



One More Time!

Ivanhoe Commandery is pleased and proud to welcome our newest Sir Knight Alex Martin.

On March 19, 2014 the Sir Knights of Ivanhoe gathered together for a delicious St. Patrick's Day dinner of Corned Beef and buttered Fish with cabbage and all the trimmings. After a wonderful meal with our Ladies, the Sir Knights retired to the Asylum and conferred a great Order of the Temple upon Sir Knight Alex. It was a great Order and Sir Knight Alex was duly impressed.

We extend our thanks to all the Sir Knights who assisted in the conferral of the Order, some of whom traveled just to help. We had a full compliment of Officers and the Order went perfectly.

Ivanhoe Commandery is lucky to have five new Sir Knights among our ranks. Three of them have already attended Drill Practice and we are very excited by their desire to get active at Ivanhoe. We are proud of all our new Sir Knights and thank them for their support and enthusiasm. We look forward to working with them, teaching them and learning from them. They were obviously impressed by our ritual and believe they should be an active member of our Commandery and reap the rewards and warm fellowship you find at Ivanhoe. We invite all our Sir Knights to join us and see what all the excitement is about. Ivanhoe is growing stronger and getting better every day. Our Officers are hard at work, learning and planning for our continued success. Why not come out to support their efforts and tell them you appreciate all their efforts. The only reward they seek is to look at the sidelines and see their fellow Sir Knights enjoying the camaraderie of Templary. Elections are April second at 7:00pm. Come and show your support by casting your vote for the future of our Commandery.



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Easter Observance 2014

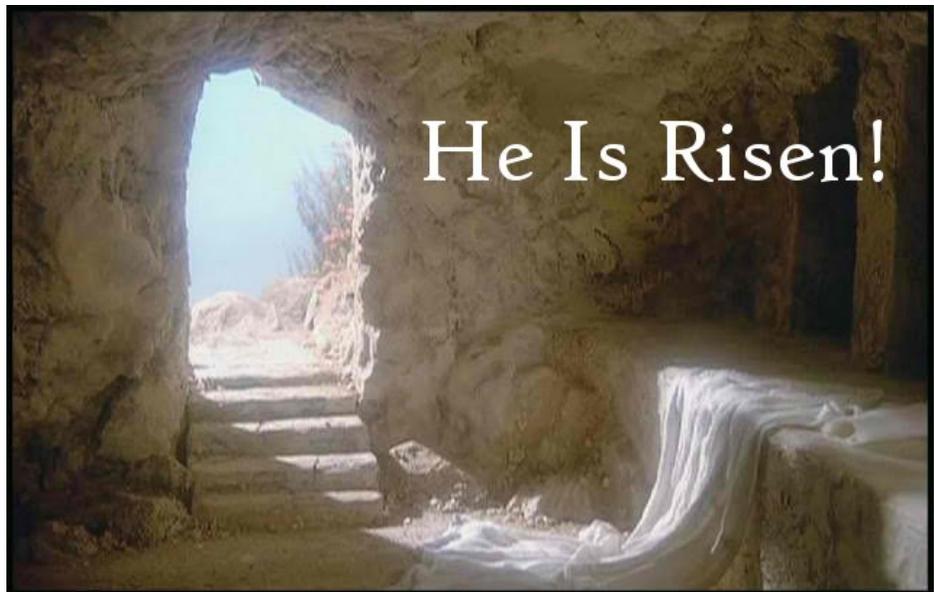
To better understand Easter it is important to review the observance of an ancient Jewish festival - Passover. On the evening before Passover, every Jewish family sacrificed a lamb. It was a reminder of the first such sacrifice, which took place just before God rescued the Israelites from Egypt. On that occasion God “passed over” the Israelite homes where the blood of the lamb had been sprinkled on the door-posts and lintel, and He spared the lives of their firstborn.

At first the Passover was held in people’s homes, but by New Testament times it was the main pilgrim festival celebrated in Jerusalem. It remains one of the most important Jewish festivals today.

