

GRAND YORK RITE MESSENGER

MAY 2009

GRAND CHAPTER ROYAL ARCH MASONS
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GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR
Ronald E Farthing, Grand Commander
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GRAND SECRETARY-RECORDER
Wayne H. Rolf, Grand Secretary/Recorder
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GENERAL ORDER NO 1

To the Officers and Sir Knights of the Grand Commandery and the Officers and Sir Knights of the constituent Commanderies, Knights Templar of Kansas, and to whomsoever it may concern:

By virtue of the action taken at the Annual Conclave held in the City of Manhattan, Kansas, on March 28, 2009, A.O. 891, I hereby assume command of the Commanderies comprising the Grand Commandery of Kansas.

The following personal staff is hereby elected and will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

S. K. John H. Dougan, Jr., V.: E.: Deputy Grand Commander
S. K. Clarence E. Arens, Jr., E.: Grand Generalissimo
S. K. W. Ronald McKenzie, E.: Grand Captain General

Done in the City of Topeka, Kansas, this 30th day of March, 2009, A.O. 891.

Ronald E. Farthing
R.: E.: Grand Commander

Attest:

Wayne H. Rolf
Grand Recorder

GENERAL ORDER NO. 2

To the Officers and Sir Knights of the Grand Commandery and the Officers and Sir Knights of the Constituent Commanderies, Knights Templar of Kansas, and to whomsoever it may concern:

The place of the One Hundred Forty Second Annual Conclave of this Grand Commandery has been fixed and will be held in the City of Manhattan, Kansas, April 9, 2010, A.O. 892.

Done in the City of Topeka, Kansas, this 30th day of March, 2009, A.O. 891.

Ronald E. Farthing
R.: E.: Grand Commander

Attest:

Wayne H. Rolf
Grand Recorder

GENERAL ORDER NO 3

To the Officers and Sir Knights of the Grand Commandery and the Officers and Sir Knights of the Constituent Commanderies, Knights Templar of Kansas, and to whomsoever it may concern.

To promote the image of Templary in Kansas, a "blanket dispensation" is hereby issued to all Knights Templar in Kansas to appear in public, in uniform for such duties and/or occasions as funerals, parades, escort duties, and such other ceremonies as are appropriate as long as sufficient numbers are present to insure a proper and impressive appearance. The determination of "sufficient" shall be the responsibility of the Senior Officer present.

Done in the City of Topeka, Kansas this 30th day of March, 2009, A.O. 891.

Ronald E. Farthing
R.: E.: Grand Commander

Attest:

Wayne H. Rolf
Grand Recorder

GENERAL ORDER NO. 4

To the Officers and Sir Knights of the Grand Commandery and the Officers and Sir Knights of the Constituent Commanderies, Knights Templar of Kansas, and to whomsoever it may concern"

It is hereby ordered that the only medals and emblems which will be worn on the "Class A Uniform" are those AUTHORIZED by the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America.

It is further ordered that all Knights Templar of Kansas will adhere to this General Order.

Done in the City of Topeka, Kansas, this 30th day of March, 2009, A.O. 891.

Ronald E. Farthing
R.: E.: Grand Commander

Attest:

Wayne H. Rolf
Grand Recorder

GENERAL ORDER NO. 5

To the Officers and Sir Knights of the Grand Commandery and the Officers and Sir Knights of the Constituent Commanderies, Knights Templar of Kansas, and to whomsoever it may concern:

It is hereby ordered that Sir Knight C. David Williams, III is the financial advisor to the Knight Templar Educational Grant Committee and a voting member of said committee.

Done in the City of Topeka, Kansas the 30th day of March, 2009, A.O. 891.

Ronald E. Farthing
R.: E.: Grand Commander

Attest:

Wayne H. Rolf
Grand Recorder

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR
THE 2010
GRAND SESSION**

April 8-10, 2010
MANHATTAN, KANSAS

INSPECTORS/VISITATION ASSIGNMENTS

Area 1- David R. Bingham

Seneca #41, Seneca; Hiawatha #13,
Hiawatha; Washington#2, Atchison;
Ivanhoe #21, Kansas City; Leavenworth #1,
Leavenworth.

