



**THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR
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D.C.'s Robert V. Hines Chapter, Sovereign Order of Knights Preceptor, elected and installed its officers for the 2024 chivalric year at the Singleton Masonic Hall last month.

Sir Knight Mark Wright (right), an Eminent Past Commander of Columbia Commandery No.2, is the new Eminent Preceptor. Also pictured are Sir Knight Elijah Mills, KTCH (left), another past commander of Columbia, became the Junior Past Preceptor; and Sir Knight Michael Erickson (center), an Eminent Past Commander of Potomac Commandery No. 3, joined the bottom of the progressive leadership line.



The Sovereign Order of Knights Preceptor is an invitational organization for incumbent and Past Commanders of Knights Templar commanderies and serves as the Templar "chair degree."

D.C.'s chapter is named in memory of Sir Knight Robert V. Hines, a Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of the District of Columbia, a former chairman of the Grand Encampment's annual Easter Sunrise Service, a 33^o Scottish Rite Mason, Past Master of National Stansbury Lodge No. 12 in Washington, and two-time Past Master of Georgetown's Benjamin B. French Lodge No. 15. At the time of his death in 2005, he was a retired patent examiner at the U. S. Patent and Trademark Office and a veteran of the United States Air Force.

For the past several years, the chapter has been honored by the Grand Chapter of the Sovereign Order of Knights Preceptor to confer the ritual on their behalf during the Grand Chapter's meeting at AMD Masonic Week in Arlington, VA .Eminent Past Commanders from around the country who are from jurisdictions where no Knights Preceptor chapter exists apply to the General Grand Chapter and, if elected, are commissioned as Knights Preceptor during this ceremony

Sir Knight Michael J. Kastle, KTCH, KCT, (second from right) has been elected and installed as Deputy Grand Preceptor of the Grand Chapter of the Sovereign Order of Knights Preceptor, during meetings held at this year's Masonic Week, in Arlington, VA. Sir Knight Michael served as Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of D.C. in 2010.



Earlier in the meeting, a team from D. C. 's Knights Preceptor chapter conferred the degree on behalf of the Grand Chapter.



The Sovereign Order of Knights Preceptor is an invitational organization composed of present and past commanders of Knights Preceptor. Sir Knight Jeffrey A. Bolstad (center), Right Eminent Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States, from Montana, installed the officers of Columbia

Commandery No. 2 and Potomac Commandery No. 3 at Almas Shrine Temple on Saturday February 8th, 2024

After the ceremonies, Deputy Grand Master Bolstad posed for pictures with two new Eminent Commanders, H. Chris Ruli EPC (left) of Potomac, and Jason Chen-Lun Chang, EPC (right), of Columbia.