The Christian Easter follows the observance of Passover by the Jews. At the Last Supper, Jesus instituted the Eucharist, the communion service, when He took bread and wine, gave it a blessing, and said to His disciples. “*This is My body which is given for you, do this in remembrance of Me*” and “*This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is shed for you.*” From first and second century sources such as the letters of St. Ignatius of Antioch and the writings of St. Justin Martyr, we are assured the Eucharist is the very center of Christian worship.

EASTER, The Feast of the Resurrection of Christ, also known as Pascha (from the Hebrew word for Passover). Christ proclaimed Himself as the true Passover and offered Himself as a sacrifice. Orthodox Christians celebrate Easter according to the decree of the Council of Nicea in A.D. 325: the first Sunday following the first full moon following the spring equinox following the Jewish Passover.

Jesus Christ died on the Cross just before Passover in Jerusalem. He was hurriedly placed in a tomb even before his body could be attended to. During Passover no one could be buried by Jewish Law. Three days later the tomb was approached by the women to cleanse his body properly. Jesus had Risen and the tomb was found empty. Jesus had become of the *Lamb of God*. By doing this Jesus Christ offered Himself for the *sins of the world*.



You can see what a significant gift from God is His Son, Jesus Christ, The Lamb of God. We celebrate Easter again this year some 2000 plus years since the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. No matter what we do with our lives we cannot equal this gift, given to us by our Lord. Even gifts of great wealth, property, or influence do not equal what has been given to us. I hope we all will give thanks to God for this great gift. AMEN

Rev. S.K. Roger

Easter Observances

As Templars it is our duty to Observe three Holy Days: Christmas Day, Easter, and Ascension Day. I am very proud to say that Ivanhoe Commandery has been fulfilling this vow and offering wonderful opportunities for our members to participate in these Observances and fulfill their vows of Christian Knighthood.



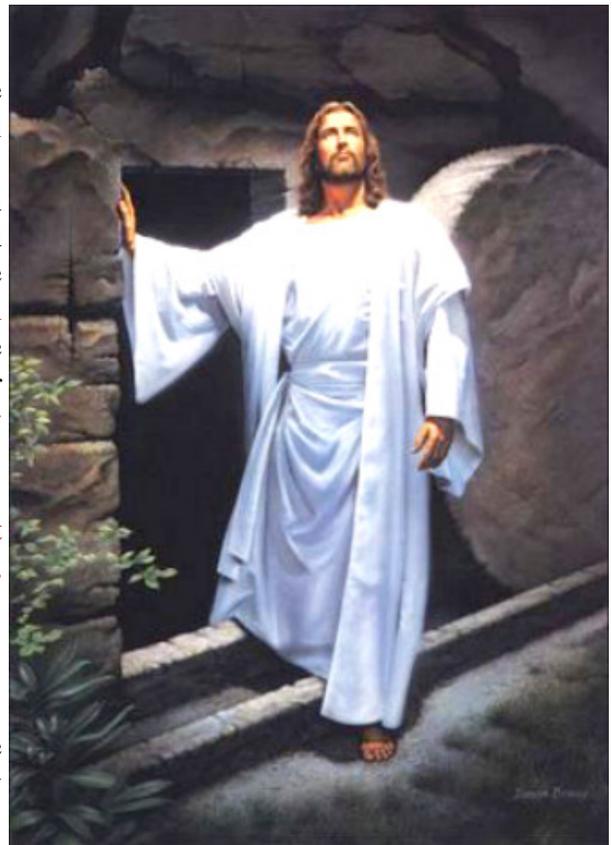
Last year Ivanhoe Commandery joined forces with the Valley of Milwaukee, Chapter of Rose Croix and combined their ceremony of 'Rekindling the Lights' with our traditional Easter Observance. This religious service was very well attended and those present commented on the day and time fitting better into their holiday schedules as well as the warmth and splendor of the ceremony. Everyone also enjoyed the delicious meal and opportunity for fellowship this Observance offers.