Area 2 – Chuck Arens

Topeka #5, Topeka; Tancred #11, Ottawa; Olathe
#39, Olathe; DeMolay #4, Lawrence; St. Elmo #22,
Paola

Area 3 – Leo Magnuson

Temple #44, Chanute; Esdraelon #49, Iola; St
Bernard #10, Independence; Lochinvar #52,
Coffeyville; Couer De Lion #17, Parsons; Montjoie
#29, Pittsburg; Palestine #28, Girard

Area 4 – Carral Roberts

Mt. Olivet #12, Wichita; El Dorado #19, El Dorado;
Eureka #45, Eureka, Winfield #15, Winfield

Area 5 – Ron McKenzie

Junction City #43, Junction City; Herington#53,
Herington; Garfield #18, McPherson; Reno #36
Hutchinson

Area 6 – Mike Bennett

Askelon #6, Salina; Cyrene #23, Beloit; St.
Aldemar #33, Ellsworth; Alleppo #31, Hays

Area 7 – Wayne Rector

St. Omer #14, Great Bend; Kingman #34,
Kingman; Liberal #55, Liberal; Garden City #50,
Garden City; Columbia #38, Goodland

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND HIGH PRIESTS

District 1 – Mike Minor

Seneca #32; Hiawatha #43; Troy #16;
Atchison #1; Leavenworth #2

District 2 – David R. Bingham

Topeka #5; Lawrence #4; Wyandotte
#6; Burlingame #26; Olathe #10

District 3 – Harley E. Keeton

Paola #20; Girard #30; Pittsburg #58;
Ottawa #7

District 4 – Thomas A Roberts

Eureka #55; Iola #8; Chanute #21; El
Dorado #35

District 5 - W Ronald McKenzie, Sr

Salina #18; Beloit #47; Junction City
#17

District 6 – Michael E. Bennett

Hutchinson #34; McPherson #48;
Herrington #73; Kingman #71

District 7 – Carral N. Roberts

Wichita #33; Conway Springs #94; Winfield #31; Coffeyville #89; Independence #22; Parsons #39

District 8 – Dennis M. Johnson

Goodland #74; Hays #68; Great Bend #36; Ellsworth #5

District 9 – Beryl Scranton

Syracuse #88; Liberal #65; Garden City #83

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2009-2010 GRAND CHAPTER OFFICERS

Gr. High Priest – Ernest P. Miller
 Gr. King – Harley E. Keeton
 Gr. Scribe – Christopher D. Tomlinson
 Gr. Treasurer – Edward L. Freeman
 Gr. Secretary – Wayne H. Rolf
 Gr. Chaplain – Robert W. Harrington
 Gr. Captain of the Host – Carral N. Roberts
 Gr. Principal Sojourner – Michael E. Bennett
 Gr. Royal Arch Captain – Wayne N. Price
 Gr. Master 3rd Veil – Beryl F. Scranton
 Gr. Master 2nd Veil – Fred Lockard
 Gr. Master 1st Veil – Steven L. Meyer, Sr
 Gr. Lecturer – William B. Manning
 Asst Gr. Lecturer – C. David Williams, III
 Asst Gr. Lecturer – Christopher D. Tomlinson
 Gr. Sentinel – Thomas R. Gillespie, Jr
 Gr. Organist – Dee D. Duttweiler

2009-2010 GRAND COUNCIL OFFICERS

Gr. Master – Thomas A. Jacks
 Deputy Gr. Master – C. David Williams III
 Gr. Conductor of Work – Wayne L. White
 Gr. Treasurer – Edward L. Freeman
 Gr. Recorder – Wayne H. Rolf
 Gr. Chaplain – Arris M. Johnson
 Gr. Captain of Guard – T. Michael Fegan
 Gr. Conductor of Council – Mike Bicknell
 Gr. Marshal – Michael E. Bennett
 Gr. Custodian of Work – David R. Bingham
 Gr. Steward – H. Wayne Rector
 Gr. Sentinel – Gary R. Goebel
 Asst Gr Sentinel – Wayne N. Price
 Gr. Organist – Dee D. Duttweiler

2009-2010 GRAND COMMANDERY OFFICERS

Gr. Commander – Ronald E. Farthing

Deputy Gr. Commander – John H. Dougan, Jr
 Gr. Generalissimo – Clarence E. Arens
 Gr. Captain General – W. Ronald McKenzie
 Gr. Senior Warden – H. Wayne Rector
 Gr. Junior Warden – David R. Bingham
 Gr. Prelate – John L. Spiker
 Gr. Treasurer – Edward L. Freeman
 Gr. Recorder – Wayne H. Rolf
 Gr. Standard Bearer – Leo W. Magnuson
 Gr. Sword Bearer – Michael E. Bennett
 Gr. Warder – Carral N. Roberts
 Gr. Sentinel – Richard A. Wortman
 Gr. Organist – Dee D. Duttweiler
 Gr. Guard – C. David Williams, III
 Gr. Guard – Wayne N. Price
 Gr. Guard – Joseph Withrow
 Gr. Commanders Aide – Eldon E. Leitzel
 Gr. Commanders Aide – Richard J. Friendly

NOTES FROM YOUR GRAND SECRETARY/RECORDER

The 2009-2010 year has begun and already two months have gone by so quickly. This year we hope to have the office operate more smoothly. Last year was a big learning curve and yet we find many more bridges to cross and many more changes required. Your patience is still needed.

