



Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of Illinois



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Greeting Sir Knights,

My time as Grand Commander is coming to an end, The year has been busy and past quickly. Lady Connie and I have enjoyed traveling the state and visiting our sister jurisdictions of the East Central Department. We met many of you for the first time and renewed some old friendships. I especially enjoyed visiting Commandery Inspections and participating in many of them. Whether filling a chair or working the lines, it is very rewarding to join my fellow Knights in conferring the Order of the Temple for their candidates. I had the honor of attending our Youth Group Annual Sessions and it was quite a eye opener. I had not been involved with our youth but having witnessed their enthusiasm and spirit for their craft was very encouraging. They have a lot of fun during their business sessions which is something the "adult" bodies could learn from.

I am extremely happy to say we have implemented or reimplemented some recognition programs for our Commanderies and our Knights. We will be recognizing Commanderies who have distinguished themselves by earning the highest Inspection score in their Divisions and the most outstanding in the state. We'll also recognize the Commandery who has grown our fraternity by conferring our Orders on the most Knights this year. They will receive the Grand Commander's trophy to display in their asylum. We will also be recognizing and honoring those Knights who have recruited Companions to join our Order by receiving the Grand Commandery Membership Jewel. Providing recognition to our Commanderies and Knight was my top priority this year.

Lady Connie and I thank you for the great honor of serving this Grand Commandery and wish our elected line the best of luck in the future.

Hail be thou - be healthy,

Wayne. R. Clark, Sr
Grand Commander

Save the Dates

July	7-9	Rainbow Grand Assembly	Springfield
July	13-16	DeMolay Conclave	Eureka
July	26th	Commandery Committee meetings	Springfield
July	27th	Commandery Annual Conclave	Springfield
July	28th	Chapter Annual Conclave	Springfield
July	29th	Council Annual Conclave	Springfield