After experiencing the success of this wonderful event, the Officers of the Chapter of Rose Croix approached Ivanhoe Commandery and asked that we consider joining forces for the 'Feast of the Paschal Lamb'. This traditional ceremony celebrates the Jewish Passover and marks the crucifixion of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Punctuated by the ceremony of 'Extinguishing the Lights', marking the time when Christ was laid in the Tomb and darkness enveloped the world, it is also a memorial service remembering those who have passed to the Grand Lodge Eternal during the past year.

We are very pleased to again be working with the Chapter of Rose Croix, not only for our traditional Easter Observance and 'Rekindling of the Lights', but also for the 'Feast of the Paschal Lamb'. Both events will be held at the Lake Masonic Center and are open to all Members, families, and friends. The 'Feast of the Paschal Lamb' will be held on Saturday, April 12th at 2:00 pm. Following the service there will be a buffet dinner served for \$15.00 per person. Reservations need to be made by calling the Scottish Rite Office, 414-727-3151.

The Easter Observance will be held on April 19th at 5:00 pm., with a buffet dinner following the service, again for only \$15.00. RSVP Mick by April 7th.

See the fliers in this issue for further details. Reservations are required. No shows will be charged. We hope you will take advantage of these opportunities and join us as we observe these Holy Days as Christian Masons.



“Come see where the Lord lay...”



Ivanhoe Commandery No. 24,
Knights Templar

with the

Chapter of Rose Croix,
Valley of Milwaukee

Invite you and your guests to an

Easter Observance

Saturday, April 19, 2014, 5:00 p.m.

Lake Masonic Center

1235 East Howard Avenue, Milwaukee

Dinner Buffet to follow, \$15.00 per person.

R.S.V.P. Mick Olson, 414-764-7953 or mick290@att.net before April 7th.

Drill Floor

Well, the “Inspection Season” has come to a close. I attended many inspections, some were inspirational and some not so much. But that is the way life goes. We all have good years and not so good years. “Not so good” isn’t pandering to any group, it is simply the truth because “Bad” years you don’t survive. It is all about the “effort” put forth.

Can keeping a Commandery going be a struggle? Yes, what in life that is worthwhile isn’t? Is keeping your Commandery active and functional worth your time and effort? You bet! Look around you, at your next Conclave...see every one of those Knights that are there and realize that they could not be there, could not be a part of Templary if your Commandery ceased to exist. At your next Order of the Temple listen closely to all that is said, especially your vows. Look at the regalia and your equipment, it is all necessary and it all makes our ceremonies and ritual complete. It’s a whole package and the product of that package is a Knight Templar. Yes, it is work to keep this ancient brotherhood going, but it has its rewards for those efforts. And, like life, the amount of the reward is directly related to the amount of effort.



Some Knights are “at it” right off the starting block, some come about slower and some never intended to keep their vows in the first place. Luckily the latter are few and you notice them right off by their effort level. What is your effort level? Are you studying your part? Can your Commander depend on you? Are you making a little extra effort...maybe helping clean and maintain those pieces of regalia and equipment mentioned earlier? Some of those are over a hundred years old, they are museum pieces and yet they are yours to cherish and help endure time. Are you involved in the Drill Team, do you help plan and execute events, do you help the Capt. General set up the Asylum, are you looking after your brothers? Are your efforts true to your abilities? That is all we can ask...isn’t it?

Like any military unit (which we are) personal effort is key. Every man needs to be able to count on every other man. The trust built by responsible action and attendance to duty is how most men are judged. Are you a good Knight? Do you understand the concept of Duty, Honor, Family, Country and Commandery? If you are reading this I would hope the answer is yes. Your personal effort is what people see every day, is it worthy of a Knight of the Temple? If you’re like me, you may need occasional tweaking to stay in focus or to smooth those rough edges. (I swear I don’t think I will ever become a “Perfect Ashler”) Remember it is not about you, it is about US, check your ego at the door. Personalities that cry out for attention are a distraction that only points out a lack of awareness for the whole. Negative energy, begets negative effort.