The database is still in need of improvements to keep accurate records of the members. We receive many calls requesting information on current and deceased members. My hope is to have the database updated by this fall including entering the old card files into the computer. The use of the database for Grand Session is also needed to improve the efficiency in tracking the meals and registration. Some of the best help you can give me is the "Activity Reports". These previously were called "Monthly Reports". I believe that activity is a better title. If the Secretaries and Recorders will keep sending me their current information to the office, their annual reports will be easier when December 31 comes and time for the annual reports. Receiving current information before the annual returns are received in the office saves me hundreds of hours of processing the returns and trying to get ready for the annual session.

As the summer approaches, I find my schedule getting extremely full. I had hoped to retire from my full time employment, but as the economic situation of the nation is not too good, I have decided that I will continue working for a while. I am in the office some late afternoons, evenings, and even some weekends. Cindy

continues to be in the office in the mornings. Both of us find there are times that Masonic activities require our attendance. We try to keep the telephone forwarded to my cell phone when no one is in the office. This way we can serve you better.

As the inspectors for Grand Commandery set their dates for the inspections/official visits, please send those dates to the office and to the Grand Commander. All of the Commanderies should have been contacted by this time.

We would like to keep an "Event Listing" at the office and publish it in the newsletters. Please send your information (special events, degree-order dates, emblem presentation, etc). Hopefully we can also get the web master to put them on the web site as well. Communication is the best project we can do to promote York Rite Masonry.

I continue to review the contents at the office. Many old pieces of equipment have been disposed of and there are many more items left. If I can find an open weekend this summer, Cindy and I will be doing cleaning in the storage room. If you are interested in helping, please contact the office. When a date is set, you will be contacted. My hope is to have the storage room cleaned and organized by the end of this year. (I know, good luck on that one) We also have an old copy machine so if anyone would like an old copier, let us know.

I wish each of you a great summer and hope to see you at many events.

Wayne H. Rollf,
Grand Secretary/Recorder

WANTED !!!!!

Sir Knights to form a Drill Team
For further information please contact E.:
Gr. Junior Warden Dave Bingham at
daveb@kansasyorkrite.com
Or
E.: Chris Tomlinson at
cdtcheckmate@aol.com

**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS AS OF MAY 21,
2009**

5/23 Knights Templar School of Instruction
Mt. Olivet #12, Wichita 9:00 a.m.

- 5/25 Memorial Day Service in Junction City
Grand Commandery, lunch 11:00
Ceremony 1:00 p.m.; *Office Closed*
- 6/3-8 *Office Closed*
- 6/7 Kansas Priory #33 KYCH, Masonic
Home, Wichita
- 6/11-13 137th Annual Grand Assembly Red
Cross of Constantine, Oklahoma City,
Oklahoma
- 6/11-13 Job's Daughters Grand Session – Topeka
Holiday Inn Holidome Grand Opening
- 6/15-19 *Office Closed*
- 6/20 Knights Templar School of Instruction
Ivanhoe #21, Kansas City 8:00 a.m.
- 6/27 Great Plains Rendezvous in Laramie,
Wyoming
- 7/3 *Office Closed*
- 7/17 *Office Closed*
- 7/18 Kansas DeMolay State Congress Public
Banquet, Topeka Holiday Inn
Holidome
- 7/18 Education Committee Meeting at Grand
York Rite Office 10:00 a.m.
- 7/23-25 Sovereign York Rite College in
Cincinnati, Ohio
- 8/6-8 *Office Closed*
- 8/7 Kansas Grand Assembly, Rainbow
Girls at Wichita Marriott, Opening
Ceremony
- 8/15 Kansas York Rite College #125, Newton
- 8/15-19 Grand Encampment in Roanoke, VA
- 9/7 *Office Closed*
- 9/11-12 Pikes Peak Cryptic Deposit Inspection
in Manitou Springs, Colorado
- 9/11-12 Southwest Conference and South
Central Conference, Oklahoma City,
Oklahoma
- 9/25-26 74th Grand Conclave KYCH, Jackson
Hole, Wyoming
- 3/19-20 Kansas Grand Lodge
- 4/7-10 Kansas Grand York Rite Session,
Clarion Hotel, Manhattan, Kansas**

