grand Commandery of Vermont Grand Representatives

<u>Jurisdiction</u>	<u>Near Vermont</u>	<u>Near other Jurisdiction</u>	<u>Grand Secretary</u>
Alabama	Carl D. Shoemaker PO Box 732 Ascutney, VT 08058	Thomas F. Craig 1000 Lexington St. S.E. Huntsville, 35801	Hiram O. Williams, Jr. P.O. Box 100333 Birmingham, AL 35210-0333
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Idaho	Donald C. Murray P.O. Box 24 Graniteville, VT	David G. Smith 12069 Silverking Ct Boise, ID 83709	James L. Curtis PO Box 1087 Meridian, ID 83680-1087
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Montana	Alexis J. Parent 1506 Jericho Road Richmond, VT 05477	William Gamble Rt 1 Box 209 Miles City 59301	Bradford L. Huffman P.O. Box 824 Conrad, MT 59425
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Oregon	Bruce R. Howard 17 Tuttle Meadow Dr Rutland, VT 05701	Arlie M. Thomason PO. Box 32 Gardiner 97441	Dalvin L. Hollaway P.O. Box 767 Canyonville, OR 97417
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