But, I saw a lot of honest effort this year. There seemed at times to be a spark that was being fanned into a flame, a recognition of the history and capability of your home Commanderies that you just weren’t willing to let go. I saw a proud heritage being revisited and I saw many a Knight go the
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“Feast of the Paschal Lamb”



Wisconsin Scottish Rite, Chapter of Rose Croix

with

Ivanhoe Commandery No. 24, Knights Templar

Invite you and your guests to

*Join us as we Celebrate and Remember our Departed
Brothers during a beautiful and symbolic
non-sectarian service.*

Saturday, April 12, 2014 - 2:00pm

At Lake Masonic Center

1235 East Howard Avenue, Milwaukee

Buffet dinner to follow - \$15.00/person.

*Widows of brethren who have passed away this year
will be our honored guests.*

For dinner reservations call 414-727-3151

Deadline: April 7

///// CAUTION! Knights at Work! /////

On Monday, March 24, 2014 West Allis Chapter No. 84, RAM conferred the first of three scheduled Royal Arch Mason Degrees. We are proud to welcome Companions Jason Williams, Ed Dirk and Peter Misko (L to R) as the newest members of our Chapter and look forward to seeing them at our convocations. We were also pleased to welcome Companion Kim Micholowski (far right) as a courtesy candidate for Waukesha Chapter. We have no doubt these fine men will be great additions to our Ancient Craft. West Allis Chapter has two more RAM Degrees scheduled for **April 7th and April 28th**, all starting at **7:00 pm**. When was the last time you took the pilgrimage to Jerusalem? Come out and support our candidates as they journey to rebuild the Temple.

The Wisconsin and Illinois RAM festival will be held at Freeport Masonic Temple, 305 Stephenson Street in Freeport, Illinois on **May 3, 2014**. Registration begins at **8:00 am** with Wisconsin conferring the Mark Master and Most Excellent Master Degrees, while Illinois will confer the Past Master and Royal Arch Mason Degrees. Make your reservations with Companion Parker Dow at parker@wil-park.com. Lunch will be served for \$10, payable at the door.

Kilbourn Council No. 9, R&SM will host a Council Festival tentatively scheduled for **May 17, 2014** at Lake Masonic Center. Registration begins at **7:00 am** with Wisconsin conferring the Royal Master Degree at 8:00 am and the Select Master Degree at 9:40 am, sharp. We will not delay the start of the degrees so come early. Make your reservations with Companion Michael Meyer at freemasonmike@gmail.com.

Ivanhoe will confer the short forms of the Illustrious Order of the Red Cross and Order of Malta on **May 21, 2014**. There will be an OT practice on **May 14th** and **June 11th**, with anticipated Orders of the Temple on **July 9th** and **July 16th**.

Come and support our candidates as they progress in the York Rite. Members on the sidelines assure our candidates we feel they are important, that our degrees are important, and the York Rite is important. The only thing we need to make their degree perfect is YOU! Come and do your part to build our York Rite!



Dinner Reminder

Don't forget, we will enjoy a light dinner at 6:00 pm, preceding our Stated Conclaves. Stated Conclaves will begin at 7:00 pm. Don't miss this opportunity for conversation, fellowship and Lady Dorothy's wonderful home cooking!



Crusaders are Back!

The Crusaders are a Unit of Tripoli Shrine Temple comprised of Knights Templar. Our main duties are providing an escort to the Potentate before stated meetings and installation, along with participating in parades. With the help of S.K. William Van Zile, the Crusaders have been revived. We will be holding the Installation of Officers at Tripoli Temple on April 21st, 7:00pm. We will be voting on petitions, so if you are interested, please let me know. We will also honor S.K. Van Zile as he was elected Director Emeritus.

S.K. Micke C.

Drill Floor (Cont'd)

extra mile (as in barefoot and on frozen ground) for his Order. I saw many old friendships rekindled and many new ones get a start. I saw a lot of learning going on and many new Knights getting involved under the tutelage of senior Knights. I saw a bright future being formed and witnessed the efforts being put forth to create that positive future.

I saw a huge effort on the part of the Grand Commander and his men (and their ladies) to support and acknowledge the many Commanderies that make up the quadrants in the State of Wisconsin. The Grand Commander was so inspired by the effort he sees every month on the Drill Floor and the camaraderie it fosters and the positive affect it has on the participants that he called for a basic set of drills to be drawn up and sent out so that all Commanderies could benefit from Drill's positive effects on its participants. I hope that spark catches and grows. It all depends on our efforts.

Elections are coming both for the Commandery (April) and for the Drill Corp (May 21st). We have a Chapter Festival on May 3rd in Freeport, Illinois. We need all hands on deck for Grand Sessions from June 18th through the 21st, Green Bay, WI at the Hyatt on Main.

At our meeting, the Drill Corps will be revisiting last years attempts to increase the amount of remuneration received by Drill Corp attendees to the Grand Sessions and the "Qualifications" necessary to be eligible for that stipend.

A search is still on for a copy of the By-Laws for the Ivanhoe Commandery Drill Corp. If any of you senior knights have a copy it would be greatly appreciated if you could bring it so it can be copied and updated. If you could do this prior to the May 21st Drill Corp meeting, which will be on the same night as our Red Cross and Malta short form, it would be appreciated.

The Jackets are at the Embroiderer and the shoulder patches should be ordered this week. Payments need to be received upon receipt of the jacket. I will have the billing ready when I have the jackets and everyone will be notified, so please plan accordingly.

If all goes well everyone should have their jackets by the end of April.

Don't forget Easter and the other associated activities Commandery has planned for this month! Continue your search for more light.

May God bless you and keep you and yours in health and happiness.

S.K. Clint. Prez



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VERY BEST TO ATTEND PRACTICES AND ADHERE TO THE NECESSARY
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**QUALIFYING CANDIDATES MUST BE OR BECOME MEMBERS OF IVANHOE
COMMANDERY NO. 24 OF MILWAUKEE, WI AND POSSESS OR BE WILLING TO
OBTAIN UNIFORM ITEMS AS REQUIRED.**

To Join...

Contact any member of the Ivanhoe Commandery Drill Corps
Or email Drill Corps President S.K. Clinton Cagle at: badbullcagle@wi.rr.com
or call him at: (262) 497-6730

IVANHOE CALENDAR

April

- 2 Stated Conclave, Elections, 7:00 pm,
Light Dinner, 6:00 pm.
- 7 West Allis Chapter No. 84, RAM, 6:30 pm
Stated Convocation and RAM Degree.
- 12 Feast of the Paschal Lamb, 5:00 pm,
Buffet Dinner follows.
- 13 Drill Team Practice, SMHS, 4:30 pm.
- 16 Dinner Meeting, Installation, 6:00 pm,
Installation of Officers 7:00 pm .
- 19 Easter Observance, 5:00 pm,
Buffet Dinner follows.
- 23 Kilbourn Council No. 9, R&SM, 7:00 pm,
Stated Assembly.
- 27 Drill Team Practice, SMHS, 4:30 pm.
- 28 West Allis Chapter No. 84, RAM, 7:00 pm
Royal Arch Mason Degree .

April

- 30 West Allis Chapter No. 84,
Open Installation of Officers, 6:30 pm.

May

- 3 RAM Festival, Freeport, Illinois.
- 4 Drill Team Practice, SMHS, 4:30 pm.
- 5 West Allis Chapter No. 84, RAM, 7:00 pm
Stated Convocation.
- 7 Stated Conclave, 7:00 pm,
Light Dinner, 6:00 pm.
- 14 OT Practice.
- 17 Council Festival, Lake Masonic Center.
- 18 Drill Team Practice, SMHS, 4:30 pm.
- 21 Dinner Meeting, Drill Corps, 6:00 pm,
Drill Corps Annual Meeting, 7:00 pm,
Short Forms RC/ Malta following.

Reservations for our Commandery dinners are to be made with S.K. Mick Olson,
414-397-3076, by the Saturday before the Wednesday dinner and meeting.

2013-2014 Officer Corps

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- Captain General..... Clinton H. Cagle, G.W.,P.C.
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